

BARCROFT NEWS

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October BSCL Meeting:

Bond Issues, New Anti-Crime Plans, Candidates Night at Wakefield High

In an effort to keep Barcroft residents up to date on current political issues, our October 6th meeting will be dedicated to information and issues concerning the November elections. We will have various organizations speaking on the bond referendums on the ballot. The one we are particularly interested in is the school bond, as we supported it in our Conservation Plan. Nora Rumpf will be there to address this issue. Lorraine Bartleson of the Arlington County Police Department's Crime Resistance Unit will be there briefly to address our rising crime problem and how civic involvement can help.

We will not hold a separate Candidates Night this year. Instead, it will be held jointly with the other civic associations in the Four Mile Run Coalition on

October 10, at 7:30 pm, at Wakefield High School (4901 Chesterfield Rd.). Hope to see you there.

Barcroft Remodeling Awaits November 6 Vote

Barcroft Elementary School's students, parents, and teachers are hoping for a favorable vote on the School Bond Referendum on November 6. In the spring of 1989, the school board hired an architectural firm to develop preliminary drawings, which were approved by the BSCL and the school board. If the School Bond Referendum passes in November, work can begin in June 1991 and, we hope, be completed for the 1993-1994 school year.

The plans for the renovation are exciting. Everyone is invited to a special meeting at Barcroft School, October 2 at 7:30 PM, to review them and to hear from the architect, a representative from

the School Bond Referendum committee, and the facilities planner from Arlington County Schools.

If you want more information or would like to help get the bond referendum passed, please call me at 521-8634.

Nora Myers Rumpf
School Bond Referendum Coordinator

Tools Donated

Charlie Martin of 2nd Street S. has generously donated hand tools for the Community House tool kit, including some that you seldom see. The tools are used by volunteers making repairs or doing restoration work. If you have spare tools, nails, etc., drop them off at a meeting or call Randy Swart(521-2080).

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Crime Prevention Committee Organized

In response to an alarming increase in the Barcroft crime rate (see the Crime Report in this issue), the BSCL voted to create a Crime Committee (it needs a better name) to begin a campaign to eliminate some of the "magnets" on Columbia Pike that are drawing criminals into our neighborhood. We will start by contacting the owners of the shopping centers that currently harbor businesses where loiterers gather in large numbers and police are frequently called in to intervene in conflicts. If you are interested in the Committee, call Randy Swart at 521-2080.

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Arlington Hall Park Use

After nearly 5 years of promises and little action, the federal and county governments are finally taking steps to make the 7-acre parcel of the Arlington Hall site on the west side of George Mason Drive a neighborhood park. They have agreed to start negotiating the long-term arrangement. The county parks people are preparing plans for the site (working from the BSCL's 1986 suggestions) and have promised to present them by late fall. With luck, the plans will be done and funding in place by early 1993.

Meanwhile, the west side is available for park use. The Taylor Street gate is open from early morning to dark, and the field and picnic areas are open to the public. County youth sports teams will be using the field for practice this fall. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, federal employees' softball teams will use it for practice. The county and the feds promise to be good neighbors. If there are problems, call the 24-hour county parks hotline, 358-3951.

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Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



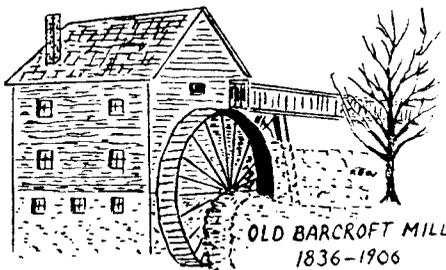
Congratulations to David and Susan Sherman, who have a new baby, Jacob, born March 16, 1990! Proud father David is the product manager for Claritas, a target marketing company in Alexandria. Susan is enjoying what is likely a permanent maternity leave from her job as an urban planner for Arlington County.



When was the last time you saw an upside-down canoe running down the street? If you live on 6th St. S., the answer may be, "recently." The unidentified running object was actually Tom Boothe, preparing for the September 1990 Adirondack Canoe Classic, a 90-mile, 3-day marathon including about 10 portages (totaling 8 miles) where Tom has to dash from one lake or river to another with the canoe on his head. This maneuver involves stowing 2 paddles, a life jacket, 2 liters of Gatorade, bananas (taped to the side), and an elaborate drinking apparatus (world's longest straw)—all while running.

Astounding the neighbors in Barcroft paid off. Paddling alone in a 36-lb. canoe, Tom not only came in first in his class but won by more than 2 hours! He is especially proud because he is in the "over-40" class and beat everyone in the younger class by more than an hour. Tom enjoyed the psychological and physical challenges of the race but also appreciated the camaraderie of his fellow contestants, numbering 250 in all.

Tom's home cheering section includes his wife, Betty, and their sons Peter, in 7th grade at Kenmore, and Dan, in 2nd grade at Barcroft.



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October Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Meeting on Barcroft School Remodeling, 7:30 PM.	3 Bird Walk, 9 AM-12:30 PM; free; call 358-6535.	4 Barcroft School & Civic League, Community House, 7:30 PM. Info, call 521-2080.	5	6 Old Time Apple Festival, 10 AM-noon; call 358-3403.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Giant Barcroft Yard Sale, Community House, 9 AM-3 PM.
14 Wild-flower Walk, 1:30-3:30 PM; free; reservations required, call 358-6535.	15	16	17	18	19 Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 7:30 PM, Arlington Forest United Methodist Church.	20 Campfire Night, 7-8:30 PM; free; reservations required, call 358-6535.
21 Arlington Symphony, 3 PM; call 528-1817.	22 Book Discussion Group, Col. Pike Library, 7:30 PM. For info call 521-2080.	23	24	25	26	27
28 Tree ID Walk, 1:30-3:30 PM; free; reservations required, call 358-6535.	29	30	31 Halloween	Farmer's Market, Saturdays, near the Courthouse. Closes at noon.		

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Barcroft Crime Report

Crimes reported in Barcroft during August. Crime has been increasing in our neighborhood—mostly in three locations, but it detracts from the neighborhood as a whole. If you have any information about any of these incidents, please call the police department. They are here to work with us to reduce crime. If you are concerned about this report, call Randy Swart to volunteer for the Crime Committee.

- 8/2 4300 Columbia Pike Storage bin broken into—items taken
- 8/4 900 S. Buchanan '75 Chevy stolen
- 8/5 4300 Columbia Pike '87 Chevy stolen
- 8/6 4300 Columbia Pike Attempt to steal '89 Toyota
4300 Columbia Pike Car door lock damaged
900 S. George Mason '87 Mazda stolen
4700 7th Street S. 2 tires slashed
500 S. Abingdon Larceny
- 8/8 4800 8th Street S. Subject arrested for soliciting w/o license
- 8/12 800 S. Buchanan Subject arrested for drunk in public
4500 8th Street S. Bike found
- 8/13 4800 7th Street S. Burglary entry thru sliding glass door—electronic equipment taken
- 8/16 200 S. Pershing Resident recieved threatening calls
4300 Columbia Pike '82 Ford stolen
- 8/17 4300 Columbia Pike Building entered, nothing taken
4700 Columbia Pike Restaurant manager left for night robbed of cash
- 8/18 4800 Columbia Pike Subject arrested for drunk in public
4800 7th Street S. Abduction on bike trail assault—subject arrested
- 8/19 4200 Columbia Pike Car window louvers stolen
- 8/22 600 S. Taylor Street Resident reports 2

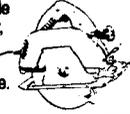
TV filters stolen from home. No forced entry

- 100 S. Pershing Attempted burglary—screen door cut—no entry
- 8/23 4600 Arlington Blvd. Car windows broken
- 8/25 900 S. Buchanan TV stolen—no sign of forced entry
900 S. George Mason Shoplifting
- 8/27 900 S. Buchanan Fence vandalized
- 8/28 4300 Columbia Pike Car sideview mirror vandalized
- 8/29 4300 9th Street S. Bike stolen from garage
4800 Columbia Pike Car window broken
- 8/31 4800 7th Street S. Lawn mower stolen from shed

If anything appears to be out of the ordinary on your block, or if someone is there who does not belong, please call the police at 558-2222 to come and investigate. It just may be your property you are saving.



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There will also be a table to sell items donated to the BSCL. Please bring donations to the October meeting, or call

James and Patricia Davis at 892-5941 to pick up your stuff. We can use almost anything that works. (Kathy Kerr is still looking for broken

things her kids can dismantle.)

There will also be a bake sale, with proceeds going to the fund for restoring the Community House. Bring baked goodies to the sale or call Kathy Kerr to arrange to have them picked up. Jeannie Martin is organizing a poster-making session for young Barcrofters. Please call her at 979-8350 if your child would like to help. To volunteer to be a monitor or on the clean-up crew, call Barbara Swart at 521-2080.

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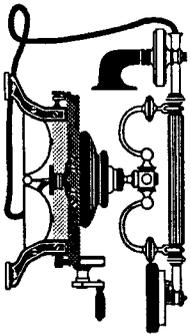
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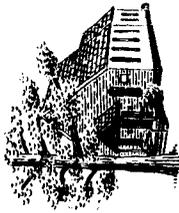
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