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# Barcroft News

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## May President's Report

*By Bryant Monroe*

BSCL thanks **Captain Michelle R. Nuneville** (Commander Arlington County Police Department Operations Division - District 3) and **Officer Bryan Morrison** for joining us at the April BSCL meeting. They gave a very helpful update on crime, and it was good to learn that Barcroft continues to be a safe place to live. That said, larceny involving thefts from our cars is still an issue.

We ended this discussion by passing a resolution that urges the County Board to pass a budget that supports maintaining the current community policing and the three district teams into the future. These include Capt Nuneville and her staff. It was good to learn that the Civic Federation (of Arlington's neighborhoods) also voted to ask the County to restore these proposed budget cuts.

We have important business to conduct at our **meeting on May 6 @ 7:30 PM**. As noted in recent newsletters, the BSCL Executive Committee has focused on renovations at the Barcroft Community House. We are proposing completion of **Phase 3 of the renovations** with focus on the ceiling and lighting. This would create a more pleasing interior for neighbor use and to help us improve rentals of this great

facility. Rental fees go a long way towards paying the basic maintenance/operational costs. The committee will present the options and request a vote to authorize funding to proceed with bids and completing the work.

There are several approaches being considered, and this discussion will help you understand the evolution of this neighborhood gem, and how we will add our efforts to this community legacy. We will also discuss the fund raising effort needed to keep up our solid record of tending to this historic landmark.

Many thanks to **Christine Scullion** for her work on Community House rentals. This is an important, complicated and time consuming task, and we appreciate her dedication. Thanks to **Barbara Swart** who has now taken over this volunteer position.

As an aside, one of the perks of being a member of the BSCL is a discount on the Community House fees for your event!



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**The Barcroft Community Playgroup** 9:30-11:30am Friday mornings at the Community House. Contact Jenny Ditta [chrisnjenny4@comcast.net](mailto:chrisnjenny4@comcast.net) or Julie Smith [jds342000@gmail.com](mailto:jds342000@gmail.com) or just stop by!

**Wanted:****Stories and ideas for the Barcroft News**

Contact Kathy Kerr 703-892-6458 or email [kathykerr@gmail.com](mailto:kathykerr@gmail.com). Do you have an interesting neighbor she should interview? Are you interesting yourself??

## Around Town

**Columbia Pike Farmers Market** continues each Sunday through November. Check out the fresh produce from local Farmers **every Sunday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** in Pike Park, at the corner of S. Walter Reed Dr. and Columbia Pike.

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## Around the Neighborhood

### Barcroft Remembers Two Longtime Neighbors

Barcroft recently lost two longtime neighbors—Dorothy Chambers and Bill Clark.

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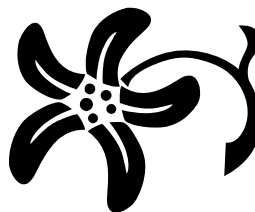
**Dorothy Chambers**, age 93, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 4. A native Washingtonian, she graduated as the Valedictorian from Eastern High School in 1935. Actually at that time she could not be the official valedictorian because she was female. A male valedictorian was also selected and he received a scholarship. Mrs. Chambers was preceded in death in 1997 by her husband Doug, known for his gardening and skills as a "fix-it" guy. They had 3 children: Doug, Jeanne and Rita. Doug is still here in Arlington. Jeanne lives in Chicago and Rita is in Boca Raton. Mrs. Chambers had four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was especially excited that one of the great grandbabies has red hair as her own hair was red.

Back in 1939, two families, purchased land side by side on what is now S. Abingdon St. The Chambers built a home on their land. Their dear friends, the Howards, didn't build on their land until 1951. During World War II, the Chambers used

the Howard's land for a big Victory Garden. They also maintained chickens and chicken coops in the woods behind their house. Around that time, homes were being built over on the farmland behind them which is now known as Arlington Forest. The Chambers provided drinking water for those builders. Current next door neighbors, **Elaine Squeri and Ron French**, now live in the home built by the Howards.

Mrs. Chambers has many longtime friends, especially members of the "K Klub", a friendship of Barcroft women that has lasted for almost 70 years. The "klub" consisted of a maximum of 25 women at any given time on Abingdon, 3rd, 4th, and 5th streets and Pershing Drive. The "K" stands for Keen (meaning sharp intellect). *Stay tuned for more about the K Klub in a future issue of the Barcroft News.*

Mrs. Chambers is remembered as a beautiful woman with high cheekbones who loved to dance and who enjoyed walking around the neighborhood. She loved to bake, sew clothes for the children and read lots of mystery novels.



## Around the Neighborhood

**William "Bill" Clark** passed away on April 1 at age 97. He was a lifelong resident of Arlington. He lived for many years on 3rd St. S. He retired after 35 years of service with PEPCO and was a lifelong member of Masonic Columbia Lodge #285. He also celebrated 80 years as a volunteer fireman with Arlington County Company #1.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Clark. They have one son, William M. Clark, Jr.; and a grandson, Timothy. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law Susie Beers Clark who helped care for him.

**It's never too late to renew your BSCL membership - or join if you are not yet a member.**

**Dues are just \$5 per adult.**

**Drop off at the Community House or mail to:**

**Gary Lefebvre, BSCL Treasurer  
812 S. George Mason Dr.**

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### RECYCLING QUESTIONS:

**Q: If plastic bags have to be placed together in a bag, does paper also have to be in something?**

A: All paper can be mixed with the other recycled items. It just helps to have the plastic bags stay all together in a bag.

**Q: What about plastic clamshell boxes that have a recycling symbol imprinted on them (triangle with a number in it)?**

A: Clamshell boxes are too thin to be recycled at this time. It's possible they can be recycled in the future.

## Barcroft Elementary

### Lots of Fun and Lots of Testing!

Throughout the first week in May, the Barcroft PTA will hold its annual **Staff Appreciation Week**. Barcroft's teachers and staff can look forward to a week of pampering and special treats as a way of thanking them for all of their wonderful work!

The annual **Spring Concert** will be held at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Scheduled performers include the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus, the school band, the orchestra, and Spanish chorus.

May is a key month for **Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders**. Testing continues from May 18 through June 2 in reading, history, science, math, and Virginia studies. All testing is now done online. One grade and one content area will be tested each day. The Barcroft PTA will support the students with healthy morning snacks and special yoga exercise sessions. Wish the students good luck; they should be well-prepared!

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Barcroft will host a **Kindergarten Open House** for prospective students and parents from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All are welcome to visit the school and see the Kindergarten classes in action!

Friday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m., the Barcroft PTA will host its monthly **Family Fitness Night, Kickball Bonanza**.

Sunday, May 23 at 7:30 a.m., Barcroft's own **Girls on the Run** 13-girl team will be running in the *New Balance Girls on the Run* 5K race to be held at George Mason University.

Barcroft will also host its **annual Asian/Pacific American Heritage Night**. The evening promises to be fun for all with a special Taste of Asia food sampler, and exciting performances and entertainment. All are welcome to attend! To learn more about the date and time for this special night and other scheduled events, please check out Barcroft's online calendar on its website at [www.apsva.us/barcroft/](http://www.apsva.us/barcroft/)

## Wakefield High School

For the third year, the Booster Club and the Education Foundation sponsored a golf tournament fundraiser. Held on April 30, this year's honorary chair was Wakefield Hall of Fame member, **Douglas H. Wheeler**, President Emeritus of the Washington Performing Arts Society. All money raised goes to support student activities and provides college grants and scholarships.

Participants enjoyed a great day of golf at the Fairfax National Golf Club in Centerville. The event was a 4-person scramble with contests such as a Longest Drive, Putting and a "Beat the Pro" on a par three hole. The day ended with a dinner, awards and a Silent Auction.



## Wakefield High School

### Spring Musical

# Godspell

**April 30, May 1, May 7-8**

**7:00 pm**

**Wakefield Auditorium**

**Tickets available at the door.**

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Arlington Public Schools Superintendent **Dr. Pat Murphy** named Wakefield social studies and history teacher **Colette Fraley** as 2010 APS Teacher of the Year.

Fraley, who is in her ninth year at Wakefield, has a bachelor's degree in both history and journalism from Marshall University. After a career in journalism, she decided to change careers and become a teacher. A National Board Certified teacher, she is currently the Wakefield social studies department chair. She says: "The kids and their questions are my favorite part of teaching and if I can get them a little more interested in the subject or develop their interest, that makes it worth it."

Fraley will serve as Arlington's nominee for the 2010 Virginia Teacher of the Year, and is one of 21 metropolitan D.C. area teachers who will be honored on May 11 at The Washington Post as part of the annual Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards sponsored by The Post Company's Educational Foundation.

In April, the Wakefield band, orchestra and chorus students traveled to Chicago to compete in the Heritage Festival against ensembles from the US and Canada.

Results were:

- Symphonic Band -- Silver/Excellent
- Jazz Band -- Bronze/Good
- Concert Chorus -- Silver/Excellent
- Orchestra -- Gold/Superior (one of only two schools to receive a Gold rating) and they have been invited to play at next year's Festival of Gold.

Out of the 6 "Maestro" awards, two were from Wakefield.

While in Chicago, the group took in a performance of the Blue Man Group, toured the Sears Tower and enjoyed an awards ceremony at Medieval Times.



### 2nd Annual Wakefield Night for the Arts Scholarship Benefit

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## 4th of July Parade Memories by Andrew Hunter

As **Katherine McGuire** and I gear up to organize another 4th of July parade, I can't help but think back over the years when I innocently started my job as "Parade Chairman for life".

It was 13 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 in 1996, the 8<sup>th</sup> annual, was a blur. The next year I vowed to do it up right. I remember the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July landing of NASA's Pathfinder spacecraft on Mars. My street got together and made a papier mache space shuttle the size of a car and pulled it on a trailer. Needless to say we won best float award that year. Afterwards we donated the float to Ms. Black's science class at Barcroft. Neighborhood astronaut **Guy Gardner** was Grand Marshall and he dressed up in his flight suit. We got lots of his official astronaut photos and he spent hours signing them for neighbors. We made the NBC national news and even had a Moroccan TV news crew filming the event.

The 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> annual parade was **Ed Flynn**, Arlington Police chief and Barcroft resident. For all parades since, our Grand Mar-

shall has been **Bruce Nunally** – our very own Uncle Sam. Bruce has become a regular feature on the Sun Gazette cover after July 4<sup>th</sup>. With his natural white beard and tall stature, he looks just like Uncle Sam!

Throughout the years we have had mimes, clowns, a variety of magicians, the Great Zucchini, an accapella group (Chromatics), a teenage garage band (Lady in the Radiator), the lady unicycle juggler, and Bulgarian Dancers entertain us in the community house. One of my favorite moments is to hear the National Anthem sung. We have been blessed with the talent of the **Cackley family**, the Barbershop Quartet, a Wakefield HS quartet and others who share their voice.

We have had a few challenges over the years. I remember when we realized that the parade fell on a Sunday and at that time the community house hosted a religious service. The parade falls again on a Sunday this year and I do apologize for those, me included, who make a choice between parade and church. Another year we had to work around the Community House renovations. One year the police escort went the wrong way and the parade ended up going down 9<sup>th</sup> street instead of 8<sup>th</sup> rd. It was stifling hot as the marchers went up and down the hill and walked the extra distance. I don't remember a rainy Fourth, but even if it rains the parade will go on!

**Editor's Note:** *The first Barcroft 4th of July Parade was in 1989. It was the inspiration of dynamic neighbor, **Ann Noll**. Ann passed away on July 4th, 1998.*

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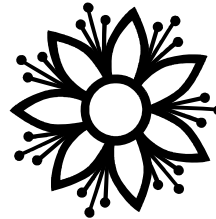
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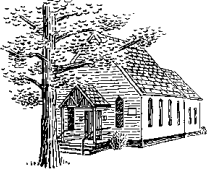
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