



# BARCROFT NEWS

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## No June BSCL Meeting! See You at the Parade!

### BSCL Elects Officers

At the May meeting the Barcroft School and Civic League had its first contested election in recent years. David Michaelson was nominated as a second candidate for vice president, leading to actual voting rather than the usual sighs of relief from those who were not pressed to run for office! David was not elected but remains our Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Representative. We hope he will be available when next year's nominating committee begins sharpening its pencils and making phone calls.

Last month an unfortunate computer glitch omitted President Scott Allard from the list of nominees in the May Barcroft News. The Nominating Committee wants you to know that they were enthusiastic about nominating Scott, and the computer just goofed. Sorry to set everyone wondering. In addition, the nominee for Treasurer, incumbent Dee Kirkbride, sold her Barcroft home before she could be reelected and moved from the neighborhood. (She and husband Michael continue to build two more houses here on 8th Street.) Jim Kerr agreed to

run and was elected Treasurer. Jim is well known as the husband of Kathy Kerr, who writes our Around the Neighborhood column. Now he will assume a Barcroft identity of his own.

Officers for the 1993–1994 year, which began May 6, are as follows:

<b>President</b>	Scott Allard
<b>Vice President</b>	Dave Voorhees
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jim Kerr
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Margaret Davis
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Pennie Kinsey
<b>Board Member</b> (4-year term)	Susan Christopher

If you are interested in running for office next year, please remember to let Scott know, since he will appoint the Nominating Committee next spring. The parade on July 5 would be a great time to do that. There is always room for new blood—and probably a project or two you could work on in the meantime if you would like to.

# Fifth of July Parade: The Year of the Kids

by Mary Anne O'Rourke

Here comes the parade! Our *fifth* annual 4th of July Parade will be held, appropriately enough, on the 5th of July. Please mark this momentous Monday event on your calendars. As usual, we will gather at the Community House at 800 S. Buchanan around 10 AM. The parade will march off promptly at 11 AM with our Arlington County Police and Fire department escorts. We will return to the Community House for a picnic with free hot dogs, lemonade, and games for the kids.

The parade this year will honor all of Barcroft's children. They will be our Grand Marshals and specially honored guests. With childhood as the theme, let your imaginations run wild when deciding on costume, float, or bike designs. Favorite nursery rhyme, cartoon, movie, or book characters all pop to mind as possible entry ideas. If none of these appeal to you, just wear any costume, getup, or outfit you feel like parading in!

We are pleased to have as our judges this year Jerre Medley, president of the Barcroft Elementary PTA; Conchita Mitchell, School Board member (and the most talented judge ever); and Mary Margaret Whipple, member of the Arlington County Board. Judging a neighborhood parade is not quite as simple as you might think, and we are happy to have this distinguished group.

We have already filled many positions on the parade committee, but the following ones are still available:

- \* Games Manager
- \* Registration Manager
- \* Cleanup Manager
- \* Decorations Manager

These are easy, fun jobs that require only an hour or two of your time. You can even do them and still march in the parade. Please call me at 920-5619 or come to our next, and probably final, meeting of the Parade Committee, which will be held on June 17 at 7:30 PM at the Community House.

Our quilt show is shaping up. Neighbors are calling with their family treasures to show and share. We are especially interested in any quilts made right here in Barcroft or any children's quilts to go with our parade theme. There

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are no special requirements for the quilts other than a sleeve for hanging. Perhaps there will be a Quilting Bee at my house before the parade to put on sleeves and decide show places for each of the quilts. Please call me early if you have a quilt to display.

To avoid long lines at the registration table on the day of the parade, please use the enclosed registration form. In years past we have had nearly 100 entries. Please mail the form to Mary Anne O'Rourke, 4516 8th St. S., Arlington, VA 22204, or drop it off there and receive an American flag to wave at the parade.

Kathy Kerr has been busy soliciting prizes from local businesses. At press time she had already collected 10 cartoon videos from Blockbuster Video. These will be awarded as door prizes during the picnic after the parade. We'll have a raft of other exciting prizes too, and you can donate a prize if you want to. Our judged entries will receive the magnificent Barcroft blue ribbons, suitable for hanging or framing.

If you don't feel like marching, please bring your lawn chairs and come cheer on our participants. There is nothing like the roar of a crowd to lift the spirits. We hope all of you will come to the parade and share this wonderful community event.

## **Singles Housing Under Discussion**

The County has recently initiated discussion of various proposals for Housing Affordable to Singles (HATS). A task force has put forth proposals to amend the zoning ordinance to permit single-room-occupancy units. These units might or might not be permitted in single-family neighborhoods such as Barcroft. They are a replacement for the old rooming-house concept and feature five or more individual

bedrooms with shared kitchen and living facilities. They usually serve individuals with less than \$15,000 in annual income. Most would come from new construction or rehab of existing multi-unit buildings, since there are few single-family homes with that many bedrooms.

This and another proposal permitting two unrelated adults who each have children to live together have been under discussion at the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, the Civic Federation, and elsewhere as the County solicits citizens' input. If you have views on the subject, please call David Michaelson, our NCAC rep, at 553-3953, for an update on the subject and to register your opinions.

## **Arlington Historical Society Meeting**

The Arlington Historical Society (AHS) met in our Barcroft Community House on May 14. Among the speakers was Larry Goldschmidt, former BSCL president and member of the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board, who introduced the Community House and spoke on historic preservation issues. County Board Chairman Jim Hunter gave an interesting first-hand account of growing up in Arlington, personalizing the recent history of our community. And Barcrofter Karen Darner, our delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, spoke on her efforts to preserve the site of the Abingdon House ruins surrounded by National Airport. She gave out genuine replicas of Abingdon bricks to those present who had helped with the effort. The meeting site was chosen to introduce AHS members to our Community House, which is designated as a Historic District by Arlington County. It is a tribute to our neighborhood that two of the three speakers were Barcrofters!

## CPRO Revitalizing!

At the May meeting of the BSCL, our delegate to the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, Jack Christman, reported that the organization has experienced difficulties this year. It lost two executive directors in recent months, and some of its more-active officers as well. Following that meeting came exciting news that holds promise for the organization's future. CPRO has hired Barcrofter Darlene Mickey as its new executive director. Beginning June 2 Darlene will bring her Arlington civic activity background, her business experience, and her considerable energy and talent to the task of renewing CPRO's commitment to upgrading the Pike. With Darlene in charge, CPRO can once again be a positive force along the Pike. Her Barcroft perspective will ensure an appreciation of the need to extend the revitalization effort to our end of the Pike.

On hearing of Darlene's appointment, at least two Barcrofters remarked, "Oh, well then, we'll send in our dues." If you decide to join them, send \$10 for individual membership to Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, 3717 Columbia Pike, #311, Arlington, VA 22204. When individual Barcrofters join, it reduces the BSCL dues for membership as a civic association.



## Community House Receives Tree Transplant

Here is a photo of Barcroft Landscape Designer Scott Brintzer and a robust crew transplanting a holly tree donated by Jack Christman to the Community House yard. The dogwoods donated by the Woman's Club of Arlington and the Cotta Guild—Lutheran Women's Missionary League—of Our Savior Lutheran Church on S. Taylor are doing very well this spring and blossomed beautifully. In fact, every tree, bush, and flower Scott has planted at the Community House is doing well.

In the photo by Barbara Swart are (from left) Carol LeTellier, Jack Christman, Randy Swart, and Scott Brintzer.

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# Barcroft Elementary School News

by Dr. Ellen Kahan

Relief is in sight for all of the patient neighbors who have tolerated the reconstruction and renovation of the Barcroft Elementary School. The final phase is almost completed, and as soon as school closes the trailers will be emptied and moved from the school grounds. The landscaping and entrance work will be finished over the summer, and we hope a new playground will also be constructed. By September all evidence of the construction should be gone except for the beautiful new building.

On the first of July, I will be accepting a new position in Arlington Schools as the deputy director of student services and programs. My main responsibility will be to oversee all of the special education programs in the County. No words can express the pleasure and gratification I have had in being the principal of Barcroft School and getting to know so many wonderful people in the Barcroft community. I will treasure the memories of July 4th parades, conversations with the neighborhood's most fa-

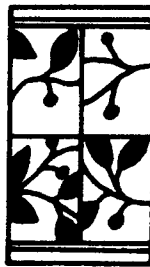
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mous gardener, and visits and support from so many Barcroft friends. I wish nothing but the best for this community. It is a wonderful and special place.

*We would like to add that Barcroft will miss Dr. Kahan as much as she will miss us. Her determination to make Barcroft Elementary the highest quality neighborhood school possible has been the spirit of the school and the impetus for its improvement over the years she has been at its helm. We could not have asked for a better principal to guide Barcroft through the difficulties of renovating the building. Both the students and the neighborhood have benefitted from her care to see that the construction crews minimized their disruption. More important, her leadership has raised the quality of education at Barcroft Elementary. We wish Ellen Kahan all the best as she moves up the career path!*



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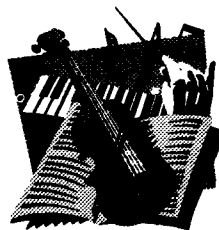
## Arts in Arlington for June

Jon Palmer Claridge of Arlington's Cultural Affairs Division spoke at the May BSCL meeting on "The Arts in Arlington." His talk was an eye-opener, even for those who thought they knew about the opportunities to enjoy the arts here.

Mr. Claridge was an enthusiastic and entertaining speaker, and his message was that Arlingtonians have a vast array of arts events for their entertainment this summer and throughout the year. He highlighted the Arlington Symphony, the new director of which is bringing a new standard of performance for symphony music. The Symphony will open the summer outdoor event series "Arlington Arts Alfresco" with a performance at Bluemont Park on June 5. (You can picnic on the grass at the Bluemont performances.) The Lubber Run outdoor am-

phitheater events open on June 11 at 8 PM with a full schedule of free performances; you can check on these by calling 358-6960. June 20 will be a performance of an amazing physical comedy and juggling team called Gizmo Guys; June 23 is Mahina and the Polynesians; and June 25 and 26 will feature Mozart's one-act family opera *The Goose from Cairo*.

Mr. Claridge mentioned so many exciting upcoming performances that we can't begin to list them all. He brought copies of the quarterly *Arlington Artsletter*, which lists about 15 events each month and has background articles on artistic groups and performers. You can subscribe by sending a \$5 check made out to Treasurer, Arlington County, along with your name and address to Artsletter, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington, VA 22206. We will be listing more arts events in the *Barcroft News* calendar beginning in September.



## Heritage Walk for June

The Arlington County Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Heritage Walk down Gulf Branch to the Potomac River on June 19. The walk begins at the Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, at 10 AM. It will cover both the history and the natural features of the area. No reservations are required. Information is available from the Potomac Overlook Nature Center at (703) 528-5406.



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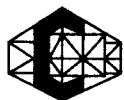
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## Crime Resistance Committee Report

At the May 6 BSCL meeting, Chairman Chris Monek provided a report on the Crime Resistance Committee's activities. Chris noted that the committee had provoked a review of Arlington's capabilities for responding to situations such as the pool hall on George Mason Drive and that the County's reply to the committee indicated that its options are limited. In its contacts with the County and the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, however, the committee has confirmed that both are keeping an eye on the situation and are prepared to move when evidence of drinking-law violations can be gathered. The County's "No Trespass" program is now in effect at the shopping center, so individuals who have committed offenses

there can be barred by the store owners from returning to the stores. The Crime Resistance Committee is continuing its contact work to ensure that County and State officials know that our neighborhood is still concerned about this situation.

The BSCL voted at the May meeting to send a letter to Jim Hunter, the chairman of the County Board, noting our continued concern, thanking him for meeting with us on this issue, and expressing our hope that further measures will eventually be possible.



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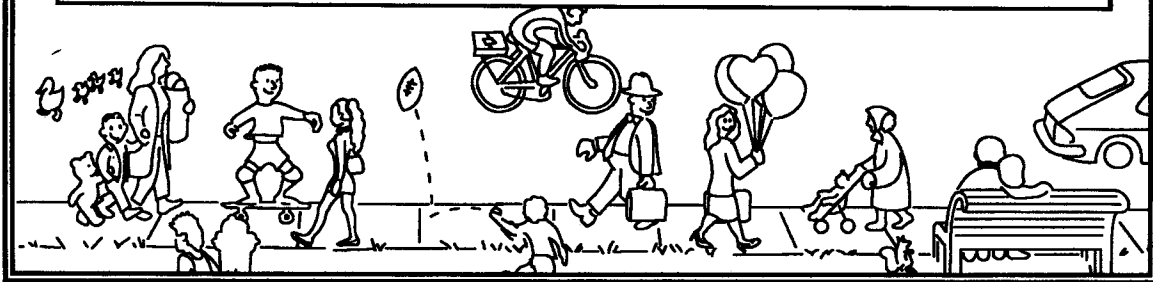
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## Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



If your kids' piano teacher lives a little too far away, just have her move to Barcroft! That's what I did. Welcome to the Wigfield/Gorka family on S. Buchanan St. Former Pennsylvanians and long-time renters in N. Arlington, Mark and Julie were looking for a home large enough for their three children and the two pianos Julie needs as a Suzuki piano teacher.

Their new house has needed quite a bit of repair and cleaning, but after putting out tremendous piles of trash for Thursday pick-ups and applying lots of elbow grease, it is fast becoming home. (And, Mark and Julie, there are plenty of Barcrofters who really appreciate your efforts because fixing up and caring for a house makes our whole neighborhood a better place to live.)

The children are 21-month-old Jake, Cara, a home-schooling second grader, and Collin, who has just transferred to Barcroft School third grade this April.

Mark is the Washington correspondent for four Pennsylvania newspapers. Julie has been teaching piano for 13 years, including teaching my children for the last 5 years. She was recently interviewed by a *Washington Post* reporter for an article about metro-area piano teachers. The reporter was so impressed by Julie's methods that she asked Julie to begin teaching her own child, which ironically meant that she could not use Julie's name in the article. By the way, Julie's teaching schedule is totally filled, but she does maintain a waiting list.

Mark and Julie have become quite handy, out of necessity with their new home. In his spare time, while not chasing kids, ripping up old carpet, or pulling nails out of the floors and walls, Mark has

been known to play piano to back up Collin and Julie, who each play traditional fiddle. Julie is excited to have her vegetable plot in the Arlington community garden near Four Mile Run, where Mark also enjoys running and biking.

Mark, we are counting on you to dust off your trumpet for the Barcroft 5th of July Band.



Jack Turner, our enthusiastic parade band director, will be out of town this year. In his absence trumpeter (and professional musician) Tom Palance has agreed to direct the incomparable unit. Any musicians who would like to march in the parade can call Tom at 979-8366. Quality musicianship is optional, and you are guaranteed to have fun.



I think that one of Barcroft's All-Time Best Neighbors has to be Russell Spalding, our next-door neighbor on 4th Street. Eight years ago we were anxious to start cleaning the fixer-upper house we were buying. Armed with tools, buckets, rags, and plenty of energy, we were quite deflated to find that the water had not yet been turned on. We couldn't flush the toilets much less adequately clean the kitchen cabinets. Russell, who had promptly come out to meet us, started fooling around with his garden hose. Before we knew it, he had ingeniously hooked up his hose to our water system and provided water to our house!

Later he came over to inspect my husband's paint job in the living room. He gave Jim some painting pointers and began demonstrating his way



# June Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1 Civic Federation Mtg.</b> , 7:45 PM, Arlington Hospital.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Columbia Pike Artist Studios Open House</b> , 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14 FLAG DAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>19 Heritage Walk</b> , 10 AM, Gulf Branch Nature Center; call 528-5406 for information.
<b>20 FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>21 SUMMER SOLSTICE</b>	<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>	<b>MONDAY, JULY 5—PARADE</b> Entries gather at 10 AM Parade begins at 11 AM Picnic follows		

of painting the ceiling. Before we knew it, the ceiling was completely painted!

A year or two later, my husband decided to paint and reglaze the exterior windows. Russell volunteered to help. Jim, not an early riser, was awakened by Russ before 8 AM. They worked together all day until my husband hung up his brush at dinner-time. Russell kept at it until dark, and this was in the summer! Russ said, "These windows haven't been

painted for at least 30 years, and I painted them back then too!"

When a neighbor across the street hoped to entice his Texas girlfriend to move here, Russell saw it as a call to arms. He got out his extension ladder and painted most of the exterior of that fellow's house. Indeed, there was a wedding over there not long after.

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## Around the Neighborhood

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Russell always loves to diddle with cars, even at all hours of the night. One day when my car wouldn't start, Russell quickly solved the problem but also did a quick check under the hood. I'll never forget his fatherly chastising, "Kathy, having a car means more than just putting gas into it. You've got a nearly empty radiator here and your oil is down by 2 quarts . . . ."

Among Russell's more unusual hobbies, he loves edging the lawn, and not just his lawn. And he has a remarkably long extension cord for his edger. I remember that in both 1986 and 1990, he claimed he wanted to make my lawn look especially neat for my impending babies. Of all of Russell's tools, I believe the edger was the only one we never borrowed. We didn't need to!

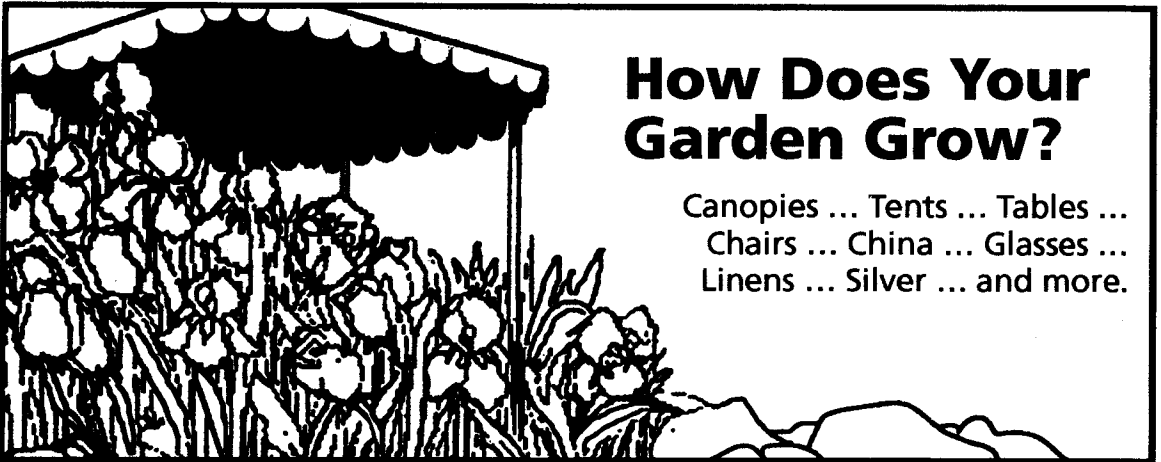
Russell still lives on 4th St. with his wonderful wife, Libby. There is usually a passel of grandchildren over there as well. For you old-timers, Russell's aunt was Mrs. Velma "Nannie" Hudson, an original Barcrofter.

Russell's health isn't what it used to be. But don't worry, Russ, our new house on S. Abingdon was painted before we bought it. And never mind about how you like to mow your grass at 6:30 AM and wake us up. That's OK. We offer our heartfelt thanks to you and hereby nominate you for the Barcroft Neighbor Hall of Fame.

Come to think of it, our new lawn does need edging . . . .



Special note to a mom who called about a get-together for Barcroft mothers during the day—I lost your number! Anyone interested in connecting with other mothers at home, call Kathy at 892-6458.



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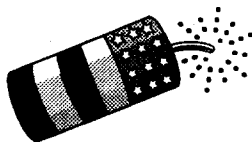
## Civic Federation Actions

The Arlington County Civic Federation, an umbrella organization of neighborhood civic associations to which the BSCL belongs, recently adopted a resolution urging the County to apply the siting-process principles now under consideration by a task force to the relocation of the Department of Human Services. DHS is expected to relocate at some point in the future to a site in the Rosslyn–Ballston corridor, and the County is considering a land swap to provide for the move.

The Federation has also sent a letter to the FAA protesting a redefinition of commuter flights that would increase the number of late-night and early-morning flights at National Airport.

At its April meeting the Federation heard from our state representatives, including Barcroft's own delegate, Karen Darner, about the 1993 legislative session. Among other highlights, Ms. Darner's bill to eliminate charges for textbooks in public schools was enacted.

For more information on Civic Federation actions and upcoming meetings (where you are always welcome as an observer), call Anne Noll or talk to her at the parade.



## 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*.

## Lawn Care Tips from Merrifield Garden Center & "Dr. John"

### General

The Merrifield Garden Center has a free five-page bulletin with an annual program for local lawn care. We'll skip the suggestions that involve chemicals, since we don't want our own neighbors dumping chemicals next door. But here is a good tip on summer watering:

Water early in the morning. Two inches a week is plenty. Water as slowly as necessary for good absorption, perhaps in half-hour intervals. Too much water can drown your shrubs—the roots will rot if drainage is poor or mulch holds in excess water. So keep alert to the watering pattern and drainage, or you may lose plants in August or September.

If you are reading this in early June, it's not too late to fertilize. "Dr." John suggests Milorganite, used according to the label for a last feeding before fall.

### Mossy Lawns

Does your lawn have moss or algae problems? One of "Dr." John's bulletins lists six common problems, with suggestions for action. Among the suggestions are the following:

- \* Fertilize using at least 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.
- \* Improve drainage by sloping or by adding drain tiles if your soil has a lot of clay.
- \* Correct the acid balance with lime.
- \* Water slowly and deeply.
- \* Prune trees or reseed with shady grass seed mix.
- \* Aerate compacted soil.

## The Malcolms Return

You have probably noticed Columbia Pike Automotive, which recently opened at the corner of Columbia Pike and Wakefield. Formerly the site of Malcolm's Automotive, this establishment has a long Barcroft history.

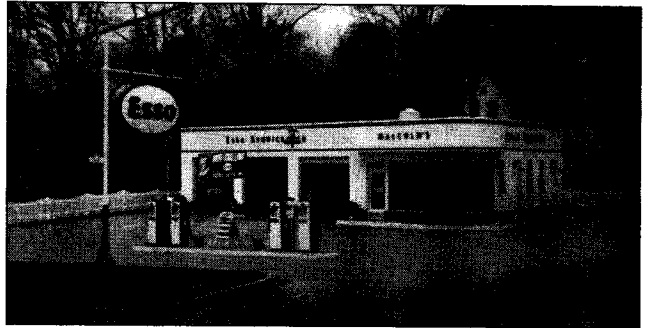
In 1950 L.J. Malcolm bought the land and built the current building as an Esso (later Exxon) gas station. It opened on January 1, 1951. Mr. Malcolm operated the service station until 1977, removing the gas pumps in the '70s to concentrate on automotive service. In 1977 he sold the business—along with the Malcolm's trademark—to Mr. Daniels, leasing the property to him. A regular advertiser in the *Barcroft News*, Mr. Daniels carried on the high-quality service tradition at Malcolm's. His health failed in recent years, and after his death his wife carried on the business.

In February the lease expired and Malcolm's closed. Lacy L. Malcolm, son of L.J. Malcolm, decided to move back to his father's old location. He no longer owns the Malcolm's trademark, so he has opened as Malcolm Enterprises trading as Columbia Pike Automotive, which you see on the front of the business now.

Lacy Malcolm pledges to carry on the tradition of quality service established by his father and ably continued by the Daniels. Technicians will still be A.S.E. certified. They have state-of-

the-art computerized diagnostic equipment, and all the shop manuals necessary for working on many different brands of cars are now computerized and stored on CD-ROM disks.

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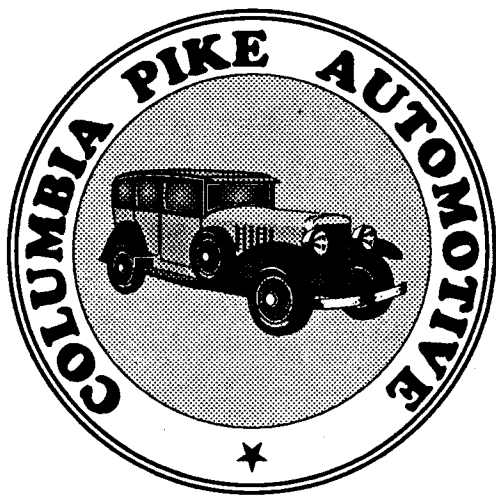
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**FREE FIREWOOD:** Large maple tree cut down, many large pieces for splitting/sawing. In driveway and yard, corner of George Mason and 6th St. S. Call Ann or Bill, 521-2841.





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## Refuse Collection Q&A

How up are you on solid waste disposal? Try your hand at this recycling and trash quiz.

**Q** Where does Barcroft's trash go?

**A** To the Arlington/Alexandria waste-to-energy facility on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria (near the UPS station and the beltway), where it is burned to generate electricity.

**Q** What can you put in an Eagle cart?

**A** Lots of things, including some the County does not approve of. Bricks, rocks, dirt, large amounts of construction debris, and asbestos should not go in. For those materials, you are supposed to call a private refuse collection service. No responsible neighborhood newsletter would advise you to dump one brick a week into your Eagle cart until they are all gone. Or tell you that some people put the brick in a reused Safeway or Giant plastic bag to disguise it. But we will tell you not to put more than 200 pounds in the cart, nor more than 50 pounds in each of the five additional containers you can set out along with your Eagle cart when you need to.

**Q** What goes in the yellow bin?

**A** The yellow recyclable materials bin is for glass bottles and jars, metal food and beverage cans, and plastic bottles and jugs. Rinse them all out, and remove tops. Labels and neck rings are okay to leave on.

**Q** What 9 things cannot go in the yellow bin?

**A** Do not put in drinking glasses, cookware, lightbulbs, mirrors, window glass, anything that has held hazardous substances like lawn sheep cleaner, margarine tubs, grocery bags, or miscellaneous plastic items.

We'll talk more trash next fall.

## Why Plants Die

Did you plant something this spring and have it die? The weather could well be responsible, or perhaps 1 of the 14 other things listed by the Merrifield Garden Center in "Dr." John's Checklist. They include the following:

- \* Planted under an overhang, eave, large tree
- \* Did not receive enough light
- \* Planted too close to a gutter downspout
- \* Used by dogs as a fire hydrant
- \* Exposed to herbicide or overdose of fertilizer
- \* Planted with the container still on it or a string tied around the trunk
- \* Planted too deep or with mulch piled up high around the trunk
- \* Affected by winter kill
- \* Defoliated by insects, or weevil damage to roots or lower trunk
- \* Attacked by borers
- \* Afflicted by a disease
- \* Allowed to dry out to the point of wilt shock
- \* Watered to the point of drowning or root rot
- \* Rootbound before you planted it

"Dr." John concludes that the solutions are not always simple. You can ask one of our master Barcroft gardeners—they seem to be scattered around about one per block—or contact "Dr." John at 560-0011. Visiting him with a piece of the afflicted plant is often the best way to get a diagnosis and possibly the necessary antidote at the same time.



## Barcroft Crime Report

This month's crime report is for incidents in April. Addresses show the block where the incident occurred, not the individual house number.

The homicide on 4/12 is the same well-publicized incident we mentioned in last month's crime report.

To report crimes or criminals, Arlington County Police urge you to call them on 911 or their non-emergency number, 538-2222.

- 4/1 900 S. George Mason Dr. Shoplifting.
- 4/5 900 S. George Mason Dr. Shoplifting.  
900 S. George Mason Dr. Shoplifting.
- 4/6 600 S. Buchanan Drunk in public.  
900 S. Wakefield Ex-friend made threat to kill.  
900 S. George Mason Dr. Shoplifters, one of whom was found to be carrying cocaine.
- 4/7 900 S. George Mason Dr. Narcotics arrest after PCP found in vehicle.
- 4/8 900 S. George Mason Dr. Shoplifting.  
900 S. George Mason Dr. Shoplifting.  
900 S. George Mason Dr. Fraud.
- 4/10 900 S. Buchanan Suspect posing as a maintenance person entered apartment and stole \$300.
- 4/11 900 S. George Mason Dr. Victim assaulted by four people, possibly related to fight friends had earlier.
- 4/12 900 S. Buchanan Homicide (reported last month).
- 4/16 4700 6th St. Several vehicles opened and tampered with.  
4700 6th St. Emergency kit stolen from car.  
4700 6th St. Car opened and ransacked.  
4600 5th St. Stereo and uninstalled car alarm stolen from car.  
500 S. Abingdon Items stolen from car, later found in yard across street.  
4300 Columbia Pike Person followed another person into parking lot.

- 4/17 900 S. Buchanan Car window broken.
- 4/18 900 S. Buchanan Victim assaulted by person who cut clothes with a pair of scissors.
- 4/21 4300 Columbia Pike Person arrested for stabbing friend.
- 4/22 300 S. Wakefield Car window broken.  
500 S. Wakefield Attempted car theft.
- 4/23 4200 Columbia Pike Person drove away without paying for gas.  
700 S. Wakefield Inspection sticker stolen.
- 4/24 900 S. Wakefield Seventy-two brass pendants stolen from jewelry store.  
900 S. Buchanan Windows smashed out of car.
- 4/26 4600 2nd St. Car radio stolen.  
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900 S. George Mason Dr. Shoplifting.
- 4/30 4300 Columbia Pike Kidnapping. Victim was walking out of house to do laundry.  
800 S. Taylor Money stolen from safe.

For a copy of the actual police report we receive or to join the BSCL's Crime Resistance Committee, call Chris Monek at 920-1287.

## Barcroft Babysitters

- My Chau**, S. 7th St., 521-9344
- Stacy Kyle**, 13 years old, 7th grade, S. 6th St., American Red Cross Babysitting Certification, 486-0019
- Terri Lahlou**, 28 years old, S. 4th St., 979-9565 (home), 527-8484 (work)
- Liza Lord**, 13 years old, American Red Cross Babysitting course, 892-2443
- Sasha Lord**, 11 years old, Mother's Helper—will entertain children while mother is at home, 892-2443
- Kati Sharpe and Anne Roningen** (available as a team), 13 years old; Kati, S. Buchanan St., 979-4520; Anne, S. 9th St., 521-1451
- Erin Shaw**, 12 years old, 7th grade, S. 8th St., 920-5934



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