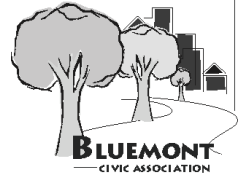


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December 21 Meeting

Due to the upcoming holiday, our December general membership meeting has been moved up one week to Wednesday, December 21, 7 pm, at Arlington Traditional School (ATS). Most BCA members will note that their membership must be renewed this month (please review the mailing label on this newsletter to confirm your membership's expiration date). As approved by the membership at the September meeting, the annual dues are now \$15.

Renew your membership for 2006 by bringing cash or a check to the December meeting or by mailing a check and the reply information (that appears on the reverse) to the BCA Treasurer. Keeping your membership current will entitle you to vote on BCA important motions and for BCA officers and representatives. And only current BCA members are eligible to receive the monthly newsletter. Development affecting life in Bluemont is increasing at a rapid rate. Be sure to keep your membership current so that you can keep up with what's happening in your neighborhood.

Inclement Weather Policy

Should inclement weather force Arlington Public Schools to close on a day of a BCA meeting, the BCA meeting will be cancelled.

Peck Property Redevelopment

At the November meeting, the developer (JBG) of the Peck Chevrolet property (800 N. Glebe Road) presented some preliminary sketches of its planned redevelopment of the site. JBG will be filing a rezoning request and a site plan application for a mixed-use project, including a 12-story office building with ground-floor retail space and at least seven four-story townhouses facing N. Wakefield Street. The preliminary design presented at the November meeting can be seen at www.bluemontcivic.org.

JBG must have the site rezoned in order to accommodate the height and density of the proposed project. BCA will be looking for some sort of benefit for Bluemont in exchange for any "bonus density" that may be granted. If you have input that you would like to share, attend our December meeting.

ATM Update for 2006

The Arterial Traffic Management plan for Bluemont will reach the 70% design stage in January or February. This will include landscaping planning for the project area, between George Mason Drive and Frederick St. Arlington County staffer Richard Best is working out right-of-way issues with business property owners.

Around the Neighborhood

N. Harrison Street — Construction is slated to begin before the winter holidays on portions of curb and gutter, especially in the vicinity of N. Harrison and N. 8th Road and at N. Harrison and N. Fairfax Drive. Because winter temperatures are not conducive to asphalt production and tree planting, the remainder of the project (brick print gateway treatments, speed tables on either side of the I-66 overpass, overpass narrowing lanes, and tree planting along Harrison) will begin again in spring 2006.

N. 9th Street (between N. Edison and N. Frederick Streets) — Bluemont's first-priority Neighborhood Conservation project was submitted for funding at the December 8 Neighborhood Conservation Action Committee meeting. Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and street lighting improvements compose phase one of this two-phase project. Phase two will include similar improvements on N. Frederick Street.

Ed Fendley Joins Arlington School Board

On December 14, Bluemont resident and former BCA president Ed Fendley took the oath of office to become Arlington's newest school board member. We are all looking forward to Ed's accomplishments on behalf of Arlington's public schools when his term begins in January. Congratulations Ed and good luck!

Second Saturday

Second Saturday participants meet at the end of N. Jefferson Street (south of 5th Street) to remove invasive plants along the trail. The upcoming dates are January 14, 11 am to 2 pm, and February 11, 11 am to 2 pm.

It's Time To Renew for 2006! (see reverse)

Bluemont Civic Association NEWS

It's Time To Renew for 2006!

All BCA memberships expire at the end of the year, so please return this form (including the mailing label below) and a \$15 check payable to BCA Treasurer, P.O. Box 5134, Arlington, VA 22205. (Please note: If your label says "paid thru Dec-04," this is a friendly reminder that you overlooked renewing your membership for 2005.) We hope everyone will rejoin us for 2005. BCA is a great way for friends and neighbors to work together to make streets safer for our children and other pedestrians, to protect our parks and preserve our environment, to present our views on development and other important issues to the County, and to build a greater sense of community.

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