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October Meeting: Traffic Calming

The BSCL will meet on October 4, 2001 at the Community House, at 7:30 p.m. The agenda is the presentation and discussion of the Plan for Traffic Calming on Wakefield and Buchanan/Pershing. The Barcroft Working Group has worked on this through the summer. Afterward, a vote of approval will be requested and we hope that there will be unanimous support. In addition, residents in the area of impact of these measures will be asked to sign a petition in support of the Plan by mid-October. Then the Plan will be submitted for approval to the County Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee (NTCC). Here are the proposed measures as of this writing:

For South Buchanan and Pershing:

1. Speed HUMPS from 9th to 2nd. Humps are gradual rises in the pavement designed to allow cars to travel at about 25 mph. These are not the sharp speed bumps in parking lots that slow traffic to a crawl. Arlington County uses flat-top humps that an SUV could park on, 3.5 inches high and 22 feet across the roadway. (Test drive on N. 16th west of Geo. Mason Drive.)
2. Two Electronic speed indicators. These devices flash a driver's speed and will be permanently attached to a telephone pole. (See N.16th, East of Geo. Mason)
3. Edge lines. These mark the parking strip along each side of the road, effectively narrowing the street. The line will end in a right angle to mark the end of parking space in order to leave intersections with clear sight lines. (See N. Pershing, east of Glebe)
4. Imprinted, highly visible crosswalks on 6th, 8th, 9th, and 3rd at Wakefield. (See N. Park at Geo. Mason by Lubber Run Center). (continued inside)

For Wakefield:

1. Traffic circles at the intersections of 6th, 8th, and 9th. (See N. 2nd/Henderson)
2. As above
3. As above
4. Imprinted, highly visible crosswalks on 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th.

In addition, the neighborhood will have a Cut-through Study at the end of September to determine the volume of drivers going through our neighborhood from arterial to arterial: i.e., Columbia Pike, Arlington Boulevard and George Mason Drive.

For further information or to offer comment, call one of the Steering Committee:

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As Chairs of the Traffic Committee, our appreciation for all the input, time, and creativity from all involved developing this plan and from residents who called, questioned, suggested, and yes, even argued. This is an important effort. Elaine and Trav Fick

September Meeting Report

Thank you to all who attended the first Fall meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League on Thursday, September 6. Reports on the Virginia legislative events of the past year were presented by Del. Karen Darner and Senator Mary Margaret Whipple. We are most appreciative of the time they gave us and for their thoughtful responses to many questions raised by our neighbors.

As signaled in the September issue of this Newsletter, a vote was called on the installation of a multi-way stop sign at the intersection of Wakefield/Pershing/3rd Streets. The show of hands vote resulted in a clear majority in favor of the installation. We note also for the record that there was a contingent of concerned neighbors who voted against the installation.

A report further illuminating issues discussed in the September Newsletter was made on the summer meetings held by the BSCL Demeter House Advisory Committee and there was an ensuing question and answer period. Unanimous approval by voice vote of the neighbors present was given to the revision sought by Demeter House to Item #1 of their use permit with Arlington County. The new language as approved is "The occupancy for Demeter House patients will be maximum of 20 clients with a maximum of 15 adults at any time." Additionally it was announced that Daphne Miller has resigned as Chairman of the BSCL



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Demeter House Advisory Committee. Daphne has taken a post on the Board of Directors of Vanguard. We were pleased to announce that Darlene Mickey has agreed to assume the post of Chairman.

Our October 4 meeting will be a crucial time to work together on the Neighborhood Traffic Calming issues that have been front burner items to many neighbors all summer long. We look forward to seeing you there.

Barcroft Website

Please check out Barcroft's website, www.bscl.org. Kept up to the minute by Webmaster Randy Swart, this site is an excellent resource containing many documents, reports and newsletters. For breaking neighborhood news and discussion items, sign up for bsclchat@yahoo.com.

Barcroft Exchange

Wanted: Are you going away at Christmastime? We are expecting our first child in November and a small group of relatives will be visiting at the end of December to meet the new arrival. If you are going to be away anywhere between December 20 and 29, our very neat and well-behaved relatives (4-6 adults, no children) would like to housesit or rent your house for a small fee. We would be happy to feed cats, fish and/or plants. Call Heather and Jim Sheire of 4th Street at (703) 486-3767 or email hsheire@sso.org if you are interested.

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