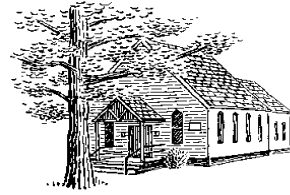


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# Barcroft News

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## President's Report

By **Pat Williamson**, BSCL President

As the hottest Summer ever turns the corner into what we hope is a wonderful Fall, Barcroft neighbors say so many thank yous to each other for the camaraderie and helping hands following the blow dealt by Derecho, the always amazing and every year more fun 4th of July Parade and Cookout, and the National Night Out Ice Cream Social.

A special thank you to Randy Swart, BSCL webmaster, who has posted many pictures from these events. Go to [www.bscl.org](http://www.bscl.org) and tell Randy "thanks for the memories!"

Sadly we say goodbye to the Kerr Family. They will have a wonderful new life out West but we shall miss them so. Kathy has been the editor of the BSCL newsletter for many years and Jim has served as the Advertising Manager. Thanks to Elizabeth Kiker for taking over as editor with the assistance of new neighbor Christine Hopkins. Let us know if you can help as Advertising Manager.

Heidi Wicker reports there are changes brewing on the Arlington Mill Project we should keep an eye on. Mark Wigfield reminds us that we really do need to keep a working traffic committee staffed and that currently there is no chairman. With the sidewalk and utility undergrounding work along Columbia Pike and the eventual changes to the Buchanan Street/Columbia Pike intersec-

tion we need to keep on top of the situation so our comments will be heard. We will plan to discuss these and other topics at the October and November regular monthly meetings.

Our first regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House. We will hear from County Staff on the Capitol Bikeshare Program and the S. George Mason Drive Street Improvements program. We will have a presentation on Fall Lawn Care (and it surely is needed this year!!!!) by Master Gardeners Joyce Hylton and Judy Bednar of the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension Service. Many neighbors enjoyed a presentation on seed planting last Spring and specially requested this return visit. See you there!

### It's Time To Renew Your BSCL Membership!

Dues are \$5 per individual/\$10 per family.  
Drop off at Community House or mail to:  
Fay Cheung, Membership Secretary  
618 S Taylor St.  
Arlington, VA 22204

Dues are effective from Sept. 1 - Aug. 31

Check the current list at:  
[www.bscl.org/members.htm](http://www.bscl.org/members.htm)

The market in the Washington DC Metro area has been moving well so far this year. Buyer traffic slowed slightly in July (which is typical for the season) after five straight months of higher than average activity. Overall in Arlington County prices have improved as inventory remains low. Sales prices for single family homes are up 6.67% from this time last year, while the 22204 zip code is up 1%.

Buyer demand remains strong due to low housing inventories, high rental prices and incredible interest rates.

If you are in the market to buy or sell it's a great time, with stable prices and with interest rates as low as they are, the overall affordability is still excellent. The most popular loan is FHA, currently at 3.25% for a 30 year fixed rate loan up to \$729,750, only 3.5% down payment!

Conventional mortgage rates are at 3.5% for loans up to \$417,000.

Year to date trends in Barcroft per MRIS (realtors multiple listing service): Year to date there have been 21 properties sold & settled – average list price of \$587,773, average sold price of \$579,776. The sold properties averaged 38 days on the market with an average seller subsidy of \$3,666. Currently there are five active listings at an average price of \$588,950 average days on the market is 80 (three homes have reduced their prices at an average 4.41%).

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**8th Road Throws an Excellent Party**

By Elizabeth Kiker

The folks on 8th Road threw a June block party, and neighbors from around Barcroft were thrilled. From homemade mustard to a bouncy castle with “big kid” and “little kid” time, more than 100 Barcroft residents had a grand time.

The group sent out invitations a week in advance to houses on 8th Road and surrounding streets, and rented a bouncy castle from Arlington.

The street was blocked off between Wakefield and Buchanan with large orange cones, and kids of all ages bikes, skateboarded, rollerbladed and ran on the gentle hill. Everyone brought food to share -- the sausages and grilled onions were a highlight, as was the (quickly eaten) fresh fruit.

For more information on how to throw a block party (or how to be invited to the one on 8th Road next year), contact Lisa Piantanida at lisapiantanida@gmail.com or Helen Stebbins at helene.stebbins@verizon.net.



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**Mother's Helper:** 6th grader would love to do odd jobs! Rebecca Bean 703-553-4093 beccab50@gmail.com

**Mother's Helper and Pet Sitter:** 6th grader, Call Tyler LaPointe at 703-979-1083 or 703-585-8507

**Vacation Help**—Responsible teen can water plants, bring in the paper and mail, care for pets, mow lawn, etc. Dylan Vega 703-271-5987 dylanvega@gmail.com

**Alexandra's Babysitting** - teen available week nights and weekends. Alexandra @ 703-892-6712

**Babysitter** - 11th grader available after school and weekends. Please call Jenna at 703-685-1071

**Teenage Babysitter** - Week nights and weekends: Sarah @ 703-521-8756

**Babysitter:** Red Cross certified 11th grader available. Call Abby at 703-892-1090

**Babysitter** --7th grader , Red Cross certified. Pettsitting too. Jenny Claire 703-998-5338

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**Yard Work:** Teen available for mowing, raking and other yard work. Call Thomas at 703-979-5838

**Ongoing Need:** Baby items, books, educational toys, household items etc for the Even Start Program at Barcroft School. Call Jenny Lindenauer at 703-228-8846 or email: jennifer\_lindenauer@apsva.us

**Barcroft Community Playgroup** 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday mornings at the Community House. Contact **Jason Kiker** [jkiker@gmail.com](mailto:jkiker@gmail.com), or just stop by!

**St. John’s Episcopal Church**

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**Sunday Worship Services**

8 am and 10 am

**Sept 4** 7:30 pm - Book Club *Catherine the Great: A Portrait of a Woman* by Robert Massie

**Sept 22** 4:00 pm - Picnic at St John’s with the Glencarlyn neighbors

**Sept 23** 10:00 am - Sunday Worship Service - outside of St. John’s

**Oct 2** 7:30 pm - Book Club (check webpage for book after Sept 6)

**Sunday Christian Education**

Adults 9 am - Youth 9:15 am

**Join Us in Our Exciting New Family Programs**

- **Programs** will be offered every Sunday at 9:15 for children ages three through high school. The topic will rotate each week.
- **Children’s Chapel** (age 3 through fifth grade) is held during the first half of the 10 a.m. service to teach kids what to expect when they start attending “grown-up” church.
- Middle and High School students can earn service credit for being **Acolytes**. Training will be offered in the Fall and Spring each year.
- Instruction in preparation for **First Communion** Service on November 4 (first grade and up).
- Instruction for **Confirmation** using the “Confirm Not Conform” program will begin in November.
- **Field trips** and church **overnights** are planned throughout the school year.

For more information go to Family Programs at [www.stjohnsarlington.thediocese.net](http://www.stjohnsarlington.thediocese.net) - or email [stjohnsfamilyprograms@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsfamilyprograms@gmail.com).



### Women's Club Schedule

These are the scheduled events for September and October at the Women's Club of Arlington.

- Sep 10 - 10:45 am Monthly Meeting (Monday)
- 12:00 pm Salad Luncheon
- 1:00 pm Speaker, John Glowacky from Arlington Agency on Aging Will Talk about Medicare and Medicare Fraud Prevention and services available to seniors and the disabled in Arlington
- Coming October 13th (Sat) Another Neighborhood Paper Shredding, Bake Sale, Craft fair and More
- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 9:00 am - 12:00 (Paper shredding only) To Benefit our Wakefield H.S. Scholarship Fund

### Neighborhood Play Group

By Jason Kiker

Every parent of young children loves play groups — they are fun for the kids and parents! Lucky Barcroft residents have one right here in your neighborhood. On Friday mornings: Come to the neighborhood playgroup from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

We meet at the Community House, bring out the hundreds of toys donated and collected over the years, and let the children (whose ages range from 2 weeks to five years), roam free. There is outside playing if the weather is nice (and we sometimes even meet at a nearby playground) and lots of indoor games on rainy or especially hot days.

If you are interested in learning more, contact me at [jkiker@gmail.com](mailto:jkiker@gmail.com) or 703-216-9728. Or, even better, just drop by the playgroup!

We'd love to have you!

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### Celebrating America the Barcroft Way

By Andrew Hunter and Katherine McGwier

Once again, Katherine and I want to express our amazement and joy in the fact that our neighborhood turns out the way it does for the annual 4th of July parade. When planning the logistics; coordinating permits, contacting the police and fire departments, finding the act for the community House and buying food and decorations, we never think about who will actually show up and what will actually be in the parade.

This year surpassed all expectations and once again Barcroft neighbors and friends showed up in full force! This year, life without electricity and appreciation for power appeared to be the theme with wonderful floats and representations of life with and without power.

Thanks to Melissa Bishop who put together an enthusiastic Barcroft marching Band. Thanks to the U.S. Marine color Guard and our Eagle Scout Color Guard, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies and Daisies. The Banjo man and the Balloon guy entertained the kid in all of us as well.

Thanks to the **BSCL officers** for being at the reviewing stand, **Arlington police** and **Captain Butler** for their superb support, **Arlington Fire Department Captain Chrissman** and **Engine 101** for dazzling the crowd, thanks to the **Cackley Family** for a stirring rendition of the national anthem, **Rand Bass** for reviewing stand set up, **Mark Wigfield** and **Jose** for set up, BBQ master **Scott Peterson** with his sous chef **Phil Anderson**, **Uncle Sam Joe Walsh** and driver **Kirill Denison**, **Grace Baptist church** for their popsicles, **Dellynn Periadri** for the water coolers, the **Womens' Club** for their generous support, **Sharon Tope** and **Randy and Barbara Swart**, **Yazzie and Norris** and others who cleaned up. Big thanks to our **BSCL President Pat Williamson** for help on watermelons and set up.

Congratulate yourself Barcroft!! Our celebration is a wonderful way to celebrate the pride we have in our neighborhood and country. Thanks to those who organized, those who volunteered, those who marched in the parade - It takes a neighborhood to create wonderful memories that our children will long hold dear.



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## Living the Pie Life

By Kathy Kerr

Back in January 2011, two Barcroft moms, Heather Sheire and Leah Haskvitz, were volunteering at the school rummage sale when a mutual friend determined that these two bakers needed to meet.

Turns out that Heather and Leah live just three blocks apart. They got together for lunch and decided to start "Livin' The Pie Life" making and selling pies!

At first they just sold pies to friends and neighbors. Gradually the business grew to include a "Pie of the Month" club. As their business grew by word of mouth, they began taking special orders and sold more than 70 pies for Thanksgiving 2011.

In May 2012 they began selling pies at the Clarendon Farmers Market and hired another Barcrofter, Wendy MacCallum, to assist with Farmers Market sales. Recently they added small 6-inch pies for the popular Shaffers BBQ food truck to sell.

The pie ingredients are all natural and locally produced butter, eggs, cheese, fruits and vegetables. Some ingredients even come from their own gardens.

Delectable flavors include blueberry nectarine, margarita (with tequila and a pretzel crust), fresh lemon chess, raspberry almond crumb, triple cherry, salted caramel chocolate chess, coconut cream, French silk and pecan. Savory pies include tomato basil and their legendary mac and cheese pie with sage, bacon and caramelized onions. Why not have a savory pie for dinner and a sweet pie for dessert?

More pies will be on the menu in the fall such as sweet potato, caramel apple crumb, and dried cherry pear. Heather and Leah rent

the kitchen at the nearby Arlington Unitarian Church. Their pie tins are reusable and boxes are recyclable. Pie tins can be returned for a \$1 credit on your next order.

Included in the price of the pie is in-person delivery! On delivery, they often dress up like "June Cleaver" in 1950s-style dresses, aprons and pumps to add to the homey effect. Most deliveries are on Thursdays or Fridays.

One would expect that these bakers come from a long line of culinary artists and secret recipes from grandma. However, these two had busy parents who did not have time for cooking. Heather realized that if she wanted to eat really good food, she had to learn to make it herself. She loves dessert, so she had to learn to make it to have the best!

Leah works as a nurse anesthetist with a strong interest in science and precision. She became fascinated by the science of cooking. For example why use exactly this much baking soda instead of baking powder? What chemical changes make some baked goods have the wrong texture?

So the two researched different cookbooks, online resources and tips from friends. All pies are original recipes based on creative and scientific experimentation.

Heather and Leah continue to volunteer at Barcroft, where their kids attend school. They are now taking orders for Thanksgiving pies that will be hand delivered to your home on Wednesday, the day before. For your next birthday, anniversary, wedding or other occasion, why have a boring cake when you can have amazing pie? To find out more and to order pies, visit their website at [www.livinthepielife.com](http://www.livinthepielife.com) or call them at 703-244-2775.

## Fall is Prime Time for Planting!

By Cliff Fairweather Park Naturalist, Long Branch Nature Center

In the spring, garden catalogs, garden centers and plant sales beckon us to get into our yards and start planting. We encourage people to choose native plants that support local songbirds, butterflies and other native wildlife, but we recommend planting your new natives in the fall to give them their best start.

Fall is a great time to plant for a number of reasons. First, the plants are going dormant and so they are less susceptible to transplant shock. In the spring, plants are expending a lot of energy on new growth, leaving them with fewer reserves to cope with the stress of transplanting. Another good reason to plant in the fall is the weather. In autumn, temperatures are moderating so plants are suffering less water stress and don't need as much water.

Still, you'll have to give them some water, so water long enough to encourage deep root growth. Finally, fall planting gives your plants three seasons to get established and grow deep roots before they have to endure summer drought.

Cooler fall weather is easier on your plants and it's easier on you than gardening in the summer heat. In our area, you can plant at least into November with natives Long Branch Nature Center will be holding a native plant sale on Saturday, September 22 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. This is a great opportunity to get some great, locally grown native plants and get them in the ground at the prime time for planting.

## Seeking Families to Host Students

The Arlington Sister City Association (ASCA) needs your help welcoming and hosting a delegation of visitors from our sister city of Aachen, Germany.

The visit will be for two weeks, Oct. 3 - 16 and will consist of 10 girls, 8 boys and two chaperones. The students are all high school juniors (16-17 years old). One of the highlights of the visit is the opportunity for Aachen students to stay with Arlington families to get to know each other. Would you volunteer? Knowledge of German is not necessary because all of the members of the group speak English. In addition, they will have already had orientation sessions in Aachen to prepare them for the visit.

The students are especially eager to learn more about Arlington and the U.S. There will be a general interest meeting in September (date and location TBA) for both potential host families and for students wanting to travel to Aachen during Summer 2013. Contact Reid Goldstein ([reidgoldstein@gmail.com](mailto:reidgoldstein@gmail.com), home: 703-271-0431) if you are interested or with any questions.



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## Arlington Mill Community Center

By Linda LeDuc, CHW

This is an early invitation to you to come and share your thoughts and wishes for art in the new AMCC as well as ideas for involving the larger Pike participation in the new center. For example, what programs/activities would you like to see at the new center? Book/current events discussion groups? Chess groups? Dance groups? Classes? Exercise? Special Events? Children's programs? Teen programs? Adult Education? Arts and Crafts? Other?

When: Tuesday - September 4, 2012 - 6:45 pm

Where: Greenbrier Baptist Church -  
5041 S. 7th Road - Arlington  
Fellowship Hall (lower level -  
take stairway off park lot)

Pass the word along to your neighborhoods. This new, expanded community center is one that is meant to serve the interests of a wide audience.

We can only know what you are interested in by hearing from you. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your ideas. Thanks and hope to see you on September 4.

Mark your calendar for September 4!

## Potomac Harmony Chorus

The Potomac Harmony Chorus Presents Alumnae Reunion, a musical afternoon of Reverie, Revelry and Reveille 3 p.m., Saturday, September 22 Thomas Jefferson Community Center Theater 125 South Old Glebe Road

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## Buchanan Gardens Invites You to a Grand Opening

By Julie Rotherham, Neighborhood Liaison

According to David Perrow, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing Project Manager, things are progressing well at Buchanan Garden. There was a slight setback due to the power outage.

The lack of power was not as problematic (the general contractor used a generator) as the widespread damage that had utility crews that would have otherwise been available to continue to hook up power to our buildings, diverted to the power restoration elsewhere.

Nonetheless, they are still aiming for a late August completion date. As of this time, they have three buildings left to complete, the paving, some final landscaping, including new signage and a new fence.

Perrow has invited the neighborhood to a Grand Opening on September 20th from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

I'd like to encourage anyone who is interested in the work of APAH, or wants to see the improvements to Buchanan Gardens to stop by. I'll send out more details on this event on the listserv in the coming weeks.

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## Barcroft Elementary Frolics Through Fall ...

By *Jenny Ditta*

Barcroft has been back to school for a month now! The 2012-2013 school year began August 1. Barcroft uses a Modified School Year Calendar, starting school earlier and taking a multi-week break each quarter. At the next break, between October 1-12, 2012, students may enjoy a vacation or take interesting Fall Intersession classes.

There are several upcoming events in September that you are invited to attend. On **Thursday, September 20**, Barcroft will celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Night**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include educational exhibits, entertainment, and outstanding food.

Join us at the school on **Saturday, September 22** for our annual **Chalk4Peace event**. Everyone is invited to create works of chalk art on the sidewalks and blacktop.

**Friday, October 26**, is the **PTA Halloween Party and Dance** and the start of the Treats 4 Our Troops candy collection. Last year, we had over 700 party attendees. You don't want to miss THE party of 2012!

Be sure to come hungry to the polls on **November 6**. You won't regret your decision to support the **PTA's Election Day Bake Sale**.

During the week of **November 12-16**, the PTA will host a **Book Fair and Holiday Shop**. Start your holiday shopping early!

Finally, on **December 3**, the PTA will host a **Silver Diner "Moms, Dads and Grads"** Night at the restaurant. We hope that all of our Barcroft families and alumni join us for delicious food and fabulous company!

Neighborhood volunteers are welcome at Barcroft Elementary. If you are free on

weekdays between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., consider volunteering to supervise the Student Internet Café, work in the Library, or assist students after school during Homework Club, Tennis, and Boys on Bikes activities. Contact Principal Miriam Hughey-Guy to volunteer at 703-228-5838 or [miriam.hugheyguy@apsva.us](mailto:miriam.hugheyguy@apsva.us).

No time to volunteer, but still want to help? Link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to Barcroft! This year, the PTA is raising money to purchase SmartBoards, and fund field trips. Purchase Harris Teeter products between August 2012 and May 2013, and a donation is made to Barcroft. Go to [www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/link\\_to\\_your\\_school.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx) and use Barcroft code # 4238. Or provide the last name of the card holder along with the VIC card number to Christine Scullion at [clscullion@yahoo.com](mailto:clscullion@yahoo.com), and she will link your card to Barcroft. **You can link your card to up to 5 schools!**

To learn more about ways to support Barcroft Elementary, follow us on on-line at [www.facebook.com/BarcroftElementary](http://www.facebook.com/BarcroftElementary). To learn more about What's Happening at Barcroft, go to [www.apsva.us/Page/13363](http://www.apsva.us/Page/13363).

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## Register to Vote

By Randy Swart

There is a special election to replace delegate David Englin on September 4. But relax, Barcroft is not in the district he served, so you will not be voting.

In November, however, Barcrofters will vote. Neighborhoods who do not vote somehow tend to be ignored.

If you are not registered, or have just moved here, now is the time to register at your Barcroft address. For info, call the Voting Registrar at 703-228-3456, send an email to [voters@arlingtonva.us](mailto:voters@arlingtonva.us) or check the County web site at [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us).

The deadline to register for the fall election is Monday, October 15.

## Arlington Fun Ride 2012

The 2012 Arlington Fun Ride is Saturday, October 6! The scenic, family-friendly 17 mile bike ride will give participants a chance to experience the paved trails that make up the "Arlington Loop" while enjoying support from rest stops in Crystal City, Rosslyn and Ballston. There will also be a short children's ride, suitable

for those under 10.

Both rides begin and end at Phoenix Bikes, near the Barcroft

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