



Between the Boulevards

February 2025

Letter from the President: Help Wanted!

Dear Neighbors,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The volunteers who help run BMCA do so much for our community. The neighborhood picnic, the Easter egg hunt, the July 4th ice cream social, the Veterans Day dinner, clean up and beautification of open areas, and this newsletter are only the most obvious examples of the Civic Association's benefits.

I invite and urge you to **join us or renew your membership in BMCA** (see the attached page). Dues and donations are the sole source of funds for the Civic Association's activities.

I have a second request: **please step up and join our team of volunteers**. As we expand BMCA's offerings and as some of our longtime leaders begin to look for successors, there are opportunities for neighbors to join in the fun. Please reach out to me at president@boulevardmanor.org and let me know how you'd like to participate. Here are some of the emerging needs:

- ▶ Webmasters: We all want boulevardmanor.org to be more robust and useful. The BMCA Board has committed to providing the investment and the effort needed to modernize the website, making it easier to post updated information and support Civic Association activities. We're looking for web-savvy neighbors who can participate in the redesign and take the lead in future maintenance and enhancement.
- ▶ Social events directors: For many years, the same volunteers have planned and hosted the BMCA neighborhood picnic and the Independence Day ice cream social. They continue to cheerfully manage these popular gatherings and are eager to train new volunteers who can continue the traditions.
- ▶ Newsletter editors: *Between the Boulevards* has been compiled and produced by the same volunteer since 1999. As we consider how modern technologies can improve how we share BMCA information and other neighborhood news, it would be great to have new editors take over.
- ▶ BMCA leadership: At the June BMCA meeting, we will have elections for all four officer positions

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Our winter meeting will include:

- A conversation with Patrick Hope, our district's representative in the Virginia House of Delegates
- A briefing from the Arlington County Police Department
- Reports from BMCA committees (Conservation and Beautification, Hospitality, Membership, Parks)
- Treasurer's report, including vote on annual budget
- Appointment of Nominating Committee for June elections

For more information, contact BMCA President Chris Tighe at president@boulevardmanor.org.

(President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) and multiple Board appointments. If you have ideas for improving how BMCA serves the neighborhood, we need you to help lead the way! Please let me know if I can give your name to the nominating committee we will appoint in this month's meeting.

2025 may be BMCA's busiest year ever! Our Board will be busy keeping tabs on projects such as the Reeves farmhouse reconstruction; improvements to the intersection of 1st and Montague; modernization of the Bluemont tennis courts; redevelopment of the Dominion Hills office building site at Wilson and Livingston; and VDOT's planning for changes to the Arlington Blvd./Manchester intersection. All these projects require our attention and coordination, and the Board can certainly use your help. Please consider sharing with BMCA a little of your time and energy.

Thank you!

Chris

Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Co-hosted by BMCA and the Church of the Brethren
Saturday, April 19, 10:30am at the
Church (300 N. Montague St.)

Rain or shine! Egg hunt for children 4th
grade and under. Surprise visit by a
certain long-eared friend.



We need volunteers for the event. If you can help
hide eggs, please contact Claudia Maloney at
ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org. Volunteers
should arrive by 9:45.

Manchester/Route 50 Project Planning Begins

The Virginia Department of Transportation is planning
changes to the intersection of Arlington Blvd. (U.S.
Route 50) and Manchester St. The proposed project
will extend the left-turn lanes in both the westbound
and eastbound directions. The longer left-turn lanes
are intended to improve safety and traffic flow by
reducing blockage of through lanes by vehicles waiting
to turn left. The project will require some widening
along eastbound Route 50, east of the intersection (i.e.,
the side opposite Boulevard Manor).

On February 10, VDOT held a virtual public meeting to
present the project team. The next steps:

- ▶ Virtual public information meeting comment dead-
line: Feb. 24, 2025
- ▶ Design public hearing: Fall 2025
- ▶ Begin right-of-way acquisition: Winter 2026/27
- ▶ Begin utility relocation: Late 2027
- ▶ Advertise for construction: Late 2028
- ▶ Begin construction: mid-2029

For more information, including a video recording of
the February 10 meeting, visit VDOT's project website
at vdot.virginia.gov/Route50Manchester.

Ready for Spring Projects

The BMCA Beautification and Conservation Committee
is preparing for the upcoming planting season. Com-
mittee chair Josh Handler reports:

Hard to believe with the snow and the cold, April and
spring planting season is just a few weeks away! This
spring, we plan to keep clearing the invasives out and
replanting around the Rt. 50 shoulder on both sides on
Manchester. Just a few more sections to go, and then
we can move to maintenance mode. Next, we will try to
restore and replant the section behind the bus stop at
Montague and the access road. Also, we will add a few
more perennial natives at the Wilson and Livingston
entrance to our neighborhood. We're trusting Kenny

Sutter and his team from Environmental Outdoor Solu-
tions will be available, because without their great
work, we would not have made it as far as we have.

We're also trusting that a hardy group of neighbors
will have some time for digging and planting when we
identify a couple of good weekend dates in March,
April or May. I want to thank the neighbors who have
provided extra financial support for these beautifica-
tion projects! If you have project ideas, feel free to
reach out to me at JoshHandler@boulevardmanor.org.



These grown-from-seeds Black-eyed Susans did well at the
Montague and Arlington Blvd. intersection in 2024 when
hand-sown. We're looking forward to seeing what comes up
this spring and turning this area into a real flower bed.

Join the BMCA Listserv

In the BMCA Google Group, neighbors share
information on community news, events, and
issues. To join, simply email a request to
LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org. Once
subscribed, you can select how often you want
the group emails delivered. If you do not post
messages, your email address will remain
anonymous.

2025 BMCA Membership Campaign

As mentioned in the BCMA President's message on the previous page, member dues and donations are the only source of funding for Civic Association events, activities, and administrative costs. Please join BMCA or renew your membership using either the electronic or hard copy options described below.

Annual dues are \$15 for a single member or \$30 for two or more adult members living in the same house.

Electronic Payment through Zelle®

To pay your annual dues electronically, scan the QR code below with your smartphone. The app will guide you through the process of paying from your bank account. Please:

1. Specify a payment amount of either \$15 (for a single adult) or \$30 for two or more adults in your household.
2. IMPORTANT: In the Memo field (may be labeled as "Optional"), enter the name(s) and the address of the member(s) who are paying dues.

Boulevard Manor Civic Association



Pay by Check

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 Adult Member	\$15
Two or More Adult Members within a Single Household	\$30
Voluntary additional contribution of any amount (Thank you!)	\$_____
Total Dues and Contribution	\$_____

Please make out your check to BMCA and mail this form and the payment to:
BMCA Membership c/o Angela Horton, 545 N. Littleton St., Arlington, VA 22203

Volunteer Opportunities

- Beautification and Conservation
- 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