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# Barcroft News

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## President's Report

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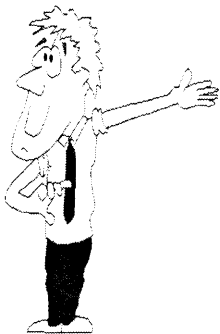
by Pat Williamson

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to all of you for allowing me to be BSCL President for the last two years. It was truly an honor. Join us on Thursday night, May 3, 7:30 pm, at the Community House for our regular monthly meeting. First item on the agenda will be the election of officers. Confirmed candidates are Heidi Wicker for President, Bryant Monroe for Vice President, and Gary LeFebvre for Treasurer. Please contact me or email [randy@bscl.org](mailto:randy@bscl.org) if you would like to run for the position of Recording Secretary or any of the other positions. The evening's special presentation will be made by Elizabeth Rives. As our resident tree steward, Elizabeth has volunteered to run the Neighborhood Tree give-away program here in Bar-

croft. She will give us lots of information on the importance of healthy trees and how to keep them that way.

Many thanks to Newsletter Distribution Coordinator Noreen Atkinson for doing such a terrific job in getting the newsletters prepared for our block captains to deliver. Noreen is leaving this position and we need a volunteer for her to train in May. Please contact me at 703-887-8514 if you are interested in this important job.

There is still time to make sure your priorities are represented on the Neighborhood Conservation Plan by completing a survey. If you need a survey, please contact me and I will deliver to your right away.



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**For Neighborhood Day**

*The Barcroft Players*

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**“A THOUSAND CLOWNS”**

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***Dates:* MAY 11 and MAY 12 at 7:30 PM**

***Place:* Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street, Arlington**

***Tickets:* \$6.00 at the door**

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1. Pick up the newsletter from Adams Printing on Wilson Blvd. in Courthouse.
2. Count out and bundle newsletters for delivery routes.
3. Distribute to the carriers the week before the monthly BSCL meeting. (Carriers try to pass out the letters the weekend before the monthly meeting.)
4. Send out newsletters by mail to approximately 30 individuals on a computerized mailing label list. (BSCL reimburses distributor for the first class stamps).

**VOLUNTEER TODAY**

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**Saturday, May 5, 2007                      11am – 3:00pm**

On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Barcroft Elementary School will be holding its annual Spring Fair and Silent Auction. Please join in the fun!

There will be moon bounces, games, and great food. Come and browse the Silent Auction where this year you can bid on gift certificates to local restaurants, hotels, B& B's, and a one week stay at a beach cottage in Chincoteague, Virginia! You won't want to miss it!

It is a community event, so come on out and enjoy the day with your fellow Barcroft and Alcova neighbors!

Money raised by this PTA event will help pay for additional field trips and other educational opportunities for our students.

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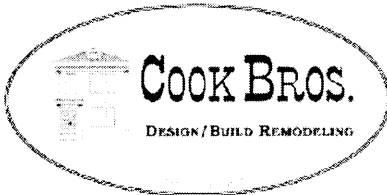

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**NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL NEWS**
***Barcroft Elementary School***

Barcroft students just enjoyed a long, long spring break. The three week break, courtesy of the unique year-round schedule, started in the cold of early April and ended in the 80 degree warmth in the shade of dogwood blossoms in late April.

Students reunited with their teachers and classmates on April 23.

***Kenmore Middle School***

Did you read about our neighborhood middle school in the Washington Post lately?

Jay Matthews noted that Kenmore Middle School was one of the best in the region. We already knew it but it is nice to see great things about our middle school in print!

***Wakefield High School***

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Education recognized APS and Wakefield for successfully implementing a sustainable chemical management program that protects children and sets a positive example for other school districts to follow.

The EPA also recognized science teacher **Maria Johnson** and senior Nina O'Malley. Johnson was recognized for her efforts in helping to create the chemical safety program at Wakefield and throughout APS as well as for training staff on how to handle, store and dispose of chemicals. O'Malley was recognized as the founder of Wakefield's Save the Earth Club which is committed to protecting the environment.

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## Think Globally Act Locally Read Frequently

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*An Inconvenient Truth*  
by Al Gore

*Prodigal Summer*  
by Barbara Kingsolver

*Field Notes From A Catastrophe*  
by Elizabeth Kolbert

*Revenge of Gaia*  
by J. E. Lovelock

*Hoot*  
by Carl Hiaasen  
(younger readers)

Arlington READS 2007, or Arlington READS **Green**, takes its theme from the current priority initiative of Arlington County government leaders—Fresh AIRE or Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions. Read one of the titles we have chosen, read them all—or stop by any of the upcoming book discussions and events the library has planned.

The following is a list of books Arlington picked for this series of events:

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## Virginia Tech Tragedy

There are a number of ways to express their sorrow and provide caring assistance to those most affected by the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

The Arlington County website has listed the following funds:

*Virginia Tech Family Fund* set up by the University

*United in Caring* Fund set up by United Way

*Hokie Spirit Memorial* Fund set up by the University

Visit <http://www.arlingtonva.us/> for more information.

## Financial Seminars

Learn about protecting your savings in retirement, strategies to use to both trim your spending and your waist and more through this free seminar series at the Arlington Central Library. All seminars are taught by professionals in the respective fields. All presenters pledge not to sell their own services during their seminars.

The seminars will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library 2nd floor meeting room, 1015 N Quincy Street. Call 703-228-6417 for more information or to register.

May 2 Simple strategies to find money to save  
 May 8 Summer budget travel tips  
 May 16 Small Steps to Health and Wealth Part I  
 May 23 Small Steps to Health and Wealth Part II

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## Barcroft Players are Back

### Arlington Neighborhood Day – May 11th and 12th

The Barcroft Players will celebrate Arlington Neighborhood Day by presenting two performances of “A Thousand Clowns” on May 11th and 12th at the Barcroft Community House. “A Thousand Clowns” has won many awards including a

Tony for the Broadway production and an Oscar nomination for the movie version. It’s one of those rare plays that melded together great comedy with human warmth.

So come enjoy a great evening of neighborhood theater and celebrate Arlington’s Neighborhood Day. See you there!

Thanks to the **BARCROFT BUNNY** who came out earlier in the morning this year and made tracks in the April snow storm.  
Lots of eggs were gathered by our littlest neighbors.  
Thank you goes to the organizers of this fine event.

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### Neighborhood Day Parade

2:00 p.m. Wilson Boulevard  
Clarendon Metro to Courthouse Metro

### Arlington Animal Welfare League Walk for the Animals

Bluemont Park (rain or shine)  
8:30 a.m.

### Arlington Public Schools Arts Stage

Garfield Street in Clarendon  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### James B. Hunter, III Community Hero Awards

Ballston Common Mall  
11:30 a.m.

### "A Thousand Clowns"

Live Theater  
800 S. Buchanan Street  
[Barbara@helmets.org](mailto:Barbara@helmets.org)  
7:30 p.m. (May 11 and 12)\*

\*More information on this unique Barcroft event is on the front page of the BSCL News!

## Neighborhood Day

Arlington will observe its 11th Annual Neighborhood Day on Saturday, May 12th. This year's theme is: "Neighborhoods Green and Fit" and we invite you to join us in celebrating our pride in the vitality and diversity of our neighborhoods.

Several annual Neighborhood Day events have already been planned, including the James B. Hunter III Community Hero Awards, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington's Walk for Animals, and, of course, the annual Neighborhood Day Parade.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and travel down Wilson Boulevard from the Clarendon Metro Station to the Courthouse area. We hope that you will join us again this year in the parade. You will find the registration form at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/portals/Topics/NeighborhoodDayMain.aspx>.

Please remember that all parade participants must be registered by Sunday, April 29th in order for you to be guaranteed a spot in the parade.

Remember, "Arlington Green and Fit" and on May 12th we look forward to celebrating with you all the things that make Arlington a great place to live, work and play!

## Your Free Tree

Did you order a tree from Barcroft tree steward, Elizabeth Rives?!

Remember that trees will be available for pickup from the Barcroft community house on Saturday May 12, 2007. County Tree Stewards will also be on hand to give a planting demonstration, and will provide detailed instructions, maintenance tips, and general guidance.

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For more information & to purchase tickets please go on-line to [www.aucpva.org](http://www.aucpva.org)

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## Community Bike Ride

The third annual Arlington & Alexandria Community Bike Ride promises to be the best yet! Back due to popular demand, this non-competitive cycling event has been expanded with more miles and more fun. The Community Bike Ride will offer two route options: a 25-mile Tour of both Arlington and Alexandria, mostly on trails and bike lanes, and a shorter 9-mile Family Ride, all on trails. Registration opens at 7am, the Tour starts at 8am, and the Family Ride starts at 8:30am on Sunday, June 3. On the Community Bike Ride, you will see just how easy it is to get around town by bike!

The cost of the Ride is only \$15, children 13 and under are free, so bring the whole family. Ride participants will receive refreshments provided at a series of rest stops every few miles, opportunities to make new friends, a cool bike bell, and a chance to win one of many new bikes! After the Ride, stick around for live music, exhibits and activities, and take advantage of the many restaurants in Shirlington, where the Ride starts and finishes.

Children also may participate in the Bike Safety Rodeo at no additional cost to learn and practice safe riding skills with a series of obstacle courses.

For more information on the Community Bike Ride, visit [BikeArlington.com](http://BikeArlington.com), or call 703-228-5027. Register now before the Ride sells out. The Community Bike Ride is a FitArlington event, encouraging Arlingtonians to get out and be active.

## For the Teens

Arlington Office for Teens will host a "Teen Extreme Party" for middle and high school students at Thomas Jefferson Community Center on Saturday May 19th from 7:00-11pm. Live DJ, moon bounces, dance, entertainers and more! \$5 @ the door.

## 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.

**Your membership makes an important contribution to our amazing community!!**

## BSCL OFFICER SLATE

for the May 2007 Election of BSCL officers

President -- Heidi Wicker  
 Vice President -- Bryant Monroe  
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 Treasurer -- Gary LeFebvre

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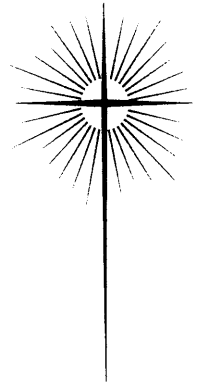
**Reflect and pray with us on Wednesdays** at 7:30 PM. Informal prayer and reflection.

**Celebrate Mother's Day** at our Spring Tea on Saturday, May 12 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

**Attend our Speakers Series on Monday, May 21** at 7:30 PM. Speakers from the National Alliance on Mental Illness discuss identifying, coping with and recovering from this disease.

**Learn more about us on Glencarlyn Day**, Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Enjoy our yard sale, bake sale and book sale.

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



## Cycling and Bicycle Maintenance

### SPRING & SUMMER 2007 CYCLING SKILLS & BICYCLE MAINTENANCE CLASSES

These cycling skills and bicycle maintenance classes are taught by Allen Muchnick, a nationally certified League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Cycling Instructor. All of these classes will meet on weekday evenings from 6:30-9:30 PM. The information below is also posted at [[http://www.vabike.org/ed\\_much.htm](http://www.vabike.org/ed_much.htm)].

THE FOUR COURSES ARE (see longer descriptions, fees, dates, and locations below):

\* LAB Road-1 (Cycling with Confidence), the essential, comprehensive, and very practical 9-hour cycling skills course for ALL bicyclists;

\* Bicycling 101, a 3-hour discussion of bicycling basics for new and intermediate riders.

\* Bicycle Maintenance & Repair, a 3-hour lecture and demonstration; and

\* Bicycle Mechanics Workshop, a 3-hour hands-on sequel to any other course.

TO REGISTER, contact the local course sponsor IN ADVANCE, Arlington Adult Education (703-228-7200 or [<http://www.arlingtonadulthood.org>] (or [<https://registration.arlingtonadulthood.org/wconnect/ace/home.htm>]),

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