

# MARCH MEETING Recycling: More Valuable the Second Time Around

The March meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League will focus on recycling. Ned Ruhe of Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment will be there to inform us of the latest innovations in recycling, present ideas on how to become more involved in this effort, and tell us the reasons we should care. Look for some "quick bytes" on recycling elsewhere in this issue.

#### Arlington County Recycling Program Update

The recycling center on Columbia Pike has proven so popular on weekends that officials are asking residents to try to drop off recyclables during the week when possible to help avoid overflowing containers and reduce traffic congestion. Residents should also consider using the center at 500 S. 31st St. in Crystal City.

The pilot curbside recycling pickup service began February 25. Know anybody who is participating?

## Park Clean-Up Time

The County's annual Clean-Up Day for Four Mile Run is Saturday, March 9. The BSCL has adopted the section of streambed from Columbia Pike to 9th St. S., which has been thoroughly trashed by the vagrants living in the park. The County has begun the cleanup, but a lot is left to be done. You can see the target area from the Safeway parking lot, but the only safe way to clean it up is with a group. If enough Barcrofters show up, we can broaden our scope to sweep the rest of the park we have been working on.

We will meet at the bridge on Columbia Pike at 9 AM. Wear workgloves, and bring a rake or shovel if you want to. If you have waterproof boots, they may prove useful when cleaning up the streambed. Most of the trash, however, is on the bank. We will have trash bags and will recycle the glass, cans, and plastic we find. If the County has not been able to cut the weeds by machine, some of us will come equipped to do that by hand.

Our last park cleanup was great fun for all, and the results were very satisfying. Come join your neighbors to do some good. For last-minute info or if the weather is bad, call the Neighborline at 521-1116 for an update.



Rainbow and brook trout will be running in Four Mile Run Stream from Bon Air Park to Barcroft Park. The season officially opens at 9 AM March 16, after which the hours are from sunrise to sunset. On opening day, Bon Air Park above Wilson Boulevard will be restricted for children aged 15 and under. Volunteers from the Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be on hand in Bon Air Park at the picnic shelter and rose garden to instruct and help the children. A fly casting demonstration will be conducted from 12 to 12:30 pm in the field next to the Bon Air Park comfort station.

State fishing regulations will be enforced. Virginia residents aged 16–65 are required to obtain a Virginia fishing license; nonresidents must purchase either a nonresident fishing license or a five-day trip license. Senior citizens born after June 30, 1923, are required to purchase a \$1.00 annual fishing license. A state trout license is **not** required to fish for trout in Arlington County.

Minimum size is 7 inches. Creel limit is 6 fish per day per person. Dip netting is **not** permitted. For more information, read the 1991–1992 Virginia Fishing Regulations, available where licenses are sold. For current information, call the Arlington County Trout Fishing Hotline, 358-4400.

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#### Barcroft Sons in Saudi Arabia

Captain Nathan Turner of the U.S. Marine Corps, son of Jack and Lane Turner of 4th St., is serving in Saudi Arabia. Folks who would like to send good news and express their support for the troops can write to

Captain Nathan Turner, USMC 229-11-4782 RLT-5/81, 5th MEB-DET (W) FPO SF 96693-8547

Nathan's older brother, Captain John Turner, U.S. Army, is en route to the war zone. We will publish his address when available, as well as those of other Barcrofters or their loved ones who are serving in the Middle East. Call Kathy Kerr, 892-6458, with info.

#### **Barcroft News Staff**

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# **Barcroft Membership Directory Coming Soon**

The BSCL has a Membership Directory in draft, listing all members—everyone who paid their dues this year. It will be distributed in a few weeks. The listing will show a member's address and phone number, plus the name(s) of other member(s) at the same residence (useful for spouses with different names). A neighborhood directory is great for finding neighbors' phone numbers, sending postcards when you are on vacation, or rerouting misaddressed mail. We do not sell or give this list to any other organization, and the directory will go only to members.

Your name will appear exactly as you put it on the membership coupon you sent in to Kathryn Villegas. If you did not include your phone number or any other information, we will assume it was intentional and will not add it.

If you prefer that your name not appear in the Membership Directory, call Kathryn Villegas now at 920-1039. If you neglected to pay your dues this year, mail her a check for \$2 for each person (\$4 for a couple) immediately and you might still be in time. Her address is 4301 Columbia Pike, #533, Arlington, VA 22204.

We need volunteers to help walk the directory around the neighborhood when it is done. Please call Randy Swart at 521-2080.

#### **Community House Locks Changed**

On February 1st the BSCL changed all locks at the Community House. A list of all keyholders is being maintained. New keys were provided before the change to officers of St. Georges Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

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- Paper produced through recycling reduces air pollution by 74% and water pollution by 35%.
- For every job created by harvesting trees, five jobs are created by recycling the paper manufactured from those trees.
- The United States imports 91% of its aluminum. We throw away 1 million tons of it every year—a loss of more than \$400 million.
- Recycling aluminum saves up to 95% of the energy required to produce aluminum from ore.
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- Recycling can reduce household garbage by as much as 40%.
- Discarded aluminum cans litter the earth for up to 500 years; glass, up to 1,000 years; plastic, forever.



#### Applications Available for 1991 Real Estate Tax Relief Program

Arlington County homeowners aged 65 or older and certain disabled persons may be eligible for deferral of or partial exemption from the real estate tax. You are eligible for deferral if the gross combined household income in 1990 did not exceed \$40,000, or for partial exemption, \$20,000. In addition, the combined financial worth of the household, excluding the value of the home, may not exceed \$150,000 for deferral and \$75,000 for partial exemption. The application deadline is Aug. 15, but for timely deferral or exemption credit on the first installment of the tax bill, applications must be received by Mar. 15.

Contact the Commissioner of the Revenue, Real Estate Tax Relief Section, #1 Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite #200, Arlington, VA 22201; 358-4393.

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# Arlington's Best Kept Secrets

#### **Ghosts in the Tube**

Have you ever wondered why you get those ghastly ghosts on your TV? They are the result of a repeat of the original signal from the transmitter. The second signal is weaker than the first, making it fainter. It usually bounces off of a tall building and reaches your set a fraction of a second later than the original signal. Since the TV scans from left to right, the ghost is always to the right of the original image. A similar

radio reception.

It's not hard to find the culprits responsible for messing up Barcroft's TV and radio reception. Some are located along Route 7, just over the County line, between Bailey's Crossroads and

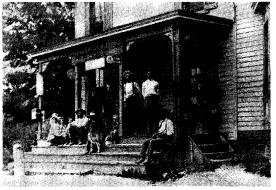
double signal causes poor FM

Shirley Highway. The others are behind Safeway. Residents of these buildings should be taxed to pay for the environmental pollution they cause, but that would probably mean connecting all of our homes to

cable.

Aside from cable,
the only way to cure ghosts
at present is with a very
good—and expensive—outdoor antenna with a high front to back ratio
for good rejection of ghosts. Eventually digital
televisions will be available that will automatically reject the ghost image, but that won't be
for several years. Barcrofter Jim Kerr adver-

tised in the *Barcroft News* in October for "information from neighbors who have achieved decent TV reception without cable TV." You can call him at 892-6458 to share information on this subject.



The Barcroft Store was the place where all the movers and shakers got together to swap news and whoppers.

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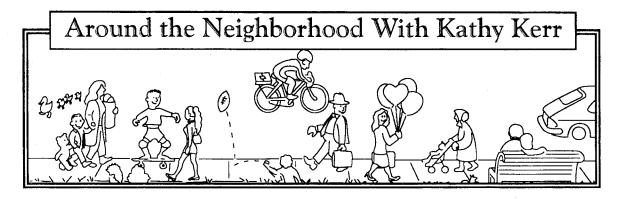
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After reading the last issue of the *Barcroft News*, I decided to volunteer some time to distribute food to our neighbors through the "Lazarus at the Gate" program. But what would I do with my kids while I was doing that? Suddenly it occurred to me to simply take them along!

Four-year-old Caroline slept through it all in her carseat; but seven-year-old Allen was a tremendous helper. He carried boxes of food and loaded them into the cars. At the two food distribution stops, Allen passed out cans of food while other volunteers handed out bread, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and the small amount of milk and fruit available. Laurie Kelsch reported that it was the first time in weeks that they hadn't run out of food to give away at the Hardees parking lot stop.

Most of the other volunteers that night were teenagers, including Barcrofters Danny Kelsch and Brian Zopf. Some 8th graders from the Kelsches' church helped too—Shawn Northrup, Jinhina Rodriguez (as translator), and Sandra Rojos. Laurie also brought her daughters—Katie, 3½, and Mary, 2.

At least six more neighbors have also volunteered their time, two hours per month.

If you want to help but cannot donate time, nonperishable food items are the easiest to donate. Lazarus also has a freezer, a walk-in cooler, and a *very* fast turnover rate for perishable foods. Clothing and toys are also distributed. Volunteer food deliverers are always needed, as are sandwich makers. It is possible that sand-

wiches could be made in your home if finding a sitter is difficult.

Money is also gratefully accepted by Lazarus. At the February meeting, the BSCL membership voted to donate \$50. For more information about volunteering or to make donations, contact Laurie at 920-9429 or Lazarus at the Gate at 533-0328.

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Carol and Robert Foosaner are the proud parents of a new baby, Nellie Ann, born January 25, 1991. Residents of Pershing Ct., the Foosaners are original owners of their Hidden Oaks townhome. It's going to be quite a sight; Carol Foosaner pushing a stroller with two miniature schnauzers alongside (and a pooper scooper too)!

Carol was in marketing and communications for 14 years before returning to graduate school to become a kindergarten teacher. She taught at Jamestown for 2 years. (Carol hopes that teaching has prepared her for her new mothering role.) Robert is a telecommunications attorney with Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue downtown.

Robert has celebrated more than fatherhood in the past few months; he has a new grandchild too. His daughter, Eve, a homemaker in Boston, has two children, the most recent being born in November 1990. Robert's son Matt recently graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in History and Criminal Justice.

# March Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 & 2 Murder, He Sang, with the Arlingtones Barbershop Chorus and Quartets, Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre. Call 527-6195 or 521-9331 for show times and ticket info.  8-10, 15-17 Winnie the Pooh, Children's Theatre of Arlington, Gunston Arts Center Call 548-1154.  14-16, 21-23, 28-30 Cowardly Custard, songs & sketches of Noel Coward. Gunston Arts Center. 836-8178.						2 Columbia Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
3 Opera Extravaganza, 3 pm. Gunston Arts Center: call 836- 4822 for info.	4 MATCH Meeting, 7:30 PM, Dunn Lor- ing United Methodist; call 425-1948.	<b>5</b> Civic Federation Meeting, 7:45 PM. Hazel Conference Rm. Arlington Hospital.	6	7 Barcroft School & Civic League, Com- munity House, 7:30 PM. Info, call 521-2080.	8 Golden Era of Animation: Betty Boop to Bullwinkle, 8 PM, Gunston Arts Ctr., 358-6960.	9 Golden Era of Animation: '40s-'60s, 8 PM, Gunston Arts Ctr., 358-6960.
10 Mozart & Salieri and The Impresario, 3 pm, Thos. Jefferson Theater; 549-5039.	11	12	13	14	15 Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 7:30 PM.	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23 Peter and the Wolf, Bob Brown Puppets, Gunston Arts Ctr., 920-1040.
24 Palm Sunday Easter Sunday 31	25	26	27	28	29	30 Passover



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## New Ad Manager

Virginia Reinecke of 2nd St. S. has taken on the job of Advertising Manager for the Barcroft News. Virginia has a lot of experience, since she owns her own electronic composition (desktop publishing) business, Printer's Devil. She says that the company name comes from the old days when children from poor families were apprenticed out to learn a trade. The printer's devil did all the dirty work in the print shop and slept on a pile of rags in the comer.

Virginia has lived in the metro area most of her life. She reports that she "just lucked into" the Barcroft neighborhood four years ago when she needed a new place to live. Working for herself, Virginia is home a lot and is able to help the Neighborhood Watch by keeping her eye on her street.

# Barcroft Exchange

**FOUND: NECKLACE** Found in gutter on south side of either 4th or 6th Street between Wakefield and George Mason. Possibly dropped entering or exiting a car. Call Howard at 892-5979.

WANTED: DAYTIME BABYSITTER For a very easy-going 8-month-old baby. I need an experienced person for one afternoon a week between 12 noon and 3:30 PM. Call Faylinda, 979-8849.

MATERNITY CLOTHES FOR SALE Blouses, knit tops, sweatshirt, jeans, pants sets, dresses, jumpers, bathing suits, shorts. Sizes 8-12, \$3-\$10. Call Annette at 553-3953.

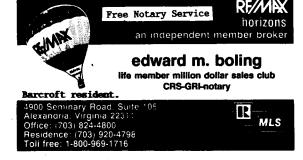
**CHILD CARE** Share a wonderful babysitter! My Barcroft home, yours, or combination. Full-time or 2 part-time arrangements. My son is 16 months old. Call Debra Bass—day, 703/548-8600; evening, 920-7620.

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# No Pizza Delivery for Me Arlington County

is renewing the use permit for Pizza Hut's takeout/delivery shop in the Barcroft Shopping Center. I related the following wreckless driving incident.

An impetuous Pizza Hut driver crossed the double yellow line on Buchanan to pass a car, threatening a bicyclist coming from the other direction. When confronted at Pizza Hut moments later, the driver arrogantly dismissed the complaint with, "Go on, call the police."

Can you give a normal young person a hot pizza to deliver before it cools and expect him or her to drive safely through our neighborhood? I think not. This driver, however, was returning for another order, not making a delivery. I instinctively react with fear when I see a pizza delivery car—fear for myself, and for anyone else out on the street in our neighborhood.

Personally, I have no intention of calling Pizza Hut or Dominos to bring this plague down on my neighbors who may be innocently walking or driving on a Barcroft street when a wild pizza car blasts through. You may say this is overreacting, or that your pizza is worth it—that's your decision. I might pick up a pizza at the carryout, or heat up a frozen one, or even (shudder) make one from scratch. I may even eat something else.

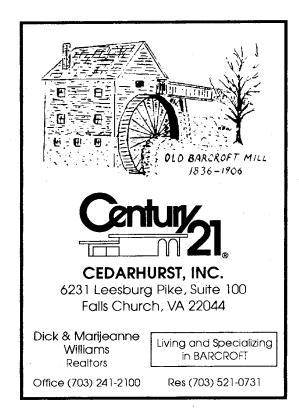
If you have strong views on this subject, send your comments to Sara Leigh Merrey, Editor, 4669 4th Street S., Arlington, VA 22204. Eventually your views will be incorporated into a letter to the County.

—Randy Swart

#### Mothers' Access to Careers at Home

MATCH, a new organization in the Northern Virginia metro area, offers support to women who have chosen to combine motherhood and career from home. Its goals are to share information about opportunities, provide support in finding the right balance between family and work, and promote increased awareness and acceptance of this dynamic working alternative in society.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, at the Dunn Loring Methodist Church, 2501 Gallows Rd., Falls Church. The meeting on March 4 will discuss Tax Basics for Homebased Businesses. For more info call Caroline Hull (791-6264) or Linda Blake (425-1948).



#### **Barcroft Votes**

The special election in January produced interesting results in our precinct.

As always, our voting split was within 1% of the average for the 49th District as a whole: 54% (214 votes) for Karen Darner (D), 41% (162 votes) for Alice Tennies (R), and 4% (17 votes) for Richard Sincere (L). There were also 16 absentee ballots, for a total of 409 cast.

The big surprise this time was the turnout. The combination of apathy, cold, and snow kept many from voting, so the total 49th District turnout was only 14% of all registered voters. By contrast, about 25% of Barcroft's voters cast their ballots—a relatively heavy turnout. In an election with only 1,798 people voting, our neighborhood votes accounted for nearly one in four. Whether your candidate won or not, your vote was important for the neighborhood.

Karen Darner, who lives in our neighborhood on Buchanan Street and is a member of the BSCL, is now in Richmond for her first session of the House of Delegates. She was featured on the front page of the January 10th Arlington Journal.

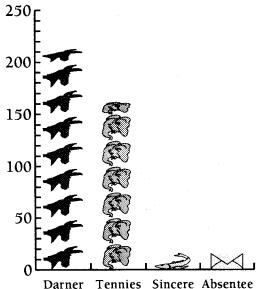
#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The County's Volunteer Office offers these ways to help your community:

- ✓ Teach English to Spanish-speaking adults. Assistance is needed daytime or evenings near Columbia Pike and S. Greenbriar St.
- ✓ Be a companion to mildly mentally retarded adult clients.
- ✓ Plan and lead games and other recreational activities for elementary and middle school children or teach crafts weekday afternoons after 3 PM or early evenings near Columbia Pike and Carlin Springs Rd.
- ✓ Tape record textbooks and manuals for visually handicapped persons; 1-year commitment.

#### How Do the Votes Stack Up?

Here's a graphic presentation of Barcroft's vote in the special election.



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## Barcroft Crime Report

Crimes reported during January. If you have information about an incident, please call the police at 558-2222.

- 1/1 4300 S. Columbia Pike Arrest for public drunkenness
- 1/2 4600 S. 6th '86 Toyota stolen
- 1/4 800 S. Taylor Toolbox stolen from trunk of car
- 1/9 900 S. Buchanan Person threatened by acquaintance
- 1/11 4200 S. Columbia Pike Gas taken without payment
  - 900 S. George Mason Exposure
- 1/14 4300 S. Columbia Pike Trunk lock forced; road kit, pump, vacuum, gas can stolen
- 1/15 4300 S. Columbia Pike Car side view mirror vandalized

- 1/17 4300 S. Columbia Pike Tapes stolen from car
  - **4600 S. 7th** Attempt to pry rear door of house
- 1/18 900 S. Buchanan Items stolen from car
- 1/20 4300 S. 6th Attempted burglary; front door panel kicked
  - 600 S. George Mason Burglary; cash taken
- 1/21 900 S. George Mason Leather jacket stolen from car
  - **4200 S. 4th** Attempted burglary; screen door slit and small window broken
- 1/25 700 S. George Mason Burglary; entry through basement window; VCR, champagne, cash taken
- 1/26 900 S. George Mason Stereo stolen from car
- 1/28 900 S. George Mason Copper flashing stolen from Food Star building
- 1/29 900 S. Buchanan Stereo stolen; unattended juveniles let suspect in

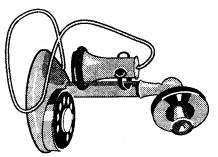


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Barcroft School, c. 1910, Margaret Handy, teacher (Back row, from left) Lyla Pepper, Dorothy Payne, unknown, Miss Morgan, Damon Loveless, Doremus and Wilbur Whitcraft (twins: cousins of Adaline Marye). (Middle row, from left) Unknown, Paul Marye, Carroll Wright, unknown. (Front row, from left) Pauline Palmer, unknown, Margaret Handy, Edith Fairfax, Adaline Marye, Elizabeth Wright.



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