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Barcroft News

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Local Restaurant Receives Human Rights Award

By Karen Darnier

“Check out my neighborhood. You will see a café called Café Sazon. They have really good empanadas.”

This child’s review is posted inside Café Sazon, on a hand-drawn map of Columbia Pike, near South Buchanan Street in the Barcroft area,...***our neighborhood***. Another poster in this restaurant welcomes all of us with the Spanish/English texts *Todos son bienvenidos aqui* — Everyone is welcome here. I knew it was a special and welcoming place the first time, and it shouldn’t be a secret.



Our neighbor Daniel Weir had alerted us in November that Café Sazon was getting an award. On December 14, Café Sazon was honored by the Arlington County Human Rights Commission with one of the James B.

Hunter Human Rights Awards. Many of us in Barcroft know it’s a deserved recognition, and now many more in Arlington know.

The late Jim Hunter was a community activist who recruited many of us for various organizations and nonprofits and made it painless and rewarding for Arlingtonians. Jim, with his wife Patty (a school li-

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Next Community Meeting

Thursday, February 1, 7:30 p.m., Barcroft Community House

Topic: Update on 7th Street Connector with W&OD



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President's Message

By Chris Siple

Safety is an important consideration in any season. But winter seems to present the most challenges. Ice has been a frequent hazard for drivers, pedestrians, and even residents who go out to retrieve their newspapers. The cold may inspire some to try to keep pipes unfrozen with heat sources that could cause fires. Space heaters can ignite fires and some types can emit odorless but toxic carbon monoxide. So grab that handrail before you go down the steps, drive carefully, and take precautions with heat sources. Neighbors with mobility issues might need a hand too.

Stay safe! •

Make Your Voice Heard!

Every month **you** have the opportunity to communicate with your neighbors by submitting something to **Barcroft News**.



Email your stories, photos or ideas to the editor at editor@bscl.org by the 15th of the month — Yes, it's just that easy.

Barcroft Elementary School Winter Update

By Meg Neill, PTA

Barcroft Elementary got off to a cold and bumpy start the first week of 2018, with an early dismissal due to the freezing rain forecast, a delayed opening, a scheduled early release day, and a grading day with students out of school. After the Martin Luther King holiday, students got back to work!

The 4th grade winter concert, where students got to share their talents in chorus, world music and instrumental music, was January 17 (the 5th grade concert was in December). At this writing, the Barcroft community was looking forward to an author night on January 30, including a swap of donated used books. During the day, author Ursula Vernon, who wrote the popular Dragonbreath series, will meet with students. In the evening starting at 6:30, students and Arlington authors will share their writing and talk about

the publishing process. Confirmed authors are Lisa Cherkasky, Madelyn Rosenburg, Gary Kerton, and William Schwegart.

A couple of our December events, the Snowball Stride 5K and online auction, were great successes, raising money for student activities and grants to teachers for training and materials. Thanks to everyone in the Barcroft community who participated in these events! We're continuing to collect "Boxtops for Education," and we'd be grateful if you'd collect them and bring them by the school office. Be on the lookout for a Barcroft night at Chipotle in February.

If you'd like to keep up with what's happening at Barcroft, check out our Barcroft PTA Facebook page and follow our "official tweeter," librarian Jackie Pippins, on Twitter @BarcroftLibrary. •

Design Barcroft's Next Tee Shirt

By Elaine Squeri

Design a new Tee-shirt for Barcroft, drawing on Barcroft history, favorite Barcroft symbols, events, or buildings, an up-to-date map of the neighborhood or...imagine!

Join a friend to design it, have your family collaborate,...imagine! The due date is moved to March 1, 2018 and your design is to be delivered by post mail, by hand or by

email, to 216 South Abingdon Street or to elaineg.squeri639@gmail.com. Same email for any questions you may have!

The Tee-Shirt Committee is Diane Darius, Carol Harvey, Michael Nazaretz and Elaine Squeri. •



Award for Café Sazon, *continued*

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brarian), were volunteers for many concerns here. Eventually Jim was elected to the Arlington County Board and served until 1997 when he resigned because of illness. After his death 20 years ago, this award was created. Bottom line: Jim Hunter loved people!

Just a few years before, a young woman, Claudia, came from Bolivia to smooth the later entry of her mother, Eva, and her six year old sister Adriana.

In 2011, Claudia and Eva opened Café Sazon to begin fulfilling their vision of serving a diverse community with food from their countries, including Guatemala, Peru, El Salvador, Bolivia, Honduras, and of course, the USA. The younger daughter, Adriana shared during the award ceremony that her mom always taught them courage. Eva spoke to the

café's staff when it began, instilling in each the need to give back to their new country in their new jobs at the Café. I think Eva and her daughters like people too!

Adriana worked in the Teen Photo Project (one of my personal favorites), while in Arlington schools, and after college, she became a project manager. Her efforts organizing with and for the immigrant community are invaluable. As a result, Café Sazon has become a community meeting place.

Last year President Bill Clinton held several forums there to hear and discuss immigrant issues and concerns.

Please congratulate the founders and owners of Café Sazon when you order their beef soup or empanadas. I know Jim Hunter would be so proud. I am. ●

Women's Club Meeting Features Reenactors

The Woman's Club of Arlington is hosting FREED, a Civil War reenactors group, on Monday, February 5 at 1 p.m., to honor Black History month. FREED, founded in 2005 in association with D.C.'s African American Civil War Museum, focuses on resurrecting characters from the middle of the 19th century often overlooked in textbooks: black women. The group came together after a number

of like-minded women donned period dress at a museum event commemorating the establishment of the U.S. Bureau of Colored Troops during the Civil War.

All are welcome to attend. The Women's Club is located at 700 South Buchanan Street. More information is available by calling 703-522-5593. ●

Sing a Song of Love for Valentine's Day

Just in time to send to someone you love, singing Valentines are being offered in Arlington by two different groups: The Arlingtones, an a cappella close harmony chorus, and the award winning Potomac Harmony Chorus.

The Arlingtones, founded in 1957 as the Arlington, Virginia chapter of the Barber-shop Harmony Society, offer a quartet in your home, a restaurant or other setting. For

more information, contact Bob Paulson, President, at bslead@mac.com or 703-465-8211, or Tom Wiener, Music Director, at TomBariTones734@cox.net or 703-201-8335.

Phone Grams are offered by the Potomac Harmony Chorus. Quartets are available to sing two lively Valentunes on Wednesday, February 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$20 for two songs. Please call 703-764-3896 to schedule. •

When a Bird Looks at Your Yard, What Does It See?

As birds head down the Atlantic Flyway from their summer breeding grounds, some stop in Virginia to spend the winter, and others continue hundreds or even thousands of miles further south. Food and shelter are needed along the way, things that may be hard to come by as the birds pass over an increasingly urbanized area that contains a third of the human U.S. population.

Obviously, roads, buildings, and parking lots do not provide the necessities of life to birds. Less obvious is the sad fact that our country's largest 'crop' – turf grass – is also of minimal benefit to wildlife, as are the other popular landscaping plants which have been introduced from other continents.

We need not force the birds to look down on a food desert. We can provide what they need right on our own properties. By

planting a variety of native trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, and perennials, we can furnish the nutritious seeds, nuts, fruits, and berries that are needed to sustain the birds through all four seasons. Those same native plants sustain the insects that songbirds feed to their babies in the spring.

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Dues News: Time to Join or Renew Membership

By Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary

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Participate! Contribute! Join! See our application form provided with this newsletter.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary. •



St. John's Episcopal Church

Jan 27 Family Game Night - Hot chocolate and popcorn provided - **Free** - 7 - 9 pm

Feb 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Everyone is welcome - 6 - 7:30
Prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and free for children under 6.

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

Ashes to Go at Ballston Metro Station - 7:30 - 8:30 am & 5 - 6 pm
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes in church - noon & 7:30 pm

Sunday Worship Services
8 am and 10 am

Sunday Christian Education
Adults 9 am - Youth 10:00 am

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Fight Hunger by Gardening: Spring Kick-Off for AFAC

The Arlington Food Assistance Center's Plot Against Hunger program presents the 5th Annual Spring Garden Kick-off featuring speakers, knowledgeable practitioners, free seeds, and demonstrations of garden techniques. The kick-off is a great way to learn about how to start a garden for AFAC, how to donate produce to AFAC, and hear from community garden coordinators and others about lessons learned. This event will be at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4000 Lorcom Lane) on Saturday, February 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Learn about AFAC's Plot Against Hunger gardens and how to establish your own plot. Attend presentations by local experts on

seed starting, irrigation, lasagna and container gardening, transplanting, composting, irrigation, mulching, pest control, smart moves in the garden (taught by a physical therapist), and fruit tree pruning.

There will be exhibit tables on winter gardening, Northern Virginia Cooperative Extension, 4-H in the schools, Master Gardeners, edible landscapes, and others. Free vegetable and herb seeds are available for AFAC gardeners; containers for bagging donations, seed pots and trays.

Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome. For more information, visit the AFAC webpage: <https://afac.org/afac-events/afac-spring-garden-kick-off-2018/> •

Coffee With Arlington Neighborhood Village

Join Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV) at any of our Wednesday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Coffee and Conversation events. In February, we will be meeting at the Madison Community Center at 3829 North Stafford Street. We look forward to seeing new people at these events and introducing them to the fellowship of ANV. For more information on ANV, please visit www.arlnvil.org

These events are open to all. Bring your own coffee, learn about aging in place with Arlington Neighborhood Village, and hear one of these speakers. No RSVP needed.

February 7: Rachel Coates, Arlington Agency on Aging will provide an update on Arlington's services for seniors.

February 14: We will share our favorite love stories -- from books, movies and real life.

February 21: Carmen Pastor, President of Fuerza Contra Alzheimer's will discuss this national organization which is educating about Alzheimer's in the Hispanic community.

February 28: Author Toby McIntosh will highlight the New Deal murals located in the Clarendon Post Office and their artist, which are the subject of his latest book. •

Heart Health Talk

Hearts, Health and Happiness will be presented by Virginia Hospital Center's (VHC) Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Staff on February 23 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at VHC's Carlin Springs Campus, 601 South Carlin Springs Road, Arlington.

Please RSVP for the event. For more information, call Senior Health: at 703-558-6859 or email Gwendolyn Beck at gbeck@virginiahospitalcenter.com •



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Winter Greetings from OSLS

Congratulations to one of our 5th graders, Noah Haught, who was the winner of the National Geographic Geography Bee at our school. Noah answered the most questions of all of the student contestants and will now take a written exam to see if he qualifies for the championship to be held later this year at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia.

During the months of January through March, our school chapel offerings will go in support of Rise Against Hunger. This organization is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources. Rise Against Hunger meal packaging volunteers produce millions of nutritious meals annually that are then distributed to those around the world who are hungry due to both natural and man-made crises. We hope to raise enough to support Rise Against Hunger with our own meal packaging event later in the year. Imagine making over ten thousands meals! The great news is that each meal costs only 29 cents. That gives us a chance to help a lot of people in hunger.

We are looking forward to our annual celebration of Lutheran Schools Week in

early March and our celebration of Easter soon after.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our open house in January. We are accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year. The pre-kindergarten class meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until 1:30 p.m. We offer before and after school care. OSLS was established in 1952 and has been providing an affordable, quality Christian education ever since. With small classes, our dedicated teachers entirely devote themselves to our diverse student body. Check out our school website at osva.org. •

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Neighbor to Neighbor Listings

These listings are free to BSCL members, and run on a space-available basis. The listings run for three issues unless removal, renewal or update is requested. Email listings and renewals to editor@bscl.org.

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 thedoggedaddy@yahoo.com.

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.

Bikes and 3D Printers: What do they have in common? You want your bike ready for winter 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.

Private Drum Lessons in Barcroft: All ages/levels. Local musician offers instruction in Barcroft home studio on 3rd Street South. Unique, fully equipped studio with two full drum sets. Multiple styles--rock, jazz, classical, musical theatre. Complimentary 30-minute lesson/consultation. References provided. Email Mitchell at mitchbassmusic@gmail.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.

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How will the new tax law impact the real estate market?

Mortgage Interest - Homeowners can still deduct interest payments on mortgage indebtedness for their primary residence and up to one other residence not to exceed \$750,000. Interest paid on any mortgage acquired on or prior to 12/15/17 will remain deductible under the former \$1,000,000 limitation (\$500,000 if single or married filing separately). Starting in 2018 taxpayers will no longer be allowed to deduct interest payments on home equity loans.

State and Local Taxes (SALT) – In 2018, itemized deductions for property taxes and local income taxes are limited to a combined total of \$10,000. Overall, a small portion of homeowners may be affected with decreased tax write-offs, mostly those in the upper brackets above a \$900K price point, and the impact should be minimal.

Everyone must look at their overall tax situation and consult a CPA.

It is unlikely that home values in our local market will be adversely affected, as people who want to buy a home will still move forward with their plans to do so.

If you are in the market to buy or sell a home, get an expert on your side who can walk you through the entire process from start to finish—we can help! *Put our 33 years of experience to work for you!* Planning a move? I'll provide advice on how to optimize your situation!

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