

NEXT GENERAL MEETING 12/9/08

- The Ballston-VA Square BID
- School Boundaries and ATS
- Your input and concerns

Left: Lacey Woods Park needs our help. See calendar on reverse.

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Neighborhood Conservation Plan

At the 11/12/08 general meeting, Tim McIntosh of the county's Neighborhood Conservation (NC) program, asked BCA members to update the association's 1999 NC Plan. (Minor changes have been made since then but were not part of a formal update. A formal update involves distributing surveys to all households (around 2,000) within BCA's boundaries. The process takes approximately two years, but if BCA were to update its NC Plan, the neighborhood would qualify for 35 "bonus" points in the NC project-approval process. (Project approval depends upon how many NC points a project has accrued.)

One NC-related issue of ongoing discussion is the potential redevelopment of the Safeway site. An update of BCA's NC Plan may provide a means of reaching a consensus on what type of development Bluemonters would accept at that site. However, the plan is subject to county approval and input into the final plan.

At the 1/28/09 general membership meeting, members will vote on whether to update BCA's NC Plan. If the membership votes to proceed, we will need volunteers to assist with this project. If you are interested in participating, contact Judah dal Cais at 703-528-1551.

Jordan Manor Demolition

Curtis Adams, project manager for AHC's multifamily housing, updated BCA members on the impending demolition of Jordan Manor (part of the expanded Peck-Staples site plan). Once AHC receives county approval for demolition, it will erect a fence around the site, demolish the house on N. Wakefield Street and the adjacent apartment buildings facing Wilson Boulevard. Adams said that AHC will clear the site of all debris and will preserve as many trees possible. Public sidewalks will be maintained, and the parking lots will remain in ➡

BCA MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

NEXT GENERAL MEETING 12/9

Members will meet just once in December on 12/9 at Arlington Traditional School (ATS). BCA has invited Julie Mangis of the Ballston-Virginia Square Partnership to speak. The partnership, made up of nearby commercial property owners and businesses, is working to establish a Business Improvement District (BID), where property owners would pay supplemental real estate taxes in exchange for extra services.

Also at the December meeting, the membership will discuss the Arlington Public School Board's current efforts to resolve the over- and underenrollment problems in county elementary schools. The school board is reviewing the school superintendent's boundary adjustment proposals, and the membership will consider how these changes may affect Bluemont residents. (Please see the "School Boundaries and ATS" article on reverse for more details.) ■



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Next BCA Joint Mtg @ ATS 12/9

No BCA Meeting on 12/24/08

JANUARY

W-L Holiday Bazaar 12/6

Lacey Woods Ivy Removal 12/7

Help restore this ecological gem by joining Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment and the county's Remove Invasive Plants volunteer group at N. 11th Road and N. Frederick Street from 1-3pm. Wear long protective clothing and bring gloves, hand trowels and clippers.

Ring the Constitution Bell 1/1

Jan. Exec. Board Meeting 1/13

Jan. Gen. Meeting 1/28

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place for now. The deal between AHC and developer JBG requires demolition of the buildings before transfer of the property.

AHC still must provide to BCA residents the demolition notification letter sent to neighbors listing the date on which the perimeter fence will go up, the approximate date and time the building will be demolished, and a notice to Bluemont residents saying if/when they may remove plantings from the property before demolition starts (a

waiver form may be required).

School Boundaries and ATS

Members discussed elementary school boundary adjustments that the Arlington Public School Board is considering, including the possibility of moving ATS to the Wilson school property in Rosslyn and turning the current ATS building back into a neighborhood elementary school for Bluemont within the next few years. School Board members may decide on the future of ATS as early as December 18.

Police Community Liaison

Officer James O'Daniel, the BCA liaison officer, answered questions from a number of members about ongoing noise problems generated by outdoor drinking games. He acknowledged that such parties have caused problems at various rental properties as well as in the parks. In some cases, pressure on the landlord has led to evictions. BCA residents experiencing these problems should contact Jim Thorne who is tracking this issue, at james.thorne7@verizon.net ■