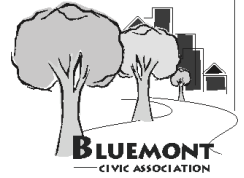


BCA News

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January Meeting on Affordable Housing

Are you aware that important members of our community (such as police officers, emergency medical personnel, schoolteachers, and construction and retail workers) can no longer afford a home or apartment close to their jobs in Arlington? On **Wednesday, January 25, 7 pm**, at Arlington Traditional School (located at 855 North Edison Street), John Welsh (in charge of multifamily rental housing) and Carlton Miller (in charge of homeownership) of Arlington Corporation (AHC), Inc., will speak about affordable housing and how we may be able to preserve it.

Peck Site Redevelopment News

Current zoning for the Peck site (Wilson Boulevard and Glebe Road) limits new development to 45 feet (four stories). The developer, JBG, is planning to request an increase in height to 170 feet (12 stories). BCA and the developer will need to negotiate a workable compromise in which Bluemont receives a significant tangible benefit for any "bonus" density (height) that our association deems reasonable. We are asking members for input on this project.

Some BCA members expressed concern that the Peck site (or, in the future, the Staples site) might be added to the existing Gateway Site Plan, potentially complicating BCA negotiations with JBG. However, BCA has received a letter from JBG pledging not to attempt to move bonus density from the Fairmont redevelopment project to the Peck site.

Support Your Community in 2006!

As an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization, BCA's ability to serve is limited only by the willingness of members to volunteer. We need new people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. No experience or special skills are required—only a little time and civic spirit.

Available Positions:

BCA Officers and Representatives—Most of our officers and elected representatives have served for multiple terms. While we are very grateful for their service, we recognize that people do get burned out.

New Membership Coordinator—With nearly 2,000 households within its boundaries and only 130 or so current members, BCA has a lot of room to grow.

We're looking for that special someone who can increase our numbers and improve retention.

Chairperson/Committee Members for Neighborhood Day—The Countywide Neighborhood Day events will take place in early May. We will need volunteers to help plan and prepare for the neighborhood barbecue.

Chairperson/Committee Members for the Halloween Parade—We need a chair for this year's committee. Because this particular event is so popular with school-age children, we would be especially grateful for a parent to step forward so that we can have a Halloween Parade again in 2006.

To volunteer for one of the vacant positions listed above, please contact BCA President Judah dal Cais at jdalcais@verizon.net or 703-528-1551.

Around the Neighborhood

Harrison Street—Construction of the curb nubs is continuing. Some sod has been laid. Repaving can't occur until warmer weather in the spring.

5th and Frederick Streets—The review of 90% engineering plans is scheduled for Thursday, January 26 (7:00-8:00 PM) at the home of Judah dal Cais, 5248 5th Street North.

Abingdon Street (at Wilson Boulevard and Carlin Springs Road)—Traffic calming and crosswalk improvements at these intersections are scheduled to begin in January and should take about five weeks to complete.

9th and Frederick Streets—This Neighborhood Conservation (NC) project (sidewalk, curb, gutter and lighting) was submitted for NC funding on December 8. Unfortunately, the project still hasn't been funded and will be submitted again in June.



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It's Time To Renew for 2006!

All BCA memberships expire at the end of the year, so please return this form (including the mailing label below) and a \$15 check payable to BCA Treasurer, P.O. Box 5134, Arlington, VA 22205. (Please note: If your label says "paid thru Dec-04," this is a friendly reminder that you overlooked renewing your membership for 2005.) We hope everyone will rejoin us for 2006. BCA is a great way for friends and neighbors to work together to make streets safer for our children and other pedestrians, to protect our parks and preserve our environment, to present our views on development and other important issues to the County, and to build a greater sense of community.

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