



BCA Elections  
 Tom Hutchings on Glebe Road  
 Steve Cole on Safeway Zoning  
 Bocee Petitions: For and Against

County Board Member Mary Hynes addresses members at the April meeting. More at [www.flickr.com/groups/bluemontcivic/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/bluemontcivic/)

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BCA MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

LAST GENERAL MEETING, 4/27

In addition to a routine update from our police liaison, Corporal Elizabeth Lennon, the April meeting included two guest speakers. Mary Hynes has been a County Board member since 2008 (and previously was a School Board member for many years.) Since being on the County Board she has focused on two main areas: capital maintenance and improvements, and monitoring the impact of capital improvement projects. A study of the overall needs in the county undertaken at her request showed that it would cost \$50 million to bring facilities to a state of good repair. With only approximately \$7 million available annually, Hynes has pulled citizens together to make recommendations regarding parks and other facilities. They are expected to report back to the Board in October.

In response to questions about what Bluemont needs to do to get a piece of the budgeting pie to provide safer sidewalks and other infrastructure improvements, Hynes recommended that BCA focus on a vision for the

# June Means It's Time to Vote on BCA Leadership for the Coming Year!

## ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION JUNE 22 AT 7:30PM

At the final meeting before our summer break, we will elect new officers and representatives at BCA's Annual Meeting, to be held at Arlington Traditional School (ATS) behind McDonalds on North Edison Street..

### Why Should You Vote?

This year's annual meeting is particularly important as new contenders vie for long-standing BCA officer slots. Of particular importance is how this election will affect the focus of the NC Plan and the Bluemont Village Center Vision.

### Who is Eligible to Vote?

Members in good standing (i.e., those whose dues payments are current) who attend the meeting will elect officers and representatives for 2011-2012.

If you have not paid dues for 2011, please bring proof of residency in Bluemont (such as a driver's license or utility bill) and check or cash (there is no online payment option) for \$7.50 to join/renew membership thru Dec. 2011 (OR \$20 to join/renew membership thru Dec. 2012) to the June 22 meeting. Once you have paid, you will be eligible to vote that same evening. Individual members have one (1) vote; household members have two (2) votes, and businesses have one (1) vote per business.

Members must attend the June 22nd meeting and vote in person. There is currently no mechanism for online or absentee balloting.

### Election Slate



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## Update on Neighborhood Conservation Activities

Arlington County's Neighborhood Conservation Program has a new Micro Projects Program which offers civic associations the chance to request small improvements in their neighborhoods. These projects have a cost limit of \$10,000 and are available to neighborhoods once every two years. The Program will approve projects that are similar to, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Kiosks
- Murals
- Street markings
- Public art
- Trail improvements
- Trash or recycling receptacles
- Bus shelters
- Park benches
- Bicycle racks
- Beautification/plantings (requires volunteers for maintenance)

Requests for Micro Projects need to be submitted by September 1, 2011. Please contact Larry Smith at [LrsML@aol.com](mailto:LrsML@aol.com) if you have an idea for a project. ■

## Did We Miss You?

A volunteer army of neighbors diligently hand-delivered BCA's April newsletter to each home and business in Bluemont. That's over 2,000 newsletters! We greatly appreciate the efforts of our volunteers in helping to keep us all informed about Bluemont news. Occasionally we do miss an address. If you did not receive an April newsletter, contact newsletter distribution coordinator David Van Wagner at [dpvanwagner@mindspring.com](mailto:dpvanwagner@mindspring.com) or 703.524.5068 and we'll cure the problem for September. David is always in search of volunteers, so please let him know if you can help!



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future, given the likelihood of further development within its boundaries.

Earlier zoning and land-use planning called for dense redevelopment to occur on only the east side of Glebe Road, but that is clearly no longer the case. Hynes promised to look into the question of funding promised for the west entrance to the Ballston metro (something that might benefit Bluemont residents), since previous funding dedicated for that entrance has twice been shifted to the Rosslyn Metro station. Hynes noted that the County Board cannot rely solely on developer contributions for infrastructure improvements and that she is trying to persuade her colleagues to explore other funding sources.

Ryan Arnold, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan's architecture program, has worked with BCA president Judah dal Cais to improve on Jane Kim's 2010 designs for the Bluemont village center by providing a visual concept that was first unveiled to the membership at the January 17, 2011 meeting. One overall goal of updating the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Plan is to provide a framework that will guide the transformation of Bluemont's commercial sector into a focal point for the neighborhood and a source of pride for the community. [The project to update Bluemont's NC Plan started in December 2008. The process included two neighborhood-wide surveys and was the subject of numerous BCA meeting discussions and several newsletter articles. The basis for the designs came from input collected at Jane Kim's design forum that was held in February 2010 and from answers to the 2010 NC survey.]

Arnold's presentation at the April meeting focused on newly revised designs for the Safeway site with a focus on walkability. These new designs featured a 5-story building on the Safeway site (as opposed to the 3-story design unveiled in January). Parallel street parking shown in the designs would be used to help separate moving traffic from pedestrians to encourage more people to walk.

It is hoped that greater density in the village center might result in more frequent bus service, and that the increased tax revenue gained from the added height and density would result in new funding for projects such as widening sidewalks along Wilson Blvd.

## LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 5/25

At its May meeting the BCA Executive Committee voted to approve: a \$100 donation to the Save the Planetarium fund; a \$100 donation to Ashlawn Elementary School in support of its Fun Fair; and up to \$150 to cover expenses for the BCA cookout on Arlington's Neighborhood Day held on May 22.

[**Note:** Full minutes of all BCA meetings are posted on the BCA website once they have been approved by the general membership (for general membership meetings), or by the Executive Committee (for Executive Committee meetings.)] ■

## See You in September?

BCA routinely meets at 7:30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month with adjustments for holidays. General membership meetings are held in January, April, June, September, and November and are open to all Bluemont residents. Executive Board meetings are held monthly (jointly with general meetings when they are held) and are open to all paid-up BCA members. Check [www.bluemontcivic.org](http://www.bluemontcivic.org) for updates and changes.



## June Annual Meeting from p. 1

The Nominating Committee has forwarded the following slate of nominees for the 2011–2012 election:

- President: Michael Groves
- First Vice President: George Rovder  
(pending confirmation of membership as of press time)
- Second Vice President (vote for one):  
Matt Fehling, Maura Quinn
- Secretary: Mary Thorne
- Treasurer: Judy Collins
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC)  
Representative (vote for one):  
Kate Mattos, Larry Smith.
- NCAC Alternate: Mark Haynes
- Civic Federation Delegates (four slots available):  
Bob Atkins, Terry Serie and Suzanne Sundburg
- Civic Federation Alternates (four slots available):  
Sam Ferro and Dean Foster

**Please check the BCA website (<http://www.bluemontcivic.org/>) for short biographies and statements provided by candidates.**

**Nominations also may be made from the floor for all positions (including for additional Civic Federation Delegates and Civic Federation Alternates) at the Annual Meeting.**

Thank you to this year's Nominating Committee: Barbara Wien, Diane Schwartz, and Richard Young. ▶▶4

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### Historic Resources Inventory



Do you know of any commercial buildings or structures, such as garden apartments, shopping centers, or individual commercial buildings, in Bluemont that should be listed in Arlington's Historic Resources Inventory? The Inventory does not include single-family homes. Having a property listed in the Inventory does not protect it from redevelopment or guarantee that it will never be demolished, but it allows the building to be officially documented as historic or unique so it can be preserved in the County's record of historic properties. If you know of any buildings that you think should be listed, please contact Larry Smith at [LrsML@aol.com](mailto:LrsML@aol.com). ■

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### BCA General Meeting-ATS 6/22

Ballston Arts & Crafts 7/9  
Market, 2nd Saturdays through  
Oct 8, 10am-4pm, Wellburn Sq.  
Executive Board Mtng-TBD

Ballston Farmers Market  
Thursdays through Oct 13,  
3pm-7pm, Wellburn Square

General Meeting 9/23

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## Annual Meeting from p.3

### Also on the agenda...

■ Tom Hutchings, from Arlington County's Division of Transportation will present pedestrian and street improvements for the West side of Glebe Rd., from Carlin Springs Rd. to N. Fairfax Drive.

■ Steve Cole, a BCA resident and member of Arlington's Planning Commission will describe the current zoning at the Safeway, requirements for rezoning, and the process involving the community, Arlington County, and a developer when a developer is interested in redeveloping a site.

■ Presentation of two resident petitions, one for placing a bocce court along the Bluemont connector path, and one against, to be discussed and voted on. ■

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