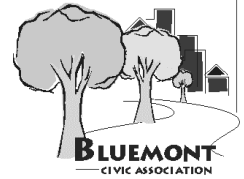


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Candidates Night

Come out and meet the candidates running for Arlington School Board, Arlington County Board, Commissioner of Revenue, Virginia Senate, and the Virginia House of Delegates. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 29 in the Reed School Multipurpose Room (at N. 18th & N. Madison Streets). The program is:

7:00 p.m. — Arlington School Board (nonpartisan election)

- Mr. Larry Fishtahler (Independent)
- Mr. David Foster (Independent)

7:30 p.m. — Arlington County Board (two seats to be filled)

- Mr. Paul Ferguson (Democrat)
- Mr. Richard Kelsey (Republican)
- Ms. Sarah Summerville (Independent)
- Mr. Walter Tejada (Democrat)

8:15 p.m. — Commissioner of Revenue

- Mrs. Ingrid Morroy (Democrat)
- Mr. Tim Russo (Republican)

8:45 p.m. — Virginia Senate, 31st District

- Mr. Kamal Nawash (Republican)
- Mrs. Mary Margaret Whipple (Democrat)

9:15 p.m. — Virginia House of Delegates, 47th and 48th Districts

- Mr. Albert Eisenberg (Democrat) – 47th
- Mr. Christian Hoff (Republican) – 47th
- Mr. Robert Brink (Democrat) – 48th
- Mr. Steve Sass (Republican) – 48th

10:00 p.m. — Conclusion ■

8th Annual BCA Halloween Parade

You are invited to the 8th Annual Bluemont Civic Association Halloween Parade & Storytelling on Sunday, October 26, 2003 from 1:30 to 4:30 at Lacey Woods Park. Registration and activities begin at 1:30 and the Parade starts at 2:00 p.m. The Swanson Middle School Marching Band will perform and lead the parade again this year. MacGruff the Crime Dog will be on hand and there will be Halloween storytelling. Also, we are in desperate need of volunteers to help on the day of the Parade. If you would like to help out, or if you have any questions, please contact Gerry Procanick at (703) 524-3764 or by email at gprocanick@earthlink.net. ■

Taming Wilson Boulevard Traffic

ATM Study Convened on Oct. 7

On Tuesday evening, October 7, representatives of Kimley-Horn and Associates (the transportation planning and engineering company selected by Arlington County for this project) and County employees met with community residents to discuss the Arterial Transportation Management (ATM) Study for Wilson Boulevard. The study covers the section of Wilson Boulevard between North George Mason Drive and the County line.

While many ideas were discussed, residents focused on speeding, pedestrian safety, and traffic management as areas of great concern. After breaking into small groups, residents proposed potential alternatives to address the traffic and safety problems. Some of the more popular suggestions included the widening of sidewalks, the installation of curb nubs adjacent to crosswalks, the undergrounding of utility lines, a reduction in the number of travel lanes, a reduction of speed, and the addition of bike lanes.

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Wilson Boulevard (continued)

Wilson Walkthrough Scheduled for Nov. 8

The next ATM Study event will be a community walkthrough that will be held on Saturday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m. (everyone will gather along the sidewalk next to the Safeway parking lot). Members of the community will have an opportunity to walk with County employees and representatives of the consulting company to point out problem areas and discuss solutions. We urge all BCA members to attend this important meeting.

Once feedback from the walkthrough has been reviewed, the County/consultant will produce a draft plan that should be released for public comment sometime in December. The final plan should be unveiled in the spring of 2004.

Although the ATM Web page is still under construction, residents may check for details regarding the Wilson Boulevard ATM Study by visiting www.co.arlington.va.us/dpw/planning/tc/study/atm.htm. ■

Arlington Sports Day

On Saturday, October 11, Arlington County will host "Arlington Sports Day and Extravaganza" in partnership with Sports Illustrated magazine and the National Recreation and Parks Association.

"The Day" begins with a "day in the life" of sports in Arlington as competitive and recreational sports activities are held at over 50 sites throughout the County. Visit us on line during the week of September 28th at www.co.arlington.va.us/prcr for details on activities and locations.

"The Extravaganza" will culminate on October 11 at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. Second Street, where a big announcement will be made by County officials and representatives from Sports Illustrated magazine and the National Recreation and Parks Association. ■

St. Charles Oktoberfest

Come enjoy food, fun and games at the annual St. Charles Borromeo School Fall Festival—Oktoberfest; Saturday October 18th, 2003, 10am-7pm. (corner of Washington, Fairfax and Kirkwood). The event will feature: Kid's Corner; Krafthaus (Crafts & Treasures); Bake Sale/Cake Walk; Silent Auction; Raffle Drawing; Live Entertainment ; Spaghetti Dinner; Raffle Drawing. For more information, contact the St. Charles School office at (703) 527-0608. ■

Wakefield 50th Anniversary

Wakefield High School will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on November 7 and 8, 2003. Everyone—alums, staff, students, and the community at large, is invited to participate. Events planned include a pep rally and football game on November 7, an open house at the school on November 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and a "Five Decade Dance" at the Holiday Inn at Ballston at 8:00 p.m. on November 8. The open house will include memorabilia from and a historical timeline of the school and the larger community, self-guided tours, music from the decades, and a concert at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Conchita Mitchell '66 at wakefieldalumni@aol.com or 703-892-4780. ■

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BCA Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at Arlington Traditional School, 855 N. Edison Street

Executive Board meeting, Oct. 14, 7:00 ATS

General Membership meeting, Oct. 22, 7:00 ATS

Candidates Night, Oct. 29, 7:00 Walter Reed School

Halloween Parade, Oct. 26, 1:30 to 4:30, Lacey Woods Park

Wilson Blvd. Walkthrough, Nov. 8, 9:00 a.m., Beginning at Safeway parking lot

Executive Board meeting, Nov. 11, 7:00 ATS

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Safeway Opinion Poll

In preparation for a meeting with Safeway Management (date to be determined), we would like your feedback on the local Safeway at Wilson

and Emerson. Please complete this survey and send your comments to Bluemont Civic Association, PO Box 5134 Arlington, Virginia 22205 or to bluemontcivic@comcast.net.

Overall, are you satisfied with our neighborhood Safeway? Yes No

What do you like most about our Safeway? _____

What do you dislike most about our Safeway? _____

What type of improvements would you like to see at our neighborhood grocer—inside and outside? _____

Won't You Please Join Us? BCA Membership Form

Name(s) _____	Phone _____
Address _____	E-mail address (for news on urgent issues) _____
City, state, zip _____	_____

The Bluemont Civic Association is the only organization working exclusively on behalf of you and all Bluemont residents. We are your friends and neighbors, striving to make our streets safe for our children and other pedestrians, enhance our parks and preserve our environment, protect property values and build a stronger sense of community. Among our activities and recent accomplishments are:

- Dedicated turn lanes on Wilson Boulevard at George Mason Drive;
- Traffic calming projects on Vermont and Harrison Streets (completed); and Kensington and Abingdon Streets (funded);
- Funded sidewalk projects on Washington Boulevard and Kensington, 5th, Frederick, Harrison and 10th Streets;
- An active campaign to make the Wilson Boulevard commercial area more attractive and community-oriented;
- Organization of events such as the annual Halloween Parade and Arlington Candidates Night;

- Coordination with County officials on police, school, development, park and code enforcement issues.

By becoming a member, you will receive a newsletter each month that will keep you informed about issues that affect you and your family and provide the funding needed to continue our important work on your behalf. Membership is only one dollar per month. Please take a moment now to become a member by to completing the form below and returning it with a check for \$15.00 (for a membership through the end of 2004), payable to Bluemont Civic Association, P.O. Box 5134, Arlington, VA 22205.

Notice to current members: if you currently receive a newsletter in the mail each month, then you are already a member. All current memberships will expire at the end of December; the November newsletter will contain a renewal form.

