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Barcroft News

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President's Report

by Heidi Wicker

As summer comes to a close, the Barcroft School & Civic League membership year is off with a bang!

At our next meeting, **Thursday, October 2, at 7:30p.m.** at the Community House (800 S. Buchanan), we will hear from candidates running for County Board and other offices at our Candidates' Forum. Come learn more about the candidates and their positions on the issues that matter to you.

At our last meeting, we met our new fire captain, Matthew Herbert. We learned the fire station that serves Barcroft is located at 500 S. Glebe Rd, and covers all up and down Columbia Pike, up to Rt. 50, and over to the Falls Church line.

Captain Herbert let us know that the fire department will be having an open house on **October 11, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at all Arlington County Fire Stations. This event is held in celebration of [Fire Prevention Week](#). All community

members are welcome to this free event, which kids might especially enjoy!

We also heard about the plans for development on the old Bob & Edith's diner site at Buchanan and Columbia Pike. Bob Eisenberg of Heritage Properties and his architect shared that they are planning a four-story building, with retail space on the first floor and three floors of apartments above. The building will be built according to the Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District Form Based Code, which is an optional development approval process for builders along the Pike designed to bring back the "Main Street" feel of the Pike.

Happy Fall, and see you on October 2!



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Contact **Kathy Kerr** 703-892-6458 editor@bscl.org

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2:00 pm-4:00 pm
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Beat the Election Lines on November 4th !

By Randy Swart

Did you know that anyone who works anywhere outside Arlington can vote in advance using an absentee ballot? No more worries in traffic jams! You can vote now--any time between September 22 and October 28. There are many other reasons to vote absentee too--illness, travel, military service, religious duties, pregnancy, disability, and trouble standing in lines are some of them. Call the election registrar at 703-228-3456 for details or see www.arlingtonva.us/vote for a clear and informative voting guide.

You can check your registration status on the Web site any time or by calling during business hours. You must do that and make any changes before October 6th if you moved since you last voted. You can verify then that your polling place has not changed. Some have.

Polls will be open from 6am to 7pm. There will be lines this time, with the longest early in the morning or late in the afternoon. The shortest lines will be in mid-afternoon.

On November 4 you will have a choice of the familiar electronic voting machines or a new one where you blacken circles on a paper ballot that is then scanned in. In Arlington you can be sure that either will

register your vote accurately.

The A-to-K and L-to-Z lines have been replaced with electronic poll books that work for any name. But we have a long ballot this year - President and Vice President, Senate, House of Representatives, County Board, School Board, a housing authority referendum and four County bond issues. Read up on them now or be a slow voter and easy prey for the politicians handing out literature as you go in.

Registered voters can work at the polls as an election official. The day is long, but you get paid! More officials are needed this year. See the Web site or call for info.

You might consider walking or riding your bicycle to the polls rather than driving, to get some exercise and support Arlington's "Car-Free Diet" campaign.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL NEWS

Barcroft School received the Governor's bronze award for best practices for nutrition and physical activity in August.

The Governor's Nutrition and Physical Activity award program promotes health and wellness in Virginia's public schools by encouraging good nutrition and increased physical activity which helps combat childhood obesity, hypertension, and other preventable diseases.

To be eligible for the award, schools had to:

- Provide a minimum of 30 minutes of daily recess that promotes physical activity;
- Create school and community-based fitness or nutrition nights;
- Allow only foods which meet minimum nutritional standards to be provided or sold during the school day;
- Sell only 100 percent fruit juice, water or low-fat milk.

Wakefield High School

"Tag Day" Oct. 4

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wakefield Band, Orchestra and Choral students will

visit door to door asking for contributions. Feel free to ask them for a song!

Last year the students raised \$8,700 — including \$1,600 from generous Barcrofters! This money went towards: attending the Disney World Music Festival, scholarships, marching band music, orchestra uniforms and accompanists for the chorus. This year's festival trip will be to Atlanta, GA.

If you are not home, the students will "Tag" your door with a Music Dept. brochure and a self-addressed envelope. If they miss your house, you can still send your tax deductible donation to: **WMPA, Roger Casey, Treasurer**
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Wakefield High Events

October 24th -7:00pm Cafeteria
Orchestra Concert 7:00pm - Especially suited for children who are encouraged to attend in their PJ's!

November 14th 7:30 - Auditorium
Marching Warriors in Concert - Missed a home game? Come and see their Fall show — and more!

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

with *Kathy Kerr*

Barcroft National Merit Scholar

Congratulations to high school senior, **Leslie Bull**, who is one of 17 Arlington students recognized as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Semifinalists are the highest scoring entrants in each state and represent less than one percent of the nation's seniors.

Leslie lives on 8th St. S with her mother, **Elizabeth**. Leslie attended Barcroft and Kenmore, and is currently a senior at Wakefield. She says she has really enjoyed all three schools.

She started in Kindergarten at Barcroft. She almost skipped 1st grade but instead, Principal **Miram Hughy-Guy** went out of her way to arrange for Leslie to have part of her day with the first graders and part with the 2nd graders. Ms. Hughy-Guy made sure that the two classrooms were close together so that Leslie could easily walk back and forth. She also made special arrangements for Leslie's lunch schedule. After that year, Leslie stayed with her age group, but her teachers gave her harder work and extra challenges.

At Kenmore, Leslie appreciated a program called "Act 2." This allowed her to take some electives after school. During the school day, her course load was just too heavy to allow time for electives such as art and "tech ed."

Leslie says if she had to do it all over again, and could choose between attending Wakefield, Washington-Lee or Thomas Jefferson high schools, she would choose Wakefield. She has really enjoyed going there. She describes the students as: "Everyone from everywhere." She loves the way that Wakefield strongly encourages all students to take advanced placement classes and provides support to help students succeed. She has taken at least one Advanced Placement class each year starting in 9th grade.

These days Leslie is being recruited by a lot of colleges and universities. She says she now gets more mail each day than her mother!

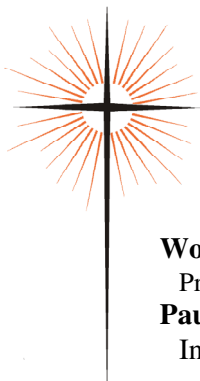
Barcrofter Singer

Barcrofter Carl Costanzo is a longtime member of The Arlington Chapter of the Barber-shop Harmony Society. He will be singing bass as they present an a cappella barbershop harmony performance at the NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd., 2 PM, Saturday, November 1. The Arlingtones Barber-shop Chorus and Chapter quartets will perform. The featured quartet is "FRiDAYS!", who recently participated in the annual Mid-Atlantic District quartet competition in Wildwood, NJ. Free garage parking-entrance off N. Taylor St. Tickets: Door-\$12 / Advance-\$10. Info: 703-521-9331
www.thearlingtones.com

Carl and his wife, Lisa, of S. George Mason Drive, are original owners of their home purchased in 1968. In 1970, Carl went to a shopping area called "Parkington" (now known as Ballston!) He heard a chorus singing in the barbershop, so he stopped to listen. He thought it would be a lot of fun to try that. He sat in the barber's chair to audition — and has been having fun singing ever since!

Today the group has 26 members and three active quartets. Rehearsals are at Gunston Middle School. They do a number of performances each year. Two years ago his quartet sang the National Anthem at the BSCL 4th of July parade and then provided more singing inside the Community House. The group has rented the BSCL Community House a number of times for their "After Glow" party following concerts.

Carl has retired three times, first from the Navy, then from the government, and then from work as consultant. When asked about interesting Barcroft memories, he recalled the time a house was moved from S. Taylor Street to 902 S. George Mason Drive. The house was on the land owned by Our Saviour Lutheran Church. It was jacked up, loaded onto a flatbed tractor and then was carefully set on a new foundation where it still sits today!



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10/31, 6:30 p.m. Community Halloween party



All The Latest in Arlington Recycling

Bottles and Plastic

Currently, the County's residential curbside recycling program accepts only narrow-necked plastic containers that are stamped with a number 1 or 2 – basically, bottles. However, now residents can also recycle their bottle caps by leaving them on the bottle.

As of July 1, 2008, Arlington began accepting plastics numbered 1 through 7 only at the County's two recycling 'drop-off' centers. These plastics include yogurt cups, deli containers, clamshell containers, margarine tubs, and flower pots.

By Spring 2009, all plastic containers numbered 1 through 7 will be recycled at the curbside. Questions? Call 703-228-7866 or email vhurdle@arlingtonva.us

Recycling Other Items

E-CARE (Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event) October 11, 2008
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 South Old Glebe Road.

E-CARE is an event held twice a year where Arlington residents can **safely dispose of household hazardous materials, or recycle bikes, small metal items, electronic equipment, shoes, eyeglasses, and durable medical equipment.**

In addition, compost bins will be for sale. For more information, please visit: www.arlingtonva.us/des

A Letter to the Editor: *Stolen Signs*

To the Editor:

They're back! It's election time again and the local Barcroft PC enforcers are out in full force. Yes, our local heroes are once again taking down yard signs displayed on personal property.

These signs express what apparently is a blasphemous position around here -- support for a Republican candidate. In this particular instance the Republican candidate for President. Yes, my McCain sign just got ripped off a few days ago. Sadly, this happens nearly every election cycle in Barcroft these days.

Perhaps years of one party control in the area have left some of the local party hacks bored with nothing better to do. Perhaps they're concerned that any independent expression of opinion might threaten their grip on the lemmings in the area and hence they need to destroy all evidence of another point of view.

Whatever the case may be, as far as I know, freedom of expression is still a right, even in the People's Republic of Arlington. Make sure the party faithful get the memo!

Most sincerely,
Kirt Johnson



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Short Sale- when a home owner owes more than the home is worth and is in a hardship situation financially where a sale must happen (loss of job, divorce, etc.). Just because a seller WANTS to sell does not mean the lender(s) will approve, and a hardship must be demonstrated and documented. Short sales are successful about 50% of the time.

Foreclosure - once a homeowner is behind 3 to 4 payments (typically), a Notice of Default is filed by the lender. Often an owner already has the home on the market as a short sale, and the lender runs out of patience.

REO - Real estate owned properties (*also commonly called bank owned properties*) If a foreclosure property does not sell, it may be auctioned off (e.g., a trustee's sale). If it is not bought at the auction then the house becomes an asset owned by the bank and is listed for sale by the bank on the open market.

As a buyer looking for a "great deal" in a REO or short sale- there are some things to keep in mind. REO properties present the greatest buying opportunity. Typically, when you make an offer to a bank on a REO property you can expect to receive a counter offer. Sometimes it will be much higher than expected, but banks do this to show investors (note holders of the property) that they are attempting to get top dollar for the property. All REO properties are sold "AS-IS" and no repairs will be made, there will be no disclosures and in some cases the homes are not in great condition. The same can be said about short sales. Call me for more details and advice if you are looking for a great bargain in the local market!

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