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NOVEMBER MEETING AT BARCROFT SCHOOL

The November meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League (BSCL) will be held at the newly renovated Barcroft Elementary School, 625 South Wakefield St. The school's new principal, Miriam Hughey-Guy, will be on hand to welcome us and show us around the remodeled school. The program will be a visit by our own Barcroft police officers on the beat, getting to know the neighborhood (and viceversa) as part of the Arlington County Police Department's program for community-based policing. Come and meet them so you will know who you are calling if a problem occurs. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

Candidates Night: October's Meeting

The BSCL conducted its annual Candidates Night last month. Two races were featured: Arlington County Board and the 49th District of the Virginia House of Delegates. All three County Board candidates attended. It's always a pleasure when County Board members come to Barcroft because we can ask about neighbor-

hood issues. One neighbor asked about the lack of a sidewalk on "Dead Man's Curve" on Pershing Drive, and Ellen Bozman said she'd follow up on our problems in getting this approved project going. For the 49th District race, three of the four candidates attended, including incumbent/neighborhood resident Karen Darner. The discussion was wide-ranging and lively, and the chance to meet the candidates face-to-face is always illuminating.

Vote!!!!

On Tuesday, November 2, Barcroft and the rest of Arlington will vote. Voting is the best way to make sure your neighborhood's concerns are never forgotten. We need a good turnout for this non-Presidential-year election, where each vote will count heavily. This year our polling place moves back to Barcroft School, 625 S. Wakefield, now that the school's renovation is finished. As always, the polls are open before your alarm clock goes off and stay open until 7 PM. If you missed Candidates Night and want to talk to a neighbor about the choices, call anyone listed in this newsletter. They all have their biases, of course, and will gladly share them with you! The important thing is that you vote.

CPRO Holiday Festival

The second annual Columbia Pike Holiday Festival will be held on November 6th from 11 to 4. There will be sleigh rides and pictures with Santa, a clown, Moon Bounce, and other entertainment for children. The band DC Motors will be there too. Local businesses and some of your neighbors will be selling food and crafts or displaying their services.

The Festival will also feature a White Elephant booth, and CPRO is asking for donations of any household items except clothing. Please drop them off to Carolyn Dameron at B.M. Smith & Associates, Suite GR-1, 2300 9th Street South. Or you can rent a table to sell things at the flea market for \$10.

The event is sponsored by the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization. For further information please call Darlene Mickey at the CPRO office, 892-2776.



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We still need a volunteer for the position of Advertising Manager! To our astonishment nobody has pounced on this great job. You get to visit or call the neighborhood businesses who advertise in the Barcroft News, which can be lots of fun. Sending out the bills is a chore, but it only happens every three months for the regulars; and Virginia Reinecke has it all organized for you. Call Virginia at 528-6600 for more info on what is involved, or call Randy Swart at 521-2080 to volunteer. Please! Imagine how good this would look on your résumé.

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Our Savior Food Program

Our Savior Lutheran Church at 825 S. Taylor St. began a "Food for the Hungry" program last June. They have prepared spaghetti to serve to as many people as come for a free monthly dinner. Each family or group is then also given a bag of groceries to take home. The next dinner will be Saturday, November 20, from 5 to 7 PM. All are invited! Ten to twenty-five people have come to the dinner each month, and the church is looking for ways to spread the word to increase the number of diners.

The Church will gladly accept donations of nonperishable foods—especially meals in a can, such as spaghettios, stew, or macaroni and cheese—to be distributed to the hungry. For more information call the church at 892-4846.

NCAC Recommends Four-Way Stops

In a letter to County Board Chairman Jim Hunter, the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) requested that the County reconsider its restrictive policy on fourway stop signs. Hunter had requested a list of potential four-way sites during a meeting with NCAC, and the list of nine neighborhoods compiled by the NCAC Traffic Management Subcommittee includes Barcroft. Specifically: "Install stop signs on 8th Street South at South Taylor, Wakefield, and Buchanan Streets, converting these three intersections from two-way stops to four-way stops."

Our Neighborhood Conservation Plan recommended a traffic study to determine whether

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New Restaurant to Open

R.C.W. Entertainment is renovating some of the vacant space next to Goodwill on Columbia Pike, across from Roy Roger's. In addition to operating a restaurant featuring Liberian food, R.C.W. is applying for a live entertainment Use Permit from Arlington County and a beer/wine/liquor license from the Virginia ABC Board. Members of the Barcroft community met with the applicants, the Arlington County Planning Commission, and the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization to get more information and to discuss the proposal. R.C.W. actually initiated the meeting, which was a very pleasant surprise! They came prepared with a Question and Answer sheet about their plans.

The BSCL has written a letter to the County asking that billiards be deleted from the use permit, that weeknight hours end at midnight



instead of 2 AM on Wednesday and Thursday, and that several conditions be placed on the use permit. Those conditions include limiting the initial use permit to six months, requiring a security officer to be on duty from 9:30 PM to closing, designating a Community Liaison, and not permitting "Happy Hours." The letter notes that there is a range of opinion in the neighborhood, from strong opposition to a new night-club on Columbia Pike to welcoming the new establishment as the first of its kind whose management has shown sensitivity to neighborhood concerns. One neighborhood jazz band leader has already contacted R.C.W. hoping to book his band there.

The new restaurant/nightclub, named the Oasis, hopes to open around Thanksgiving. Barcrofter Talmadge Williams has volunteered to be our liaison with R.C.W. Entertainment, so you may call Talmadge at 920-7006 if you have observations about the restaurant's operations after it opens. For a copy of the BSCL's letter to the County or the Question and Answer sheet prepared by R.C.W. for our meeting, call Scott Allard

Four-Way Stops (continued from page 3)

additional stop signs or other measures would slow traffic and reduce cut-throughs on these three streets. It also recommended a four-way stop at the intersection of Pershing, Wakefield, and Third St. S., which NCAC did not include in its list.

If you have comments on this action, please call David Michaelson, our NCAC Representative, at 553-3953. If you have keen interest in this area, please note that we still need a Transportation Committee chair.

Community House Flower Beds

Our fall flowers are in, courtesy of Scott Brinitzer's plantings last year and his care over the summer. Scott waters—and occasionally weeds—and the results have been pretty spectacular. The dogwoods and viburnums are all very healthy as well. In fact, everything Scott has planted has thrived. We are pleased that Scott volunteered to work on the Community House plantings.



School Board Meeting

On November 18, at 7:30 PM, the School Board will meet to hear final recommendations from the Superintendent on plans for the future of Arlington's schools. This is the Futures Planning Process you have heard about, which will decide how Arlington will handle the influx of immigrants in the south and underutilized schools in the north. The School Board will meet in work sessions on the plans on November 23 and 30. Meetings are held at the School Board HQ on North Quincy Street at I-66.



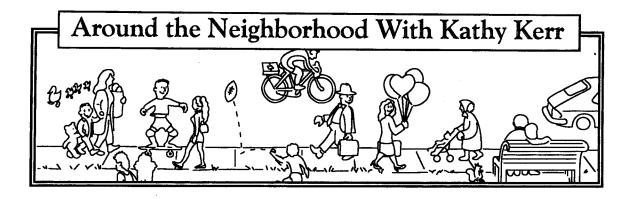


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Congratulations to the families of four sweet, new little Barcroft babies!

Scott and Polly Beam of 4th St. S. are the proud parents of Emily Rose, born May 15. Barcroft residents for about three years, the Beams both work for Fannie Mae. Polly was working out of the Atlanta office and Scott, a native Virginian, was with the DC office. They carried on a long-distance romance for some 18 months before Polly finally moved to DC. Polly is from Florida, and they were married in Miami. The Beams have a yellow lab, Chelsea, known up and down the street (with affection) for being a look-alike and playmate of another yellow lab two doors down named Trotsky. It won't be long before baby Emily, who already sports one tooth, will be out there running with the doggies.

Jane and Michael Tierney of 1st St. S. are enjoying their new baby, Emma, born August 24. Jane and Michael moved to Barcroft one year ago. They both work in public relations. Jane will be returning to work soon and is anxious to share a nanny or find other day-care arrangements for Emma. Do you have any ideas for the Tierneys? Call them at 920-6441.

Heidi and John August of 2nd St. S. proudly present their son, Hunter, born June 27. Heidi enjoys staying home with Hunter when she's not working part time in publications for BDM. John is a project manager currently coor-

dinating the construction of the new Arlington County Detention Facility (i.e., the new jail).

Alex and Christy Sens, also of 2nd St. S., are proud to show off their new daughter, Emilia Rachel, born September 23. Barcrofters for one year, the Sens moved to the area a couple of years ago from Boston. Alex, who has a Ph.D. in classics from Harvard, is a Georgetown University professor of Greek and Latin. Fortunately, he is also fluent in English! Christy teaches first grade at Garfield Elementary School in Springfield. She will be returning to work in January and is also looking for child care for their baby. Call with ideas for them at 486-8399.



The Sens had a big surprise on Friday night, October 1. They were watching Barbara Walters on the TV show 20/20, when suddenly the face of a good friend appeared on the screen. It was none other than Barcroft News publisher Mark Rom of 3rd St. S. Mark is a political scientist with the General Accounting Office (GAO). He is also a Georgetown University professor of political science and teaches in the Graduate Public Policy program. Mark says that a member of Congress believed that the Center for Disease Control had not come to the right conclusions regarding the dentist in Florida who had infected at least six of his patients with

November Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	ELECTION DAY Civic Federa- tion Mtg., 7:45 PM, Arlington Hospital.	3 Bird Walk, Long Br. Nat Ctr, 11:30 AM. Corn Husk Baskets, Long Br Nat Ctr, 6:30 PM; reserva- tions, 358-6535.	BSCL, 7:30 PM, Barcroft Ele- mentary School. Call 521-3746 for info.	S Rollerskating, Fairlington Comm Ctr, Grades 1–5, 6:30 PM, \$4; 358-6588.	6 Col. Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr. CPRO Festival
7	8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM.	Rollerskating, Fairlington Comm Ctr, Grades 1–5, 6:30 PM, \$4; 358-6588.	20
21 Nature movies, Long Br Nat Ctr, 2–3 pm.	Arlington Reunion, old- timers talk his- tory over brown bag lunch, Cen- tral Libr., 10–1; 358-5966.	23	24	25 THANKS-GIVING	26	27
28	29	30			INGTON FARMER'S, apples, flowers, h	

the AIDS virus. The Congressman asked the GAO to investigate the case. Thus Mark got his assignment. About two weeks before the show, Mark was flown to New York for an interview (not with Barbara Walters) that lasted for about a half-hour. About 30 seconds of the interview were actually used in a clip during the segment. That's okay, Mark. We are all very impressed!

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A contract was let in mid-October to demolish the cinderblock Army building on our side of George Mason Dr. at the end of Taylor St. off 4th St. The contractor has 60 days to demolish the building and regrade the site. It was also supposed to demolish the old guard shack, but someone burned it down first! No one seems to be investigating this because the shack was scheduled for demolition anyway, so we'll probably never know who the firebug was.





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Park and Stream Cleanup

The first joint BSCL/Sierra Club stream cleanup was held on October 16. Two Barcrofters joined about a dozen Sierra Club workers in cleaning up the Bike Trail entrance north of Columbia Pike, both sides of the bridge over Four Mile Run, and down into the lower trail by Four Mile Run. The volunteers collected dozens of Thunderbird and Budweiser bottles and placed them in the recycling bins. They also filled a number of other bags with trash. The several homeless people and hangers-out in the area generally ignored the improvements made to their chosen areas as well as the people making the improvements.

Last fall the BSCL voted to participate in Arlington County's "Adopt-A-Park" program by helping keep the area north of Columbia Pike and the W&OD Bike Trail clean. The Sierra Club has adopted the streambed, so their efforts complement ours. We will schedule future cleanups to correspond with their days.

Leaf Collection Begins

The County's new pamphlet on leaf collection shows evidence that someone is determined to get it right this year. Those who hate leaf piles can pick up free leaf bags at 15 locations, including the Long Branch Nature Center, the TJ Rec Center, and the Courthouse. The pamphlet explains why the special biodegradable bags are most efficient. Home composting is encouraged as an alternative. The leaf vac will make two passes for leaves raked to the curb. Collection zones now have neighborhood names, so you can call the Leaf Collection Hotline at 358-6565 for updates on when the vacuum will arrive in Barcroft.

November Lawn Care

"Dr." John of the Merrifield Garden Center has the following tips for November lawn care:

- Remove as many leaves as possible. Do not leave them piled up in spots throughout the lawn because it will kill the grass in those spots by the time spring arrives.
- Liming in the late fall is a good idea, particularly if you did not lime in the spring. You should not, at any one time, put down more than 50 lbs. of lime per 1,000 sq.ft. If the lawn needs more lime, give it a couple of applications a month apart or apply half in the spring and half in the fall. You need 75–80 lbs./sq.ft. when weeds like chickweed, knotweed, and wild strawberry invade the lawn and 90–100 lbs./sq. ft. if you see wild violet and green moss.

Barcroft Exchange

CONDO FOR RENT. Immaculate 2BR unit in Tanglewood, 4241 Col. Pike. Parking, cable, utils, storage, patio garden. \$800/month. Please call 573-8615.

DAY CARE. Looking for responsible, loving Barcroft neighbor to care for my 3½-month-old baby girl; 4 days a week, beginning in January. Other children OK. Please call Christie, 486-8399.

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Tell Them You Saw It in the Barcroft News

Whenever you patronize the businesses that advertise in the newsletter, please be sure to tell them you saw their ad. They need to know that it pays to advertise in the *Barcroft News*. A special thanks to the Barcrofter who persuaded the Pines of Naples to advertise in the *Barcroft News*.

Barcroft Babysitters

Erin Barksdale, 14 years old, 979-7665 My Chau, S. 7th St., 521-9344

Nhu Dang, S. Buchanan St., 685-8831

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

Anne Roningen, 13 years old, S. 9th St., 521-1451 Erin Shaw, 13 years old, 8th grade, S. 8th St., 920-5934

Attention Babysitters: Do we need to update your listing? Contact Sara Leigh Merrey, 521-0527, if you want anything changed or wish to have your name dropped.



Grocery Receipts for Barcroft School

It's that time again. Barcroft School needs your Giant and Safeway grocery receipts to qualify for computer equipment. You can bring your receipts to the next BSCL meeting, drop them off at the school office, or even put them in an envelope and mail them to Barcroft Elementary School, 625 S. Wakefield St., Arlington, VA 22204. If you have questions, call Kathy Woodard at 521-6830.

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Barcroft. Crime Report

This month's crime report is for incidents in September. Addresses show the block where the incident occurred, not the individual house number. 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.

9/2 900 S. George Mason Dr. Robbery. 900 S. George Mason Dr. Assault. 4600 Columbia Pike. Left gas station with-

out paying. 9/5 900 S. Wakefield. Vehicle theft.

9/6 100 S. Pershing Dr. Vandalism.

9/9 900 S. Buchanan, Burglary. 900 S. Buchanan. Larceny.

9/10 100 S. George Mason Dr. Indecent exposure. 100 S. George Mason Dr. Larceny.

9/11 4300 Columbia Pike, Vandalism.

9/12 900 S. Taylor, Assault.

9/13 4800 S. Columbia Pike. Vandalism.

9/16 4600 S. 2nd. Assault.

9/17 900 S. Buchanan, Assault. 600 S. Wakefield. Larceny.

9/18 Col. Pike & George Mason Dr. Hit & run.

9/19 Col. Pike & George Mason Dr. Hit & run.

9/21 900 S. Geroge Mason Dr. Larceny. 400 S. George Mason Dr. Larceny.

9/22 Col. Pike & George Mason Dr. Hit & run (w/injury). 900 S. Wakefield. Vandalism.

9/24 900 S. Buchanan. Burglary. 4300 Columbia Pike. Vehicle theft.

9/26 600 S. Taylor. Larceny. Col. Pike & Buchanan. Hit & run.

9/27 8th St. & Wakefield. Hit & run. 500 S. Wakefield, Vehicle theft.

9/28 900 S. George Mason Dr. Larceny.

9/29 900 S. George Mason Dr. Vandalism.

We are indebted to Officer Ralf Meier of the Arlington County Police Department for this month's crime report.

Ever wonder how Barcroft's crime report compares with others? Here is the August report for Lyon Park, bounded by Arlington and Washington Blvds., 10th St. N., and N. Irving St.

8/1 Vehicle theft

8/2 Vehicle theft—Arlington Blvd.

8/3 Disorderly conduct—N. Cleveland

8/4 Vandalism—Fifth St. N.

8/5 Rape—Pershing Dr.

8/7 Larceny—N. Wayne Vehicle theft—Arlington Blvd. Arson-N. Garfield

Trespass—Pershing Dr. 8/8

8/10 Vandalism—Ninth St. N. 8/11 Larceny—Tenth St. N.

8/12 Vehicle theft—N. Barton 8/13 Assault—N. Wayne

Burglary—Arlington Blvd. Larceny-N. Irving

8/14 Assault (domestic)—Tenth St. N. Vehicle theft—N. Wayne Aggravated Assault—N. Bedford

8/17 Larceny—Washington Blvd. Larceny-N. Wayne Assault-N. Wayne

Property damage—Pershing Dr. 8/18 Larceny—Tenth St. N.

8/19 Drunk & disorderly—N. Edgewood

8/21 Assault—N. Wayne 8/22 Assault (domestic)—N. Wayne

Trespass-N. Wayne 8/23 Larceny—N. Fillmore

8/25 Robbery—Pershing Dr. Vehicle damaged—Washington Blvd.

8/27 Assault—Washington Blvd. 8/28 Larceny—Pershing Dr.

Larceny-Tenth St. N.

8/30 Illegal weapon—N. Barton Burglary—N. Danville Property damage—Washington Blvd.

Larceny-Second St. N. 8/31 Disturbing peace—N. Barton Aggravated assault—Tenth St. N.

Vandalism—First St. N.

That's 40 incidents. Our own August report had 31 incidents, including five cars stolen, a drug bust, and a truck driven into the window at Hi-Cue.

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