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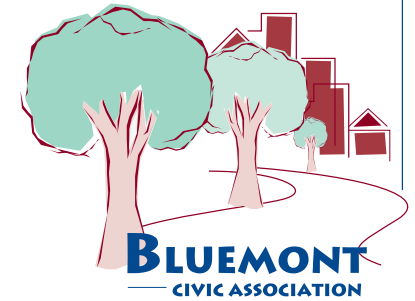
BCA Calendar - Meetings & Events

*unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at the Arlington Traditional School Multi-purpose room, 855 North Edison Street, at 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 General Meeting

Tues., Feb. 12 Executive Committee meeting
(All Welcome)

Wed., Feb. 27 General Meeting



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A New Metro Line Through Bluemont?

At the January 23 meeting of the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA), members will discuss a Metro staff proposal to construct a new train line from Rosslyn to East Falls Church, passing through the Bluemont neighborhood. Under this proposal, a new Metro station would also be built in Bluemont near I-66 west of George Mason Drive.

The new train line through North Arlington is one of several recommendations made by Metro staff following the completion of a capacity analysis of the Metro rail system. Other recommendations involve the operation of eight-car trains (currently the longest trains operated in the system have six cars) as well as a proposed new line in the District of Columbia from Georgetown to Union Station and a new Metro crossing of the Potomac. The estimated cost of the proposed new line in Arlington is \$2 billion.

A map of the expansion proposal can be found online at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/metro/daily/oct01/metro101901.htm>.

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Facilitating the BCA discussion at the January 23 meeting will be Arlington County Department of Public Works transit planner Jim Hamre. The views of the BCA will be shared with Arlington County Board Chairman Chris Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman serves as Arlington's representative on the Metro Board of Directors and in that capacity has requested input from Arlington residents about the Metro staff proposal.

Did You Know?

Arlington County will provide trees free of charge to residents this year on Neighborhood Day, which will take place on a date to be determined this Spring. The giveaway is part of a new effort by the Arlington County Board to restore Arlington's tree canopy.

St. Ann Construction Project

St. Ann Church will present their latest proposal for construction of a new church building on their site at 10th and Frederick Streets at the January 23 BCA General Membership meeting. The architect will bring drawings and describe revisions that have been made to green space, parking, and the building footprint. After the presentation, BCA members will consider whether to support the plan.

The Church has requested a setback variance from the County to allow a 50-foot portion of the wall to be bumped out 12 to 14 feet closer to 10th Street (12 to 15 feet from the property line). This area will be the new chapel and will feature a rose window and other stained glass windows relocated from the current chapel. By providing an architectural break along the expanse of flat wall along 10th Street, members of the BCA St. Ann committee feel the new design is an aesthetic improvement. The corner of 10th and Frederick streets was also redesigned to preserve green space. The landscaped buffer between the sidewalks and the corner parking lot will range from 22 to 52 feet wide.

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According to the architect, the green space at this corner will actually be larger than at present. The setback variance request is on the County docket in February. The parish is asking for the BCA's support. In the view of the BCA St. Ann Committee, the latest design addresses the neighborhood's primary concern of preserving green space. If the parish does not receive its variance request, it will revert to the original by-right design. Construction is slated to begin at the end of this school year and will take from 12 to 14 months.

Historic Reeves Farm

At the January 23 BCA meeting, the BCA Reeves Farm Committee will propose to the general membership ideas for the use of the Reeves Farm property, adjacent to Bluemont Park. The property, which once contained the last working farm in Arlington, was recently purchased by Arlington County. A house, a garage, and a farm structure are on the site. Much of the former Reeves farm is already a part of Bluemont Park.

Wilson Boulevard Revitalization

At the January 23 meeting of the BCA, Bob Rulli of the Arlington County Economic Development office will lead a discussion of the Wilson Boulevard commercial area. Mr. Rulli will describe County programs that have been used to help revitalize neighborhood commercial areas such as Cherrydale and Westover.

The 1999 Bluemont Neighborhood Conservation Plan recommends making Wilson Boulevard more of a traditional town center that pulls together the community. At the same time, the plan voices support for existing businesses and a desire not to see Bluemont become a continuation of the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor.

A BCA committee is examining how to make the Wilson Boulevard commercial area cohesive, attractive, and accessible. To help, contact Carl Hallinan, carl.hallinan@home.com 812-4797.

BCA Approves Wilson Blvd. Median

At the November 28 meeting of the BCA, members approved the construction of medians and a curb extension on Wilson Boulevard near the Safeway. Funding has been identified and construction is targeted for 2003, according to Ritch Viola of the Arlington County Department of Public Works. The BCA Wilson Boulevard Committee will work with County officials on project design. Mr. Viola's initial proposal calls for a median wide enough to plant trees and shrubs west of Emerson Street, and smaller median islands with turn pockets east of Emerson Street. A curb extension would be built on at the northeast corner of Emerson and Wilson.

County Supports Photo Speed Radar

Following the requests of the BCA and other local groups, the Arlington County Board has voted to support efforts to legalize the use of photo radar to enforce speed limits in Virginia. Arlington County currently has the authority to use cameras to identify vehicles that run red lights. However, the use of cameras to photograph speeding vehicles would require additional authority from the State legislature. Delegate Jim Almand, who represents Bluemont residents in the Virginia State Legislature, is examining the County and BCA request.

Jacksonville Infill Planned

According to neighborhood residents, a local firm, Barrett Consultants, is planning an eight- or nine-home infill development in an area between Jacksonville and Kensington Streets near 9th Street North. The site is currently occupied by a single home.

Ring the Bell

*The next community bell ringings will be at at noon on Martin Luther King Day, **Jan. 21**, and Presidents Day, **Feb. 18**. The bell is located at Wilson Blvd. and and George Mason Dr. Sources report that cold weather bell-ringing is particularly character-building.*