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Barcroft's (Further Apart) Closer Together Annual Fourth of July Parade



By Heather Meade and Jim Moran

The Barcroft School and Civic League would like to invite everyone to celebrate the fundamental freedoms of our nation on July 4th by joining in our socially distant neighborhood parade and activities.

This year we are unable to secure a permit for our annual parade, but never fear, we have a new format. We hope you will join us!

1. Yard Decorating Contest. Decorate your yard to celebrate the Fourth. Yards will be judged the morning of July Fourth and the top 10 yards will receive a prize from a local restaurant. Send an email to: heather@sempersmartgames.com to let us know your yard is decorated. We will share a list of addresses so your neighbors can walk past and enjoy your efforts.

2. Uncle Sam Says Hello. Starting at 10 a.m., Uncle Sam will drive through the neighborhood on July 4th and toss candy and hellos to neighbors. We will send a timed agenda so you know when to say hello to Uncle Sam. We ask everyone to stay in their own yards and not congregate in groups.

3. Limited Float/Car Opportunity. If your family would like to make a float for the parade you

should sign up in advance. The county will not allow anyone to be outside of the vehicle/float and the float participants should be in the same social pod/family. We cannot have any walkers, bikers, strollers, skateboarders, unicyclers, ponies, unicorns or dragons this year — unless they are inside a vehicle with their social pod. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DA8A923A5FA7-barcroft1>

4. Canned Food Potluck. Since we cannot gather to share a meal, we invite you to share a meal with someone else. Feel free to drop off canned goods for Barcroft Elementary families at any of the following addresses: 4200 7th Road South, 3513 9th Street South, 4819 1st Street South. Suggested items individual or bagged: rice, mayo (small plastic squeeze bottle), canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly (preferably plastic squeeze bottle), beans (2 cans or 1 bag), cereal (low-sugar), pasta, spaghetti sauce (preferably can if available, eg. Hunts, NOT plain tomato sauce), box of granola bars or other healthy snack (eg. goldfish), one can of veggies, mac and cheese (one box or two easy mac),

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President's Message

By Gary Mason

This is a "special issue" of Barcroft News; one focusing on updating everyone on the results of BSCL's 2020 election of officers and one of its four-year term board members, and the planning for the annual Barcroft Fourth of July celebration - both having been impacted this year by the COVID-19 situation.

The results of the election are detailed on page 4, but whatever the influences, the use of a hardcopy mail in/drop off ballot for this year's election was successful - bringing in votes from more members than usually occur during the in-person voting during our May monthly meetings in any of the past few years.

You will also find an update in this issue from Heather Meade on what is being planned for our neighborhood's 2020 Fourth of July celebration. While it will of necessity be more subdued than in previous years, it still provides us all with an opportunity to reflect and consider the incredibly bravery it took for a group of individuals and the communities they represented to collectively declare themselves independent from colonial rule. So read on to see what Heather and Jim Moran are working on for July Fourth.

With the 2020 election concluded and Deborah Wood set to assume the role of BSCL President this column is my swan song. I cannot express enough my thanks to fellow BSCL officers Ken Simpson, Jennifer Lis, and Joanne Rodewald; Board members Barbara Clements, Keith Fred, Eric Parker, and Daniel Weir for all their support and assistance; the host of volunteers

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who produce and distribute Barcroft News, support and maintain the BSCL.org website and the BSCL chat list, and keep the landscaping so beautiful around the Barcroft Community House (Alyssa, Teresa, Theresa, Kirt, Daniel, Mark, Scott, and a host of otherwise unsung volunteers); and those who volunteer to represent BSCL in the variety of community forums comprising "the Arlington way." And a special call out to Barbara Swart for all her time and efforts in managing rentals of the Barcroft Community House, an exceptional facility among the neighborhood associations in Arlington. Of course no thanks would be complete without offering my due regards to Randy Swart, without whose knowledge of Barcroft, BSCL, and sage advice were of significant value and assistance to me this past year.

Now I can shift my full attention to a couple of pending construction projects that have languished for several months; watch as the daylilies in the yard blooming today are succeeded by taller oriental lilies, and even later by coneflowers and Persiana; and tend to and harvest from our vegetable garden.

So to each of you: stay safe and healthy in this age of COVID-19. There will be better days ahead, even if we have to wait a bit for them. Meantime, take a moment to reflect on the physicians, other healthcare workers, and the first responders who knowingly place themselves at personal risk while caring for us and our community. ●



Act Fast: Get a Free Tree Planted In Your Yard

By Deborah Wood, Tree Steward

Arlington County's Tree Canopy Fund program is accepting applications for free trees to be planted in the Fall of 2020. They are due by June 29. If you would like to apply for one of these 2" plus diameter trees, which will be planted for you by County contractors, go to the website of EcoAction Arlington, which administers the program: <https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/trees/>. Choose from two types of trees. One application is for large canopy trees, which can be planted anywhere on your property, as long as it is at least 15' from utility lines or structures. A separate application is for smaller trees, only for front yards, and with 10' clearance from utility lines or structures.

If you have any questions about the application or the tree species available please contact me at wooddeb52@gmail.com or 703 892-1243. Several Tree Stewards, including myself live in the neighborhood and we are happy to help with questions or concerns once trees get planted.

Sadly, many mature trees in the neighborhood died last year, so these trees will help revive our future tree canopy. ●

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applesauce or fruit cups (6-pack).

We are sorry we can't celebrate in our usual format — but it's 2020...

Happy Fourth of July, Barcroft. ●



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Notice of 2020 BSCL Elections Results

The 2020 annual election of BSCL officers and one of its four-year term directors was conducted beginning on or about June 1 and concluded on June 10. In response to the continuing COVID-19 situation, and associated cancellation of the May monthly meeting, the BSCL Board of Directors approved conducting this year's election using a hardcopy ballot included in the June issue of *Barcroft News*. Ballots mailed to and received at the Barcroft Community House or otherwise deposited through its mail slot by June 10 comprise the ballots cast in this election.

A total of 28 ballots were cast (received); three sent by U.S. Postal Service and 25 deposited otherwise through the mail slot. Of the total, four ballots were excluded from the count because the voter's self-certification they are an active member in good standing of the BSCL was left blank (ed. *Barcroft News* is distributed to all households in

Barcroft not just BSCL members).

Here are the results of the election (note: no ballots listed a write in candidate):

<u>Votes</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
24	President	Deborah Wood
24	Vice-President	Daniel Weir
24	Treasurer	Jennifer Lis
24	Recording Sec.	Chris Siple
24	Membership Sec.	Linda Gaines
24	Board Member (4-year Term)	Susan Cohen

The outgoing officers and board member have already been advised of the results of the election and should have arranged to transition any on-going matters so their successors can assume their responsibilities on or before July 1, 2020. ●