



# BARCROFT NEWS

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## September Meeting to Focus on Renovations

Time flies! After a three-month summer hiatus, it's time for our next BSCL meeting. Come join us Thursday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St. We'll kick off the fall with an update of the Community House renovations. Renovations have already begun. Work started this summer on the foundation. The BSCL Community House Renovation Committee has drafted further plans that are being reviewed by architect Richard Bierce.

Also at this month's meeting, we will have a discussion of the new traffic circle at Buchanan and Third Streets. Do you love it or hate it? Come air your opinions and hear what the rest of the neighborhood is thinking.

We'll also have time to discuss any other concerns that arise. Hope to see you at the meeting.

## Traffic Circle Installed At Pershing & Third

County workers installed an asphalt traffic circle at the intersection of South Pershing and Third streets at the beginning of August. The circle is designed to reduce traffic speed along Pershing and came in response to requests from the BSCL, as well as petitions circulated among residents who live near the intersection.

"It's in on a trial basis. We're monitoring the situation," said Jeffrey Sikes, a public works planner for Arlington County. After six months, the county hopes to make a decision with the Barcroft community about whether to make the circle permanent.

The circle is one of 14 in the county. Most are in North Arlington, where they generally have been successful in slowing traffic at specific intersections, Sikes said.

# Dues to Help Renovate Community House

It's time to open your checkbooks and pay League dues for the year. Our dues remain the same: \$2 per person or \$4 for a couple. That's pretty affordable! Your financial support covers costs of the newsletter, the 4th of July parade, and the building renovation, among many other things. Each member of the BSCL holds a share of ownership in our Community House. When we elect officers, only paid members can vote. Only Barcroft residents can be members, allowing each of us to participate in grass-roots democracy.

This year the officers are making a special request. If you are able, please make an additional tax-deductible donation to our Barcroft Community House Fund, along with your dues. Your money will help provide essential renovation for the historic community house so we will have it available for another century.

Use the insert in the newsletter and mail your dues in now before you forget. Or drop off a check at the home of BSCL treasurer Dave Voorhees, 201 S. Pershing

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# Fourth of July Parade Draws 500 Barcrofters

*By Mary Anne O'Rourke*

This year marked the 7th annual Barcroft Fourth of July parade. For seven years our Community House has been the scene of flag-waving, song-singing, music-playing merriment that marks this very special day in our nation's history. It's a time for Barcrofters to come together and celebrate with the nation and each other.

About 500 Barcrofters marked the Fourth of July by marching in the parade or cheering from the sidelines. We always need more observers. If the heat is too much for you, just bring a chair along and park under a tree and feast your eyes on the imaginative creations of Barcroft's children and their parents. Our parade this year featured a Save the Rain Forest Float, as well as, some very famous American women, including Betsy Ross, Susan B. Anthony, and Clara Barton. The bicycle display was a blinding whirl of red white and blue and my personal favorite was the Baby Brigade featuring Barcroft's youngest and most adorable children. The Women's Club was featured again this year and many thanks to them for generously allowing us to stage our parade in their parking lot! Mr. and Mrs. Sedgwick Moss brought their original Chevy to honor their great friends, the Christophers. And hats off to the MacKnight family who decorated their jeep and followed Randy Swart playing the bagpipes.

As always, Arlington's Finest led our parade with their motorcycles and the Fire

Department brought up the rear with a big yellow fire engine. I can't thank them enough for all their help. There were at least four other parades going on that morning and they did their best to cover all of them in their usual professional and gracious way.

Leading the parade, as our color guard, was Cub Scout Troop 629. This is the third year this troop has led us and the entire neighborhood thanks them for their patriotic efforts.

This year our parade route returned to the original one and swung up Wakefield Street to the horse-shoe turn at Barcroft School. This was necessary because last year the front of the parade almost ran into the back of it! The great work of our parade director Marcia Oresky and her parade monitors Larry and David Oresky, Bolivar Cobos, Dave Permeet and Bruce Atkinson got the parade going on time and kept it on track. The parade passed in review before County Board Chairman Al Eisenberg and our neighbor and School Board Chairman, Darlene Mickey.

Our Grand Marshall this year was Susan Christopher. As you know, Susan is the last of the O'Hara clan to live in Barcroft. She and her husband Bob are retiring to the Northern Neck. Susan's generous donation of her time and talents to the Barcroft community, Arlington County, her church, and our public schools is her legacy to us and we are all the richer for it.

The Barcroft band, led by the incomparable Tom Palance, filled the air  
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with great hand-clapping foot-stomping tunes that always make the parade. Remember, next year all you need is an instrument to play -- sometimes not even that. This year our base drum was a large plastic barrel!

When the parade finished, those attending were treated to a beautiful rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," sung by young Elizabeth Keller and a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Richard Slater. Dave Michaelson, Rich Knopman, Anne Marie Millen and Susan Kelly prepared a wonderful picnic for the crowd jammed onto the Community House lawn.

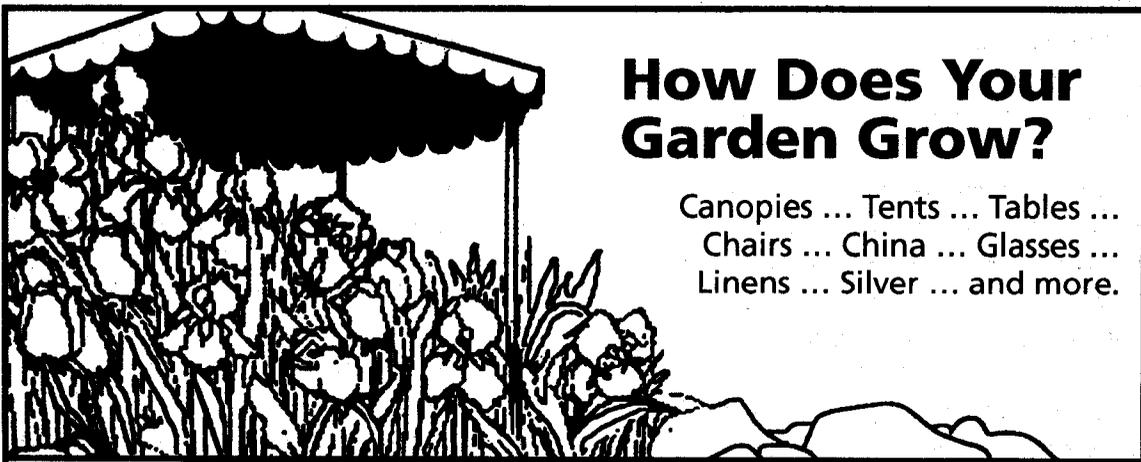
Jim and Pat Davis and Barbara and Randy Swart form the backbone of the parade. They are always there to do any little or large job that hasn't been done. They deserve the Unsung Hero award.

## Fall Fun Programs to Include Zoo, Pig Roast

Sunday, Sept. 17, from 3-5 p.m., there will be a petting zoo run by animal-lover Pam Bauckman. She will be able to answer any questions as she shares her animals with neighborhood children of all ages. Suggested donation is \$2/child. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, Oct. 14, we will have a pig roast! Neighbor Alan Dickerson, famous for his pig roasts, will preside over the fire. Live music will be provided by the Potomac Jazz Orchestra. Volunteers are needed to donate pasta salad, potato salad and other side dishes. Volunteers are also needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. Call Tom Palance to volunteer at 979-8366.

Special thanks to Tom Palance for putting his fantastic ideas into action!



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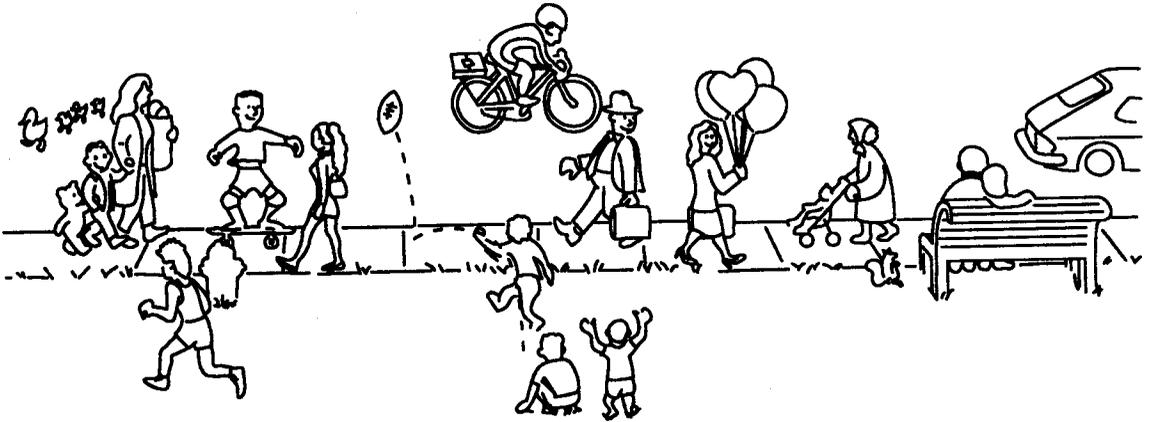
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# Around the Neighborhood with Kathy Kerr



The 1994 version of Barcroft's Fourth of July band gained nationwide fame one year later when their music was featured on National Public Radio's food program, "Seasonings." The band's music was perfect for the "Seasonings" 1995 Fourth of July special. The occasional show is heard nationally. If you'd like a copy of the tape, contact Kathy Kerr at 892-6458.

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Congratulations to Barbara Vierow and Andy Rosenberg on Fourth St. S. who are the proud parents of Maxwell David Rosenberg. Max was born March 30th, 1995 -- his grandpa's birthday!

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Heidi and Steve Lamar on 1st St. S. are enjoying their new baby, Casey Edward, born May 31st. Casey has a big sister, Sara, age 3, who attends Arlington Montessori House. Steve is a lobbyist and Heidi is a family daycare provider. The Lamars have lived in Barcroft for 2 years.

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Rob and Izumi LaPointe are the proud parents of Austin Masaharu born Feb. 22, 1995. Rob says that Austin is an alert, happy little boy and they are really having fun with him. As Austin gets older, Rob and Izumi are looking forward to having a bilingual playgroup using Japanese and English. If anyone is interested or has any ideas or advice, give them a call at 979-1083. The LaPointes are also celebrating the anniversary of The White Birch School of Kung Fu and Ta'i Chi founded by Rob 6 years ago.

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Aileen Dumo, a third grader at Barcroft Elementary last year, was awarded second place honors in the county-wide writing contest, "Stories of the Land." She wrote about her grandmother's house in the Philippine Islands in the province of Batangas, Lobo. Aileen is the daughter of Ramon and Evelyn Dumo of Buchanan Street, and sister of Raymond and Allan. Congratulations, Aileen!

# EventsEventsEventsEvSEPTEMBEREventsEventsEventsE

Sept. 2-4, Saturday, Sunday and Monday--Clyde Beatty Cole Bros. Circus, at Quincy Park, next to the Central Library. To benefit the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing.

Sept. 5, Tuesday--First day of public school.

Sept. 10, Sunday--Nature program: The Decline of Neotropical Migrants. Long Branch Nature Center, 2-3:30 p.m.

Sept. 17, Sunday--Petting Zoo: Barcroft Community House, 3-5 p.m. \$2 donation/person.

Sept. 17, Sunday--Nature program: A Trip to Paradise: the South Pacific. Long Branch Nature Center, 2-3:30 p.m.

Sept. 22, Friday--Nature program: Spider Foray. Long Branch Nature Center, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sept. 26, Tuesday--Nature program: Wildflower Seed Collecting. Long Branch Nature Center, 1-3 p.m.

Sept. 27, Wednesday--Back to School Night: Barcroft School, 7:30 p.m.



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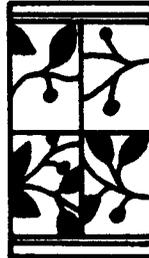
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## Biggest Yard Sale Ever Slated For 22204 Zips

On Saturday, Sept. 23, residents and businesses throughout the 22204 zip code will be holding yard sales.

A published map with a list of classified ads about the sales and their locations will be available from Columbia Pike businesses. The yard sale is a fundraiser for civic associations and PTAs located in the zip code area, as well as for CPRO (Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization).

People who want to have a sale and be included in the listing will pay \$15. Five dollars will go to the BSCL, \$5 will go to CPRO, and the rest will be used for printing the maps. To register, contact CPRO at 892-CPRO by Sept. 13th. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 24.



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## From the Editor's Desk

*(Actually I don't have a desk; I'm laying this out on the kitchen table.)* I remember, having worked at two newspapers when there was a change at the top, how the new editor always quickly assured staff and readers "nothing is going to change." And then, the editor promptly made huge changes. Now, I can say, "Nothing is going to ...." Well, really, I don't plan any big shifts. I hope to produce the *News* along the same lines as former editor Sara Leigh Merrey: newsy, readable, with clean design, and open to responsible comment.

I want to thank Sara Leigh for the past five years of editing a great neighborhood paper. I know I have big shoes to fill.

Any reader who has suggestions, criticisms, typos, or news is encouraged to contact me at 271-9743 or Contributions Editor Kyle Walton, at 521-3307.

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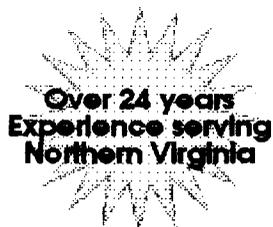
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**7/12** 4600 3rd St. S. Bicycle stolen.

4800 S. Columbia Pike. Drunk in public.

**7/14** 900 S. Buchanan St. Drunk in public.

**7/16** 4800 S. Columbia Pike. Subject attempted to purchase alcohol.

**7/17** 900 S. Wakefield St. Car stereo stolen.

**7/18** 4700 S. Columbia Pike. Physical assault.

**7/19** 900 S. Buchanan St. Locked moped stolen.

**7/21** 700 S. George Mason Dr. Burglary. Subject broke into house through the basement window.

**7/22** 4700 7th St. S. Car stereo stolen. 4800 S. Columbia Pike. Forgery. Subject produced false identification when observed drinking in public.

S. George Mason Dr. Half a cart of meat stolen.

**7/23** S. Columbia Pike. Vandalism. Car hood scratched.

**7/24** 900 S. Buchanan St. Car window broken and cassette tapes stolen.

**7/26** 900 S. Buchanan St. Drunk in public.

**7/27** 900 S. Buchanan St. Husband and wife arrested for assaulting each other. 4800 S. Columbia Pike. Car stereo stolen. 900 S. Wakefield St. Witness saw someone take a woman's baby and then all left in two vehicles.

**7/29** 4800 S. Columbia Pike. Drunk. Harassed restaurant customer.

S. Columbia Pike. Vandalism. Ketchup bottle broken. Contents poured on car. Broken bottle left under tire.

**7/31** 4800 9th St. S. Intimidation. Former boyfriend keeps calling and showing up at places where victim is.

Thanks to Detective Lichtenberg of the Arlington County Police Department for providing these statistics.

## Barcroft Exchange

**PLAY GROUP.** Interested in joining a weekly Barcroft neighborhood play group for infants, toddlers, and their moms or dads? 7-month-old Katrina Ann and her fun mom, Carla, seek new neighborhood companions for daytime get-togethers and (low cost/free) outings. Call 892-6940.

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