



# BARCROFT NEWS

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## CAN'T AFFORD HOME REPAIR? COME TO THE APRIL 7 MEETING TO HEAR HOW YOU CAN

The April 7 meeting of the BSCL will feature a presentation by the Arlington Housing Corporation, a Not-For-Profit housing sponsor, on how the Corporation helps low and moderate income homeowners afford the costs of home repair with low interest home repair loans.

The Housing Corporation is a private, community-based housing sponsor composed of nearly 300 volunteer members who live and work in Arlington, as well as corporations and community groups. It is funded by dues and contributions of members, philanthropic groups and individuals, with additional funding from government grants.

The program offers basic, essential repairs and replacement of major systems. You can qualify if you have two in your household and an income of less than \$24,300 per year. With a larger family your income level can be considerably higher.

Come to the meeting on April 7 (always the first Thursday of the month) at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street, to hear more about this program and how it might help you. The meeting starts at 7:30, but we usually chat and have coffee for the first few minutes, so come even if you are late. Look for the black and white signs on telephone poles on meeting day.

## SNOW REMOVAL PLAN ON ICE

Mr. Dennis Johnson of the Arlington County Public Works Department has responded to the Barcroft School and Civic League's request for changes in the County's snow removal plan. In his response Mr. Johnson noted that the requests seemed reasonable, but that it was too late to incorporate the changes in the plan which was approved in 1987 to handle this past winter's snows. He promised to take another look at our concerns when next year's plan is developed this fall. We are hopeful that Barcroft's proposed changes will be incorporated in the plan, and the BSCL will be following up with Mr. Johnson in the fall.

## WAS YOUR MARCH NEWSLETTER LATE?

Some Barcrofters got their March newsletter late, although it was mailed on February 17. It seems that at least one mail route had some problems last month, perhaps associated with the flu outbreak, and of course the low cost bulk mail we use for the Barcroft News is the lowest priority.

We are mailing this issue of the News early, and will continue to do so until the mails are caught up again.

**MARCH MEETING HEARS ABOUT COMMUNITY INSPECTION SERVICES, INCLUDING AN OFFER TO CART AWAY YOUR OLD CAR FREE!**

Ernestine (Ernie) Baker, Community Inspector in Arlington County's Citizens Assistance and Information office, addressed the March meeting about the County's efforts to help with some of the nagging little problems you and your neighbors mentioned in your responses to the Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan questionnaire. For example:

Inoperative Vehicles can be towed from your yard free of charge by Arlington County. If you have finally decided that your '67 Valiant is not going to run again, and it has no value as an antique, call Ernie and she will have it removed for you. In fact, if you have more than one inoperative car, or it is not stored in your back yard, Ernie may call you first. There are also some rules about auto repairs which are designed to discourage backyard auto shops, but generally do not affect the shadetree mechanic.

Noise complaints are handled with a noise meter which measures the annoying source of noise and determines if it exceeds the County standard. Loud children are ok. So are most barking dogs, unless the dog is barking due to cruel mistreatment such as being abandoned by the owner.

Rodent Control is normally handled by putting out bait if the problem is on public property, or advising citizens on what they can do. If a homeowner has too much junk in their yard and it is harboring rats, the Community Inspectors can tell the homeowner to clean up the rats' nest.

Overcrowding of homes and apartments is not subject to limits if the home is occupied by members of one family. The law limits unrelated people to four in one apartment or group house.

The Community Inspectors are not police, but they do administer the County's effort to enforce the housing code and basic community sanitary requirements. Ernie encourages citizens who have a question on these problems to call her at 558-2711.

**ARLINGTON CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM SALVATION ARMY WOMEN'S AUCTION**

On April 9 the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary will hold an auction at the Salvation Army Building, 518 S. Glebe Road in Arlington. Browsing before the auction begins at 9 AM, and the auction starts at 10 AM.

Items to be auctioned include antiques, furniture, bric-a-brac, lamps, rugs, office furniture, pictures and collectibles of all kinds. (Donations are needed -- call 979-3380.) There will be a light lunch available and a bake sale.

Proceeds of the auction benefit the children of Arlington by supporting Camp Happyland, a summer camp.



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**BARCROFTERS SERVE ON COUNTY ADVISORY GROUPS -- PROFILE OF JIM SHROLL, MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Arlington has nearly fifty citizen advisory groups to help the County Board make policy decisions on almost every issue. Hundreds of people who live or work in Arlington volunteer their time for these Commissions.

Barcroft residents are doing their part. Members of the advisory groups represent the whole County, but it is an advantage for the neighborhood to have a number of Barcrofters playing a role in decisions on issues that affect us all. A January update of Advisory Group Members shows twelve Barcroft residents who serve on groups ranging from the Planning Commission to the Electric Code Board of Appeals. We will print profiles of these volunteers in coming issues of the Barcroft News. This month's profile is on Jim Shroll.

Jim Shroll of S. Woodstock Street has served on the county Transportation Commission for five years. During his tenure the Commission has studied and made recommendations on issues as varied as National Airport, the Master Transportation Plan, taxicab fares, the Metro budget, traffic impact of new developments and citizen efforts to solve traffic problems in their neighborhoods.

In his early years on the Commission, Jim says he spent a great deal of time in meetings on a National Airport Task Force. This group, which was chaired by Barcrofter Tom Floyd, studied the transfer of the airport from the Federal government and the potential effects of that move.


Every ten years the County updates its Master Transportation Plan. This is a lengthy process, and the County is only part way through the 1987-88 update. The Commission has made recommendations on plans for walkways, bikeways and roads. Still to come is the transit portion. The proposed change closest to Barcroft was closing off the access to Arlington Boulevard at Abingdon (Henderson) Street. On the Commission, Jim supported what he described as "a least impact approach," where the County would try to find other ways to solve problems at that intersection

through less drastic traffic management tools like turn lane and signalization changes. (The BSCl had asked the County to adopt this more limited approach.)


As more neighborhoods attempt to deal with traffic problems on their streets, the County Board created an Ad Hoc Committee to study residential traffic management. Jim serves on this group which regularly hears from residents who want streets closed to through traffic, barriers constructed, nubs installed or similar tactics in their efforts to reduce traffic speed or volume in their neighborhoods.

Jim Shroll practices law with a small firm in Arlington. Originally from Chicago, Jim and his wife **Nancy** lived in Fairlington before moving to Barcroft four years ago with their two young children.

A tip of the Barcroft hat to Jim and the other neighbors who serve on Arlington's citizens advisory groups. Their civic spirit benefits us all!



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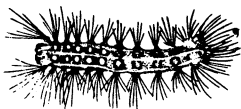
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### ARLINGTON HAS A NEW DUMP FOR BIG STUFF

The old Refuse Transfer Station where you got rid of big loads of stuff the County will not take has moved. The new location is the Waste-to-Energy facility in Alexandria. Call 558-2321 for the address. Bricks and such still go to the Trades Center, 4300 29th St. S., but call 845-7624 first to make sure they can take yours. For instructions on hazardous waste call 684-6607.

### GYPSY MOTHS: SPRAYING MAY BE EXTENDED TO LARGER AREA AT BARCROFTERS' REQUEST

Residents of 8th Street, 8th Road and 9th Street S. in Barcroft have noted big concentrations of gypsy moth egg masses on their trees and requested that the County extend the spraying area for gypsy moths. Residents of those blocks circulated a petition and the BSCL supported the request. The County has now asked the State to extend the spraying to that area.

### TALMADGE WILLIAMS TO BE ON 20/20

Look for our Barcroft News advertising manager Talmadge Williams on the TV show 20/20, probably on March 29. The subject is overcoming arthritis. Talmadge, who is an independent value-added computer vendor when not volunteering for the News, will be demonstrating his skill on a laptop computer to show how important treatment of arthritis was for him.

Recounts of egg masses on those three blocks varied from a low 80 per acre to a very high 3,200 per acre. The County recommends spraying with DT when the count rises above 250 and Dimilin when it exceeds 1,000. If aerial spraying proves impractical for those blocks the worst spots may be covered by ground-spraying. Our local Agricultural Extension Office believes that DT and Dimilin do not pose a biological hazard to humans or pets. Dimilin will be used in Barcroft. It is an insect growth regulator which kills caterpillars by preventing them from shedding their skins. It is the least toxic of all chemical insecticides registered for gypsy moth control.

If you are in the area to be sprayed you have already begun to receive notices from the County. You can object if you want to, and your trees will not be sprayed. Neither will those of your immediate neighbors, but anyone is allowed to get a commercial service to spray something stronger than the County uses if their block is excluded from the program. For more information, call Jamie Bartalon of the Extension Office at 558-2475.

Be sure to make a last search for the egg cases now. They are fuzzy little tan lumps, and you will find them on trees, rocks, walls, fences, and such. Pry them off and soak them in Chlorox before they hatch. Hurry -- they will hatch before the next Barcroft News comes out!

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**TENANT - LANDLORD RELATIONS EXPLORED  
IN MARCH MEETING**

Our March meeting featured a very interesting presentation by Marcia Coleman, Housing Information Specialist with the Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development. Also present was Art Lieberman, a member of the Tenant-Landlord Relations Commission.

Ms. Coleman outlined the regulations and laws which govern Tenant-Landlord relations in the county. She noted that there are some regulations governed by State law, but for small landlords with few properties the State law does not always apply.

Neither the State nor Arlington County has any rent control regulations, so rents can rise at almost any rate. The County has a program of rent subsidies for low income families (call 558-2355 to find out if you qualify -- generally a family of two must have income below \$16,000).

The County offers services for renters or landlords, including good advice on how to avoid problems by being careful when you rent. There are pamphlets and brochures available, as well as a model lease recommended by the County. The Housing office can also provide information on laws, housing resources available in the County, and an information packet for small landlords.

The County also offers the Residential Rehabilitation Program to assist landlords in fixing up rental property. This program was offered to the owners of Buchanan Gardens, for instance.

Ms. Coleman offered to help any Barcrofter who needs information on these programs. Call her at 558-2355.



**ARLINGTON HISTORY PROGRAM AT GLENCARLYN**

In celebration of National Library Week the Glencarlyn Library will present a free program on Arlington history. Nan Netherton, author of the recently-published Arlington County - A Pictorial History, will speak and show slides on local history. She will also have available copies of her book for purchase. The program will be at 2 PM on Sunday, April 17, at the Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington Street ( a short walk or bicycle ride through Four Mile Run Park from Barcroft, or a longer drive by car). Call 824-1681 for information.

In January the Glencarlyn branch had an exhibit of rubber stamps belonging to the Wilhelm family, demonstrating "the great art work that can be accomplished by using rubber stamps." If you have an interesting exhibit they would like to hear from you.





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### APRIL EVENTS

Sat 2            Movie "Lights, Action, Africa" -- A camera safari. 2 PM  
 Sun 3            Long Branch Nature Center, 625 Carlin Springs Rd. 845-7640.

April 7        BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE 7:30 PM. Can't Afford  
 FIRST        Home Repair? Arlington Housing Corporation can Help.  
 THURS.       800 S. Buchanan Street. For info please call 920-8131.

Saturday        Salvation Army Women's Auxilliary Auction. Browsing 9 AM.  
 9th              Auction starts 10 AM. See article on p.2 or call 979-3380.

Saturday        Arlington County Board Meeting. 9 AM at the Courthouse.  
 16 & 30         Watch it on Arlington cable TV. Info 558-2261.

Sunday          Nan Netherton, author of Arlington Co.- A Pictorial History  
 17th              will speak at Glencarlyn Library. 2PM. See article on p.5.

Fri-Sun         Opera Theater of N. Va. "Lunatics and Lovers" by Mozart. In  
 22-24            English. Thomas Jefferson Center. For info call 739-2918.

Monday         Book Discussion Group - Summons to Memphis by Peter Taylor.  
 25th              Central Library, 1015 N.Quincy 7:30 PM. Info 521-2080.

Saturday        Arlington Farmer's Market reopens for the 1988 season.  
 30th              County Courthouse, 1400 N. Courthouse Road, 7AM to Noon.

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**AT BARCROFT SCHOOL**

Do you have a child who will be a kindergartner in the fall? If so, you and your future pupil are invited to attend a meeting with the Barcroft school principle, the two kindergarten teachers and a school psychologist. The children will be supervised in a play area during the presentations but will later be given the opportunity to visit their potential future classrooms. All are invited, including those who may be planning to send their children to another school. The meeting will be Friday morning April 22 from 9:30am to 11am. Contact the Barcroft school office for more information at 553-2333.

**THIS DOG WALKER IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR!**

One of the neighborhood pet peeves is just that--pets. Joan Sherman deserves recognition as an exemplary neighborhood dog walker. She lives over on S. Abingdon and walks past my house on a very regular basis. In one hand she holds the leash for her dog, Maxy. In her other hand is always a plastic bag with a little plastic rake inside--Joan's own ingenious and thoughtful pooper-scooper. Joan says she also is annoyed by doggie droppings, especially when they are right on the sidewalk. Thank you Joan and here are hopes that all neighborhood dog walkers will take note.

**WEDDING BELLS FOR KRISTEN FLOYD**

Best wishes to Kristen Floyd, daughter of Tom and Torill Floyd, who will be getting married on April 30. Her fiance is Tom Gillern of Scranton,PA. Kristen has been living in Philadelphia but grew up in Barcroft. Her parents have lived in their home on S. Abingdon St. since 1961. Kristen and Tom will continue living in Philadelphia but are welcome back to Barcroft any time!



**ANOTHER BOUNCING BARCROFT BABY!**

Congratulations to Jennifer and Tyrone Throop on the arrival of their new baby. Kathleen Damaris Throop was born on February 19 at Arlington Hospital.

The Throops got married and moved to Barcroft in 1984. It was a short move for Jennifer, who grew up in Lyon Park. Tyrone hails from Denver, 2,000 miles away and a mile higher up!

**New neighbors, babies, grandchildren weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, anecdotes, anniversaries, talents, memories? Help Kathy keep up-to-date in '88 with what's happening in Barcroft. Give her a call at 892-6458.**

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<b>Palm Sunday</b>	-	March 27	8:30 & 11 AM
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	-	March 31	7:30 PM
<b>Good Friday</b>	-	April 1	7:30 PM
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	-	April 3	8:30 & 11 AM

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