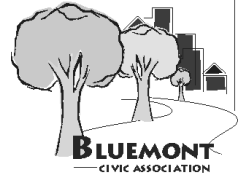


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Bluemont Schools Enrollment Changes

Do you know which elementary school your children will be attending next fall? You may be surprised to find that your child's school may be changing. Arlington Public Schools (APS) is in the midst of a boundary and enrollment adjustment process, which means that Bluemont schoolchildren may be moved to a new school beginning in the fall of 2005.

The Bluemont Civic Association will host a general membership meeting on Wednesday, October 27th, 7:00 pm at Arlington Traditional School. The featured speaker will be Mark Macekura, special projects coordinator, Arlington Public Schools (APS). (Please note that at the September BCA meeting, the following motion was passed by the membership: "BCA supports the school boundary change task force, and it strongly urges that one component of the plan will be to open up Arlington Traditional School to neighborhood children and extend the traditional program to another under-capacity school.")

Mark will discuss the current boundary and enrollment adjustment process currently taking place with regard to all North Arlington elementary schools, including Bluemont's McKinley and Ashlawn schools. There will be a Q&A period after Mark's presentation.

If you have school-age or even pre-school-age children (or know a neighbor who does), don't miss this opportunity to learn more about this process already underway. Prior to the meeting, you can visit the Web site set up by APS to get more information, www.arlington.k12.va.us/facilities/northboundary.html

If you would like to be on a listserv created especially by Arlington County Public Schools for the boundary enrollment process, send an e-mail to Mark Macekura at mmacekur@arlington.k12.va.us

All information will be e-mailed directly to you approximately 24 hours after it is presented to the committee. ■

Candidate's Night

Come out and meet the candidates running for the Arlington County School Board (2 positions), County Board (1 position), and U.S. House of Representatives (1 position). The event will be held Wednesday night, October 27, in the multipurpose room at Reed School near Westover (at N. 18th and N. Madison Streets).

The candidates will be heard in the following order: School Board (7:30 p.m.), County Board (8:15 p.m.), and House of Representatives (9:00 p.m.). Written questions will be collected from the audience. ■

I-66 Widening Study

As part of its study on how to reduce congestion on I-66 westbound between Rosslyn and the Dulles Access Road, VDOT has set up two public workshops in late October and an open house on November 3rd:

Tuesday, October 26, 7 pm, at Marshall High School cafeteria (in Falls Church)

Wednesday, October 27, 7 pm Washington-Lee High School Little Theatre (in Arlington)

Open House (VDOT will respond to public feedback):

Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 pm, at the Washington-Lee High School Little Theatre (in Arlington)

The minutes from public meetings and other developments in the study should be posted on the official VDOT Web site: <http://www.idea66.com>.

As many of you know, the Arlington Coalition for Sensible Transportation (ACST) is a grassroots citizen group formed five years ago to educate the public and ensure that any changes to I-66 inside the beltway are part of a regional transportation plan and are done with community consensus. They need more neighborhood residents to be represented and involved, especially those who live along the I-66 corridor. If you are interested or want to find out more about ACST, visit their Web site at <http://www.acst.net> or contact John Bennett at jspencer-bennett@yahoo.com. ■

Construction to Begin on Ballston Metro Improvements

Construction is slated to begin this month on Arlington's \$10-million project to improve access to the Ballston-Marymount University Metro Station.

On the north side of Fairfax Drive, a new elevator will be installed adjacent to the existing elevator to provide access between the mezzanine and street level of the station. On the south side of Fairfax Drive, two new elevators will be installed and an underground passageway will be constructed to connect the elevators to the existing entrance. A new entrance to the west side of the station near Glebe Road is also planned, but is not yet fully funded.

Project updates will be provided via the Arlington County Web site at <http://www.commuterpage.com>

and through the Metro Web site at <http://www.metroopensdoors.com>. ■

BCA Calendar

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

Tuesday, 11/9, Executive Board meeting (all members welcome)

*Wednesday, 11/17, General Membership

*Tuesday, 12/7, Executive Board

*Wednesday, 12/15, General Membership



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