

The newsletter of the Boulevard Manor Civic Association

Neighborhood Celebrates Manchester/Route 50 Entrance "Grand Opening"

On Sunday, September 21, neighbors gathered to recognize the Manchester Street and Route 50 Intersection Corners Rejuvenation and Beautification Project. Josh Handler, the BMCA Conservation and Beautification Committee Chairman, began the project in 2020. Josh organized and led volunteers who contributed hundreds of hours of labor to improve the landscaping of the east and west corners of the intersection. Their efforts emphasized clearing of invasive species and installation of native Virginia plants, bushes and trees.

The east corner now features a short walkway where visitors can see native plants and flowers. As part of the grand opening celebration, Josh welcomed BMCA residents and provided a guided walkthrough of both corners. BMCA President Chris Tighe recognized Josh and the project team with a Certificate of Appreciation from the civic association.

Funding for the project came from the BMCA general budget and several neighbors' additional donations – for which we are very grateful – to the Conservation and Beautification Committee. Landscape contractor Environmental Outdoor Solutions (owned by a Boulevard Manor resident) volunteered their services, which significantly helped the work move forward.

This project has noticeably improved the appearance of one of the main entrances to our neighborhood. Beautification efforts are continuing, along with ongoing maintenance such as mowing of the grass area. As always, we

Boulevard Manor Civic Association General Meeting

Monday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Brethren, 300 N. Montague St.

Our fall meeting will include:

- Introduction of proposed BMCA by-laws changes (to be voted on at the February 2026 meeting)
- Veterans Day Dinner plans
- Treasurer's report
- Committee reports, including updates on Reevesland and neighborhood conservation (see articles).
- And guest speaker(s) to be determined.

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

need volunteers for this work that benefits the community in so many ways. BMCA asks neighbors to help out as they can. For high school students, helping in the project is a ready source of community service hours.

If you are interested in learning more about work at the Manchester/Route 50 work or other Conservation and Beautification efforts, please contact Josh at JoshHandler@boulevardmanor.org.

Report from The Reevesland Learning Garden

Dear Neighbors,

This spring we will be celebrating our 15th year of re-imagining the iconic and historic vegetable garden which provided food for three generations of the Torreyson-Reeves Family.

In The Reevesland Learning Garden, students and neighbors honor the legacy of Louise and Nelson Reeves by learning how to grow our own food and grow our community by highlighting our own home-grown skills and talents. Ashlawn classes visit the garden for hands-on lessons in science, history, language arts and math. Every Tuesday, we take our extra organic produce to the food pantry at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

We are a non-profit run by volunteers and we love seeing students and neighbors get excited about growing food and sharing their experiences. We partner with the Ashlawn PTA and at least once a year treat the whole school to a Fiesta Salad



of our own lettuce topped with twelve other healthy ingredients and neighbor Ron Battocchi's family recipe vinaigrette.

Last year, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of this LAWNS 2 LETTUCE 4 LUNCH project. Many of YOU have participated over the years to make this a huge success. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support.

Joan Horwitt, President | Danielle Blanchard, Board Chair | Mary Ann Penning, Board Vice Chair | Judy Norton, Treasurer | Nancy Fitzgerald, Secretary | Directors: Jonathan Crepeau, Margaret Ehlers, Sandra Kalscheur, Jennifer Trahant

In Search Of: The Next Generation

In case you haven't noticed, our community is undergoing generational change. Neighbors who arrived in Boulevard Manor many years ago, some of whom have a long record of service to the civic association, are transitioning out of their roles. Thus, BMCA has an increasingly critical need for "new blood" not only to continue its beneficial programs, but also to improve and expand what we can do for the neighborhood. We urge all residents, and especially newer arrivals, to explore the many volunteer and leadership opportunities available in BMCA. The association needs:

- ▶ A new secretary to fill a BMCA officer position that is currently vacant.
- ▶ An assistant website manager (see separate article)
- ▶ Volunteers to take over the annual neighborhood picnic, long managed by Tony and Laura Ermovick (TonyErmovick@boulevardmanor.org).
- ▶ A newsletter editor to replace Lee Dioso (LeeDioso@boulevardmanor.org), retiring from the position after more than 25 years.
- ▶ A volunteer to take over from Lee the July 4 Ice Cream Social.
- ▶ Members of the Board of Directors, who are elected each June. BMCA is currently operating with only a minimal Board membership and we urgently need greater representation from across the neighborhood.

As longtime volunteers step back from their roles, it will become increasingly challenging to continue our work for the neighborhood. Please consider how you can help and then contact BMCA President Chris Tighe at president@boulevardmanor.org. The community needs your creativity, effort, and leadership!

Needed: Volunteer to Help Manage BMCA's Upcoming New Website

Are you interested in website design and digital content management? BMCA seeks an Assistant Website Manager to help maintain and improve the new civic association

UPCOMING BMCA EVENTS

2025 Veterans Day Benefit Dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 6:00pm

Community House at the Dominion Hills Pool

6000 Wilson Blvd.

BMCA will host the 9th annual Veterans Day dinner. Attendance is free for BMCA neighbors. Dinner will include barbecue chicken and beef, salad, and a variety of side dishes.

We will be collecting donations for two charities that benefit our nation's veterans, **Wounded Warriors** and **Fisher House**. Cash donations or checks made out to the charities are welcome.

We are seeking volunteers to help with the dinner. If you're interested, please contact Claudia Maloney (ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org).

2025 Holiday Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 8, 3:00pm

Sunrise at Bluemont – The James Building

(closest to Wilson Blvd.)

For the 15th year, BMCA invites all neighbors to join us in singing carols with residents of the Sunrise retirement community. Lyrics will be provided, and no experience is necessary.

This event typically gathers dozens of community members of all ages. Please join us in bringing cheer to our retired neighbors at Sunrise. If you have questions, please contact Claudia Maloney (ClaudiaMaloney@boulevardmanor.org).

website that is currently under development. The assistant manager will:

- ▶ Help to transfer content from our old website
- ▶ Post news, event announcements, and other updates
- ▶ Work within the Wix platform (training provided if needed)

This volunteer position offers:

- ▶ Hands-on experience in website management
- ▶ Practice in the skills of digital content and design
- ▶ An opportunity to contribute meaningfully to improve communication and sharing across the community

If you're interested, please contact BMCA webmaster Devon O'Reilly (DevonOreilly@boulevardmanor.org or 202-644-6089) to learn more. Let's build something great together!

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPY HOUR

When: Friday, October 17, 6pm to 9pm

Where: The Fraser residence, 416 N. Lombardy St.

All Boulevard Manor neighbors are invited.

Food and drinks will be served.

Please RSVP by October 14. Scan the QR code or visit
www.magnificentmanors.com/our-events/eventrsvp



Have you paid 2025 BMCA membership dues?

If you're new to the neighborhood or haven't renewed your membership for the year, BMCA invites you join us. Member dues are the sole source of financing for our many programs and events. So far this year, dues have funded the Manchester Street and Route 50 Intersection Corners Rejuvenation and Beautification Project (see article), the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, the July 4 Ice Cream Social, the annual Neighborhood Picnic (see photo), this newsletter, and more.

To join and pay member dues, you can:

- ▶ Scan the QR code at right with your smartphone. The app will guide you through the process of paying from your bank account. Specify a payment amount of either \$15 (for a single adult) or \$30 for two or more adults in your household. **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.
- ▶ OR complete this form and mail it with a check payable to BMCA to: BMCA c/o Angela Horton, 545 N. Littleton St., Arlington, VA 22203

BMCA



Item	Cost
Individual Member	\$15
Two or More Adult Members in a Home	\$30
Contribution for neighborhood beautification (Thank you!)	\$_____
Total Dues and Contribution	\$_____

Address _____ Arlington, VA 2220__

Member Name(s) _____,

Member E-mail Address(es) _____,

Add me/us to the Listserv Yes ___ No ___

BMCA Neighborhood Picnic, September 14, 2025



Teen Jobs Board

BMCA encourages entrepreneurship in young neighbors. Please consider these teens for your needs.

Name	Jobs	Contact Information
Pippin Blackwell-Curtis	Pet sitting, house sitting, babysitting	571-352-1142 or yonderpipstar@gmail.com
Lincoln Branch	Yard work, pet sitting	703-505-7244
Talia Branch	Babysitting, pet sitting	703-732-1151
Emilia Ege	Babysitting (Red Cross certified), pet sitting	571-424-4748
Adela Haserodt	Babysitting (Red Cross certified)	571-478-0471
Charis Piester	Babysitting (Red Cross certified)	703-403-3253
Will Piester	Lawn mowing, raking/leaf blowing, everything involved in garden upkeep, shoveling snow, and salting walkways	703-215-5870
Elizabeth Pilot	Babysitting (Red Cross certified)	703-340-7953

Need to report an issue to the County government? Just go to arlingtonva.us and:

1. Click here...

2. Which will take you here...

3. If none of the choices shown are correct, click this button, which takes you to a menu of more than 30 additional selections, from "Bike and Scooter Issues" to "Utility Cover Damaged/Missing."

Request Service

- Abandoned Vehicles/Parking Enforcement
- Animal Bites
- Code Enforcement
- Noise Enforcement
- Rodent Control
- Towing (Find My Car)
- Zoning Enforcement
- Resources for the Unhoused
- Submit a Claim

Have an issue not listed above? Use the Request Service/Report-A-Problem tool for things potholes and requesting a new recycling cart:

[Request Service / Report-a-Problem >](#)

Please do not file repeat reports for missed recycling/trash-organics collections.

Find a list of [Common Questions and Answers](#) from our Constituent Services Team, on everything from tree conservation and private construction projects, to neighborhood nuisances and reporting concerns to County agencies.

For topics you don't see in the Service Request tool, try our [A to Z directory](#) or search the website.