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Delegate Hope Outlines Priorities to Civic Federation

By Christopher J. Hoh

Your Arlington County Civic Federation met October 3 and with a look to the upcoming elections. The candidate forum included Patrick Hope, Barcroft's delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, along with other unopposed candidates from nearby districts, Mark Levine and Rip Sullivan. Asked for three priorities, Hope named the transit occupancy tax, first responder scholarships and health care access. He noted that visitors to Arlington spend an estimated three billion dollars, with occupancy tax providing over \$90 million in revenue to the county and nearly \$5 million to the state. So he is working to make it permanent. The scholarships he advocates in Richmond would provide a five percent discount to eligible students. Regarding health care, he

emphasized the importance of insurance for Virginians who are one accident or illness away from financial ruin. Video of the whole session is available via www.civfed.org; it illustrates the variety of issues coming up in the assembly session.

The rest of the meeting covered technical and housekeeping issues. An expert panel addressed approximately 15 percent of county spending beyond the initial budget that is subject to allocation later in the year. In addition, discussion covered changes in registration, by-laws, insurance and budgeting to update the organization's legal status and to provide liability protection. As a result, more dues or fundraising may be needed in future years, but Federation reserves are sufficient to cover deficits from 2016-17 and 2017-18.

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Next Community Meeting

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

Topic: Northern Virginia Conservation Trust



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President's Message

By Chris Siple

We're very fortunate to live in a residential community with stately oaks and other trees providing shade for us and habitat for wildlife. We border on a park that rewards visitors with a pleasant walk by picturesque Four Mile Run. It's hard to believe that the US Capitol is only ten minutes away by car. Foxes are now well established here, and deer are increasingly seen. The occasional hawk swoops in for dinner, and a woodpecker may decide to confuse your gutter for a tree limb and give you a wakeup call. Goldfinches perch on your coneflowers, hummingbirds feed on your hibiscus, chipmunks scamper across your lawn, and of course those annoying squirrels are everywhere you don't want them. (I didn't say it was all positive.) There are psychological rewards to the relationship we have with nature in Barcroft.

The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust will be giving a presentation at our next meeting (November 2) at the Community House surrounded by its wonderfully verdant grounds to discuss the recent Bio-blightz conducted in Arlington to record species diversity, to answer questions about the plants, animals, and geology of our area, and to suggest ways of preserving our environment for ourselves and future generations. I'm sure it will be interesting. Whether or not you can come, I hope you will long enjoy the green space all around us. •

Education Theatre Company Comes to Barcroft

By Phil Cackley

Come join the party and support the Educational Theatre Company, an Arlington arts group, at the Barcroft Community House, Saturday November 4 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The fundraising event will feature live music, a silent auction, children's activities such as face-painting, desserts and a cash bar. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (under 18). Tickets can be obtained on-line by going to the group's website, www.educationaltheatrecompany.org/, and clicking on the fundraiser link; or they can be purchased at the door.

ETC was founded 20 years ago with a mission of changing lives through immersion in the theatre arts. The group, which has its headquarters in south Arlington, partners with a variety of Arlington public schools and other organizations.

The November 4 event will feature music by Still Standing, a classic rock band.

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Finally, thanks in no small part to action by the Barcroft School and Civic League, a resolution moved forward that calls on Arlington to reach 100 percent renewable energy by 2035. The next meeting is November 14 and will likely take up this topic. Information on past and upcoming sessions is at www.civfed.org. •

The silent auction will include a variety of items, including local brewery donations and DC-area theatre tickets. If you have questions about ETC or the event, contact Barcroft resident Alicia Cackley, who is an ETC board member, at 703-271-9743. •

Woman's Club Events

On Saturday, November 4, The Woman's Club of Arlington will host their annual bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. There will be 22 vendors, a raffle, and bake sale. All are welcome. The club is located at 700 South Buchanan Street. Proceeds pay for scholarships and contributions to non-profits.

On November 6 at 1 p.m., the Club will sponsor a program presented by the owners of Arlington business "Livin' the Pie Life." These two Arlington moms will discuss their start up and what its like to own a bakery in Arlington.

For more information, contact Sandy Newton at 703-231-5844 . •

Barcroft Tee Shirts

Barcroft has a Teeshirt Committee started to replenish Barcroft Teeshirts. There could be a competition for the best new Design. Watch for details to come soon.

Committee Members include Diane Dorius, Carol Harvey, Michael Nazaretz, and Elaine Squeri. •

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Barcroft Elementary Update

By Meg Neill, PTA

In October, Barcroft Elementary enjoyed some fun fall activities like the annual Sleep-fauxver—a movie and pajama night at the school; and a Halloween parade through the neighborhood.

Now it's time to get ready for the annual Barcroft Elementary 5K - Snowball Stride! The first time we ever did this race, it sold out and for good reason. It was fun and healthy and for a good cause—supporting our neighborhood school! Work off those Thanksgiving pounds by running or walking with us.

The date is December 2, 2017, 9 a.m.

Starting at Barcroft Elementary school and running on the W&OD Trail and back, this race will have excitement, costumes, prizes, and maybe a little snow. Who's to say??? We don't know what the weather will be like, but we know it will be a lot of fun.

Registration link is <https://www.dcroadrners.org/sign-up/barcroft-5k>
The cost for adults is \$25, and the cost for kids is \$15. Barcroft t-shirts and magnets will be available to purchase at the race. •

The Secrets of Arlington Hall

By Carol Harvey

What started as a quiet girls academy across George Mason Drive from Barcroft became a top secret Government site for cracking enemy codes. Learn more at the November meeting of the Arlington Historical Society when author Liz Mundy reveals a hidden army of female cryptographers whose strict vow of secrecy nearly erased their efforts from history. Mundy's research brings to life a riveting and vital story of courage, service, and scientific accomplishment in our own

neighborhood that profoundly affected the course of World War II.

Learn about the Code Girls of Arlington Hall at the next meeting of the Arlington Historical Society on November 9 at 7 p.m. The program is at the Marymount University Main Campus, Reinsch Library Auditorium. Go north on George Mason Drive, turn right onto Yorktown Boulevard, pass under Glebe Road, and turn left into the campus parking lot building, which puts you directly next to the library. ●

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Our October chapel offerings were designated for the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (ASPAN). A-SPAN provides life-sustaining services for Arlington's homeless. Our Savior partners with A-SPAN by preparing and packing 40 to 60 lunches on the fourth Monday of each month. On October 26, Our Savior School participated in its 8th Annual mini walk-a-thon to bring awareness to the problem of homelessness in Arlington and to raise funds for A-SPAN.

Our chapel offerings for the month of November will go to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Today, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) continues what Martin Luther began by translating a Bible storybook from English into more than 80 languages of the world. These books are given free of charge to children who want to hear more about Jesus. Just \$5 dollars gives a child a beautiful, full-colored Bible storybook in their own language.

Thank you to everyone who supports Our Savior Lutheran School through Giant, Safeway, and Harris Teeter grocery cards. We receive a check from each of these stores at the end of the school year thanks to you naming our school through their programs. We truly appreciate your kindness in thinking of us. If you haven't, consider linking your grocery cards to any school by visiting

the grocery store websites.

As we are about to celebrate Veteran's Day, we would like to thank all our U.S. veterans for their service and their dedication to keeping us safe. We truly can't thank you all enough for serving our country and its people.

Please join us at Our Savior Lutheran Church for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. We would love to have you come and worship with us as we thank our Lord for all he has given us. •

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Retired teacher available for occasional daytime babysitting. Need to go to the doctor, have lunch with a friend, or run errands? I can stay with your infant or youngster while you accomplish these things unencumbered. Please contact me tsaunders@hers.com or 202-779-5604.

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Morning Mows with Ethan Valencia: need a trim? Text Ethan Valencia at 703-254-9551 or email EthanAValencia@gmail.com. Also available for cat care.

Neighborhood Graduate Student: Available for pet sitting and dog walking, babysitting, odd jobs, housework, etc. Abby Fram, 703-477-7550; email: abbyfram94@aol.com.

Barcroft residents willing to cat or dog sit while you are away — overnight, a weekend or a week, just let us know your plans. Please contact tsaunders@hers.com or call 202-779-5604.

Bikes and 3D Printers: What do they have in common? You want your bike ready for fall and I want to earn money for a 3D printer! Offering a Quick Tune-up for \$30, Bike fitting for \$20 or Cleaning for \$20. Call or email me for more details or other services. Zach 703-380-6227 or robbets4@gmail.com.

Barcroft Resident Dog Walker: Hello neighbors! I have recently moved to Barcroft and have space available for new clients. I have 14 years experience running my own dog walking/pet sitting business in Washington, and am excited to begin in Arlington. Any and all pet services can be provided. Contact David McCreight at 202-413-9179 or thedoggiedaddy@yahoo.com. ●



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There is no doubt that the largest challenge in today's housing market is a lack of housing inventory for sale. This challenge throughout the country has been defined as an "overwhelming lack of supply," and even a "straight up inventory crisis." That leaves a tremendous opportunity for every homeowner, and if you can put your home on the market today, you are subject to far less competition than at any time in recent history. That will result in your home selling quickly and for the highest possible price. Data from RBI Intel show that median prices have gone up 4% in the mid-Atlantic region so far this year in all sectors of the market with huge appreciation occurring in the VA and MD suburbs. Prince Georges County had the most growth at 10% (median price at \$275K), Loudoun County is up 4.5% at \$462K, Fairfax County is up 3.7% to \$500K, Montgomery County is up 3.7% to \$425K, Arlington County up 1.8% to \$575K, and Alexandria City is flat at \$500K.

Average days on the market for all areas has dropped, showing more buyer confidence. Mortgage rates are around 4% and may move higher later this year.

Per MRIS data, Barcroft has had 24 properties close year to date, with an average sales price of \$804,941 and an average of 41 days on the market.

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