



# BARCROFT NEWS

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## **JANUARY MEETING: Central Library Tour**

The Barcroft School and Civic League will hold the January meeting at the rebuilt and expanded Arlington County Central Library on Quincy Street in North Arlington (not in our Community House on South Buchanan St.). We will conduct a short business meeting in the new Auditorium, then fellow Barcrofter and County Librarian Jayne McQuade will guide us on a tour of the vastly renovated library.

## **Disabled Access to the Community House**

The BSCL's officers and board of directors, as part of their November meeting, discussed the issue of handicapped access for the Community House. They considered the provisions of the new Americans with Disabilities Act and began the process of assessing what the BSCL might do to improve access by the disabled to our building and meetings. Even before passage of the Act, the group had discussed the problem of wheelchair access, and the possibility of constructing a ramp, but had not come up with a suitable or affordable solution.

The legislation requires newly constructed public buildings to be fully accessible to the disabled. Existing facilities, such as the Community House, are to make modifications that are readily and easily achievable. We may also be limited in the changes we can make by the Community House's designation as a Historic Building. Nevertheless, we will consider what we might do. As good neighbors, we do not want others in the neighborhood to be denied the opportunity to attend BSCL meetings. We want them to have the opportunity to serve as officers and do some of the work too!

The new law includes other provisions that drew our attention to aspects of facility design we had not even considered. Scott Allard showed our building to an architect friend and discovered, for example, that the Community House sign could be difficult to read for anyone with a sight impairment, the stairs to our bathrooms are not feasible for anyone but the able-bodied, and we do not have a visual smoke alarm to warn deaf people. Obviously access for the disabled applies to all types of disabilities, not just those requiring wheelchairs. We need to understand the specific needs of Barcrofters who might like to participate in activities at our Community House.

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## Access for Disabled *(continued)*

The group discussed many of these questions and decided it needed help. This is an appeal for that help. The board and officers welcome input from Barcrofters concerning what handicapped community we would be serving and what we need to do to serve it. Who would attend our meetings if access were improved? How can we anticipate their needs while maintaining our historic building?

If you can provide input on this subject, please call Larry Goldschmidt or Scott Allard, whose phone numbers are included in the box on this page.

## Christmas Tree Collection

The County will collect your old Christmas tree on your regular Thursday pickup day, January 7 or January 14. Put the tree out at the curb with your regular trash. If you miss those two days, the easiest way to dispose of the tree is probably to cut it up and put it in your Eagle Cart.

## Barcroft Exchange

**FOR SALE** GE heavy-duty electric clothes dryer. Eight years old, in very good condition. \$150. Call Faylinda, 703-979-8849.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS** Mahogany portable bar on rollers: 38" w x 20" d x 42" h; top extendable to 76" with inlaid green marble; 16 wine slots, 3 pullout drawers, shelves; \$200 or best offer. **End tables:** 2 round, rustic, solid oak; 27" diameter, 21" h; hinged top opens for inside storage; \$75 each or \$125 for the pair. **Maple tea cart:** 30" x 18" with 2 drop leaves (9" x 30"), lower shelf and one drawer; \$75. Call Betty Young, 521-2779.

## Special Trash Collections

The County has suspended all special trash collections from December 18, 1992, to January 17, 1993. This includes collecting furniture, large appliances, scrap metal, unbundled brush (except Christmas trees), and car batteries. After January 17 you can call for any of these special pickups at 358-6570. The County now charges \$10 to pick up your old washing machine; so if you got one for Christmas, be sure to have the delivery people take the old one away.

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## **Christmas Program With Rousing Good Cheer**

Our BSCL Christmas program on December 3rd was a grand success, with every seat filled. The incomparable Barcroft Christmas Band performed under the direction of Margaret Carter, MC. Betty Lewis led us in a spirited "Children Go Where I Send Thee," and Sean Carter provided a beautiful fiddle solo. Mary Anne O'Rourke did her unforgettable dramatic interpretation of "The Night Before Christmas," aided by the heaps of children at her feet. Then Santa himself appeared, bewhiskered and magnificent, distributing cheery Christmas greetings along with candy canes. We remain indebted to Kathy Kerr for organizing the event each year. For many of us, it is a highlight of the Christmas season. For the youngsters it will leave happy memories of life in Barcroft.



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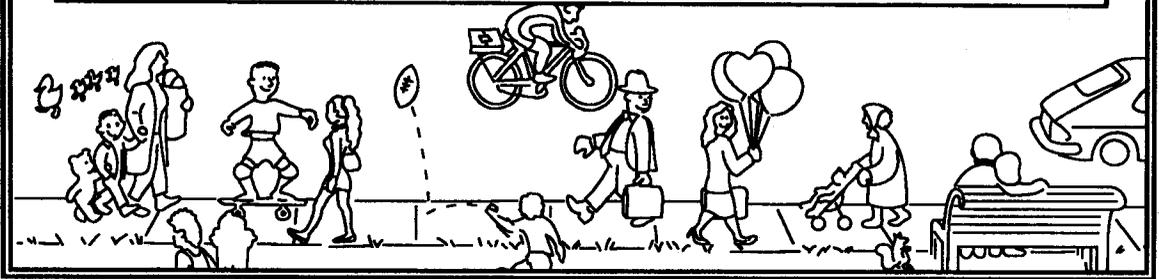
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## Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



Do you remember the clever float in the Barcroft 4th of July parade featuring 5th Street's Toddler Presidential Candidates Micah Leinbach (son of Ken and Shauna) of the Cherubli-can Party and Taylor Pence of the Kinderpen-dent Party? Two-year-old Chloe Greenberg represented the Diapercrat Party. Although she (and all of her neighbors) lost in the recent Presidential election, Chloe did gain a new baby sister just a few days later.

Congratulations to proud parents Susie Foster and Robert Greenberg for the arrival of their new daughter, Isabel Foster Greenberg, born November 5, 1992. The Greenbergs have lived in Barcroft for 3½ years. Susie reports that four babies have been born on her street in the last year. Sorry I didn't get the information to put them in the *Barcroft News!* Belated congratulations to most of 5th Street off Abingdon.

Any Barcrofters can call me with information about new babies, new neighbors, or interesting neighborhood news. I always need more people and ideas to write about. Despite rumors stating otherwise, I *don't* know everything about our neighborhood! I'll appreciate your help. Call me, Kathy, at 892-6458.



On a recent outing, Brownie Troop 325 went for a hike down along our neighborhood section of the W&OD trail and along Four-Mile Run. Each of the 15 girls and two leaders had a trash bag. Alas, we should have brought more bags. Our brief hike more than filled what we had with rags, papers, bottles, cans, clothing, and more. We decided to leave the rusty bike where we found it, in case it belongs to someone. The Brownies tended to stay on the trail, but there was certainly plenty more trash beyond our easy reach.

Leaders Phil Cackley and I hail from Michigan, where there has been a Bottle Bill in effect for quite some years. In Michigan one rarely sees a soda or beer can or bottle lying around. Knowing how many homeless people there are in the metro area and near our stretch of Columbia Pike, it is easy for me to imagine people picking up discarded cans and taking them to nearby stores for cash rebates. Even at 5

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# January Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Columbia Pike Artist Studios Open House</b> , 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Civic Federation Mtg.</b> , 7:45 PM, Arlington Hospital	<b>6</b> <b>Wednesday Bird Walk</b> , 9:30-12 noon, Long Branch, free, adults only. Call 358-6535 for info	<b>7</b> <b>BSCL</b> , 7:30 PM, Community House. Call 521-3746 for info	<b>8</b> <b>Winter Walk</b> , 9:30-11:30 AM, Long Branch, free, adults only. Call 358-6535 for info and reservations.	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Creature Feature</b> , 3-4 PM, Long Branch, free, kids in grades 1-3. Call 358-6535 for info and reservations.	<b>14</b> <b>Preschool Activity</b> , 10:30-11:30 AM, Long Branch, free. Call 358-6535 for info and reservations	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>19</b> <b>City Geese</b> , 10:30-11:30 AM, Long Branch, free, adults only. Call 358-6535 for info and reservations.	<b>20</b> <b>PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Birding Trip to Upper Occoquan Treatment Plant</b> , 8 AM-4 PM, \$15, adults. Call 358-3403 for reservations.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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cents per item, our brief hike would easily have provided enough money for more than just a cup of coffee! I realized that not only would a Bottle Bill make our neighborhood litter-free, but it could help homeless or poor people as well. It's something to think about. And next time you're out for a walk, don't forget your trash bag.

## Tell Them You Saw It in The *Barcroft News*

Whenever you patronize the businesses that advertise in the newsletter, please be sure to tell them you saw their ad. They need to know that it pays to advertise in the *Barcroft News*.

## **Goldschmidt Appointed To HALRB**

We were pleased to learn that BSCL President Larry Goldschmidt has been appointed to the County's Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board. This is the body that makes recommendations to the County Board on matters affecting historic districts and historic properties in the County. Larry's appointment to the Board recognizes his ability to contribute to the cause of historic preservation in Arlington. In real life Larry helps manage the museum properties of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, so he has a considerable background in dealing with historic preservation issues. We are sure he will be a valued member of HALRB.



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## Phone Book Recycling

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## Barcroft Crime Report

This month's crime report is for incidents in November.

In early December we were informed by a Barcroft resident that a neighbor had seen a prowler in the yard, frightened him off, but did not call the police because the prowler had fled. Arlington County Police urge you to call them anyway in such cases at their nonemergency number, 538-2222. Even if the culprit is gone, the police need to know that such incidents are occurring.

A second December incident not in this report was the theft of a van from a driveway at Arlington Boulevard and Pershing Drive. The van was unlocked, with the keys in the ashtray, but the theft is shocking anyway. The homicide outside Hi Cue was reported last month. We are losing car radios again at a steady rate.

We have also had a report of people changing oil in the area around 9th Street and 8th Road, and dumping the old oil in the gutter. That oil is in the Chesapeake Bay by now. Used oil is a carcinogen that can cause cancer, and there is a County regulation requiring that it be disposed of properly in a recycling spot. Call 358-6570 for a list of places where you can dispose of used oil. And call the police at 538-2222 if you see anyone dumping oil in a gutter.

- 11/2 900 S. **Buchanan** License plates stolen
- 11/3 4300 **Columbia Pike** Inspection sticker and County decal stolen  
900 S. **George Mason** Jacket stolen from car
- 11/5 900 S. **Buchanan** Indecent exposure to 11-yr-old and adult  
900 S. **George Mason** Shoplifting
- 11/7 4600 S. **8th** Holiday scarecrow stolen  
900 S. **George Mason** Homicide; after an altercation in DC, the victim was shot in retaliation
- 11/10 600 S. **George Mason** Car stolen
- 11/11 4800 S. **7th** Car window smashed, radio stolen  
4300 **Columbia Pike** Car radio stolen  
4600 S. **3rd** Car radio stolen  
4600 S. **3rd** Car window broken  
600 S. **Buchanan** Car window broken  
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700 S. **Buchanan** Car radio stolen
- 11/12 4200 **Columbia Pike** Left gas station without paying
- 11/13 4300 **Columbia Pike** Apartment burglarized
- 11/14 900 S. **George Mason** Knife wound related to murder at Hi Cue  
400 S. **Pershing** Burglary of rings from home
- 11/16 900 S. **George Mason** Gambling arrest at Hi Cue  
4200 **Columbia Pike** Car radio stolen  
4300 **Columbia Pike** Attempted car theft  
4300 **Columbia Pike** Wheel and tire stolen from car
- 11/19 4300 **Columbia Pike** Car window broken  
4500 S. **6th** Fraud—victim shorted in firewood delivery
- 11/22 600 S. **Buchanan** Drunk in public  
900 S. **George Mason** Theft; victim left wallet on drugstore counter; gone when returned
- 11/23 4800 **Columbia Pike** Check fraud
- 11/26 4800 **Columbia Pike** Drunk passed out in car  
4800 **Columbia Pike** Drunk in public
- 11/28 900 S. **Wakefield** Car radio stolen
- 11/30 4600 S. **6th** Car theft from driveway of a home  
900 S. **Wakefield** Four offices burglarized

Thanks to Detective Bob McFarland of the Arlington County Police for this report.



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