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MAY MEETING: BOARD MEMBER AL EISENBERG WILL DISCUSS THE COUNTY BUDGET AND TAX RATE, AND WE WILL ELECT OFFICERS

You got your tax bill this month, and it was higher. The rise comes from rising assessed values, even though the Board lowered our tax rate again this year. The rate is the lowest in the area. For a typical Barcroft home value the homeowner paid 1988 taxes of \$1,471 in Arlington County, \$2,066 in Fairfax, and \$2,149 in Alexandria. But your taxes still went up, and you may ask "What is the homeowner getting for the higher tax?"

County Board Member Al Eisenberg has gladly agreed to come to our May meeting to answer that question and more. He wants to explain the County budget and give you a chance to put yourself in the Board's shoes and tell him who you would cut--drug law enforcement, affordable housing, making the Barcroft School building a decent place to learn, street maintenance, sidewalks, snow removal, the library, fire protection, etc. Mr. Eisenberg is an articulate and interesting speaker who enjoys talking to community groups and never ducks a tough question. This will be a good discussion.

Our other featured event will be elections for officers for the 1989-90 year. Please call Nominating Committee members Anne Noll at 892-6710 or Pat Roach at 920-8131 to make a nomination or run for office.

This is our last regular meeting until September. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street.

STATE DEPARTMENT VOWS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AT ARLINGTON HALL

After our article last month State Department officials told us they are indeed concerned about being a good neighbor on the Arlington Hall site, and noted numerous things they have done to meet the County's requirements for new development site plans.

We agreed that State deserves credit for making the Barcroft side of the site a park, cooperating with the County on placing sewer lines, and agreeing to the bicycle trail through their site. We just want to see their final response on streetscaping along George Mason Drive to eliminate the eyesore there now, street improvements at their George Mason entrance, lighting for the Arlington Boulevard side of the site, and the best routing of the bicycle trail, now in doubt. These very visible pieces of the plan to be resolved. They are pieces Barcroft will see and roads or trails we will use every day. For that part our neighborhood is still keeping an eye on the Department. We hope those issues can be resolved soon.

BE CAREFUL ON THE NEW WILSON BOULEVARD

Wilson Boulevard is now one-way from Rosslyn to Clarendon. The other way (eastbound toward Rosslyn) you will use Clarendon Boulevard, that big empty street that parallels Wilson. It passes between Sears and the Sears parking lot. The traffic patterns are new from Clarendon to the Courthouse, so drivers should be careful.

THIS IS YOUR LAST REGULAR BARCROFT NEWS UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE.



BARCROFT WILL HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD 4TH OF JULY PARADE -- MAKE PLANS NOW FOR YOUR FUN ENTRY

Anne Noll, Jack Turner and Talmadge Williams are planning fun times for the Barcroft 4th of July parade. It will feature floats, celebrities, clowns, dancing people, cowboys, elephants, farm machinery, prizes, surprises and who knows what. This is going to be a fun time. Take a look at your bicycle, tricycle, wagon, sailboat, wheelchair, stroller or skateboard and see how you will gussy up for parading. Can you still wear your WWII uniform? Is there red, white and blue in your wardrobe?

Barcroft musicians are already tuning up instruments from autoharps to zithers and a few combs with waxed paper folded over them for the parade and a big jam session in the Community House yard afterward. There will be singing and folk dancing, eating and (soft) drinking, and a lot of good neighborhood spirit. You can get acquainted with the oldtime Barcroft Community House, prowl around inside and look at the plaque marking it as an historic district landmark. You can see the fascinating ornate religious symbols of our good co-users of the building, St George's Bulgarian Orthodox Church. You can meet all the people whose names you have seen here in the Barcroft News, and ask some of them why they have not finished the draft of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan. You can show Kathy Kerr your new baby or your latest bowling score for her column. There will be something for everyone.

There will, that is, if the parade committee gets some ideas, some suggestions and above all some help in organizing. Call Anne Noll at 892-6710 to volunteer any of those things. This will be an historic event in our neighborhood, and one you will not want to miss! Mark July 4th as a special day on your calendar and we will hope to see you there.

IS THERE A CARPENTER IN THE HOUSE?

For all of its 81 years the Barcroft Community House has been inaccessible to wheelchairs. Our neighborhood has some wheelchair people, and they can't come to the monthly meetings because their chairs are excluded by the steps.

Now it pains us to see anyone excluded from the lively, interesting and informative monthly programs of the BSCL. How keen must be the disappointment! Seriously, in the past two weeks we have heard from two wheelchair people that they would be interested in coming if it were not for our steps. That will never do for a neighborhood organization.

Is there a carpenter in the house who can construct a ramp? It would have to be easily put down and taken up, since the steps and door are too narrow to leave it down all the time. It would also have to be sturdy. We would have to figure out a place to store it, too.

Please call Pat Roach at 920-8131 if you want to volunteer for this uplifting task.

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BARCROFT LOVES ITS DOGS

Spring brings out the dog lover in all of us, and with daylight time the dogwalkers are no longer in the dark. In her column Kathy Kerr thanks them for cleaning up after their pets.

Spring is also a wonderful time for strolling through the new green grass barefoot, until a squish between your toes tells you that somebody was walking a dog in your yard.

This month a Barcrofter submitted an anonymous article from 6th Street about their new flower beds that had been dug up by somebody's pooch. They were angry that at least some dog owners on their block are not more responsible. Another Barcrofter recently resorted to sprinkling pepper around to discourage a dog who has chosen her lawn as its regular spot. "I have cleaned up poop there five times this week and I just don't understand why the dog's owner lets it do that. Walking the dog really means taking the dog around the block to poop on somebody else's lawn."

Lime would be easier on the dog and better for the grass than pepper, but she has a point. Another Barcrofter reported seeing a dogwalker on the school grounds with no visible means of scooping the poop permitting her dog to sully the playground where the kids would be playing the next day.

We have not heard from the dogwalkers yet, but want to present their point of view too. Dogs need exercise, and some of them are certainly very careful that their pet leaves nothing behind. Dog walkers without some visible means of cleaning up after their dog are often glared at in our neighborhood, while responsible ones with a pooper-scooper get a friendly wave. Rather than glaring at each other like strangers we might look for some way to open a comfortable conversation between the dogwalkers and the barefoot homeowners. Who has good ideas on this subject?

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MS SUPPORT GROUP FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS

Gloria Quinlan, who has multiple sclerosis, would like to hear from other Barcrofters about forming a support group of wheelchair users, particularly those with MS. You may have seen Gloria zipping with husband Jerry around the neighborhood or along the Four Mile Run trail on "Mergatroyd," her mighty electric steed. Gloria is a nice person to talk to. Call her at 892-6311 if you want to chat about your MS or your wheelchair.



Crime in Barcroft:

LAWNSHEEPNAPING REPORTED ON 4TH STREET

Talmadge Williams reports that his four mini-lawnsheep have been purloined from his yard on 4th Street S. As a humorous gesture Talmadge had chained his lawnsheep to a tree, perhaps inadvertently triggering the theft. The thief cut the chains to steal the sheep. This is the first reported case of lawnsheepnaping in Barcroft.

RECYCLING CENTER OPENS AT BIG BOY

Jim Kerr on 4th St. S. reports that a new recycling center will open in the Big Boy parking lot at Columbia Pike and Walter Reed. Jim is the president of the Arlington Food Co-op which has "The Uncommon Market" there. The store will maintain the recycling center. The center will accept newspaper (no glossy paper) and aluminum cans (soda and beer cans--not tin cans.) If you have aluminum cans but don't feel like driving them over to Big Boy, you may set them in a bag outside Jim Kerr's garage at 4633 4th St. S.. For information about recycling call Jim at 892-6458 or contact Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment at 358-6427.

Arlington burns its garbage to generate electricity. Do we need to sort out cans and newspapers to recycle too? We need an article on this subject from an unbiased source. If you would like to research recycling for the September issue, please call Contributions Editor Sue Sarcone at 920-8131 to volunteer.



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A SUCCESSFUL FETE.

The lawn fete of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church on Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable, entertaining and successful affair. Miss Buckley's lawn, where the party was held, was beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns, and the booths were artistically and appropriately ornamented. A very novel feature was a fish-pond, and the anglers were so numerous that the finny tribe were completely exhausted. The success of the entertainment is in a great measure due to the untiring zeal of Miss Kate Roberson. The talking machine so kindly loaned by S. Kann & Sons was a source of great amusement.

A number of applications for houses in Barcroft were received during the past week. The fact that this is the finest situation about Washington for a suburban residence is getting to be generally recognized, and another year will see great improvement.

NEWSLETS.

Five passengers stood on the platform at Barcroft and frantically but fruitlessly waved their handkerchiefs as the 7:32 train thundered by at 8:12 on Saturday last. They had to foot it down to the electric cars. When will our new superintendent begin to superintend?

DANGEROUS.

The high grading on the pike between the railroad and Four-Mile Run was the other day the scene of what came near being a serious accident, when Mr. Geo. Klein's horse became frightened and backed the wagon off, spilling about eighty gallons of milk and bruising Mr. Klein considerably. This makes the fourth time such a mishap has occurred, and it's about time a railing or some other protection was placed along the side of this dangerous place.

There is a movement on foot to raise a fund for the building of a city hall in Barcroft. Several of our citizens are enthusiastic upon the subject, and a meeting will be held soon in order to formulate plans.

Notwithstanding the rigid enforcement of the registration law, disfranchising most of the colored people of this county, Mr. Williams, a colored man, was elected to fill a county office by a greater majority than was given any other man who ran on the 3d inst. Who, in the face of such fact, can maintain that the people of the South are prejudiced against the negro race?

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for constable of Arlington district, Alexandria county.

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Fri Sat Sun **Northern Va. Folk Festival.** Folk dancing, song, crafts, etc. and such at Thomas Jefferson Community Center. Info 683-4347.
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Sunday **A Taste of Arlington.** 36 restaurants serve samples of delicious foods. Benefit for Arlington housing. Noon-4 PM. Info 486-0653.
7th

Friday  **Bicycle Race!** 2-5 PM on Route 110 near the Pentagon. You can get there on your bicycle through Fort Myer and Arlington Cemetery.)
12th

Saturday **Arlington Forest neighborhood-wide yard sale.** Good time for Barcrofters to have yard sales too. Maybe next year we can...
13th

Saturday **Annual yard and bake sale** at Our Savior Lutheran church, 9th & Taylor. 9AM to 3PM. Acres of bargains, lunch served. 892-6829.
20th

Monday **Book Discussion Group.** Read Henry V by William Shakespeare and discuss it at the Library, 1015 N. Quincy, 7:30 PM. 521-2080.
22nd

AND DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE BARCROFT 4TH OF JULY PARADE!!!

BIG YARD SALE AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

The folks at Our Savior Lutheran church are having their annual yard sale and bake sale May 20th at the church, 9th and Taylor, 9AM-3PM. There will be a big variety of flea market stuff, plus lunch, baked goodies and a raffle to benefit the church's emergency pregnancy service, described as "non-political...a friend waiting to help." Parishioner Marilyn Jensen of S. Taylor St. says "The funds raised are carefully used to help with worthwhile projects. We are so pleased to have our Barcroft neighbors worship with us too. We want to be a good neighbor, contributing to this friendly community."


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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
with Kathy Kerr

**SOMETIMES THE BABIES DID NOT
TELL US WHEN THEY WERE BORN!**

Congratulations to **Gail Heath** and **Paul Lewandowski** on George Mason whose new baby **John** was born on January 18, 1989. They have lived in Barcroft now for 4 years. Paul is an environmental scientist with American Petroleum while Gail is a paralegal with a firm downtown. Paul and Gail are looking for good daycare for their baby. If you have any ideas for them call 521-5219. Gail, you also might enjoy calling Annette Osso. See below!

Annette Osso, over on 8th St. S. has been reading about and seeing many of Barcroft's new babies. Her own son **Daniel** is now a robust 6 month old. Annette would like to start having a playgroup or get-together for moms with babies up to about 1 year old or so. She is thinking of something ongoing that might meet about once a week. Annette also wonders about starting up a babysitting co-op for these young ones. If you are interested, give her a call at 553-3953.

Jo Anne Barnhart might want to contact Annette as well. She and her husband **David** also have a 6 month old baby, **Niles David**, born October 11, 1988. A belated congratulations to you all!

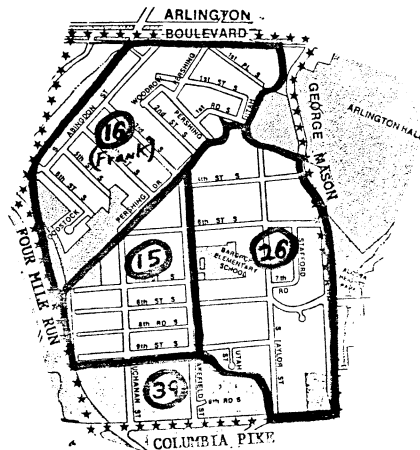
David Barnhart works as the Republican Staff Director of the Government Affairs Committee in the senate on the staff of Delaware Senator Roth (R). Jo Anne works at the Office of Hearings and Appeals for Social Security. David also teaches math and science for GED students at TC Williams High School in Alexandria.

David and Jo Anne have lived in Barcroft for 8 years and absolutely love it here. They are bonafide gardeners, having recently put in over 200 annuals to compliment the vast perennial plants on their property. Jo Anne reports that a number of joggers have told her they change their running routes in the spring and summer to pass the Barnhart's gorgeous garden. The Barnharts live on 8th St. S between Wakefield and Buchanan.

David and Jo Anne offer some spring and summer gardening tips for Barcrofters. If the weather suddenly becomes cold, plants can be protected by covering them with newspaper. The Barnharts have been known to make little newspaper "hats" for their plants just like the ones we made when we were kids! They also suggest that gardens be watered evenly every day. They report that vegetable gardens that were watered infrequently produced lopsided cucumbers. The same thing relates to flowers. So for the prettiest flowers, water a little every day!

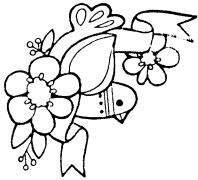
A special thanks to the growing number of dog owners seen carrying plastic bags and rakes while out with their dogs. The large number of neighborhood strollers, joggers and parents greatly appreciate not having to step in "it".

New neighbors, babies, grandchildren weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, anecdotes, anniversaries, talents, memories? Help Kathy keep up-to-date over the summer on Barcrofters and their big events. Call her at 892-6458.



NEW MAIL CARRIER ROUTES ESTABLISHED

The map above shows the new mail carrier routes now in effect in Barcroft. If it is not clear, check your label. The route number is on it.



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