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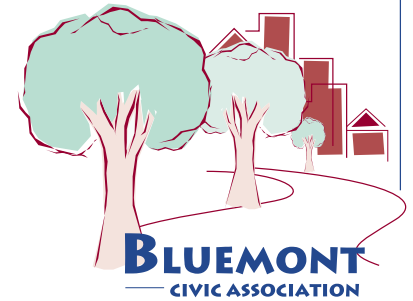
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BCA Calendar - Meetings & Events

Wed., May 23	General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Arlington Traditional School Multi-purpose room 855 North Edison Street
Tues., June 12	Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm, Arlington Traditional School Multi-purpose room 855 North Edison Street
Tues., July 10	Executive Committee meeting (All Welcome) 7:00 p.m. Two Chefs Pizza Restaurant 5019 Wilson Boulevard
Tues., Aug. 14	Executive Committee meeting (All Welcome) 7:00 p.m. Two Chefs Pizza Restaurant 5019 Wilson Boulevard



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Save the Date!

Tuesday June 12 Annual Meeting (see calendar on back column for more information)

Arlington Traditional School Plans Major Construction

At the May 23 meeting of the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA), representatives of the Arlington Public Schools will invite residents to review and comment on plans for the expansion of the Arlington Traditional School (ATS) building at 855 N. Edison Street. ATS plans to increase its capacity from 302 students to 423 students. This will require the addition of one more classroom per grade for grades K through 5, two more rooms for preschool, a larger gym and relocation of some playground climbing equipment.

The new construction is planned to take place in the space that the large playground climbing equipment and the colonial garden now occupy on the George Mason Drive side of the school. The playground climbers and the colonial garden would be relocated to roughly where the temporary classrooms are now on the Edison Street side of the school. This is a long-term, three to four year project, which is now in the planning stages and will be presented to the Arlington School Board by the architectural firm for initial approval on June 12. ■

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2001-2002 BCA Officer Nominations

For the election of next years BCA officers at the June 12 Annual meeting, the BCA nominations committee proposes the following slate:

President	<i>Ed Fendley</i>
1st Vice President	<i>Win Boerckel</i>
2nd Vice President	<i>Talmadge Williams</i>
Treasurer	<i>Carol Spicer</i>
Secretary	<i>John Huennekens</i>

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Representative	<i>Bernard Berne</i>
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NCAC Alternate Representative	<i>Margot Maganias</i>
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<i>Talmadge Williams</i>	<i>Adrienne Pilot</i>

Alternates	
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<i>Melodee Melin</i>	<i>Ed Fendley</i>

Bluemont Park Volunteer Event May 19

Volunteer tree planting and invasive species removal

- Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. to Noon
 - Bluemont Park, along Four Mile Run
- Contact: Katie Goldberg, Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (354-5093)

BCA Votes to Study "Road Diet" for Wilson Boulevard

At the March 28 meeting of the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA), members voted to consider altering Wilson Boulevard west of George Mason Drive to make the roadway safer and more accessible for local residents. The BCA vote followed a presentation by nationally recognized transportation planner Charles Denney.

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Road Diet, continued

Mr. Denney explained that some U.S. communities have successfully reconfigured lane space on arterial roads in order to improve traffic flow, add bicycle lanes and improve pedestrian access. According to Mr. Denney, these so-called "Road Diets" typically involve converting four lanes of traffic into three lanes of traffic that include a twin left turn lane. These three-lane arterial roads are often capable of carrying as much or more traffic as four-lane roads. Three-lane roads typically have lower accident rates and allow for the creation of bicycle lanes and/or wider sidewalks, according to Mr. Denney.

Some BCA members have noted that, in the Westover area, Washington Boulevard functions as a three-lane arterial road, seems to have less speeding and is friendlier to pedestrians than Wilson Boulevard.

In the coming months, representatives of the BCA will be working with neighboring civic associations, County officials and local businesses in further examining the possibility of a Wilson Boulevard road diet. ■

Tree Plantings Near Fire Station

In response to the request of local residents, the Bluemont Civic Association has secured County agreement to plant new trees south of Bluemont Junction Trail near the fire station. The plantings will occur this fall, according to County park officials.

In order to request tree plantings on other County property, contact Ed Fendley (efendley@juno.com; 527-6118). ■

County Approves Ninth Street Infill Development

The Arlington County Board on April 24 approved a four-house infill development for the 5100 block of Ninth Street North. The Bluemont Civic Association and local residents had urged County agreement to the project.

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The new houses will have traditional architectural features and will be arranged in "carriage-house" form, with two smaller-sized houses. The developer will also construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk. The County Board agreed to the request of the developer and the BCA to minimize the width of Ninth Street in order to preserve greenspace and discourage vehicle speeding. ■

BCA Talks Poop

At the May 23 meeting of the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA), members will discuss whether to work with the Arlington County to better address dog waste in County parks. Some Bluemont residents have expressed concern that not all dog owners clean up after their pets. ■

Lighting on the Bluemont Junction Trail

Should the Bluemont Junction trail be lighted at night? At the May 23 meeting of the BCA, members will give initial consideration to this question. Generally, County policy provides that park lighting end at dusk when park facilities close. But certain multi-use trails -- such as the Custis Trail -- have nighttime lighting. Some Bluemont residents have expressed interest in the possibility of nighttime lighting for the Bluemont Junction Trail. However, a decision to request trail lighting would be contingent on the views of local residents and on County guidelines. ■

A Lighted CACI Sign on North Glebe?

At the May 23 meeting of the Bluemont Civic Association, members will consider whether to continue to oppose the illumination of a sign on the CACI building at 1100 North Glebe Road. CACI, which has unsuccessfully proposed illumination of the sign in previous years, has submitted another application.

The BCA has opposed an illuminated sign on the grounds that it would serve as a billboard, not an aid to location. ■

