

BARCROFT NEWS

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Traffic Committee to Report at May Meeting

The Traffic Committee will present a detailed report on its work at the May meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League.

Results will be reported from surveys returned by 276 Barcroft households over the past several months. The BSCL meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, in the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan.

In addition, annual elections for officers will be held. Only dues-paying members of the organization can vote. However, anyone may attend the meeting.

The traffic surveys showed that 18 percent of the respondents felt there was no problem with traffic in Barcroft. The remaining 80-plus percent cited speeding, cut-through traffic, running stop signs and traffic lights, and difficult access to streets as problems the neighborhood should work on.

July 4th Parade Planner Needs Helpers, Ideas

Planning for the 4th of July Parade is under way. "Origins" is the theme this year -- a celebration of where we come from (to be interpreted as where you were born or where your ancestors came from).

Think about how you might express your origins on the day of the parade. It could include traditional dress, flags or other possibilities. (Anyone want to share ethnic food from their countries of origin?)

Sparkle the clown is returning for an encore performance. Rumor has it that 8th Road residents will NOT be building a space shuttle float this year, but you never know what else will show up!

If you helped out last year, parade chairman Andrew Hunter will be calling you. If you didn't help, give Andrew a call at 979-8247. He is also looking for suggestions for a Barcroft resident to serve as Grand Marshall.

Kudos to Volunteers For News Distribution

Your Barcroft News staff wants to recognize and thank the volunteer Barcrofters who have helped deliver the newsletter to your homes these past six months.

Our sincere thanks go to Bruce and Noreen Atkinson, Carolina Bosc, Phil Cackley, Jim Duffy, Beth Evans, Shirley Gay, Carol Harvey and family, Joyce Hutchins, Frank Peartree, Lou Phelps, Ann Reed, Debora Southwell, Randy Swart, Ann Wester and Bob Yahn. (Hope we haven't forgotten anyone!)

We continue to look for more volunteers, since our distribution list numbers over 800. That's a lot to deliver. What we'd like to reach is having a representative for each block in the Barcroft neighborhood. That way, each person would have only their own block to deliver to. As it is now, some people deliver a lot more than that.

So, we're ready to accept YOU into our ranks. You can get some fresh air, exercise and be a good neighbor at the same time. Especially needed are neighbors on George Mason Drive, South 8th Street (near George Mason), Taylor (near Columbia Pike) and South 9th Street. If you want to try it out, call Jane Duffy at 892-6015.

In addition, the News still has open positions of Contributions Editor and Advertising Manager.

Contributions Editor is in charge of preparing (and sometimes writing)

articles for publication in the newsletter. Ideally, it should be someone who has some experience with writing and access to a computer. But the most important assets would be the ability to work with others and to be organized. The ad manager solicits advertising to run in the News.

Interested in either of these jobs, call Randy Swart at 521-2080.

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Luncheon Set For May 15 to Honor Workers

The annual BSCL Service Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 15, at the Community House. This is the time to thank the service people who make our neighborhood livable all year long: solid waste management people, mail carriers, police officers, fire fighters, teachers, librarians, parks workers, and more. (If you know a service person who has not received an invitation, please call Sally Breeden, our Luncheon Coordinator, at 892-2845.)

To give this event its "home-made flavor" we need donations of salad, main dish or dessert. We also need a decorations person to help set up and decorate before the luncheon, two to help with serving and one for the cleanup squad on the 15th. If you can make a dish or help out at the luncheon, please call Sally. Thanks!

Local Plant Sale to Benefit AIDS Research

Thinking of spring planting? Mark your calendar for the 2nd annual Benefit Plant Sale to be held Saturday, May 2.

Dreaming of planting your flowering annuals or starting your herb garden? Considering a few more perennials for the yard? On May 2, Peter Wood will be selling annuals, herbs and perennials to help his efforts for the California and Washington DC AIDS Rides. The plant sale will be held at the Barcroft Community House from 9 a.m. until the plants are gone or 1 p.m. (and

they go fast).

Wood will have plants from his brother's greenhouse operation on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Paul Wood has been growing plants for almost 20 years and grows beautiful, high quality plants such as impatiens, marigolds, begonias, and a variety of herbs and perennials.

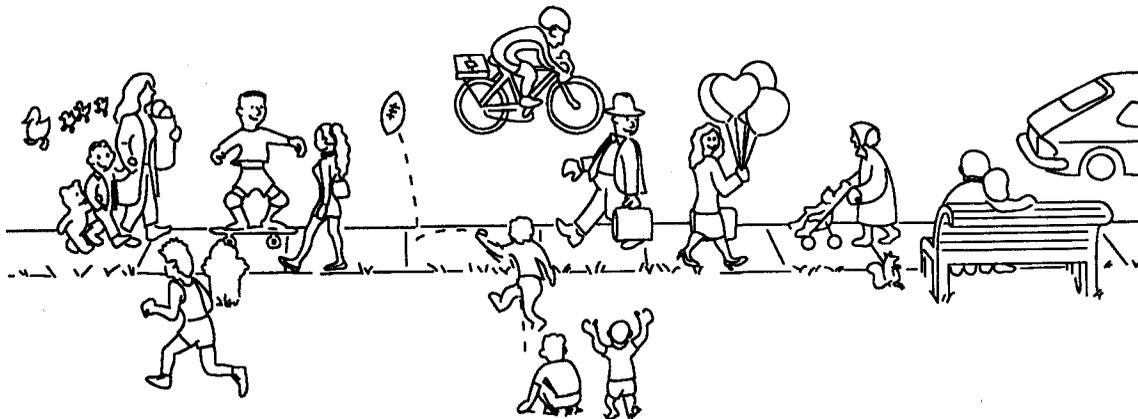
Here's your chance to buy reasonably priced plants while helping the community! If you have any questions, call Wood at 892-1692.

String Concert to Be Held In Barcroft

Barcroft's musical offerings will continue on Thursday, May 14, with a performance by the exciting new string duo "Bridging the Gap." Violinist Peter Wilson and Double-Bassist Aaron Clay team up to bring you a classy, fun musical evening. This unlikely combination of two bowed and bridged instruments offers a new voice to familiar and not so familiar music from today and yesterday.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. Wilson and Clay are both members of The President's Marine Band and perform regularly at the White House with the Marine Orchestra and Combo. They both hail from West Virginia and formed "Bridging the Gap" last fall. This is a recital you won't want to miss.

Around the Neighborhood with Kathy Kerr



Congratulations to Andrew and Carol Hunter on 8th Road South who have a new baby, Alexander James born March 25. Alexander has a big brother, Adam, age 6 1/2, and a big sister, Sarah, age 4. Alexander was surely the youngest participant at the first Annual BSCL Easter Egg Hunt!

Since Alexander's birth, the Hunters have been overwhelmed by the help they've received from neighbors and their babysitting co-op, including 2 weeks of meals!

Condolences to the friends, family and neighbors of Al Copeland of 1st Street South, who passed away in Florida in late February. Famous for playing tennis at age 89, Al was a dynamic, longtime Barcrofter. His beloved wife of 50 years, Toni, passed away about a year ago from cancer.

Congratulations to Stacy Kyle who recently received the Girl Scout Gold

Award, the highest award in the program, equivalent to an Eagle Scout award for a Boy Scout. Stacy, a senior at Paul VI high school, is the daughter of Dave and Janet Kyle on 6th Street South. Janet has served many years as Girl Scout Leader.

Stacy had to do a major service project as part of the Gold Award. She held a clothing drive at her school and collected 2,500 articles of clothing. She then sorted and distributed the clothes to organizations such as TACTS Community Shelter, Arlington County Community School Bank and others.

Stacy has been an active Girl Scout since 1st grade and plans to stay involved with the program as an adult.

Farewell to longtime Barcrofters Barbara McKee and Jeff Pfoutz. They purchased their home on S. Abingdon St. 18 years ago. They love Barcroft but have decided they prefer the country life and will now be living in Lincoln, Va., near Purcellville.

Congratulations to Barcrofter and Kenmore Middle School student Will Tucker, who won his weight class in this spring's county-wide Middle School Wrestling Championships. Tucker, who wrestles at 81 pounds, was the only champion from Kenmore.

New Pastor To Arrive At Lutheran Church

Our Savior Lutheran Church is getting a new pastor in May, its first in 20 years. The Barcroft church also has been discussing plans for permanent expansion of its school.

Paster Wayne Lehrer will join the parish on May 3, replacing Paster Roddy Braun, who retired in February. Braun

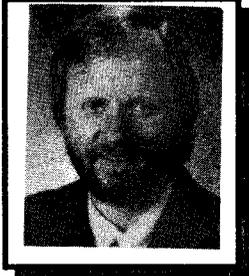
had served for 20 years as spiritual leader at Our Savior, located at 825 S. Taylor.

The members of the church chose Lehrer from a number of candidates. He and his wife, Lois, come to the area from a background in military chaplaincy. The church members are very happy to welcome the new paster. Lehrer has indicated a strong interest in becoming involved in the community of the church's neighbors.

The public has an open invitation to join members at Our Savior at 8:30 or 11 a.m. any Sunday to worship and meet the new pastor.

Plans for a school expansion are under serious discussion by a special building committee. The Christian school serves children in grades kindergarten to

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Successful Easter Event Boosted by Newcomers

About 50 excited youngsters and their parents turned out for an Easter egg hunt on April 11 at the Community House.

The event, the first neighborhood-wide egg hunt in recent memory, was organized by Barcroft newcomer Anna Peterson and her family.

It didn't take long for the children to snap up the colorful plastic eggs filled with candy. Within five minutes, the 4 to 9-year-olds were finished. The toddler crew (which was on a different side of the yard) took a little longer -- perhaps 15 minutes! It was a perfectly warm and sunny Saturday morning for the egg hunt. There was even a small profit made for the Community House fund.

Peterson said that no one has yet come forward with the golden egg that

was hidden in one of the plastic eggs. If you were there and found it when you returned home, call Peterson and claim your prize! Her number is 521-8756.

The Petersons had help from some of the neighbors including Anna's Dad Donald and her sister Elizabeth; Cecilia, Shaun, Shannan and Erin Rieman; Jennifer, Cal and Abby Slater; Adam and Sarah Hunter, and many neighbors who contributed candy and plastic eggs. The Petersons said that they are looking forward to hosting the Easter Egg Hunt next year.

If you have any ideas for future Barcroft events, and would like to try your hand at hosting one, call Tom Palance at 979-8366. It's not difficult, and it's really rewarding to bring neighbors together for an event at the Community House.



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8th. Long-range plans call for adding more classroom space and a new administrative wing on the school. Our Savior then will be able to remove the mobile classroom and to welcome the community to use school facilities for appropriate occasions.

Mark Rom Takes Over News As Of September

This edition is the last Barcroft News until September, as we will take our traditional summer break from publishing. It also marks the final News that I will produce as editor.

I've been putting out the newsletter for the past three years. While I'm tempted to resign by saying I need to spend more time with my family, the truth is I just need to take a break. Period.

Mark Rom, who has lived in Barcroft for most of the past six years, has stepped forward to take over the helm here at the News. He and his family live on Third Street. Mark will need the continued help of the neighborhood to put out a monthly newsletter!

I'd like to thank all who pitched in to help me over the past three years, with special gratitude to ever-faithful correspondent Kathy Kerr, fantastic publisher Jane Duffy (and her predecessor, Angie Woodward), and the multi-talented Randy Swart, who does more for this neighborhood than anybody I know. Finally, thanks to my wife, Alicia, who has helped get this newsletter out in tangible and intangible ways too numerous to list here!

Phil Cackley



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May 2, Saturday -- **Plant Sale.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until plants are sold), Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. Proceeds to benefit AIDS research.

May 7, Thursday -- **BSCL Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Community House. Report of the Traffic Committee and elections of new officers.

May 14, Thursday -- **Concert.** 7:30 p.m., Community House. String duo, "Bridging the Gap," plays contemporary music.

May 15, Friday -- **Service Luncheon.** Noon, Community House. Barcroft thanks its many service providers, from mail carriers to teachers. Call 892-2845 to volunteer to bring food or help out.

May 16, Saturday -- **Yard Sale.** Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 S. Taylor. Spring sale of everything from plants to trinkets.

May 17, Sunday -- **Recital.** 3 p.m., Community House. Music students of Tom and Lisa Palance perform recital pieces. Admission is free.

May 23, Saturday -- **Yard Sale.** Arlington Forest neighborhood. Families in the Arlington Forest neighborhood will hold individual sales throughout the morning and early afternoon.



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