



Barcroft News

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BSCL Needs Your Help

By Chris Kupczyk

The BSCL (Barcroft School and Civic League) has two volunteer slots that we need to fill. First, we are still seeking a Recording Secretary who can attend our monthly meetings and prepare minutes for distribution to the chat list and web site. This is a BSCL officer position that would require a vote of approval at an upcoming meeting. The present term of office would run through May 2017 with the option of running again at the annual election.

Second, we are in need of a new webmaster. Daniel Weir has been serving as our interim webmaster since last spring and has overseen the latest revamp of the site. The webmaster would work with the officers and board in posting content to the site, including

the continuing migration of archived content from the old BSCL site. You need not be a web developer, although some basic familiarity with uploading content would be helpful.

Please let me know if you'd be interested in either of these positions. •

Are You On the Barcroft Chat List?

Do you want to keep up on all the latest happenings in the Barcroft neighborhood? You need to be on the community chat list.

Signing up is easy. Just go to the BSCL website (bscl.org) and navigate to "About Barcroft." A "Chat List" link is on the right side of the page. •

Next Community Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., Barcroft Community House

Topic: Updating BSCL Bylaws



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President's Message

By Chris Kupczyk

Last fall, I convened a committee -- consisting of Dedra Curteman, Keith Fred, Eric Harold, Randy Swart, and myself -- to review the BSCL bylaws, which were last updated in 1991. At our February 2 meeting, we will present our recommendations for revising the bylaws. Some of the changes we are recommending are relatively minor (such as removing outdated references to telegrams). However, we also are recommending streamlining the types of memberships we offer, the way we handle proxy votes, and the time of year we begin collecting dues. We will circulate a draft of the proposed changes prior to the meeting via the chat list and will have copies on hand at the meeting. Any changes to our bylaws require a vote by the active membership. We encourage you to attend and be a part of this important discussion.

Looking ahead, a member of Rep. Don Beyer's staff will be with us in March. In April, we are looking into a joint meeting with Douglas Park and Alcova Heights to meet with the developer who will be building the apartments, grocery store, and public square at the present Food Star site. We learned recently that construction is slated to begin in June, and this meeting will cover the scheduling, parking, and traffic challenges that we'll need to endure in the short term while the work is going on. Stay tuned for more on that. •

Barcroft Elementary Update for February

By Jennifer Weber, PTA Secretary

2017 is off to a great start at Barcroft Elementary School. Congratulations to Ms. Tawanna Taylor (formerly Betts) and Ms. Anette Levano who are the Barcroft nominations for Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the year, respectively. They both give so much to the school and our students!

We are also thrilled to welcome Dr. Judith Concha to the Barcroft family. Dr. Concha is the new Assistant Principal and started at Barcroft on January 9.

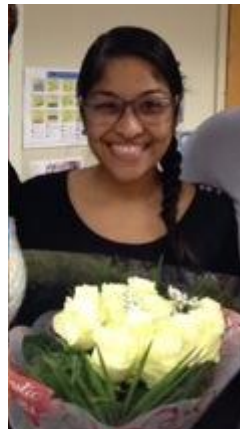
January is also the Attendance Bowl at Barcroft. Classrooms are competing for perfect attendance and classes with the best attendance will be celebrated. Indi-

vidual students with zero unexcused absences and tardies will win prizes.

To help our students arrive safely, Barcroft has started a Walking School Bus. A Walking Bus is a group of students and adult volunteers who walk together to school. The bus makes stops at specific places and times to pick up students. To make the walking bus

a success, we need adult volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Anette Levano at 703-228-8106 or Ms. Elizabeth LeRoy at 703-228-8116.

We hope you will join us for the rescheduled Barcroft (Spring) Snowball Stride 5K on March 11, 2017. ●



Ms. Taylor, Barcroft Teacher of the Year (left) and Ms. Levano, Barcroft Support Staff of the Year (right).



KIDS and FAMILY VALENTINE MAKING PARTY

Do you want to create some personal valentines for special people in your life?
Join in the fun at St. John's Church on Sunday, February 12 from 2:30 - 4 pm
There will be lots of material as well as snacks to keep creative juices flowing. **FREE!**

Children 8 and under will need to be accompanied by an adult.
For more info contact familyprograms@stjohnsarlingtonva.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship Services 8 am and 10 am	Sunday Christian Education Adults 9 am - Youth 10 am
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Woman's Club Presentations for February

By Cherie Lejeune

The Woman's Club of Arlington will be presenting several events in February in honor of Black History Month.

On February 6 at 1 p.m. Sandy Newton will present: "Sewers, Spinners, and Knitters of Mount Vernon," based on her extensive research of George Washington's work ledgers. She will also demonstrate on her loom and spinning wheel techniques of that period.

On February 9 at 7 p.m. Dr. Alfred O.

Taylor, author, retired District of Columbia University Dean and longtime Arlington community advocate, will present on Arlington's earliest black settlement, Nauck, covering its unique history, present demographics and projects for its future.

The Woman's Club is located at 700 South Buchanan Street, Arlington, VA 22204. Parking is available, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact womensclubarlington@gmail.com. •



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Arlington Civic Federation 101

By Christopher J. Hoh

If you are like me two years ago, the Arlington Civic Federation barely appears on your radar, if at all. Then Randy Swart asked if I'd be interested in the lead responsibility to represent our neighborhood in this venerable citizens forum. Now a year and a half in the role, I thought I'd report here occasionally about the goings-on.

The Arlington Civic Federation (ACF) seeks to promote the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner. Besides neighborhood associations like our Barcroft School and Civic League, member organizations include groups such as the Taxpayers Association, Civic Coalition for Minority Affairs, Friends of Arlington Parks, Opera NOVA and Women's Club. Each mem-

ber organization may name up to four delegates and three alternates.

ACF considers issues of public interest, providing a channel for community advocacy to the County Board, School Board, their staffs and others. Recent meetings have addressed short-term rentals, medical marijuana, predatory towing, and scholarships for children of first responders, in addition to holding wide-ranging discussions with officials and staff. The next regular session (first Tuesday of the month) features floodplains and storm water on the agenda, as well as tax and zoning issues.

You can find out lots more at www.civfed.org. The public is welcome to attend and, time permitting, to speak. This organization marked its 100th anniversary in 2016, so this really is time for ACF 101! •

Classic Play from The Arlington Players

The Arlington Players present *The Lion in Winter*, a modern day classic, weaving a tale of family rivalry, adultery, and shifting alliances. This dramatic comedy tells the story of the Plantagenet family who are locked in a free-for-all of competing ambitions to inherit a kingdom. Performances of *The Lion in Winter* are set for weekends, January 27 through February 11, at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 1255 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22204.

The curtain rises on Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. Join us after the February 5 matinee for a post-show discussion with the cast and production team to learn more about the process of putting together the show. The Arlington Players are pleased to announce the February 4 performance will be ASL interpreted. For more information and tickets, visit www.thearlingtonplayers.org. •

Presentations From Master Gardeners

The following free public education events are being offered by Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia in February, 2017.

Sustainable Landscaping 1: The DIY Sustainable Yard will be offered on Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m. to noon at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street, Arlington, 22206. The first in a new Sustainable Landscaping Series, this interactive class will provide participants with ideas to be used now to create an easy-to-care-for and environmentally sustainable yard or common area. We will include case studies and a site design exercise to present best practices for landscape planning and preparation, assessing sustainable landscape materials, and techniques for energy and water conservation. Ideal for homeowners, property managers, and those interested in promoting sustainable land stewardship practices.

Vegetable Gardening: Planning and Preparation is offered on Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street, Arlington, 22206. For the beginning gardener, we will review garden requirements and discuss easy-to-implement practices for selecting the best site and evaluating and improving your soil. We will focus on what plants work best in our area and techniques for growing plants from seed, planting seeds directly into the soil, and transplanting new seedlings. Included will be an introduction to succession planting

to get you on your way to maximizing your harvest!

Wintertime Pruning and Why It is the Best Time to Prune (some) Plants is offered on Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m. to noon, or Saturday, February 25, 1 to 3 p.m. (Note that class is offered twice). The class meets outside, in front of 965 North Longfellow Street, Arlington, VA 22205. Come for some hands-on training on the proper way to prune hedges, evergreen and deciduous shrubs, and dead-head perennials. You will be shown how to remove large limbs from trees safely, and how to thin and prune fruit and other trees to create bushier growth. Bring your own tools, and remember to dress for the weather! The entire class is held outdoors.

These classes are open to all, and posted at <https://mgnv.org/events/mgnv-events/>. All the classes are free, but advance registration is requested at mgnv.org.

Note to All: While our plant clinics at the Farmers' Markets and the Arlington Central Library have closed for the season, our Help Desk operates year-round. We welcome your garden-related questions, including those related to plant and insect identification. The Help Desk operates from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays at the Virginia Cooperative Extension office, 3308 South Stafford Street, Arlington 22206. Contact us at 703-228-6414 or mgarlalex@gmail.com, or drop by to speak with our Help Desk volunteers. ●

Six New Exhibitions at the Arlington Arts Center

Bundle up and come out to meet the curators and artists of the Arlington Arts Center winter exhibitions!

Join us Saturday, February 11, 6 to 9 p.m. to welcome the artists! We're kicking off 2017 with six exciting exhibitions. On the Main Level and Lower Levels you'll find our Curators Spotlight — a selection of four group exhibitions, each organized by an independent curator, and featuring the top contemporary artists in our region. Curators Kayleigh Bryant-Greenwell, Betsy Johnson, Katy Scarlett, and Ann Tarantino have been invited to each create a distinct group exhibition employing the themes of their choice.

Upstairs you'll find AAC Resident Artist

Pam Rogers' *Working the Ground*, a solo show featuring landscape and botanical forms inspired by her personal experiences.

And finally, in the Jenkins Community Gallery on the Lower Level, we're presenting *Tales Told: Bookmaking and Illustration* featuring work by students in our fall classes! These students focused on book-arts last year, and we're excited to present this multi-generational exhibition!

Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Monday and Tuesday. The Arlington Arts Center is located at 3550 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201. •

“Flight of Fancy” Chamber Music Presentation

IBIS Chamber Music returns to the concert series at Arlington's Rock Spring Church on February 12 at 4 p.m. with “Flight of Fancy,” a collection of music for the exotic combination of harp, flute, clarinet and string quartet. The program includes dazzling music by Ravel, including IBIS's original arrangement of the *Mother Goose Suite* and the Introduction and Allegro, the joyous *Jeux D'Enfants* by Bizet, a gorgeous work by Canadian Marjan Mozetich *Flights of Angels*, and the lyrical and lighthearted *Rhapsodie for Clarinet*.

And calling all kids! The previous day,

February 11 at 10:30 a.m. IBIS presents “Flights of Fancy” just for kids! Our young audience can meet the harp, flute, clarinet and members of the string family up close and personal, and hear Ravel's beautiful *Mother Goose Suite* with storytelling and gorgeous storybook illustrations. This 45 minute program is free and is most appropriate for kids 5 and up, but all are welcome. Both concerts are at Rock Spring Congregational Church of Christ, 5010 Little Falls Road, Arlington. More information is available at www.ibischambermusic.org or (703)755-0960. •

Arlington Hospital Center Programs

Arlington Hospital Center has announced its Healthy Aging Lecture Series for Winter-Spring 2017. The lectures are held at the Carlin Springs Campus at 601 South Carlin Springs Road, Arlington, VA 22204. The time for each is from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Participants are asked to RSVP for each event at 703-558-6859, or to contact the same number for further information.

On February 17 “Benefits of Alternative Therapies” with Brenda Teal, Teal Center will be presented. Alternative therapies focus on the mind, body and spirit, and can alleviate some of the symptoms of diseases and chronic pain, as well as lessen the side effects of some treatments, like chemotherapy. The advantages of these therapies will be discussed, and some of the treatments such as bodywork and acupuncture to relieve pain, reduce stress, improve performance, and enhance your overall health will be highlighted.

“Living with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)” with Dr. Christopher Wyckoff, Pulmonary and Medical Associates of Northern Virginia will be presented on March 24. As the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S., COPD needs to be understood and diagnosed early. The many ways to live with this lung disease will be discussed as well as strategies to slow its progression and live a long, higher quality life.

On April 28 “VA 2-1-1 Access to Health

and Human Services Resources” with Mary Ellen Hutcherson, VA 2-1-1 will be presented. 2-1-1 is a confidential Virginia Department of Social Services phone number which connects you with free information on available community services. When you dial 2-1-1, a trained professional listens to your situation and suggests sources of help using one of the largest databases of health and human services in Virginia. This seminar outlines the various services offered and the best way to use this valuable service.

Other special events for Spring 2017 include “Fall Prevention Workshop,” on Friday, April 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Join us for a panel discussion addressing factors that can contribute to a fall. Tips will include adjustments to your lifestyle and home modifications. Answers to the question: Why do you feel more ‘off balance’ as you age? Then we will discuss what can be done to help avoid falls, and most importantly, what to do if you fall.

Ongoing wellness programs include “Walk-Fit” at Fashion Center at Pentagon City Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Walk at your own pace in a safe and friendly environment. Walking helps with a stronger heart, better blood circulation, stronger muscles and joints, and increased bone density. Group stretch and cool down led by hospital staff outside Nordstrom. •

Child Development Workshops Offered

Registration is open for "Your Child's Development 2017." This 9th annual free fair for Arlington parents and caregivers of children aged 0-5 years old includes resources and information from several County agencies and community organizations. This year's workshops (presented in English with Spanish interpretation) are "Nurturing Positive Parent-Child/Adult-Child Relationships," and "Helping Children Handle Stress and Trauma."

Come for all or part of the event. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The fair will be held Saturday, Febru-

ary 25, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 South Carlin Springs Road, Arlington 22204

Please register in advance — online at www.arlingtonresourcefair.com, by e-mail at tsfooster@arlingtonva.us or by phone at 703-228-1630

The fair is presented by the Arlington Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council, which is comprised of several Arlington County agencies, Arlington Public Schools' offices, local community organizations, and Arlington parents. •

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Tree Steward Training Starts in February

Want to protect and promote our urban tree canopy? Become a volunteer Tree Steward.

The next training starts Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Fairlington Community Center. Registration is now open.

Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria are volunteers who take the lead within their communities to enhance a sustainable urban forest through volunteer activities and public education programs. Our volunteer activities include:

- Planting, pruning, mulching and watering of street, park and school trees.
- Staffing informational booths at farmers' markets and local festivals, in conjunction with Virginia Cooperative Extension



leading neighborhood Tree Walks and speaking at community gatherings.

- Advocating for trees wherever and whenever needed.

Learn more at www.treestewards.org.

Preschool Registration Opens

Registration for the 2017 - 2018 school year with the Creative Preschoolers Program offered by Arlington Parks and Recreation begins February 2 for current families and February 9 for new Arlington families. Half-day preschooler programs are designed to provide children ages 3 to 5 with their first social group experience outside the home. Emphasis is placed on experiencing being part of a group, cooperating, listening, sharing, developing play and movement, and discovering nature. Learn more at <https://parks.arlingtonva.us/programs/tots/creative-preschool-program/>.



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rates. Email kevinsmedia118@gmail.com or text/call 703-919-7605.

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I WANT YOU



To Write For BARCROFT NEWS

Let yourself be recruited for the fun and rewarding duty of contributing to your local community newsletter. Stories about current events, changes in the neighborhood, local history and useful information and tips are all welcome. Fascinate your neighbors with reviews of nearby restaurants, seasonal recipes or observations about the world around us. If you are a photography buff, send in a current shot that you think others will find interesting, but be aware that it will be printed in black and white. Not sure if your idea will work? Call the editor, Alyssa Ford Morel at 703-907-9318 to discuss.

A page will fill up with 400 to 425 words, so articles shouldn't be too long. Send them as a Word attachment, and for good measure, cut and paste them into the body of your email just in case there's problems opening the document. Email to editor@bscl.org by the 15th of each month.



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Today's buyers are young, educated and diverse.

The typical home buyer is in their mid to late 30s or early 40s, college educated (75%), seeking a single-family house (83%). 63% are married, 23% are single, and 10% households of unmarried partners. Millennials, ages 18-34 comprise 42% of all home buyers. Generation X (ages 35-49) - 31%. Baby Boomers (ages 50-64) - 16%. The Silent Generation (ages 65-75) - 10%.

Half of today's home buyers are under the age of 36, and 47% are first time buyers (37% are also considering renting). Repeat buyers have a median age of 42. On average buyers take 4.2 months to search and only 46% get the first home on which they make an offer. Not all Millennials are urban dwellers, as 47% of Millennial homeowners live in the suburbs.

Millennial buyers comprise 42% of all home buyers today. Nearly as many buyers find an agent online (26%) as they do from personal referrals (33%).

When choosing an agent, buyers and sellers of all generations share their top priority: a gut sense that the agent is trustworthy and responsive to their needs (84% buyers and 82% sellers).

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