

### **President's Report**

#### by Heidi Wicker

Welcome back all, from what hopefully was a relaxing and wonderful summer. Your BSCL Board is energized and ready for the 2008-2009 season! Our first community meeting will be on **Thursday, September 4, at 7:30p.m. at the Community House.** We hope you all will join us as we start off the year.

We will be discussing the draft plans for developing the former Bob & Edith's diner site at Columbia Pike and Buchanan Streets, with a mixed use retail and residential building. The developer, Bob Eisenberg of Heritage Properties, plans to join us for this discussion.

We will also bring you up-to-date on the other happenings along Columbia Pike, including the plans for improved streetscaping on the portion abutting Barcroft and the various building projects that are underway up and down the Pike.

We will also discuss the status of the proposed expansion of the National Guard complex on George Mason Drive.

Over the summer, we had two wonderful community events organized by our fellow

neighbors, which hopefully you had the chance to enjoy.

Many thanks to **Andrew Hunter** and **Katherine McGuire** who were at the helm of a fabulous crew of volunteers who donated their time to make our

4th of July parade and BBQ a great success! It is always a great time for neighbors of all ages, and this year was no exception. In so many ways, the presence of neighbor **Jack Turner**, leader of the marching band , was very much missed, but not forgotten. **The Fabulous Barcroft Marching** Band carried on in his memory.

We also had a great turnout for our Neighborhood Night Out ice cream social, which was attended by many of our neighbors and community leaders. Former BSCL president **Pat Williamson** did a "sweet" job yet again organizing this event during the dog days of summer. Thank you, Pat, for planning such a "cool" event!

I hope to see you all at our first meeting on September 4, as we kick off what I am sure will be another great year for Barcroft!

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### NEW BSCL MEMBERSHIP YEAR

September seems to have arrived too quickly this year. But it is here, and that means it's time to renew our BSCL membership - or join if you are not yet a member. **Dues are still only \$3 per adult or \$6 per couple.** The membership form is provided with this newsletter.

We are always hoping to increase membership. Last year was great, but maybe this year can be even better. It shows that we're interested in our neighborhood. And the larger our membership, the easier it is to represent the neighborhood in dealings with the County and other organizations.

Once again we ask for your continued support of the **Barcroft Community House Fund**. Through your generosity, much has been accomplished. This year the exterior of the Community House desperately needs painting. In fact, we are in danger of a citation. Any contribution you can make will be very much appreciated.

Volunteers do most things within BSCL. The more volunteers, the easier things get done. The membership form provides several opportunities. Perhaps you'll find one that interests you.

### HELP NEEDED

BSCL Membership Secretary, **Peg LeFebvre** needs help from someone experienced in creating custom reports in ACCESS. There is really just one report that she needs help with. If you can help, e-mail Peg@bscl.org or call her at 703-521-0184. BARCROFT NEWS



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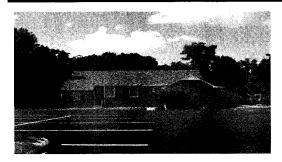
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#### **Columbia Pike Farmers Market!**

The **Columbia Pike Farmers Market**, takes place each Sunday through November from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Pike Park, at the corner of S. Walter Reed Dr. and Columbia Pike. Treat yourself to fresh local produce, organic meats, baked goods, milk, cheese, flowers, coffee, tea, chocolates, salsas, soaps, beeswax candles, henna tattoos, jewelery and more.

The Farmer's Market donates over 600 lbs of unsold produce each week to the Arlington Food Assistance Center..

### The Story Behind the Women's Club of Arlington



Do you recognize this building?

It is the Woman's Club of Arlington, on 8<sup>th</sup> and Buchanan, across from the Barcroft Community House.

The Woman's Club of Arlington had its beginning October 22, 1931 and in 1932 joined the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs, (VFWC) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, (GFWC). Over these 77 years members participated in fashion shows, bake sales, benefit card parties, hat sales, bazaars, luncheons, and theatrical productions, and with prudent business transactions acquired the present property at 700 South Buchanan Street. Formal dedication of the clubhouse was on October 6, 1957. The clubhouse stands today as a symbol of dedication to community improvement through volunteer service always portraying the General Federation of Women's Club motto "Unity in Diversity".

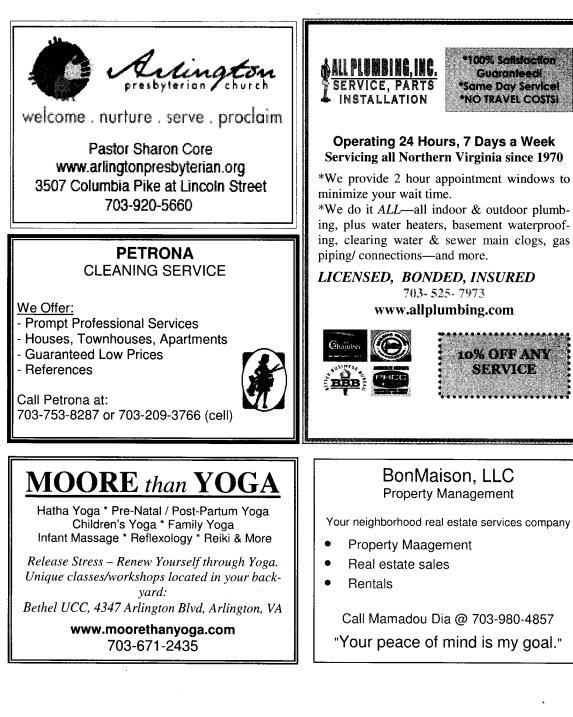
The GFWC goal is to encourage women to improve their skills, expand their rights, and apply their abilities and special sensitivity to the problems of the communities and nations. The programs of GFWC are carried out through six departments - Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Operations and Public Affairs.

In 1958, the South Arlington Cotillion Club was formed and continued until 1988. Teenagers were taught how to dance by a local dance studio. Club members started a small library, the forerunner of the Arlington County System, and with support through the years, the dedication of the Columbia Pike Branch Library and Career Center in 1975 was realized.

The Club adopted Barcroft Elementary School in 1989 and donated many volunteer hours making costumes for school plays, reading to students, and sewing bears for the kindergarten classes. They also support Randolph Elementary School. The Club provides a 4 year college scholarship to a Wakefield student. They participated in sponsoring a student to Girls' State and to HOBY (Hugh O'Brien) Youth Leadership organization. They participate in the annual BSCL 4th of July Paarade and provide free popsicles.

Our annual Holiday Boutique was started in 1983. The money raised is contributed to several Arlington and International organizations and charities such as Friends of Arlington County Library, Reading is Fundamental, Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, Salvation Army, Doorways for Women & Families, AMEN, Food Assistance Center, Arlington Free Clinic, Public Health organizations, Hospice, Nature Center, Mount Vernon, Paralyzed Veterans, Fisher House, Operation Smile, Doctors Without Borders, Care and HEIFER.

The Club meets the First Monday of each month, except September and January, if holiday, then second Monday with the business meeting at 10:45, luncheon at noon and the program at 1 P.M. They invite everyone to attend any of their programs. Call 703-553-5800 to find out more.



### **Be A Tree Steward Volunteer**

This annual Virginia Cooperative Extension offered course is designed to train volunteers to care for trees and to teach others about the importance of our urban forest.

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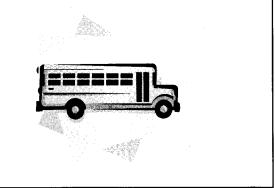
The class will meet on consecutive Wednesday evenings Sept 10th to Nov 12th, with two Saturday morning field trips. The course fee is \$120. Call Virginia Cooperative Extension on 703-228-6414

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL NEWS**

### Barcroft Elementary School

Classes started on August 4th.

In August, 2003, Barcroft Elementary became the first Arlington County Public School to implement a modified school year. This calendar balances the school year and provides continuous learning opportunities for all. Summer learning losses are reduced through a shorter summer break. Three intersessions are scheduled during the school year to provide continuous learning cycles.



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### TIME TO PLAY!

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### Arlington County 4-H Canines Club

The Arlington County 4-H Canines Club meets Tuesday evenings .

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# **AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

#### with Kathy Kerr

The Women's Club of Arlington has at least six current members who reside here in Barcroft. One is Kitty Woods who lives with her husband, Harry, on S. Wakefield St, across from Barcroft School. They have lived in Barcroft since 1952. As the original owners of their home, they purchased one of the houses built by their relative, Elmer Woods. Elmer built a number of houses in that section Kitty says that Barcroft is different now than of Barcroft. Elmer's wife, Virginia, still lives in Virginia and is now 101 years old.

When the Woods first moved into their home. like many of the other neighbors, they did not have a car. They took the bus to work in DC. The cost was just 10 cents. You could buy a one month pass for \$1.50 good for buses and street cars all over the DC area. The buses ran all day long, every day. The Woods used to even take the bus on Sundays down Columbia Pike to attend church. For groceries, they used to walk to the bottom of the S. Buchanan Street hill to a grocery store located where the Good Will is currently.

Kitty joined the Women's Club of Arlington when she retired in 1979. Over the years, she has really enjoyed the meetings, friendships and service projects. She helped with the teddy bears that the Club made for the Kindergartners at Barcroft school. Club member sewed the bears, but the children stuffed them events at the and drew on the faces. The children enjoyed playing with the bears and the teachers incor-

porated them into their curriculum. One teacher adapted the song "Teddy Bear's Picnic" to include the bears. At the end of the school year, the children were allowed to keep them. As the school grew, there was a need for more and more teddy bears until finally it was just too difficult to continue.

it used to be. She remembers that S. George Mason used to not go through all the way to Rt. 50. Also, 9<sup>th</sup> St. South did not go all the way through to S. George Mason Dr. She says that area was all woods.

Nowadays, families seem to have a lot of cars. There are many more cars parked on the streets. She is disturbed by the huge homes being built in Barcroft with the loss of a lot of trees. She notices that many of the original home owners are no longer here, but she really enjoys how nice Barcroft is these days with so many children.

The Woods live right on the Barcroft 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade route, so they have rarely missed that event.

Over the years, they have enjoyed the plant sales and other BSCL Community House.



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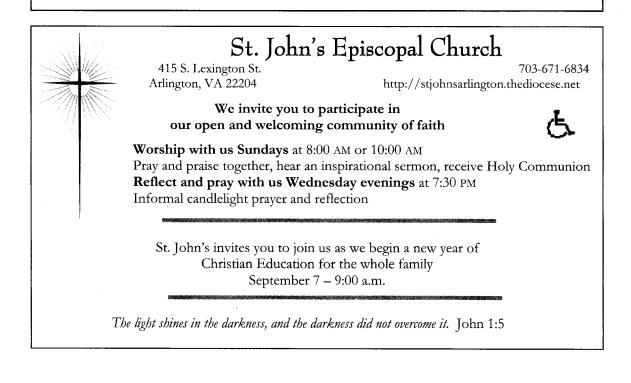
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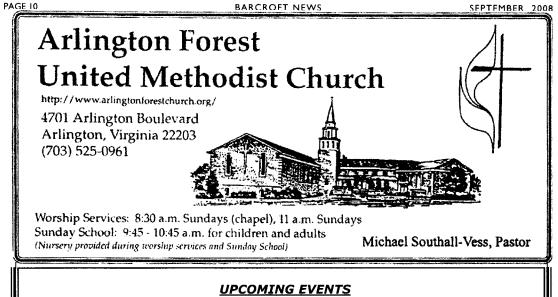
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Please contact Kathy Kerr 703-892-6458 Kathykerr@gmail.com





10/18 Crop Walk 8am at Church, 10/19 3pm animal blessing service 10/25 3pm U2 Eucharist service

#### "Taste of the Pike" Saturday, Sept. 20

Columbia Pike area has been called "the World in a Zip-Code." Enjoy specialty foods from around the globe prepared by some of the Pike's favorite restaurants and caterers.

This multicultural celebration will include more than a dozen musical and dance group, booths of local civic groups, arts and crafts vendors, and kids activities.

Admission is FREE. Sat. Sept. 20, noon to 7:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Arlington Mill Community Center at 4975 Columbia Pike.



#### Fancy New Bus Shelters Coming Soon To Columbia Pike!

Three new prototype bus shelters featuring heated seats, heated floors, new lighting, glass walls, and WiFi capability will be built on Columbia Pike within the next nine months.

The shelters are designed to enhance the experience of bus riders and encourage transit use. These three stops are the first of potentially 22 that could be built along the Pike.



#### **Construction Along Columbia Pike**

Despite tough times in the construction industry nationwide, building activity in the Columbia Pike corridor is continuing at a solid pace.

At Columbia Pike and S. Greenbrier St., the There and 10 story project, which will include 234 apartments and ground floor retail, is expected to be completed in late 2009. They have poured concrete for three levels of underground parking. West of there, at 5666 Columbia Pike. a five story headquarters for the Arlington Federal Credit Union will be completed next summer.

The eight story building at Columbia Pike and S. Walter Reed Dr is expected to be completed by December. There will be 269 rental apartments, retail space and 450 underground parking spaces.

There are a number of townhome projects up and down the Pike that will be completed soon.

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But you have to **pay back** the credit over the next 15 years, in equal amounts each year when you pay your federal taxes. That makes this more like an interest-free loan than a true credit. The tax credit is retroactive to home purchases on **April 9, 2008**, and expires on July 1, 2009. If you purchase a home from Jan. 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009, you can claim the tax credit on your 2008 tax return.

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