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All Golden Eggs Found at the 2013 BSCL Easter Egg Hunt

By Julie Rotherham

The 2013 BSCL Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 30 at the Barcroft Community House. Families gathered at 10 a.m. to meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy breakfast treats on one of the warmest Spring mornings of the year.

The first hunt was at 10:15 a.m. for children aged 0-3. Parents and kids hunted for eggs

stuffed with Spring themed foam stickers. Cameras flashed as the



youngest kids gathered

and smiled as the Easter Bunny hopped around to help.

At the stroke of 10:30 a.m., the hunt was on for kids ages 4 and up. The colorful toy-filled eggs were found in about ten minutes.

But, the hunt was only beginning for the elusive Golden Eggs, one of which was not found last year until the fall. This year, five Golden Eggs were cleverly hidden by Wendy Jordan and Jennifer Bowers and 2013 will go down as



one of the most challenging years in hunt history. It took at least 65 minutes for the Golden Eggs to be found by the 30 children who searched high and low. One by one the Golden Eggs were found and presented to the Easter Bunny for a special

reward of a chocolate bunny.

Thanks go out to all who helped with this year's event. If you have any questions or want to volunteer next year please e-mail Julie Rotherham at jllrother



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Monthly Happenings

President's Report by Pat Williamson

The Springtime beauty of Barcroft is remarkable. What a glorious place to live. Thank you to everyone who helps this neighborhood be so wonderful.

The May 2 regular monthly meeting features our annual election of BSCL officers. We hope many neighbors will show their support for our candidates by coming to the meeting and voting. Candidates are:

President: *Eric Harold*

Vice President: *Chris Kupczyk*

Treasurer: *Jennifer Lis*

Recording Secretary: *Randy Swart*

Executive Committee Member: *Michael Behringer*

Executive Committee Member: *Keith Fred*

Thanks to brand new neighbor Brian Hefner who stepped forward to tackle the Newsletter Advertising Manager job.

Additionally our May meeting program includes a presentation of the County's design for improving our trail connection from 7th Street to the W&OD trail. County staff will explain the various elements of the design including ADA compliance and stormwater management. Guests include Sena Wijesinha and engineers who will discuss the elements of the design that were dictated by ADA requirements, etc. After hearing the presentation we will take a vote on whether or not to approve it for a Neighborhood Conservation program funding decision in June. Send in your dues. Voting is limited to dues paying members of BSCL! ●

A Look at Trolley Debate by Barcroft Teens

By Markarius and Inge Nealis

On April 4, my sister and I went to a debate about the Columbia Pike trolley at Barcroft Community House. In this meeting people spoke about their views on the trolley. These are the results.

PROS:

1. The trolley would bring much needed business to the Pike. As the community grows, more stores will be needed to support the rapidly growing community.

2. The trolley would help reduce pollution on one of Northern Virginia's most traveled roads. This means since the trolley will be affordable more people would take the trolley in lieu of their personal vehicles. Also the trolley would run on electricity — not gas — so it would replace the bus with a smoother ride and a more eco-friendly ride, too.

3. Since the trolley would need room on the sides of the road wider sidewalks would be needed. This would encourage more people to walk or bike and actually stop and look at what the Pike has to offer.

4. The trolley would fit in with Arlington's older buildings and attract more tourists.

CONS:

1. Some believe that the trolley would raise housing rates so high that Arlington's wide variety of ethnicities would greatly be reduced.

2. The trolley would slow the traffic flow down too much with the trolley taking up so much room in the road.

3. While a streetcar would be great, a quarter of a billion dollars would be needed. Most would be funded by the three counties (Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax) supporting the trolley.

In our opinion we think that the trolley would help small businesses on the Pike flourish, while creating a healthier life style for us all. The main things that the trolley would provide for everyone is a healthier lifestyle. What do you value your health at? •

PLANTS, HERBS, SHRUBS FOR SALE

A sale of native plants, herbs, sun- and shade-loving perennials, tropicals, ferns, shrubs, trees and annuals will be held on Sunday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden, 300 South Kensington St., Arlington. "Rain or shine." Proceeds from the event support maintenance of the Garden.

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Flavors of the Season: For Mother's Day

*By Kari Hickman,
virtualgoodyplate.blogspot.com*

Last year for Mother's Day, I made a big dinner and several desserts for a big family celebration. This year, I don't mind cooking again, but I want my daughters (ages 3, 6 and 8) to make dessert. Their specialty? French Yogurt Cake. This cake is simple to make - you just use the empty yogurt cartons to measure! But it is also sophisticated and delicious. If you are a Mom, have a Mom, or know a Mom, you could make her this cake for Mother's Day. Or better yet, have your kids do it.

Gâteau au Yaourt

(French Yogurt Cake)

2 six-ounce containers plain (or vanilla) whole-milk yogurt (use the empty containers to measure the other ingredients)

2 eggs

2 containers sugar

1 tsp vanilla

Just under 1 container vegetable oil

4 containers flour

1 1/2 tsp baking powder

Crème fraîche, for serving (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 375. Grease a 9-inch round cake pan or a loaf pan.



2. Gently combine the yogurt, eggs, sugar, vanilla and oil. In a separate bowl, mix the flour and baking powder. Add the dry ingredients to the wet; mix gently until ingredients are just combined (don't overmix.) You can add 2 containers frozen berries, a container of chocolate chips, or any flavoring you like. Bake for 45 minutes, then 5 to 10 minutes more if the cake doesn't pass the knife test. It should be almost crispy on the outside, but springy on the inside. Let it cool. Serve with tea or hot chocolate and a dollop of • crème fraîche.



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New Polar Bear Club for Barcroft Elementary School

By Susan and Elizabeth Rotherham

You won't have to jump in freezing cold water to join this new club, but we are two first-graders at Barcroft Elementary

School who want to help bears that do like cold water. We are the co-founders of a new Barcroft Elementary Polar Bear Club. We

founded this club to learn about polar bears and the dangers of global warming in the bear's home. Our club will learn about the environment and how we can do things in our neighborhood to help. We also want to raise money for Polar Bears International, a group that helps polar bears.



Susan and Elizabeth Rotherham with Miriam Hughey-Guy, Principal of Barcroft Elementary School.

We became worried about the extinction of polar bears when we read books about the issue when we were five years old. We went to our principal, Mrs. Miriam Hughey-Guy to ask to form a club. Our goal is to save polar bears and to help our school and community to be more environmental. Our club's first meeting is Monday, April 22. We want to thank our principal and school for being so helpful. ●

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Volunteer Orientation for Arlington County Reserve Corps

Orientation for new volunteers with the Arlington County Medical Reserve Corps will be held May 15, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 800 S. Walter Reed Drive.

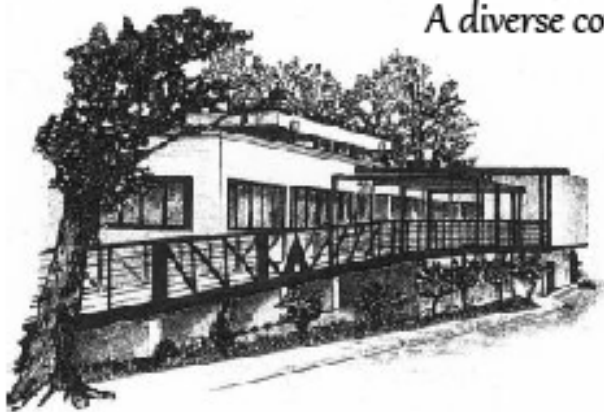
The Arlington County MRC was established in 2003 to increase the capacity and capability of Arlington County to respond to large-scale, local public health emergencies and support ongoing public health outreach programs. Both medical and non-medical professionals with a wide variety of experience and skills are welcome, and membership is open to anyone over 18 years of age who works and/or

lives in Arlington County. New volunteers are required to attend a two-hour orientation session and should be able/willing to assist the public health division staff in the event of a true emergency, as well as participate in occasional public health outreach projects. Training is provided on a variety of topics including emergency medication dispensing clinic operations, personal and family preparedness, basic epidemiology, and Psychological First Aid. For more information, please contact Juliette Marchioli, MRC Coordinator, at 703-228-4986 or jma-

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Running for Turtles

**By Cliff Fairweather,
Naturalist, Long Branch Nature Center**

Turtle and run are not two words you hear put in the same sentence very often but we are looking for folks to run for turtles on May 18 at Bluemont Park. That's when we hold the Turtle Trot 5K race for adults and kids, with the proceeds going to our reptile rehabilitation program. Long Branch Nature Center is the only facility in Northern Virginia that provides rehabilitation for sick and injured turtles and other reptiles.

Reptiles face a wide variety of threats in our busy urban communities. A road full of cars, buses and trucks creates a rolling gauntlet for any turtle needing to cross to the other side and many are injured or killed in the attempt. Rats, raccoons and dogs prey on young turtles and can even injure adults, nipping off feet or gouging shells. Bird mesh used to protect plants can entangle and slice into the bodies of snakes.

Every year, caring people bring us about forty sick or injured turtles and smaller number of snakes for rehabilitation. Naturalist Rachael Tolman, our licensed rehabilitator, diagnoses and treats their afflictions and then we provide them with food, water and shelter until they are ready to go back to their wild lives. I have seen some horrifically injured turtles come through our door that Rachael's skills, the

compassionate care of our volunteers, and a turtle's natural toughness have overcome.

All this care incurs expenses for medicines, food and supplies and that's where the Turtle Trot 5K comes in, with registration fees helping to cover much of these costs. The registration fee is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. You can register in advance online at Active.com or on the day of the run on a space-available basis. We'll also have activities for kids and a real turtle race after the people run.

The race is chip-timed and is on a certified course. Here are the rest of the details: Turtle Trot 5K, Saturday, May 18, 2013. Check-in and on-site registration starts at 9 a.m. Race starts at 10 a.m. Lower Bluemont Park, 329 N. Manchester St.

Come out and run for the turtles! ●

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The People in Barcroft: The Oliphant Family

Compiled by Lisa Piantanida

1. *Names of your family members:*

Marc, Sarah, Joseph (7), Abigail (2),
Anna (4 months.)

2. *Where do you live?*

The fantastic tucked-away 1st Street
South.

3. *How long have you lived in Barcroft?*

We have only lived here for a couple
months--we moved in mid-January.

4. *A fun fact about the Oliphant family:*

We grew dozens of pie pumpkins in
our garden last fall and hope to have another
great garden this year at our new home.

5. *What do you love about Barcroft?*

Everyone has been so friendly! And we
love the fact that there are thirty children just
on our street! ●



Women's Club of Arlington Sponsors Community Event

On Saturday, May 18, 2013, the
Women's Club of Arlington (WCA) will sponsor
a bake sale and paper-shredding fund raising
event from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The paper-shredding will be from 9:30
to 11:30 a.m. only. The shredding truck will
accept all paper, checkbooks, etc. There is no
limit on the amount of paper. Please remove
large metal spring-clips and 3-ring binders.
Regular size paper clips and staples are accept-
able. A donation is requested for the paper
shredding, which will benefit the charities
sponsored by the WCA (Wakefield scholarship,
ASPAN and AFAC).

The Lions Club Sight and Hearing Van
will also be present conducting free sight, glau-
coma, hearing and blood pressure screenings.
Spanish speaking volunteers will be available.
Bring your used eyeglasses for recycling.

Arlington's Master Gardeners will have
a help desk to answer gardening questions.
Bring a sick plant and get a diagnosis. Learn
about seed starting, soil testing and more.

All events take place in the WCA's
parking lot at South 8th and Buchanan Streets.
If you have questions, call 703-553-5800 or
visit www.womansclubarlington.org/. ●

S'Mores and Campfires for the Whole Family

Four campfire-based programs are being offered by two local nature centers during May for adults and children, and all serve up a side of s'mores in the great outdoors along with education about nature. Registration is \$5 per person for each program. Whole families are welcome, children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Silly Songs and Stories Campfire will be held Saturday, May 4, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center. This program will

be filled with entertaining activities, including stories, special animal guests, games and songs. Information: 703-228-6535.

Three campfires will be held at Gulf Branch Nature Center. **Froggy Campfire** will be on Saturday, May 11, from 6 to 7 p.m. **Hawks and Falcons Campfire** is scheduled on Saturday, May. 18, 7 to 8 p.m. **Snakes are Super Campfire** will be held Friday, May. 24, from 7 to 8 p.m. To register and for more information, call 703-228-3403. •

Spring Tea - Saturday, May 11

1:00-3:00 p.m.

A tea reminiscent of High Tea in Britain - complete with a buffet of fine teas, scones, sandwiches, and scrumptious desserts.

Celebrate Mother's Day Weekend

Introduce your children to dressing up, fine manners and adult etiquette in a fun and tasty way.

\$25 for adults, \$35 for an adult and child, \$5 for each additional child

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Barcroft Lawns: Resident starting new lawn care company. Mowing and mulching to planting and pruning. Contact BarcroftLawns@gmail.com.

Pet Sitter + Mothers Helper: Emma Monroe, a 12 ½ year old. For more info, call 703-271-0944 or 703-919-3069.

Babysitter + Pet-sitter: Mia Field, 15.5 year old Wakefield sophomore, eager to sit. References. 703-946-7188 or mia.e.field@gmail.com

Alexandra's Babysitting: Teen available nights and weekends. 703-892-6712

Rebekah's Pet Care: (Walking, feeding) 703-521-8756.

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Baby-sitter + Pet-sitter + Vacation Help: 8th grader, Tyler LaPointe, 571-244-7555 or tylerchanlapointe@gmail.com

Babysitter: Rebecca Bean is Red Cross Certified. Call 571-344-4134 or beccab50@gmail.com

Tutor: Senior at Wakefield, I can tutor math (middle school to calculus), physics, and French. Bou at 703-909-5057 or aboutdia9@gmail.com

Violin Teacher/Math Tutor: High school senior/musician, teaching beginner and intermediate violin. Also tutoring elementary/middle school math. Contact Austin at (571) 244-8102.

Vacation Help: Responsible teen to water plants, bring in mail, care for pets, mow lawn: Dylan Vega, 703-271-5987, dylanrvega@gmail.com

Baby items, books, toys, household items: needed for Even Start Program at Barcroft. Kathleen Costar, kathleen_costar@apsva.us

Barcroft Community Playgroup: 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Friday mornings at the Community House. Contact Katherine Kandies at katherine-novello@hotmail.com for information.

A Bird in the Binoculars...

Spring migration is well underway and the woods around Glencarlyn Park are a local hot spot for these long distance fliers. The Spring Migrants for Beginners walk on Saturday, May 4 from 8 to 10 a.m. is intended for new birders and others interested in getting a start on learning spring migrants. Information: 703-228-6535. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center. \$5 fee upon registration. ●



Barcroft School and Civic League
800 South Buchanan Street
Arlington, VA 22204

Market Update – The Median sale price in the Washington DC Metro Region is **8.0% higher than this time last year**, and the highest March median price in five years. The low inventory of active listings continues to put upward pressure on prices around the region. Single-family detached homes led all property segments in median price growth, up 12.0% from March 2012, a gain of \$50,000. The median sale price for townhomes is up 10.6% from last March, an increase of \$35,000. The median price for condos rose 3.4%, a gain of \$9,050. Arlington County's average sold price for all home styles increased 7.13% to \$597,172 in March 2013 compared to \$557,420 last year. **Low inventory continues across the region in March 2013.** There were 6,289 active listings in the DC Metro Region, down 40% from 2012. Arlington County had 275 active listings a -49.36% change from 2012.

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