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The Latest News and Information from Your Bluemont Civic Association

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Mark Your Calendars

BCA Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, Executive Board, 7 pm and General Membership, 7:30 pm

2017: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 13

2018: Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 21, Apr. 25, May 23, Jun. 27

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.

Next Meeting:

**Wed., Oct. 25
ATS, 7/7:30 pm**

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7 pm Executive Board, 7:30 pm General Membership

Topics for October:

- **Guest Speaker: Arlington Department of Environmental Services to discuss:**
 - **Carlin Springs Bridge Project**
 - **Safety Improvements to the N. Edison Street and N. Carlin Springs Road Crossing**
- **Discussion of BCA Bylaws Updates**
- **Join/Renew Membership for 2017 (see p. 6)**

Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:00 pm for the Executive Board meeting and at 7:30 pm for the General Membership meeting in the library of the Arlington Traditional School located at 855 N Edison St. All members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meeting.

We have two guest speakers planned for the October meeting. We will welcome Arlington Department of Environmental Services to discuss improvements to our local infrastructure (Carlin Springs Bridge) as well as update on the upcoming pedestrian safety improvements to Carlin Springs Road.

Don't forget to renew your membership! Please bring cash or a check in the amount of \$15 payable to the "Bluemont Civic Association".



When and Where Do We Meet?

Generally, the BCA meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month (Executive Board at 7:00 pm and General Membership at 7:30 pm) in Arlington Traditional School's library, but we may move meetings to other dates and locations to avoid holidays and other conflicts. Again, all members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meeting.

Please check the calendar of events for upcoming meeting dates. Meeting date changes/cancellations are posted to the website: www.bluemontcivic.org and <https://bluemont.nextdoor.com>.



Carlin Springs Road Bridge Project to Begin this Fall

Arlington County's project to replace the Carlin Springs Road Bridge over N. George Mason Drive is scheduled to begin this fall. The current bridge will be completely replaced by a new bridge with four vehicular travel lanes, two bike lanes and wider sidewalks. The project will also include the installation of a new sanitary sewer line under N. Abingdon Street and Carlin Springs Road. Construction is expected to be complete by winter 2019-20, with landscape restoration finished by summer 2020.

The Carlin Springs Road Bridge will be replaced in stages, with the southern span being removed and replaced first. In order to ensure a continuous flow of traffic over the bridge throughout the project, the two-lane span that is not under construction will be used by Carlin Springs Road traffic with one travel lane in each direction. At least one sidewalk will also be available throughout the duration of the project. Arlington County staff expects there will be two periods in which no traffic will be permitted on either Carlin Springs Road or George Mason Drive. To the extent possible, the closure times will be kept to a minimum and may be scheduled during weekends. During those periods, traffic will be re-directed via County-installed detours.

County staff is planning to hold a community preconstruction meeting in mid-October to provide more details about construction plans. Announcement of the meeting date and location will be forthcoming and shared with the Bluemont Civic Association and nearby residents. Residents should visit the project's web page for further details and updates (<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/carlin-springs-road-bridge/>).

Volunteers Needed!

Our team has done outstanding work over the years and the BCA is fortunate to have such talented neighbors! However, we are all volunteers and eventually hand the baton to the next group ready to run the next lap. Current openings:

Newsletter Editor. Direct, edit & produce BCA newsletters and postcards.

Newsletter Journalist. Gather content and write articles for BCA newsletters.

If you can help, please contact exec@bluemontcivic.org.



672 Flats Enters the Home Stretch

According to its developer (The Penrose Group), the construction of "672 Flats" located on the west side of N. Glebe Road between N. Carlin Springs Road and N. 7th Street (aka "the Exxon site") is entering its final phase. Penrose anticipates that its contractor will complete the building's exterior envelope by March 23, 2018. Retail occupancy is also expected by that date, as well as completion of the 1st Floor.

The Penrose Group anticipates completion of its 6th Floor (the building's top floor) will occur by June 1, 2018, with substantial completion of the entire project by June 29, 2018. All of these dates are subject to change depending on weather and other unforeseen factors.

New Neighbors May Prompt County To Conduct Traffic Analysis

There is a new "by right" development to be named Abingdon Estates, a/k/a "Abingdon Estates at Ballston" (<http://www.ccottages.com/project-details/abingdon-estates/>), located on the south side of N. Carlin Springs Road, at the foot of N. Abingdon Street. It will create a new "400 Block" of N. Abingdon Street, with entrances and exits through a single curb cut on the south side of N. Carlin Springs Road. A neighbor living on the 600 Block of N. Abingdon Street (located within BCA's boundaries) has raised concerns to the County Manager about the traffic that will exit from the new curb cut. Will the County simply install a STOP sign as it did at south side of the intersection of N. Wakefield Street and N. Carlin Springs Road? Or will the County permit emerging traffic from the new street to turn in either direction, or only to turn right?

The intersection of N. Abingdon Street and N. Carlin Springs Road is complicated, located on a sloping, curving point where some through traffic heading westbound (away from Ballston) tends to pick up speed while a number of other westbound drivers slow in anticipation of turning onto either N. Abingdon Street or the ramp leading to northbound N. George Mason Drive. Eastbound (toward Ballston) traffic, having just crossed the bridge in two lanes, confronts the second of two left-turn lanes, while the eastbound curb lane merges into one lane heading up the slope toward N. Wakefield Street. Shortly after clearing the bridge, eastbound traffic encounters a left-turn lane leading to N. George Mason Drive and a sign on the right-hand curb indicating "Hidden Entrance."

At the request of County Manager, Arlington County transportation engineers will investigate the impact that the new curb cut will have on the intersection. The Transportation Operations and Engineering team will follow up with the resident that raised concerns. The Manager's Office advises that traffic infrastructure changes involve data collection and the application of evidence-based engineering standards, looking into all safety concerns presented.



Update on 750 N. Glebe Road

Communication from developer Saul Centers states that excavation/sheeting & shoring has been proceeding quickly. Here are some things to expect in the next 60 days:

- Completion of water line utility improvements in Tazewell and 7th Streets
- Erection of all three tower cranes
- Commencement of concrete operations
- Commencement of below grade waterproofing
- Commencement of below grade plumbing and electrical
- Completion of mass excavation, sheeting and shoring

Learn more about these and other developments on the Arlington County website, <https://projects.arlingtonva.us>; search Glebe.



FAQs about Voting in November 2017

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

Unsure about your polling place?

That's not surprising, considering that the Bluemont Civic Association covers four different voting precincts: Ballston, Arlington Forest, Ashlawn and Westover. To find your polling location (and check on your voter registration status), visit the Virginia Department of Election's website and enter the requested information: <https://voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicPollingPlace.aspx>.

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 31st. (Your absentee ballot must be received by the Office of Voter Registration by 7:00 pm, November 7th to be counted.)

Interested in voting absentee in-person?

Voters can go to Office of Voter Registration (Suite 320, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.) and vote their absentee ballots in person during the following dates and times:

- **Mon – Fri (Sep 22nd – Oct 27th): 8:00 am–5:00 pm**
- **Sat (Oct 21st): 8:30 am–5:00 pm**
- **Sat (Oct 28th): 8:30 am–5:00 pm**
- **Mon (Oct 30th): 8:00 am–5:00 pm**
- **Tues – Thu (Oct 31st–Nov 2nd): 8:00 am–7:00 pm**
- **Fri (Nov 3rd): 8:00 am–5:00 pm**
- **Sat (Nov 4th): 8:30 am–5:00 pm**

Have any other voting-related questions?

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

Connect with Bluemont

BCA Website: BCA posts official information at www.bluemontcivic.org

Email Group: Get messages in your inbox from our Google Group, or check it out online. You can join on the BCA website or at <https://groups.google.com>, search Bluemont Civic.

Facebook: Like our Bluemont Civic Association page on Facebook! www.facebook.com/bluemontcivic

Nextdoor.com is a free, private social network where you can connect with people who live nearby. BCA has begun posting official announcements on Nextdoor.com. Sign up at <https://nextdoor.com> by providing your name, address and email address. Over 1,200 Bluemont residents have already joined.



Bluemont Sign Moving on Wilson

Arlington County's Transit Bureau is currently working on several bus stop consolidation/improvement projects on Wilson Blvd. and would like to install a new stop with a shelter on eastbound Wilson Blvd., across the street from Bon Air Park. The new stop will replace the existing stops at N. Manchester St. and N. Lexington St. and in addition to installation of new passenger amenities (shelter with bench) will improve accessibility as well as safety of transit riders due to presence of a nearby signalized mid-block crossing. Along with this move, the County will relocate our Bluemont Community Welcome Sign so it is not obstructed by the new bus shelter. Be on the lookout for new sign placement!

Thanks to Our Newsletter Carriers!

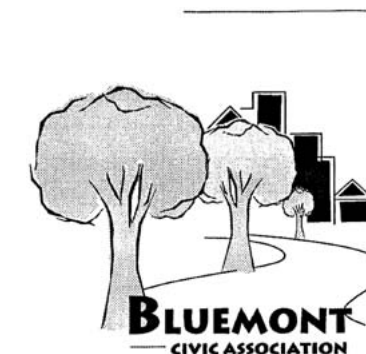
A volunteer army of neighbors diligently hand-delivered this month's free newsletter to your home or business. That's over 2,000 newsletters! We greatly appreciate the efforts of our volunteers in helping to keep us all informed about Bluemont news, and would like to thank them here.

So thanks to Adrienne & Michael Pilot, Mary Thorne, Henry & MaryAnn McFarland, Deborah Hartman, Don Sottile, Kathleen Reilly, Dean Foster, John & Julie Van Doren, Judy Collins, George Rovder, Ellen Armbruster, Stephanie Paup, Jeff Kosseff, Mike & Bernadette Wolford, Susan Mockler, Bob Maynes, Laura & Bill Brothers, Lisa Kelly, Kate Mattos, Joi Kudirka, Caroline & Mark Haynes, Jody Harrington, Richard & Caroline Young, Lisa Everhart, Terry Serie, and Angelo Collins for graciously pitching in your time and effort.

The BCA delivers a free newsletter twice a year in the spring and fall. If you'd like to help out distributing newsletters, we could always use more help. Please contact David Van Wagner (dpvanwagner@gmail.com) and let him know of your interest.

BCA Bylaws

Download a copy of the BCA Bylaws at http://www.bluemontcivic.org/docs/BCA_BYLAWS_Dec2013MasterFINAL.pdf to review the association rules. The BCA General Membership will discuss these bylaws this year and seek opportunities to enhance and clarify various sections.



BCA Officers & Representatives

Meet our new Executive Board and volunteers across the Bluemont Civic Association! There are a few new faces as a result of the June election and we are pleased to welcome all new members.

President
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BCA Committee Chairs & Representatives

Check our website www.bluemontcivic.org for BCA meetings, volunteer and committee opportunities, and how you can get involved with BCA. Join today!

Not a Member? Join Today!



Bluemont Civic Association membership benefits include the Newsletter and the right to participate fully at BCA meetings and to vote on positions and Officers. As a BCA

member, you have representation in the Arlington County Civic Federation (to which the BCA and other county civic groups belong) and at Arlington County Advisory Commissions and other County meetings on matters pertaining to Bluemont.

Use this membership form to pay \$15 dues by check or cash in person at the Oct. 25 meeting for 2017, or send your dues check to BCA Treasurer, PO Box 5134, Arlington, VA 22205.

Renew Your Membership for 2017!

Connect with Arlington County to receive more real-time information about what is happening near you!

ENGAGE ARLINGTON
news and information tools



Insider weekly email newsletter
arlingtonva.us/subscribe

Arlington Alert emergency alerts
arlingtonalert.com

Service Requests or report a problem online
topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem or ArlingtonVA mobile app

MyArlington mobile app
events, news, metro alerts, building permits and more

Building Arlington one-stop permitting
building.arlingtonva.us

connect on social media

 Arlington County

 ArlingtonVA

 ArlingtonCountyVA

 Arlington County

 ArlingtonCounty

newsroom.arlingtonva.us/connect

Join or Renew Today!

Keep your membership current! Please use this form to join or renew.

Name _____

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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