

Barcroft News

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President's Report

by *Pat Williamson*

Concerns about the condition of neighboring properties are often a great point of contention in a community. Arlington County Code Enforcement officers will present a brief presentation about how the Arlington County government staff responds to reports of code violations. They will answer our questions. They will present at the top of the meeting the Thursday, October 5, regular monthly meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League. Make sure you arrive at 7:30 to get the full report.

So many wonderful neighbors continue to make Barcroft the greatest place to live. It is scary to name names without just printing out the Membership Directory (by the way -- please pay your dues now if you haven't so you are on the roles!). As the summer was ending, Barcrofters resumed their work for all of us. Thanks especially in September to Peg

LeFebvre for starting a whole new year of Membership registration, Annie Harold for getting the Newsletter back in print, Noreen Atkinson and her wonderful hand deliverers for spreading the Newsletters among us, Heidi Wicker for organizing the debates for three local races, Eric Harold for moderating so fairly, and of course a big thanks to the candidates who were all so well spoken and good spirited it makes us realize how lucky we are this election year.

Get well wishes to newly elected Corresponding Secretary and long time neighbor, Susan Hunn. Susan's recovery from hip surgery mid-summer is not going well and she is still not back with us. Besides assuming this new position Susan is known to many as one of the forces behind the successful Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan instituted this year for Taylor Street. Godspeed your recovery Susan!

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To enter send an e-mail to editor@bscl.org or call 703 486 0879. Your address will be placed on a ballot available at the community house on Halloween.

Start your trick or treats at the Community House to pick up a spooky stoops ballot!

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Practical information about medical and legal documents
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Speaker: Karen Kucik, retired attorney

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Monday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Engaging Faiths: Relating to Our Muslim Neighbors in Today's World

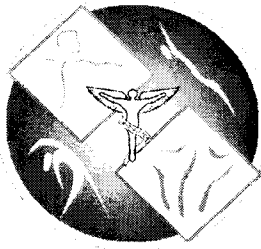
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for living in community in a polarized world.

*Speaker: Imam Mohamed Magid
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- Local Parks and Recreation
- Metro and Transportation Projects
- Community Infrastructure
- Utilities
- Arlington Public School Projects

The first bond listed may be of special interest to residents of Barcroft because a large portion (approximately 26 million dollars) has been included for the Arlington Mill Community Center.

The County is currently pursuing a public-private partnership to construct the new building. This partnership will create opportunities for residential, retail, and commercial components. The new community center will be a mixed-use facility which will continue to provide needed social services and current programming for preschool, elementary, teens, seniors and adults.

The new facility will serve a wider variety of needs, interests and income ranges and make available new opportunities for enhanced recreational and educational programs. It will include a new gymnasium to serve multiple purposes, a fitness room, multi-purpose rooms, landscaping, a plaza, and a link to the adjacent park along Four Mile Run stream.

Cycling Skills and Bicycle Maintenance

For Fall 2006, Arlington Adult Education is sponsoring adult cycling skills and bicycle maintenance classes taught by Allen Muchnick, a nationally certified League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Cycling Instructor and Arlington resident. Most classes will meet on weekday evenings from 6:30-9:30 PM.

To inquire about dates/times and to register, contact Arlington Adult Education (703-228-7200 or <http://www.arlingtonadulthood.org>)

For questions about the instruction, contact the instructor, Allen Muchnick, at muchnick@capaccess.org or 703-271-0895.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL NEWS

Barcroft Elementary School

Barcroft Elementary School fourth grader Jennifer Ramirez won second place in the Jamestown 2007 Commemorative Cachet Historic Art Contest on May 28.

More than 4,100 Virginia public, private and home-schooled students and teachers submitted designs for consideration depicting the story of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas.

Kenmore Middle School

Kenmore Middle School's beautiful auditorium was showcased this September as the venue for the concert, "Remember & Honor: Five Years after September 11".

The concert featured the Arlington Philharmonic. It was presented by the Arlington Public Library & the Master Chorale of Washington, D.C.

Wakefield High School

Wakefield High School junior Tyricia Blue was selected to serve as a delegate to the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities' 2006 Youth Leadership Forum (YLF).

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Organic Vegetable Garden Tour

Join Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia on Saturday, September 9th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., for a tour of the Organic Vegetable Demonstration Garden at Potomac Overlook Regional Park.

Taste samples of seasonal dishes prepared from vegetables in the garden: pesto sauce, bruschetta, grilled veggies, and more.

Learn about organic gardening techniques, including how to turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into rich compost for your garden. Presented in cooperation with the staff of Potomac Overlook Regional Park. The park is located at 2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, off North Military Road. Free and open to the public.

The granddaughter of Adaline Mayre Robertson contacted BSCL to share information on the memorial service. She noted that Adaline was always very proud and honored to be a member of the Barcroft School & Civic League.

Adaline Marye Robertson
Memorial Services

Saturday, October 21
11 :00 A.M.

Arlington Presbyterian Church
3507 Columbia Pike



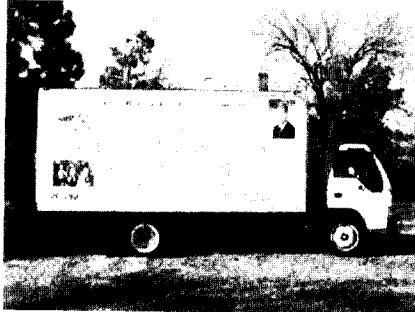
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The seminars will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library auditorium, 1015 N Quincy Street. Call 703-228-6417 for more information.

Talking to teens about money

October 2

Teach your teens to save and be responsible money managers.

Budget travel tips

October 10

Tips for saving money when traveling domestically and abroad.

The ABCs of Investing

October 17

Basics of investing in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.

Making the most of employee benefits

October 24

Learn how to take advantage of all the benefits and services available to you.

Small Steps to Health and Wealth Part I

November 8

Learn simple steps you can use to both trim your waste and your spending.

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November 15

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THE BULGARIANS ARE COMING IN OCTOBER

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.

Blessing of the Animals

St. John's Episcopal Church, 415 S. Lexington St. in Glencarlyn will hold a blessing of the animals service on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 5:00 p.m. in the church's side yard.

Every year, the church blesses animals on or near the feast of St. Francis, who loved ani-

mals and was not feared by them. All types of animals are welcome.

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Barcrofter Jane Duffy is part of a retreat team that is going in to Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women in mid-October.

Part of this ministry involves taking cookies in to the women. Since there are a lot (and there are a LOT) of women we need to take lots of cookies. Chocolate chip, peanut butter, or sugar cookie recipes are the most popular.

Cookies CANNOT contain NUTS, RAISINS, or FROSTING. They are needed no later than Oct 7. If anyone in the neighborhood likes to bake or just feels called to do this, it would be a great help and much appreciated.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Jane Duffy at 703-892-6015 or jim-jane@erols.com

Support a Great HS Band

WAKEFIELD HIGH WARRIORS BAND and ORCHESTRA will be delighting neighbors on an upcoming Fall weekend with a real OOMPAH of a Tag Day event.

Music students will canvas the neighborhood (band members in their stunning new uniforms!!) and let you know the upcoming music schedule and ask for a donation for trips to competitions where they win top prizes for Arlington County each year. Barcroft represents a HUGE percentage of the top musicians at Wakefield.

Please support.

Meet Us There on Oct. 5

Please join us for the next BSCL meeting on Thursday, October 5, 7:30pm at the Community House.

Arlington County Office of Code Enforcement staff members will be joining us to provide an overview of the Office of Code Enforcement's responsibilities and procedures and will be available to answer the community's questions regarding code enforcement.

Please join us to discuss your concerns and questions on this important topic affecting our neighborhood!

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Barcroft and Alcova Heights are joining with Barcroft Elementary PTA to sponsor a ghoulish Halloween Parade in Alcova Heights. Bring your proud children disguised in their costume or be a spectator, if you dare. Join the fun!



Saturday, October 28
3 PM

Look for details posted at Barcroft Elementary.

BSCL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thanks to those who have already sent in their dues for the new year, and for the contributions that were sent along with them - keep 'em coming!

THANK YOU, TOO— ANDREW HUNTER!
BARCROFT LOVES OUR 4th OF JULY PARADE
See next page.

Parade Memories and a Big Thank You

by Andrew Hunter

I remember 10 years ago when MaryAnne O'Rourke handed over the reins of parade organizer and said "It practically organizes itself...just a little running around the last two weeks" as she giggled and waved good luck!

My first parade, the 8th annual, was a blur. I remember the 9th as the biggest ever and one that almost overwhelmed the community. We had some major publicity leading up to the day with a large article in the Washington Post. We had a Space theme celebrating our place in space and the 4th of July landing of NASA's Pathfinder spacecraft on Mars. Neighborhood astronaut Guy Gardner was Grand Marshall. We made the NBC national news and even had a Moroccan TV news crew filming the event.

The 10th annual parade had our very own Barcroft elementary Principal Miriam Hughey Guy as Grand Marshall. The theme was built on where your ancestors come from. The Grand Marshall for the 11th annual parade was Ed Flynn, Arlington Police chief and Barcroft resident. For all parades since our Grand Marshall has been Bruce Nunally – our very own Uncle Sam. Bruce has become a regular feature on the Sun Gazette cover after July 4th.

Throughout the years we have had mimes, clowns, a variety of magicians, an acapella group (Chromatic), a teenage garage band (Lady in the Radiator), and Bulgarian Dancers entertain us in the community house. We have been blessed with the talent of the Cackley family, the Barbershop Quartet and other neighbors as we sang the National Anthem.

Part of the fun of the parade itself is not knowing what will turn up. We've seen a Chinese dragon, a space shuttle, the lawn mower brigade (who can ever forget the inverted parallelogram maneuver designed to impress the judging stand), Bulgarian dancers, the Barcroft marching band, the

fiddlers, an aerobic dance group, the lone bagpiper, the pregnant bellies, this year's flooded basement float, the Polynesian Princess carried by grass skirted men, and of course we remember old time Barcroft residents Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers as they rode in the back of a pickup. One year we almost had the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile. Oh well. One year we went the wrong way and ended up going down 9th street instead of 8th rd. It was stifling hot as the marchers went up and down the hill and walked the extra distance.

Yes, we have lots of memories of this simple event that "practically organizes itself". We have made it simple. We used to have gate prizes, fliers delivered to all houses, games on the grass, politicians and official guests that required thank you letter follow up. Now it is just a parade, a picnic and an act. Something that starts at 10:00 sharp and is all cleaned up by 12:30 as if nothing had occurred.

It is a simple wonder, this parade of ours. And I cannot thank everyone enough for their help. I want to thank Katharine Grace McGuire for joining me as co-organizer. I want to thank Arlington's Police and Fire Departments. I never feel the parade is really going to happen until I see the fire truck show up. Thanks to Rand Bass for the reviewing stand set up. Thanks to Scott Peterson and Alan Dickerson for cooking over a hot fire. Thanks to Bill Nehrke for the sound system and Delynn Perandri for the water containers. Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up. Thanks to Annie Harold for the newsletter and communications. Thanks to the National Guard color guard. Thanks to the Uncle Sam and his daughter for driving the Grand Marshall car. Thanks to the Women's club for their participation. Thanks to the Cackley family and their wonderful rendition of the National anthem. Thanks to all the parade participants and the judges. Thanks to Jack Turner for the signs and for organizing the Barcroft Marching Band.



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