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September Meeting

The subject of the September BSCL meeting will be the proposed changes to Arlington's public school system. We will discuss the Report to the Superintendent by the Futures Planning Steering Team. A representative of the school system will be on hand to describe the report's recommendations. Miriam Hughey-Guy, the new principal of Barcroft Elementary School, will be there to talk about what is happening at the school. Barcroft residents with school-aged children will be especially interested in possible changes to Arlington schools and how they will affect Barcroft School. The proposed sweeping changes are of interest to all taxpayers, however, so come and see if you think your property taxes are being spent wisely. The meeting will be at 7:30 PM, September 3 at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St.

Unitarians Begin Addition

The BSCL has received the following memo from Carol Hopper, On-site Owner Representative for the Unitarian Church at George Mason and Arlington Boulevard, informing us of the start of the church's construction project.

This is the project that church members described at a BSCL meeting last year.

Major excavation for the new addition to the church began on Tuesday, August 3. The addition is planned to be completed in August 1994. The driveway "shortcut" from George Mason Drive west through the church parking lot to First Street has been closed for the duration of the project.

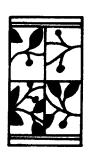
Of particular interest to residents along George Mason Drive is the storm-water management system to control runoff. The system will help protect Alcova Park and Four Mile Run—and ultimately the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay—from soil erosion and flooding during a hurricane-strength storm. Four hundred feet of storage pipe will be installed under the existing driveway, with a small outlet to slowly feed water back toward the Potomac upon the return of normal weather conditions. The installation will require excavation of a hold 16 feet deep, which will be shored up until filled and recovered.

Because the building and storm-water excavations are both potentially hazardous, we should all stress the need for safety on the part of our children, youth, their friends, or young house-guests!

Parade Features Quilt Show, Band

Barcroft's Fifth Annual 4th of July Parade, held on July 5th, was blessed with fine hot July weather and no rain. This year we honored the children of Barcroft, with the theme "Children are the Foundation of our Future." The parade went smoothly and everyone had a great time, so a lot of happy childhood memories were implanted.

We had several never-to-be-forgotten features this year. The first was the quilt show, located inside the Community House and bringing some beautiful local quilts out to be seen. They showed well when hung from the cross braces of the Community House meeting room, and there was certainly a wealth of design and stitchery on display. Quilt show volunteers in-



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cluded Thelma and Ed Barr, quilt show managers, with Maria Salazar and Ellen Chalmers as helpers. Quilt donors included Mary Anne O'Rourke (whose idea this was in the first place), Susan Cohen, Lisa Palance, and Kathy Kerr.

The second memorable landmark for 1993's parade was "The Incredible Barcroft Marching Band." Jack Turner was out of town, and in his absence the band was organized by Tom Palance. Tom is a professional musician in a military band who always has a gig on the 4th, but since this year's parade was on the 5th,

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he was available and very willing. With the help of some of his associates and even some Barcrofters who don't always want to march with our usual "anything you want to play is OK" gang. Tom built a band that sounded like the Michigan State marching band at its best-very solid and musical. The band held at least two practices, and everyone even seemed to be tuned to the same pitch! Tom said that part of the fun was letting the professionals play some instrument other than their normal one—he himself played the snare drum instead of his usual trumpet. One of our judges, who had been warned that our band is usually more enthusiastic than talented, remarked that the band was quite a surprise. That will teach Jack to go out of town on the 4th!

Our Judges were Gerre Medley, president of the Barcroft School PTA, Conchita Mitchell,

member of the Arlington County School Board, and Mary Margaret Whipple, member of the Arlington County Board. They did a terrific job of sorting out the prizes, which were awarded by Conchita Mitchell. Some of the other dignitaries who graced our event were Al Eisenberg of the Arlington County Board and Karen Darner, our Delegate to the Virginia State Assembly (and of course a Barcrofter herself). Al and Karen helped out by handing out a raffle ticket for the door-prize drawings to each Barcrofter.

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This was the first opportunity for most Barcrofters to meet Miriam Hughey-Guy, the new principal of Barcroft Elementary School. We look forward to seeing more of her in the fall.

Parade Manager Marcia Oresky lined up the participants for the parade, and Grand Marshall Ryan Walsh kicked it off dressed as Uncle Sam. He was helped out by the parade color guard, consisting of Cub Scout Pack 629, Cadet Troop 396, and Brownie Troop 977. A bicycle patrol from the Arlington County Police on Bikes unit provided traffic protection. We hope to have the list of all the marchers next month. There was an especially memorable American flag on wheels standing about 15 feet tall. There were dozens of bicycles, tricycles, floats, bands,

a full-sized lawn sheep on wheels, and even an Irish stepdance team. And there was music at the end, where we have often had too little in past years, from the Oresky family boom-box car doors, thundering to a Sousa march. Marchers outnumbered spectators as usual, but the crowd was larger this year than ever before and included one Barcroft resident who was born here in 1903. Arlington Cable TV taped the event for later showing.

Back at the Community House, the food volunteers were ready for the hungry hordes. Food Manager Scott Allard and Donated Hot Dog Cooker Jim Davis had fired up the mother of all barbecue grills to cook up the 500 tasty hot dogs donated by Murray's Steaks (next to People's on Columbia Pike). There were reportedly some Domino's pizzas if you were quick enough, all spread on or in the cups and napkins from Roy Rogers. Susan Christopher made

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enough home-made coleslaw from homegrown veggies for all 500 of us. Ann Marie Millin did a bang-up job as dessert coordinator, and so many Barcrofters made luscious desserts that some people had trouble trying them all! Susan Christopher and Barbara Swart saw to the unending lemonade fountain, helped by Frozen Additives Manager Dave Voorhees, who made trips to Roy Rogers for extra ice cubes. Another samaritan brought ice from the Pike as well, but we don't remember his name. Larry Oresky, Scott Allard, Dave Voorhees, Jeff and Beth Lodsum, Steve Wilson, and Jim Kerr all helped out with setup and cleanup. There were others, but ... maybe next month we can fill them in.

As the food was consumed, Master of Ceremonies Robert Christopher (whose Grandfather and Great-Grandfather O'Hara built many



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of Barcroft's homes) got the show on the road. Among the festivities were a water-balloon toss organized by Jeff and Beth Lodsum, crawling over the Arlington County Fire Department's huge fire engine, door prizes, parade prizes, and more.

There were plenty of folks helping at cleanup time. It is always shocking to see the Community House back to its normal neat self after all the people, noise, decorations, and hullabaloo of the parade.

More kudos to Talmadge Williams, publications manager, and to Grace Williams and Linda Bell, publications people. Their program will end up in many Barcroft homes as a nice souvenir of the year's event. Nina Millen made nifty badges for the judges and parade officials. Vinny Millen served as director of judging. Randy and Barbara Swart set up the judges' stand on the O'Rourke's lawn, and Michael O'Rourke provided the judges with refreshments. Deborah Wood was registration coordinator, assisted by Ann Noll and Julie Gorka. Susan Kelly, Maureen Locke, and Susan Sarcone made, put up, and took down decorations. Opal Weinbrenner and Mike Sheilds made numerous posters. Jack Turner, even though he could not come to the parade, served as signs manager and made the professional signs warn-

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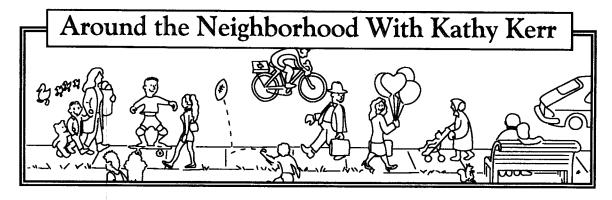
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Welcome to new Barcrofters Rob and Izumi La Pointe who moved to their new home on 6th Street last May.

Rob is one of those people who absolutely loves his job. He owns and operates a Chinese martial arts school down on Columbia Pike (between Domino's Pizza and Tippy's Taco). He has been practicing martial arts for nearly 20 years and has a black sash in Kung Fu (Chinese) and a black belt in Kenpo (Japanese-Chinese). He has enjoyed the health and recreational benefits so much that four years ago he decided to open the school. He teaches Kung Fu and Tai Chi Chuan, which is a health exercise like "moving meditation." Students range in age from 5 to adult senior citizens. The children learn confidence, motor skills, and socialization and to follow directions—all of which can carry over into improved school work.

Rob was recently a guest instructor in Texas at an International Kenpo/Karate camp for adults. The camp flew him there to teach Kenpo.

Izumi, who practices some self-defense martial arts, works downtown as a researcher and writer in economics.

Parade (Continued)

ing everyone that the 4th of July Parade was on the 5th. Margaret Davis assisted in donations planning.

One of the best features of our parade is the number of people it involves in this neighborhood event. We don't even have everyone here, since we never can keep track of all the people who lend a hand during the event. For example, who made those fabulous brownies with the nuts? We do try to add corrections in the October issue.

Most of the parade jobs are broken up into small chunks to spread out the load. But special neighborhood thanks go to the two dynamic women who took on the task of parade cochairs. Their extraordinary contribution of time and work provided the organization that put together all the small chunks into a big, organized event. When you see Mary Anne O'Rourke and Kathy Kerr, tell them how much you appreciated the parade and what a good job they did. That's all the thanks they get, and they really deserve it!

Some Barcrofters are already ready for next year's parade. Most of them are under 12, of course. But when the time comes, you will have an opportunity to be a manager, or a coordinator, or even—gasp—a co-chair if you want to be. See you there!

September Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	BSCL, 7:30 PM, Community House. Call 521-3746 for info.	3	4 Columbia Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM- 4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
5	6 LABOR DAY	7 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Rosh Hashanah	17	18 Heritage Walk, 10 AM, Cherrydale Vol- unteer Fire Dept.; call 528-5406 for information.
19	20	21	22	23 AUTUMNAL EQUINOX	24	25 YOM KIPPUR
26	27	28	29	30	101 6 6 6	

9/11 CRYSTAL CITY FAMILY FESTIVAL. 3-5:30 pm at Crystal City Waterpark, S. 18th St. & Crystal City Dr. Info 358-6960

9/11 THIRD ANNUAL CELEBRATE THE ARTS FESTIVAL. 12-6 PM at Gateway Park, N. Moore & 19th Sts.
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Virginia's departure leaves an opportunity for you to be our next advertising manager and earn the praise and respect of your neighbors! The job involves contacting regular advertisers to confirm that they want to continue, sending them the bills, and finding about one new advertiser a month to keep things rolling. Call Virginia at 528-6600 for more info on what is involved, or call Randy Swart at 521-2080 to volunteer. These opportunities don't come along every month, so act now!



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Barcroft Elementary School News

School Ribbon-Cutting

Barcroft Elementary School will be officially reopened in a ceremony at the school on Wednesday, September 29. It will begin at 6:30 PM with Dr. Ellen Kahan, former Barcroft principal, cutting the ribbon. All Barcrofters are encouraged to attend.

Unitarians (Continued)

Two other items related to the excavation are UCS's conservation efforts and the status of the Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool's playground.

We have had a professional arborist working with us for the past 12 months to fortify trees near the building excavation site against the stress. We have also planned extensive landscaping to replace the trees that we have, regrettably, found it necessary to remove.

The playground, we are pleased to say, will remain open during construction and even receive some additional equipment next spring. However, parents are **strongly** urged to accompany their children to the playground and, in particular, instruct them not to climb over the chain link fence and into the construction site. Remember that on the other side of the fence will be the 16-foot hole for the storm-water pipe.

Please address any questions, complaints, or emergencies concerning the construction to me, as the church's On-Site Owner Representative. I can be reached at 892-9061 (office), 315-1327 (beeper), or 379-8969 (home) during the day and evening.

How Was Your Summer?

Barcroft was reasonably quiet this summer. Principal Ellen Kahan departed from Barcroft School and was replaced by Miriam Hughey-Guy, who came to our parade and seems equally energetic and personable. The renovation of the Barcroft School building progressed. The trailers were removed from the front yard and work began on the last phase: the interior of the old school building. Construction at Arlington Hall continues.

A Barcrofter is growing corn in his front yard. Of course it is the best you have ever tasted, mixing white and gold kernels on the same ear.

Our parade this year featured a quilt show. The quality of this year's Barcroft Marching Band amazed everyone, including one of the parade judges, who had been told to expect our usual odd assortment of instruments.

A group of postal patrons on 8th Road began a campaign to support their new temporary mailman's bid for the carrier route that includes their homes. The *Barcroft News* began searching for another Advertising Manager. Arlington Community TV did a 3-minute short on Barcroft, which appeared on cable TV.

Two large lots are being broken up: the Lautzenheizer's former lot on 8th Street will have two additional homes, and the large lot at 4th and Taylor will have six new ones. Rumor has it that the O'Hara homeplace has also been sold to a developer who will tear down the original B.F. Perrow turn-of-the-century house to build three new ones. All are apparently "by right" and do not require a zoning amendment, which would give the BSCL a chance to comment.

We had one long power outage and several shorter ones. We lost two large trees on the block between 7th and 8th Streets. Across the street a group of homeowners pooled their resources to rent a front end loader and planted some large oak trees in their front yards.

We had some crime news over the summer too. The May crime report revealed that a young person on S. Pershing was sexually assaulted by older teens. Bicycles were stolen on 8th Street. A car stereo thief was apprehended in the act. Three cars were stolen, one while the owner was in church and one from a Barcroft driveway. The owners of Hi Cue were sentenced to jail, proving that they had been prosecuted, not persecuted.

Barcroft's lawn sheep count remains at about seven, including those on 4th, 6th, and 7th Streets. Baa Baa from 7th Street marched in the July 4th parade and may soon have some full-sized offspring. You heard it here first.

Did more things happen? Maybe you didn't write a story on them yet for the *Barcroft News!*

Barcroft Babysitters

Erin Barksdale, 14 years old, 979-7665

My Chau, S. 7th St., 521-9344

Stacy Kyle, 13 years old, 7th grade, S. 6th St., American Red Cross Babysitting Certification, 486-0019

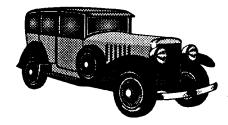
Terri Lahlou, 28 years old, S. 4th St., 979-9565 (home), 527-8484 (work)

Liza Lord, 13 years old, American Red Cross Babysitting course, 892-2443

Sasha Lord, 11 years old, Mother's Helper—will entertain children while mother is at home, 892-2443

Kati Sharpe and Anne Roningen (available as a team), 13 years old; Kati, S. Buchanan St., 979-4520; Anne, S. 9th St., 521-1451

Erin Shaw, 12 years old, 7th grade, S. 8th St., 920-5934



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Barcroft Crime Report

Barcroft Crime Report

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To report crimes or criminals, Arlington County Police urge you to call them on 911 or their non-emergency number (for suspicious things), 588-2222.

MAY

- 5/1 900 S. Buchanan. Friends argued over one's dating others. Second person stabbed first in a drunken fight.
- 5/2 4700 6th St. Window smashed out of car.
- 5/9 4800 Col. Pike. Known person broke windows out of car.
 - **4800 Col. Pike.** Extremely drunk person refused to pay restaurant bill, arrested for drunk in public.
- 5/10 **Pershing Drive.** Teen had sexual acts performed on self by older teens.
- 5/11 4800 8th St. Bikes stolen from backyard.
- 5/14 4300 Col. Pike. License tag stolen.
- **5/16 4300 Col. Pike.** Car stolen. Recovered in DC; arrest made.
- 5/17 900 S. Buchanan. Windshield cracked.
- **5/19 4600 9th St.** Barking dog.
- 5/24 900 S. George Mason Dr. Lead object shot through window of unoccupied house.
- 5/26 900 S. Buchanan, Car stolen.

JULY

4700 Col. Pike. Drunk in public.
4800 Col. Pike. Clothing stolen from car.
4200 Col. Pike. Suspect approached victim with revolver; fled when victim produced own revolver.

- 7/4 4700 Col. Pike. Glass door to drive-through window broken.
 - 4300 Col. Pike. Car wheel stolen.
- 7/5 900 S. Buchanan. Assault; victim treated at hospital.
- 7/6 900 S. Buchanan. Illegal entry; nothing stolen.900 S. Taylor. Box stolen from car.
- 7/7 4600 Col. Pike. Did not pay for gas after pumping.
- 7/13 900 S. Buchanan. Complainant said sexually assaulted by doctor.
- 7/15 900 S. Buchanan. Violent trespasser arrested after assaulting police officer.
- 7/16 4700 Col. Pike. Checkbook and calculator stolen from car.
- 7/17 900 S. Buchanan. Property stolen from car. 900 S. Wakefield. Locked car stolen while victim in church.
- 7/18 4800 Col. Pike. Car vandal arrested.
- 7/19 200 S. Pershing Dr. Car window damaged.
- 7/20 4400 8th St. Car spraypainted.
- 7/21 4400 8th St. Car spraypainted.
- 7/23 900 S. Wakefield. Car-stereo thief arrested.
- 7/24 4400 S. 1st Place. Car stolen from driveway.
- 7/25 600 S. Stafford. Inspection decal stolen from car.
- **7/26 900 S. George Mason**. Trespassing after being banned from property.
- 7/31 900 S. Wakefield. Car windows shot out by pellet gun.

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