

## You can get there from Barcroft... taking the bus

There are a number of bus lines that serve our neighborhood. Some take you to transfer points at the closest Metrorail stops, Ballston or the Pentagon.

There are two bus systems here in Arlington: 1) the larger Metrobus system that serves the District, Virginia, and Maryland, and 2) the smaller green and white Arlington Transit (ART) busses that operate only in Arlington.

### **Fares**

It costs \$1.50 (October, 2011) to get on either bus if you're using a SmartTrip® card. If you want to pay cash you'll have to pay 20 cents more on the Metrobus but not the ART bus.

With a SmartTrip® card, once you board a bus you've got two hours to ride as many busses as you'd like at no additional cost (except the bus to Dulles Airport); and if you transfer to Metrorail you get a discount of 50¢ on your rail fare. Metrorail fares vary with distance and time of day. Locations near Barcroft for buying SmartTrip cards include the Commuter Store branches at Shirlington and Ballston Common Mall, as well as the CVS Pharmacy at 5017 Columbia Pike, just across Four Mile Run toward Baileys Crossroads. You can also order one online at <http://www.wmata.com> and Metro mails it to you. The card costs \$5, but you pay \$30 because it includes \$25 in fares when you buy it.

Anyone older than 65 or with disabilities and anyone with a Medicare card can ride for half the regular fare. You can buy a Senior citizen SmartTrip card at Metro sales offices and the Commuter Stores at Shirlington and Ballston, showing a government issued photo ID with proof of age. Or you can show a valid photo ID with a birthdate to the bus operator to get the discount paying cash. The senior SmartTrip card is Metro's best bargain!

Teens with middle or high school IDs can also ride for half price with the iRide Teen Discount. They need to use cash or the green iRide tokens from The Commuter Store branches in Shirlington, Ballston Commons Mall, Rosslyn Metro, or Crystal City Shops.

### **Bus Routes**

How do you know where the bus is going? 1) The destination is on the front of the bus. 2) You can find current bus schedules with maps online at <http://www.wmata.com> 3) You can also ask the driver. For Barcrofters, Columbia Pike has the best service and shortest wait times. Here are the busses that service Barcroft:

**16Y Columbia Pike to McPherson Square (over the Roosevelt Bridge):** Weekday rush-hour bus service. It runs eastbound into DC in the morning and westbound back to Barcroft in the evening. Starts at Goodwill, so you get a seat and have no transfers.

**16F Columbia Pike to the Pentagon to Federal Triangle (over the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge):** Weekday *express* rush-hour bus service down Columbia Pike to the Pentagon, continuing on to Archives and Federal Triangle. It runs eastbound into DC in the morning and westbound in the evening.

**16A, B, D, E, J, P, K Columbia Pike to the Pentagon:** Daily all day bus service down Columbia Pike to the Pentagon Metro.

**16G Columbia Pike to Pentagon City:** Daily all day bus service to the Pentagon City Metro.

**16H Columbia Pike to the Crystal City Metro:** Weekday rush hour service to Crystal City via Pentagon City metro.

**4A, H Pershing Drive – Arlington Boulevard to Rosslyn Metro:** Daily bus service down Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) to Rosslyn Metro.

**22A Ballston Metro – Shirlington Station – Pentagon Metro:** Daily bus service running between the Ballston and Pentagon Metro stations via Glebe Road, Columbia Pike, Four Mile Run, and 395.

**ART 41 to Ballston to Court House Metro:** Daily all day bus service. Stops along the route include Columbia Pike and Glebe, Ballston Common Mall, and the Clarendon and Court House Metro Stations.

**ART 45 Columbia Pike-DHS/Sequoia-Rosslyn**

ART 45 buses run every 30 minutes Monday through Friday, between Columbia Pike, the Arlington County Department of Human Services offices, and the Rosslyn Metro Station.

**5A Metrobus route to Dulles Airport:** Take the ART 45 or MetroRail to the Rosslyn Metro to get on this daily express bus going to Dulles Airport. The special one-way fare is \$6. Peak one-way travel time from Rosslyn is approximately 45 minutes.

Visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) or call Metro at 202-637-7000 for trip planning information. Visit [www.arlingtontransit.com](http://www.arlingtontransit.com) or call 703-228-RIDE for more information on the ART buses.

Purchase a SmartTrip® card online or at select stores for \$5.00. Both of the Columbia Pike CVSs sell them (5017 Columbia Pike and 2601 Columbia Pike). Don't forget to register your card so if it gets lost or damaged Metro can transfer the existing balance to a new card. You can add money to the card on the bus, at a metro station, or by using the new online credit card feature.

We hope this info is correct as of October 21, 2011