

BARCROFT NEWS

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NEXT MEETING: ISSUES FORUM ON TAXES,
TRANSPORTATION, AND ZONING

Thursday, May 4, 1978, 8 p.m.
Barcroft Community House, 8th and Buchanan
Streets. All Welcome!

Tax assessment notices have raised many questions for Barcroft residents. Several property owners have gone to the Courthouse to check on the reasons behind the changes in land evaluation. We will hear their reports on Thursday night. If possible, we will have a representative from the Tax Assessor's Office.

A site plan for the construction of 14 townhouses on the Smith tract has been filed with the Planning Division of the Department of Environmental Affairs. The Smith Tourist Home property is located at the corner of South Pershing Drive and the Route 50 Access Road. Al Copeland attended the Site Plan Review Committee Meeting on April 25th. Al has arranged for the project developer to attend our meeting and explain the site plan.

BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Business Meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League we will elect 1978-79 officers. The Nominating Committee will make its report and nominations from the floor will be appropriate. The five basic offices and one Director's position must be filled.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is the last newsletter of 1977-78. It has been a very busy and I hope successful civic year. The biggest accomplishment has been the improvement of the Community House through the shared use of the building with St. Paul's Church. We have also enrolled the largest membership in BSCL history. We can take pride in the spirit and interest shown by our members. Each meeting has brought new faces, and all meetings have had at least 25 members attending. Most meetings have had more participants.

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YOUR BARCROFT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PRES	Dick Melia	892-6891
V PRES	Susan Christopher	892-6265
REC SEC	Phyllis Kinsey	892-5962
CORR SEC	Bob Clark	979-5016
TREAS	Paulene Story	892-6888

Board of Directors: Dick Melia, Ira Belcher, Ann Noll, Donna Anderson & Susan Christopher.

Committee Chairpersons:

Membership:	Jim Clark	892-6331
Hospitality:	Donna Clark	979-5016
Bldg & Grnds:	Donna Anderson	892-5939

Delegates to Arlington Civic Federation: Ann Noll, Phyllis Kinsey, Al Copeland & Dick Melia

ARLINGTON-IN-TRANSITION II - SEMINAR/WORKSHOP

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce, The Arlington County Civic Federation, The League of Women Voters of Arlington, and the Arlington County Economic Development Commission cordially invite you to attend and participate in the Second Annual Transition Seminar/Workshop. The day long program will include speakers, presentations, and small group discussions on Arlington's economic future. The seminar will be held at the Sheraton National Motor Hotel, Columbia Pike and South Orme Street, starting at 8:30 a.m. on May 6, 1978. Cost is \$12.50 per person, luncheon included.

ARLINGTON ARTS CENTER

The Arts Center, located in the historic Matthew F. Maury School, 3550 Wilson Blvd., invites you to visit and learn of art opportunities available for Arlingtonians. The Arts Center invites community participation by focusing on the diversity of Arlington's ethnic and cultural heritage in its gallery shows, by its special events, and by offering classes in several disciplines to adults and children. The Center is open Tuesday - Friday 10-3; Thursday 7-10p.m., Sat & Sun noon-5 p.m. Call 524-1194 for information.

President's Corner, continued

Thanks are in order to a great many people for their fine work for the Barcroft Community during the past year. I don't dare begin to mention names because we couldn't list all the people who have helped the Association in this small newsletter. But you have my heartfelt thanks.

This year we began the 1st newsletter with a history of the BSCL. In closing the year, let me remind you that 1978 is the 70th year of continuous BSCL activity. At the last meeting it was suggested that some type of community celebration be held, maybe in June as a final BSCL meeting for 1977-78.

Think about what you would like to do. And then let us know at the meeting on May 4th.

Dick

METROBUS SERVICE RESTORED TO BARCROFT

Effective May 1st, the Barcroft Loop is back. METRO has designated Route 16 W to establish Rush Hour Service to Barcroft (4th & Wakefield) by rerouting selected 16 X trips via South Taylor Street, South 4th Street, South Wakefield Street, South 8th Street, South Buchanan Street and Columbia Pike to Pentagon Metro Station. AM trips to Pentagon will be scheduled to pass 4th and Wakefield at 6:16, 6:48, 7:17, 7:47, and 8:15 A.M. PM trips will leave the Pentagon at 4:04, 4:28, 5:00, 5:33, and 5:55 PM.

This METROBUS change came as the direct result of communication from Barcroft residents (spurred by Bob Clark) to the County Board. The Board directed Metro to make the change.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TO ELIMINATE JAPANESE BEETLES ORGANIZING COMMUNITY ACTION

Reuter Laboratories, 2405 James Madison Highway, Haymarket, Virginia, 22069, has been in contact with the BSCL to explain the success of milky spore powder for treatment of lawns and gardens to control the Japanese beetle. The milky spore treatment was discussed at the April BSCL meeting and several members indicated that it has been used in the past with success in Barcroft. The BSCL will work to consider a neighborhood campaign for this Fall. If further information is desired, write to the above address or call 703-754-4167.

International Sports and Games Day Sunday, May 14

Thomas Jefferson Community Center

The International Sports and Games Day will be held on Sunday May 14, noon-6PM, in the TJ Community Center. It is co-sponsored by the Northern Virginia Folk Festival Association and the Arlington County Visual and Performing Arts.

The International Sports and Games Day is a Family event that will have demonstrations, workshops, and participatory events of over 30 sports and games from over 20 countries. Learn petanque from France, lummi sticks by the American Indians, or try your skill at soccer, frisbee, darts, and more. There will be a hot air balloon ethnic foods, and children's games.

The welcoming ceremony will be held at 1:30pm with greetings from Ellen Bozman, Vice-Chairman, Arlington County Board and Dr. Thomas Penn, Chairman, Arlington County School Board. The Wakefield High School Band will perform followed by a parade of participants.

For details call 558-2161

RECREATION DIVISION SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Arlington County Recreation Division has an excellent bi-monthly newsletter which includes many leisure time events notices. Leisure time is the unobligated time that you have to devote to something that would interest you. The new newsletter will be published on May 26,

July 26, and September 26. It will include notices of recreation activities in Arlington Recreation Centers, churches, clubs, commercial centers, YMCA, libraries, schools, and the Wakefield Swim Center.

The newsletter is the SOUTH DISTRICT NEWS and the District Supervisor is Helen Sweeney, 558-2565. Some May events are:

- May 13 Gunston School Festival
- May 13 Randolph Festival
- May 14 Salvation Army Band

BARCROFT SCHOOL SOUP LABEL & NEWSPAPER DRIVE TO BEGIN AGAIN IN THE FALL

The Barcroft PTA wishes to thank all who contributed Campbell Soup labels. Save those labels once again as next year the PTA plans another drive. The newspaper drive has stopped but may start again in the fall.