

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting – Virtual  
Monday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

<p align="center"><b>JOIN THE ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE AT</b></p> <p align="center"><a href="https://zoom.us/j/91502299950">https://zoom.us/j/91502299950</a></p> <p>If you can't or prefer not to join by internet, you may participate using your phone (audio only):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dial 1 301 715 8592</li> <li>2. When prompted, key in the Meeting ID number 915 0229 9950</li> </ol>	<p>Please join us at our winter meeting. The agenda will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update on changes to the N. Manchester/Arlington Blvd. intersection</li> <li>▪ Neighborhood Conservation Program project vote</li> <li>▪ Update on Reevesland Gardens</li> <li>▪ Proposed changes to Bluemont Park (tennis court area)</li> <li>▪ Guest speaker Nicole Merlene on the Arlington County Civic Federation</li> <li>▪ How to appeal a County real estate assessment</li> <li>▪ Appointment of Nominating Committee for June elections</li> </ul> <p>For more information, contact BMCA President Matthew Phillips at <a href="mailto:president@boulevardmanor.org">president@boulevardmanor.org</a>.</p>
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**Neighborhood Conservation Project Update**

The BMCA membership has voted more than four times over the years to support a proposed street improvement project under the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) program. These votes confirmed that making the intersection of N. Montague Street and 1st Street N. safer is a neighborhood priority.

Our proposed NC project calls for "the traffic analysis, restructuring, and safety improvements at the intersection of N. Montague Street with 1st Street N., including any re-engineering and other safety measures necessary to achieve the objectives of improved pedestrian and vehicular safety."

The next step, before the County can move forward with initial design and planning, is to receive from BMCA an official endorsement of this project. This vote to endorse the project, scheduled for the upcoming membership meeting, would constitute a show of support by the neighborhood required for the County to begin studying the intersection and developing alternative solutions. The vote, however, will not indicate final approval of any option. The neighborhood will have the opportunity to review all proposed solutions at a future meeting and, subsequently, to vote on whether to implement any.

**2022 BMCA Membership Drive**

2022 membership renewals are due this month. Please make your renewal payment today. If you are not a member, please join us (see form on the next page).

Membership dues and additional contributions from members are the sole source of funding for BMCA activities. These dues pay for popular activities such as the neighborhood picnic and July 4 ice cream social. Member-

**Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt**

Co-hosted by BMCA and the Church of the Brethren  
Saturday, April 16, 10:30am at the Church  
(300 N. Montague St.)

Egg hunt for children in 5th grade and under



**We need volunteers for the event.** If you can help, please contact Claudia Maloney at [ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org](mailto:ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org).

ship is for the calendar year and can be paid using the attached envelope or through the Membership link at [www.boulevardmanor.org](http://www.boulevardmanor.org).

**The Story of the Reevesland Learning Garden**

by Joan Horwitt, President, The Reevesland Learning Center

The unique, inspiring Reevesland Learning Garden was started in the spring of 2011 at the suggestion of Boulevard Manor neighbors. The year before, our team of volunteers went door-to-door to recruit our neighbors to support healthy eating among our children. We gave families organic lettuce seeds to plant in their yards and gardens. The resulting produce went into a Fiesta Salad at Ashlawn, feeding more than 700 students and staff.

At the time we were distributing the seeds, many neighbors suggested that we bring back Mr. Reeves' iconic garden. They pointed out that a renewed garden would enable us to grow even more organic lettuce and other healthy crops.

Mr. Reeves' vegetable garden, a fixture in the community at 400 N. Manchester and a food source for three generations of the Torreyson-Reeves family, is remembered fondly by long-time Boulevard Manor residents. After Mr. Reeves' passing in 2000, the garden vanished into local history. When Arlington County bought the Reevesland property the next year, Mr. Reeves' large garden had returned to grass.

Inspired by the neighbors' suggestions, we re-imagined the garden as the Reevesland Learning Garden. As our motto states, the garden is a place to teach students and the community about "Growing Food, Knowledge & Community." With the cooperation of the County and the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB), the first eight beds of the new Reevesland Learning Garden were constructed at Reevesland. The work was led by neighbor and former BMCA president Chuck Norton. The County allowed us to store tools and equipment in the garage adjacent to the farmhouse.

Over the last ten years, the Reevesland Learning Garden has been the site of community workshops, scouting projects and hundreds of student visits primarily from Ashlawn. Harvests from the garden have supported at least 16 all-school Fiesta Salads, as well as donations to the Arlington Food Assistance Center and the food pantry at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Neighbors and Boy Scout Eagle projects have built and rebuilt the garden beds, which now number 18. In addition

to lettuce, we grow a variety of winter squashes, eggplant, green beans, black-eyed peas, cucamelons, sunchokes, peppers, kale, garlic and tomatoes.

In 2021, the Reevesland Learning Garden received a grant from The Whole Kids Foundation to purchase a storage unit for the garden, replacing the storage lost when the Reeves' garage was torn down a few years ago. The storage unit design needs the approval of the HALRB. We are currently working on that proposal.

In early April, we will again be handing out free, organic lettuce seeds to the community to grow a new crop of lettuce. With that produce and if pandemic conditions allow, in June, we will again serve the wildly popular Fiesta Salad at Ashlawn, We have seen students compete to eat the most servings of the multi-ingredient, organic salad, enhanced by BMCA neighbor Ron Battocchi's family-recipe vinaigrette. The enthusiasm for a salad never ceases to amaze!

We welcome all growers--novice or experienced--to help with the growing of the lettuces and greens. And we welcome volunteers to join us as we work in the Reevesland Learning Garden to continue to make it a place of discovery and wonder.

The Reevesland Learning Garden is a project of The Reevesland Learning Center, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

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- Marie Zenzie, Yorktown senior
- Sandy Horwitt

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 [boulevardmanor.org](http://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 1 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Member 2 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>	<b>\$_____</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
- Hospitality and Social Events
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Web Site
- Parks
- Reevesland
- Projects under the Neighborhood Conservation Plan
- Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Serving as a BMCA Officer or Board Member