



# BARCROFT NEWS

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## **Recycling Center Moved: Can Our Park Be Far Behind?**

Last month the County finally moved the recycling center on Columbia Pike to the south side of the street. The new location is easier to use, cleaner, and better looking. More important, the Parks Department can now begin to renovate the park on our side, which Barcrofters cleared of brush last year. Look for some movement soon on removing the asphalt, grading the site, and seeding it in grass. The Woman's Club of Arlington has agreed to help with landscaping on the site, and there will be more for us to do later.

At a meeting of the South Arlington Caucus of Civic Associations last month, County staffer Preston Reed indicated that the expansion of curbside pickup for recyclable materials is being accelerated, and every neighborhood will have the service no later than June 1993. Participation is voluntary and is running amazingly high in the neighborhoods where the service is offered. Adding Barcroft to the route will be welcomed by everyone who is now lugging their cans and bottles

down the hill to the recycling center. The County now recycles about 17% of its waste stream and will probably have no difficulty meeting the state requirement of 25% by 1995.

## **MAY MEETING:**

### **Long Branch Nature Center**

The next meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League will be held on May 7. The featured speaker is to be Gregory Zell, director of the Long Branch Nature Center. The Center is located in Glencarlyn Park, just the other side of Four Mile Run and within easy walking distance of our neighborhood. Mr. Zell will discuss park programs that are open to the public, the types of facilities and wildlife in the park, and any other topics we bring up. We will also discuss the need to get the parade committee going.

Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the BSCL, whether they are members or not. Stop by at 7:30, meet some new neighbors, learn the latest neighborhood news, and chow down on some tasty refreshments.

## Delegate Darner on General Assembly

Barcrofter L. Karen Darner, our delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, gave some highlights of this year's session at the April meeting of the BSCL. In addition to representing us on difficult budget, transportation, education, and environmental issues, she successfully pushed through a bill to require the Airport Authority to preserve, for at least another year, the Abingdon Plantation ruins located on National Airport property. This gives some breathing space for historic activists to pursue getting the property on the National Register. The Authority wants to put a garage on the site for servicing rental cars. Karen has also insisted that the state legislature print its bills and reports on recycled paper, including use of the recycling symbol.

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## Civic Federation Banquet

Each year the Arlington County Civic Federation holds its banquet and presents the prestigious Journal Cup to an Arlington civic activist. Barcrofter Anne Noll won the cup some years back. If you are interested in attending the banquet, tickets may still be available (at \$20 each) from Jennie Davis, 979-1625. As is our custom, the BSCL is paying the way for President Larry Goldschmidt and his spouse to go.

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## **May 16—Triple Yard Sale Day!**

Mark May 16 on your calendar as the biggest yard sale day in Barcroft history. The BSCL, Our Savior Lutheran Church, and Hogar Hispano will all be having yard sales on that day.

The sale at Our Savior Lutheran is the longest running and always has a great bake sale, sometimes including pumpkin chocolate chip muffins. Our Savior accepts donated items, but the organizers say they generally have enough to sell already. Hours: 9–4.

Hogar Hispano, at 915 S. Wakefield, is actively looking for donations of things to sell. They need bedding, clothing, housewares, toys, books, plants, furniture—almost anything. Call Sister Charlotte at 979-1705 before you drop things off at the church. Their sale runs for two days, continuing on Sunday, May 17. Hours: 10–4.

Our own BSCL sale is being organized this year by Claudia Uyehara. It will be 9–3 at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. Any Barcrofter can bring stuff to sell. You will be asked to contribute 10% of your total sales revenue to the BSCL. The funds will pay for the ad in the *Washington Post*, with any surplus going for upkeep of the Community House. Bring your own table or call Claudia at 685-0086 to rent one of our eight large tables for \$3 each. The sale will be indoors in case of rain. Claudia also needs to hear from a few volunteers willing to help with signs, monitoring, or cleanup. Our last sale was great fun, and this one should be too.

You can also have a sale at your home on that day to take advantage of the buyers coming to the three big sales. For \$3, you can have your sale listed on a neighborhood map that will be distributed at the BSCL sale.

## **School Carnival**

Our Savior Lutheran School, 9th and Taylor Sts., will hold an old-fashioned school carnival on Saturday, May 2, from 11 AM to 2 PM. The carnival revives a school tradition from years back. There will be games such as bean bag throw, water balloon throw, and football throw, with tickets for 10¢ each and prizes for the winners. Special games will be available for preschool children, and there will be face painting. There will also be a crafts table.

Light refreshments, including hot dogs, sandwiches, chips, candy, soda, and such, will be sold. Bedding plants, hanging baskets, and other plants will be on sale as well.

The school invites everyone from the neighborhood to participate in this family-fun activity that can be enjoyed for a nominal cost. Here's an opportunity to get reacquainted with neighbors as the warm-weather season begins. In case of rain, the event will be held on May 9. For information call Laurie Bodling at Our Savior Lutheran School, 892-4846.

## **Kindergarten/Montessori Registration Open**

Registration for kindergarten classes has begun at Arlington's neighborhood elementary schools.

Any child who will be five years old by September 30 is eligible to enroll, and it is strongly recommended. Virginia law does not require kindergarten attendance, but parents who do not wish to enroll their children in kindergarten must inform the neighborhood school of this decision. Children who reach their sixth birthday by September 30, 1992, must enroll in school for the '92-'93 school year. For further information, call the Barcroft School office.

## Letter to the Editor

I would like to respond to Mr. Stanley Sargol's comments (April 1992, p. 3) addressing the *Barcroft News'* use of racial identifiers in its February Crime Report.

I too am alarmed by crime in our neighborhood and would agree that Barcroft residents are entitled to know what is happening and who is responsible—with certain restrictions.

In detailing crime in the month of December, the February *News* reported that a "male and female" entered a home and robbed an elderly citizen of a wallet and a "drunk" was found near the bike trail; but a "black male" committed a robbery at knife-point, a "Hispanic male exposed himself," and a "Hispanic male" attempted to steal a car.

[Emphasis added.] This was the first time the *News* had ever elected to identify suspects by race, and it justified the decision by stating, "all information is taken directly from the police report, which normally includes race of suspect when known."

The police note race in their reports for purposes of legal identification—and are supposed to note the race of all suspects, whether black, white, Hispanic, or otherwise. If the police are at fault for providing inadequate statistics, the media is expected to use them in a responsible manner. Singling out particular ethnic groups in crime reports is demeaning and degrading to those groups and only serves to perpetuate negative stereotypes.

Fair is fair, Mr. Sargol. You advocate "factually and fully reporting things as they are"—why then do you not demand to know the ethnicity of the other criminals reported in the February issue? The *News* should either report the races of all criminals or omit racial statistics altogether. Anything less than "fully informative crime statistics" promotes the ugly misconception that only certain racial groups commit crimes in Barcroft.

I am one of those who objected to the February issue, and I am grateful to the editor for having taken my comments into consideration. I believe that I am joined by a great many Barcroft residents—of all ethnic backgrounds—in applauding the *News'* decision to discontinue highlighting race in its crime section.

Incidentally, Mr. Sargol, complaints about discrimination and "slights in housing, jobs, etc.," are not always simply "perceived"—they are a reality that Hispanics, blacks, and other persons of color must battle constantly.

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## Reading Is Fundamental

Fifteen Barcroft Elementary School students recently completed 14 consecutive days of reading for short periods each day to satisfy the requirements of Reading Is Fundamental's "Celebration of Reading." Congratulations to the following students and their parents who supported their efforts: Aubyn Allen, Elizabeth Arias, Carla Bascope, Eric Boyd, Jaclyn Boyd, Steven Cheng, Teresa Cigic, Lyda Drayer, Sarah Dulle, Elizabeth Herbert, Amanda Lockhart, Rosa Mandragon, Bryanne Moore, Julia Siple, and Gretel Truong. They read a total of 158 hours and 40 minutes!

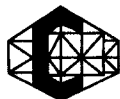
Of the 15, Jaclyn Boyd has a very special reason to be excited—her name was chosen at random to be the Barcroft representative in the national Celebration of Reading's drawing. She also received a special certificate.

## Business Fair Ready to Help Minority Firms

A coalition of public and private agencies will sponsor a Minority Business Opportunity Fair on June 18, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. The fair is designed to help minority firms and would-be minority firms learn how to participate effectively in the mainstream of Northern Virginia's economy. The fair is free.

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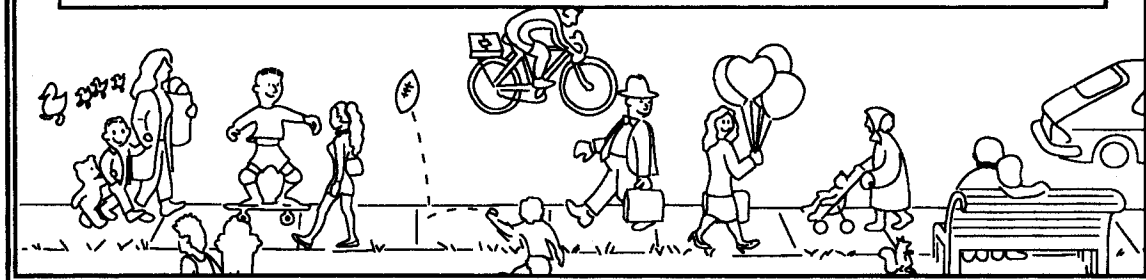
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## Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



All new Barcrofters are special, but it is especially exciting to have a member of the Arlington County School Board move here! Welcome to Darlene Mickey, David Permut, and their daughter, Jessica. Jessica is currently a third grader at Randolph Elementary. She may transfer to Barcroft School in the fall.

Last May Darlene had the honor of being appointed to the School Board, which, like the County Board, has five members. She says it was a lengthy process; she and many others sought the position.

Darlene feels that her school involvement and her experience as past president of the League of Women Voters helped qualify her for the position. She has also served as president of TACTS (The Arlington Temporary Shelter). Until she was appointed to the School Board, Darlene had a business called Virginia Goods and Gifts located on Four Mile Run (one of the businesses that would have been relocated for the Detox Center, had it been built there). Part of her reason for selling the business was to devote more time to the School Board.

Darlene says that voters will soon be able to decide whether we will be electing School Board members rather than having them appointed. In 1994 elected members would be phased in as appointed members' terms expire.

David is an attorney with the office of Thrift Supervision. He has sung in the Arlington Metropolitan Chorus for many years. This year the chorus will be going to Finland, Estonia, and Russia, including a train trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow! Darlene plans to go along.

The Mickey/Permut family used to live in the Randolph School area. They were thinking about putting an addition on their house and weren't really thinking about moving. One day, while cutting through Barcroft on the way to Jessica's piano lesson, they saw the perfect new house as it was being completed. They made an offer and now reside with their three cats in their dream home on 4th St. Jessica loves having a nice flat street to ride her bike on and lots of nice new neighborhood friends. Members of the Arlington Unitarian Church, they can now walk (or bike) to church. Darlene says that the whole family is just delighted to be a part of Barcroft.

There are a lot of changes coming up in the near future regarding our Arlington schools. A new middle school is going to be opened in about two years, requiring a redrawing of the boundaries. There is talk of possibly making each high school have a special educational focus. I hope that Darlene Mickey will soon be a speaker at a BSCL meeting!

# May Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>5/1-5/23 La Cage aux Folles</b>, Dominion Stage, Theatre One at Gunston, 8 PM, \$9, \$7. Call 683-0502.</p> <p><b>5/7-6/7 Washington Shakespeare Company</b>, Theatre Two at Gunston, 8 PM, \$15, \$10. Call 739-9886.</p> <p><b>5/8-5/23 How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying!</b> Arlington Players, Thomas Jefferson Theatre, \$10, \$8. Call 549-1063.</p>					<p><b>1 Carmelita Tropicana</b>, 8 PM, Theatre Two at Gunston, also Saturday night; call 358-6960.</p>	<p><b>2 Columbia Pike Artist Studios Open House</b>, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.</p>
<p><b>3 Center Dance Co.</b>, Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 3 PM; also 5/2 at 7:30 PM; CALL 522-2414.</p>	<p><b>4 MATCH</b>, 7:30 PM, Dunn Loring United Methodist Church; call 791-6264.</p>	<p><b>4 Civic Federation Mtg.</b>, 7:45 PM, Arlington Hosp.</p>	<p><b>6 Wednesday Bird Walk</b>, Long Branch, 9-11:30 AM, adults, no reservations needed.</p>	<p><b>7 BSCL</b>, 7:30 PM, Community House. Call 521-3746 for info.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9 Spring Plant Hike</b>, Long Branch, 2-4 PM, adults.</p>
<p><b>10 MOTHER'S DAY</b></p>	<p><b>11 Monday Night Play Lab</b>, New Works Theatre, Gunston, Free; call 524-7672</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13 Please Pass the Trees</b>, Long Branch, 10-11 AM, kids 3-5 yrs; 358-6535.</p>	<p><b>14 Birding Trip to Bombay Hook NWR</b>, 7 AM-6 PM, adults; \$15; 358-3403.</p>	<p><b>15 Cub Scout Pack Meeting</b>, 7:30 PM, Arlington Forest U. Meth. Church.</p>	<p><b>16 ARMED FORCES DAY YARD SALES</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19 Gentle Giants</b>, 10-11:30 AM; adults.</p>	<p><b>20 After-School Special: Trees</b>, Long Branch, 3-4 PM, kids grades 1-3.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23 Spring Plant Hike</b>, Long Branch, 2-4 PM, adults.</p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25 MEMORIAL DAY</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30 Neenar</b>, Celebration of Middle Eastern Culture, Gunston, 8 PM; call 486-2115. Also 5/31.</p>
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## Landscaping the Community House

On April 4 a hardy group of gardeners, working under the direction of neighborhood landscape designer Scott Brinitzer, began the landscaping project at the Community House. The group included Scott, Larry Goldschmidt, Carol LeTellier, Barbara Swart, and Randy Swart. With fine weather, the group planted a bed of perennials near the sidewalk and a grouping of three leather-leaf viburnums near the south fence. In the process they moved a large spirea. On the following Monday, Scott had his landscaping crew plant three dogwood trees on the other side of the building. The funds to purchase the trees came from donations from the Woman's Club of Arlington and a group of parishioners from Our Savior Lutheran church. Scott Brinitzer donated the perennial bulbs and the use of his crew. More important, Scott donated his own energetic, enthusiastic work and expert knowledge. Those who worked with him said they learned a lot about dividing perennials and how they should be planted. You too can have this experience the next time we announce a gardening day!

Our next project will be to shape up the grass, using advice from Scott and "Dr." John, who appeared at our April meeting. Then Scott's design includes three hollies farther back along the south fence. The trees will screen sheds along the fence and add a lot of aesthetic appeal by framing the Community House in a nicer setting. We are taking care not to obstruct the clear center of the yard, which is needed for Fourth of July events.

If you would like to help with the grass or the hollies, call Scott Brinitzer at 892-0308 or Randy Swart at 521-2080.

## Parade Committee Disaster

What if you held a Parade Committee meeting and nobody came?

Well, there might not be a parade on the Fourth of July this year, that's what! President Larry Goldschmidt and outgoing committee chair Mary Anne O'Rourke were the only people who showed up for the first Parade Committee meeting in April. We need some volunteers! We will discuss the subject at the May meeting of the BSCL on Thursday, May 7. Please come if you are interested in helping to organize the parade this year.

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## EDITORIAL

### Dog Owners: Clean Up After Your Pets!

According to the Arlington County Code, dog owners are responsible for removing their pets' droppings from any property other than their own. This includes public and private property, curb strips, and gutters. It applies to your neighbors' yards. Someone has been letting their dog run loose on 4th St. between Abingdon and Pershing. I, for one, don't appreciate the filth deposited in my above-street-level front yard. And I don't believe I'm the only homeowner in the area who has experienced this.

There are designated areas throughout the County where dogs are permitted to run off their leashes. If you wish to exercise your

pet off the leash, please use one of these areas. But remember, you still have to clean up after your animal.

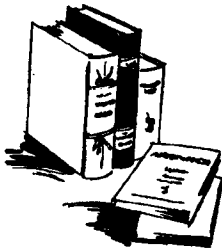
If you find you cannot remember to carry the necessary implements and containers for cleaning up the excrement, keep your dog at home in your own yard.

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### Barcrofter Wins Redskins Football

There has to be something good about accompanying your husband to a civic function, and it happened for Kathy Goldschmidt at the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization's spaghetti dinner on April 11. She won a genuine autographed Redskins football! Congratulations, Kathy, and we hope you find the right spot in your home to display your prize.

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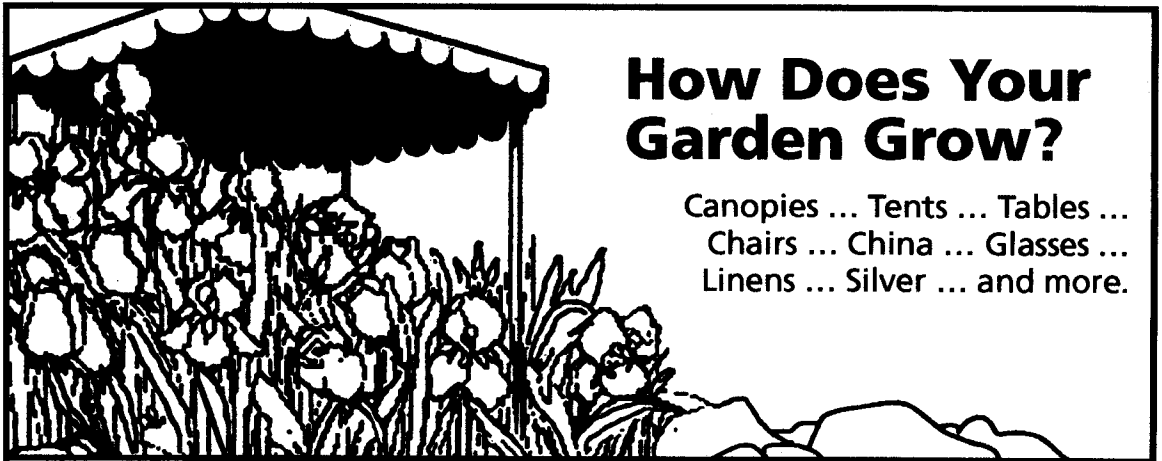
The Barcroft School's grand total for Giant Food grocery receipts was \$240,132.78. Every receipt was important, from the one for \$.03 (a peanut butter cup from the bulk barrels) to the \$389.76 receipt. Now the Barcroft staff is busy deciding what products to order, ranging from Apple computer products to encyclopedias to microscope sets. We thank everyone for collecting and contributing receipts. We know there was a lot of effort on the part of parents, relatives, friends, Barcroft staff, and local community groups.

### Parents' Orientation

Orientation for *parents* of new kindergarten students will be held May 18, at 9:30 AM in the Barcroft School multipurpose room.

Find out all about Barcroft School from Dr. Kahan and other staff members. In addition, Dr. Janice Adkisson, supervisor of early childhood programs, will talk about current trends in the kindergarten curriculum and how we are meeting the needs of today's five-year-old. Bring all of your questions!

A special get-acquainted orientation for new kindergarten *students* will be held on September 3, 1992, at 3:00 PM. At that time each child will be able to meet his or her teacher, see the classroom, and become comfortable with the new school setting just before that all-important first day.



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# Barcroft Crime Report

Here are crime statistics for March, courtesy of Detective Bob McFarland of the Arlington County Police Dept. If you have information about an incident, please call the police at 558-2222. Most disturbing is our first rape this year.

- 3/1 **900 S. Buchanan** Stereo stolen from apartment entered by breaking window
- 900 S. George Mason** Car window smashed
- 900 S. George Mason** Car window smashed
- 3/2 **4600 5th St. S.** Car stereo stolen
- 3/3 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting; arrest made
- 900 S. George Mason** Car stereo stolen
- 3/5 **4800 9th St. S.** Drunk arrested for disturbance in front of friend's house
- 900 S. George Mason** Arrest for shoplifting \$5.59
- 900 S. George Mason** Arrest for shoplifting clothing
- 3/7 **4600 5th St. S.** Property stolen from home; no sign of forced entry
- 3/8 **4400 Arlington Blvd.** Drunk panhandling in traffic lanes
- 3/10 **900 S. Wakefield** Rape; 11-year-old raped by 20-year-old
- 4700 Columbia Pike** Drunk in Hardee's parking lot
- 3/12 **4600 Columbia Pike** Gas not paid for
- 3/13 **600 S. Buchanan** Wheels stolen from car
- 900 S. George Mason** Car stereo stolen
- 3/17 **900 S. Buchanan** Known person broke car windows
- 3/19 **900 S. Buchanan** Car stolen
- 3/21 **900 S. George Mason** Car stereo stolen
- 3/23 **4200 Columbia Pike** Car stereo component stolen
- 3/25 **4600 Columbia Pike** Drunk passed out in public restroom
- 3/26 **900 S. Wakefield** Bicycle stolen off balcony
- 3/27 **900 S. Wakefield** Purse stolen from

unlocked car while victim took child into day care center

- 3/28 **800 S. Stafford** Harassing telephone calls
- 3/29 **900 S. Buchanan** Telephone threat
- 4800 Columbia Pike** Videotape stolen
- 3/30 **900 S. Buchanan** Tag stolen from car

## Crow's Blues

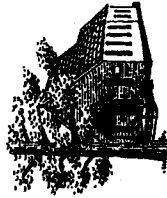
I flew back home  
 Back to my nest.  
 When I got there  
 I thought I'd take a rest.  
*I've got the crow blues  
 And what can I do?  
 I've got the crow blues  
 And I don't know what to do.*

So when I got back  
 Just what did I see?  
 Three ugly babies  
 A-crowwing back at me.  
*I've got the crow blues  
 And what can I do?  
 I've got the crow blues  
 And I don't know what to do.*

They were naked and ugly  
 And they couldn't sing.  
 Their flesh was too pale  
 And no hair on their wings.  
*I've got the crow blues  
 And what can I do?  
 I've got the crow blues  
 And I don't know what to do.*

So where's their father?  
 I do not know.  
 They can't be my babies  
 And now I've got to go.  
*I've got the crow blues  
 And what can I do?  
 I've got the crow blues  
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