



**Bluemont
Civic
Association**

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Your neighborhood organization, Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) holds meetings and conducts activities on behalf of residents to make our community a wonderful place to live. You are invited to come join us! Attend our annual meeting, come learn what's happening and join in and be a part of the action. We welcome all — brand new members, local organizations and businesses — who are ready to roll up their sleeves and join us in building even better community.

In recent years, our current BCA leaders have brought many improvements and enhancements to our community — ones we all benefit from — check them out!

- **BCA conducts regular meetings** to inform the community on various topics, allow neighbors to meet and discuss as well as hear from county leaders, law enforcement, elected officials and others on topics of interest.
- **BCA collects dues each year to help pay for the distribution of our newsletter** filled with useful info about what is happening in and around Bluemont. Volunteers developed and maintain an informative **website, email list and Facebook page** to give residents easy access to info 24 hours a day.
- **Seen the speed check equipment and stop light near the Rose Garden?** That's a result of BCA'ers that were concerned about speeding on Wilson Blvd. Civic Association members worked to secure funding and see that the speed sensor and indicator were installed along with a timed traffic light and improved pedestrian crosswalk making Bluemont safer for everyone.
- **Cycled the Revolutionary War Spur to the Custis Bike Trail?** Thank a BCA neighbor! Volunteers worked to turn an old dead-end road near I-66 into a clear, safe, easy connection to the popular bike trail making walking and biking access easier for all of us while removing a dangerous eyesore.
- **Many of you took the BCA's survey that went to every household.** You let us know what you love about Bluemont, what kind of changes you think are important and what you'd like Bluemont's future to be. These survey results guide the efforts of BCA in establishing priorities and working toward common goals.
- **We are about fun too!** BCA organizes and hosts events for our whole community including the Constitution Garden Bell Ringing by young and old on every major holiday, in years past Lacey Woods has been home to our family Halloween parade while the Fire Station is the site of our annual Neighborhood Day BBQ all made possible by BCA volunteers.
- **Notice improvements to Wilson Blvd and the corner at George Mason?** Civic Association volunteers worked with the county to get funding for street improvements through the Arterial Traffic Management program such as wider sidewalks, new safe crosswalks, a left-turn lane and arrow, medians to slow cars and trees planted to enhance the beauty of our streets. We continue to explore ways to improve our neighborhood through a "Village Center Concept" helping to ensure that we have the meaningful and attractive community hub with businesses and services that residents need and want.
- Association volunteers and secured county funds to **create and install signage** designating the boundaries of Bluemont like others around Arlington. Recent additions publicize our web site and alert residents to meetings.
- **There's lots more!** BCA volunteers help ensure our community gets valuable **Neighborhood Conservation (NC) funds** to make improvements such as installing sidewalks, park improvements, etc. Residents have also **worked with the county planning commission** to reduce development projects in and around our neighborhood and to help minimize their impact on us and to help ensure county staff and developers met our needs before, during and after projects were completed.

Those are just SOME of what BCA's leadership has brought to our community — but there is still work to be done!

BCA is about working together. Bluemont leaders don't support personal attacks, whisper campaigns or creating divisions among neighbors. That isn't what made our successes happen. BCA is a place for neighbors who will make Bluemont an even better place to live, work and play.

We hope to see you this Wednesday, June 22 for our Annual Meeting and Election at Arlington Traditional School on Edison Street behind McDonald's.