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HERE COMES THE PARADE !!

BARCROFT'S OWN NEIGHBORHOOD FOURTH OF JULY SPECTACULAR

YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS AMERICAN TRADITION



This Special Parade Issue of the Barcroft News is your invitation to be part of our neighborhood's second annual July Fourth Parade!

We will have fun at this parade, with home-grown floats, kids on every known contrivance that can move on a street, people in turbo wheelchairs, music from Barcroft musicians, clowns, a Marine color guard, prizes, judges, and a lot of eating and drinking afterwards with music and folk dancing.

Speaking of eating and drinking, the BSCL will provide soft drinks and hot dogs. If that sounds too basic for you, bring your picnic basket or bring something special to share. If you would like to help with the food, call Susan Christopher at 892-6265.

Our Parade Grand Marshall will be Dr. Ellen Kahan, Principal of Barcroft Elementary School.

There will be prizes galore. Every child wearing a bicycle helmet will receive a special prize donated by the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute. (If you have a unique prize to donate, please call Mary Anne O'Rourke at 920-5619.) Judges will be Al Eisenberg, Chairman of the Arlington County Board; Frank O'Leary, County Treasurer; and Conchita Mitchell, Chairman of the School Board. The judges' stand will be at Barcroft School.

The parade will start at 11 AM at the Barcroft Community House at 8th and Buchanan, but parade participants will get together at 10 AM on their own blocks for a Mini Parade to the Community House together. Block Captains are organizing these smaller bands of funlovers.

Jack Turner is rousting out the mighty Barcroft Marching Band. Call Jack at 892-6512 or just show up with your instrument on parade day.

The Barcroft Community House will be open all day. This year we will have music and folk dancing after our picnic. Linda Titolo will teach easy dances.

To volunteer for a job on parade day, call Mary Anne O'Rourke at 920-5619 or Deborah Wood at 892-1243.

The RAIN DATE will be Saturday, July 7th. Call the Neighborline at 521-1116 if you are in doubt on the 4th. See you there!

**SOME STREETS WILL BE BLOCKED OFF
FOR THE PARADE FROM 10 AM TO NOON**

Arlington County Police will put up barricades on Buchanan from 7th St. to 8th Rd., on 8th Rd. from Buchanan to Wakefield, and on Wakefield from 8th Rd. to Barcroft School.

**COUNTY DEFERS PROPOSAL FOR JAIL ON FOUR MILE RUN DRIVE,
WILL STUDY FURTHER**

On June 16 the County Manager withdrew his proposal to place a corrections facility, detox center and homeless shelter on Four Mile Run Drive. In his statement to the Planning Commission he said the withdrawal resulted from the settlement of a law suit with the State of Virginia under which the State will remove its prisoners from the Arlington County Jail. He emphasized that the County is more than ever convinced that the three facilities should be located together, and in response to a question he said the Four Mile Run site will continue to be considered unless there is rapid commercial development there. He said staff will now consult with the community, but had no specifics on how that will occur.

The withdrawal followed an unusual Planning Commission meeting on June 11th when 450 people came and a record 171 of them signed up to give the Commission their views on the facility. BSCL President Randy Swart presented the resolution we had adopted unanimously on June 7, which reads:

"We support the goals of the three programs. There appears to be a need for additional homeless shelter space, for a detoxification facility and for a corrections facility to handle pre-release programs.

We deplore the rushed process by which the County is making its decision on this matter, sacrificing the opportunity for normal citizen input and the required staff work to provide data for normal decision-making. In particular, the possible negative aspects of the concept of co-location of the three programs should be more thoroughly explored.



We strongly disapprove of the proposed site for the facility. After hearing from the County staff and considering the three programs we believe they would have a negative impact on the park and the neighborhood and request the County Board to direct the County Manager to prepare a new proposal placing the facility in a more appropriate location, or placing the individual programs at separate sites.

We support acquisition of the land along Four Mile Run as an addition to Barcroft Park."

Swart also noted that after weeks of denying that there would be any violent criminals at the site, the County was now including assault in the list of crimes an inmate might be convicted of. This change had been made without noting that it was a change, confirming the view of many Barcrofters that unheralded program changes in the future might make the facility even more objectionable than its current design. Swart said that the document presented to the Planning Commission made it evident that whatever label the County chose to use for the corrections part of the facility, the closest plain English description was "jail."

Many thanks to the Barcrofters who attended meetings, wrote letters or made phone calls to make our concerns about this facility known.

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COMMENT ON THE CRIME REPORT

by Laurie Kelsch, who obtains the report each month from the Police.

Our crime rate is up sharply, and not just along the Columbia Pike border. In addition to the May crimes in this report, the newspapers reported in early June that a woman was raped in her Buchanan Gardens apartment by an acquaintance who has been jailed.

A rash of vandalism is occurring in our neighborhood. Please keep your eyes and ears open. If anything appears to be out of the ordinary, or if you have any information concerning any of the above occurrences of vandalism, call the police at 558-2222. It just may be your property you are saving.

**Neighborhood Conservation Plan:
APPROVAL BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
PLANNING COMMISSION IS NEXT.**

The County's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee approved our Neighborhood Conservation Plan on June 14th. We will be present it to the Planning Commission on June 25 with slides to illustrate what Barcroft is and how we want to improve it. The County Board will consider it on July 7th. Anyone can comment on the Plan in these meetings if they have views that still need to be raised at this stage. Call Randy Swart at 521-2080 or Lori Hirschfield of the County staff at 358-3810 for more information on the meetings.

BARCROFT CRIME REPORT FOR MAY

Street numbers are the block where a crime occurred.

- 5/1 900 S. George Mason. Money taken from vending truck.
4800 S. 7th St. Burglary. Basement window broken, jewelry taken.
- 5/3 4600 S. 8th St. Windshield broken
- 5/4 900 S. George Mason. Shoplifting.
- 5/5 4800 Columbia Pike. Vandalism-restaurant window and car window broken
- 5/7 4600 S. 5th St. Burglary. Glass in back door broken, door then unlocked, silver, electronic equipment taken.
600 S. Stafford St. Subject arrested drunk in public.
900 S. Buchanan. Car trunk lock tampered with.
- 5/8 100 S. George Mason. Pedestrian struck by item thrown from car window.
4800 S. Columbia Pike. Subject arrested for drunk in public.
- 5/13 4400 S. Pershing Ct. Vandalism. Bushes damaged.
- 5/17 4800 Columbia Pike. Harassing telephone calls.
- 5/19 4400 S. Pershing Ct. Flowers damaged.
4600 Arlington Blvd. Car spray painted.
500 S. Wakefield. Car side view mirror damaged.
- 5/20 500 S. Wakefield. Car gas cap removed, tissues stuck in gas tank.
900 S. Taylor St. Bicycle taken from front yard.
- 5/24 900 S. Taylor St. Resident reports continued harassment and vandalism from unknown subject.
- 5/26 900 S. George Mason. Car tires slashed.
900 S. George Mason. Radio stolen from car.
900 S. George Mason. Resident arrested for discharging firearm
900 S. George Mason. Car windshield broken.
- 5/30 900 S. Buchanan St. Three subjects observed tampering with vehicle. Two arrested.
900 S. George Mason. Lawn mower stolen from truck.
- 5/31 900 S. Buchanan St. Two speakers stolen from car

ZONING AND LAND USE ISSUES

by Laurie Kelsch

No zoning requests or land use permits have been requested in Barcroft this month, however, I would like to inform you of the construction going on this summer at 819 Wakefield. This lot was subdivided into a pipestem lot in 1986 and the property recently sold. The new owner intends to build a home there and according to county sources, everything is within county regulations.

SPECIAL MEETING JULY 10 ON USE OF THE PARKLAND ON ARLINGTON HALL SITE

The BSCL's Arlington Hall Committee will meet with Arlington County Staff on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan, to discuss how the County will begin to use the parkland on Arlington Hall this summer. All are invited. Call Pat Roach at 920-8131 for further information.


THOMAS JUNKER TO HEAD UP BSCL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED.

Barcrofter Thomas Junker has volunteered to Chair the BSCL's Transportation Committee. He succeeds Elinor Schwartz, who deserves applause for her good work over the past three years.

The Committee is now considering changes on Arlington Boulevard and other issues. It needs some additional members, including someone to attend meetings when the new Chair is unable to go. Please call him at 685-0287 if you are interested.

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BSCL COFFEE HOUSE FRIDAY, JULY 20TH PIANO TECHNICIAN NEEDED!

The regular monthly Barcroft Coffee House will be held at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan, on Friday, July 21st from 8:30 to 10 PM. There will be folk music and open stage time to perform. Refreshments will be coffee (of course) and whatever people bring in the way of baked goodies. Admission is free, coffee is 25¢ and there will be a jar for anything you may care to contribute to the musicians. Call Roger Cornell or Linda Titolo at 892-2421 if you want to perform or help with setting up.

The Coffeehouse folks want to do some work on our BSCL piano, which apparently needs some new felts as well as a good tuning. If you are a piano repair person or have suggestions please call Roger.

THE BARCROFT T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!



Your Barcroft neighborhood tee shirt is waiting for you. It is teal blue, with a map of the neighborhood, and costs just \$5. It will be on sale at the parade, or call Barbara Swart at 521-2080 to come over and pick one up now if you want to wear it on parade day.

**BARCROFT SCHOOL SUCCESSFUL
IN COMPUTER DRIVE**

All of us at Barcroft School thank all of you, our wonderful Barcroft neighbors, for your fantastic support of our cash register tapes campaign. Thanks to your efforts, we collected nearly a half million dollars in Giant and Safeway register tapes, which was exactly twice our goal! We will be able to "purchase" three full color computers with monitors, disk drives, printers and some extra software too! We're proud of our achievement and very thankful to be living in such a supportive neighborhood. Barcroft, take a bow!

Nora Myers Rumpf
PTA President

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JULY EVENTS

- Saturdays** **Farmers Market.** Near the Courthouse. Be early for best produce.
- Wednesday** **Second Annual Barcroft Neighborhood Fourth of July Parade!**
4th Mini-parades form at 10 AM and march to the Community House to start the Big Parade at 11 AM. Fun fun fun. For info see the article on page one or call Mary Anne O'Rourke (920-5619) or Deborah Wood (892-1243). RAIN DATE IS JULY 7TH. CALL THE NEIGHBORLINE AT 521-1116 IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT ON THE FOURTH.
- Tuesday** **Arlington Hall Parkland meeting** to discuss County plans for use
10th of the park this summer. Community House, 7:30PM. Info 920-8131.
- Friday** **Barcroft Coffee House.** Folk musicians will entertain, including
20th one of the area's finest hammer dulcimer players. Barcroft Community House, 8PM-10:30PM. For info call Roger Cornell at 892-2421 or check the Neighborline at 521-1116.

AUGUST (No Barcroft News)

- Wednesday** **Stonehenge in Arlington.** See the poles set in Dark Star Park in
1st Rosslyn park line up with shadows on the ground. It happens only at exactly 9:32 AM. Dark Star Park, Fort Myer Drive and Arlington Boulevard. Cloud date is August 1st, 1991.
- Friday** **Barcroft School and Civic League Coffeeshouse.** Same time, same
17th place, more good music. Info 892-2421 or on the Neighborline

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
with Kathy Kerr

**BARCROFT NEIGHBORS ENJOY
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR
FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

In May, 1960, neighborhood women residing on Woodstock Ct., 6th St. S. and part of Abingdon St. joined together to form a club they called the "Friendship Club". Now the club is celebrating its 30th year anniversary.

The first meeting of the club was at Alice Davis' home on Woodstock. Alice is one of ten original members still living in Barcroft. The Friendship Club established by-laws and has nominal dues. Club colors are green and white and their flower is the Lily-of-the-Valley. This year the club has begun to include men at the monthly meetings. Current President Peg Butner was elected last September.

With a purpose of neighborliness and goodwill it is primarily a social club, with members also participating in service projects such as collecting food at Thanksgiving for the Arlington County Shelter TACTS. At Christmastime, the club has "adopted" a family or two from Arlington's Sullivan house shelter to buy presents for. They have organized a Neighborhood Watch and also have social events such as an annual Christmas party and a picnic in June.

The Friendship club has a club poem to inspire them:

The spirit of friendship lives forever
Never lose an old friend
No matter what the cause
We wouldn't ever do it
If we didn't look for flaws.
The one thing worth while having
Is the friend who stands the test
And who has one friend such as this
Knows friendship at its best.

Congratulations to the Friendship Club and wishing you at least another 30 years!!

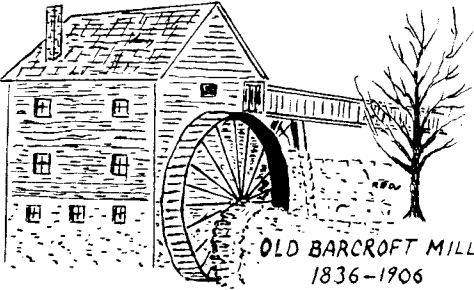
BRANDY BRYAN WINS THREE BLUE RIBBONS

Congratulations to Barcroft's Brandy Bryan, who won first place at the Arlington County Field Day on May 20th in three events for 9 and 10 year old boys: standing broad jump, 50 meter run and 100 meter run. Brandy will represent Arlington at the Northern Virginia Regional Finals on June 23rd. Brandy is a life long resident of Barcroft, born here on April 23, 1980.

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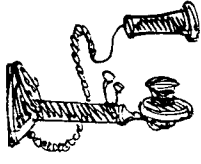


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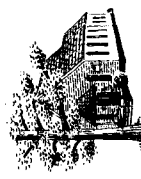


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