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**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday July 28th 7PM**  
**at Lubber Run Community Center**  
**Room 104**  
**(At George Mason and Park)**

**Traffic Calming, Sidewalks, and**  
**Street Tree Projects: Topic for July**  
**Meeting**

With our new Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Plan, Bluemont is eligible for the first time in thirty years to compete for millions of dollars in special County funds. In our NC plan, we ranked Jefferson and Kensington Streets, Harrison Street, and Abingdon Street as priority areas for seeking these and other funds to calm traffic and to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety.

The Projects Committee, made up of residents of these and other streets, has started working with County officials to identify the best way to meet these goals. At the July 28 general meeting, we'll discuss next steps. Special invitations are going out to people living on streets with proposed projects so that those who have not yet done so can offer comments or get actively involved.

Questions? Want to help? Send us e-mail at [bluemont@xoommail.com](mailto:bluemont@xoommail.com) and we'll get right back to you.

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**We Could Use Some Help!**

The Outreach Committee is in charge of publishing and distributing the Newsletter. They need your help, particularly if you're good at desktop publishing and editing. If interested in helping out once a month (not a great deal of time is necessary) please send us e-mail at [bluemont@xoommail.com](mailto:bluemont@xoommail.com) and we'll get right back to you.

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**June Election Results**

At the annual meeting on June 2, the following members were elected as association officers for the new fiscal year (7/1/99 to 2/30/2000).

Executive Board

President Carl Hallinan  
 First Vice President Ed Fendley  
 Vice President Talmadge Williams  
 Treasurer Carol Spicer  
 Secretary Karen DeCarlo  
 Past President Gerry Procanick

Civic Federation Representatives

Delegates

Bob Atkins  
 Carl Hallinan  
 Talmadge Williams  
 Gerry Procanick

Alternates

Carol Spicer  
 Adrienne Pilot  
 Ellen Armbruster  
 Karen DeCarlo

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory  
 Committee Representative  
 Ed Fendley

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**Proposed 18 Month Budget**

\*\* Newsletter \$ 3,060.00  
     15 mailing 3 distributions  
 Halloween Parade X 2 \$ 1,400.00  
     Includes: flyers to schools / refreshments  
     / storyteller / PA system / Photos  
 PO Box per year \$ 80.00  
 Candidates Night \$ 60.00  
 NCAC Contribution \$ 35.00  
 Beaver Pond Sponsor \$ 100.00  
 Ballston Partnership Dues \$ 150.00  
 Civic Federation Dues \$ 80.00  
 Outreach Committee \$ 36.00  
     Includes: Materials for signs / copying  
     costs  
 Miscellaneous Expenses \$ 100.00  
**TOTAL \$ 5,181.00**

\*\* Based on payment of outstanding membership

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**It's Time To Start Thinking About Halloween!**

We need start organizing the Halloween Parade now! If you have any interest in it, come to the general membership meeting. A group of us will meet and plan how to get started. Or send us e-mail at [bluemont@xoommail.com](mailto:bluemont@xoommail.com) and we'll get right back to you.

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**BCA Calendar**

Unless otherwise noted, General Membership meetings are held on the 4th Wed of each month in the Multi-Purpose Room of Arlington Traditional School (855 N. Edison Street, behind McDonald's) at 7:00 p.m. and Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wed of each month in the Extended Day Room of Arlington Traditional School at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend Executive Board meetings.

- 7/28/99 7:00 p.m. General Membership  
(Lubber Run Park Facility, Room 104) Topics: Neighborhood Conservation projects.
- 8/11/99 7:00 p.m. Executive Board  
(Sha Thai restaurant in Safeway parking lot)
- 8/25/99 7:00 p.m. General Membership  
(Lubber Run Park Facility, Room

**BCA Opposes Bypass Trail Plan**

The Bluemont Civic Association voiced its opposition to a proposed bypass bicycle trail before a June 28 hearing of the Arlington County Environment and Energy Conservation Committee. Several years ago, BCA adopted a position opposing the trail as proposed, and the Association maintained that position in the June General Membership meeting. The proposal is intended to divert high-speed bicycle and skater traffic from the W&OD Trail in Bluemont Park by constructing a parallel bypass trail on the opposite side of Four Mile Run. The bypass would begin at the intersection of the W&OD Trail and the Bluemont Junction Trail near the soccer field, run on the original W&OD railroad right-of-way under the VEPCO power lines.

While BCA supports the concept of a bypass, we are opposed to the bypass as planned, due to the likelihood of significant environmental damage,

104) Topic: Final playground plans  
9/8/99 7:00 p.m. Executive Board  
9/22/99 7:00 p.m. General Membership  
Topic: Final NC plan presentation  
10/13/99 7:00 p.m. Executive Board  
10/27/99 7:00 p.m. General Membership  
11/10/99 7:00 p.m. Executive Board  
11/24/99 7:00 p.m. General Membership  
12/8/99 7:00 p.m. Executive Board  
12/22/99 7:00 p.m. General Membership

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the lack of a proper Environmental Assessment, and the omission of key interested parties in the decision-making process. As proposed, the bypass would virtually eliminate a meadow and could significantly disrupt Four Mile Run. We are currently working with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to evaluate alternatives that would have less environmental impact, including different configurations and reduced buffer zones.

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