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The whole family is invited to a Christmas carol sing-a-long with the famous Barcroft Christmas Band on December 4th at 7:30 PM at the Barcroft Community House, 800 South Buchanan Street. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member. Bring a neighbor, a friend, your kids, or bring some cookies to help out Hospitality Chairman Jean Menefee.

This is the Barcroft School and Civic League's traditional Christmas program, and even though it falls early in the month it always provides a fine time to celebrate this joyous season. Our impromptu band is a spirited bunch whose enthusiasm surpasses their abilities. Get out your old bagpipe, guitar or tuba and play with us. We will practice on Thursday, November 30th at 8 PM at 4649 Second Street S.

Members of all religious or ethnic groups who live in Barcroft and celebrate a special day at this time of year are welcome to perform a song from their own heritage. Or come to enjoy carols as an old Barcroft tradition, whether or not you observe Christmas.

This is the one meeting of the year where we never ask anyone to volunteer for community projects, and one of the best meetings of the year to just meet the folks at your neighborhood civic association. Come and join your neighbors in expressing the good spirits of the season:

BARCROFT VOTES -- AGAIN

Once again Barcroft Precinct had a banner turnout for the November elections--1,132 voters, a very high 77% of the number who turned out for last year's Presidential election. That's five percentage points higher than Arlington as a whole with 72% of last year's voters.

Once again the Barcroft results tracked closely with averages for Arlington County as a whole. The notable exceptions were a lower percent for Wilder (62%) than the County's high 68% for him, and an even stronger vote of confidence for Ellen Bozman as County Board member (68%) than the rest of the County (65%). Mrs. Bozman won an unprecedented fifth term on the Board, where she has served since 1974. Her 68% margin was the highest from Barcroft of any County Board candidate in recent years.

Barcrofter Warren Stambaugh, running unopposed for the Virginia House of Delegates 49th District, drew the approval of 792 voters, more than any other candidate for any of the races on the ballot. Some observers attributed this to his performance as Grand Marshal of the First Annual Barcroft 4th of July Parade, others to his performance as a Delegate over his 16 years in the Assembly.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE MESSAGES ON THE BARCROFT NEIGHBORLINE: 521-1116. CALL RANDY SWART AT HIS HOME NUMBER TO LIST ANYTHING ON THE NEIGHBORLINE.



BOZMAN SHOWS CONCERN ABOUT BARCROFT'S "PROBLEM INTERSECTION"

County Board Chairman Ellen Bozman noted our article last month about the most dangerous intersection in Barcroft at George Mason Drive and Columbia Pike. She instructed County Manager Tony Gardner to look into the matter, and sent us a copy of his report.

The main problem at this intersection is cars running red lights. The County has taken two measures to improve The timing of the lights has safetv. been changed to add more time between turning red to one direction and turning green to the other direction. In addition, "the Police Department has recently initiated selective enforcement efforts at this intersection." Cheering news for all of us who pass through this intersection, and reason to thank Mrs. Bozman for looking into the matter on our behalf.



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VARIANCE TO PERMIT INFILL HOUSE ON WAKEFIELD DENIED BY COUNTY

Recently a variance request was submitted to the County for the property at 506 Wakefield. The owners, Mitch and Wendy Delsak, had requested to divide the property into two lots and build a new house on the second Under current zoning guidelines, lot. R-6 zones have a minimum lot size of 6,000 sq.ft. The division of this lot would make both lots approximately 600 sg. ft. less than the minimum.

The BSCL Zoning and Land Use Committee met to consider Barcroft's position on the matter, and after much debate, decided that we did not really have a neighborhood consensus about this type of in-fill housing because our Neighborhood Conservation Plan has not yet been discussed and approved by the whole community. The BSCL sent a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals outlining our concerns about infill but stating that the BSCL did not have a position on this request.

The variance request was denied, as recommended by the County zoning staff. They felt it would set a bad precedent for future requests throughout the County not meeting R-6 zoning requirements.

If you are interested in zoning issues, variance requests and in-fill housing issues, we invite you to participate in the BSCL Zoning and Land Use committee. Next year should prove to be a busy one for this issue. Call Laurie Kelsch at 920-9429.

Laurie Kelsch

BSCL MEMBERSHIP RUNS SEPTEMBER TO SEPTEMBER. MEMBERS OWN A PIECE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD -- A SHARE IN THE BARCROFT COMMUNITY HOUSE. PLEASE RETURN THE COUPON ON THE BACK WITH \$2 PER PERSON. THIS IS YOUR LAST REMINDER UNTIL WE REMIND YOU AGAIN!

FENCE REMOVED FROM ARLINGTON HALL PARK AREA

The fence has come down around parts of the Arlington Hall area on our side of George Mason Drivel but it is not yet open for public access. There are MP's on routine patrols of the area who will escort anyone found in the area off the premises. We will let you know as soon as access to the park opens.

The Arlington Parks Planning people are looking for a name for this neighborhood park. The name Barcroft Park has already been taken by a park on Four Mile Run. If you have any suggestions, call Pat Roach at 920-8131. Pat chairs our Arlington Hall Committee, and is putting together a Park Planning Committee. It will prepare a plan to present to the Arlington Parks Planning Commission on what Barcrofters would like to see happen on the Arlington Hall park site. Call Pat, or call Laurie Kelsch (920-9429), if you are interested in participating or have any ideas you would like to share.

Laurie Kelsch

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN: PROMISES, PROMISES?

The County has finished its review of our neighborhood Conservation Plan draft and has given us their comments and suggestions for our use in the next revision of the draft. If the drafting committee completes its work before Thanksgiving you will have your copy of the draft by early December. We will begin working on the discussion of the draft and voting on revisions in our January meeting.

If you have never read anything else put out by the BSCL this is the one thing you should read and talk to your neighbors about. It is our design for what should happen in Barcroft for the next ten years. If you complain next year about something covered in the plan people will ask "Where were you when the Neighborhood Conservation Plan was being discussed?" It won't cost you anything but your time, and it may make a tremendous difference in how your neighborhood fares in the 1990's.

We hope to see all of you at the January meeting for your comments and suggestions. Get ready for some fun!

BSCL OFFICERS FOR 1988-89 PresidentRandy Swart 521-2080 Vice President .Laurie Kelsch 920-9429 TreasurerLarry Goldschmidt Corres. Secy....Talmadge Williams Record. Secy...Pat Roach Board Members...Phyllis Kinsey, Howard Mumford, Susan Christopher, Bill Peine Signs Manager...Jack Turner CPRO Delegate...Annette Osso 553-3053 NCAC Delegate...Annette Pattison Civic Fed.Del...Anne Noll 892-6710 Arlington Hall..Pat Roach 920-8131 Land Use/Zoning.Laurie Kelsch 920-9429 Restoration...L.Goldschmidt 521-3746 Hospitality...Jean Menefee 920-6521 NEWSLETTER STAFF Advertising: Talmadge Williams 920-7006 Contributions: Susan Sarcone 920-8131 Editor: Randy Swart 521-2080

Neighborhood News: Kathy Kerr 892-6458 Mailing: Aileen Woods & Paul Metzler

Deadline: 10th of the previous month.



BETTY JANE MYERS

May your Thanksgiving Day be filled with lots of Turkey, family and friends. May you all be blessed with health, food and homes.

May your faith be as strong as the Pilgrims who gave us this day to celebrate.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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The Barcroft School PTA is happy to announce that the school is participating in Giant Food's "Apples for Students" program. Giant will give the school--FREE--Apple computers, equipment, and software in exchange for cash register receipts dated between October 22, 1989 and March 31, 1990. The PTA needs the help of the whole community if we are to succeed, so we ask that you save your cash register tapes and bring them to the collection box located in the school office. You can also mail them to the school care of The Principal, Barcroft Elementary School, 625 S. Wakefield Street, Arlington, VA 22204. Or call me at 521-8634 for pick up service for your register receipts.

We're the Barcroft <u>School</u> and Civic League. Let's make that connection stronger and give our children a leg up on the computer age!

Nora Myers Rumpf VP, Barcroft PTA

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LABOR DAY SPORT

Stoneburner Again Delights a Jolly. Crowd.

The tournament and base ball game at Stoneburner's Park on Labor Day proved to be a drawing card. The riding was excel-lent, and the contest in the professional class for the honor of crowning the queen was hotly contested, several riders of the twelve entered securing all nine rings. Harry Palmer, who secured every ring, even the threequarter and half-inch, was the victor, and crowned Mrs. R. C. L. Moncure. First maid, by J. S. Blanford, Miss Ida Haas; second, by Estler Palmer, Miss Janie McCallicott; third, by Wm. Herring, Miss Mary Hall.

In the amateur class, Arthur Stoneburner carried off the honor of crowning the queen, having taken eight of the rings. He chose Miss Sarah Wheatley as queen. First maid, by John Stoneburner, Miss Grace Stoneburner; second, by Fenton Fitz-

gleston Club, crossed bats with the Bailey's X-Roads team and the score seemed to revive memories of '96, the score being 16 to 1 in favor of the Cross-Roads boys.

FLAG RAISING.

Nearly the entire population of Barcroft turned out on Labor Day to witness the raising of the national colors on the new sixtyfive-foot flagpole of our patriotic postmister, Mr. Oscar Haring. Miss Inez Bales, of Braddock Heights, hoisted the noble flag to its lofty position, and a gentle breeze at once wafted it to the northward, as though extending greeting from Dixie to those beyond the Potomac.

WHO CAN TELL US.

Look at the schedule of rates on the W. & O. division. Take Falls Church, for instance. The round-trip fare is 45 cents. A 25-trip yearly ticket costs \$7.50. Twelve and one-half round trips Clay Downs. Miss Grace Terrett.

Marshal, Luther V. Cleveland; orator of the morning. Walter Varney; orator of the evening.

R. C. L. Moncure; judges, Hon. Chas. Pelham and Sheriff Wm. could be made for \$5.62 1-2, or for

The candidates are kissing all In the base ball game the Eg- babies in the county.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. E. Dyer, of Georgetown, and his family visited Barcroft on Sunday last.

Mrs. S. J. Dewey and her son, Stuart, have been spending some time with Mrs. E. H. Klemroth. Stuart bids fair to be a second Sousa. His rendition of the national airs on his cornet delighted the entire neighborhood.

Mrs. S. P. Wright and Miss Abbie Wright have returned from Castleton, Vt., where they spent

the early summer.
Miss Virginia Doremus has been spending a few days of this week with Mrs. C. A. Kolb, of Woodmead.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff of Alexandria County.

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For Commonwealth's Attorney. of Alexandria County. R. C. L. MONCURE.

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SNOW SHOVELER Shovel Unitarian Church walks when it snows and earn \$60/negotiable. Call Larry Thomas (528-7063) or Dave Voorhees (979-8287).

SNOW SHOVELER Shovel the Barcroft Community House walks when it snows and earn the gratitude of your Barcroft Neighbors. No need to call anybody--just trot on over with your shovel when it snows! Can't wait for snow? There are leaves there to be raked RIGHT NOW!

DECEMBER EVENTS

Friday 1st Leaf collection half over. Get your leaves to the curb. No bags needed! Pickup schedules: cable channel 31, recorded announcement 358-4526, human being 358-3636 or the Barcroft Neighborline at 521-1116 if someone warns us when the truck is coming. Barcroft is in leaf collection zone 11.

Dec 4th FIRST THURS.

OF THE

MONTH

BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE 7:30 PM. 800 S. Buchanan St. Christmas Program. Come and sing Christmas carols with the very informal Barcroft Christmas Band. Bring an instrument or your voice and maybe some cookies for refreshments. For info on band "practice" call the neighborline, 521-1116. We need a band leader!

Tuesday 5th

Arlington County Civic Federation. 7:45 Hazel Conference Center at Arlington Hospital, 1701 N George Mason Dr. Subject: Schools, with the School Board visiting. This is the umbrella organization of civic associations. Visitors always welcome. For info call Anne Noll, a former President of the Civic Federation and the only one of our delegates who never misses a meeting, at 892-6710.

Monday 27th Book Discussion Group - Read this month's book and discuss it at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy 7:30PM. Info 521-2080.

Saturday 31st Leaf Collection formally ends. The last pass through Barcroft will be considerably earlier, probably by mid-December.

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD with Kathy Kerr

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Do you appreciate your mail carrier? I surely do appreciate mine. His name is Frank Angilletta and he has been carrying mail to the western portion of Barcroft now for several years. He is fast and efficient but also has a minute to chat and give a smile. When my mail arrives early in the day I know that Frank is on duty.

Frank is more than a mail carrier, he is also a great friend to our neighborhood. He knows this section of Barcroft better than anyone! He knows which houses are empty and where there should or should not be any activity going on. He knows who lives where and has a good idea of who belongs or doesn't belong on our streets and around our homes. He is the best neighborhood watchdog we could ask for. He really cares a lot about the people on his route and deserves the title of "Honorary Barcrofter".

Frank drives up from his home in Dale City to deliver our mail. I met his wife and two kids at one of our neighborhood yard sales! In his spare time, Frank absolutely loves to read Science Fiction books, especially by Isaac Asimov.

Being around a lot during the day, I have gotten to recognize some of the other mail carriers here in Barcroft. Do you REALLY appreciate your mail deliverer? Why not write a note to the Postmaster and tell him about it. Mail carriers who receive such praise from customers are often given bonuses and such a note would surely make their day!

Drop a note to:

Postmaster Arlington, VA 22210



UNITARIANS NEED A SNOW SHOVELER

To the delight of those who walk to the bus when it snows, the Unitarian Church at Arlington Boulevard and George Mason Drive is looking for a snow shoveler! The church is willing to pay pretty well too--see the Want Ads on page 5.

This is a fine idea. In fact, we need to do the same thing for the Barcroft Community House, but of course we are hoping to find a volunteer rather than pay. If you are interested, just show up at the Community House with your shovel after the snow flies. And in the meantime, think about raking some of the leaves there dropped by our magnificent trees. At least one of last year's rakers won't be much good at it this year due to a broken leg!



CALL THE BARCROFT NEIGHBORLINE AT 521-1116

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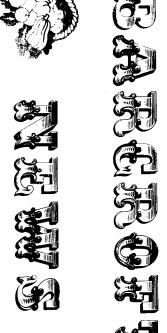
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