



# Barcroft News

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## President's Report

*By Pat Williamson*

Join us for the first regular monthly meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League since our summer break. Thursday, September 1, 7:30 pm, Barcroft Community House.

Catch up on BSCL reports and enjoy a presentation by Lannie Graham of the Arlington County Enhancement project. She will talk to us about the County plan to remove invasive plants and to install native plants in their place in spaces such as the Long Branch Nature Center.

Heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the folks

who gave us the fabulous Fourth of July Parade and Picnic and those who volunteered for the National Night Out Ice Cream Social.

A reminder that we are working to have Barcroft backyards certified as wildlife habitats by the National Wildlife Federation. Arlington County will be issuing special acknowledgements to participating neighborhoods this Fall and Barcroft is well on the way to achieving this honor.

More traffic calming measures have been installed on our streets just in time for the Barcroft modified school year to start. We look forward to the work to be done on Pershing Drive.

## Barcroft Community Coffeehouse - Evening show w/ Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer

September 9, 2005 - 7:30 PM, doors open at 7 PM

Multi-instrumentalists Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer will perform in the intimate setting of our Barcroft Community Coffeehouse on September 9th, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Billboard Magazine writes of the duo: "The vocal harmonies are impeccable, and the instrumentation is vivid and imaginative."

Tickets are \$15.00

This is an evening show and advanced reservations are encouraged. This show will likely sell out.

Reserve today by emailing: [communitycoffeehouse@comcast.net](mailto:communitycoffeehouse@comcast.net) or calling (703) 486-0457. Payment is cash only, accepted at the performance.

Check out our website for full details at <http://www.communitycoffeehouse.org>

Look forward to seeing you!  
Danny and Beth Malks

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**JOIN THE FUN.**

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE DECISIONS.**

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS.**

**ENJOY THE HISTORIC SURROUNDINGS.**

**FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**  
 7 PM Eastern Standard Time

**September Meeting: September 1st.**

**Guest Speaker: Lannie Graham**  
**Topic: Invasive Plant Removal**

**October Meeting: October 6th**

## Barbershop Harmony Show—"Here' s to the Ladies"

The Arlington Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society annual fall show is "Here' s to the Ladies". The Smart Alex, a local fun quartet, will be featured.

2:15 and 8:15 PM on Saturday, September 17  
Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre.

Tickets: \$12/\$10 afternoon -  
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Farm Color Tour Scheduled for October 15 and 16

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Meet the farmers who produce the best of Loudoun' s fall harvest, including apples, honey, gourds, pumpkins, and herbs. The weekend is sure to be fun for the whole family!

Tour information:  
[www.LoudounFarms.org](http://www.LoudounFarms.org)  
Loudoun Convention & Visitors Association  
1-866-771-7697.

## September is National Preparedness Month... Are you Ready?

You can't predict the next emergency. You can take simple, low cost steps to be ready for the next emergency. Now is the best time to prepare.

**Be informed:** In an emergency you will need to assess your situation and determine whether to stay or go. If you aren't in immediate danger, it is best to stay where you are until you get more information. You also need Arlington specific information. Sign up for Arlington Alert and read more about preparedness at [www.Arlingtonva.us](http://www.Arlingtonva.us)

**Make Plans.** Sit down with your family. Write down how you will contact each other and where you will re-unite when it is safe to move. The most common reason people leave a safe place is to check on family. If you know family members are safe, you will stay safe where you are and

know you will re-unite.

**Assemble Supplies.** Get the basics you need to stay where you are or get to a safe place water and nonperishable food, a battery powered flashlight and radio, extra batteries, and a first aid kit.

This fall, the National Capital Region will sponsor a media campaign and preparedness presentations in partnership with Arlington to motivate and inform residents to get prepared.

For more information:

Contact: [Jackie@civfed.org](mailto:Jackie@civfed.org)

or call the Office of Emergency Management at 703 228-7188.

**Smile! Smile! Smile! It's back to school. Three cheers for ACPS.**

## TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRESS

The traffic committee and the residents of South Pershing Drive have been working for some much needed traffic calming measures on their street. Hard work and dedication paid off!

The County Board approved funding for the South Pershing Drive traffic calming project. Susan Finotti, of Arlington County's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Section, will be working with county staff on the design of the island at South Pershing and Arlington Boulevard Service Road.

The county has a number of traffic calming projects that are in construction and waiting for speed hump, speed cushions, etc. Therefore there is no guarantee implementation of the project this year.

Please look for an update in next month's Barcroft News.

Kudos to all the neighbors who worked hard to make this happen!

## The 4th Annual Arlington Police, Fire and Sheriff 9-11 Memorial 5K

Saturday, September 10, 2005 at 6:00 PM

\$22.00 until September 2, 2005 / \$25.00 after

Mail checks & applications to: "Arlington 9-11 5K" P.O. Box 5464 Towson, MD 21285

Or register on-line at:

[www.arlington911race.com](http://www.arlington911race.com)

The course starts and finishes in front of the Doubletree in Crystal City and includes running by the Pentagon.

Awards will given in individual and team categories in the following divisions: Open, Law Enforcement, Firefighter /EMS, Military

All proceeds go to 9-11 related charitable relief

organizations. Past beneficiaries of donations included: The Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Survivor' s Fund, the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, the Port Authority Police World Trade Disaster Relief Fund, and the Flicker of Hope Foundation.

All pre-registered applicants will receive a commemorative Long Sleeved T-shirt

Post race activities include food, beverage and music at the Doubletree.

For more info:

Captain Matt Smith (703) 228-4125

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### How To Double or Triple Your Investment When Preparing Your Home To Sell!

Removing clutter, cleaning, fresh paint, new carpeting, refinishing hardwood floors, manicuring landscaping, updating fixtures, and other cosmetic touches, will put your home in the best light. An investment of \$5,000 to \$10,000 can easily be doubled or tripled at resale. Buyers will gravitate towards generic improvements that enhance a home' s functionality, efficiency and aesthetics, giving it a more contemporary feel.

Complete deferred maintenance and make repairs to fix or replace broken items & systems. Put the home and components in good working order by replacing missing roof shingles and cracked windows. Repair driveway cracks and straighten leaning fences. Make sure doors, gates, lights, plumbing fixtures and other items are all working properly. Beyond the cosmetic touches and functional upgrades, the best home improvements that help net sellers' full market value include kitchen and bath remodels and only those alterations and additions that bring your home in line with the others in the area.

Too often home improvements are random, uneven upgrades. If you leave one of your baths in its original 1950s style, but remodel the other, most buyers will notice what' s left to be done, rather than credit you for completed work. Consistency pays off for achieving the best price! Want a **quick and easy checklist** of inexpensive ways to make a buyer instantly attracted to your home?

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Call Noreen Atkinson at 703-979-4868 or e-mail her at [NoreenAtkinson@Verizon.net](mailto:NoreenAtkinson@Verizon.net).

**2nd Annual Barcroft**  
**HALLOWEEN DECORATION CONTEST**

Don't look now,  
 It's just ahead of you...

**NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL NEWS*****Barcroft Elementary School***

Did you see the smiling faces on the front of the Sun Gazette? The August 11 edition featured Barcroft Elementary School students happily holding their books and heading to class. That's right, in early August.

They will still be smiling when the rest of the county school's open their classrooms on September 6. They will have saved the vacation other schools used during the month of August.

The teachers waiting to greet these students were likely smiling, as well, knowing that they will spend less time reviewing old material and more time moving forward with new lessons.

***Kenmore Middle School***

Kenmore Middle School students will not only meet a new school year this September, they will meet a new school.

The Arlington County Public Schools invited past Kenmore students into the old structure one last time, in high fashion, with a big reunion and farewell party before it closed its doors. This month, new doors will be opened.

***Wakefield High School***

Do you hear the drums? Can you see the stadium lights in the thick late summer air as you sit on your deck? The drums belong Wakefield's marching band, the lights are illuminating a scrimmage for one of Wakefield's many sports.

This fall, don't just notice the action from the corner of your eye. Go out and support our local teams. For Wakefield's fall schedules: <http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/schools/wakefield/>

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## ENJOY A LOCAL PARK

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Reservations required if program # is listed.

Call 703-228-4747 or register on-line <https://registration.co.arlington.va.us/>

### **BUTTERFLIES AND BLOSSOMS**

Saturday, September 10 1:00-2:30 p.m. Adults. \$6. Fort CF Smith Park (main house)

Learn some tricks and tips of identification as we enjoy the colors of late summer with a slide show and walk. Bring binoculars. Program # 614451A.

### **WILDFLOWER FOLKLORE**

Saturday, September 10 4:00-5:00 p.m. Adults. Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Join us for a leisurely walk as we discuss plant identification, folklore, ethno-botany, medicinal, edible, and other plant uses. Program # 614452A.

### **FALL PLANT SALE**

Sunday, September 11 2:00-4:00 p.m. Long Branch Nature Center

The sale will feature all native plants, mainly sun-loving, but some spring bloomers, shade lovers, and shrubs will also be available. Fee per plant as marked. Cash or Check only.

### **GEMSTONE CLUB: Sapphire**

Wednesday, September 14 4:00-5:00 p.m. Ages 7 and up. \$4. Gulf Branch Nature Center.

.There will be polished gems and uncut crystals to examine, as we explore the geology, mining, legends, and literature for this gem. Program # 613114A.

### **"By All these Lovely Tokens"**

Thursday, September 15 4:00-5:00 p.m. Adults with children ages 10 and up. \$3. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Helen Hunt Jackson described fall beautifully more than a hundred years ago. Join a naturalist to look at fall's first signs. Along the way we'll pause to hear how Helen Hunt Jackson and other poets have expressed the beauties of this season. Program # 613105A.

### **CHOCOLATE'S LITTLE HELPER**

Saturday, September 17. 1:00-2:30 p.m. Teens and adults. \$15. Gulf Branch Nature Center.

What's the connection between savory chocolate and the midge fly? Everything! Learn about this relationship, discovering some early uses of chocolate that were not so sweet, and sample chocolate drinks from Austrian to Mayan. Program # 614453A. *(continued on page 8)*



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## RECIPE CORNER

Submitted by: Dama Kipps

### HOT CRAB DIP

1 lb Crabmeat  
 8 oz Cream Cheese, softened  
 1 medium Onion, finely diced  
 2 ts Horseradish  
 1 tb Milk  
 2 tb Worcestershire Sauce (opt.)  
 1 x Salt and Pepper  
 1 x Almonds, sliced

Mix all ingredients except Almonds with fork.

Place in uncovered casserole dish and bake at 350 until bubbly, 20 to 30 minutes.

Sliced Almonds may be sprinkled on top before baking. Serve with crackers.  
 (Makes 8 servings)

Source: *Somewhere on the Internet*

**Do you have a recipe to share?**  
 Email [editor@bscl.org](mailto:editor@bscl.org)

## ENJOY... *(continued from page 7)*

### TEEN ECO EXTREME:

#### Primitive Skills Challenge

Saturday, September 17 1:00-4:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. \$5. Long Branch Nature Center.

Practice archery using primitive bows, launch javelins with atlatls, and make safe fires without matches! Program # 614454A.

### VIRGINIA' S RARE BUTTERFLIES

Thursday, September 22. 7:30-9:00 p.m. Adults. Free. Long Branch Nature Center.

Join the Washington Area Butterfly Club and guest speaker Steve Roble, from the VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation for an informative evening about the State' s butterfly conservation efforts. Program # 614455A.

### APPLE PICKING

Saturday, September 24. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Adults. \$15. Van trip departs from Lubber Run Center.

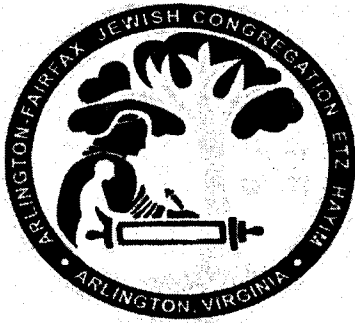
Join us on a trip to lovely Homestead Farm in Poolesville, MD. Bring lunch and money to buy the apples you pick. Program # 614458A.

### AT A SNAIL' S PLACE

Sunday, September 25 1:00-2:30 p.m. Ages 6-12. \$5. Gulf Branch Nature Center.

Find out about the different colors, shapes and sizes of the many creatures that live in seashells. Create a seashell treasure box to take home. Program # 613106A.





*We welcome you to join us*

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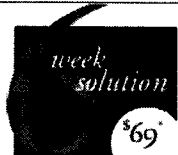
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## Confident City Cycling Class in Arlington

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) is pleased to announce that it has scheduled an additional Confident City Cycling Class on September 10th, in Arlington.

The class, which is free and open to the public, is designed to provide bike riders with the skills they need incorporate bicycling into their daily routines.

The three-hour classroom session teaches the basics of traffic cycling on city streets for errands, commuting, and fun. The principles of lane positioning will be explained, along with techniques for avoiding some of the more common hazards. As time allows, bicycle fit and maintenance, emergency repairs, gearing and pedaling, nutrition, and accessory equipment will be covered. An optional one-hour bike ride follows the in-class segment.

The class will be held on Saturday September 10th at Arlington Fire Department' s Station #9 located at

1900 South Walter Reed Drive from 9am to noon with an optional on-road session from noon to 1pm. This station is four uphill blocks north of the Four Mile Run and W&OD trails via Walter Reed Drive. Bike racks are located at the 19th St S entrance.

WABA asks that those who plan to join the on-road sessions afterwards bring a bike, helmet, water, and a lock.

To register for this class, please send an email to <safetyed@waba.org> with your name, email, and phone number for last-minute contact or call the WABA office at 202-628-2500. Please visit (<http://www.waba.org>) for more information.

This free Confident City Cycling Classes are made possible through the District Department of Transportation and Arlington County government.

## Barcroft School Think Fun Family Games Night at Barnes & Noble

September 14, 2005  
Barnes & Noble in Clarendon  
6:45 - 8:15 PM

Come play fun educational games with your friends, family, and Barcroft teachers while raising money for our neighborhood school! Or just come and make a purchase of anything in the store (including cafe items) on September 14th between 6:45 - 8:15 pm.

If you come with a voucher for the Barcroft School Fundraiser, a percentage of that purchase

will go towards our neighborhood elementary school!

Everyone is welcome.  
Thank you for your support.

Please contact Beth Malks for vouchers and info::  
[bethmalks@comcast.net](mailto:bethmalks@comcast.net)  
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This is a free, no obligation family event for all ages!

## Tree Stewards Take Root in September

Everyone who loves Arlington's trees should consider enrolling in the Tree Steward volunteer training course scheduled to begin September 13, 2005.

The course teaches the basics of tree growth, planting, and urban forest canopy. Upon completion of the course Tree Stewards are expected to contribute over 25 hours of community service improving our urban forest by teaching others and doing service projects related to trees. In the past three years the course has enrolled over 75 people who are happy to be called tree huggers.

Participants are involved in planting and caring for trees on school grounds, removing invasive vines from trees, inventorying trees in local parks, promoting private tree planting and good tree care, and working with local urban forestry commissions.

### You Can Help a Neighbor.

Every year the Community Outreach Program (Arlington County DHS) and volunteers assist families in filling out back to school forms at several locations around the county: Buckingham, Berkeley Apartments, and Arlington Mill Community Center. We primarily assist families who speak English as a second language, but a second language is not needed for the volunteer.

This information is important to the schools and we assist about 300 families each year.

Volunteers are needed from 6-9 pm on September 6, 2005.

Please let Ben Harris know if you are interested.  
bharris@arlingtonva.us  
(703) 228-1397

The course begins Tuesday evening, September 13, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, and runs consecutive Tuesdays through November 10th. Three Saturday mornings are also included for site visits and hands-on teaching.

Please call Virginia Cooperative Extension at 703 228-6414 for more information, or visit <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/arlington>, and click on Newsletters for a registration brochure you may download.

The cost of the course is \$40.

For more information, please call:  
Joanne Hutton  
Horticultural Technician, Arlington County  
703 229-6426 [jhutton@arlingtonva.us](mailto:jhutton@arlingtonva.us)

*September 10, 2002*

Today is the anniversary of the day many of us would love to return, one year ago. If only to feel the way we felt then, protected in a world where few of us could even imagine the events to unfold tomorrow.

We know now it was ignorance that made us feel secure, but we long for it still.

We hear reports on the news about how things have returned to normal.

Sometimes it feels as if they have, momentarily. When jogging in the first morning light, when marveling at the ocean's strength during a summer vacation, when celebrating a child's birthday. But—then the moment passes, we remember again and we know we will never forget.

We know that no matter how much we wish for it, September 10th, 2001 will not return.

*Journal Entry*

*Annie Harold*



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