

# BCA News

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### BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION (BCA) GENERAL MEETING DATE CHANGE:

The April general meeting will be held on Tuesday April 23 instead of Wednesday April 24. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

### May 11th is Neighborhood Day! Join the Fun at Bluemont Park and in the Parade

On Saturday, May 11, the BCA will be hosting a morning of fun and learning as part of the County's Neighborhood Day. Help environmental experts check the health of Four Mile Run, and enjoy barbequed hotdogs, balloons and face painting! Join the festivities at Four Mile Run across from the basketball court at Bluemont Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Kids and adults alike are welcome.

The Bluemont Neighborhood will also be marching in the Arlington County Neighborhood Day Parade. The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. on May 11 near the Clarendon Metro station. Bluemont residents who wish to participate in the parade should meet at 1:30 p.m. at the corner of N. Herndon Street and Wilson Blvd., one block west of the Clarendon Metro station. ■

### Developer Considering Wilson Boulevard Project

Representatives of a property development firm have told the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Wilson Boulevard Committee that they are interested in the possibility of redeveloping the Wilson Boulevard commercial area. The discussion with the BCA committee was at the conceptual level. The development firm has not acquired any land, and has apparently not done extensive research as of yet. Nonetheless, the BCA committee believes that the firm's interest should be taken seriously and be considered carefully by the BCA.

Some of the possible options discussed by the developer include replacement of the Safeway and adjacent property with: a mixed-use development (retail, residential and office) that includes a new grocery store; a new grocery store alone, or; a smaller-scale mixed use development that does not include a grocery store. The Wilson Boulevard Committee has also been giving consideration to the option of making minor improvements to the existing retail.

The committee decided to convene a community "charette," an informal meeting process featuring facilitators who help community residents and other stakeholders define their vision. The committee will ask County staff and the Community Planning department of a local university to assist in the planning and facilitation of the charette. For more information, contact Wilson Boulevard Committee chair Carl Hallinan (812-4797; carlhallinan@comcast.net). ■

### **Arlington Neighborhood Conservation**

At the April 23 meeting of the BCA, Mr. Lewis Bromberg, Chair of the Arlington Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC), will review procedures for getting neighborhood projects funded through the Arlington Neighborhood Conservation program. Mr. Bromberg will also discuss the role of the NCAC beyond neighborhood improvement projects, such as with Neighborhood Day, the Arlington County Fair, and Civic activism. ■

### **St. Ann's Reconstruction to Begin**

In February, the County Board of Zoning Appeals unanimously approved St. Ann's variance request for reconstruction of its church building. Demolition of the existing structure is expected to begin this summer. Construction of the new church is estimated to take eighteen months. The parish had presented its latest design in November to the BCA, which voted to support the variance request permitting the new design. The new design differs from one previously presented in two ways: a wider greenspace buffer is provided around the proposed parking lot at 10th and Frederick Streets and the 50 foot wide chapel portion of the new church building is bumped-out to provide an architectural break along the 200 foot wide side of the building facing 10th Street. The chapel, featuring a rose window and other stained glass windows, will project 12-14 feet from the rest of the building and will be set 15 feet from the property line. ■

### **7th and 5th Street Project Updates**

The Neighborhood Conservation Plan Project for "7th Street"-7th Street between Buchanan Street and George Mason Drive; Buchanan Street between 7th Road and 7th Street; and Albemarle Street between Wilson Boulevard and 7th Road - is one of the top-ranked remaining unfunded projects in the Bluemont NC Plan (see above). The plan calls for construction of sidewalks (curb and gutter) on both sides of each street where missing and reduction of curb return radii at minor road intersections to 10 feet. Anyone with questions or interested in joining the 7th Street Committee, please contact Carol Spicer (524-7843; spicerc@georgetown.edu).

The proposed sidewalk and curb project for 5th Street North between Greenbrier and Frederick Streets, and adjacent streets, is also being actively considered by neighborhood residents. Contact block captain Judah daCais (528-1551) for information or to help out. This project is another high-ranking unfunded project on the Bluemont proposed project list. ■

### **Bluemont Sidewalk Project Update**

A number of Bluemont's proposed Neighborhood Conservation sidewalk projects have been completed, funded, or initiated. Therefore, the remaining proposed projects are gradually working their way up the Bluemont Neighborhood Conversation Plan priority list. All of these projects were identified and prioritized through a neighborhood-wide survey in 1998 and a series of meetings involving scores of neighborhood volunteers. Below is a summary of each project and its current status.

If you have questions about the status of any projects, please contact Bluemont NCAC Representative Margot Thomas (527-3838; Magathom@hotmail.com).

1. Kensington and Jefferson between Carlin Springs and Wilson (funded)
2. Harrison between Washington and Wilson (funded)
3. Vermont and Wakefield between Carlin Springs and Wilson
4. 7th, Buchanan and Albemarle between Wilson and George Mason (initiated)
5. Buchanan and 8th between Fairfax and Wilson (partially completed)
6. 5th, Frederick and Harrison between Carlin Springs and Greenbrier (initiated)
7. 10th and Frederick between George Mason and Washington (10th Street funded)
8. Edison and Emerson between Carlin Springs and Wilson
9. Bluemont Junction Park
10. Wilson between Glebe and Four Mile Run (partially funded)
11. Washington between Ivanhoe and Frederick (funded)
12. Frederick and 9th, and 8th Road between I-66 and Wilson (initiated)
13. Fairfax near the Holiday Inn
14. Florida, Greenbrier, Harrison and Illinois cul-de-sacs at Bluemont Park

**BCA Talks Trees**

At the April 23 BCA meeting, BCA member Nora Palmatier, who has completed Arlington County's Tree Steward program, will lead a discussion on tree planting, on private and public spaces.

**Aircraft Noise**

A resident of the Lyon Park neighborhood, Steve Geiger, is forming a citizens' group on issues concerning noise from National Airport aircraft. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Geiger [sgeiger@retec.com; 522-0026 (home) 351-5086 (work)].

**W-L PTA Plant Sale Fundraiser**

Support Washington Lee, your neighborhood high school, by ordering beautiful, locally grown annuals and herbs (including packs, flats, pots and baskets). To have order form and plants delivered to your home, call Mary Lib Tomb at 703-243-8036, or use the school web site at [www.washlee.arlington.k12.va.us](http://www.washlee.arlington.k12.va.us) and click on PTA. The ordering deadline is April 24th. Plants arrive on May 4th, in time for Mother's Day gifts.

**Nominating Committee for 2002-03 BCA Officers**

Consistent with BCA bylaws, the BCA is seeking members to volunteer for a nominating committee to identify possible candidates for 2002-03 BCA Officers. Please contact Ed Fendley (efendley@juno.com; 527-6118) if you can help.

**Spring Fair May 18 at Arlington Traditional School**

Arlington Traditional School will be holding a spring fair on Saturday, May 18th and would like to invite neighborhood families.

The event will be held between 10:30AM and 2:30PM--rain or shine--and will include games like Moonbounce, softball throw, Spin-Art, basketball shoot and craft activities. There will be food and entertainment, theme basket and cash raffles.

Please come and celebrate spring at this new neighborhood event! Contact Valerie Gamache (908-9890) for information.

# Won't You Please Join Us?

If your household is not yet a member of the Bluemont Civic Association, we'd love to have you join! The cost is just \$1 per month. An active and robust membership helps the Association to better represent the neighborhood on matters including traffic calming, infill development, commercial development, park improvements, and pedestrian safety. The annual membership fee is \$12. To join from now through December 2002, send a check for \$8 (made out to the Bluemont Civic Association) to Box 5134, Arlington VA 22205. Please include your address, phone number and any email addresses.

**BCA Membership**

BCA membership costs \$8 per household for a membership through the end of 2002.

**To join, send a check to:**

Treasurer, Bluemont Civic Association, PO Box 5134, Arlington, VA 22205

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## H I S T O R Y

### Did You Know?

#### Postwar Urbanization

The Bluemont neighborhood filled up quickly after World War II and was essentially built out by 1960. The new suburbanites participated in establishing institutions such as Saint Ann's church, Saint Michael's church, and the Arlington Forest Club. In 1951, the First Presbyterian congregation moved into their new building on Carlin Springs Road. The new community became dependent on the automobile after the trolley, and then the W&OD discontinued passenger service. Across Glebe Road, the Parkington Shopping Center featured a Hecht's Department Store and the "world's largest parking garage". Other merchants followed their customers as a commercial strip developed along Wilson Boulevard. ■

## BCA Officers and Representatives

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## BCA Calendar - Meetings & Events

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Arlington Traditional School multi-purpose room, 855 N. Edison, at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday **April 23** General Meeting  
(Note: this is a change)

Saturday **May 11** 11:00 Neighborhood Day,  
Bluemont Park Near Basketball Courts

Tuesday **May 14** Executive Committee  
(All welcome)

Wednesday **May 22** General Meeting

Wednesday **June 12** Annual Meeting