



Barcroft News

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President's Report

• *By Eric Harold*

Thank you to everyone who made my life easier during my last term as BSCL president. I can't believe it's been two years already.

I truly value the time that I was able to spend as a BSCL officer during the past four years. It has been a personal challenge as well as a great opportunity to learn more about our neighborhood and Arlington County. Most importantly, I was able to form lasting friendships with many of my neighbors. I look forward to staying involved with this community, which my wife and I are thrilled to our call home.

It seems like it was a relatively quiet month, but the next few promise to keep the next president busy. Development issues continue to impact Barcroft. We are beginning to feel some growing pains as

Columbia Pike begins the slow path towards revitalization, and there are County zoning and parking initiatives that will affect us all.

We will elect and install new officers at the regular monthly meeting on Thursday May 5. The officer's slate is included in this publication. Please continue to support these folks who will spend time and energy coordinating our neighborhood activities and representing us at the County.

This spring is busy with many fun activities. Enjoy them.

May 5: Monthly Meeting

May 14: Barcroft Elementary Spring Fair / Silent Auction and Arlington's Neighborhood Day

June 5: Columbia Pike Blues Festival

Arlington's 9th Annual Neighborhood Day is Saturday, May 14th.

www.arlingtonva.us/nd2005/NeighborhoodDay2005.aspx

Animal Welfare League of Arlington's Walk for Animals 9:30 a.m. Bluemont Park

BARCROFT ELEMENTARY SPRING FAIR and SILENT AUCTION 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Neighborhood Day Parade 2 p.m. Wilson Boulevard from Clarendon to Courthouse.

FMMC Twilight Tattoo 6:30 p.m. Fort Myer's Summerall Field

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Classifieds

For Sale: Creative Playthings Outdoor Play System for kids - come by and take a look. We are not asking much, and will help move it.

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Editor's Note: No contact information was given for the above entry. Please e-mail editor@bscl.org if you are the seller or you are interested in purchasing these items.

Odd Jobs: Teen (age 16) available for yard work, mowing, babysitting, etc. Call Andy Fram, 703-892-1090, email dinoandy89@aol.com

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**Have anything for the Barcroft News
 Summer Edition?**

Submissions are due by May 15th.

Mail to:

editor@bscl.org

902 South Buchanan Street

Ads are due by the May 10th:

Jim@bscl.org

Keep up with events by joining the Barcroft chat group and news list.

Go to:
 www.bscl.org.

Arlington Woman's Club spotlights a Virginia Writer

The Woman's Club of Arlington invites our Barcroft neighbors to our May 2, Monday meeting when we welcome a Virginia writer, Carolyn F. Rapp, at 1:00 p.m.

She will share her gardening adventures and experiences. She will discuss, read from and sign her new

book, *Garden Voices: Stories of Women and Their Gardens*. You are guaranteed to have a delightful, heart warming afternoon and you don't have to be a practicing gardener.

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Sweet Sounds of Spring

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Volcano orange, ruby red, deep indigo blue, sunflower yellow – are these the new “in” decorating colors for 2005? No! They’re some of the words you might use to describe the gorgeous, little migratory birds, called warblers that live here only during the warm months of the year. Beginning in late April and lasting through May, hundreds of new voices will join the dawn chorus in our woodlands as these birds arrive from their winter home in Central and South America to announce the arrival of spring.

Some are just passing through on their way further north. Others will stay here in Arlington where they will nest and raise young. All of them will benefit if you provide the four basic elements of habitat in your yard. Food, water, sheltered places to rest and escape from the weather and predators, and places to raise young are critical to the survival of these magical creatures during this exhausting twice a year trip!

WILDLIFE HABITATS

The Arlington Community Wildlife Habitat team is ready to help you make your property wildlife-friendly. If you join the Neighborhood Challenge and get your property certified before September 30, 2005, you can help your Civic Association gain bragging rights as the most wildlife-friendly place in Arlington! Arlington is well on its way to becoming the first county in the nation to be certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

Join in the excitement by certifying your yard! For more information, go to www.arlingtonenvironment.org or call 703-228-6427.

Next BSCL Meeting.....Thursday May 5 at 7:30 PMBarcroft Community House

TRAV FICK CALMING

A Traffic Calming Plan is in the works for S. Pershing Drive, the first block of that street from the Rte. 50 access road.

The second meeting is April 20 at the Barrett School, which will have occurred by the time you receive this news. So to share information or get involved in the planning, talk with neighbors on the upper block of Pershing or call the

County contact person for this project, Susan Finotti, at the Dept. of Environmental Services, Division of Transportation, Office of Planning: 703-228-3735.

This cycle's Neighborhood Traffic Calming projects, which include North Park Drive as well as Pershing, will be submitted to the NTCC in June and to the Board in July if all goes well.

Trees Glorious Trees

What's a neighborhood without trees? Once again this year, the County is offering free trees for Neighborhood Day to civic associations, property managers, churches and homeowners' associations – or any group that has open space that needs trees. These trees are available for private property planting. Young trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be picked up at the county nursery. The nursery is located at Barcroft Park.

The county is offering Flowering Dogwoods and Red Oaks. These are small trees in one gallon pots. More details on pick up times will come later.

To sign up or for more information, contact our Barcroft point person:
Barbara Clemens 703 685 7933

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Spaghetti Dinner May 21 Two sittings—5:30 PM and 6:30 PM

Our Savior Lutheran School would like to invite all its neighbors to the school's annual Spaghetti Dinner. Come enjoy an evening of fun, good food and fine entertainment. Tickets go on sale May 1.

Yard Sale May 14- 10 AM until 2 PM

All our Barcroft neighbors are invited to come shop at our yard sale.

825 S. Taylor Street. Call (703) 892-4846 for more information.



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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL NEWS

Barcroft Elementary School

Saturday, April 16 was beautification day at Barcroft Elementary School. Many neighbors and Barcroft parents spent the morning hours planting, weeding, watering and visiting. The result is a wonderfully manicured space with splashes of spring color everywhere. Walk by and enjoy.

Look for news about the Spring Fair and Silent Auction elsewhere in this publication.

Kenmore Middle School

As you have seen on your travels down Arlington Boulevard, construction of the new school is underway at Kenmore Middle School. The curving expanse of windows facing Carlin Springs promises to be an incredible space for future Kenmore students.

The design allows for outdoor learning environments as well as arrangement of spaces to encourage collaboration between the arts and incorporation of the arts into the core classroom environments. Kenmore has a "Arts and Communications Technology" focus.

Wakefield High School

You saw the Barcroft picture featured in Washingtonian's "Best Places to Live". Did you notice that the feature picture from the Washington Post Magazine's *High Schools That Work* was from Wakefield? The artistic shot showed pear and a quiz from a Wakefield science class.

Wakefield was listed as a school that does an incredible job serving low-income and minority students. The one-of-a-kind senior project was also highlighted for its excellence.

COME TO THE FAIR

Barcroft Elementary School PTA Spring Fair and Silent Auction,
Saturday, May 14th,
11am to 3pm

Spend a beautiful spring day at your neighborhood elementary school. Stroll the grounds eating burgers, ice cream or popcorn. Try your luck at the obstacle course, cake walk and carnival games. Climb into the moon bounce.

Support t Barcroft Elementary School and bring home some bargains from their famous Silent Auction (11am - 2pm) The auction includes gift baskets, gift certificates from area vendors, and much more.

Have a small business, a special skill or something unique? Donate to the silent auction. Contact Carol Hunter at (703) 979-8247.

Barcroft Elementary School is located at 625 South Wakefield Street.
See you at the fair.

SOMETHING MISSING?!

Did you submit something to the May Barcroft News that you can't find anywhere? My apologies...

I sat down to put together the May Barcroft News, as the new editor, to find all of my e-mail was gone. This computer glitz was a little lesson in the importance routine back-up for this former computer consultant.

Please e-mail editor@bscl.org if you would like to resubmit for the summer edition.

Sunday Morninz

African American Art By Artist Janie McGee

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The Arlington Mill Run Center Needs You!

An opportunity for civic-minded Barcrofters! The Arlington Mill Run Center is being renovated and recreated, based on the input from many community meetings held about 3 years ago. Those ideas were submitted to the County Manager in 2002 and now the architect has been selected and concept plans are drawn up. The Citizen Committee, led by Linda LeDuc, meets monthly and is the steering committee for continuing the design process in light of citizen and County expectations for the

Center. Our current representatives wish to retire from the committee to await the arrival of their first child next month.

We need someone (or someones) to step up and bring Barcroft's perspective to this exciting project.

Those who are interested, please contact:
Linda Le Duc
703-578-1178.

RECIPE CORNER

This cheesy soup will please the whole family. My nine year old nephews loved it even AFTER they heard about the healthy ingredients it contains. Submitted by: Skip Adams

GOLDEN CHEDDAR CHEESE SOUP

- 1 cup chopped onions
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 medium potatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 medium carrot, thinly sliced
- 1 medium yellow summer squash, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- pinch of turmeric
- 2 cups vegetable stock or water
- 1 cup buttermilk or milk
- 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

Saute the onions in the oil for about 5 minutes or until the onions begin to soften. Stir in the potatoes and next four ingredients. Add stock/water and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in milk and cheese. Puree the soup in a blender or food processor. Gently reheat.

Source: *Moosewood Restaurant Cooks at Home* (The Moosewood Collection)

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THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...

To Christina Cavoli for four years as editor of the Barcroft News. Christina began editing shortly after coming to Barcroft. She kept the community updated while caring for two active young boys and working as a professional writer/editor. Her contribution is truly appreciated! The Cavolis will be missed while they are away.

Excellent Management of the Community House Rentals...

Thanks Lori!

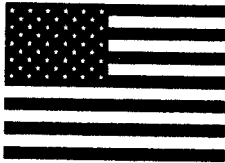
BSCL is seeing another loss of a long-time volunteer. Lori Fitchett, the rental manager for the community house, has decided to give up the post after four years of managing the rentals. She did a spectacular job coordinating the rentals, and her energy will be missed. Stepping up to take over for Lori is Karen Darner. Many of you know her from her tenure as our delegate in Richmond. She now will continue a long history of civic activity by assuming the rental manager position for BSCL. We are looking for one additional person to assist Karen with the management of the rentals. If you are interested, please contact rentals@bscl.org or pwilliamson@weta.com.

BARCROFT's 14th Annual 4th of JULY PARADE

Mark your calendar and spread the word.

It's not too early to think about marching in this year's 14th annual Barcroft 4th of July parade... preparations are already being made.

For those neighbors who have not yet witnessed one of the most celebrated events that makes this community so special, be sure to show up at 10:00 AM July 4th.



Build a float, ride a bike, march in the parade, dazzle the neighborhood with your talent or just watch on the sidelines.

Afterwards enjoy a picnic and magic show at the community house.

If you have any questions or ideas as to how to make this parade the best parade ever or if you would like to help in any way contact:

Andrew Hunter
(703) 979-8247
ahunter@erols.com

BARCROFT OFFICERS SLATE

Vote at the monthly meeting
May 5, 2005
7:30 PM

President: Pat Williamson
Vice President: Scott Wohlander
Treasurer: Gary Lefebvre
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Columbia Pike Spring Update

CHANGE ON COLUMBIA PIKE, it's been predicted for a long time. This year we will see it happen. In 1998 Arlington County launched the Columbia Pike Initiative. In 2000 the initiative led to the Columbia Pike Initiative Planning Process. In 2002 the process resulted in the Columbia Pike Initiative: A Revitalization Plan. The plan included recommendations that led, in 2003, to the Columbia Pike Form-Based Code and Columbia Pike Economic Incentives. Last year, the Columbia Pike Street Space Task Force presented its recommendations. All these steps taken over the last six years and involving nearly 300 community and public meetings have resulted in a vision of Columbia Pike as a pleasant and safe place. It is a place where we can walk from home to work, shopping, entertainment and play.

Adams Square—Owners B.M. Smith Associates are working with Carbon Thompson Development to bring a full size Giant grocery store to the site. The project will include additional street-front retail space, with residential apartments above. In addition to the parking provided for retail/grocery customers and residents, the project will include more than 250 public parking spaces. This development will also lead to the construction of the eastern half of a public plaza framed by Columbia Pike on the south; S. Barton St. to the east; new shops to the north; and the Fillmore Shopping Center on the west. The building can be up to six stories on Columbia Pike and can be no more than 3 ½ stories on S. 9th St.

Axumite Village—is a multi-family residential development under consideration by the Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. (ECDC). The project includes condominiums and townhouses on ECDC's former headquarters site behind the SunTrust Bank property. The project will include a new section of S. 11th St. between S. Highland St. and the Brown's Nissan property. Parking for all units will be provided underground.

Columbia Center—The 257 unit development with more than 40,000 square feet of retail and 450 underground parking spaces is the first Columbia Pike Form Based Code project to be approved. In addition to the residential, retail and parking elements, the project includes a restoration of the Arlington Hardware building façade, a permanent home for the Arlington Free Clinic and removal of the outmoded Dominion Electric Power substation.

Safeway Site—More than 25,000 square feet of new retail space on Columbia Pike will fill the ground floor of this six story, residential building. Parking will be below ground.

Trammell Crow Residential—is developing a 9 story retail/residential building at 5500 Columbia Pike. This property is allowed additional height within the Columbia Pike Form Based Code as it is surrounded by high-rise buildings. More than 200 condominiums will rise above the street-level retail. Parking for the project will be underground.

COMING PIKE EVENTS

Columbia Pike Blues Festival returns for its tenth run. The 10th Annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival on Sunday, June 5. Noon—6:00 p.m. Columbia Pike Blues Festival is FREE.

Farmers Market at Pike Park begins its season on Sunday, May 1. Located in Pike Park at the corner of Walter Reed and Columbia Pike, the market provides an array of produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, flowers and more.

Pike Transit Initiative (PTI) Public Forums--to present a proposed transit solution for Columbia Pike are anticipated for late April or early May. The PTI working group has been studying the Bus Rapid Transit and Streetcar options and will produce a DRAFT Final Analysis in April. Public forums for both Arlington and Fairfax Counties will follow. Watch your mail for the specific dates and locations.



Barcroft School and Civic League
800 South Buchanan Street
Arlington, VA 22204

How To Protect Your Home's Value

Here are some tips to keep your home in tip-top shape AND boost its value: Stay ahead of moisture problems by cutting back shrubs that touch the house. They can trap moisture and attract bugs. For large trees, consider hiring a certified arborist. Cutting back willy-nilly could weaken trees and increase the chances of limbs falling on your house in a storm. Check for leaks in the obvious places, like the attic and basement, during a heavy rain and address the problem, by either grading soil away from your foundation, or plugging leaks. Finally, every few years have your home inspected by a certified home inspector to keep ahead of major repairs. Check out www.ASHI.com to find a qualified inspector in your area, or contact me for a recommendation. Have the inspector specifically look for problems in the roof, basement and foundation. Also make sure he checks for termites as well as the HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems. Stop problems before they occur, and you could save thousands of dollars.

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Arlington Market Update

As of 4/15/05, here is a snapshot of the active single family homes for sale in Arlington per MRIS database: Under \$500,000 – 7 homes, \$500-600K – 8 homes, \$600-700K – 19 homes, \$700-800K – 17 homes, \$800-900K – 6 homes, \$900-1 mil. – 7 homes.

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