



## Between the Boulevards

June 2021

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### One (hopefully) Last Virtual BMCA Meeting

Our next civic association will be held online at <http://bit.ly/BMCABoard>, beginning at 7:00pm on June 28. The preferred meeting location, the Church of the Brethren, will not reopen to the public until July. We are grateful that the church has again offered to let BMCA use their Zoom account for our meeting.

### Welcome to Sunrise Residents

BMCA invites the residents of Sunrise at Bluemont Park to participate in our civic association. Beginning with this issue, we will distribute copies of this newsletter at Bluemont. BMCA Board member Rob Kinder serves as the association's point of contact for Sunrise residents. E-mail Rob at [RobKinder@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:RobKinder@boulevardmanor.org) if you have questions about BMCA or would like to participate in our meetings or social events.

### BMCA Officer and Board Member Elections at June Meeting

The Nominating Committee appointed by the BMCA membership presents the following candidates for the June 28 election. The nominees for election to a two-year term (2019-2021) as officers of BMCA are:

President	Matthew Phillips	4th St. N.
Vice President	Greg Branch	5th Rd. N.

BMCA Secretary Alex Cumana (Arlington Blvd.) and Treasurer Rob Pilot (3rd St. N.) will continue in their terms, which conclude in 2022.

Nominees for new two-year (2021-2023) terms on the BMCA Board of Directors are:

Christine Pommerening	1st St. N.
Kelly Rubin	N. Manchester St.

Board members elected last year and continuing in their terms until 2022 are:

Tony Ermovick	1st St. N.
Rob Kinder	N. Montana St.
Phil Klingelhofer	1st St. N.
Rachel Lucas	5th Rd. N.
Elizabeth Namba	N. Lombardy St.
Rob Piester	3rd St. N.

### Boulevard Manor Civic Association Online General Meeting

Monday, June 28, 7:00 p.m.

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<http://bit.ly/BMCABoard>

- Discussion of changes at Upton Hill Regional Park. At press time, we are working to confirm a guest speaker from NOVA Parks.
- Annual elections will be held for BMCA officers and for open BMCA Board positions.
- BMCA committees will present information about ongoing efforts and future plans.

For more information, contact BMCA President Chris Tighe at [president@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:president@boulevardmanor.org).

As indicated in our bylaws, outgoing President Chris Tighe will be appointed to a two-year term on the Board. BMCA is grateful for the service of board members Maia Curtis and Bruce Gibbs, who are concluding their terms.

### July 4 Celebration

The annual tradition returns! All neighbors are invited to the Independence Day ice cream social on Sunday, July 4, beginning at 7:30pm at the Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St. The event is co-sponsored by BMCA and the Church. Free ice cream, toppings, and water are provided. Neighbors may choose to bring a lawn chair or blanket, soft drinks, snacks, and mosquito repellent. Please do not bring fireworks or alcoholic beverages to the event.

Many neighbors stay after the ice cream social to watch the fireworks above the National Mall, which typically begin around 9:15pm. Volunteers are needed to help at the event; please contact Claudia Maloney at [VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:VicePresident@boulevardmanor.org).

### Free Trees – Deadline June 25

Arlington's tree canopy needs our help. The Arlington Tree Canopy Fund provides good quality trees

professionally planted in your yard at no cost. For information, visit:  
<https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/trees/>

The application period for Arlington's Tree Canopy Fund is open through midnight on June 25. If you have adequate space on your property, they will plant a nursery-sized tree for free. All you have to do is keep it watered. You will also be giving a happy home to birds

(many species need tall trees for habitat) and other wildlife. For other measurable benefits from trees, see:  
<https://www.arboday.org/trees/benefits.cfm>

Don't like raking leaves? You don't need to! Allow the leaves to remain in place. They will offer habitat for butterflies, fireflies, and other beneficial wildlife to overwinter and survive until next summer. As the leaves naturally decompose, they will fertilize your soil.

Are you new to the neighborhood? Or a longtime neighbor interested in becoming involved in BMCA? Please join us by using the electronic form available at [www.boulevardmanor.org](http://www.boulevardmanor.org) (click "Civic Association" then "Membership") or by completing this form and mailing to the address shown below.

### Boulevard Manor Civic Association Membership Form

Household Address \_\_\_\_\_ Arlington, VA 2220\_\_

Member 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Add me to the Listserv Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I am interested in (see list of volunteer opportunities below): \_\_\_\_\_

Member 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Add me to the Listserv Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I am interested in (see list of volunteer opportunities below): \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category	Cost
Individual Member	\$10
Couple (Two Adult Members)	\$20
Voluntary additional contribution of any amount (Thank you!)	\$_____
<b>Total Dues and Contribution</b>	\$_____

Please make out your check to BMCA and mail this form and the payment to:  
 BMCA Membership c/o Rob Piester, 5907 3rd Street N., Arlington, VA 22203

#### Volunteer Opportunities

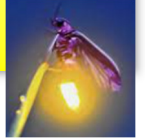
- Conservation and Beautification
- Parks
- Hospitality and Social Events
- Reevesland
- Membership
- Projects under the Neighborhood Conservation Plan
- Newsletter
- Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Web Site
- Serving as a BMCA Officer or Board Member

## BMCA Picnic to Return

Our annual neighborhood picnic was one of the many events cancelled in 2020. BMCA is planning to restart the long-running tradition this fall. Although the date and picnic format are still under discussion, expect the event to be scheduled for September or early October. Because our longtime location, the Upton Hill Regional Park picnic shelter, has been demolished, we will hold the picnic at the main picnic shelter at Bluemont Park. If you have any suggestions or ideas about the picnic format or activities, please send them to Tony Ermovick at [TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org).

### How to Attract Fireflies to Your Yard

- Turn off outside lights. Light pollution may disrupt fireflies' flashes, affecting their mating.
- Create a natural water feature.
- Plant native trees such as fast-growing pines.
- Avoid pesticides and lawn chemicals. Use natural fertilizers.
- Don't over-mow your law. Incorporate long grasses in your landscaping.
- Allow logs and leaf litter to accumulate.



### Letter from the President

Dear neighbors,

Well, it is time for my last letter to you as President. I will still serve on the BMCA Board and have pledged to mentor, coach, and assist the new President as he or she requests. It was an honor to serve two consecutive terms. Together, we got a LOT done in 4 years, including accessible curbs/sidewalks, updated Upton Hill Park, a solid plan for Reevesland (and County water to the Reevesland Learning Gardens), expansion of daycare in our community, a new youth baseball field, new walkways in Bluemont Park, and most of our streets milled and repaved.

We stopped APS from designating BMCA as walkable to Kenmore; continued the removal of invasive species and planting of natives within our parks and wooded areas; increased membership to an all-time high; formed a leadership group among Ashlawn, DHARA Pool Board and BMCA, and addressed tactfully (I hope) controversies such as unwarranted power-washing of kids' chalk drawings so that ALL voices were heard and respected. All these accomplishments and more absolutely rely on teamwork, relationships, listening to each other (even when we vehemently disagree), and doing the right things for the right reasons. As always, there is MORE to do to keep making our neighborhood an even better place to live. I encourage all neighbors to get involved in BMCA and to find your own ways to contribute to improving our shared quality of life.

I leave you with a call for greater tolerance and understanding, humbly evoking a historical example. In 1847, a young Abe Lincoln attended a speech given by his eventual mentor. So moved by this speech, Lincoln modeled his political career and morals after the speaker's. Five years later, Lincoln delivered the eulogy at his mentor's funeral, citing the deceased as his "ideal of a statesman." This one man had, time after time, saved the Union from descending into anarchy, forestalling the Civil War for 10 years. He had worked relationships with friends and foes to come to a "common understanding for a common good." His name: Henry Clay.

Too often these days, common understanding eludes us as we seek to find fault with others, especially those who came before us and did wrongs that, in their historical context, may have seemed the right things to do. I hope we can strive to understand even those who differ from us in priorities and value judgments, reaching across the divide to find ways to work together for that elusive common good. To quote another well-known leader, let us resist being "self-righteous life forms who are eager not to learn but to prosecute, to judge anything they don't understand or can't tolerate." I offer a \$25 Starbucks gift card to the first person outside the BMCA Board who emails me identifying the speaker and the circumstances. No internet searches!

See you in the neighborhood.

Chris

## Teen Job Board

BMCA encourages entrepreneurship in young neighbors. Please consider these teens for your needs. If you are a teen who would like to be added to our job board, please email Michelle Van Lare at [mdvanlare@gmail.com](mailto:mdvanlare@gmail.com).

Name	Jobs	Contact Information
Bluemont Lawn Care (three BMCA Kenmore students)	Lawn care	<a href="http://www.bluemontlawnservice.com">http://www.bluemontlawnservice.com</a> or text 703-674-9558
Tam Ayers	Childcare, tutoring	<a href="mailto:tma.ayers@verizon.net">tma.ayers@verizon.net</a> 571-499-0540
Finn Blackwell-Curtis	Pet-sitting, house-sitting or mother's helper jobs	703-824-9090
Pippin Blackwell-Curtis	Pet-sitting, house-sitting or mother's helper jobs	703-824-9090
Hannah Boone	Babysitting Elder care/companion	703-869-3661 or <a href="mailto:hboone22@episcopalhighschool.org">hboone22@episcopalhighschool.org</a>
Nicholas Boone	Pet care (provides overnight care for dogs, cats, and other animals)	571-337-0468
Violet Deane	Experienced babysitter and pet sitter	703-980-9002
Ryan Ermovick	Pet care/sitting, dog walking, plant watering, yard work References available upon request	<a href="mailto:rveermo@gmail.com">rveermo@gmail.com</a>
William Gellenthien	Plant watering, pet sitting, dog walking, mail/newspaper pickup, snow shoveling, raking	703-395-2031 or <a href="mailto:william.gellenthien@gmail.com">william.gellenthien@gmail.com</a>
Dylan Minsker	Glass pickup for recycling	<a href="mailto:glasspickuparlington@gmail.com">glasspickuparlington@gmail.com</a>
Kaiya Ovando	Dog sitting, lawn service	<a href="mailto:Kaiya.ovando@gmail.com">Kaiya.ovando@gmail.com</a>
Bethany Panza	Pet sitting, housesitting, and mother's helper/childcare	<a href="mailto:bethany.panza@gmail.com">bethany.panza@gmail.com</a> or 571-565-7066
Julia Van Lare	Tutoring for SAT/ACT and various subjects, writing assistance	<a href="mailto:juliavanlare@gmail.com">juliavanlare@gmail.com</a>
Camille Walker	Baby Sitting (American Red Cross certified), mother's helper, pet sitting, and house sitting (gathering mail, packages, watering plants, etc.)	<a href="mailto:judeandcamille@gmail.com">judeandcamille@gmail.com</a> or 571-581-4897
Nat White	Various odd jobs like yard work, pet sitting, and house sitting	<a href="mailto:natjwhite007@gmail.com">natjwhite007@gmail.com</a>