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# Barcroft News

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## Volunteer Opportunity to Help Neighbors in Need

**By Teresa Saunders**

For over 25 years, various Barcroft residents have been involved in distributing food to needy neighbors. A group of volunteers handles the distribution of food from Food for Others, a non-profit based in Fairfax. We are currently in search of a few more volunteers.

Every Monday late afternoon (excluding holidays) one volunteer with a large SUV or van drives to the Food for Others warehouse near Route 50 and Prosperity to pick up the crates of food. This volunteer is joined by at least two others to bag the food, of-



ten in the driveway at the Barcroft Community House. The driver is then done with his/her shift while the other two baggers use their own cars to visit two sites very close to Barcroft to hand out the bags of food. Typically each job takes about 2 hours.

If you might be interested in joining us, we would love some extra help. We all

have busy schedules, and each week's volunteers are chosen on Sunday, after an e-mail asking about availability. If you are interested in volunteering or discussing this worthwhile volunteer opportunity, please call Teresa Saunders at 202-779-5604. •

### **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., On Zoom**

**Topic:** Rebecca Hunter on the School Bond Campaign

*Send an email to [zoom@bscl.org](mailto:zoom@bscl.org) to request an invitation to the meeting.*



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## President's Message

**By Deborah Wood**

As I write this on a hot, humid summer day, memories of the fantastical Halloween decorations that sprouted up around Barcroft last October make me shiver with anticipation. Who knows what phantoms lurk in the imaginations of Barcrofters, waiting to be revealed, muah-ha-ha??

On the more serious side, October is also the month when we get ready for the election at the beginning of November. In Virginia, we will be voting state-wide for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General. All of the seats in the House of Delegates are up for election. Barcroft is part of the 47th District, currently represented by Patrick Hope (D). In addition, we will be voting for one member of the County Board and one member of the School Board. Arlington has four bond referenda on the ballot: 1) Metro and Transportation; 2) Local Parks and Recreation; 3) Community Infrastructure; and 4) Arlington Public Schools. To see the questions being asked for each referendum, and an explanation of how the funds will be used, go to <https://budget.arlingtonva.us/bonds/bond-referenda/>.

At our meeting on October 7, Rebecca Hunter, a Barcroft resident and co-chair of the School Bond campaign, will provide an overview of the plans for the school bond, and answer questions.

I hope the school year is going well for students, parents, and teachers. ●

# Barcroft Elementary School Back in Person

**By Kelly Miller, PTA Member**

The Eagles of Barcroft Elementary School had a great first two weeks of school. The students are excited to be in the building learning and being back with their friends. In the weeks before school started, the teachers were treated to a catered breakfast from Good Company Donuts. We love our teachers and office staff.

The kids celebrated being back at Barcroft with a Back to School Picnic that featured a DJ and food trucks. Barcroft families

had a blast eating and dancing with their fellow Eagles.

Don't forget how you can support Barcroft Elementary in your everyday activities by linking your Harris Teeter cards and Amazon accounts. For the Harris Teeter accounts, we are School 4238. Your Amazon account is connected through Amazon Smiles where a small percentage of each purchase goes to Barcroft. This month the Eagles look forward to more learning, fun, and cooler weather! ●

## Newsletter Carriers Going Strong!

**By Theresa Schweser,  
Barcroft News Co-Publisher**

If you are reading this article, you have benefitted from your local volunteer



*Barcroft News* Carrier, who delivers our neighborhood's monthly 'rag' to your door. Currently reaching 819 households in Barcroft, the newsletter is delivered by 28 carriers — your neighbors!

Over the past two years a number of long-time volunteers retired from their carrier roles and others moved out of our neigh-

borhood. We want to recognize and offer our thanks to:

- Allison Bunting
- James Casey
- Tania Cholakova-Giozova
- Ken Edwards
- Heather and Scott Merritt

Barcroft carriers' ages span from early teens to oldsters, and their delivery routes range from seven households to as many as 46! Get to know your street's carrier — you'll see us 'out and about' at the end of every month delivering the news to your door! ●



# Virtual Education from Master Gardeners

The Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia are offering the following free public education programs in the Virtual Classroom in October 2021. RSVP online at <https://mgnv.org/events/> to receive the link to participate. Click on the event titles to RSVP for each event.

## **Information Night for Spring 2022 Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program**

*Wednesday, October 6, 7 to 8:30 p.m., online.*

Considering becoming an Extension Master Gardener? Come to Information Night and learn what EMGs do and the requirements of the volunteer training program. You will learn how to apply to the program and be able to ask recent graduates of our volunteer training program about their experience.

## **Native Flowers, Fruits and Foliage for Fall**

*Friday, October 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m., online.*

October marks a slowing down of the growing season, but there are still many native plants you might consider adding to your garden to introduce long-lasting blooms and colorful foliage to the fall landscape. Extension Master Gardener Elaine Mills will discuss over 40 plants native to the Mid-Atlantic region, including perennials, ground covers, vines, shrubs, and trees that will offer important support for local wildlife as well as beauty.

## **Native Trees: How to Select, Plant and Transplant**

*Friday, October 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m., online.*

A significant proportion of our area's urban tree canopy depends upon the efforts of

thousands of residents to care for mature trees and plant new ones on privately held properties from single family homes, to townhouses, to apartment complex shared greenspaces. Extension Master Gardeners Amy Crumpton and Alicia Martini will discuss best practices for caring for trees.

## **How to Care for Houseplants**

*Friday, October 22, 10 to 11:30 a.m., online.*

Interested in bringing your gardening hobby indoors or looking to add a little green to your space? Join Extension Master Gardener Interns Evin Morrison and Rebecca Secula to learn about getting plants to thrive in your home. ●



The logo for Lubber Run Farmers Market is circular with a green border. Inside the circle, the words "LUBBER RUN" are written in a curved path at the top, and "ARLINGTON, VA" is written at the bottom. In the center, there is a stylized illustration of a wheat stalk and a leafy plant. Below the circle, the words "farmers market" are written in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Underneath that, "EST. 2018" is written in a smaller font.

**Barcroft's local farmers market**

Barrett Elementary School  
4401 N. Henderson Road  
<https://lubberrunfarmersmarket.org/>  
Saturdays, April – November  
8 a.m. – 12 noon  
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# Bikes Accepted at E-CARE Event

Bikes for the World will once again be collecting unwanted bicycles, bike parts, and accessories at the Arlington County Environmental Collection & Recycling Event (ECARE). This local charity, founded by an Arlington resident, sorts, refurbishes, and distributes these items to charities locally and around the globe for productive use by those in need of affordable transport for access to work, school, and health care. 170,000 bicycles have been distributed to date.

A \$10/bike donation is suggested to

defray a share of shipping and handling. Bikes for the World is a 501 (c) (3) charity and provides a receipt for tax purposes.

ECARE location and hours: Saturday October 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1425 North Quincy Street, adjacent to I-66 and across the street from Washington-Liberty High School. The County will be simultaneously accepting household hazardous waste, obsolescent electronics, and scrap metal for recycling. <https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/events/fall-2021-e-care/>.

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If you are interested in selling or buying, please reach out to your Barcroft neighbor, Rick.

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By Transaction

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## **Barcrofter Loki Mulholland Books and Movies:**

His complete works available (save shipping costs!) and timely, especially the movies dealing with voting and institutional racism. Several kids books too. Call and come by: Joan Mulholland, 501 South Taylor Street, 703-979-4719. Pay by cash, check, or Venmo. Great for gifts. ●

## October Update from Our Savior Lutheran School

We are so thankful to have students again back in our school building to start the school year. We can't wait to see what the year brings!

At Our Savior, we have weekly chapel services. During the month of September, our chapel offerings went in support of Mission Experience. Mission Experience is a ministry whose heart is to share the love of Jesus wherever they have the opportunity. Their vision is to train and equip short term mission teams and send them into the world to impact the world for Christ. Presently, they run the Mission Experience Orphanage in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. Haiti is currently going through many political challenges, and Covid, of course, has also been another impact on Haiti's people. The pandemic has hit Haiti hard regarding work, food, and supplies. Mission Experience is working to provide for the ever-increasing needs of the people there. We want to join them in showering the people of Haiti with our love. For more

information on how you can help them, visit their website at <https://missionexperience.org/>.

The last full week of October, we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week at Our Savior. Red Ribbon Week is a week that is set aside to say no to drugs. During the week, our school will also be focusing on helping A-SPAN (now Path Forward), which stands for Arlington Street People's Association Network. Please check out A-SPAN's website at [www.a-span.org](http://www.a-span.org) to see how you can help A-SPAN fight homelessness in our neighborhoods. ●



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If you owned a home over the past year, you've seen your household wealth grow substantially, and you'll see another nice boost in 2022. If you're thinking of buying, consider buying now as prices are forecast to continue increasing into next year.

There are many gauges of U.S. home prices but the S&P Case-Shiller Indices is among the most closely followed. The index is made to accurately track the price path of a typical single-family home in each of the nine U.S. Census divisions. According to the most recent release, home prices are still increasing, and the gains can be seen almost everywhere. In their latest report, S&P Case-Shiller shows a National Home Price Index of an 18.6% increase in home price appreciation.

Prices have hit all-time highs everywhere according to Craig J. Lazzara, managing director and global head of index investment strategy at S&P. "The last several months have been extraordinary not only in the level of price gains, but in the consistency of gains across the country," Lazzara said. "Home prices in 19 of our 20 cities (all but Chicago) are at all-time highs.

Fortunately for home buyers, the number of homes for sale has begun to improve and should help slow the rate of price increases in coming months. According to realtor.com - 432,000 new listings hit the national housing market in August, an increase of 18,000 over last year. There will, however, still be a shortage of supply compared to demand in 2022. CoreLogic reveals: "Given the widespread demand and considering the number of standalone homes built during the past decade, the single-family market is estimated to be undersupplied by 4.35 million units by 2022." Yet, most forecasts call for home price appreciation to moderate in 2022. The Home Price Expectation Survey, a survey of over 100 economists, investment strategists, and housing market analysts, calls for a 5.12% appreciation level next year.

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