

What Should Bluemont Do?

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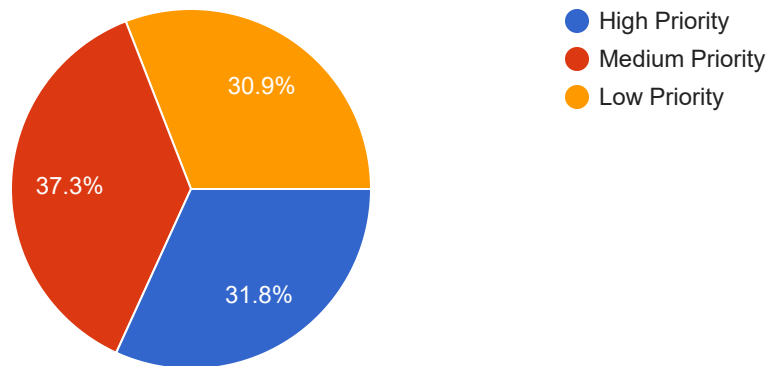
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Zoning

Controlling population density in Arlington

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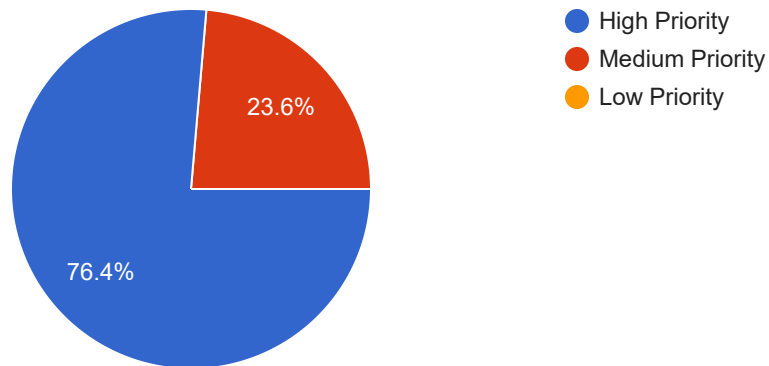
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Preserving trees and promoting greenspace

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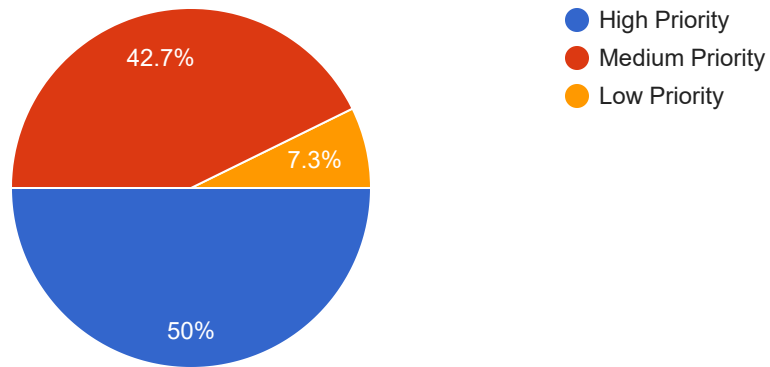
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Limiting increases in traffic

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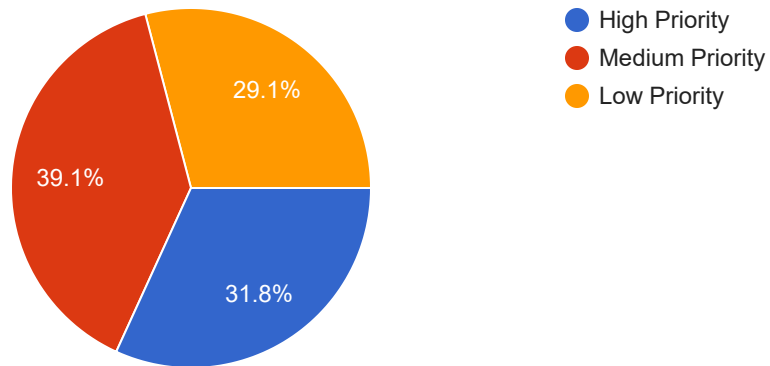
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Increasing the local housing supply

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Are there other issues we should consider? If so, please list below.

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Deer management should be nonlethal

Acknowledging the need to change zoning - and not being dismissive of advocates - would be a nice position for BCA

No middle housing

The impact of development on stormwater runoff and flooding

Pedestrian safety

Changes to traffic lanes, curbs, signage, etc. that could snarl traffic flow for little or no benefit

Environmental issues of households

left turn traffic light at intersection of Wilson and George Mason

Improving the walkability of the sidewalks along George Mason Drive and Wilson Blvd

quality of life! I moved here to a single family home from a condo for some elbow room, ie parking for visitors and a yard....i do not want high density housing. also during rush hours, Wilson Blvd is a bottleneck from Glebe to Geo Mason

Extension of protected bike paths and lanes, especially along George Mason Dr.

Reducing incidents of violent crime

Protected bike lanes on Wilson

Enforcement of setback/lot coverage rules for large single family homes large single family homes

limit housing supply/more development

Tree loss and lack of replanting on existing home sites is a major concern

home energy efficiency and reliability

Bike safety! Especially down Wilson and Fairfax.



Addressing flooding & wastewater, working to increase safe non-car transportation; working to improve spaces for families

Increasing permanent open play pickleball courts.

We have more than enough density and allowed housing. We don't need more.

Enforce bikes/pedestrians also to respect traffic lights. With the increase of cars on the Arlington roads they need to follow traffic lights and sidewalks rules.

Redeveloping the Safeway site on Wilson Blvd

speeding on Edison cut through

Community events apart from the bell ringing; community outreach and development for Bluemont businesses along Wilson to promote a high density business corridor similar to Westover.

Improving the walking experience on Wilson Blvd, especially between George Mason Drive and Glebe Rd.

Flood-mitigation

crosswalk signal at N Jefferson/N 2nd St & N Carlin Springs Rd (due to pedestrian traffic related to the Arlington Forest Swim Club)

Improving the reliability of buses to make public transit an attractive option to more Bluemont residents

Increase community involvement by people who have difficulties participating in traditional activities

Revitalization of businesses along the corridor west of Glebe.

Speeding and dangerous traffic

Number of people w/out valet VA driver license only non US driver license

using density to get community benefits such as undergrounding utilities (eg Wilson Blvd)

Please explore how to make it easier to get around without cars (also as a way to reduce traffic). More busses, partnerships with eScooters, etc.

How about listening to the constituents



Traffic



Are there other areas where you think BCA should push for changes to streets to make traffic safer? Please list them below.

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Left turn signal for Wilson Blvd traffic turning left onto George Mason

Remove the new bike lane on Wilson east of George mason. It's causing singnifant traffic. Backups.

Intersection of N. Harrison St. and Washington blvd - poor sightlines have caused many accidents

Increased bike lanes especially on glebe road and Wilson blvd

These are good areas to focus on. I have noticed not all cars stop at bike path crosswalks. Also a lot of dangerous e bike activity on bike paths

N Carlin Springs Rd — Specifically between G Mason & Arlington Blvd. People regularly do 45 mph down this stretch of road. The speed limit should be 25 MPH & there should be more stop signs to break the flow of traffic

Wilson Blvd (sidewalks)

Enforcement of traffic laws for drivers, bikers, and pedestrians. More crosswalks with flading yellow lights.

Burying electrical lines whenever possible. I know the cost is high, but with climate change and more violent storms I think that will be a good future investment.

N. George Mason Drive btw Park and Wilson Blvd

Reduce the use of flex bollards which are visually distracting to drivers

Edison and Carlin springs and Carlin springs and George Mason ramps

see above.

Yes, Carlin Springs Road.

George Mason Drive

Add speed bumps around Escuela Key Elementary



enforce the double parking violations; total bottleneck on Wilson from Glebe to Geo. Mason

The cross streets between N. Carlin Springs and Wilson Blvd

Increase in number of lighted pedestrian crossings, for example at Washington and Harrison.

Carlin Springs / George Mason interchange

The intersections of Glebe and Wilson and Glebe and Fairfax Drive

Protected bike lanes on Wilson; improve crossing signal at Wilson & Four Mile Run stream

Carlin Springs and N. Kensington

Cars rarely stop for pedestrians in crosswalks on George Mason

Wilson Blvd at N. George Mason; add a light

on George Mason Drive and along Carlin Springs road

none

no, make it safer for pedestrians

Flashing pedestrian sign on George Mason and 9th. Fairfax and Glebe and other Ballston intersections to have the walk light go first before cars.

N George Mason and 9th. Pedestrian light would be nice

The recent changes to the light at George Mason and Wilson have made it very difficult to take a left coming from Wilson and backs up traffic.

For pedestrians, corner of Kensington and N. Carlin Springs and heading under Rt. 50. Also addition of sidewalks between N. Carlin and Kensington (5th to 8th street) as well as crosswalk lines

We need a left turn arrow from Wilson turning north onto George Mason.

The Bluemont spur crossing at Emerson Street should clearly designate to trail users and road users who has the right of way. There's a stop sign for trail users that seems to be ignored where trail users will ride or walk without looking at car traffic, or assume they have the right of way. As I see it now, cars technically have the right of way.



The County should work with Dominion and phone/internet providers to clean up the excess wiring on County telephone poles. They are a walking hazard and unsightly.

Add sidewalks on 6th St N and 5th St N between Jefferson and Kensington. Crosswalks across and more stop signs on N. Kensington St.

Missing sidewalk sections on N Emerson, dangerous crossing at N Harrison & Washington Blvd

Add speed cameras with fines to problematic cutthrough traffic

On Wilson BLVD and George Mason dr, same side of MacDonalds the bus stop should move the location. The number of cars in that intersection is enormous and when the bus stops the cars are in the middle of the street. The left turn arrow doesn't stay green instead is yellow. The traffic is increasing tremendously later afternoon. They need to do something, the firefighter's truck got stuck coming out as there was no way to go.

George Mason Drive between Washington and Wilson

We need a speed camera and lower speed limits between safeway and Ballston

I want to reinforce how happy I am with Wilson Blvd being three lanes, not four. I appreciate the left-turn lane and bike lanes. I would vehemently oppose any changes to that west of Greenbrier St.

Sixth St and Emerson

Emerson and Wilson Blvd , there should be a light there

6th and Edison and speeding on Edison. Also, I notice people from Maryland park on Edison to work in area

There should be stop signs at all Bluemont trail crossings.

no

Parking on Emerson between Wilson Blvd and the Bluemont Spur Trail.

The traffic light should be moved to the intersection of Lexington and Wilson from its current mid-block location near the bus-stops.

N. Carlin Springs & N Jefferson/2nd St intersection. Need a crosswalk or light, especially during the swim season with traffic related to the Arlington Forest Swim Club



There should be a lit up crosswalk to access the bike share at N Harrison street when you are biking on the other side of the street and need to turn left across Wilson. Add a bike lane on the 1 block between Glebe and Wakefield - bikes usually have to go on the sidewalk here

The ramp from George Mason Dr. Southbound to Carlin Springs Rd. Southbound is unsafe for pedestrians and drivers. People drive up the ramp at high speed and turn their heads sharply to their left, and may not see pedestrians or cars stopped in front of them. I don't know the solution, but it should be looked into.

No

The intersection of Wilson and N Vermont St

There is consistently a problem of vehicles speeding on Carlin Springs N Edison St and Arlington Forest Club. Speed bumps or greater enforcement of the speed limit is needed. My child has to cross to go to the bus stop and even with the pedestrian crossing lights some cars still race through dangerously.

Westbound Wilson Blvd at Total Wine is a cluster with the inclusion of a turn lane especially when Ubers double park in front of the wine store. There also needs to be changes to westbound Wilson Blvd at George Mason Dr. there needs to be turn signals on Wilson and either move the bus stop in front of McDonald's or return Wilson to two lanes there.

Intersection of N George Mason and N Carlin Springs. Specifically, the ramp from southbound George Mason to southbound Carlin Springs is incredibly dangerous and a completely blind curve where people go very fast. There are accidents all the time and the county has ignored all of my requests to fix it.

Need traffic light at N Lexington and Wilson Blvd

Get the no rights on red intersections to add "when pedestrians are present"

More police enforcement of basic traffic rules (red lights, right turns, etc.)

On 8th Road North between Jefferson and Kensington

Altogether close Fairfax Dr. between George Mason Drive and Edison Street

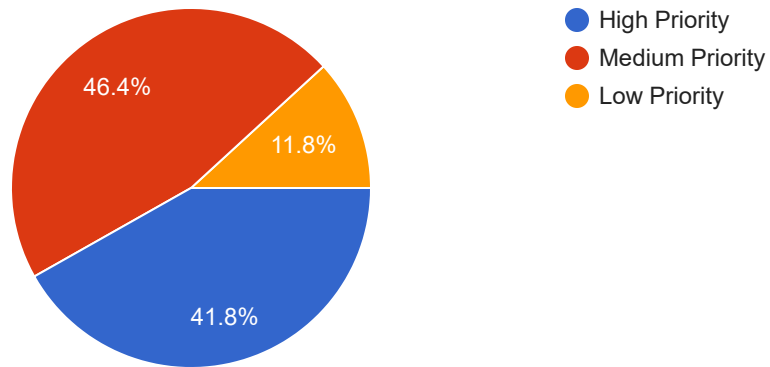
Stormwater



What priority should we give stormwater issues?

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Please list your storm water concerns below.

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Encourage/require homeowners and property developers to address stormwater runoff and reduce permeable surfaces on their own properties also

We live at the top of a hill so are fortunate that it has not been an issue for us.

Daylighting Lubber Run should be considered as an option in addition to lobbying Arlington government to buy out property owners next to streams where flooding is a problem. Restoring the floodplain and giving water room to flow while getting people and property out of harm's way should be the ultimate goal. With the intense redevelopment and ever-increasing density being added to Arlington, more stormwater runoff will continue to be generated.

Continue current advocacy work (thank you!!)

With heavier and more frequent storms, drainage is really important.

Runoff from overbuilt lots and higher County taxes for stormwater measures

Residents should be educated to do what is necessary on their own property to decrease stormwater planting thru removal of grass yards and increasing native plant buffer to absorb. I believe County is already doing all it can and private citizens must do their part.

Preserving trees, capturing stormwater before it blows out our streams

Proper drainage along the streets and park trails

Flood control should come with higher tax benefits If home owners implement county/city plans.

the county needs to clear out all the debris/blockage in Lubber Run upstream of Geo. Mason

Increasing intensity of rainfall threatens to overwhelm our infrastructure

Inadequate flow

Re-naturalizing streams where they are currently culverted is a priority

Reduction of impervious surfaces is key. Redevelopment of the Safeway property and other large lots would help.

impact from development, especially on downhill properties



Limiting impervious surface increases. Loss of mature trees

Lubber Run runs right along the rear of our property, so flood insurance is an issue.

help reduce runoff through various measures

I'm not familiar with the storm water concerns at this moment.

We need more rain gardens and fewer lawns.

Improving the way that water management is addressed regionally. More spaces to absorb water flow, elimination of overflow into streams, more permeable surfaces.

The overregulation of planter boxes and pervious pavers. Once these are in place, do they need to be continually monitored by the County? This also ignores those properties where unpermitted changes are being made of legacy property runoff where major parts are paved over. I'm not opposed to planter boxes, pervious pavers, and other runoff measures for new property. We tend to ignore existing runoff hoping newly developed property will solve or neutralize the problem.

More desire equals more stormwater runoff - the County cannot have one without addressing the other.

The county storm water credit program needs an overhaul to make on property mitigation by residents worthwhile

None don't buy a house in a flood area...

Flooding could wipe away a neighborhood.

My basement flooded once bc of overwhelmed storm systems. Wondering what the county is doing and how it benefits us

Over regulation of new homes while ignoring legacy properties that are largely paved over.

Street drains and sewers should be cleaned more frequently.

Water rising in underpasses at the W&OD during storms making trail impassible or incredibly muddy (though County does a prompt job cleaning up after a storm)

Stronger incentives for households to mitigate runoff. The current incentive is too small to motivate many homeowners

Localized flooding and erosion along stream banks



Stormwater tax is unfairly calculated. People with structures where rain runs off into their large yards should not be taxed more than people with its large structures on small lots. It's the density that is the problem, not structure area.

Making sure that any new requirements or increases in fees are based on actual data (e.g., what % of flood claims are based on impervious area issues?).

Aging stormwater system with loss of trees & ground due to massive additions to existing homes.

Re-opening streams from culverts is a priority

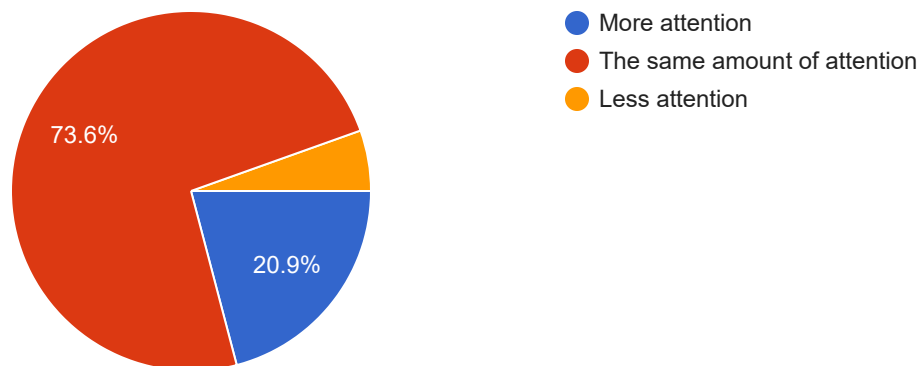
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Public Safety

BCA invites the County Police to make an annual presentation to our membership. How much attention should we give public safety issues?

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Are there any public safety issues that you would like to see addressed?

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Make sure that people of color in our neighborhood feel safe so they don't get stereotyped by neighbors and police with potentially dire consequences

Pedestrian safety from wheeled vehicles on trails

car break-ins

More visibility of police in the neighborhood

e-bike and scooter usage

The area feels pretty safe already

Organized thieves looting Safeway, 7-11 and other merchants, aggressive homeless people threatening employees of local businesses.

Increased crime on eastern end of Bluemont close to Ballston or in Ballston next to Bluemont (shootings)

There seems to have been an increase in shootings, robberies, etc. in this area, or maybe it is just more reporting being done? What can be done to make people feel safer to walk around in Ballston to restaurants and shops?

Red light running - I see at least one each day.

Graffiti, retail theft, misuse of parks after dark

Again, I believe residents educating themselves to lock car and house doors is an answer. There is a balance between police presence and over policing, especially of youth and non-whites

Gun violence

Speed cameras in BCA. When operative? At what speed over posted speed is one issued citation?

Running stop signs and traffic lights on streets crossing Wilson Blvd between Glebe and George Mason.

Trails and parks



More public visibility on speed camera's.

It is no longer safe to walk in the neighborhood after dark

Violent crime seems to be on the increase in the Ballston/Bluemont neighborhoods. Also, rampant shoplifting from Target, CVS, other businesses.

Seemingly random gun violence

How to handle the population with mental health issues

parking enforcement on Emerson between Wilson and the Bluemont spur crossing, especially at the intersection of 8th and Emerson.

Yes, the handjob massage parlor on the 5600 block of Wilson Blvd. adjacent to La Union raises human trafficking and safety concerns. ACPD and s aware of it and has not addressed it. The customers park on adjoining streets and are nightly in the neighborhood. It's an affront to the community.

Not really.

speeding between the safeway and Ballston

No, I feel very safe in Bluemont.

Parking enforcement on Emerson Street between Wilson and Bluemont

The county and district need to devise a solution to the jurisdictional seam that encourages D.C.-based criminals' activities in NOVA.

people should be able to walk and bike with no fear to their safety

traffic safety enforcement including parking

Smash and grab crimes

Number of people w/out valet VA driver license only non US driver license

Constant car break-ins

Dangerous driving by parents, etc at and near elementary schools specifically Escuela Key

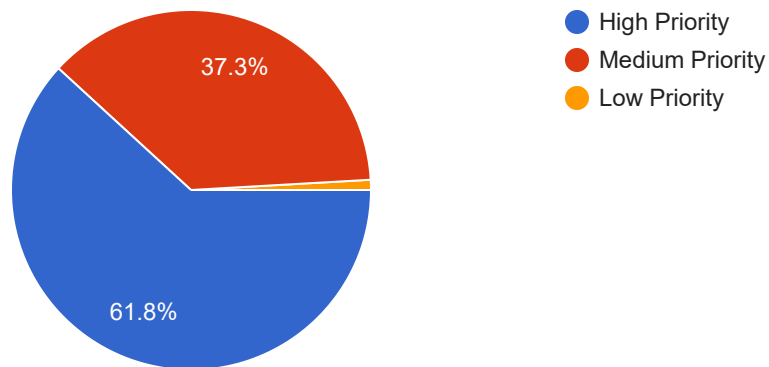
Parks



What priority should we give issues concerning local parks?

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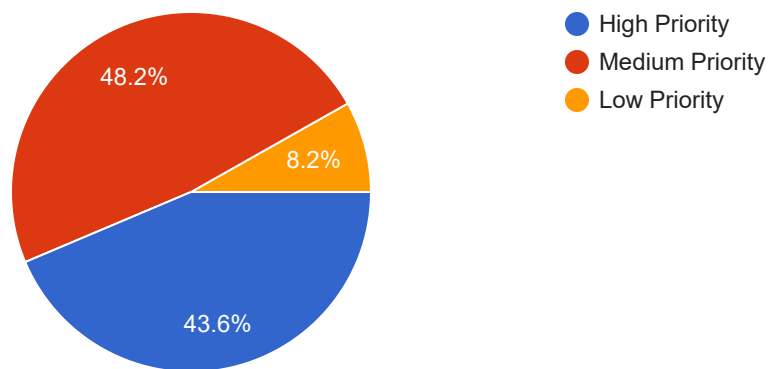
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What priority should we give service projects involving invasives in our parks?

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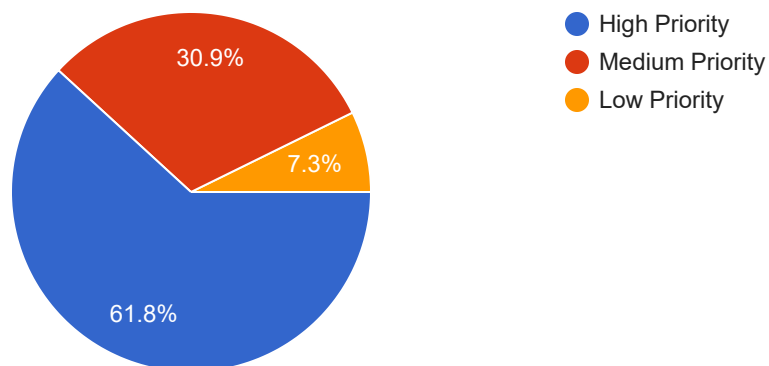


Tree Canopy

BCA has taken a number of steps to encourage greater tree canopy in Arlington. What priority should BCA give to our county's tree canopy?

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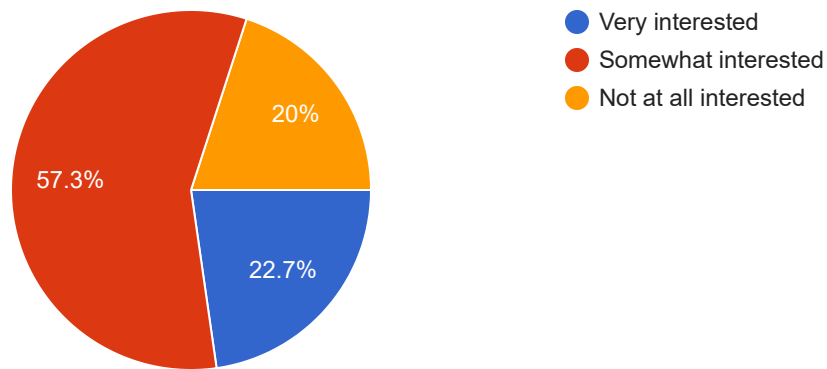


County Governance

There are proposals to change the way Arlington is governed. For example, some suggest that Board members be elected from districts rather than at large or that the size of the Board be changed. Others suggest Arlington should have a mayor or elect the Chair of the County Board by popular vote. BCA has hosted a speaker on this issue. How interested are you in the possibility of changing Arlington's form of governance?

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School District Lines



If you have any concerns about school district lines, please list them below.

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None

My kids are grown but I am still interested in school boundaries as it affects the value of my property. I know at one point they were considering changing our middle school from Swanson (which we can SEE from the end of our street half a block away) to Kenmore which would require busing and made no sense. We are also currently in Cardinal which COULD be walkable - not sure if that is under consideration for change or not. Nothing else would be walkable.

Stay as is.

We need to be made aware of redistricting decisions with as much advance warning as possible. This is a very important issue

Maximize safe walking access; realistic assessment of the impact of traffic for schools on neighborhood

This doesn't highly concern us because we are following the immersion track from Escuela Key to Gunston. But our neighbors are seriously concerned.

My daughter was moved from McKinley to Ashlawn when Cardinal was stood up. It was very disruptive to her and I don't want to see her moved from Swanson to Kenmore. I think they should move the 3 PU's that they moved to Ashlawn back to Cardinal as Wilson is a hard barrier for the community and Cardinal is a better fit for kids being in the same community. Ashlawn was great but very few kids went to Swanson.

No matter how lines are drawn, some will be inconvenienced. Providing information on needs of all is necessary and realizing it's not bad to have to walk or bike further to school. A major environmental problem is the present practice of driving kids to their school when they truly could use the exercise instead.

School district lines should always be drawn to insure easy access to K-8 schools and should always assign the student population to neighborhood schools.

Locating the middle school immersion program centrally will help with commuting time. Kenmore is a logical choice. Better yet, create an HB type school for the immersion middle and high school grades.

The County needs to do what is best for its long-term future instead of being held hostage to whiny parents, whose children will age out of the system soon enough.

Proximity is an incredibly important factor for schools. I want my kids to be able to walk and to



live near other kids going to the same school.

Important that school zones maximize the ability of kids to walk or bike to school

Ashlawn should not be divided to 2 middle schools

One focus should be on keeping kids in elementary school together in middle school and high school and not split. Another should be on decreasing the ratio of teachers to students.

Ensuring kids can walk to their neighborhood school

specifically, I want to minimize any child having to cross washington or george mason to the best extent possible because people drive like idiots

I'm currently on Emerson street and would like to be zoned for Swanson for our middle school

Keep schools within walking distance to students. Less busing, less traffic

No

Consider safety of students walking or biking to school.

Moving N Edison st, 6th st and N. Emerson to Swanson

Very interested in status of Kenmore and Swanson changes.

Schools should be convenient.

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School proximity is important to reduce transportation and improve connection to neighbors

Please do not separate Ashlawn kids from their cohorts in any of the proposed changes. Keep the group together.

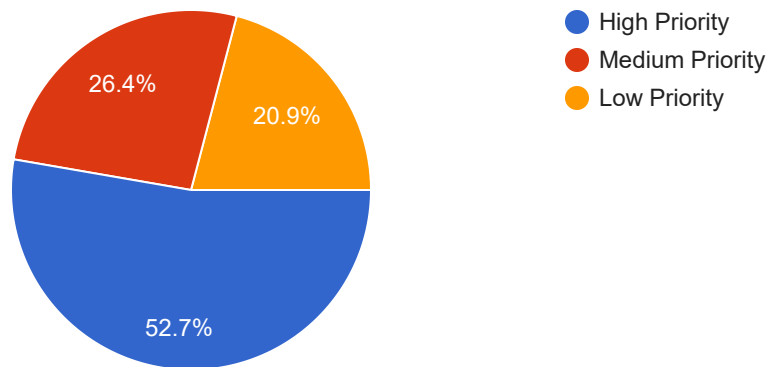
County taxes and expenditures



What priority should we give to asking the County to limit tax increases?

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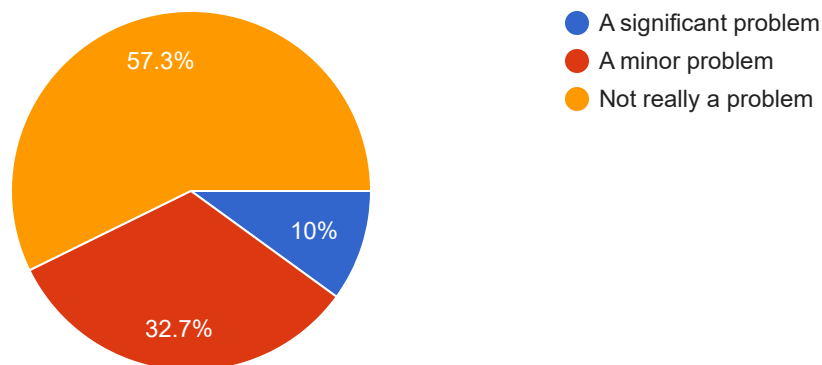


Noise on I-66

How much of a problem is noise from 66 to you?

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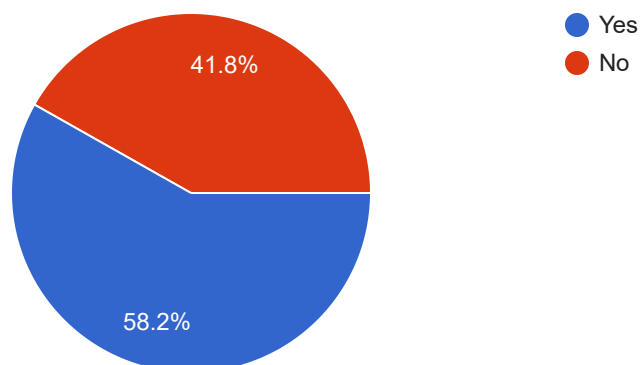


Neighborhood Events

Have you been to any of these events?

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Have you any suggestions for how we might improve these events?

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I would love to see more community events - movie nights in Bluemont Park perhaps? I have been to a couple of the bell ringing events but didn't feel it was very social - perhaps having coffee and doughnuts and more of an opportunity to socialize before/after would be great. I have lived in Bluemont for 31 years but know very few people outside of my own block which is very social.

I think doing a neighborhood yard sale day could get a lot of traction

Maybe have parents help and participate more.. btw, together with 2 other moms we started the Halloween parade! Only 2 of us still live at Bluemont!!

We love the bell ringings and make as many as we are in town for. We also love the costume parade so much! We've unfortunately never been able to make it to Family Fun day, I think maybe because it is too close to Memorial day? I cannot remember why.

Not really. I'm not interested but if others are then good.

We are so spread out, but our family loves block parties.

Host in conjunction with local eateries to showcase foods and people of Bluemont

Make a point of introducing board members and welcoming residents so they feel acknowledged. Consider having happy hours or other activities that might appeal to those without small children.

The bell event on Labor Day was great!

do a Bluemont business and fun day in Bluemont commercial area (see <https://gpcadc.org/glover-park-day/>)

No but I want to attend one soon!

I was unaware of them. Greater awareness around these events.

No suggestions

They seem exclusively family-focused (child-focused). Are all residents of Bluemont either parents or children? If so, keep doing what you're doing. If not, consider book talks, screenings, concerts, a fun run or other ideas that appeal to people without children or for people to do without their children.



Never heard of family fun day but maybe encourage block parties and show neighborhoods how to get permit, etc, to encourage that

Yes; diversify events to appeal to residents of all ages and circumstances (e.g., without children).

Pickle ball

More publicity; food trucks.

These events are appreciated and create a valuable sense of community. My only suggestion would be to look at additional, similar events.

My wife and I (Dovetail Properties & Design) help you with the Halloween parade! I am also vice chair of the Arlington Co Fair board of directors. Collaboration with the Fair to do some events throughout the year would be great to spread awareness.

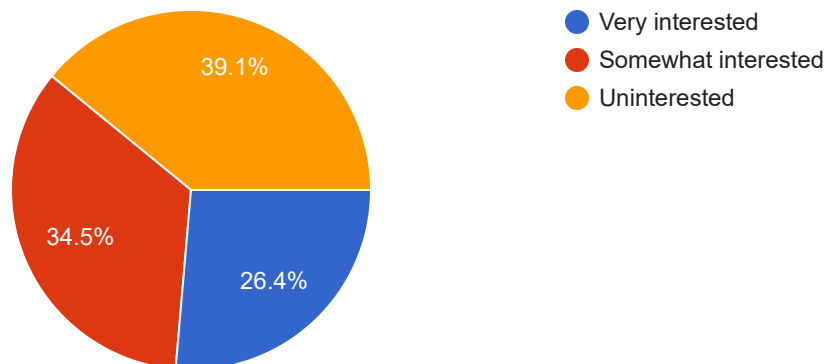
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Speakers

Gas powered leaf blowers and a proposed legal ban on them.

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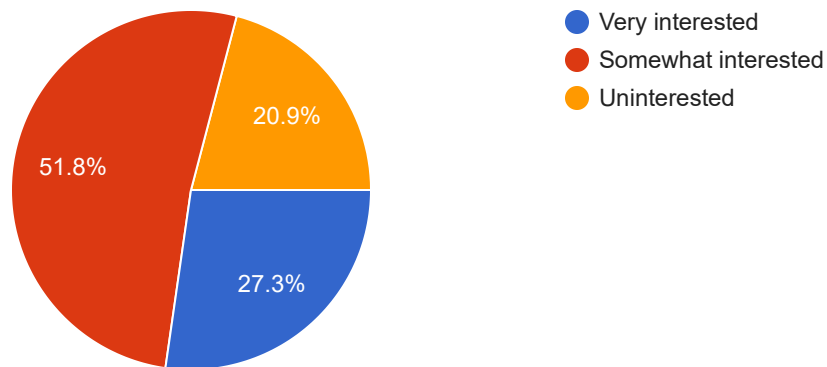
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Arlington's Behavioral Health Crisis Response System

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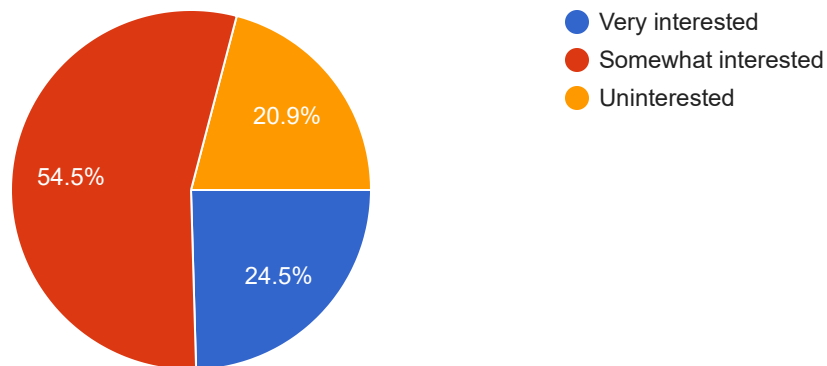
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Arlington Partners for Affordable Housing.

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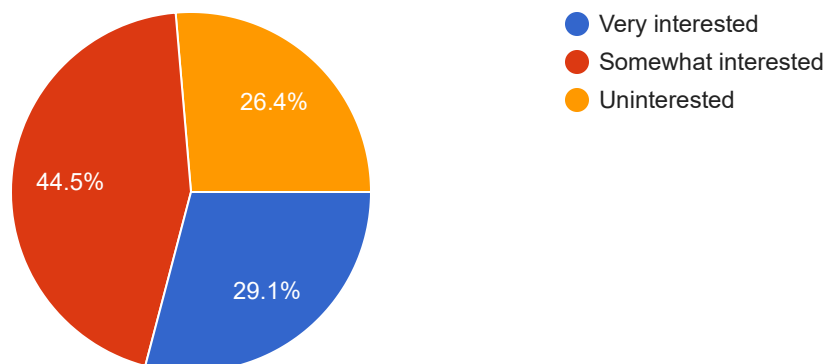
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Someone from the solid waste department on composting.

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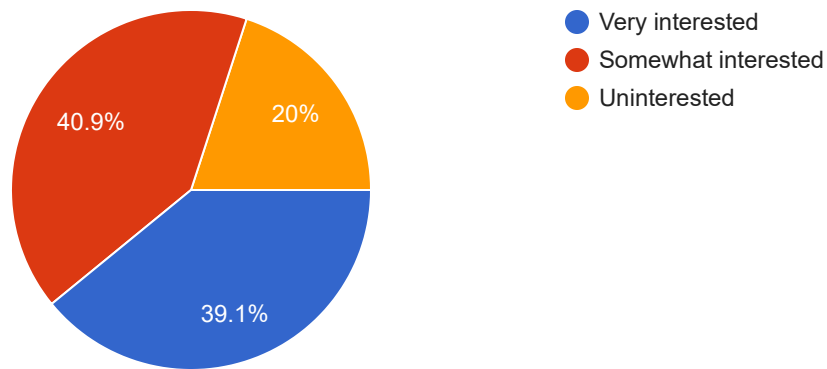
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Rules concerning the use of electric bicycles on bike trails

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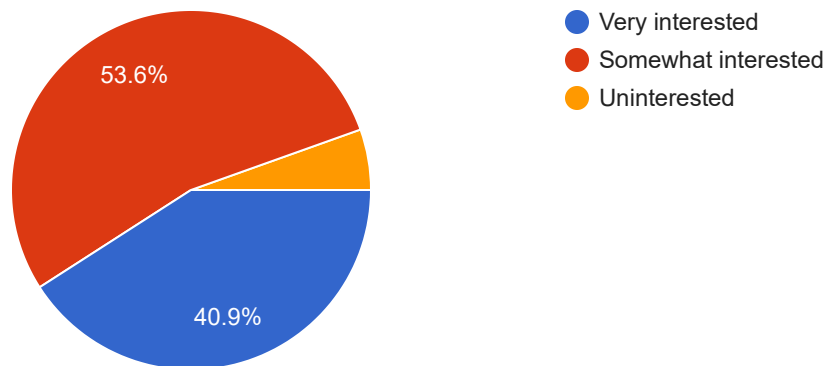
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Zoning issues, particularly exceptions and amendments to Arlington's Generalized Land Use Plan.

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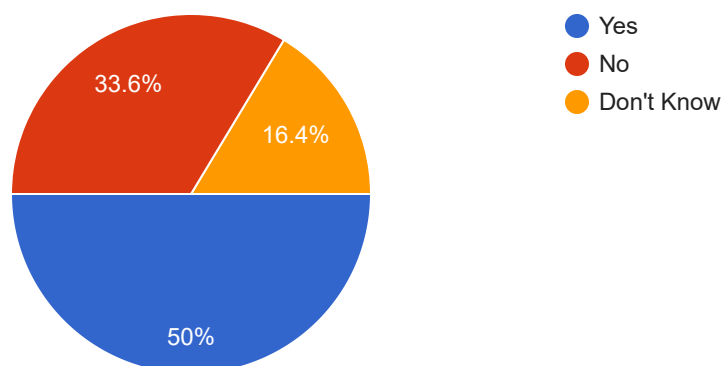


The Bluemont Civic Association

Are you a paid member of the Bluemont Civic Association?

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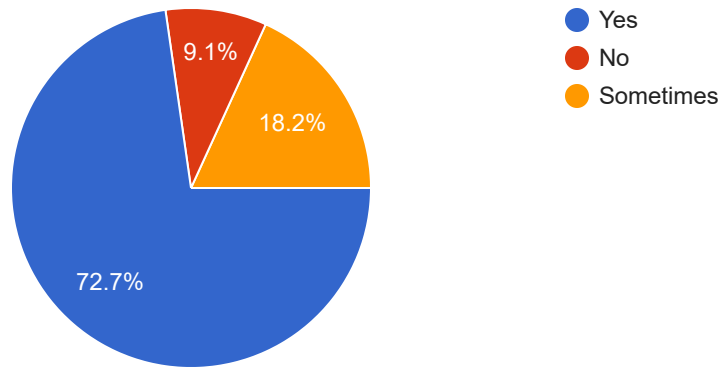
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Are you aware of when and where the Bluemont Civic Association meets?

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