



# neighborhood news

The Latest News and Information from Your Bluemont Civic Association

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## YOUR Civic Association, Working for YOU!

We've focused this newsletter on information Bluemont residents can use, including how to get the County to respond to problems, how to determine what development projects are happening around you, pedestrian safety, renovations to Bluemont Park, consideration of zoning changes in single-family home neighborhoods, voting, and more.

Our meeting schedule reflects the same focus on addressing neighborhood concerns:

### Meeting Dates and Featured Topics

#### Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Learn how the **redevelopment process** works, so you can understand proposed changes, and engage effectively. Presentation: Zoning, GLUP and the Planning Process with Bob Duffy, Planning Director, Department of Community Planning and Development

#### Wednesday, November 20, 2019

How is the County addressing storm water challenges in flood prone areas? How to handle storm water where I live? Presentation: **Storm Water Management** with Aileen Winquist, County Watershed Outreach Program Manager

#### Wednesday December 18, 2019

How do I get my voice heard? How do I access County services? What are volunteer opportunities? Presentation: **How to Engage with Arlington County** with Roger Munter, Director of Public Engagement

#### Wednesday, January 29, 2020

What's happening with that long-promised second entrance to the Ballston metro? Presentation: **Western Entrance to the Ballston Metro** with Kenex Sevilla, Arlington County

#### Wednesday, February 26, 2020

#### Wednesday, March 25, 2020

#### Wednesday, April 29, 2020

#### Wednesday, May 27, 2020

#### Wednesday, June 17, 2020—Annual Meeting & Election of Board Members

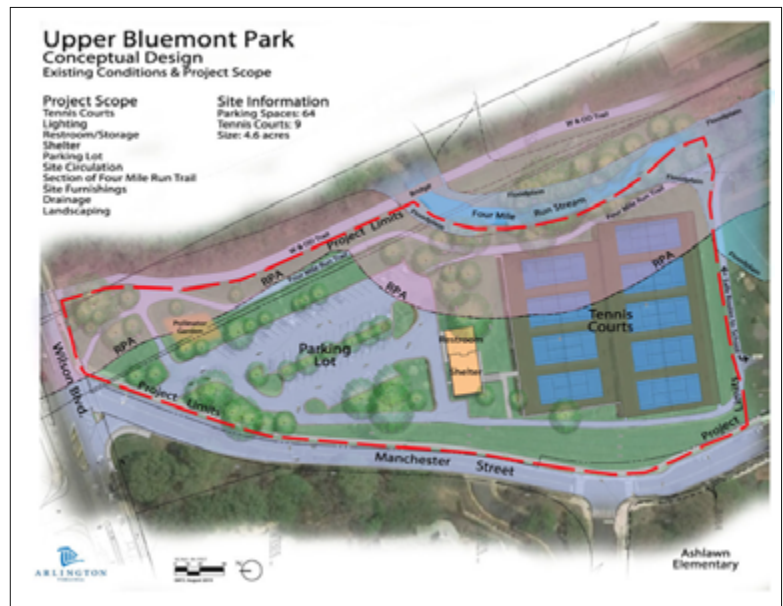
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## Next Meeting:

**Wed., Oct. 30 at ATS**  
**7/7:30 pm**

## Renovations Planned for Bluemont Park

Arlington County plans to renovate Bluemont Park, at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and Manchester Street. The County plans to replace tennis courts, lighting, the parking lot, and the building that includes restrooms, storage space, and a picnic shelter. It may also improve the park's drainage and landscaping and repave and widen the section of the Four Mile Run Trail that runs through this part of the park. A major goal of the renovation is to bring the park up to the current Standards for Accessible Design under the Americans with Disabilities Act. For details see the project page at: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/upper-blueмонт-project/>



Members of the Civic Association met with County staff on July 30 to discuss the project. Points stressed by the members included a recommendation to modify one of the tennis courts to also allow pickleball, and the need to preserve mature trees and minimize impermeable surfaces. Tree removal and increases in impermeable surfaces can reduce an area's ability to absorb stormwater. That in turn increases runoff, which can lead to flooding, such as the flooding that recently did serious damage in Arlington, including damage to part of the W&OD trail adjacent to the park. The increased runoff can also increase pollution of area waterways.

Residents noted that part of Bluemont Park is in a Resource Protection Area (RPA). An RPA is a corridor of environmentally sensitive land that lies alongside or near a stream or other body of water. Bluemont Park borders the Four Mile Run, which runs into the Potomac River, which in turn runs into the Chesapeake Bay. Under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, the County is responsible for designating and protecting RPAs in Arlington.

The County will hold the first community meeting for the Upper Bluemont Park Conceptional Design project on Tuesday, October 29 from 7 to 8:30 pm at Ashlawn Elementary School in the multi-purpose room. Please come and provide YOUR feedback to the County's plans for Bluemont Park!

### YOUR Civic Association (cont'd)

#### Where And When Do We Meet?

We meet in the library of Arlington Traditional School. Executive Board meetings start at 7:00 PM with the General Membership meeting running from 7:30 to 9:00. All members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meeting. Meeting date changes/cancellations are posted to [www.bluemontcivic.org](http://www.bluemontcivic.org) and <https://bluemont.nextdoor.com> and the Bluemont Civic Association Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/bluemontcivic](https://www.facebook.com/bluemontcivic)

**No Sitter, No Problem:** To make it friendlier for children who may accompany you to meetings, we are now providing a kids table with coloring pictures, and other quiet activities.

## Help Choose a New Neighborhood Conservation Project!

Your Civic Association is developing a new candidate Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Project for Bluemont. Neighbors are asked to recommend possible projects that fit the new NC Guidelines, which are summarized below. Bluemont had submitted a candidate project, a study of the Wilson Blvd Corridor through Bluemont. The study was to recommend ways to improve traffic and pedestrian safety and other features of the corridor. It involved the support of Arlington's Department of Environmental Services (DES). In June of 2019, however, DES said it would no longer support the project because the county likely would not allot funding to enact the study's suggestions.

NC Projects are submitted to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC), which leads the development of neighborhood plans and recommends neighborhood-initiated capital improvements for funding by the County Board. NCAC members include representatives from 48 of Arlington County's 57 civic associations. Each community that participates in the NC Program has an NC Representative that serves as a liaison with County staff in the development of a neighborhood plan. Bluemont's representative is Angelo Collins, and its alternate representative is Rich Gibson.



The Neighborhood Conservation Program helps improve and enhance Arlington neighborhoods. When the program was created in 1964, the goal was to empower residents by having them come together to discuss and share ideas for improving their neighborhoods. Before 2019, the program funded a variety of improvements, such as installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, streetlights, signs, park improvements, neighborhood art and beautification.

The recent 2019–2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) cut the NC Program funding from \$12 million to \$5 million for 2019–2020 and then to \$4 million for the following two-year cycle. Due to these changes, the NCAC adopted new guidelines for projects. The new guidelines include a \$500k project budget cap and emphasize the following types of projects:

- Beautification projects
- Residential intersection improvements
- Curb extensions
- Missing sidewalk segments for three properties or less
- Trail connector improvements
- Modest park and playground installations
- Modest street improvement projects

If you have an idea for a project that would fit these Guidelines, the Association would like to hear from you. Please email your idea to [exec@bluemontcivic.org](mailto:exec@bluemontcivic.org) or propose it at our upcoming meeting.



## Zoning Changes Considered to Increase Affordable Housing

Arlington County is studying how to create more flexibility in residential zoning, with the goal of housing more people. The County is considering the possible use of zoning amendments in single family home neighborhoods to ease creation of “missing middle” housing for households with incomes too high for current housing subsidies but too low for many market rate homes. That housing generally includes a range of multi-unit or clustered housing types that are argued to be in scale with single-family homes, such as stacked flats, triplexes, fourplexes and smaller multifamily buildings.

In its 2015 Affordable Housing Master Plan, the County Board set a policy to: *“Explore flexibility in housing types and residential uses in single-family neighborhoods.”* The Plan says:

*“The County will explore zoning policies that allow and promote a wider diversity of housing types in single-family neighborhoods that help meet the need for changing definitions of families and households while maintaining neighborhood character and underlying zoning.”*

The Affordable Housing Master Plan is at this link: <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2015/12/AHMP-Published.pdf>

To help implement the Plan, in April 2019 the County Board launched “Housing Arlington” an umbrella initiative that uses the following means to expand affordable and missing middle income housing.

- Land Use Tools
- Financial Tools
- Institutional Partnerships
- County Employee Housing
- Condominium Initiative
- Affordable Housing Master Plan Update (beginning in 2020)

To see the wide range of affordable housing efforts covered under Housing Arlington, please follow this link <https://housing.arlingtonva.us/housing-arlington/>

**Land Use Tools** under Housing Arlington include County staff plans to conduct a **Missing Middle Study** on how to create a range of moderately-priced homes. The County is currently considering the scope of this study. The study is intended to identify policy options and potential implementation tools, and recommend possible pilot projects.

Other Land Use Tools under Housing Arlington include the May 2019 regulatory changes to reduce setback and other requirements for “accessory dwellings,” and “bonus density and bonus height.”

In a September 13, 2019 memo to the Zoning Committee of the Planning Commission (ZOCO), County staff recommended **eliminating caps on bonus density and bonus height**. Currently, the County allows up to 25% additional density and up to six-stories in additional height for site plan projects that meet affordable housing requirements. Under a separate provision of the Arlington County Zoning Code, the County Board has approved additional density for site plan projects to achieve improvements related to transportation, sustainable development (LEED), and park and open space improvements and other purposes on a project-by-project basis. Bonus density achieved for community improvements in this part of the Zoning Code are not limited by a maximum density cap.

In addition to eliminating caps on bonus density and bonus height, County staff recommended redefining eligible community improvements for

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## Zoning Changes Considered (cont'd)

bonus density “such as those public facilities that may otherwise typically be built by the County including fire/police facilities, libraries, public school facilities, community centers, public transportation facilities and improvements, public open space, community recreation, or health centers.” The staff recommendation would also incorporate bonus provisions for sustainable green building design “consistent with adopted policies and for other priorities or extraordinary unforeseen circumstances.”

The staff recommendation would also amend the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) “to clarify and expand references to bonus density provisions in the GLUP to allow for broader opportunities to achieve Comprehensive Plan goals and other policies/priorities.”

The memo containing this County staff recommendation is at this link: <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/09/ZOCO-memo-with-text-september-13-2019.pdf>

This Bonus Density proposal is scheduled to go to the Planning Commission for final consideration and recommendation on November 4, 2019, and **to the County Board on November 16, 2019 for final consideration.** (See separate article on a proposed BCA resolution opposing the change.)

County Board members say they look forward to hearing ideas and suggestions as the various elements of Housing Arlington progress. They recommend staying informed by subscribing to the

County’s “Housing News & Notes” newsletter, which can be done at this link <https://housing.arlingtonva.us/housing-arlington/housing-arlington-overview/>

The Bluemont Civic Association encourages members to follow developments in Arlington’s housing policy, and let your civic association know if you want us to weigh in.

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## LAND USE TOOLS

### Missing Middle Housing

According to the **Affordable Housing Master Plan** - “A range of housing options should be available throughout the County affordable to persons of all income levels.”

**The Challenge** “Missing middle” is defined in terms of form and affordability. Many families have incomes that are too high to qualify for down payment assistance, but not enough to afford the average Arlington sales prices, particularly for newer homes. There is a housing supply gap of “for sale” housing for middle-income households, especially for larger households, and there is a demand for a wider variety of housing choices than those currently available in Arlington.

**Form**  
Housing types between the single family detached home to midrise multifamily buildings.

Accessory Dwelling   Townhouse   Duplex   Triplex   Fourplex   Courtyard Complex   Midrise Multifamily

**Affordability**  
Affordable to middle-income households defined as households with incomes between 80%-120% of the AMI.

<b>\$68,000 TO \$146,000</b> Household Income Range	<b>\$1,700 - \$3,600</b> Affordable Monthly Housing Cost	<b>\$250,000 - \$600,000</b> Affordable Purchase Price
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**Missing Middle Study**  
An upcoming study will identify ways to implement the following Affordable Housing Master Plan objectives:

- Incentivize the production of moderately-priced ownership housing through land use and zoning policy.
- Encourage production and preservation of family-sized (3+bedroom) moderately-priced ownership units.
- Explore flexibility in housing types and residential uses in single-family neighborhoods.

**Proposed Study Questions**

- What are current resources and needs?
- How much “missing middle” housing already exists and what does it look like?
- What missing middle housing types are best suited to Arlington?
- How and where could Arlington incentivize the production of moderately-priced ownership housing?

## How to Access County Services

In last month's e-mail message to members, BCA members who provided us their e-mail addresses received the County's "**Welcome Kit**," which includes contact information for a wide variety of county services. A more extensive webpage <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/welcome-kit/> includes a link to the PDF of the Welcome Kit, and links to County offices and services, including the always useful Parks and Recreation Calendar of Events, which has everything from pumpkin carving to estate planning <https://parks.arlingtonva.us>.

Arlington makes it easy to report a wide range of non-emergency problems at the "Report a Problem" website, <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem/>. On-line service requests are automatically routed to the correct office, saving you the trouble of figuring out who does what.

You can report from a computer or download a mobile app to report problems when you are out and about. You can submit a request anonymously, but if you create an account you can track your requests and receive updates, County staff can contact you if they need more information, and you can include photos. Other people can comment on the submitted problem. They just need the problem number, and to be signed-in to the system. The County pays attention to numbers.

The Report a Problem system is only monitored during normal business hours. **For water and sewer emergencies call their 24-hour hot line at 703-228-6555.**

### Streets

The County's Report a Problem website lists problems that can be reported, including missing street signs, damaged streetlights, damaged street surfaces, and missing or damaged in-street bollards. The County is responsive to these types of requests. For broader concerns with an intersection, particularly pedestrian safety, the Report a Problem website says to email the Department of Environmental Services [des@arlingtonva.us](mailto:des@arlingtonva.us). Neighbors are welcome to let BCA know when they are making such requests. BCA may already be trying to get the problem addressed through various County programs described below.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has an on-line system for reporting problems on those Arlington Streets it maintains, including Washington Blvd, Glebe Road and Lee

Highway. The web site for "VDOT Report a Problem" <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov> is straightforward and simple to use. It also has phone numbers for reporting issues that require immediate attention.

### Pedestrian Safety Problems

Getting pedestrian safety problems addressed is often a long process. County officials identify three avenues for residents to report a dangerous street or intersection on County-controlled streets: Neighborhood Conservation Plans (NCPs); Neighborhood Complete Streets (NCS); and requesting a traffic study.

**Neighborhood Conservation Plans (NCP)** require a multiple years-long process. Please see the article in this newsletter about Bluemont's search for a new NCP project.

The **Neighborhood Complete Streets** Program (NCS) replaced the County's more limited traffic calming program. In 2017, the NCS program received over 360 applications for safety improvements, including many from BCA. The County took longer than expected to complete the traffic studies needed to score and rank potential products. While this work was underway, the County initiated six pilot projects using data already available. One of these was the Bluemont project at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, North at Edison Street, North and Emerson Street, North <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/6th-street-n-at-edison-street-and-emerson-street/> Current improvements use re-striping. The County planner told BCA the County was open to using cement planters with reflective flexi-posts around them, should the neighbors agree this would be desirable.

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## How to Access County Services (cont'd)

The Neighborhood Complete Streets potential project list [webpage](https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2019/06/DES-NCS-Nominated_Locations_List_June_2019_by_CA.pdf) ranks submitted projects grouped by civic association, and explains how the scoring methodology was applied. [https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2019/06/DES-NCS-Nominated\\_Locations\\_List\\_June\\_2019\\_by\\_CA.pdf](https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2019/06/DES-NCS-Nominated_Locations_List_June_2019_by_CA.pdf)

County Staff are now working with the Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission to recommend projects for funding by the County Board, and will continue to update the program webpages <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/programs/neighborhood-complete-streets/>.

None of the BCA-submitted projects made the top 10. The highest ranked Bluemont project is N. Wakefield Street from Carlin Springs to Wilson. As discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, a separate County project for improvements along Carlin Springs will bring pedestrian and cycling safety improvements to the intersection of N. Carlin Springs with Edison and with Wakefield.

Residents can submit an application for a future funding round of the Neighborhood Complete Streets Program using a link at the program website (<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/programs/neighborhood-complete-streets/>). Civic Associations also submit applications, so you are welcome to contact us.

**Traffic Studies** can be requested by residents using an on-line form at the orange tab at the bottom of this webpage: <https://transportation.arlingtonva.us/streets/traffic-investigation-requests/>

Even after a traffic study, pedestrian safety improvements often are made only after persistent pressure from the community over a period of years, and some requested improvements have never been made. If you request a traffic study, we recommend you let the civic association and neighbors know. Multiple people weighing in with County leaders showing neighbors have a shared view of the problems and needed remedies can help.

One thing the County regularly does is use scheduled repaving of streets to see what can be done to improve pedestrian safety by re-striping, such as recent improvements made to N. Carlin Springs. The County is no longer doing speed humps. While the County's moratorium on speed humps expired in February 2019, County planners say no Arlington streets meet the level of excess speeding required for such measures.

### What's Going on with Construction Projects in My Neighborhood?

Click on the word "Projects" at this County webpage <https://my.arlingtonva.us> to get an interactive map showing what projects are happening and proposed around the County. It includes daily work, transportation, parks, water and utilities, facilities projects and other projects. It does not include Washington Gas, Dominion Power, VDOT, Arlington Public Schools or "by-right" projects. The filters allow you to look for only "proposed" projects if you want to see what may be coming your way. More information about My Arlington is at this link <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/myarlington/>

### Come Ring Our Bell!

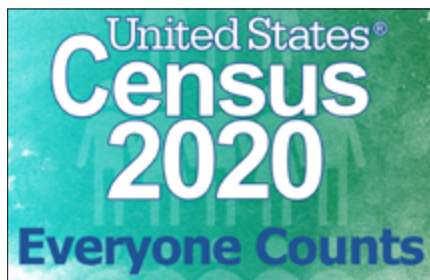
Every federal holiday at noon, BCA hosts the ringing of the bell at Constitution Gardens (corner of George Mason and Wilson by the Fire Station.) Everyone is welcome. You and your children can ring the bell!

**Veterans Day: Monday, November 11; Thanksgiving, Thursday November 28; Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25; Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 20, Presidents Day, Monday February 17** and for all federal holidays!

## 2020 Census in Arlington: How It Works

Arlington County is gearing up for the 2020 Census — working toward the goal of counting every Arlingtonian.

This once-a-decade count dates back to 1790, but the 2020 Census is the first one in the age of social media. That means localities have more opportunities to reach residents, and residents have more ways to respond. Here's what you need to know:



### Census guides local funding decisions

Census data help determine how more than \$675 billion of federal money is distributed to states and communities each year. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public transportation, public works and other vital programs. This equates to millions of dollars each year for Arlingtonians. The Census data are also used to determine how many seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives—and state officials redraw the boundaries of the legislative districts to account for population shifts.

### Three ways to respond

The 2020 Census will be the first one where **you can respond online**. Also, for the first time, you **can call a 1-800 number** to respond. **Paper forms** will still be available.

The Census will be available in **12 additional languages** through the online response tool and the questionnaire assistance phone line. The non-English languages are: Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese.

**In early 2020, every household will receive an invitation to respond online. It will also tell you how to respond via phone or request a paper copy.**

At the end of April 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will send reminder postcards—before Census workers begin following up with households that haven't responded.

Learn more [topics.arlingtonva.us/census-2020/](https://topics.arlingtonva.us/census-2020/).

BCA is an official Census 2020 Partner. If you would like to join our efforts to make sure every person in Arlington is counted, or if you have questions about the census, please contact [President@Bluemontcivic.org](mailto:President@Bluemontcivic.org)

## Thanks to Our Newsletter Carriers!



A volunteer army of neighbors diligently hand-delivered this month's free newsletter to your home or business. That's over 2,000 newsletters! We greatly appreciate the efforts of our volunteers in helping to keep us all informed about Bluemont news and would like to thank them here for graciously pitching in with their time and effort.

The BCA delivers a free newsletter twice a year in the spring and fall, in addition to regular e-mail updates sent to BCA members. If you'd like to help out distributing newsletters, we could always use more help. Please contact David Van Wagner at [dpvanwagner@gmail.com](mailto:dpvanwagner@gmail.com)

## Motions BCA Members Passed since the April 2019 Newsletter

### May 22

Approved the BCA Statement for 600 N. Glebe Road—Harris Teeter Site (Site Plans #72 & 315) regarding the redevelopment, citing concerns about pedestrian safety.

### June 26

Proposed Bylaw changes approved. New Executive Board, Civic Federation Delegates and NCAC Representatives elected (see p. 9)

## Two Resolutions for a VOTE at the OCTOBER 30 General Membership Meeting

At our September 25 General Membership meeting, members voted that the following two resolutions would be advertised to members and voted on at the October 30 General Membership meeting.

(1) "Proposed Bluemont Civic Association Position on the Proposed Elimination of Bonus Density Maximums and Bonus Height

The Bluemont Civic Association believes the County Board should not lift caps on bonus density and height at its November 16, 2019 meeting.

Our Association is concerned that eliminating these caps will lead to enormous increases in the density involved in many new projects, which in turn will lead to serious problems, such as traffic and parking problems, for surrounding neighborhoods.

Also, our Association feels that the proposed timing of the Board's final consideration of lifting the caps does not give Arlington residents sufficient time to adequately consider the effects of this change."

(2) " Proposed Bluemont Civic Association Position Regarding Road Widths and Other Changes to N. Vermont Street adjacent to 750 N. Glebe Road (Mazda Site)

BCA welcomes the County's restriping Vermont Street to maintain the prior lane configuration with two lanes exiting to Wilson and one lane entering to Vermont, which will preserve the two-lane exit and the ability of drivers to make a left-turn from Vermont Street onto Wilson Blvd.

BCA is concerned that an open, transparent, public process that included community stakeholders was temporarily overridden by the lack of notification to neighborhood stakeholders about possible changes to Vermont Street's lane configuration, and about the discrepancy between the approved plans and the exact wording of the County Board Report approving the Site Plan (Pg. 73 Condition 19B #10 iv).

BCA appreciates the statement by the County Manager's Office that the changes to Vermont Street should have been an inclusive decision with the neighborhood.

BCA believes that decision-making on such matters should be wholly transparent in the future. BCA continues to hope that County officials can eliminate such problems in the future."



### Meet Your New BCA Executive Board!

#### **Executive Board**

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#### **President**

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#### **Second Vice President**

Bruce Leighton

#### **Treasurer**

David Van Wagner

#### **Secretary**

Nick Pastore

#### **Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee**

#### **Representative**

Angelo Collins

#### **Alternate**

Rich Gibson

#### **Civic Federation**

#### **Delegates**

Allen Norton, David Hughes,  
Christopher George, Flint Lewis

#### **Alternates**

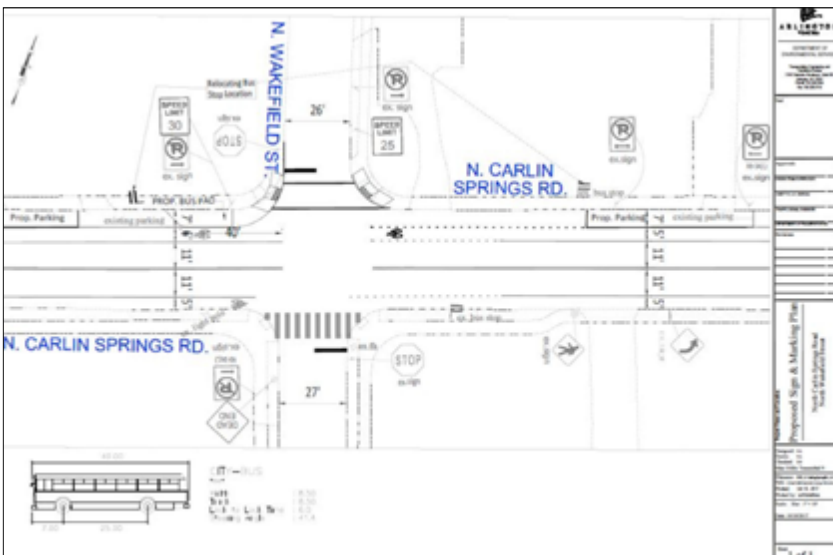
Mark Haynes, Bruce Leighton,  
Henry McFarland, Nick Pastore

## North Carlin Springs Road Safety Improvements

At BCA's September 25th General Membership meeting, County planners presented an overview of upcoming, important safety improvements being undertaken along Carlin Springs Rd. The project's main goal is to improve pedestrian safety at the N. Carlin Springs Rd. intersections at N. Edison St. and N. Wakefield St. Among other improvements, the project will include:

- Installation of a Rapid Flashing Beacon crossing at the N. Edison St. intersection, including three triggering buttons on the median, and the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection
- Installation of curb extensions to shorten crossing distances at both intersections
- Moving bus stops to the far side of the intersection at both intersections
- Installation of high visibility crosswalks at both intersections
- Installation of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramps at both intersections
- Widening medians at N. Carlin Springs and N. Edison St. to reduce vehicle speeds and provide a pedestrian refuge area
- Adding signage and upgrading pavement markings at both intersections

The Carlin Springs project is scheduled to begin in the Fall 2019 and be completed in the Spring 2020. Interested people should consult the project's webpage <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/n-carlin-springs-road-safety-improvements/> to monitor its progress.



## Like Us on Facebook for Permit Requests, Meetings, Events

We use the Bluemont Civic Association Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bluemontcivic](http://www.facebook.com/bluemontcivic) to share notices we receive from the County about requested Use Permits for daycare centers, community and government meetings, and events; and other topics affecting Bluemont residents.

## Harris Teeter Site Plan Could Reach County Board for Approval on November 16

The developer for the "Harris Teeter" site plan (600 N. Glebe) has submitted its final report, which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on November 4. This site plan may go before the County Board for a vote on November 16. Details of the site plan, including the public space to be built, are at this link <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/600-n-glebe-road>

## Remember to Vote on or Before November 5!

Election Day this year is Tuesday, November 5th. The polls will be open that day from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Unsure about your polling place? The Bluemont Civic Association covers four different voting precincts: Ballston, Arlington Forest, Ashlawn and Westover.

To find your polling location (and to check on your voter registration status), visit the Virginia Department of Election's website and enter the requested information ( <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>).

Think you'll be out of town on Election Day? You can obtain a Virginia Absentee Ballot Application Form by going to the Arlington County voter registration website and applying online (<https://vote.arlingtonva.us/absentee/>). Your application must be received by the Office of Voter Registration by no later than 5:00 pm, October 29th. (Your absentee ballot must be received by the Office of Voter Registration by 7:00 pm, November 5th to be counted.)

Interested in voting absentee in-person? Any eligible voter can go to the Office of Voter Registration (Suite 320, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.) and vote an absentee ballot in person during the following dates and times:

- Sep. 20th – Oct. 28th  
Monday-Friday: Registrar will be open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Oct. 29th – Oct. 31st: Tuesday-Thursday  
Registrar will be open 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Nov. 1st: Friday  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Oct. 19th & 26th; Nov. 2nd: Saturday  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

### Have any other voting-related questions?

Contact Arlington County's Office of Voter Registration at (703) 228-3456.



## Lubber Run Community Center Construction Progress

Construction of the new Lubber Run Community Center (LRCC) continues apace. MCN Build—the project manager—broke ground for the LRCC in December 2018 and by early August had completed all of the project's structural concrete pours. MCN is now installing the LRCC's track, and is beginning to install roof columns over areas of the fitness room and gymnasium. You can monitor the progress of the project by visiting the LRCC construction webpage <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/new-lubber-run/>. The webpage includes pictures of interior spaces that are not visible from the construction site's perimeter. Periodic sidewalk closures on George Mason Dr., and N. Park Drive will take place through Nov. 2019. The County will provide updates on the project webpage. Work on the LRCC is expected to be complete by late 2020.

Ultimately, the new building will provide programs for youth, adults and seniors, including a pre-school, senior center, gymnasium, and fitness center and multi-purpose rooms for recreation programming and community use. It also have offices for approximately 70 Department of Parks and Recreation employees.





## Connect with Bluemont

Check our BCA website [www.bluemontcivic.org](http://www.bluemontcivic.org) for BCA meetings, official information, and how you can get involved with BCA. Join today!

**BCA E-mails:** BCA members who provide their e-mail address to the Executive Board receive regular e-mail updates on issues affecting Bluemont residents.

**Contact the Executive Board:** BCA welcomes comments, suggestions and questions from members. Please contact us at [exec@bluemontcivic.org](mailto:exec@bluemontcivic.org)

**Facebook:** Like our Bluemont Civic Association page on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/bluemontcivic](http://www.facebook.com/bluemontcivic)

**Nextdoor.com** is a free, private social network where you can connect with people who live nearby. BCA posts official announcements on Nextdoor.com. Sign up at <https://nextdoor.com> by providing your name, address and email address.



## Mark Your Calendar

### BCA Meetings

*Executive Board at 7 PM*

*General Membership at 7:30 PM*

2019

Wed., Oct. 30, Wed., Nov. 20, Wed., Dec. 18

2020

Wed., Jan. 29, Wed., Feb. 26, Wed., Mar. 25

Wed., Apr. 29, Wed., May 27

Wed., Jun. 17—Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members

Please note that meeting dates are subject to change based on meeting space availability. Please check <http://www.bluemontcivic.org/> and <https://bluemont.nextdoor.com> for updates.

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## BCA Membership Form

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Bring this form and cash or a check for \$15 to renew your membership to any general membership meeting at Arlington Traditional School, or
- ☐ Mail this form with your check made out to "Bluemont Civic Association" to BCA Treasurer, PO Box 5134, Arlington VA 22205.

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