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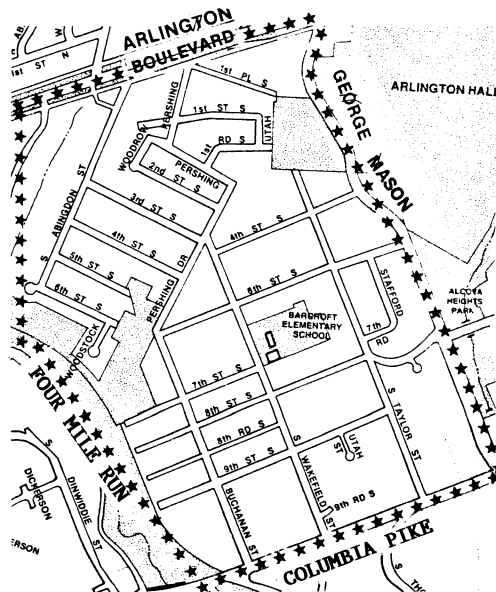
The Barcroft News is your neighborhood newsletter from your neighborhood civic association, the Barcroft School and Civic League. You live in Barcroft if your home is in the area bounded by Arlington Boulevard, George Mason Drive, Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run. (Surrounded by stars on the map.)

Arlington is organized into neighborhood civic associations to make local decisions and give advice to the Arlington County Board. The BSCL is one of those associations. In 1908 the League's members built the Barcroft Civic House at 800 South Buchanan Street (which now also houses St. Georges Bulgarian Orthodox Church). The League is active on local issues such as street lights, traffic signals, potholes, sidewalk repairs, parks, and use permits. It also represents the neighborhood on broader issues such as the future of Arlington Hall, fire station relocation and renewal of Columbia Pike. It is preparing a Neighborhood Conservation Plan to set forth what the residents want their neighborhood to be in the future. Interested neighbors provide the BSCL's vitality, so if you want to change this little corner of the world just come to the next meeting or pick up your phone and call anyone listed in this newsletter. We're your neighbors, and we would love to hear from you. You can make a difference in Barcroft.

The BSCL meets at the Community House at 800 South Buchanan Street (up the hill from Roy Rogers) on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are small and friendly. They feature a speaker on a topic of neighborhood interest. The next meeting will be on September 1st. We would all be pleased

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To contribute articles, want ads, artwork, cartoons or advice to this newsletter, call Randy Swart at 521-2080. To advertise here, call Talmadge Williams at 920-7006. We hope you enjoy the Barcroft News. If you do, please send in your dues of \$2 per person today with the coupon on the back cover to ensure that you remain on our mailing list.



BARCROFT

SEPTEMBER 1ST MEETING: WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT PLANNING TO DO WITH ARLINGTON HALL?

Our first meeting of the 1988-89 season will feature a speaker from the Department of State to bring us up to date on their plans for Arlington Hall when the Army moves out soon. The speaker will be prepared to talk about the piece of the site on our side of George Mason Drive, which they have now been asked to set aside as a Day Care Center for children of Foreign Service personnel in training at the new Institute. This would mean keeping the existing building, and probably would mean that Barcrofters would still be excluded from use of the park. Come and register your views!

MEMBERSHIP

The Barcroft School and Civic League has a September to September membership year. So now is the time for everyone, including those who were BSCL members last year, to join for the 1988-89 year. Dues are only \$2 per person, or \$4 for a couple. Please send in your dues with the coupon on the back cover. You can also join at any meeting of the League. And you are welcome at any meeting whether or not you ever send in your dues. We need your support to keep the Barcroft neighborhood spirit healthy. The easiest way to join is to send in your dues now while you are thinking about it!

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.

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ARLINGTON COUNTY HAS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS -- OLD ONES STILL WORK TOO

As the County moves many of its offices from the old Courthouse to the new Courthouse Plaza offices the telephone numbers are changing. Our listings from now on will be the new numbers, but do not hesitate to use the old ones if you do not have a new one for the offices you normally call. A recording gives the new number. And you can reach the central Citizens Assistance number now on 538-3000. Later this year we will hold one of our regular meetings in Courthouse Plaza and take a tour of the new County offices.

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200	Ball	3700	Nelson
300	Clark	3800	Oakland
400	Dale	3900	Pollard
500	Eads	4000	Quincy
600	Fern	4100	Randolph
700	Grant	4200	Stafford
800	Hayes	4300	Taylor
900	Ives	4400	Utah
1000	Joyce	4500	Vermont
1100	Kent	4600	Wakefield
1200	Lynn	4700	Abingdon
1300	Meade	4800	Buchanan
1400	Nash	4900	Columbus
1500	Oak	5000	Dinwiddie
1600	Pierce	5100	Edison
1700	Queen	5200	Frederick
1800	Rolfe	5300	Greenbrier
1900	Scott	5400	Harrison
2000	Taft	5500	Illinois
2100	Uhle	5600	Jefferson
2200	Veitch	5700	Kensington
2300	Wayne	5800	Lexington
2400	Adams	5900	Madison
2500	Barton	6000	Nottingham
2600	Cleveland	6100	Ohio
2700	Danville	6200	Powhatan
2800	Edgewood	6300	Quantico
2900	Fillmore	6400	Roosevelt
3000	Garfield	6500	Sycamore
3100	Highland	6600	Tuckahoe
3200	Irving	6700	Underwood
3300	Jackson	6800	Van Buren
3400	Kenmore	6900	Westmoreland
3500	Lincoln	7000	Arizona
3600	Monroe		

House numbers are even on the south and west sides of Arlington's streets.




WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE BARCROFT NEWS!

The News needs you. We need more articles about topics of interest to our neighborhood, and we need YOU to write them. Tom Floyd's article about radon in Barcroft in the January issue was a good example. So are Kathy Kerr's many articles about people and families in our neighborhood. Do you have a favorite neighborhood character, fond memory, pet peeve or special insight about our neighborhood you might share with your neighbors? Call Sue Sarcone at 920-8131. Or just drop off your article in any form at all--from scribbling on the back of an envelope to a computer disk--at the Editor's house, 4649 Second St. South. We need more variety here, and only you can provide it!



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BARCROFT HISTORY ARTICLE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS THANKS TO ELIZABETH HANDY AND ADALINE MARYE ROBERTSON

If you paid your \$2 dues and were a member of the BSCL for the past year you have received by now a reprint of an article by Mildred Handy Ritchie which appeared in the Arlington Historical Magazine in October, 1980. The article provides a fascinating glimpse into a time when our neighborhood was a small settlement along Columbia Pike, surrounded by forest, with its own water-driven mill, tiny train station and a one-room school (currently the Barcroft Community House). It's fun to read and reflect on how we are changing.

If you had not paid your \$2 dues last year you did not receive a copy of the article, but you can read it at the Virginiana Room of the Central Library on Quincy Street. (If you drive, it will cost you about \$2 in gas to get there and back.) We are grateful to Elizabeth Handy and Adaline Robertson for thinking of us and making this article available.

What will readers see another hundred years from now? Perhaps an article telling about the good ol' days when Barcroft was still a neighborhood of individual single family homes, some still lived in by their original owners, some heated with fuel oil, some without central air conditioning and some without even one computer, when Interstate 50 was just a six lane Boulevard, when everybody had a personal automobile, when there was no metro line along Columbia Pike, when there were so many trees that a gypsy moth infestation made big news, when Arlington Hall was a military base, when Four Mile Run was a park, when some people rode bicycles to work in DC, when people rented video movies from a place called Erols because there were only 54 channels on the cable TV network, when trash was collected once a week in an "Eagle Cart," when the oldest people in Barcroft lived to not much more than 100 years old if that, when the climate was so cold that it snowed two feet deep, when ...

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More gems from Kathy Kerr:

NEWSMEN ON THE ROLL IN BARCROFT

If you are an early riser and would like to see something interesting, take a look down my street (4th Street S. between Pershing and Abingdon) early in the morning and observe the way our Washington Posts are delivered. Two guys driving a white panel truck travel down the street at a remarkable clip tossing papers towards the appropriate houses. Now, I'm not saying that the papers land on anybodys' porches (and often no where near) but given the method of delivery, I find it amazing that these fellows can pitch those papers with such accuracy. We have never met our paper deliverer but his name reads Izhar S. Hussain on the envelope he gives us to pay him with.

I remember the real service we got when Mike Lewis on S. Pershing was our paper carrier. He used to stick that paper inside our screen door--and he collected in person. Mike, you were the best!!

A FEW OF OUR NEW SUMMER NEIGHBORS

Welcome to new neighbors Mike and Gayle Marshall who moved to Barcroft from the Dallas area of Texas. The Marshalls, married 13 years, have four sons--Ricky age 3 1/2, Kelly age 5, Aaron age 6 and Justin age 10. My own five year old Allen is in 7th heaven because he now has four playmates only a few houses down from us here on 4th St. The older kids will be attending Barcroft school.

Linda and Richard Holcombe finished moving into their new home on 9th St. South on April 17th, and their new baby Katherine was born the next day! Linda will be returning to work this fall as a Procurement Analyst for the Defense Logistics Agency. Richard works as a Procurement Officer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. The Holcombes first met at a management seminar. They have been married for 2 years. May they always procure great happiness together!



LAWN SHEEP CRAZE BEGINS IN BARCROFT

Have you spotted the lawn sheep on 2nd Street yet? This cute little animal has taken parts of Pennsylvania and northern Maryland by storm. Now it is just getting started in Barcroft. The sheep was designed by a lady from Lancaster, PA, and spread from there. They make great pets, since you do not have to feed them, walk them or clean up after them when they poop on your neighbors' yard. Watch for hundreds of them to pop up all over our neighborhood as the craze sweeps Arlington!

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Tuesdays Glencarlyn Library branch storyhour for 2 to 5 year olds. No registration required. 2 PM. Glencarlyn Library, 300 South Kensington Street. Call 824-1681 for information.

Sept 1 **BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE 7:30 PM.** Dialogue with
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MONTH Pat Roach or Sue Sarcone at 920-8131.

Saturday Arlington County Board Meeting. 9 AM at the Courthouse.
10 & 24th Watch it on Arlington cable TV. Info 358-3130.

Friday Absentee ballots for the November elections become
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Congratulations are in order for 75 year old swimming champion Bert Kassell over on S. 9th St. Back in May 1988, Bert won eight gold medals at the Group 1 Master Swimming Championship held in Syracuse NY. There he raced against swimmers from up and down the East Coast. In June, 1988 his team won the National Short Course Masters Championship held in Austin, Texas. Bert himself won five silver medals and one bronze medal. He swam anchor on two relays--one broke the record speed by 18 seconds!

A member of the DC Master Swim Club, Bert has been training seriously for about 6 years. He usually works out at the Alexandria YMCA. Bert races in every style--from backstroke to butterfly--but does short distances only. Master swimmers of both sexes compete according to their age groups ranging from 25 years old on up to 80 and even older.

Bert and his wife Ann have lived in Barcroft for twenty years. They have a home business doing translation work mostly by government contract. Ann says she swims laps at a nearby apartment complex pool but leaves the training and racing to Bert.


Later this year, Bert will no doubt be adding to his medal collection when he competes in several more local and regional meets. Good luck Bert!!

**BARCROFTERS GIVE THEIR NEIGHBORS A MINI
PARK -- AND KEEP IT TENDED, TOO!**

Anyone entering or leaving Barcroft via the Henderson Rd/Arlington Blvd light will have passed the little triangular traffic diverter where Abingdon St. meets the service road. What could be a haphazard weed infestation is in reality a lovely, well-tended and highly appreciated garden. But who takes such good care of it?

One day as I drove past I spied someone watering it. I stopped and was thus able to solve the case of the Mysterious Gardener(s). As Gert Wieckoski was putting away her garden hose she explained that some of the townhouse neighbors have their own maintenance association. They pool money to cover expenses such as maintaining the small private road that veers off the west side of S. Abingdon. They also have chosen to spend their own money to beautify the traffic diverter. In December of 1987, they hired Merrifield Nursery to come in and plant it for them. Gert and housemate Terry Pietroski, who have lived on S. Abingdon for 11 years, volunteered to tend the little garden.

On behalf of all Barcrofters, THANK YOU ALL for providing such a lovely entrance to our neighborhood.



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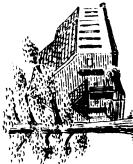
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