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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 at Arlington Traditional School. Executive Board, 7 pm and General Membership, 7:30 pm.

2018: April 25, May 23, June 27

Meeting dates are subject to change due to space availability or other conflicts.

Please check <https://bluemont.nextdoor.com> and <http://www.bluemontcivic.org/> for updates.

Next Meeting:
Wed., April 25
ATS, 7/7:30 pm

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7 pm Executive Board, 7:30 pm General Membership

Topics for April:

- **Vote for new Neighborhood Conservation Projects**
- **Discussion of BCA Bylaws Updates**
- **Join/Renew Membership for 2018 (see p. 6)**

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

Neighborhood Conversation Projects

We recently found out that our candidate Neighborhood Conversation Projects are not going to be funded to the desired levels for completion. This provides Bluemont with the opportunity to vote for new projects. As discussed during the February General Membership meeting, our Neighborhood Conservation Committee Representative has identified four candidate projects that will be eligible for Arlington Neighborhood Conservation funding:

Option A — Extend new sidewalks being constructed on 8th Road N. to include one side between Kensington and Lexington Streets. Also improve N. Lexington St. crossing at south side of Wilson Blvd.

Option B — Raised Bluemont Junction Trail crossing at N. Buchanan St., add sidewalk north to Fairfax Dr. and south to Wilson Blvd.

Option C — Widen south side of Wilson Blvd between the WO&D trail to bus stop at N. Kensington St. (Bike Lane turns into sidewalk)

Option D — Fund broad traffic study of Wilson Blvd Corridor

This program empowers citizens to identify and plan projects in their own neighborhoods. Visit <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/> for more information.

BCA Bylaws

Download a copy of the BCA Bylaws at http://www.bluemontcivic.org/docs/BCA_BYLAWS_Dec2013MasterFINAL.pdf to review the association rules.



Signs on the Bluemont Trail

At the May 23 General Membership meeting, representatives from the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (DES) will discuss two projects: County plans for improving the Bluemont Trail crossings, and community views on the Wayfinding signs recently installed along the trail.

Bluemont Trail Crossings Improvements

DES will review trail crossing concepts developed by the County Transportation Engineering and Operations (TE&O). They will also answer design and technical questions related to the crossings at N. Kensington St., N. Emerson St., and N. Buchanan St. These concepts will make significant upgrades to safety and access to the trail by:

- improving visibility and sight lines
- accounting for the volume of traffic on the trail and the streets crossing the trail.
- managing storm water, and
- incorporating transit improvements where the trail crosses N. Kensington Street.



Wayfinding Street Signs on the Trail

DES would also like to review the street signs recently placed along the trail in light of valid concerns raised by residents. The County has heard from residents that there are too many signs, they are too big and may pose a danger to bicyclists and walkers, may be better placed on the streets rather than the trail, the poles are hard to see, and the street signs do not accurately reflect the street names. What do you think? Is a single natural looking placard centrally placed near the rocks a better solution and more in line with the character of the trail? Is wayfinding an issue on the trail?

Please come to the May 23 meeting to discuss these signs.

Chat with a Board Member!

Open Door Mondays offer Arlington County residents the opportunity to speak one-on-one, in an informal setting, with a County Board Member. Board Members take turns hosting Open Door Mondays throughout the year, and in locations across the County.

You may bring any issue to Open Door Mondays. They are hosted Monday, 7–9 p.m. except County holidays and during August and December. Learn more at <https://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/open-door-mondays>

Open Door Monday Schedule

1st Monday

Langston-Brown Community Center
2121 N. Culpeper St.

2nd Monday

Arlington Mill Community Center
909 South Dinwiddie St.

3rd Monday

Central Library
1015 N. Quincy St.

4th Monday

Aurora Hills Library
735 South 18th St.

Watch the video at https://youtu.be/KG_aoa2smfs



Arlington County Board Members: Erik Gutshall, Christian Dorsey, Vice Chair; Katie Cristol, Chair; John Vihstadt, Libby Garvey

Thank You, Volunteer 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 Maureen Weiller, Adrienne & Michael Pilot, Mary Thorne, Henry & MaryAnn McFarland, Don Sottile, Kathleen Reilly, Dean Foster, John & Julie Van Doren, Judy Collins, George Rovder, Ellen Armbruster, Stephanie Paup, Lynn Barton, Mike & Bernadette Wolford, Susan Mockler, Bob Maynes, Laura & Bill Brothers, Lisa Kelly, Kate Mattos, Joi Kudirka, Caroline & Mark Haynes, Jody Harrington, Richard & Caroline Young, Terry Serie, and Angelo Collins for graciously pitching in with 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.

Improvements on Washington Boulevard

The Bluemont Civic Association is discussing improvements on Washington Blvd. with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Washington Boulevard is the northern boundary of part of our Association. As it is a state road, primary responsibility for improvements rests with VDOT, not Arlington County.

The one specific improvement requested so far is a "Do Not Block the Intersection" sign to be installed on eastbound Washington Blvd. just before N. Frederick St. Eastbound traffic on Washington Blvd. often backs up far enough from the intersection at George Mason Dr. to block the intersection at N. Frederick St. As a result, cars going north on Frederick cannot either cross or turn on to Washington Blvd. The sign would alleviate this situation. VDOT staff has agreed to this request in principle and will determine how to implement it.

VDOT also is studying possible pedestrian improvements on Washington Blvd. between N. Sycamore St. and Glebe Rd. These improvements may include new crosswalks and bike lanes. VDOT does not plan a traffic study for that road.

While Washington Blvd. is a state road, Arlington County currently is studying the possibility of consolidating and improving bus stops along that road and Lee Highway. That study so far has focused on Lee Highway. County staff expects its recommendations for stops on Washington Blvd. to be available soon.

Construction Updates

750 N. Glebe

Saul Centers' development at 750 N. Glebe Rd. now has a name, "The Waycroft." Construction at the site of the former Mazda dealership at the intersection of Wilson Blvd. and N. Glebe Rd. is rapidly filling the hole for the underground parking area. When completed in early 2020 the building will be 12-stories high, consisting of 483 dwelling units, slightly less than 60,000 square feet of retail, and 725 parking spaces. The current committed tenants are Target, Silver Diner, an optometrist, and Enterprise car rental. The building's heights will range from 155 feet at Wilson Blvd. and N. Glebe Rd., and taper to the south and west to 53 feet along N. Tazewell St. See <https://thewaycroft.com/> and <http://www.saulcenters.com/Marketing%20Brochures/750GlebeBrochure-Final.pdf>.

672 Flats

The date for occupancy at 672 Flats is fast approaching and is currently described as "Spring 2018." 672 Flats is the building that fills the block along N. Glebe Road that formerly contained the Exxon Station/foreign car dealership/Macy's employee parking lot between N. Carlin Springs Rd. and 7th St. N. The building's developer describes the project as "a five-story, 173-unit luxury apartment community with ground floor retail and two levels of cast-in place concrete underground parking. Resident amenities include a fitness facility, game room, party room, leasing office, and bicycle storage." The building's emphasis is on "boutique" styling. See https://672flats.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwqM3VBRCwARIsAKcekb0967f6ccnAwKHFq2ee6T_Q1Ffa99dhU5KVmf23v3cH_brCwhA_hgoaAnrAEALw_wcB.



Street Sweeping April 23, May 21, June 18

Street sweeping removes accumulated debris and pollutants such as sand, salt, metals, petroleum products and bacteria before they wash into streams, the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. Bluemont is in Zone 11. Approximately 814 lane miles are swept countywide.

Spring street sweeping will occur in Bluemont from approximately 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. on:

- April 23
- May 21
- June 18

Please move your car to a driveway, garage or non-sweeping street on street sweeping days. You can check the street-sweeping zone map and the schedule at <https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/residential/street-sweeping/>.

Do you know of an area that could benefit from street sweeping, or have you spotted debris along our streets? Send an email to Daniel Gray at dwgray@arlingtonva.us with your street sweeping request. Be sure to include a detailed description of the location.

Litter Control

Litter control includes hand and vacuum collection of debris along predetermined routes, primarily business and commercial areas, and heavily traveled pedestrian routes. For additional information or to make a request, call 703-228-6570.

BCA Election at June Meeting

Candidates for all BCA positions are being sought now. Members in good standing who wish to run for a position must identify themselves to a member of the Executive Board (see page 5) or the Nominating Committee prior to or at the May 23 meeting. The Nominating Committee members will be determined at the April meeting.

➤ 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 sign up 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.

Connect with Arlington County and receive information about what is happening near you!

MyArlington App & other mobile tools

<https://topics.arlingtonva.us/mobile-tools-apps/>

Report a Problem—also available as an app

<https://topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem/>

Services A-Z Directory

<https://services.arlingtonva.us/>

Arlington Alert

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/alerts/>

Engage Arlington

<https://topics.arlingtonva.us/engage/>

Welcome Kit

<https://topics.arlingtonva.us/welcome-kit/>



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Get Some Cool, Free Culture this Summer!

Looking for ways to get out of doors during the summer's cooler evening hours? Think about taking in some free, outdoor entertainment at the nearby Lubber Run Amphitheater. Each summer, Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation and Arlington's Cultural Affairs division team up to put on an impressive performance lineup with all types of music including Blues, Latin, Jazz, Brazilian and more—including some children's shows, too!

Set amidst the cooling shade of Lubber Run Park at 200 N. Columbus St., the amphitheater has bench-seating for roughly 700 attendees, with a total capacity of 1,100 including space for lawn chairs and blankets. Events generally take place Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. or Sundays at 6 p.m.

As we go to publication, the summer 2018 schedule has not been finalized. To see the full lineup with descriptions and start times, be sure to monitor Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation's Facebook page ([facebook.com/Lubberrunamphitheater/](https://www.facebook.com/Lubberrunamphitheater/)) or Arlington County's Cultural Affairs website (<http://arlingtonarts.org/>) where you can sign up for the Arlington Arts eBlast to get information on upcoming events.

BCA Officers & Representatives

Meet our new Executive Board and volunteers across the Bluemont Civic Association!

President

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Alternates

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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 next meeting, or send your dues check to BCA Treasurer, PO Box 5134, Arlington, VA 22205.

Renew Your Membership for 2018!

When & Where Do We Meet?

Generally, the BCA meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month (Executive Board at 7 p.m., the membership at 7:30 p.m.) in Arlington Traditional School's library, 855 N. Edison St., but we may move meetings to other dates to avoid holidays and other conflicts.

Please check the calendar of events for upcoming meeting dates. Meeting date changes/cancellations are posted to the website: www.bluemontcivic.org.

Summer Employment Opportunities



Arlington County is currently accepting applications for Camp Counselors for Summer 2018. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

Learn more and apply at <https://parks.arlingtonva.us/employment-opportunities-parks-recreation/>

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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- ☐ Check this box to receive *BCA Neighborhood News* by email.

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