



# BARCROFT NEWS

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## Demeter House Plans Unveiled In November

Plans to move Demeter House residents into a S. Sixth Street house will be unveiled at the November meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League.

Officials from Vanguard Services, the organization that runs Demeter, will speak at the meeting to let Barcrofters know what will happen in the coming months and what the timeline is.

Preceding the session with Vanguard officials, county landscape architect Chris Munson will hold a discussion to get input on the last phase of the Arlington Hall park developments.

The BSCL meeting will take place Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the renovated Community House, 800 S. Buchanan.

Munson is looking for suggestions on what Barcrofters want at Arlington Hall, whether traditional recreation facilities such as a basketball court or more contemporary additions, such as a skateboard ramp.

After the discussion with the architect, Demeter House will be back on the agenda.

Demeter, a group home for women recovering from substance abuse, was approved for a special use permit in Fall 1996 on a 3-2 vote of the Arlington County board over vehement protests from many Barcroft residents. A lawsuit filed by a number of neighbors seeking to  
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## Two County Board Seats Up in Election

Get out and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Key races include state-wide offices, such as governor and attorney general; and local seats, such as two Arlington County board spots and school board.

Polls for Barcroft will be open at Barcroft Elementary School, 625 S. Wakefield, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Even though actions by the county board over the past year may have a tendency to make some people cynical, it's still worth casting your ballot and trying to send a message.

## Traffic Surveys Give Information for Study

The survey sent out in October by the BSCL traffic committee has generated 71 responses thus far, reports committee chairwoman Elaine Squeri. The committee hopes to get at least 200 more households to respond, in order to have a good cross-section of Barcroft families.

Some members of the group planned to fan out on Halloween night to collect surveys and opportunities will be provided at the next two BSCL meetings to comment on poster sheets.

Only nine of the respondents so far have said they have no problem with traffic in the neighborhood. Other surveys returned have told of auto accidents on George Mason Drive attributed to speed, four parked cars that were hit, several pets killed by traffic and a number of lamp posts laid flat.

If you can no longer find your copy of the survey and want to respond, contact Elaine at 920-7014.

## PTA Collecting Box Tops Again for Funds

The Barcroft PTA is collecting box tops from General Mills cereal brands and snack products in an effort to raise funds for the school.

Last year, the group collected over 600 box tops that netted nearly \$100 for Barcroft School. For each cereal box top collected, General Mills donates 15 cents. This year, tops from other products, such as granola bars, fruit snacks and yogurt

multipacks will bring in 10 cents each.

Look for the "Box Tops for Education" logo on General Mills products. You can drop off box tops at the school office or send them in with a neighbor whose child attends Barcroft. If you have questions or need more information, call Harriet Moncure Williams at 553-0991.

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## McDonald's Fast Food Slated for Barcroft Site

A new McDonald's Restaurant with a drive-through here in Barcroft? That's the plan that could go before the county board in November.

McDonald's Corp. has requested a use permit to knock down the Roy Rogers restaurant at 4707 Columbia Pike and build a new fast-food restaurant in its place, which is at the corner with Buchanan Street.

The application for the use permit indicates that landscaping will be added and traffic circulation on the site will be "enhanced."

If time allows, BSCL President David Michaelson said, the application will be discussed at the November civic league

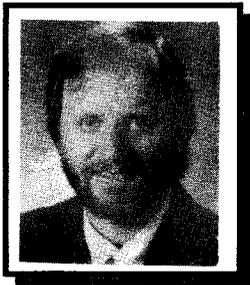
meeting. The county board must approve the application for work to proceed.

## Boutique at Woman's Club to Raise Money

The Woman's Club of Arlington will have its annual boutique at the clubhouse, 700 S. Buchanan, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 14 and 15.

All types of handicrafts, knits, pillows, gift bags, and table and Christmas decorations for the home will be sold. In addition, paperback books and "white elephants" can be purchased. Homemade soup, sandwiches, desserts and drinks will be available each day from 11 to 1:30.

This is the annual fundraiser for the Woman's Club, with proceeds used to give a scholarship to a Wakefield High School student. The club also makes donations to many other local charities in the area.



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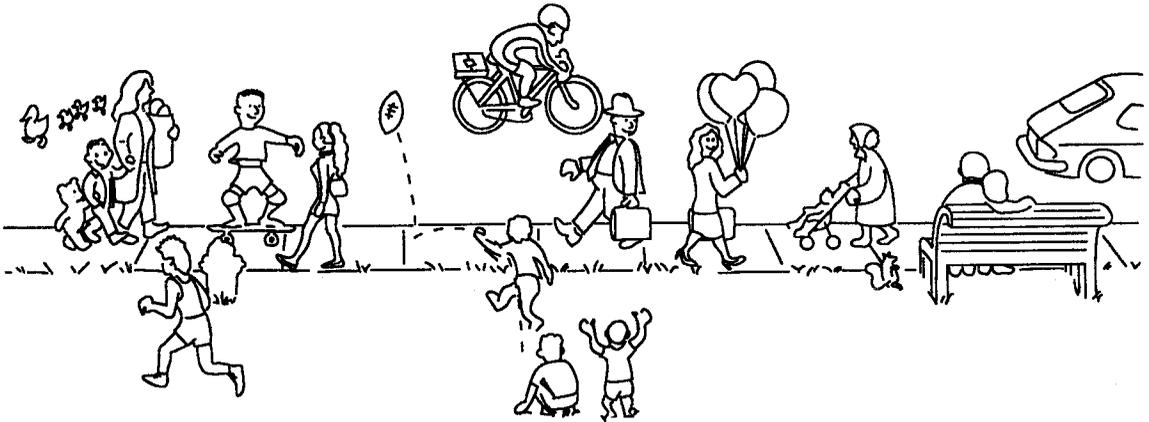
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# Around the Neighborhood with Kathy Kerr



Welcome back to Mark and Lisa Rom of 3rd St. S. They first moved to Barcroft in 1992 but left for 18 months to live in California. Mark is a recently tenured professor of public policy at Georgetown University. He used the time out west to research health care public policy. He completed a book called Fatal Extraction which examines public policy regarding whether health care workers should be tested for AIDS and if a worker testing positive needs to disclose this information to their patients. Mark recently appeared at Border's Bookstore and has been on many radio talk shows, though none in this area. Yet.

Lisa works part time for the National Science Foundation in oceanography. While in California, she was able to continue her job by telecommuting. Had she not been able to do this, she likely would have lost her job. She says the telecommuting was much harder than being able to go to work.

The Roms have two sons,

Christopher age 3 and Nathan Kittredge, 14 months, who was born in California.

The Roms missed their neighbors and are glad to be back. They have planted at least 15 trees on their property, including four oaks. They plan to stay here and watch them grow!

## Kudos to Helpers for Successful October Fest

Thanks to the efforts of many Barcrofters, last month's "October Fest" was a big success. The festival brought in a profit of \$150. The money will go the renovation fund.

Cooks David Michaelson and Bruce Atkinson grilled delicious bratwurst and chicken. Frank and Anna Schneider baked all day to provide us with authentic Bavarian pretzels and many neighbors contributed delicious side dishes. Herr Bruce Atkinson's 25 pounds of homemade potato salad was particularly

notable.

Frau Barbara Swart was an outstanding bar maid, keeping up with the thirstiest of guests. Marie Korn and the First Lady of Barcroft, Annette Osso, provided fun games to keep all the liebhens happy.

The weather was not really fall-like. It was nice and warm so the kids didn't mind getting soaked while bobbing for apples. Three young Barcrofters, Sarah Michaelson and Sarah and Sally Tran, were great contributors to the festival. They set up chairs and tables and decorated the yard. Sally Tran also collected admission at the gate. Could this

be a glimpse of the future BSCL board of directors?

Maureen Locke, her daughter Lauren, and many others helped clean up after the event. Keep your eyes open for the next big Barcroft event and join in on the fun.

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## Tree Saved From Construction Cut on 4th

On the morning of Oct. 14, while preparing to jog our neighborhood, I noticed a pile of 3-foot to 5-foot branches lying alongside a weeping cherry tree near the sidewalk on 4th Street.

Under the cover of darkness, someone had cut several slender branches from this beautiful little tree whose small canopy overhangs the sidewalk on 4th Street near Abingdon Street.

Fifteen years ago, when the county was building a sidewalk connecting 4th Street to Abingdon, I implored the construction crew to save this tree, whose roots lay close to the sidewalk path. With the use of a curved sidewalk form, the tree survived and flourished, each spring draping a curtain of violet flowers for all

to enjoy. Children, especially like to walk or bicycle beneath its sidewalk canopy.

Now it seems this lovely tree faces a greater threat, presumably from a Barcroft neighbor with a sharp knife.

-- Richard Carter  
4670 S. 4th Street

## Four Mile Run Cleanup Scheduled for Nov. 15

It's time for another stream clean-up at Four Mile Run, this time on Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Barcroft Park. Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment sponsors the pick-ups to pull trash out of the stream. Call 358-6427 for more info.

### Demeter *(continued from page 1)*

block the permit failed earlier this year.

BSCL President David Michaelson said he recently was contacted by Vanguard officials who said they expect to go ahead with plans for Demeter House after renovations are completed later this year.

"This is a continued attempt to promote a better sense of community" with the facility, Michaelson said of Vanguard's appearance at the November meeting.

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## **BSCL Dues Are Still Due! Get Them Paid**

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## **Columbia Pike Farmers Market Ends in Nov.**

Treat yourself to home-grown fall produce from local farms and fresh baked goods from the Columbia Pike HomeGrown Farmers Market. Enjoy visiting with your neighbors, vendors and new friends each Sunday through November 8 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Sponsored by the Uncommon Market and CPRO, the Farmers Market is located behind America's Best Diner, near the intersection of Columbia Pike and South Walter Reed Drive. There's nothing like a Sunday at the market...see you there!

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## **Meeting to Consider 5-Year Plan for County**

Several groups in Arlington County will hold a forum on Nov. 8 to help shape a new "consolidated plan" for the community through 2003.

The plan will guide housing, homeless and community development goals over the next five years. It helps govern how the county spends funds from community development block grants and other sources that total almost \$4 million in the present fiscal year.

Residents are asked to attend the forum to give their views. The session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road.

The forum is being sponsored by the Housing Commission, Community Service Board and Community Development Citizens Advisory Commission. For more information, call 358-3760.

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