

BARCROFT NEWS

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Welcome!

The *Barcroft News* is your neighborhood newsletter. It is produced by your neighborhood civic association, the Barcroft School and Civic League (BSCL). You live in Barcroft if your home is in the area bounded by Arlington Boulevard, George Mason Drive, Columbia Pike, and Four Mile Run.

For many years Arlington has been organized into neighborhood civic associations to make local decisions and give advice to the Arlington County Board. The BSCL is one of those associations. In 1908 the League's members built the Barcroft Community House at 800 S. Buchanan St. (which now also houses St. George's Bulgarian Orthodox Church). The League is active on local issues such as street lights, traffic signals, potholes, sidewalk repairs, parks, and building permits. It also represents the neighborhood on broader issues, such as the future of Arlington Hall, fire station relocation, and the renewal of Columbia Pike.

Interested neighbors provide the League's vitality, so if you want to change this little corner of the world, just come to the next meeting or pick up your phone and call anyone listed in this newsletter. We're your neighbors, and

we really do want to hear from you. You *can* make a difference in Barcroft.

The BSCL meets at the Community House (up the hill from Blockbuster) on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are small and friendly. They feature a speaker on a topic of neighborhood interest.

The next meeting is on September 3, our first after the summer break. The featured speaker will be Richard Graham, chairman of the Unitarian Church of Arlington's building committee. He will describe the new construction and other changes to its site and discuss them with the community. The church is located in our neighborhood, at the southwest corner of George Mason Drive and the Route 50 access road.

We would all be pleased to see you there. To contribute articles, want ads, artwork, cartoons, or just plain advice to this newsletter, call anyone on the newsletter staff. We hope you enjoy the *Barcroft News*. If you do, please send in your dues of \$2 per person today with the coupon on the back cover to ensure that you remain on our mailing list.

Church Taken to Task By First Place Group

In a lengthy, serious letter to the county planning office, 13 residents of First Place have objected to expansion plans by the Unitarian Church of Arlington on George Mason and Arlington Blvd. The objections focus on the church's inability to present its plans in a definitive way and the considerable enlargement of the parking lot, which would take up 50% of the length of the block. This raises aesthetic and traffic concerns as well as concern about late-night activity and noise. The neighbors suggest that the parking lot be placed on the Arlington Blvd. side.

According to the letter, the church has met with the neighbors but was vague on timetables. The group requests that it be kept informed of the county's involvement in the project as it proceeds. County Community Planning Director William Hughes responded in a letter, stating that the county had some specific, though limited, areas of regulation, but much of the church's plans would qualify as "by-right" development. This subject will be taken up at September's BSCL meeting. For further information on the concerns of the First Place group, call Charles Magyar at 920-4952 or Pat Callahan at 207-9727.



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Call 922-7728 for more details.

Space is very limited, so please register early!

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Church to Speak on Building Plans

The Unitarian Church of Arlington is in the process of enlarging and modernizing its physical plant. Enlarging the parking lot by removing some existing buildings (no trees or bushes) is one part. Several parts of the mas-

ter plan, however, are currently beyond the fiscal means of the church. Our membership has not yet determined which parts can be funded now. We regret that some neighbors have interpreted this as evasiveness.

We held two open meetings with the neighbors in May. We will present an update of our plans at the September BSCL meeting.

Church officials will be available to answer the questions of our Barcroft neighbors. If you have any questions, please call Richard Graham, chair, building committee, at 941-5541.

Dave Voorhees



A group of Barcrofters gathered to watch the parade together in comfort.



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Parade

The fourth annual Barcroft 4th of July parade was a rousing success. With weather cooperating, a color guard of Cub Scouts led us off, including Chris Dotson, Mark Johnson, Nick Ball, Trevor Little, Andrew Auby, Carey Ball, Travis Ball, Javier Rios, John Mortenson, and Shannon Little. Adults with them were Vic Mortenson, Robert Auby, Susan Auby, and Sharon Johnson.

Then came the Honored Grand Marshalls, a contingent of Barcroft School teachers and staff. At the front was Mrs. Annie Hazel, who taught first and second grade at the school in 1925-1926, when it opened. With her in the shiny new car driven by Harry Wood were her daughter, Marge, and Kay Loutzenheizer, another long-term Barcroft teacher. The other teachers and staff present were Elizabeth Browder, Doris Berghoefer, Nell Hoffman Campbell, Aileen Woods, Bobbie Gibson Tew, Margaret Foster, Secretary Betty Graveline, and Principal Dr. Ellen Kahan. (Look for more on them in one of Kathy Kerr's upcoming columns.) Among



them they represented many years of service. Notes of regret and remembrances were received from Fern Beck, Barbara Blanstein, Cathryn Seese, and Willimette Mack.

Behind the teachers was the incomparable Barcroft Marching Band, under the direction of the incomparable Jack Turner and his trumpet. Other band members included Klezmer clarinetist Jim Lande, comparable bagpiper Randy Swart, Army Band trumpeter Tom Palance and

his new bride and flautist, Lisa, and a bass drummer from Jack's VFW post.

After the band came the multitudes. A wagon float titled "Fourth of July Picnic with

Uncle Sam, Betsy Ross and the Statue of Liberty" somehow included Niles Barnhart, Vicky Boatwright, Jessica Boatwright, and Nicky Steinmetz with dog. Pershing's Own and First Road Band with Max and Avery Kodis, Lauren and Becky Wilson, Kristie and Sara Dooley, Vicki Millen, Corey Lipman, and Stephen Rogers marched next.

In the decorated bikes category were Sara Butner, Claire Weber, Ashby Williams, Rocco Saracina, Eva Stern and family, Jeff Nightingale, Kimmy Clinton, Stephanie Nightingale, and Caitlyn Theim. Max Perim, toddler, strolled his way, while 4-year-old Elizabeth Anne Keller proceeded under her own steam.

The Kerr Family Stringband fiddled along with Kathy, Jim, Alan, Caroline, and Adrienne (age 2). Fifteen-month-old Stephanie Alvarez came as a devil in the Dominican Republic tradition. Claire, Conor, and Evan O'Rourke appeared together as an American flag.

There were prizes galore, and if we can find the prize list, we will publish it next month. One prize worthy of note was the one for "Most Improved Home on the Parade Route." Check out 8th Road and you will spot it for sure.



This year's judges were Bill Newman and Jim Hunter of the Arlington County Board and Conchita Mitchell of the School Board.

They all put in a sterling performance, with Conchita again performing the miracle of organization that produced orderly prize lists from the chaos of our parade! She also presented the prizes, complimenting our neighborhood on its spirit.

Our corporate sponsors included Arlington Printers and Stationers, Brenner's Bakery, Murray's Steaks (500 hot dogs!), Roy Rogers family restaurant, and Rosenthal Chevrolet. They were generous with their support and deserve your consideration.



Margaret Davis deserves commendation as the principal contact with business sponsors. Individual donations came from Pennie Kinsey, James Davis, Diane McKnight, Phyllis Kinsey, Marie Salazar, and Talmadge Williams.

We thank the Arlington Police Department and the Fire Department for their participation. The police are adept at keeping

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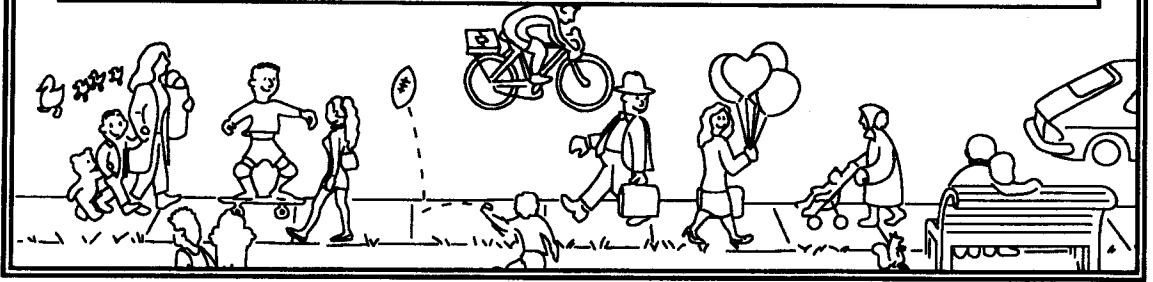
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Volunteers Needed

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These people know that within minutes a van or station wagon will be arriving loaded with food from Lazarus at the Gate. On the first and third Mondays of the month, food is given out by volunteers from Barcroft neighborhood. A team of neighbors work together. Typically, one person counts the number of people served and hands out bags while another Barcrofter puts cans of food in the people's bags. Yet another volunteer, perhaps a Barcroft child, counts sandwiches (usually peanut butter and jelly) to add to the food bags. Other volunteers are stationed to distribute the remaining food.

One may wonder, do these people really need this food, or are they taking advantage of

free groceries? Lazarus volunteers are not there to judge; but when the sometimes unsavory-looking potatoes, dented cans, and more-than-day-old bread are so eagerly snapped up, we know these are not freeloaders. It is disturbing that people living so near us can be so hungry.

Barcrofters who have been helping distribute food for the last year or two include Joyce Mason, Jim Lande and sons Joshua and Nathan, Judy Cusick and daughter Elizabeth, Ann Wester and daughter Sarah, Jim Duffy, Natasha Lord and daughters Sasha and Liesa, Janet Kyle and daughter Stacy, and the Kerr family. To continue this volunteer service, Barcroft needs some new volunteers, with or without vehicles, to work side by side with fellow Barcrofters in a unique opportunity for neighbors to assist other neighbors in need. If we can't find more people to help, we will have to drop to one time a month rather than two. To volunteer, please call Kathy Kerr at 892-6458.



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speeding cars from running the barricades, and climbing on the big yellow fire truck was a treat for old and young. We particularly appreciated Officer Gonzalez, who arrived first on his motorcycle, took one look at the puny barricades we had received, and put in

September Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Civic Federation Mtg., 7:45 PM, Arlington Hosp.	2	3 BSCL, 7:30 PM, Community House. Call 521-3746 for info.	4	5 Columbia Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
6	7 LABOR DAY	8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	9	10	11	12
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27	28 ROSH HASHANAH	29	30			

a call for reinforcements.

Thanks to Joyce Hutchins, our Voter Registration Manager. We offered voter registration service and signed up some Barcrofters as new voters. On a chilly morning next November, they will strengthen their neighborhood's voice in civic affairs by voting.

Most of all we want to thank the many volunteers who took a hand to make the

parade go. We break everything down into Small Jobs with appropriately grandiose titles. Pennie Kinsey was our Lemonade Manager, and Scott Allard served as Hot Dot Manager, ably assisted by James Davis. They introduced a major innovation this year—charcoal-broiled hot dogs. Robin Nightingale and fam-

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ily served as Decorations Managers. Our Badge Manager was Anne Marie Millin, who also assisted Margaret Davis as Donations Manager.

Serving as Parade Manager was Sue Sarcone. The Director of Judging was Talmadge Williams, Prizes Manager was Robin Saracina, Registration Managers were Cathy Goldschmidt and Claudia Uyehara, and Setup Managers were Tom Palance, Vinny Millin, and Robin Saracino. Cleanup Managers were Jaime Alvarez, Allen Dirksen, Susan Kelly, and Barbara Swart. Our Reviewing Stand Manager was



Vinny Millin, and the Parade Monitors were Opal Winebrenner, Mike Shields, and Marcia Oresky. The Official Photographer was Ken McNight, and our Program Publisher was Talmadge Williams. Beth and Jeff Lodsum, our Games Managers, organized the younger set for some great fun in the sack race, tug-o-war, and water-balloon toss. We felt the loss of Col. Roder and his professional sound system, making do with Randy Swart's home stereo. Our Community House Manager was Doris Herrera-Pohl. Our Theme Manager was Phyllis Kinsey, who contacted all the Barcroft teachers. The MC

was Larry Goldschmidt, and our Parade Chair Emeritus, working just as hard as ever, was Mary Anne O'Rourke, whose valuable guidance kept Parade Committee Chair Randy Swart from missing some important steps.

Evelyn Hsu and Linda Wheeler of the *Washington Post* attended and wrote a nice article capturing the flavor of the event. It is always nice to see your neighborhood and people you know presented in a positive light in the *Post*.

In sum, it was another great parade. Thanks to all who helped to make it happen!

Randy Swart



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Lutherans and Woman's Club Donate Trees

Last spring the Cotta Guild—Lutheran Women's Missionary League—of Our Savior Lutheran Church on S. Taylor made a generous donation to assist in landscaping the Community House, and the Woman's Club of Arlington made a similar bequest. Neighborhood landscape designer Scott Brinitzer selected four viburnums and a drift of three dogwoods to complement the current landscaping. The trees were planted to add interest and framing to the view of the Community House as well as to screen adjoining sheds along the property line. Stop by and see the trees, and check out the healthy perennials in the bed Scott and his volunteers planted last spring.

Every Penny Counts!

What to do with that pile of pennies? The bank is surly when you take them there, and you never remember to take at least four with you every morning. Help has come in the form of a new service from The Arlington Community Shelter, Inc. (TACTS). Your pen-

nies can support their emergency shelters for battered women and homeless families. Call Frances Storey, who lives over in Glen Carlyn, at 671-7290 to arrange a penny pick-up.

The Circus Is Coming

The fabulous Clyde Beatty–Cole Brothers Circus is coming to Arlington. It will set up tents at Quincy Park for performances on September 14 and 15. The shows will benefit the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, which builds and renovates low-cost housing units. This may be the most exciting time for circuses here since the days when the Barnum and Bailey Circus used to spend the winter at Bailey's Crossroads. Who today remembers when the elephant escaped from Luna Park (near present-day Crystal City)? Call Alice Hogan at 276-2657 for tickets. Hurry, hurry, hurry!

Barcroft Exchange

For Sale: Scan off-white and beautiful 3-piece living room set. Sofa (7 feet long), armchair, ottoman. Original cost over \$2500, selling for \$450 (negotiable). Please call 685-0086.

For Sale: Childcraft Crib/Bed. Standard size crib with spring and mattress extension to convert to youth bed. Includes two-drawer narrow dresser that serves as headboard for crib; two drawers below crib/bed. Side flips down on hinge for access to crib, rather than sliding up and down. Good condition; solid piece of furniture; used for 6.5 years. Call Sara Leigh at 521-0527. Come take a look!

Wanted: Responsible, reliable babysitter to care for 10-month-old on occasional evenings, etc. Male or female. Call Pam at 521-7674.

Help promote breastfeeding by Arlington County Clinic mothers by donating your used breast pump or baby carrier to the Arlington County Health Department. Call Kathy Kerr for pick-up, 892-6458.

Arlington Calls for Volunteers

Every month the Arlington Volunteer Coordinator sends us a press release with a dozen or so opportunities for volunteer community work. You can get a copy by calling Jean Berg at 358-3222. This month features the Volunteer/Mentor program for the Juvenile Court. Work with a youngster who has been referred by the court because of custody or other parental issues. The volunteer establishes a one-to-one relationship with the youth, providing support and helping solve problems. There are training sessions for the volunteers. Call Alan Beard at 358-4582 to find out more.



Ballston Fiesta

The Ballston Partnership will hold Ballston Fest '92 September 10-13. There will be music, sports, children's activities, street vendors, and more. Some activities are centered around Glebe Road and Fairfax Drive, with others at Quincy Park, beside the library. Something will be happening all weekend, with Saturday featuring country and western music capped by a Laser Show at nightfall. Watch for more info in your daily paper or call 533-0035.

Thanks From a Grand Marshall

Phyllis Kinsey received the following note after the Barcroft 4th of July parade.

"Thank you and the Barcroft School and Civic League for the honor bestowed on me. I enjoyed marching in your parade. It was wonderful to see all the people again. Your celebration was very well organized, and I am sure a lot of hard work was done by so many.

"Thanks again."
Betty Graveline



Ghost Busters Are Coming

Tired of those ghosts on your TV screen, but not so tired that you want to pay for cable? Barcroft is a ghostly area, and even a big antenna can't eliminate them entirely. Help is coming from an industry group led by the National Association of Broadcasters. They are working toward a technical standard for ghost-canceling circuits. Inexpensive ghost-cancelling encoders should be on the market within a year. Then Barcroft kids will have to listen to their parents tell them about how bad it was in the old ghostly days.

How Was Your Summer?

Lots of things happened in Barcroft this summer. The sidewalk crew finished its work, and they did a good job. In addition to their maintenance, somebody at 4th and Wakefield got a whole new sidewalk and immediately has the lushest utility strip grass in the neighborhood, matching the lushest lawn, asparagus, tomatoes, etc.

The renovation of Barcroft School has proceeded rapidly, with work on the big new addition coming along. It seems much larger and closer to the street than the architect's drawings, but playground space in back is at a premium and the indoor space is badly needed.

Construction at Arlington Hall continues, and again the drawings masked the fact that the National Guard building overwhelms George Mason Drive and should have fronted on Arlington Boulevard. Pity the architect whose mistakes are cast in stone! The State Department buildings rose rapidly as well—your budget deficit in action!

Our parade is covered elsewhere, and it was a fine event. It included voter registration, something we urge all new residents to think about. It is important to your neighborhood that you register and vote.

We lost several long-term residents who will be sorely missed. Col. Charles Roder and his wife, Margaret died, within a few days of each other. In addition to his many accomplishments in the military and later in broadcasting, Col. Roder provided the sound system for our parades. We also lost Mrs. van Tilburg, who had enlisted in the Navy as a Yeomanette when she was 18, around the turn of the century. She was buried in Arlington Cemetery with full military honors. We lost—but a retirement community gained—Dorothy Haney, who was active in the BSCL until she moved.

We had some crime over the summer too, with the usual events along Columbia Pike and a return of the car-radio theft and vandalism incidents that had quieted down some last winter. The good news is that Arlington County began patrolling the bicycle trail with fully equipped police officers on bicycles. We saw one confront a group of drunks on the trail, who poured out their booze and moved along. They had chosen a spot where cars could not see them and were stunned at the sight of a policewoman on a bike.

And as midsummer madness set in, we had a return of the lawn sheep, with a large specimen named Baa Baa sighted on 7th Street. Kathy Kerr may interview the sheep soon, saying she feels a baaad story coming on.

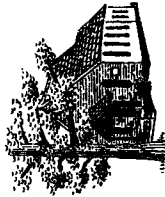
More things happened here, but you didn't write a story on them for the *Barcroft News*!

Who Named Grandma's Creek?

The June issue of the *Barcroft News* asked this question. We received the following response from long-time Barcroft resident Adaline Robertson.

"It was named after my grandmother, Sue Ann Marye. She would occasionally take a few of us on a picnic to this creek. We would wade in the creek and she would tell us stories—a big adventure. This all happened so long ago (1907–1910?) when that area was overgrown and we were the explorers.

"Sue Ann Pendleton (nee Fisher) Marye—born October 30, 1827, in Wood Co., Virginia; married April 2, 1859, to Simon Bolivar Marye; son Sydney Thomas Marye; granddaughter Adaline (Marye) Robertson; died November 29, 1913, in Barcroft, Virginia."



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