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Barcroft News

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President's Report

by Heidi Wicker

As our BSCL meetings come to a close for our summer break, we're gearing up for the big 4th of July day parade. See the articles later in this newsletter for how to sign up your float, group, troupe, bike, dog or pretty much anything else you can think of to march in the parade!

We have successfully completed our new neighborhood conservation plan, thanks in no small part to the leadership of Randy Swart and all our committee chairs, block captains and neighbors who participated in the survey. The final draft is up on the website www.bscl.org, and will guide prioritization of County funding for neighborhood projects for years to come. Coming to a consensus on the plan is a major achievement and truly is a testament to the vibrancy of our community!

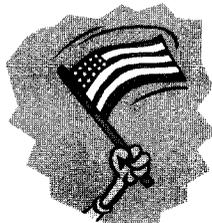
The plans for redeveloping the Arlington Mill community center on Columbia Pike are in the process of being finalized. The County Board is expected to vote on the plans at its June 17 meeting, 7:30pm at

Courthouse Plaza. The redevelopment will occur through a joint public/private partnership and include the reconstruction of a new community center for park and recreation programs (including a new gym), a public plaza, and housing with a certain amount of affordable housing units. We've received copies of the plans, which are too voluminous to post on our website, but you can find more information at:

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/arlingtonmill/page60625.aspx>

Until our next BSCL meeting, in September, I'll be sending out updates on our Yahoo! Groups chat and news list. If you haven't signed up for the Barcroft School and Civic League chat and/or news lists, you can do so at <http://groups.yahoo.com/> You'll receive more news and information through the online Groups than we can ever fit in the newsletter, plus you can chat with your fellow neighbors.

See you at the 4th of July parade. Have a great summer, all!



Wave your Flag at the **Barcroft 4th of July Parade**.
Be a part of what makes this neighborhood famous.

Parade Participants line up at 9:45 AM
Parade rolls at 10 AM Sharp
Starts and Ends at Community House
Potluck picnic and entertainment follows.

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If your name isn't there, print the Membership Form, and send it in with your dues (Still only \$3 for individuals or \$6 for a couple.) Everything you need is on the form.

If you can send along a contribution to the Community House Fund or the Tree Fund, it will be very much appreciated.

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Jack Turner

Barcroft has lost a true neighborhood character. Jack Turner died last month.

Jack was known to most as the trumpet player who organized and led the Fourth of July Parade band. With the exception of the Tom Palance years around the turn of the century, Jack had been leading the band since the first parade. He borrowed a bass drum, rousted out players, assembled the music, and lent his patriotism and spirit to the proceedings.

Few know that Jack was also our Master of Signs. Every month he posted the "Barcroft Meeting Tonight" signs at all entrances to the neighborhood, taking the signs around late on the Wednesday night before the meeting and collecting them afterwards. He took a step ladder with him to make sure he could position them at the exact height he wanted them, and positioned them very precisely. If you ever saw one upside down, Jack did not post it!

Jack did not make our sloppy signs. In real life he ran the Turner Sign Company, specializing in beautiful hand-lettered signs that had more style and were actually less expensive than the computer generated ones. His hand-lettered signs can still be seen every Fourth of July. How he tolerated our old spray-painted signs made with stencils was a mystery.

Jack played in the Barcroft Holiday Band too, and every year he did a trumpet solo during the program. Every year he picked something that was difficult for him to get right and had a glitch somewhere in the song, but recovered and sailed on.

Jack was many other things--husband to Lane, his wife of many years, choir member whose practices prevented him from coming to the BSCL meetings the signs alerted you to, active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, organizer of the old Arlington Fourth of July parades on Wilson Boulevard many years ago. He had an indomitable spirit, an enduring optimism, boundless energy and a "can do" approach to life that lasted though his battles with the cancer that ultimately ended his life.

Jack was one of our Barcroft characters. I will miss him every year at the holiday program, on the Fourth of July, and on those cold dark nights every month when the signs have to go up. He lived a good and full life, but his passing leaves a hole in the fabric of the neighborhood.

- Randy Swart

How very sad it was to hear about Jack. I have very fond memories of him, his character and the Barcroft parade.

I played taps for him today out my back yard facing the Atlantic in his home state of Massachusetts.

- Tom Palance

Erica Lipman

Condolences to the family of Erica Lipman who passed away from melanoma on April 6. She was 33 years old. She is the daughter of Art and Judy Lipman, and sister to Todd, Janna and Cory. She was married in March 2006 to Christian Lopez.

In 1977, when Erica was 2, the Lipmans moved to Barcroft. She attended Barcroft, Kenmore and Wakefield schools and continued on to UVA. She was always a top student, a fine musician and an amazing athlete. As a high school senior, she was honored as the Wakefield 1992 Athlete of the Year.

Erica had lots of fun playing with the neighbor kids, especially Jessie and Melissa Carman. They lived on 1st Rd. S. The best place to play was in the yards and in their quiet street. The kids could ride their "big wheels" around the block without having to cross the street.

At Barcroft School, Erica served on the safety patrol at the corner of 4th and Wakefield. In 4th grade, she took up the flute and soccer. In high school she added tennis and indoor track. She appreciated the diversity of the schools

she attended as it helped her learn how to get along with people of all backgrounds.

A favorite family memory is when Erica pulled her little brother Cory and neighbor Steven Rogers in their decorated wagon at the first Barcroft 4th of July parade.

Erica did a lot of babysitting around Barcroft. Later she worked at Upton Hill Regional Park. She also worked as a substitute teacher at Barcroft and other schools in classrooms and for the Extended Day after-school care program.

Her lifelong passion for soccer led her to her vocation. She injured her knee while playing soccer just before her graduation from UVA. She got to experience first hand the effectiveness of physical therapy and chose to make that her career. She graduated with her Masters in Physical Therapy from George Washington University.

Erica is was much loved and is well remembered. Some of her elementary teachers attended her funeral. At Upton Hill park, a memorial tree has been planted near the batting cage.



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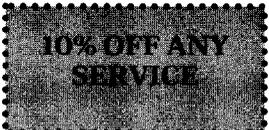
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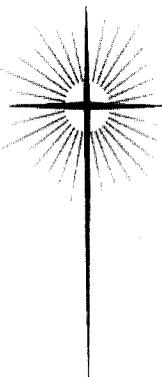
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The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5





Come Celebrate



Nation's 232nd Birthday & the 20th Annual Barcroft Parade Friday, July 4th, 2008

The Parade begins at 10:00am sharp. Parade participants should check in at 9:45am
at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street

**This Year's Event features: The AFD Fire Engine, The Barcroft Grand Marshall Uncle Sam,
A spellbinding act by Unicyclist Juggler Extraordinaire, The Unicycle Lady
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pm

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