

# BCA

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## JOIN US!

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING 2/25/09**

- The Crimson on Glebe
- Bluemont NC Plan
- Your Input & Concerns

Left: Aging fence along the Bluemont spur

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## Please Fence Us In!

Submitted for your approval by Arlington County: typical split-rail fencing, or...

On January 29, several BCA members met with the county's trail manager, Kevin Stalica, and landscape architect, Aaron Wohler, to discuss replacement options for the split-rail fence removed from Bluemont Park on 8/2/08. Stalica reported that a new continuous fence would cost approximately \$20,000; a noncontinuous fence would cost approximately \$10,000. Pictures of two fence styles (split-rail and wooden posts with metal rails) can be viewed larger and in color at [www.bluemontcivic.org](http://www.bluemontcivic.org). The new fence will be located along the trail between N. Emerson and N. Harrison Streets.

It was noted that the cul-de-sacs on the north side of the Bluemont Junction Trail might need boulders or smaller sections of fence to prevent vehicular access to the park. Low-

## Inclement Weather Policy

Should inclement weather force Arlington Public Schools to close on a day that a BCA meeting also has been scheduled, then the BCA meeting will be canceled. Please note that Lubber Run Community Center also generally closes when Arlington Public Schools close for snow/ice. Check the BCA Website ([www.bluemontcivic.org](http://www.bluemontcivic.org)) for updated information. ■

## BCA MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

### NEXT General Membership Meeting February 25, Lubber Run Community Center

The February meeting will be held at Lubber Run Community Center (at the corner of N. George Mason Drive and N. Park Road) on Wed., 2/25, at 7:30 pm.

BCA's 1/28 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. Ryan Whittier (originally scheduled for the January meeting), of Crimson Urban LLC, has been invited to the February meeting. He will present plans for The Crimson on Glebe—a new

...lower maintenance metal-rail fencing.



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ALL ARE WELCOME AT  
GENERAL MEETINGS.**

## BCA MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

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5-story, mixed-use building that will replace the Goodyear tire center located at 650 N. Glebe Road. The building will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental



Still on the agenda: Crimson Partners' 650 N. Glebe project.

Design (LEED) certified and will include 115 apartments and 9,000 square feet of ground-level restaurant/retail space. For more details, visit [www.crimsonpartners.net/crimson\\_on\\_glebe.html](http://www.crimsonpartners.net/crimson_on_glebe.html).

Also on 2/25, the membership will vote on whether to formally update Bluemont's Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Plan. This two-year process would require BCA to distribute a survey to all households (approx. 2,000) within BCA's boundaries. The county would pay to print but not mail the survey.

A vote will be taken to approve moving the April general membership meeting from 4/22/09 to 4/29/09 (to facilitate hand-delivery of the spring neighborhood-wide newsletter). We will vote to approve funds for the Neighborhood Day/spring barbecue (volunteers are needed). And we will review and then vote on options to replace the Bluemont Park fence removed last year in August (see the related article on p. 1). Please note that only current BCA members may vote. Dues (\$15, cash or check) can be paid at the meeting. ■

## When — and Where — Do We MEET?

Glad you asked! Although the February meeting will deviate from its usual venue, BCA holds general membership meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month (September through June) at 7:30 pm. Those meetings are usually held at Arlington Traditional School (behind McDonalds), unless announced otherwise. Executive Board meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at ATS unless announced otherwise. Executive Board meetings are open to all BCA members. Visit [bluemontcivic.org](http://bluemontcivic.org) for updates on meeting times and locations. ■



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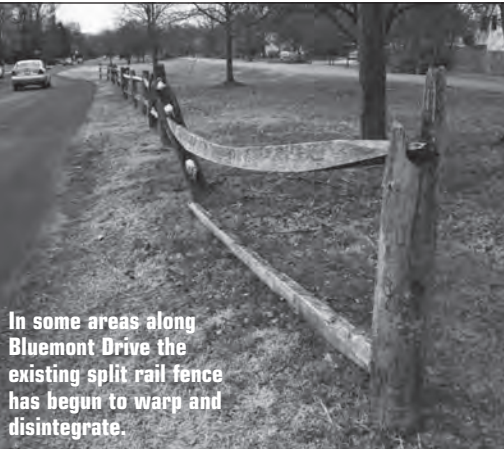
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maintenance shrubs (4 feet or less) or small trees may be desired as part of an intermittent fence design, and there is some interest in incorporating herbs or a community garden if there are

plantings. The Parks and Natural Resources Division will work with the community to select the plants once a design has been selected.

There is no current plan to construct a sidewalk along Bluemont Drive. If BCA would like a sidewalk, then the request for a sidewalk, curb and gutter can be made through the Neighborhood Conservation program.

In some areas along Bluemont Drive the existing split rail fence has begun to warp and disintegrate.



On 2/25, BCA members will vote on the type and extent of the new fence, including any plants that may be included in the design. ■

## Call for Nominating Committee Volunteers

We need three members to serve on the Nominating Committee. The committee works by phone and e-mail to field candidates and present a full election slate to the membership at the June Annual Meeting. The time commitment is fairly limited. If you are interested in serving, please contact Judah dal Cais at [jdalcais@verizon.net](mailto:jdalcais@verizon.net). ■

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## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Success! An 8' x 4' pile of invasive ivy was pulled in January.



## Rooting Out Invasives

The Second Saturday invasive plant removal at Lacey Woods Park is a roaring success, averaging 38 volunteers each month. We've rescued a lovely fern valley from ivy and removed invasives from our own National Champion Virginia Pine. In February, we will clear all ivy and porcelain-berry from the county champion cedar. High school students earning community service hours have been among our most enthusiastic volunteers! Join us on March 14 and on future second Saturdays, 10 am by the park entrance on N. ➡4

## Tree Giveaway in May

Arlington County Parks and Natural Resources Division is offering free tree whips to homeowners for Neighborhood Day. The trees, which must be planted on private residential property, will help sustain Arlington's urban forest. BCA member Nora Palmatier has kindly offered to serve as our coordinator for the giveaway.



The large tree this year is the bur oak (50-80'), and the smaller tree is the American hazelnut (18'). Detailed information about shade tolerance, soil conditions, and where to plant the trees are available. Contact Nora at [norapalm@verizon.net](mailto:norapalm@verizon.net) or 703-527-2349 to determine whether these trees are a good match for your yard and to reserve your tree for pick up in early May. ■

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Next BCA Meeting** **2/25**  
**Lubber Run Community Center**  
Rain Gardens for **2/28**  
Homeowners, 9:30am–12:30pm,  
Fairlington Community Center.  
For info and/or to register, call  
703-228-3610

### MARCH

**Exec. Board Meeting** **3/10**  
Lacey Woods Invasive **3/14**  
Plants Removal, 10–noon  
Four Mile Run Cleanup **3/14**  
**General Meeting** **3/25**

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

FROM P.3

Frederick St. at the intersection of 11th Road North. Please wear long sleeves, and bring gloves and garden tools if you have them.

### Custis Trail Connector Grant Approved

BCA member Chris Healey reports that the County Board has approved the \$15,000 park enhancement grant (PEG) he submitted last year. The award will fund the construction of a 100-foot asphalt trail (dubbed the Revolutionary War Connector Trail due to its proximity to the gravesite of a local Revolutionary War hero) that will connect the abandoned portion of Old Fairfax Drive to the Custis Trail.

Park Area Manager Kevin Stalica will manage construction, which should begin by early summer. The trail must meet county trail standards and specifications. In addition, the trail will have signs and will be designed to prevent a potential safety hazard at the



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intersection of the trail connection with the Custis Trail.

Many thanks to Chris Healey and others who went the extra mile to get this trail connection approved.

### Jordan Manor Goes Boom

Several members living near the Jordan Manor apartment building on Wilson Boulevard reported hearing (and feeling) violent explosions on 2/6/09. The explosions were not due to the building's anticipated demolition but were related to training exercises conducted by Arlington County's SWAT team. The explosions, originally described as "small," produced enough concussive force to shake homes, rattle windows, and frighten nearby residents.

The demolition date for Jordan Manor is still unconfirmed. However, due to the fire department and SWAT team training exercises, an AHC representative noted that residents wouldn't be able to remove plants from the site prior to demolition as had been hoped. ■