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Everybody Loves the Fourth of July Parade

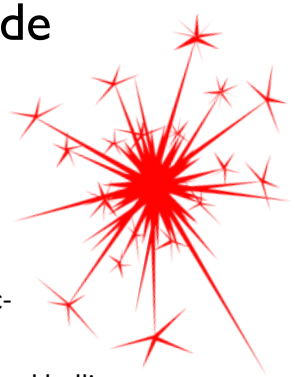
By Heather Meade

Get ready for Barcroft's greatest annual neighborhood event. Come celebrate our Nation's Birthday and the Annual Fourth of July Barcroft Parade and Picnic. The parade will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 4.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. sharp. Anyone can join and we hope you will! Marchers meet in the Women's Club parking lot at 9:45 a.m. across from the Barcroft Community House at 800 South Buchanan.

The Parade: A Scout Color Guard, AFD Fire Engine and Arlington police, our very own

Barcroft Marching Band, Uncle Sam and all of you in your most creative costumes and floats. Let's get out there and celebrate. Decorate those strollers and bikes, paint those faces and bellies or come dressed as your favorite superhero or surprise us! Turn your bike into a helicopter, put wheels on your surfboard, make a fun float or banner or just come watch! Participants might even win a coveted Barcroft Parade Medal.



Children ready to ride at the start of the 2021 parade.

Post-parade: The parade will be followed by a neighborhood cookout! The Barcroft School and Civic League will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and watermelon. ***Please bring a side dish to share.***

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President's Message

By Matthew Field

As summer rolls around again and the last chill slips away, it's worth taking a moment to reflect in gratitude before the humidity and mosquitos make reflection for more than a few minutes all but impossible. As the new President of the Barcroft School and Civic League, I'm most grateful for two things: the excellent job Deborah Wood did as President during the trying pandemic years, and the delayed deadline for the summer edition of the Barcroft News.

For those who don't know, my wife Jen and I moved to Barcroft 10 years ago with our daughters, Mia and Sophia. It's been a wonderful place to live, and now that the girls are (mostly) out of the house, I'm looking forward to giving back a little and getting to know the neighborhood—and neighbors—a little better.

For others who may be interested, I encourage you to become involved with the School and Civic League as well. In just the couple of weeks since the election, I've learned as much about the neighborhood and Arlington as I have over the past decade. When meetings resume in September—maybe even in person, if things work out—try to make some time to stop by and see what's going on.

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Columbia Pike Blues Festival Promises Music and Fun

By Deborah Wood

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary with its first fully in-person event since the pandemic, vocalist Shemekia Copeland (2021 Blues Foundation “Entertainer of the Year”) headlines the Columbia Pike Blues Festival. The special anniversary lineup will showcase a variety of blues, R&B, and funk performers of national and regional note, including Eric Scott,



Robbin Kapsalis & Vintage #18, Shakin’ Woods, and Anthony “Swamp Dog” Clark.

The Blues Festival stretches down South Walter Reed Drive from 9th Street South to Columbia Pike. Arlington’s biggest block party is jam-packed with live music, craft beer and wine, delicious food, local vendors, and kids’ activities.

Don’t miss out on the fun on June 18 from 1 to 8:30 p.m. •

Woman’s Club Hosts Neighborhood Yard Sale

By Pat Fisher

Please reserve Saturday July 16, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon for a neighborhood yard sale. Spaces are \$25 each. You may also rent one of the Woman’s Club tables for an extra \$10. The event will be outdoors only, with a rain date of July 23. To reserve a space, con-

tact Sandy Winger at 703-498-6990 or leave a message on our club email: Womansclubatarlington@gmail.com. The event will be held in our parking lot at 700 South Buchanan Street. Checks should be payable to “The Woman’s Club of Arlington” and mailed to our clubhouse to hold your spot. •

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I hope to see everyone at the Fourth of July parade, a signature event that helps make Barcroft what it is. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the long days and warm weather. We’ll be back to school and pulling coats out of storage soon enough. •



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Everyone is invited to join Arlington Neighborhood Village's "Coffee and Conversation" speaker series on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. via Zoom. Bring your own coffee, learn interesting things about our community and hear from the speakers listed below.

June 22, 2022: APAH's President and Chief Executive Officer, Carmen Romero will bring us up to date on affordable housing initiatives and the continuing challenge of helping individuals find homes they can afford in Arlington.

June 29, 2022: Arlington County

knows that not all residents have a full refrigerator and plenty of healthy food, so its Food Security Task Force was set up in 2021 to improve the food security system in Arlington. Stephanie Hopkins and Rachel Coates from Arlington County Department of Human Services will highlight the recent Food Security Study done by the Urban Institute, how the 28 member Task Force is working, and what lies ahead.

To learn more about Arlington Neighborhood Village, visit our website

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at www.arlnvil.org. Volunteers aged 18 and older help us provide services and support to older adults who want to age in their own homes and community. For more information or to learn more



about the benefits of becoming a member of Arlington Neighborhood Village, call the ANV office at (703) 509-8057 or visit www.arlnvil.org.

The Zoom link for Coffee and Conversation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88948577106pwd=eW0rN1RTTU5ITmJ5NnF2QXZINmdUQT09>.

You also have the option to dial in by phone at 929-205-6099. The meeting ID is 889 4857 7106 and the Passcode: 872327. •

Arlington Historical Society Events

A **poetry workshop** will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The event is titled Many Voices - One Community: Poetry Workshop at the Museum

Local poet Susan Mockler hosts the first of four poetry workshops that meld history with voices to elevate diversity in Arlington, raise awareness, and educate all on the long history and current experience of the marginalized in Arlington. Museum Director Mark Benbow will highlight artifacts on display that provide historic context for understanding that history. Free to all from high school age and above. To register email sbuccimockler@gmail.com. The event will be held at the Arlington Historical Museum, 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road.

June 30 is the deadline for the Arlington Historical Society's 2022 **History Essay Contest**.

Each year the Arlington Historical Society, in collaboration with Cherrydale-Columbia Masonic Lodge 42, sponsors an essay contest to encourage student writing about the history of Arlington. The 2022 essay contest is open to students in grades 8 through 12. The winner receives \$1,000, second place \$500, and third and fourth places \$250 each.

The topic this year is: Arlington was once a rural area but has now developed into an urban community with modern infrastructure and population density. Amid this ongoing change, how can we Arlingtonians remember and preserve our history? In what ways has Arlington successfully preserved its history that can help guide us in the future?

More details are available at <https://arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/2022/05/2022-ahs-essay-contest>. •

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Play an Instrument? Join the Band!

By Doug Kramer

Calling all musicians of Barcroft!

Join the marching band for the Barcroft parade on Monday, July 4, at 10 a.m. Please let me know if you are interested in joining this great neighborhood tradition. This is not a large time commitment, as the parade lasts less than 45 minutes, and we also plan to have one short rehearsal on Sunday, July 3, in the afternoon or early evening to pick up the

music and run through the tunes.

Dress is basic — wear something red, white, or blue or some combination thereof. The band is open to anyone of any age or skill level. Our marches are generally basic arrangements that most students can play. (I

can also email people the music in advance if you'd like to practice.) If you are interested in participating or know someone who might be interested, please contact me for further information at drkramerus@yahoo.com . ●



Marching band at the 2021 parade.

Fourth of July Parade, continued

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There will be a **free magic show after the parade beginning at 10:40 a.m.**

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to:



The Barcroft Snow Brigade (above) and a walking Declaration of Independence at the 2021 Parade (right).

1. Serve as judges
2. Organize children's games
3. Help with

cooking or clean up.

Don't forget: Thanks to everyone who lives on the parade route or near the Barcroft Community House. Thanks for moving your cars on the Fourth of July.

For more information or to volunteer to help, email or call Heather Meade: heather.meade@gmail.com or (206) 817-5609. To join the Marching Band contact Doug Kramer at drkramerus@yahoo.com. ●



The Parade Route



- ★ Start 800 South Buchanan (Barcroft Community House)
- ★ Down 8th Road South
- ★ Left on South Wakefield
- ★ Turn at Barcroft Elementary
- ★ Right on 8th Street South
- ★ Left on South Buchanan Street
- ★ Finish 800 South Buchanan ●

Native Groundcovers and Trees: The Perfect Pairing!

From the Plant NOVA Natives Campaign

Native groundcovers are becoming increasingly popular, for good reason: even if they have minimal time for gardening, people want to use native plants to support our local birds and butterflies. To avoid invasive non-native groundcovers such as English Ivy, Vinca, Yellow Archangel, and Japanese Pachysandra, they turn to native plants for the same landscaping benefits without the damage to our trees and the rest of the environment.

Equally popular among time-pressed

residents are native trees, which are similarly easy to install and which have benefits that far exceed those of any other plants. Not only does the great mass of tree leaves and roots provide food and homes for birds, soak up stormwater, and cool the air, the insects that evolved with native plants are adapted to the chemical make-up of those plants and are able to co-exist peacefully with them. An American Beech tree, for example, is the host plant to 126 species of lepidoptera (butterflies

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Happy New Year !

In 2021, not only was our team, Trent & Co at COMPASS Real Estate, named #1 in the DMV for Medium-Sized Teams in both Volume and Transactions by the Wall Street Journal's annual REAL Trends + Tom Ferry's The Thousand - but it was also our strongest year yet! We're ready to put our experience and expertise to work for you in 2022!

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Source: Team Records & Bright MLS

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and moths), Hickory to 200 species, Black Cherry around 450 species, and native oaks over 500 species. (The numbers for non-native trees are in the single digits or even zero.)

Over 30 species of locally native plants make excellent groundcovers, with options available for any growing condition. Several are evergreen, and many have the bonus of a month or two of colorful flowers. Some form a tight mat on the ground, while others such as ferns and White Wood Aster provide a taller look. Native sedges provide even more options. Some sedges make a beautiful substitute for the invasive Liriope, some look more like a grass that never needs mowing, and still others sport spiky seed heads that add a touch of quirkiness to the garden. Our local conventional garden centers are starting to carry some of these plants, and many more can be found at native plant garden centers.

Encircling native trees with native

groundcovers makes eminent sense. Turf grass does poorly under trees because of the limited light. Trees do not appreciate lawn



Shown top to bottom are three native groundcovers: Wild Ginger (Asarum canadense), Green-and-gold (Chrysogonum virginianum), and Foamflower (Tiarella cordifolia).

chemicals, not to mention the risk of injury from lawnmowers and string trimmers. A harmful but common practice, especially in commercial areas, is to pile layer after layer of mulch in a “mulch volcano” around trees and spray it with herbicides to prevent grass and weed growth. Not only does this poison the soil, but mulch that is touching the trunk will rot the bark, and compacted mulch prevents rainwater from reaching the roots. Arborist wood chips, which allow the water to run through, are an improvement over shredded bark mulch if applied properly and can protect the tree as it gets established.

But in the long run, why not use nature’s alternative to a toxic mulch bed, which is to allow the fallen leaves to remain in place and add a

“green mulch” made up of native plants? The trees and the soil will thank you for it. ●

Summer Greetings from Our Savior Lutheran School

May was a great month at Our Savior Lutheran School (OSLS). Our middle school students headed out on a class trip in early May to Quarryville, Pennsylvania, for three days of outdoor education. The 1st and 5th grades also had some exciting moments as they watched baby chicks hatch in their classrooms. The school preformed a school musical for families and neighbors. We also celebrated our annual Field Day, which was an endless day of fun activities.

Our Savior students are getting excited to celebrate the end of the school year with our annual school Talent Show. Students get a chance to show off their own talents to the rest of the school. It's a lot of fun! In past years we have had pianists, singers, dancers, reader theaters, comedians, martial artists, and so much more.

As we finish the school year, it is time to say goodbye to another 8th grade class as they get ready to head off to high school. We are so excited for our 14 graduates as they move on to the next adventure of high school. We will be celebrating with them on Thursday, June 9. What a special time it will be for them all.

We are accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year for grades PreK through 8th, but currently have waitlists in kindergarten through 4th and 6th grades. OSLS was established in 1952 and has been providing an affordable, quality Christian ed-

ucation in Barcroft ever since. With small classes, our dedicated teachers are able to entirely devote themselves to our diverse student body. Please call the school office if you have any questions or would like a tour of our school. Check out our school website at osva.org. School starts again on Tuesday, August 23. ●



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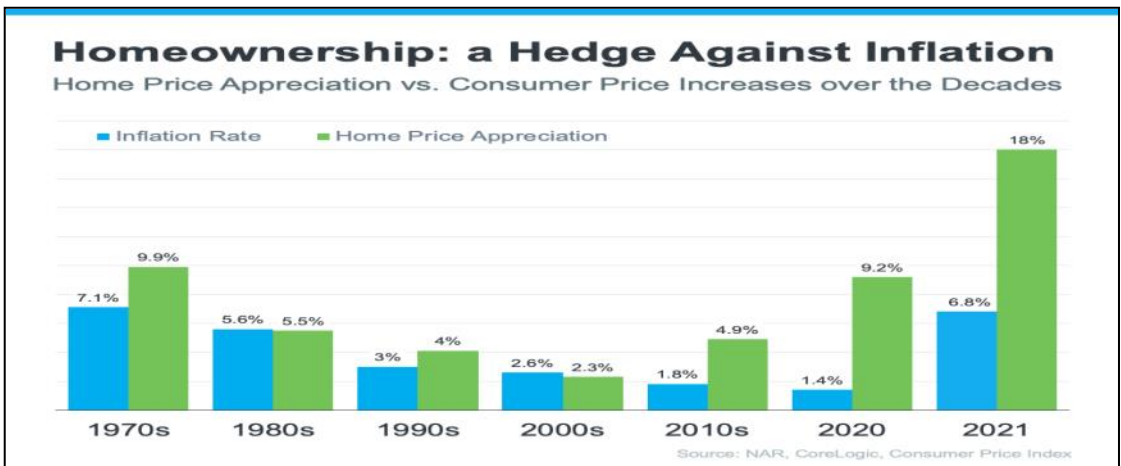
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