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Spaghetti Supper to Feature Food, Music

A sure cure for the mid-winter blues is coming to Barcroft -- the BSCL's famous spaghetti supper. The event will take place Sunday, Jan. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Community House.

The menu will feature delicious spaghetti sauce from an old family recipe, crisp Italian salad, warm bread, plenty to drink and luscious desserts. The program also will have live musical entertainment.

This is family dining at its best, so bring the kids! Tom Palance, who is organizing the meal, will need volunteers to help prepare, serve, clean up, and also to donate desserts. If you are interested in helping with the supper or baking a cake (or both!), call Tom at 979-8366.

Tickets may be limited due to space, so they will be on sale in advance. Please call Tom for reservations by Friday, Jan. 12. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 6-12 years old. Children under 6 eat free. Proceeds will help support the Community House renovation fund.

County Board Hopefuls Will Speak at Meeting

More candidates are coming! The January meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League will feature the candidates running in the special election to fill a vacant County Board seat.

The seat became vacant due to the resignation of Mary Margaret Whipple, who was sent to Richmond as a state senator in the November election. The special vote will be held sometime in late January or February, with no date set as of this writing.

The BSCL meeting is set for Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m., in the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St.

In the election on the Democratic ticket is Chris Zimmerman. The Republicans have three declared candidates and will choose a standard bearer later from the field that includes Henriette Warfield, Scott Stone, and Clark E. Broderson.

Broderson is a lawyer who ran
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Santa Claus, Musicians Came to Barcroft

Fun was had by all Barcrofters who came to the holiday party at the Community House on Thursday, Dec. 7. The Barcroft holiday band played with much enthusiasm.

Lisa Palance has been playing celtic harp only since June but played a beautiful and memorable harp solo at the beginning of "Silent Night." Professional accordianist Michael Nazaretz played a Russian song with a name longer than the song itself. The piece usually lasts 13 seconds!

Then the children gathered in front for some stories. Mary Ann O'Rourke, sick with the flu, was unable to read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" so Kathy Kerr filled in for her this year. Alicia Cackley sang "The Friendly Beasts" while sharing pictures from the book.

Following a spirited rendition of "Up On The Housetop", Santa Claus himself appeared to pass out candy canes to all of his young fans. The band, uable to stop, continued to play softly as the children visited with Santa. After a final rendition of "Jingle Bells", cookies and juice were enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to band members Jack Turner (trumpet), Tom (trumpet) and Lisa (celtic harp) Palance, Iles Minoff (accordian), Julie Gorka (piano), Jim Lande (clarinet), Mick Savkovitch (fiddle), Kathy Kerr (fiddle), Steve Wilson (guitar) and Maureen Locke (guitar). Special

thanks to John Woods who helped lead the singing. Ann Marie, Vinny and Vicky Millen provided treats, drinks, cups and napkins. They also did most of the set-up and clean-up. Many thanks to those who brought cookies to share. YUM! And extra, extra special thanks to Scott Allard for his guest appearance as . . . well, you know what we mean!

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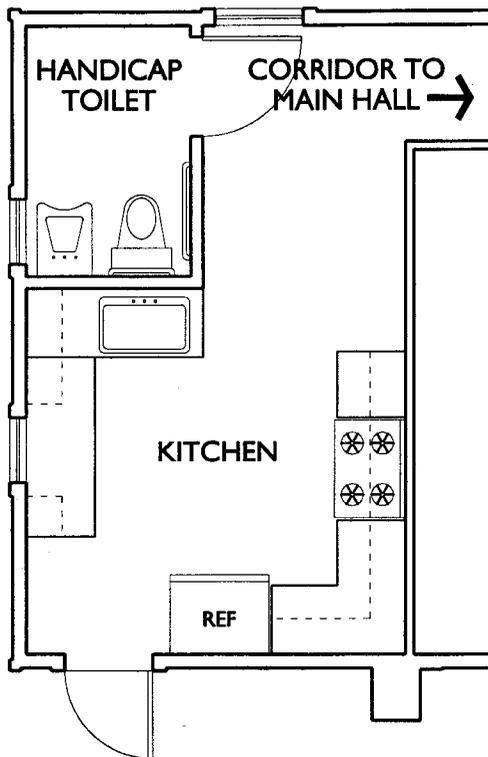
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Proposed plan for Community House kitchen renovation

Barcroft House Update Will Start with Kitchen

The committee overseeing renovation of the Barcroft Community House has adopted revised plans to update the kitchen. The project should make the area easier to use, as well as safer.

We plan to replace all the existing wood walls in the kitchen area with drywall. The ceiling will remain as wood. In the handicapped-accessible restroom, we plan to cover the lower walls and floor with ceramic tile. The kitchen floors will be covered with vinyl tile

squares.

Lighting will consist of three surface-mounted fluorescent lights with task lighting over each of the work areas. A ceiling fan will be provided in the center of the kitchen to assist in air circulation.

Although we plan not to provide rear stage access in the initial renovation phase, the design allows its addition at a later date. We thank our architect Matt Rohr for volunteering many hours in putting these plans to paper.

Interested persons are welcome to join the renovation committee at its next meeting, Wednesday Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the community house. At this meeting we will discuss plans for the main meeting hall. We will also review plans proposed by contractors to replace our heating system and add air-conditioning.

Cookbook Gems Will Help Fund Renovation

Dust off those old family recipes. Barbara Swart will be producing a Barcroft Neighborhood Cookbook in the spring with recipes from Barcrofters, as well as tips and neighborhood lore.

The book will be sold as part of the fund-raising drive for the Community House renovation. It will include the recipe for Barcroft Roast Pig, Barcroft Spaghetti and other dishes you have enjoyed at neighborhood events.

But the collection won't take shape unless Barcrofters contribute their favorite
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Principal Spells Out Playground Rules

To Our Neighbors,

From time to time your children visit Barcroft to play on the playground after school. Because we have the after-school Extended Day program in session, we are asking you to inform your children to check in with the Extended Day Supervisor or staff before engaging in any activities.

While we welcome you to use the outdoor facilities, we ask that you get prior approval of the area to be used. We have plenty of space for everyone but we may not interfere with the scheduled Extended Day activities.

Thank you in advance for your full cooperation. For more information, please call the principal, Mrs. Hughey-Guy; the Extended Day Supervisor, Mrs. Rusch; or our neighborhood parent contact, Mr. Nehrke, aka "Abe".

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hughey-Guy
Principal

Education Fund Started

The Arlington Community Foundation has established a fund for education projects that are beyond County budgets and to offer scholarships to needy students.

The new Arlington Education Fund will be able to place funds directly in the hands of classroom teachers for such things as program enrichment, development of new teaching strategies, assistance to "at risk" students, or instruction programs for after school, summer or weekend hours.

The program is co-chaired by Conchita Mitchell, who is well known to Barcrofters as the best-ever judge for our 4th of July parade. Your taxes fund Arlington's education budget. But if you want to go beyond that, donating funds can help provide further opportunities to Arlington students. Please send a check to the Arlington Education Fund, Arlington Community Foundation, 2009 14th Street North, Suite 103, Arlington, VA 22201. Call 243-4785 for more information.

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Traffic Committee to Look at Circle Issues

In response to the debate going on regarding traffic through our neighborhood, a new traffic committee is being formed by Elaine Squeri.

The purpose of the committee will be to continue the work of the Neighborhood Conservation Plan and to maintain the residential quality of Barcroft. The group will monitor traffic, gather community input about the impact of traffic in the various areas of Barcroft, determine if there are problems, propose realistic solutions to these problems and, with the BSCL, bring these to the County government to effect the desired change.

To make this committee successful we need two things: (1) four additional committee members representing all areas

of the neighborhood; and (2) attention and input from Barcrofters so that the committee receives accurate information and reflects community wishes. Please volunteer to help on the committee by calling Elaine at 920-7014.

Are you concerned about traffic in our neighborhood? Do you have a strong opinion about the traffic circle? Do you have other ideas? The first traffic committee meeting will be at Elaine's home, 216 S. Abingdon St, on Monday, Jan. 9 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

By Feb. 1, the group hopes to determine a slate of issues and, by March 1, a variety of solutions. By April 1, each member will have researched realistic proposals to solve the problems selected. Progress will be reported to the community, as always, through the newsletter and BSCL meetings.



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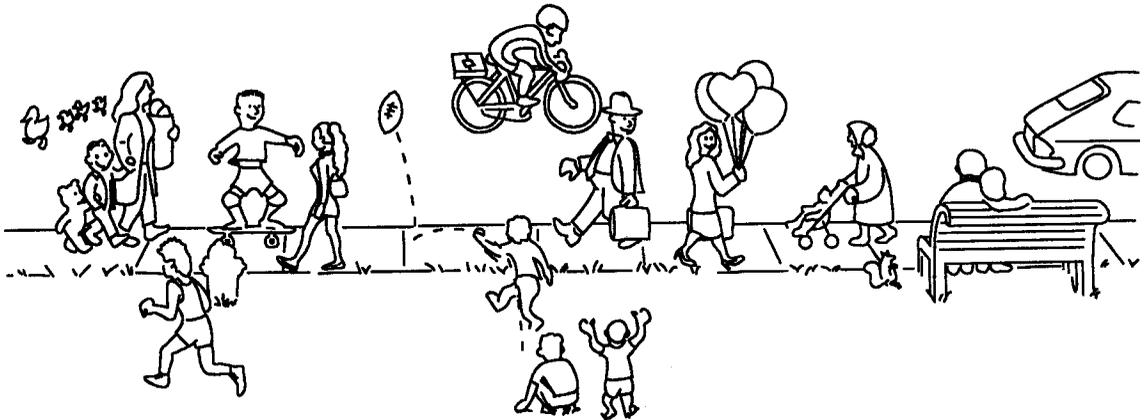
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Around the Neighborhood with Kathy Kerr



Congratulations to Jennifer and Rich Slater, proud parents of new baby Abigail Elizabeth born Oct. 21. Abigail has a big brother Callison, age 3 1/2, who is a professional model! The Slater family lives on 8th St. S.

More congratulations to Laura and Jim Falvey on 7th St. S. Their new baby, Erin, was born July 8. Erin's big sister is Carolyn, age 2 1/2. Carolyn attends the Arlington Unitarian Church Preschool (AUCP).

The Falveys were only too happy to have a summertime baby this time. When Carolyn was born, there was a VERY heavy blizzard and the short trip to the hospital was quite an adventure! Erin was born on a beautiful summer day.

After Erin's birth, Laura left her job at the National Governors' Association. She plans to begin parttime work early this year. Jim is a telecommunications attorney with Swidler and Berlin downtown.

WELCOME TO CYBURBIA

For those of you without computers and without Internet access, there is a whole new world out there! Our family just got a new computer and one of the first things we did was access the Barcroft Home Page.

WOW! Not only does it include all sorts of interesting details about the neighborhood and its history, but there was an entire issue of the Barcroft News on-line. The Barcroft News is thus available around the world!

In less than a month, over 200 people have logged onto our web site which was created by Randy Swart. For an extra thrill, be sure to tune into Scott Allard's home page which is accessible through the Barcroft page. Is Scott the only Barcrofter with a home page?

Here's the address for the Barcroft page: <http://www.bhsi.org/barcroft.htm>

Traffic Study Finds A Few Serious Speeders

At the request of Elaine Squeri and Ronald French, the Arlington County Police Department recently conducted a traffic study of the 200 block of South Abingdon Street.

The number of vehicles and their speed were monitored during a 24-hour period starting 10 a.m. Thursday Nov. 17. A total of 1,945 vehicles traveled this route. Out of 771 northbound vehicles, 12 were traveling 10 miles or more over the speed limit. Out of 1,174 southbound vehicles, 54 were traveling 10 miles or more over the speed limit.

According to William K. Stover, chief of police, the figures do not warrant an intense enforcement effort. However, the study did indicate that between 7 and

7:30 a.m., 14 vehicles south bound were traveling between 46 and 50 miles per hour. Due to the excessively high rate of speed during this half hour, the Police Department will conduct periodic selective enforcement.

Gypsy Moths Linger

Although the Washington Post reported last month that a fungus had wiped out the area gypsy moth population, they are not all gone. Their life cycle normally includes the growth of moth numbers until a disease attacks them, followed by a collapse of the population and then an increase over a few years.

So don't neglect to take a few minutes this winter to hunt for any of the furry moth egg masses on your property.



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More Comment on Temporary Road Circle

To the Editor:

It is agreed by all parties that one circle will not do much to alter the current traffic flow. At the BSCL debate, it was stated that if the new, smaller circle at Pershing and 3rd Streets provokes less opposition than the first one, the plan is to request the construction of a series of circles along Buchanan. This will, I believe, reduce the cut-through traffic on Buchanan. However, it would also force more traffic onto Wakefield, past Barcroft Elementary--a truly dangerous situation. Would we then be urged to build circles on Wakefield? I doubt that the County would oblige, considering the number of school buses that would have to negotiate them.

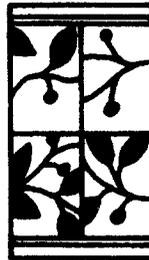
If the County would put circles along Buchanan and Wakefield, it would cost several hundred thousand dollars. Of course, the cut-through traffic pushed onto Taylor Street would cause some to request circles there also. Can't we just stop the process now? These circles succeed in slowing and diverting traffic only to the extent that they are nuisances. My belief, based on observing traffic at the temporary circle and on driving through that and other circled intersections in Arlington, is that a circle causes as many safety problems as it solves.

Circle supporters say that since some people drive too fast through Barcroft, and the County allows no other means of controlling traffic, then circles should be built. Well, I think that the circles are

simply expensive nuisances that will not improve traffic safety. If the County really wants to spend upwards of half a million dollars on Barcroft (which I doubt), surely there are more worthwhile things to spend it on. This issue has split the community. I believe the best course of action now would be to request the removal of the new test circle (it's too small to slow anyone much anyway).

Finally, I would like to state that I've never noticed a correlation between bad driving and "beat-up cars." Furthermore, I want to assure all Barcrofters that they are welcome here, regardless of national origin or immigration status.

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unsuccessfully for the board in 1993 and commonwealth's attorney in 1994.

Stone is a 27-year old Republican making his first bid for office. He has worked in the Arlington campaigns of Ollie North, George Allen, and Kyle McSarrow.

Warfield is a businesswoman active in the development of Ballston. She ran this fall on the GOP ticket for County Board with Benjamin Winslow, but failed to draw enough votes. If she misses her party's nod, she has indicated she will run as an independent.

Zimmerman lives in South Arlington and has been active in Randolph School. He also served as the president of his Civic Association, served on the county Parks and Recreation board and currently sits on the Planning Commission.

Barcroft Cookbook Set

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cooking directions. So put down on paper the directions to that fantastic cake you make from scratch. Dig out your lists of secret ingredients. Try to send in a balanced meal -- appetizer, soup, main dish, salad and dessert!

Drop off or send the recipe to Barbara at 4611 Seventh Street South, Arlington, VA 22204. More details will come later on when and where the cookbook will be available for sale. Who knows? There might even be a cook-off! If you have other ideas for the renovation fund-raising drive, please call Jim Kerr at 892-6458. We still need a chairperson to head up the drive.

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Barcroft Crime Report

Here is the crime report for November, courtesy of Community Resources officer Rich Schoembs.

All addresses are the block where the incident occurred, not a house number. In deference to neighborhood sensitivities we do not mention race, ethnic origin, sex, age, religion, or other preferences, although the police reports have some of that information to aid in indentifying suspects. Chris Monek (920-1287) has the full report.

11/4 800 S. Buchanan. Drunk fled after hit and run, caught.

11/8 Columbia Pike/Buchanan. Drinking in public.

11/9 900 S. Buchanan. Fondling. Victim sexually assaulted by step-parent.

4300 Columbia Pike. Vandalism. Car windows broken out.

900 S. George Mason. Shoplifting

11/10 4700 Columbia Pike. Car broken into in restaurant parking lot.

4600 Columbia Pike. Four drunks arrested.

11/11 900 S. Buchanan. Assault by victim's ex-friend, who entered though window.

11/13 4300 Columbia Pike. Victim harassed by lovestruck person.

11/16 4700 S. 9th St. Vehicle stolen.

600 S. Wakefield. Wallet and radio stolen from school.

11/18 900 S. Buchanan. Friend began choking victim during argument.

11/19 900 S. Buchanan. Domestic problem

11/20 400 S. George Mason. Drunk
600 S. Wakefield. Laser disk player stolen from school.

900 S. George Mason. Two persons stole a 12-pack of beer.

11/22 900 S. Buchanan. Assault. Victim sprayed suspect with green dye.

11/25 900 S. Buchanan. Forger of stolen checks apprehended.

900 S. Buchanan. Three people stole kitchen knives.

11/26 900 S. Buchanan. Theft of money.

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Jan 14, Sunday -- **Spaghetti Supper.** 5:00 p.m., Community House. \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids 6-12.

Jan 15, Monday -- **Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.** School closed.



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