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# Barcroft News

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## President's Report

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by Pat Williamson

Many Barcrofters attended the October monthly meeting featuring the Arlington County Code Inspectors assigned to our neighborhood. They did a really thorough job of explaining the code enforcement process and outlined ways for neighbors to bring attention to areas of concern.

A very lengthy discussion ensued about the new Barcroft School Sensory Garden. Questions were directed to the code inspectors about the noise generated by the musical instruments in the garden. The code inspectors said that the decibel measurements they had taken in the area were not outside the allowable standard. The inspectors left at the close of their presentation and the discussions continued. It was decided that those concerned about the garden should meet again on October 19 at 7 pm at the School playground to continue the dialogue with

Ms. Hughey-Guy and members of the Police Department. The BSCL members present at the October 5 meeting voted to recommend to the School that the instruments be disabled until a resolution of the concerns could be reached. We thank the School for doing so the following day. Assistant Principal Sandra Lochhead represented the School at the meeting.

We will continue to discuss this topic of the School Garden at the top of the agenda for our November meeting (November 2 at 7:30 p.m.).

We will then hear from the new Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) manager, David Johnson. Mr. Johnson will describe current CPRO activities and upcoming developments. Please plan to attend this meeting.

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## Show Us Your Skates

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Family Roller Skating Night

Saturday night

October 21, 2006 thru April 14th, 2007

6:30-8:30pm

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Thomas Jefferson Community Center Gym  
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the BSCL monthly  
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*Speaker: Imam Mohamed Magid  
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## Barcroft Community Center

One of Arlington's best kept secrets is our own Barcroft Community House. The house is almost 100 years old, and it is available for rental every month of the year. For up-to-date-dues-paying-BSCL-members, it is a deal -- only \$15/hr. during the week before 6 pm on Fridays. On the weekends, it is \$20/hr., preferably in 4 hour blocks.

We have many weekday rentals with long-time tenants including yoga, Bulgarian dances, drama, spiritual healing. There are even special toddler play-times. There have been memorial services, plant sales, great spaghetti dinners, and celebratory weddings held inside and in the beautiful memorial garden.

If you are interested in renting the house, please email Karen Darnar (rental manager) at [lkdarner@comcast.net](mailto:lkdarner@comcast.net). Folks who live outside of BSCL (or who do not pay their dues!) have fees that are considerably higher. A recent arrangement with our neighbor, The Woman's Club of Arlington, will allow our renters to pay an additional \$50 fee to rent the large parking lot for events that may spill over into the neighborhood. Many thanks to them for agreeing to help out.

For those of you who have rented this year, please let Karen know how things worked out -- send a message with kudos or concerns so we can make it the best location ever, particularly for our neighborhood. It's a great place to be!



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Encampment of the 3rd US Regular Infantry will be held on November 11th & 12th. There will be military re-enactments, presentations of military drilling, cooking, and ladies activities.

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Interested in volunteering your time? Call the school (703.228.5838).

***Kenmore Middle School***

As part of their westward expansion studies in social studies, some seventh-grade students at Kenmore participated in a cow herding stimulation on Oct. 3. Students experienced a simulated cattle drive to help them understand the roles of ranchers and cowhands on the Great Plains during the 19th Century. Students had to herd their cattle across numerous state lines and sell them to buyers. After selling their cattle, the owners had to pay their hired hands. Following the activity students discussed their experience in the context of their history studies.

***Wakefield High School***

Do you hear the drums? Wakefield High School fall sports season is in full swing. Join the fun. Bring the family to a game and root for the home team. Learn the rules to a new game or enjoy one of your favorites.

Listen to the sweet sounds be impressed by the tight formation of the marching band during half time at the football game. You can hear the drums from Barcroft.



## Local Events for Charity and Service

### GIFT MARKET ON TAYLOR STREET

Our Savior Lutheran Church (825 S. Taylor Street) is sponsoring a Christmas gift marketplace on Saturday, November 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Buy a one-of-a-kind gifts and help support local and international charities. While you're shopping, consider ordering a soup or desert mix-in-a-jar for that favorite teacher or neighbor, and satisfy your own hunger pangs with soup and a slice of bread at the holiday café. All proceeds go to local and international charities. For additional information call 703-892-4846.

### OYSTER FEAST / PIG ROAST

The Kiwanis Club of Arlington will hold its 35th annual Oyster Feast/Pig Roast on November 4 (5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.) at the American Service Center, 601 N. Randolph St.

This popular event raises thousands of dollars each year for community service programs. The marquee item on the menu is oysters, but there also is slowly roasted pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, cole slaw, beer, and soda. "All you can eat" tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Children age 5-13 are \$10 at the door. Parking is available at Ballston Common Mall, and is free with the purchase price of a ticket.

To order advance tickets, send a check made out to Arlington Kiwanis Club no later than October 23 to:

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