

BCA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING 10/24/07

- Peck-Staples-Jordan Manor Update
- JBG New Plan Presentation
- Your Input & Concerns

◀ **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

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Many of the neighborhood concerns raised at the June 18 Walking Town Meeting (WTM) with the Arlington County Board are being addressed. Go to www.bluemontcivic.org to view or download a report that summarizes the actions to be taken by the County.

BCA MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Last Board Meeting 9/11/07

● The board confirmed the new 7:30 pm start time for board meetings (unless announced otherwise). The board also voted to add several neighborhood improvements identified at the Walking Town Meeting (WTM) on June 18 to BCA's Neighborhood Infrastructure Plan (NIP) list. Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) Representative Wendy Dean submitted BCA's final NIP list to the County at the September NC meeting.

Peck/Staples Plans in Flux

At the next BCA General Meeting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 24, at ATS, representatives from The JBG Companies will present their new site plan for the newly combined Peck-Staples-Jordan Manor sites. Two large office buildings are proposed on the location of the current Staples and Bob Peck Chevrolet buildings. A 90-unit Arlington Housing Corp. (AHC) apartment building is planned for the southwest corner of the Peck-Staples site at N. Wakefield

and Wilson. Approximately 26 townhouses will be built on the site now occupied by the three-story Jordan Manor apartment building between N. Wakefield and N. Woodrow Streets on Wilson.

At this meeting, members also will be briefed on the most recent Peck-Staples-Jordan Manor Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) meeting that is scheduled (at press time) for October 15. (Updates will be posted at www.bluemontcivic.org). ■

9/26/07 General Meeting

Peck-Staples Information Coordinator Terry Serie reported that developer JBG and Arlington Housing Corp. have agreed to swap land between the Peck-Staples site (at the southwest corner of Wilson and N. Wakefield) and the Jordan Manor apartment building site (on Wilson between N. Wakefield and N. Woodrow). AHC provides affordable housing in Arlington. (See lead article.)

The BCA approved Serie's proposal to send a memo to the ➡2

WEST ARLINGTON CANDIDATES' NIGHT

10/30, 7 pm, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 N. Washington Blvd.

Sponsored by several West Arlington civic associations (including the BCA), the West Arlington Candidates' Night offers voters the opportunity to meet and evaluate candidates running for state and local offices.

Sam Burley (I-Green) is running against incumbent Mary Margaret Whipple (D) for state senate. Other races include Paul Ferguson (D) vs. Mark Kelly (R) for County Clerk of the Circuit Court; Beth Arthur (D) vs. Steven Strasburg (I) for County Sheriff. Former School Board member Mary Hynes (D), Mike McMenamin (R), Josh Ruebner (Green), ➡2



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incumbent Walter Tejada (D), and Joe Warren (R) are running for the two County Board seats. ■

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Next General Meeting-ATS 10/24

Candidates Night 10/30
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NOVEMBER

BCA Exec. Board Meeting 11/13
7pm at ATS

W&L High School 11/15-17
presents "The Diary of Anne Frank"
(www.washlee.arlington.k12.va.us)

General Meeting at ATS 11/28

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DID WE DELIVER?

Thank you to all the volunteers who hand-delivered the September newsletter to all households within BCA boundaries. If you did NOT receive the September newsletter, please contact Judy Collins at jc.swings@verizon.net or 703-276-0124.

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SPRC co-chairs and members of the County Planning commission on behalf of the BCA. The memo requested documentation or amendments created since 1980 that would negate or amend the County Board's 1980 decision to retain the lower height/density service-commercial zoning for the Peck-Staples block rather than upzone it to C-O-2.5 (the zoning that JBG is currently requesting).

County staff member Richard Best reviewed the nearly complete phases 1 and 2 of the Arterial Transportation Management (ATM) project for Wilson Blvd. between N. George Mason Dr. and N. Frederick St. Phase 3, based upon public input, calls for reducing Wilson Blvd.—west of N. Frederick St.—to three lanes (one travel lane in each direction and a common

center turn lane), which would allow the sidewalks to be widened. (The County will not condemn homeowners' property in order to widen the sidewalks.) This concept would require support from BCA, Boulevard Manor, and Dominion Hills Civic Associations. ■



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