



Barcroft News

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President's Report

by Pat Williamson

Join your neighbors at the September 7 meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League. We will begin our regular meeting season with a debate of School Board, County Board and possibly Congressional candidates. Vice President Heidi Wicker is still wrangling candidates' schedules!!!

The Fourth of July parade was surely the best we have ever had. A million thanks to the Hunter family for another wonderful event. Front page coverage in the Sun Gazette and a full page of pictures in the Arlington Connection let us continue celebrating even longer. It was terrific to have the Woman's Club of Arlington again selling their handicrafts and marching in the parade.

The National Night Out Ice Cream Social was marked by a photo spread in the Arlington Connection. Again we were joined by the Woman's Club of Arlington, Police Officers (including the

CHIEF!), Barbara Favola and Barcrofters of all ages.

Traffic Calming took no summer holiday. We proudly boast two new four-way stops on Taylor Street. Funding for traffic calming measures along Taylor Street was approved in July by the County Board and we expect installation this fiscal year.

Our hearts felt the loss of Adaline Robertson at the age of 103. Her home at the corner of 9th and Buchanan is now owned by the Harolds. Two days before Adaline's 103rd birthday, the Harold family blessed Barcroft with the birth of their newest addition named Adeline. The circle of life in Barcroft is a real treasure that our community will always be cognizant of because we have such a wonderful neighborhood history and future.

See you at 7:30 pm at the Community House on September 7.

BARCROFT CANDIDATE'S FORUM

Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:30 at the Community House

The following candidates have accepted our invitation:

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Josh Ruebner

ARLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD

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Go to:
www.bscl.org.

Classifieds**Items for Sale:**

Keyboard Piano: Excellent condition. Not used much. Seller does not have enough space. Wants to sell to someone who can appreciate and use this beautiful piece. Purchased in Dec. 2003 for \$3000, selling it for \$1800 (negotiable). Please call: 703-521-6408

Media Armoire – Pottery Barn dark wooden cabinet (40w x 25d x 48h). Arts and crafts style. Doors fold all the way back. Shelf for two components and deep drawer for storage. Holds TV up to 32". \$200 Send email to helene.stebbins@verizon.net for digital picture or call 703-769-2772

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- s **Worship** with us Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Pray and praise together, hear a sermon, receive Holy Communion. Candlelight prayer every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- s **Explore** faith topics in an open environment Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and during a special evening series before Christmas and Easter. A speaker series is planned for the fall.
- s **Children's education at 9 a.m.** Sunday morning focuses on loving our neighbor through service projects, Bible stories and creative opportunities. During the 10 a.m. service, children can attend worship designed especially for them for the first part of the service.
- s **Serve** the community through our outreach programs

*8:00 a.m. Worship

*9:00 a.m. Christian Education (nursery provided)

*10:00 a.m. Worship with Choir (nursery provided)

All Are Welcome!

BSCL Membership

WE NEED YOU!!

Many other events are planned to remember Sept. 11 and to honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the attacks. Scroll down to see more information on the films, lectures, runs, tours and other events, in chronological order.

September is here again, and it is time to renew our BSCL memberships. Dues remain the same, still only \$3 per adult (\$6 per couple). The membership form is being distributed with this newsletter.

The Barcroft School & Civic League offers many events throughout the year. Volunteers do all the work for these events. We encourage you to seriously consider being one of the people that help make things happen. The membership form shows several areas where help is needed. Hopefully there is one that interests you.

Once again we ask for your continued support of the Barcroft Community House Fund. Through your generosity, much has been accomplished. But much remains to be done in the interior of the building including the ceiling, walls, lighting and windows. We need to build a significant reserve before undertaking this remaining effort. The latest estimate is \$40,000. Any contribution you can make will help to complete the total effort and will, of course, be appreciated.

Arlington Remembers



Many events are planned to remember Sept. 11 and to honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the attacks. For information on the films, lectures, runs, tours and other events, go to the county's website: www.arlingtonva.us

Arlington's Commemorative Observance: Monday, Sept. 11, 9:15 a.m.

Arlington County remembers the lives lost at the Pentagon and honors those who responded to the attack. The public is invited to attend the brief observance. Arlington County Board Chairman Christopher Zimmerman hosts the event. The program includes a combined honor guard, the singing of the National Anthem, a moment of silence at 9:37 a.m., and the tolling of a bell 184 times, once for each victim.

**Location: Arlington County Justice Center
Courtyard (Courts/Police building)
1425 N. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, Virginia**

Also on this day, the community is encouraged to display American flags in remembrance as part of "Flags Across Arlington."

Good Old Autumn Time

"Good Old Autumn Time" - An a cappella, four-part harmony presentation by the Arlington Chapter of the Barbershop Society at 2:15 PM, Saturday, September 30, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Convention Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd.

Appearing will be the Arlingtones Barbershop Chorus, Chapter Quartets and MOONGLOW-a mixed quartet from Richmond.
Free garage parking.
All tickets \$12.
703-521-9331 or bsbass@aol.com.

Arlington Recycles Day

Saturday, September 30th, 8:30am to 3pm
Thomas Jefferson Middle School

Recycle computer equipment and old TVs, get rid of your hazardous waste, send your old bicycle overseas to someone who needs it, feel better about not trashing the environment. Most computer items are accepted free, but there is a \$15 charge for monitors and a \$20 charge for TV sets.

Bicycles should be in good working order and will be sent to provide basic transportation for people in developing countries. A minimum \$10 per bike donation to defray shipping cost would be appreciated. Bikes for the World is a sponsored project of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit charity. A receipt will be provided. For further information please e-mail Keith Oberg at info@bikesfortheworld.org or call 703-525-0931.

If you can't make it to TJ, the County's drop off site at the Water Pollution Control Plant is open every Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm. Info: 703-228-6832

Columbia Pike Farmer's Market

Columbia Pike Farmers Market brings you the best fresh products straight from the field to your table.

The market is still going strong every Sunday from 10 am until 2 pm in Pike Park in front of Eckerd Drugs at the corner of S. Walter Reed Drive and Columbia Pike. Parking is available in the Ski Chalet parking lot on S. Edgewood St.



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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL NEWS
Barcroft Elementary School

Mrs. Hunter is back at her post on 9th and Buchanan! She wasn't gone for too long.

As Barcroft Elementary students know, summer vacation at Barcroft doesn't last all summer. School started again on August 3rd.

You might see a sea of students with brand new backpacks and eager faces heading happily toward school in the morning.

You might see Mrs. Hunter holding her stop sign and motioning to traffic. If you do, slow down and give a friendly wave to thank her for the important job she does.

School is back in session at Barcroft.

Kenmore Middle School

Kenmore students spoke at the annual celebration of volunteers and partners sponsored by APS. The students spoke to the large audience about the rewards of having community members and volunteers in their school.

Wakefield High School

Students at Wakefield High School received several National Capital Area Cappies (Critics and Awards Program) at the seventh annual Cappies Gala at Washington D.C.'s John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on June 11.

Wakefield High School won a Cappie for their production of "The Wiz." Wakefield students also won cappies for Choreography, Female Dancer, and Male Dancer for their efforts in "The Wiz".

Potomac Harmony Chorus

Potomac Harmony Chorus, the current Region 14 Champions of Sweet Adelines International, presents "Wahoo!," a Western theme show, at

3 PM
 Saturday, October 21, 2006,
 at the Thomas Jefferson Theater
 of the Thomas Jefferson Middle School,
 located at 125 South Old Glebe Road
 in Arlington, VA.

The performance will feature a variety of songs, all sung a cappella in four-part harmony "barbershop style," entertaining audiences young and old. This chorus of 80 women loves to sing barbershop music, an original style of harmony founded in America more than 60 years ago.

Tickets are
 \$15 for adults
 \$12 for seniors and children.

Advance group sales are available.

Bring the whole family!

For more information, please call 703-764-3896, visit www.potomacharmony.org, or email potomacharmony@yahoo.com.

Potomac Harmony Chorus provides free public concerts, free music lessons to women, and performances at special events throughout the year.



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9-11 Memorial 5K

The 5th Annual Arlington Police, Fire and Sheriff 9-11 Memorial 5K is presented by the Arlington Police Charitable Fund

Saturday, September 9, 2006
at 6:00 PM
hosted by the Doubletree Hotel,
300 Army/Navy Drive,
Arlington, Virginia (Crystal City)

Registration
\$25.00 after September 1, 2006

Mail checks & applications to "Arlington 9-11 5K", P.O. Box 183, Phoenix, MD 21131

Or register on-line at:
www.charmcityrun.com or
www.arlington911race.com

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

Proceeds will be donated to (but not limited to) 9-11 related charities, including the Fisher House Foundation, the Wounded Warriors Fund, and the Survivors Fund (CFNCR). All charities focus on the healing of military personnel and civilians directly affected by the war on terrorism and the attacks against America on September 11, 2001

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

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

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THE BULGARIANS ARE COMING

If you were at the July 4th Barcroft parade, you may have noticed a group marching in the parade clad in unusual costumes. When asked where the costumes were from, the answer was an enthusiastic "Bulgaria!".

The "Ivan Dimitrov Dance Ensemble" meets every Monday evening at Barcroft House to do Bulgarian dancing, which is known for its complex footwork and unusual rhythms. The dance group was established in 1997 by Ivan Dimitrov, a native of Plovdiv, Bulgaria, and the group's artistic director.

We will have another opportunity to view this spectacular traditional dance form on Sunday, 22 October 2006, from 2:00-4:00pm. This will include a short performance of about 20-30 minutes showing a variety of dances performed in colorful costumes, followed by audience participation. The price of admission is \$5, free for children under 12. All proceeds will be donated to BSCL in gratitude for letting the dance ensemble rehearse at Barcroft House for the last two years.

For more information contact:
Rebecca Nazaretz at 703-521-5873.

Hooks and Yarn

The Arlington Mill Community Center Senior Program is starting a crochet project and would like crochet hooks and yarn for their work.

Please call Ginger Geoffrey at (703) 243-7181 or email at veg@mac.com for information on dona-

tions. The Center is located at Columbia Pike and Dinwiddie Streets.

Thanks for helping get this program off to a good start this fall!!

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For the first ever "community read," Arlington County has selected three terrific books:

A Single Shard for young readers,
Persepolis for teens,
Digging to America for adults.

All three have themes that resonate with current events and tell powerful stories that will stick with readers. All three will engender lively conversation. All three reflect our community and can help us build it stronger.

The county has organized many events around these books and their messages in September and October. For a listing of events, please visit the county website: www.arlingtonva.us

Water Stewardship

Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment are seeking nominations for neighborhood team leaders for the water stewardship program. This program provides participants with specific actions to take to help protect local water quality. Team leaders receive leadership training for organizing a neighborhood team and free materials about creating a more livable neighborhood with ideas for the home and yard.

The next training will be Sunday, October 1 from 12 to 5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center in Arlington. To receive an application, please contact Margaret Kertess with Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, 703-228-6406 or margaret@arlingtonenvironment.org.

Nature Center Programs

BEING CARIBOU

Friday, September 8 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ages 16 and up

Follow the wondrous and perilous journey of a husband and wife team as they migrate on foot along with a herd of 120,000 caribou from the Yukon to coastal Alaska and back. "Dramatic footage and video diaries provide an intimate perspective of an epic expedition. At stake is the herd's delicate habitat..."

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For information call 703-228-3403. Free.

Registration required, register on-line <https://registration.co.arlington.va.us/> or call 703-228-4747. Program # 612311A

Meet at the Long Branch Nature Center amphitheater, 625 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, VA 22204.

FALL PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 9

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Help wildlife by growing native and support Long Branch Nature Center at the same time! Our plants are native, propagated right in our own gardens and they're inexpensive too! The sale will feature sun loving and butterfly attracting plants as well as a nice selection of spring bloomers, shade lovers, ferns, and a small offering of shrubs. Many new types will be available this year.

Raindate: Sunday, September 10. For information call 703-228-6535.

Fee per plant as marked; volume discounts available. Payment can be made by cash or check; sorry no credit cards.

No registration needed.

Meet at the Long Branch Nature Center amphitheater, 625 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, VA 22204.

Back To School - Town Hall Meeting

Sponsored by The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Arlington County

SATURDAY, September 9, 2006
10am to Noon
Arlington Mill Community Center
4975 Columbia Pike

- * LEARN ways to keep your children safer
- * DISCUSS safety issues with your community.
- * RECEIVE Free safety materials
- * SPEAK with local law enforcement, media, and others about how to keep your children safer.
- * LEARN how communities can get involved.
- * FREE children's giveaways and school supplies.
- * PICK UP valuable Internet safety information

" The Baby at the Maryes' "

Adaline Marye was born in 1903 in the big white house at Arlington Avenue and Fairfax Street. (Now 9th and Buchanan). She grew up here in Barcroft, eventually married a Robertson and then years later came back to live in her childhood home.

If you saw the Barcroft Players do the *Tales of Barcroft*, it was Barbara Swart's script resulting from stories that Adaline told her husband, Randy, about growing up in Barcroft. The Barcroft Players put on a special performance of *Tales of Barcroft* for Adaline's 100th birthday party at her retirement home. It was a memorable occasion. Adaline had reviewed the script and made several changes for historical accuracy.

We are sorry to say that Adaline passed away on August 9th at age 103 after a stroke about a week before. Her niece Polly said that she passed away peacefully. Polly had just traveled here from Texas in mid-July as she did each year to celebrate Adaline's birthday. Adaline was still sharp and remembered yet another story - this one about going to see Taft's inauguration as a child and seeing the outgoing Roosevelt (that's Teddy!).

In an almost Buddhist coincidence, Annie and Eric Harold, who live in Adaline's old house on Buchanan Street, had a new baby born in their home 2 days before Adaline's 103rd birthday. (You may already have met her as Annie's patriotically painted belly in the Fourth of July parade.) A 1903 edition of the Barcroft News notes, "Miss Kate Roberson was a caller upon Barcroft friends last week. She didn't miss the opportunity of seeing the baby at the Maryes'." The baby at the Maryes' was Adaline, born to Annie Marye. The new baby at the Marye's house is Adeline born to Annie Harold. So the circle of life goes on in Barcroft.



Barcroft School and Civic League
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9 Buyer Traps and How to Avoid

Them No matter which way you look at it, buying a home is a major investment. But for many homebuyers, it can be an even more expensive process than it needs to be since they fall prey to at least a few of the many common and costly mistakes which trap them into either:

- *paying too much for the home they want, or
- *losing their dream home to another buyer or,
- *(worse) buying the wrong home for their needs.

9 Buyer Traps

This important report discusses the 9 most common and costly homebuyer traps, how to identify them, and what you can do to avoid them:

1. Bidding Blind What price should you offer when you bid on a home? Is the seller's asking price too high, or does it represent a great deal. If you fail to research the market in order to understand what comparable homes are selling for, making your offer would be like bidding blind. Without this knowledge of market value, you could easily bid too much, or fail to make a competitive offer at all on an excellent value.

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