

# BARCROFT NEWS

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## **FEBRUARY MEETING: Hispanic Counseling Center**

The Barcroft School and Civic League will meet on Thursday, February 6, at 7:30 PM. Sister Hobelman, executive director of Hogar Hispano, will speak to us about her organization, a Hispanic counseling center on S. 9th Street, next to the Vietnamese Catholic Church. It is supported by both the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and the United Way. Sister Hobelman will discuss the types of services offered to residents of Barcroft.

## **CPRO: A Chance to Improve Barcroft**

Valencia Cherry, the new director of the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO), presented an interesting challenge to Barcroft residents at the January BSCL meeting. She pointed out that improvements can occur on the Barcroft end of the Pike only if there is active representation of our interests on the CPRO committees. Because CPRO is reorganizing and will have fewer Board members, it is not clear whether there will be a

Barcroft representative on the future Board. This makes active CPRO committee membership even more important if Barcroft interests are to be addressed.

One committee of particular relevance is Planning and Urban Design, which has a very able Barcroft representative, Anne Noll. Another, which will form in the spring, is the Community Development Committee.

As Ms. Cherry noted, CPRO has spent most of its first five years directing resources for improvements to the east end of the Pike, in the Special Revitalization District. It is now time to plan the improvements to be made from George Mason Dr. to the County line.

This means Barcroft citizens should pull together their ideas for improvements and begin working with CPRO and the County to see that they are realized. Scott Allard (BSCL vice president), I (Annette Osso), and others at the meeting suggested that a place to start may be the George Mason intersection, which is already experiencing some private development. Larry Goldschmidt, BSCL president, suggested that interested Barcrofters form a small committee to brainstorm their ideas and

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## CPRO

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present them to CPRO. (If you are interested, please call Scott Allard at 521-0825.)

In addition, CPRO has other committees of potential interest. They are the Marketing (meets the third Wednesday of the month), Special Events, Merchants, and Fundraising Committees. The meeting time of the Planning and Urban Design Committee is the first Wednesday of each month. For additional information on CPRO Committee activities and to join a committee, call Valencia Cherry at 892-2776.

Finally, I would like to let readers know that I am ending almost two years as the Barcroft representative to the CPRO Board of Directors. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with CPRO and the County to help make substantial changes along the Pike. Scott Allard is sitting in for Barcroft at the Board meetings for the remaining three months of my term.

Annette Osso

## Look for the Gypsies

Gypsy moths are all around us, waiting for spring to come out and eat our trees. You will find them in the form of egg masses, which look like little tan furry lumps about the size of the first joint of your little finger.

The eggs will hatch in a couple of months. Thousands of gypsy moth caterpillars will emerge from each egg mass and head for the leaves of your nicest trees. Now is the time to find and destroy the eggs—before they can hatch. Look for the egg masses on woodpiles, doorways, window frames, tree branches—almost any sheltered place. Scrape

them carefully into a cup of Clorox or some alcohol. Stomping them on the ground does not kill the eggs. An alternative is to seal them in a plastic bag and put them in your eagle cart, where they will end up in the incinerator. The important thing is to conduct your moth hunt now, while it's cold outside. When the spring weather comes it will be too late, and the caterpillars will be eating your trees. Help make chemical sprays unnecessary—hunt down your gypsy moths this week!

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# Let It Snow

Our first dusting of snow caused tremendous traffic problems all over the greater metropolitan area. Who would have thought such a small amount could wreak such havoc? It served as a good reminder of just how poorly people in our area deal with snow and ice.

**Drivers, please remember:** If you don't like driving in the snow, don't do it! Take the bus or the subway; you'll probably get where you're going a lot sooner anyway. If you do drive, just relax and take your time. Everyone on the road wants or needs to get someplace just as much as you do, so be cautious and courteous. Keep to the right if you can't go the speed limit; there may be other people on the

road with better adverse-weather driving skills who want to get around you safely. Most important, don't abandon your car in the middle of the road if the going gets too tough! This only impedes traffic more, prevents snowplows from doing their job, and prolongs the period of messy roads.

**Homeowners, please do your part:** If there is a sidewalk along the street in front of your house, shovel it! It's your responsibility. Don't force pedestrians into the streets; clear a path to the pavement at least a shovel's width within 24 hours after the snow stops. It's also a lot easier to shovel **before** a lot of pedestrian traffic has packed the snow down.

**Remember the pothole that ate your car last year?** After the snow has melted and some degree of normalcy has returned, be sure to report dangerous potholes to the Public Works folks. You can call the Patchline (Arlington roads, 358-6458; state roads, 359-1220; federal roads, 285-2109) and provide the location of the pothole, giving the exact street address or precise intersection. Public Works will repair potholes within 48 hours when streets are dry.

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## Annette Osso Resigns as CPRO Representative

Annette Osso has announced that her new work responsibilities will require her to resign as the BSCL's representative to CPRO. We will miss her in this position, as she has made a substantial contribution to the neighborhood over the years that she has represented us on CPRO's Board of Directors.

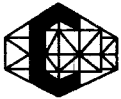
President Larry Goldschmidt is looking for a new CPRO rep., and it could be you! Call Larry at 521-3746 if you would like to know what the job involves. In the interim, our hard-working vice president, Scott Allard, has agreed to serve in the position until it can be filled.

## Application for Virginia Landmarks Register Stalled

The Barcroft Community House has been designated by Arlington County as a Historic District. (You can see the bronze plaque on the corner of the newly painted building.) Our Neighborhood Conservation Plan mentioned that the neighborhood needed assistance in applying to the State of Virginia for state historic status as well.

In January Ms. Gail H. Baker, long-time member of Arlington's Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board, took on the task of preparing our application for historic status. We were able to help her with the considerable amount of material gathered by the History Committee for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan and other materials such as the collection of the 1903 *Barcroft News* provided by some of the neighborhood's long-time residents. Gail worked hard in the Virginiana Room of the library and elsewhere to supplement these materials and prepared an application to include the Community House on the Virginia Landmarks Register.

The preliminary response from Richmond was not encouraging. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources indicated that we need more background on the role of the Community House in the community in its early days (1908-c. 1925). BSCL records and historic materials from that period apparently have been lost. We do have some recollections recorded by Mildred Handy Ritchie and others and some old photos of school classes in front of the building. But we need to unearth more to support the application for state historic status. It looks like we need to reactivate our history committee. In the meantime, the application has been shelved.



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# Holiday Service Luncheon

On December 19 the holiday spirit filled the Woman's Club of Arlington as the BSCL held the Second Annual Christmas Luncheon to honor the service people who make Barcroft work. In attendance were policemen, firemen, crossing guards, bus drivers, teach-



ers, librarians, postal workers, UPS staff, sanitation and recreational workers, state and county staff, elected officials, and other often unseen workers.



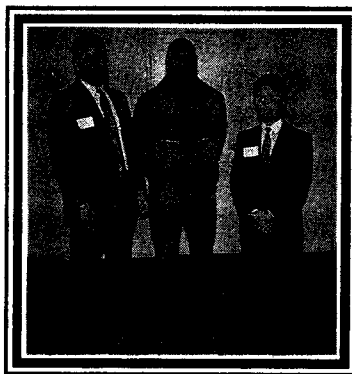
Guests were welcomed by Larry Goldschmidt (BSCL president), Talmadge Williams (luncheon chairman), Anne Noll (luncheon committee member) and Anne Nelson (president of the Woman's Club of Arlington, who

donated the use of their lovely hall for this luncheon).

Once again, Susan Christopher coordinated the lunch for more than 80 people, with home-made food donated by the beautiful people of Barcroft neighborhood. This was



the second year that Louis and Florence Cohen worked enthusiastically to make the luncheon a success. Also on hand again was Calvin Lewis, taking pictures of the service workers. The hall was decorated by members of the Adult Education Sociology class of Hoffman-Boston, Arlington Public Schools.



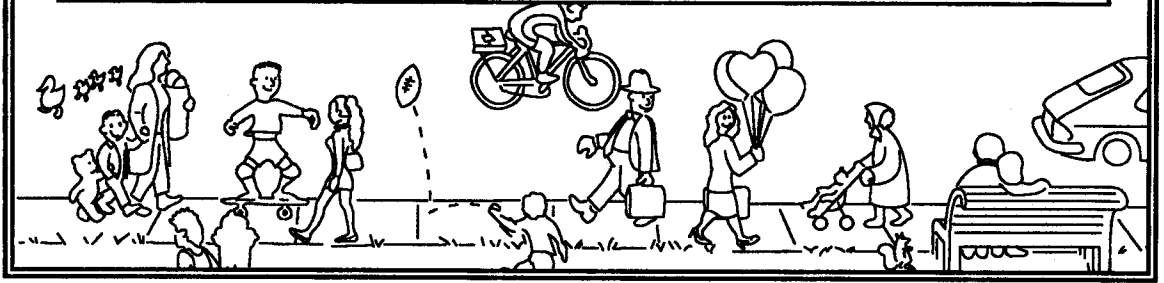
From all indications, our guests enjoyed themselves immensely and appreciated the acknowledgment of their contribution to the quality of life in our

neighborhood.

*Talmadge Williams*



## Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



Congratulations to Cathy Shank and Steve White on 8th Rd., whose new baby, Emily, was born June 20, 1991. Emily has a big brother Andy, aged 3.

Cathy has just returned to work for the Arlington Education Employment Program, which provides English as a Second Language classes for adults. Cathy says that Barcroft School had been a site for the classes, but owing to the renovations, the classes are now held at Glen Carlyn School.

Steve is the coordinator for the apprenticeship program at the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. The Shank/White's have lived in Barcroft for two years.



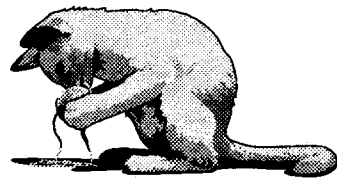
Welcome to new neighbors Clara Griffin and Don Oesher, who now live on 8th St. After a long search for a new home, they were very happy to find a house on a huge lot here in friendly Barcroft, perfect for their three children and dog. The children are Paul, a 6-year-old kindergartener at Hoffman-Boston, Olivia, 4 years old, and Sam, 18 months.

Clara is a mother-at-home and a professional photographer. She enjoys cooking and

reading. Don is a cabinetmaker and a musician. He is currently playing guitar with a rhythm and blues band called City Limits.

Don and Clara have plenty of home renovation to keep them busy. Aside from fixing up their new house, they also plan to put on an addition so that Clara's mother can move in with them.

Don's band will be playing at Finn's (on Columbia Pike near the Giant and Safeway) on February 15. Let's all go!



## Barcroft Exchange

LOST CAT Male, white with gray patches. Please call Clara, 486-3740.

# February Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>6-15 Beltway Roulette</b>, original drama by Mark Scharf, Theatre Two at Gunston, 8 PM, 524-7672.  <b>7, 8 Maida Withers Dance Construction Company Concert</b>, Thos. Jefferson Theatre, 8 PM, 522-7060.  <b>21, 22 Rajeckas &amp; Intraub Movement Theatre</b>, Theatre Two at Gunston, 8 PM, 358-6960.  <b>21-3/7 All My Sons</b>, Arthur Miller drama, Thos. Jefferson Theatre, 8 PM, 549-1063.  <b>28-3/7 Cinderella</b>, Children's Theatre of Arlington, Theatre One at Gunston, 548-1154.</p>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Arlington Symphony, Verdi, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, 3 PM, Bishop O'Connell HS; 528-1817	<b>3</b> MATCH, 7:30 PM, Dunn Loring United Methodist Church; call 791-6264	<b>4</b> Civic Federation Mtg., 7:45 PM, Arlington Hosp.	<b>5</b> Wed. Bird Walk, 9:30 AM-noon, adults, 358-6535.	<b>6</b> BSCL, 7:30 PM, Community House. Call 521-3746 for info.	<b>7</b> Birding Trip to Westmoreland Cty., 8 AM-4:30 PM, adults, \$15; call 358-3403.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Shapes in Nature, 10-11 AM, kids aged 3-5; reservations, 358-6535.	<b>13</b> Arlington Chamber Ensemble, Valentine's Concert, 8 PM, Jefferson Theatre, 486-8032.	<b>14</b> VALENTINE'S DAY Arlington Chamber Ensemble, 8 PM.	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Arlington Symphony Quintet & Ziveli Trio, 2 PM, the Ellipse, 358-6966.	<b>17</b> PRESIDENT'S DAY	<b>18</b> Winter Bird Walk, 10-11:30 AM, adults, 358-6535.	<b>19</b> An Evening of African Dance, Paul Kengmo, Theatre Two, Gunston, 358-6960.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 7:30 PM, Arlington Forest U. Meth. Church.	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Arlington Metropolitan Chorus, All-Brahms Concert, 8 PM, Gunston, 836-4822	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> African American Art, 7-9 PM, Ellipse Arts Center, Free, 516-4466.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30-7 PM, Arlington Forest U. Meth. Church, 525-0961.



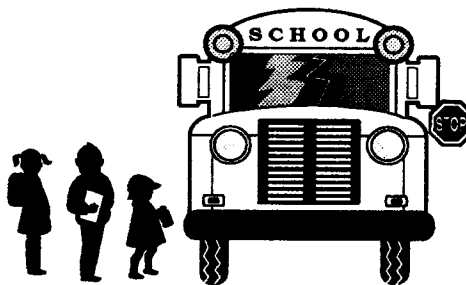
# Happy Valentine's Day

# Barcroft Elementary School News

## Construction Update

If you've driven or walked by the Barcroft School lately, you have already noticed the dramatic changes in the landscape that have taken place over the last month or so. The new wing has risen well above ground with the construction of the concrete-block walls.

The old main entrance to the school, by the Multipurpose Room, has been permanently closed. Everyone must now enter through the library entrance under the famil-



iar round window and arch. The center walk between trailers in the front of the school is the direct way to this entrance.

## Lunch Please Program

Dr. Ellen Kahan's Lunch Please Program is running short of supplies. This program feeds all children who have forgotten their lunch or lunch money or have forgotten to sign up. The school makes about 15 sandwiches every day so that no one goes hungry for lunch at Barcroft. Both peanut butter and jelly are needed, but grape jelly is especially needed. Call the school office, 358-5838, for details on making a contribution to this program.

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## Issue Forums

Arlingtonians for a Better County (ABC) is sponsoring two Issue Forums at the Arlington Cable Television Studio, located on the second floor of the George Mason University Law School (3401 N. Fairfax Dr.).

The first—"Fiscal Affairs: Decisions Facing Arlington County"—will be held January 31, 6–7 PM. The moderator will be Barbara Favola, chair of ABC. Panelists will include Ellen Bozman, chair of the Arlington County Board; Mark Jinks, director of the Dept. of Management and Finance; Maureen McLaughlin, chair of the Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; and Conchita Mitchell, Arlington School Board.

The second—"Homelessness in Arlington: Shelters, Services, Solutions"—will take place February 25, 8–9:30 PM. The moderator will be Barbara Favola, and the panelists will be Jim Hunter, Arlington County Board; James Hoben, president of Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless; Ron Carlee, director of Dept. of Human Services; and Gene Betit, Parish Council.

Here is a chance to get answers to questions you may have on these issues and to inform officials of your concerns.

## Calling Delegate Darner

The 1992 Virginia General Assembly is meeting January 8–March 7 in Richmond. To reach Delegate Karen Darner during that time, either leave a message at her home, 271-5284, or call the Richmond office, 804-786-7206. If Delegate Darner is unavailable, you may speak to her legislative assistant, Doris Bushong, at the same number in Richmond.

## Rats!

Last month's article on rats brought forward a few more comments from other neighbors. Rats have been sighted on 4th, 3rd, and 2nd Streets as well as Pershing Drive. We have heard of one Barcroft who was accused of harboring rats in an unkempt backyard, another who had rats in an otherwise ecologically correct compost pile, and yet another keeping their rats secret for fear people will think they are not good housekeepers. Exterminators say the main culprits in attracting rats are bird food, pet food, and firewood stacked on dirt. If you see rats, call the County at 358-6485. Sewers on Pershing Drive and 2nd Street have been baited once, but more baiting may be necessary.



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## BSCL Supports New Siting Procedure

The January meeting of the BSCL discussed, amended, and approved the draft letter you received in the January *Barcroft News* in support of a proposal by the South Arlington Coalition of Civic Associations urging the County to adopt a procedure for fairly locating new County facilities. President Larry Goldschmidt has sent the final letter to Jennie Davis, who heads up the coalition.

When other civic associations have considered the initiative, the Coalition plans to present the issue to the Arlington County Civic Federation for the next step.

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by O. Edw. Haring—Editor

### PERSONAL

Miss Nettie Palmer has returned from a two weeks' visit to friends and relatives in Baltimore. She has enjoyed her visit very much, but says that there is no place like home—if the home is in old Virginia.

Mr. Nathan Westcott visited Barcroft last Monday. He gives a glowing account of crop prospects around Vienna.

Mrs. Oscar Haring was the first in the neighborhood to rejoice in spring lamb and green peas.

Judge John Pelham, of Anniston, Ala., is spending a few days with his father at Miles Away.

Mrs. W.W. Chamberlain, of Beaumont, Texas, with her two daughters, is paying a visit to her brother, Mr. S. T. Marye. [Sydney Marye, who was the real editor of the *Barcroft News*!]

Milton Payne has recovered from an attack of mumps and he can now use vinegar on his salad with impunity.

Master Paul Marye, dressed in his new spring pants, met his "Pops" at the depot last week.

Mrs. S.A. Marye is testing the virtues of the famous "Erup" waters near Glen Carlyn.

Mrs. Wilson, of Loudon County, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Col. Tom Burke.

Mrs. George Schick is expecting her daughter, Mrs. Klemroth, of Brunswick, Ga., to spend the summer with her.

Miss Edith Kolb's new tennis court will soon be ready for the "sweet girl-graduates."

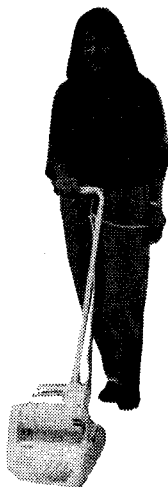
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# Barcroft Crime Report

Crimes reported during December. If you have information about an incident, please call the police at 558-2222. All information is taken directly from the police report, which normally includes race of suspect when known.

- 12/2 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting; 3 instances  
**900 S. George Mason** Car stereo stolen in parking lot
- 12/3 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting; 2 instances  
**900 S. Wakefield** Car stereo stolen
- 12/4 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting; 3 instances  
**800 S. Wakefield** Male and female entered home saying they were from Arl. Co. water office; stole elderly victim's wallet
- 12/6 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting; 3 instances
- 12/7 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting  
**4300 S. Columbia Pike** License tag DAH-404 stolen  
**9th & Four Mile Run Park** Drunk; neighbor found victim lying in woods near bike trail
- 12/9 **Bike trail at 7th** Hispanic male exposed himself to female runner; warrant issued and served
- 12/11 **900 S. Buchanan** Hispanic male attempted auto theft  
**4300 S. Columbia Pike** Car window smashed  
**4300 S. Columbia Pike** Drunk in public
- 12/12 **4300 S. Columbia Pike** Car stereo stolen  
**900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting  
**700 S. Wakefield** Car vandalized
- 12/13 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting; 2 instances  
**4300 S. Columbia Pike** Robbery at knifepoint by black male  
**600 S. Stafford** Wallet stolen; later found at Landmark Shopping Center
- 12/16 **900 S. Taylor** Car stolen from parking lot
- 12/17 **900 S. Buchanan** Drunk found in stairwell
- 12/22 **4200 S. Columbia Pike** Fight; bottle to head; both arrested

**900 S. Wakefield** Domestic dispute; police officer injured  
**4800 S. Columbia Pike** Fight; suspect arrested in bar

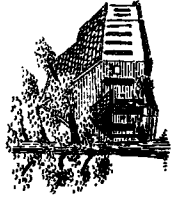
- 12/23 **900 S. Buchanan** Car stolen
- 12/24 **800 S. Buchanan** Obscene notes on car
- 12/25 **100 S. Woodrow** Wreath stolen from front door
- 12/26 **4600 S. 2nd** Car stereo stolen
- 12/27 **900 S. Buchanan** Car stolen  
**4800 S. Columbia Pike** Theft of videotapes

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Arlington Volunteer Office, 358-3222, lists the following opportunities for you to lend a hand to help others.

- ☛ Help develop educational programs and displays, mark trails, help with trail maintenance, landscape gardens, or work with solar energy, composting, or gardening projects; daytime or weekend, flexible times.
- ☛ Assist in the preparation of soup or stew for the Homeless Meal Program Monday or Friday afternoons.
- ☛ Tutor adult students weekdays in English or other subjects needed to pass the high school equivalency test.
- ☛ Accompany a visually impaired man grocery shopping weekly or provide transportation to a nearby exercise program evenings or weekends.
- ☛ Accompany an elderly gentleman on a walk once or twice a week during the day.
- ☛ Use your Spanish skills and participate in the Police Department Bilingual Ride Along Program: Ride with a police officer and respond to incidents that require an interpreter; volunteers over 18 needed seven days a week.

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