



Barcroft News

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President's Report

by Pat Williamson

While we are still feeling wonderfully neighborly after the great spaghetti dinner feast on Sunday, Jan. 29, please make sure to attend the Barcroft School and Civic League regular monthly meeting on Thursday night, February 2, at 7:30 pm at the Community House.

Randy Swart will provide a presentation on the launch of the update of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan. The more neighbors who participate, the more important concerns and priorities for our Barcroft community will be addressed. Randy has invited Tim McIntosh of the Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation office to attend and take any questions about how this unique Arlington program grants funds to communities to carry out special projects. We have completed the projects we requested in the 1990 plan and will not be eligible for additional funds until we have completed

this update. Many thanks to Randy for taking the lead in this most important project.

At the January 5 meeting we heard a presentation by Cingular Wireless to put up a cell tower in either Barcroft Park or near the Fire House #9 and the Dog Park. BSCL issued a letter to County staff noting that a majority of those present at the meeting felt that parks should not be marred by this tower and that additional spots in industrial areas of Shirlington should be considered instead.

Peg LeFebvre reported that additional memberships continue to be received but there are still many, many Barcroft households that have not joined BSCL this year. The dues are very low -- \$6.00 per household -- but an important source of unrestricted income. The number of members we can claim means the significance of impact BSCL can make when going to Arlington County to discuss issues. Please join up right away.

Get Out and Roller Skate

Roller Skating at
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Saturdays October 15 – April 1

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Cost: \$2 to get in, \$1 to rent skates

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a fun, friendly atmosphere where birthday parties and concessions are available. For more information, call 703-228-4729.

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BSCL MEMBERSHIP It's Not Too Late to Join...

The BSCL membership year runs from September through August, but we gladly accept new members and membership renewals any time.

The form is available at BSCL.org.

Read The President's Report on page one for more information about the important contribution our membership makes!

Keep up with events by joining the Barcroft chat group and news list.

Go to:
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Parents Choice: GOLD Award Winner
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What: Hurricane Katrina Benefit
When: Sunday, March 12, 2006 5:00 PM
Where: Barcroft Elementary

Tickets: \$10 in advance / \$12 at the door.
Family discount also available: \$30 (advance) \$35 (door)

All proceeds go directly to the SWAN's Children's Relief Fund

This fundraiser is sponsored by Barcroft Elementary School in support the Southern Women's Action Network Children's Relief Fund that supports the community of families who participated in the River Center pre-school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. To learn more about the fund and the preschool, please go to www.swanbr.org/program_nursery.aspx

Individual tickets are available on-line at www.stevesongs.com/shows. Family Discount tickets are not available with the on-line link listed above. To purchase advance FAMILY DISCOUNT tickets please send an email to kgracemcgwier@comcast.net with your family name and the number of children attending in the subject headline. You will then receive an email with a mailing address to send checks to and a confirmation receipt to use for admittance to the show. All checks must be made out to the S.W.A.N. Children's Relief Fund.

Columbia Pike Update

The Form Based Code (FBC), adopted in February 2003, has spurred interest by developers to build and develop along the Columbia Pike corridor. The FBC is an optional development approval process designed to make Columbia Pike development decisions simple and the Columbia Pike development entitlement process short as well as predictable. According to the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) web site, since the code was adopted nearly \$500 million in Form Based Code designed projects have either been approved, are in the approval process or will go through soon. The projects are mixed-use and range in size from 16 townhouses to a 269 unit condominium with 40,000 square feet of retail space and close to 500 underground parking spaces. It may be hard to tell, however, as there is not much dirt being turned over on the Pike.

The cornerstone project for the Pike, the redevelopment of the old Arlington Hardware building, has been approved and designs are completed. Construction may begin as early as March, but that date is dependent on ongoing negotiations within the ownership group. Another cornerstone project is the redevelopment of the Adams Square (the Giant shopping center). This project has not yet met the requirements for approval under the FBC. There is

only one project proposed for the west end of Columbia Pike, but at the time of writing the status is unknown.

The Form Based Code itself is undergoing changes. Arlington County is currently not accepting FBC projects until County staff and citizens have reviewed the Code and recommended changes. There are several issues that County staff and citizens are reviewing, including historic preservation codes, side-street required building lines, mezzanines, and facades. The changes to the code range from the mundane technical corrections (such as making figures match what the text describes) to more substantive changes about how some of the issues listed above are addressed in the code.

CPRO itself is in a state of flux right now as well. Tim Lynch, executive director of CPRO for the past six years, has decided to resign effective the end of January. CPRO is currently searching for a new director to help steer the organization and the development process for the coming years. The CPRO Board of Directors, a group comprised of citizens, local business owners and developers (our very own Bryant Monroe is the Vice President of the Board) has two open positions they want to fill.

Hendry House Tea

Please join us for an early Valentine's Day celebration at the beautiful and historic Hendry House for afternoon tea.

Invite your favorite aunt, your mother, grandmother, or that special friend.
Tea will be served from 2:00pm to 5:00pm on Sunday, February 12th.

RSVP at 703-243-7329 \$18/person

Reservations are recommended.

For further info, contact:
Sharon Casey at 703-243-7329
Scasey@arlingtonva.us

Trash and Treasure

You've heard the old adage "One Person's Trash is Another's Treasure"! Well...Come and enjoy the fun of "Yard Sale-ing" in the Winter while supporting the Barcroft School PTA at our first Winter Rummage Sale!

or Friday night 6-9 pm. All proceeds will benefit Barcroft Elementary School.

Any questions,
call Beth Malks at 703-486-0772
or e-mail Beth at bethmalks@comcast.net

When: Saturday, February 11th
Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Where: Barcroft Elementary School,
625 S. Wakefield St.

Donations accepted can include: Gently used infant and children's clothing, furniture, household items, tools, working appliances, video tapes, DVDs and CDs, and toys and games.

We will not sell books at this sale, instead save your children's books for the free book exchange on March 2nd, 2006.

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Mardi Gras in Arlington

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11am to 4pm at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street.

Join in on this excellent opportunity to celebrate Mardi Gras up north. Bring the warmth of South Louisiana to your wintery February.

Volunteers are needed to assist with crafts, games, snacks and breakdown of program. Info from Janice Covert, Volunteer Coordinator, (703) 228-4730.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL NEWS

Barcroft Elementary School

The YES club (Youth Experiencing Success) sponsored a school-wide coin drive to raise money for an Arlington family during the holidays. The family was adopted from the Arlington "Secret Santa" program. The YES club is a group that focuses on leadership and community service.

Kenmore Middle School

On Tues., Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m., parents, community members, and APS employees celebrated the formal dedication of the newly-renovated Kenmore Middle School.

Kenmore was designed to support an innovative middle school program for visual and performing arts and communications technology. The building design incorporates natural lighting, ample opportunities to display student work, and outdoor learning environments.

The new state-of-the-art facility includes a black box theatre, dance studio, auditorium, which seats 850, arts integration lab, and wellness center.

Wakefield High School

Did you see the Arlington/Alexandria section of the Washington Post on January 19? If you did, you probably noticed the great picture of Wakefield High School senior Julia Schoelwer.

Julia was one of the Arlington Public School students who participated in a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr at the Thomas Jefferson Theatre. She read excerpts from King's writings.

February Meeting: Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update

At February's meeting we are launching the update of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan. The Plan was adopted in 1990 and our improvement projects have all been done. Changes everywhere now require a thorough update. You can participate in shaping Barcroft's evolution over the next ten years or more. If you plan to stay here, you want to be part of this effort!

We are recruiting for the drafting committees, among them parks, transportation, capital improvements, beautification, zoning and historic preservation. The committees will develop questions for a survey, and then we will need block captains to pass out and retrieve the forms. We had over 50%

participation last time, an astonishingly high percentage, and that's our goal for 2006.

Tim McIntosh of the Neighborhood Conservation staff will be on hand to answer questions and give us help.

If you want to be part of this fundamental neighborhood process, please come to the BSCL meeting on February 2.



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January 25	Financial Basics
February 1	Insurance Basics
February 8	Investing Basics
February 15	Investing for Retirement
February 22	Planning for Future Life Events

All classes will be held 7:00-9:00 p.m. in room 10 at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S Stafford Street in Arlington. Cost: \$20 (for the accompanying textbook). To register call (703) 228-6417. This is a program of Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Rolling Rainforest

You know how the real rainforests are being destroyed by clear-cutting and industrial development? Well, ours was felled by a much more banal problem.

Two flat tires. Yep, that's right.

The tires are a special-order item. Therefore, Discovery Creek's visit to Barcroft was postponed until a new date can be arranged.

Look for a message on the BSCL listserv or in the next edition of the Barcroft News to find out the new date for the rainforest in Barcroft.



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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Kathy Kerr

Barcroft is just not the same since September 2005 when **Gloria Quinlan** moved away.

About 40 years ago, Gloria and her husband, Gerry, moved into their home at 4429 1st St. S. They raised three children who attended Barcroft and Wakefield schools. Their house was known as the "Quinlan Zoo" partly because of their pets, but also because their house was so welcoming to many people. Gloria, known as "Mrs. Q", served as a Girl Scout leader for at least 20 years and held the meetings in her home. Many of her former Scout families still live in Barcroft.

The Quinlans are diehard Redskin fans and long-term season ticket holders. Their house was even painted Redskin colors; the shutters were burgundy and the trim was gold. They had an entire room dedicated to Redskin paraphernalia. They often had friends over to watch the games.

Gloria is a native Washingtonian, but in the 1950s, she and Gerry moved to Chicago. While there, Gerry hired a young lady named Peg. The Quinlans were transferred back to Arlington in the early 1960s and purchased their home here in Barcroft. Peg arrived later, and Gloria found a townhouse for her to buy in Barcroft. They have remained close friends for all of these years. Peg, now Peg Lefevbre, currently serves the BSCL as Membership Chair, and her husband, Gary, is the BSCL treasurer.

Gloria enjoys playing piano. She used to play for the musicals at Wakefield and Washington-Lee high schools. For 18 years she volunteered one day a month, playing piano at the Senior Daycare Center at Madison Community Center. People always enjoyed singing along.

In 1986, Gloria was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. In recent years she was often seen touring the neighborhood in her trusty electric scooter, affectionately known as "Murgatroid". Gloria, aboard Murgatroid, in full red white and blue regalia, was a star at several Barcroft 4th of July Parades. One year, Murgatroid was put to use carrying BSCL directories as she helped to deliver them throughout the neighborhood.

Gloria was a great advocate for the placement of the handicap accessibility ramp at our BSCL Community House. She was present for the dedication of the ramp at the 4th of July Parade in 2002.

Gloria now resides with her daughter and family in Front Royal, Virginia, but she will long be remembered here in Barcroft.



Longtime Barcrofter, Gloria Quinlan, aboard her trusty steed Murgatroid, provided the inspiration to build the Community House accessibility handicap ramp. July 2002

RECIPE CORNER

Double Lemon Poppy Seed Cheesecake Muffins

Submitted By: Allison Sowell

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 package (15 oz) lemon poppy seed muffin mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large egg

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Mist the bottom of 12 muffin cups with the vegetable oil spray. Set the pan aside.
2. Prepare the cheesecake filling: Place - the cream cheese, 1 of the eggs, sugar, lemon zest and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. Blend with an electric mixer on low speed until the mixture is creamy, 1 minute or so. Set aside.
3. Prepare the muffin batter: Place the milk, oil, and egg in a medium sized mixing bowl and beat to combine. Place the muffin mix in a large mixing bowl and make a well in the center. Stir the wet and dry ingredients together with a wooden spoon just until combined, about 20 strokes. The batter will still be a little lumpy. Spoon or scoop 1/3 cup batter into each prepared muffin cup, filling it three quarters of the way full. Make a well in the center of each muffin and place a heaping tablespoon of the cream cheese mixture in the well and on top of each muffin.
4. Bake the muffins until they are golden (about 20 minutes).

Arlington Mill

The county will solicit qualifications, and then proposals, to build the community center in a public private partnership. A developer would get rights to build on the site, while providing financial assistance for construction of the center. It could be done in several different arrangements, but the idea is to get the same community center that is now planned, at less cost to the public. The center will likely include all of the programs and facilities that have been planned. The center is subject to the Columbia Pike Form Based Code.

The county hopes to have a proposal approved by the end of 2006, with the detailed designs and permits to be done by the end of 2007 for start of construction. A steering committee, including representatives from Douglas Park, Barcroft, Columbia Heights West and Columbia Forest, has been working on the project for about a year, and will be part of the review process. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Pat Williamson (contact information on page 2).

Arlington Public Schools and the County have decided that Schools is pulling out of the building. Currently there is a continuing high school program there, with about 175 students. It is also the headquarters for the REEP (aRlington Education and Employment Program) which teaches English as a Second Language and other adult classes. There is a group of South Arlington residents working to bring REEP back after the construction is complete because they believe these classes are extremely important to our community.

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Students can apply today - it's worth their time!

**Thank You, Thank You
to all the neighbors who helped
make the spaghetti dinner a success.**

**The Spaghetti Tones
Lead by Julie Gorka**

**The Cooks
The Servers
The Decorators
The Clean Up Crew**

The Participants

2006 PERSON OF VISION

"WOMEN: BUILDERS OF COMMUNITIES & DREAMS"

The Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women seeks nominations for the 2006 Person of Vision award, "Women: Builders of Communities & Dreams". The nominees will be evaluated based on the attached criteria, established by the Commission. Letters of support will be considered, but are not required. Awardees will be honored at the Commission's annual Women's History Month Dinner on March 15, 2006. Selection will be based on the information presented here, so please be as complete as possible. Feel free to use extra pages as necessary. Additional nomination forms and information are available on the Commission website and in the County office.

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Energy Efficient Tax Credits

The energy efficiency tax credits signed into law by President Bush have gone into effect, making it easier for American families and businesses to reduce energy costs at home, work and on the road. The tax credits will allow consumers to reduce their 2006 tax bills on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to the amount allowed under the law. For example, consumers who purchase the most fuel-efficient vehicles could reduce their tax liability by up to \$3,400, while those who install certain products such as energy-efficient windows, insulation, doors, roofs and heating/cooling equipment in the home can receive up to \$500 off of their federal tax bills.

For details on what credits are offered, go to the Department of Energy's website: <http://www.doe.gov/news/2852.htm>

The energy efficiency tax credits were signed into law in August, 2005 as part of the first comprehensive energy legislation in over a decade. The landmark energy bill contains provisions to promote greater energy efficiency and conservation, improve the reliability of electricity delivery, and encourage increased domestic energy production, including energy from renewable sources such as biomass and wind.

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