



BARCROFT NEWS

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November 3rd Meeting:

ARLINGTON HOSPITAL SERVICES

Our November 3rd meeting will be held as usual at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street. It will begin promptly at 7:30 PM, with a program at 8:00 on services provided by Arlington Hospital. Come and hear how to use their emergency room and their services for seniors. The program will end before 9 and be followed by chatting over refreshments. Hope to see you there!

WHERE IS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN DRAFT NOW?

We had asked the County staff to look over our NCP draft before we send it out to the neighborhood to be sure it was technically correct on things like zoning and land use. The drafting committee wanted to be sure we had framed the issues correctly before we began the neighborhood discussion. At present all staff departments except Public Works have commented. Public Works may even hope to clear up some of the minor problems cited in the draft like missing street signs so they can be dropped out. Stay tuned to the NeighborLine, since your draft may be coming before the next newsletter.

BSCL MEMBERSHIP RUNS SEPTEMBER TO SEPTEMBER, SO NOW IS DUES TIME FOR EVERYONE. IT'S ONLY \$2 PER PERSON OR \$4 FOR A COUPLE. PLEASE USE THE CONVENIENT COUPON ON THE COVER.



521-1116

THE BARCROFT NEIGHBORLINE IS READY FOR YOUR CALL!!

The telephone in the Barcroft Community House is now reconnected, using wires that dated from the 30's. We have it hooked up to an announcing machine, the Barcroft NeighborLine. When you call 521-1116 you will get one minute of the latest in neighborhood news, yard sales, BSCL committee meetings, gossip, and more! You can call the NeighborLine to check our next meeting date, or see if a meeting is postponed for snow. It's a one minute capsule of things you want to know if you live in Barcroft. It will permit us to get the word out on the committee meetings and lost cats that take place between newsletters.

We are looking for an old-timey rotary phone like the one in this illustration to add to the announcing machine to let people call out during meetings to check with babysitters and such. (Any incoming caller during a meeting will just get the message, since we do not have a ringer on the phone.) If you have an old phone to donate, please call Randy Swart.

The machine only announces, it does not take messages. The message is changed frequently. If you have an event to list, call Randy Swart at his regular home number listed on page 2. He can change the message at the Community House from home by remote control.

The label attached has the NeighborLine number printed on it. You can stick it on the bottom of your phone or any other convenient place. Call any time, day or night, 521-1116.

BUCHANAN GARDENS TO BE RENOVATED

Arlington County Housing Division and the owner of Buchanan Gardens are in negotiations to undertake a substantial renovation of the exterior and interior of the apartment complex, which lies on the hillside behind the Barcroft shopping center.

The project will upgrade the complex while maintaining it as affordable housing. Similar to other projects the County has undertaken, the goal will be renovation without displacement. The only time people will be displaced is in the case of overcrowded units. When this occurs the County will issue the residents a voucher so they can move to a larger unit.

Funds for this project will combine the use of grants and loans, the majority from State programs. County funds will be used to encourage specific improvements approved by County Board policy in the interests of neighborhood conservation and affordable housing.

David Michaelson

BSCL BUDGET FOR 1989-90 INCLUDES MORE FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE, PARADE

The BSCL's Board has approved a budget for 1989-90 including \$1,500 for building maintenance, \$500 for the 1990 Fourth of July Parade, hospitality funds and a lot more. Expenditures are projected at \$4,600, with expected revenues of 4,930. Copies of the budget are available from Larry Goldschmidt or Randy Swart.



BARCROFT INTERSECTION QUALIFIES AS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS IN NORTHERN VA.

The AAA has just released its annual "dangerous dozen" intersections, and the corner of Columbia Pike and George Mason Drive qualified as 11th on the list, with 27 crashes.

A Barcrofter who lives on Second Street was passing through that intersection on George Mason last spring in their brand new car and became part of that statistic when a car on Columbia Pike did not see the red light and crashed into the side of her car. Fortunately she was not permanently injured, but she was badly shaken up and their new car was damaged. The dry statistic hides 27 personal traumas like this multiplied by at least two parties involved in each case.

Looks like we may want to add something to the draft of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan requesting the County to take some action to make this intersection safer.

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RECYCLING IN BARCROFT? HERE'S WHY!

Lets talk TRASH--the 1,200 pounds of trash per year that the average Barcrofter throws away. You have heard about overflowing landfills, trash in the oceans, and controversy over incinerators. What are the solutions? What can we do to help solve these problems?

Presently over 90 percent of our trash goes to generate electricity in the modern Arlington/Alexandria incinerator. The incinerator ash is 30 to 40 percent the volume of the original trash. This is deposited to the Lorton landfill, which is not expected to fill up until after the year 2000 and then can probably be extended.

So why not just throw everything into the trash can? There is one reason--our air, water, trees--our environment--the need to preserve our natural resources. It takes 8,000 trees to produce one Sunday printing of the Washington Post. Producing a ton of paper from recycled fiber saves some 3,700 pounds of trees and 24,000 gallons of water. Another important benefit from recycling the paper is that recycling reduces air pollution from paper mills by 74 percent.

Arlington has some very good recycling programs, but we still only recycle about 9% of our trash. In comparison, the Swiss recycle 50% of theirs and the Japanese do even better at 70%. Our own Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), a private non-profit anti-litter agency, wants to boost our recycling to 50 percent through an expanded and improved curbside recycling program. To join ACE call Ned Ruhe at 358-6427.

ACE is now setting up recycling collection centers. So if you want to save your newspapers, aluminum cans or glass bottles and drop them off at a collection center help is coming. The County already runs three newspaper collection sites, the closest one on Columbia Pike at Four Mile Run. Look for my next article soon on recycling programs that already exist in Arlington.

Felice Brunner

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LAST CALL FOR TEE SHIRT DESIGNS

Several Barcrofters have submitted designs for a Barcroft neighborhood t-shirt, and two have offered suggestions on where to have them done. If you have been thinking about a design get it to Barbara Swart at 4649 Second Street South or call her at 521-2080 before Thanksgiving. First prize is a free tee shirt!



Janet C. Wilson, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist

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(202) 275-8992

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Ladies Society of St. George Bulgarian Orthodox Church at the Barcroft Community House will hold its Christmas Bazaar at:

Our Savior Lutheran Church
825 S. Taylor Street

Saturday, November 4, 1989
11 AM to 4 PM.



Offerings will include pastries of Bulgaria, Argentina, Germany, Greece and other countries, a book sale, White Elephant Corner, Christmas gifts, novelties and many other sale items!

WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOLD HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Women's Club of South Arlington will have its 7th Annual Holiday Boutique Friday, November 10 (7PM-9PM) and Saturday the 11th (10AM to 3PM).

The Women's Club are our good neighbors at 700 South Buchanan who let us use their parking lot for the Fourth of July parade, and our monthly meetings which fortunately never coincide with theirs. (On their own meeting nights they need the whole lot.)

The Bazaar will feature items handmade for gift-giving, jams, jellies, home-made baked goods and a raffle of three items. Kathy Kerr says to be sure you don't miss the delicious dillybeans. Lunch is served on Saturday. For further information call Mrs. E.C. Wilcox at 892-6466.



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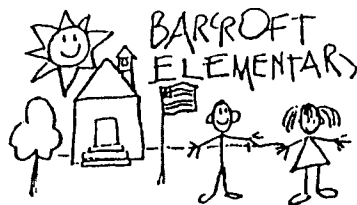


BARCROFT SCHOOL HAS A NEW FLAG

On October 13 Barcroft School adopted a new school flag. Students and neighbors came out on the sunny, warm morning for the flag raising. But there were also some surprise guests!

First the Army Fife and Drum Corps marched and piped in full regalia. Then, perhaps in honor of Halloween, Dr. John W. Barcroft himself (1817-1898) returned from his grave, beard and all, to give an oral history of his life and of our neighborhood. He spoke of the Post Office which was located across from his mill on Columbia Pike. The Postmistress was so familiar with everyone's handwriting that she was able to deliver a letter addressed simply: "Mother, Barcroft, VA." Dr. Barcroft admitted to his death in 1898 but he said that his spirit still lives on at Barcroft School!

The new Barcroft School flag will be displayed daily on the flagpole underneath the Virginia flag which flies beneath the American flag.



WANT ADS

These ads are free, folks. So is a plug on the Barcroft Neighborline. Just drop a note through the Editor's door or call him at 521-2080.

RIDERS FOR A STATE DEPARTMENT CARPOOL Arrive Main State 8:15, depart 5:30 to 5:45. Contact Len Rogers at 920-1845.

CHILDCARE. Love staying home with your preschooler but tired of being broke? Care for my 2 children (4½ and 2½), M-F from 8-5 for just 10 weeks starting January 1, and make enough money for your summer vacation! Call Marcia at 979-3361.

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

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Saturday 4th **St. George's Christmas Bazaar.** Pastries from all over the world, Xmas gifts, novelties and more, from the Ladies Society of the church that rents our Community House. 11 AM to 4 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 S. Taylor St. Info 534-3229.

Tuesday 7th **VOTE! BARCROFT SCHOOL, 6TH AND BUCHANAN. 6 AM TO 7 PM. NO LINES NO WAITING. PTA BAKE SALE IN AM. INFO 358-3456.**

Fri-Sat 10 & 11th **Womens Club Holiday Boutique.** Dillybeans, gifts, novelties, lunch, more. 700 S. Buchanan, Friday 7 PM to 9 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM. For information call 892-6466.

Monday 27th **Book Discussion Group.** Read Burgher's Daughter by Nadine Gordimer and discuss it at the Library, 1015 N. Quincy, 7:30 PM. 521-2080.

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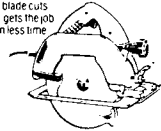
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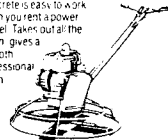
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**MENEFEES ARRIVE, AND
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Welcome to new neighbors **Jean and John Menefee** and their two sons **Mark, 14,** and **Jeff, 9.** The Menefeess moved into their new home on 1st Street S. after living in Fairlington for 10 years. They had been looking for a home to buy for many months and were delighted to find a nice neighborhood they didn't know was here--Barcroft!

Jean works part time in an accounting firm and John is an economist with Wyatt Co. in DC. The Menefeess just moved to Barcroft in August, but Jean has already taken on the job of Hospitality Chairman at our monthly BSCL meetings. So far so yummy, Jean!! Thank you!

Congratulations to the **MacKnight** family on S. Taylor who are enjoying their new baby **Andrew** born the first day of school September 5. This is particularly significant because Andrew's Dad, **Ken,** is a Kindergarten teacher in Prince William County and he had to miss the first day of school.

Andrew's Mom is **Diane** who for 5 years has been Director of Facilities for USA Today including the TV show, the newspaper and Gannett News Service. She will be returning to work at the end of October.

Big sisters **Mary Claire** (Kindergarten) and **Cara Leigh** (3rd grade) attend Barcroft school. The MacKnights have lived in Barcroft since April, 1986. Their home is well known at Christmas time when they put candles in each of their many windows.

Ken MacKnight also is a professional photographer on the side, shooting weddings, portraits, Little League Teams, etc. The Virginia Weekly section of the Washington Post recently interviewed Ken for 5 hours and took lots of pictures for an article about male Kindergarten teachers. It may even be printed before this issue of the Barcroft News hits your mailbox!



A NICE PLACE TO HAUNT?

Serious trick or treaters will not want to miss the home of **Jim Lande** on the corner of Pershing and 1st St. S, who is the last person in Arlington County to pass out full-size candy bars. Jim and family are also known for amazing Halloween costumes, decorations and may even have some pretty eerie music going. (He's a nice guy so if your little one is too scared he will probably turn it down.)

WARNING: Beware what you say to Randy Swart lest it becomes news on the Barcroft NeighborLine! (And he updates it more than you might think!)




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