

BARCROFT NEWS

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February 1 Meeting

DRAFT NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN: TIME FOR THE FIRST BIG MEETING

By now you have surely begun plowing through your copy of the draft of the Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan, which came to you in two parts about a month ago. If you live in Barcroft you should read at least the summary to see what is recommended. On February 1st we will have our first meeting to discuss the draft. Every Barcrofter who wants to speak will be heard, either in one huge group or by breaking down into discussion groups. If you prefer not to speak you can also send a letter, or mark up your copy of the draft. You can sign it or be anonymous if you want to. Mail it or drop it through Randy Swart's door at 4649 Second St. South, Arlington 22204.

Some neighborhoods have taken many meetings to revise their plans. We have fewer divisive issues than most, so we could get it in shape over two or three months. We expect the meetings will be lively and hope nobody gets too mad. Comments we have received so far indicate that most people seem to be pleased with the general approach, but there will be some debate over finishing our missing sidewalks, discouraging the breaking up of lots for infill development, and perhaps some other issues. And there will no doubt be many places where the draft can be improved. Come and see.

The meeting will start at 7:30 PM at our Barcroft Community House, 800 South Buchanan Street. We always try to end by 9, but this time we're not making promises! Call the Neighborline at 521-1116 for an update if it snows.

BARCROFT SCHOOL STILL NEEDS YOUR GIANT AND SAFEWAY CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS

Please continue to save your Safeway or Giant cash register receipts for the Barcroft School PTA. The campaigns last until March 31 for Giant and April 21 for Safeway. The more receipts the school collects the more Apple and IBM computers it will receive--free! As of January 5 the PTA had \$47,000 in Giant receipts and 32,000 from Safeway. That sounds like a lot, but it takes \$70,000 to get even one computer, so they really need lots of help.

Please drop your receipts off in the school office, give them to a Barcroft student to bring in, or drop them through Nora Myers Rumpf's door at 4607 3rd Street South. Nora is coordinating this effort and would be happy to pick up your receipts. Just call her at 521-8634.

THE EVANS' BLACK CAT HAS BEEN LOST

Harold and Beth Evans of 2nd Street have lost Odile, their long-haired black female cat. She answers to Odile, Kitty or Kittypuss, is de-clawed and spayed, and is an indoor cat. She decided to go out on January 9 and disappeared. Please call the Evans' at 892-6288 if Kittypuss shows up on your block. There is a reward.

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE MESSAGES
ON THE BARCROFT NEIGHBORLINE: 521-
1116. CALL RANDY SWART AT HIS HOME
NUMBER TO PUT YOUR LOST CAT OR SNOW
SCULPTURE ON THE NEIGHBORLINE**

**LAND USE AND ZONING ISSUES:
BARCROFT SHOPPING CENTER**

The El Salvador Restaurant in the Barcroft shopping center at Columbia Pike and South Buchanan Street has withdrawn its application for a live entertainment permit. The restaurant has not yet received its use permit, required by the County for it to operate, so the live entertainment request was premature.

A usually reliable source reports that the shopping center is for sale for \$3.8 million. The same source reports that the carpet store now having its "Lost Our Lease" sale there will be replaced with one of the new Blockbusters video rental stores.

Carpet stores are not convenience businesses, but at least they generate very little traffic. A major video store in that shopping center would be convenient to Barcroft users, but it would clog up the parking lot and the intersection. It might shift some neighborhood traffic from Buchanan over to Wakefield to avoid the intersection. If you have strong views on these issues, come to a BSCL meeting or call Laurie Kelsch, Chair of the Land Use and Zoning Committee, at 920-9429.

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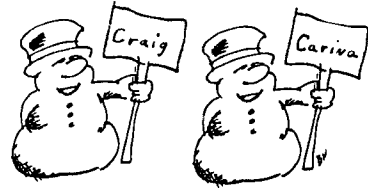
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BARCROFT TEENS Need extra money? We need babysitters for our 8 month old. Occasional weekend, weekdays nights (but not too late). Will help pay for Red Cross babysitting course if need be. Call 892-1090.



LOST CAT Spayed female, declawed. Name Odile, but answers to Kitty or Kittypuss. Lost in Barcroft on January 9. She is strictly an indoor cat. Call Harold or Beth at 892-6288. **REWARD.**



**COMMUNITY HOUSE NEIGHBORS WILL HELP
SHOVEL OUR SNOW**

Craig Crutchfield and wife Carina Olsson, new 8th Road neighbors of the Barcroft Community House, have volunteered to help shovel the BCH walks when it snows. It would not be nice to stick them with the job every time, so have a thought for helping them out and pitching in too. Craig and Carina came to Barcroft from Clarendon, and are pleased with their choice. Both of them have read the Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan draft from cover to cover. It is good to see new people arrive with community spirit already built in!

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OLD SCHOOL PAPERS ARE A HIT WITH STUDENTS AT TODAY'S WAKEFIELD HIGH

MONTHLY BARCROFT CRIME REPORT

I recently received the opportunity to show my classmates and teachers at Wakefield High some old Wakefield newspapers called The Signal. They were among many interesting documents displayed at the Open House in October at the Barcroft Community House.

The newspapers, dating back to the 1950's, amused and astounded many readers. One of the highlights of The Signal was the article "Tops In Togs." Many could not believe the types of clothing that were actually worn to school! Also, it was nice to know that there was a time when our football team had a winning season.

Another surprise was the fact that the Marriott company (Hot Shoppes) had at one time supplied our cafeteria. Mostly, though, my classmates and I found The Signal an interesting and entertaining newspaper to read.



Molly Rightmeyer

The tragic and well-reported case of child molestation in January just a few blocks from Barcroft brings home our need for information on security problems. Barcroft is a relatively safe neighborhood, and nobody likes to dwell on crime, but when it occurs here we need to know about it to protect ourselves. If you see someone on your street who does not belong, call the police at 558-2922 to check them out. We all want Barcroft to be safe.

Street numbers are the block where a crime occurred, not the house number.

Crimes reported 12/1/89 -12/31/89:

- 12/2 300 blk. S. Taylor St. Resident harassed by known person.
- 12/2 800 blk. S. Taylor St. Stereo stolen from auto.
- 12/4 900 blk. S. George Mason. Attempt made to steal stereo from auto.
- 12/9 4700 blk. 8th Street S. Rape. Victim accepted ride from subject in another part of Arlington. She was taken to house under construction and attacked. Subject, a worker at the site, escaped and is still at large.
- 12/16 4300 blk. Columbia Pike. 1985 Chevy stolen.
- 12/16 4300 blk. Columbia Pike. Attempt made to steal 1985 Pontiac.
- 12/17 900 blk. S. George Mason. Victim approached by a white hispanic male who made a sexual remark and them grabbed victim by the arm. Victim pulled away.
- 12/18 4800 blk. 7th Street S. Victim received threats to kill by known subject.
- 12/19 600 blk. S. Stafford St. Entry by 2nd floor window. Nothing taken.
- 12/20 4400 blk. 1st Road S. Bicycle stolen from locked porch. Lock broken.
- 12/21 900 blk. S. George Mason. Stereo stolen from auto.
- 12/23 100 blk. S. George Mason. Subject arrested for drunk in public.
- 12/23 900 blk. S. George Mason. Stereo stolen from auto.
- 12/24 4700 blk. 7th Street S. Vandalism - tires slashed on auto.
- 12/26 4800 blk. Columbia Pike. Victim assaulted by drunk, window then broken.
- 12/28 600 blk. S. George Mason. Arrested with altered drivers license.
- 12/31 900 blk. S. Buchanan St. Cash taken from ground floor apartment.


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UPDATE ON THE PIKE

A Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization subcommittee has recommended that the CPRO Board endorse the County's draft "Columbia Pike 2000 Revitalization Plan." The "2000 Plan" was drafted by County staff in June 1988 to recommend steps to revitalize Columbia Pike with an attractive "main street" environment that better balances the Pike's role as a residential and shopping center with its role as a major traffic artery.

The 221 page draft County report focuses on the Special Revitalization District (from S. Oakland Street to S. Courthouse Road), but it also includes discussion of Columbia Pike west to the Fairfax County line. Columbia Pike from George Mason Drive to Four Mile Run serves as the southern boundary of our Barcroft community.

The CPRO subcommittee applauded the work of the County staff in preparing the draft report, but said that more work was needed to detail some of its general concepts. The site plan review zoning proposed by the County to manage future growth on the Pike was one area where more detail was needed. The subcommittee also said the County needs to develop a detailed plan for managing auto and pedestrian traffic and parking on the Pike. The subcommittee endorsed the idea of an Interdepartmental Task Force to coordinate various County projects on the Pike.

BSCL Secretary Pat Roach is active in the work of the subcommittee. For more information call him at 920-8131, or call Annette Osso, the BSCL's representative on the CPRO Board, at 553-3953.

Are you feeling flabby? Consider joining the Thomas Jefferson Community Center over on 2nd St. S. The 1/8th mile indoor track is continually free of snow and dog droppings. Also available are rowing machines, exercise bikes, plenty of mats, at least 3 basketball courts, aerobics classes and high-tech looking weight equipment. Persons of all ages from newborn to senior citizen can be seen using the center.

As a mother-at-home I particularly appreciate the "indoor playground" they just started putting out Monday through Friday from 9:30am-12:30pm so my 3 year old can play while I row or do my floor exercises. Sometimes I can even take some spins alone around the track, especially if some other parents are around so we can watch each others kids.

All this and it is only \$40/per year (probably less for senior citizens). If you'd like to share some child watching with me call Kathy at 892-6458!

A brand-new, free video club has just moved near us! It is located at the Columbia Pike branch library (800 S. Walter Reed Dr.) Since the Central library is being renovated, the audio-visual department has moved south for the next 3 years or so. Aside from videos, there are records, music and books on tape and CDs available for loan. Try parking on the street since the lot is usually pretty full.

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THE BARCROFT NEWS.**PERSONAL.**

Miss Coyne Fletcher, who has just returned from abroad, spent last Sunday with Miss Johnston at Miles Away. Miss F. brought with her hundreds of interesting and instructive pictures of places she visited. After riding over the roads in Ireland she is clear upon the point that it would be wise in Mr. Carnegie to hold up on his gifts to libraries and devote some of his surplus cash to building good roads in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Cutter, Misses Cook and Thatcher, Monsieur M. DuPerow and Mr. C. C. Williams were the guests of Mrs. Klemroth at Klemwood a week ago yesterday.

Misses Ethel Smith and Mamie Palmer spent the evening with Miss Doremus one day last week.

Mr. S. P. Wright is playing a better game of high-five and has been admitted to full membership in the club.

Mr. Chewning and Miss Mamie Palmer are the champion ping-pong players.

Mrs. Mary Payne has sold the Barcroft mill to Mr. Moler Stoneburner, who intends making improvements soon.

Mrs. Margaret Smith has made public sale of her personal property and will go to Connecticut.

Mrs. Klemroth entertained several lady friends at luncheon on Friday afternoon.

The Misses Constance and Haddassah Backus and Ella and Jennie Oleutt, of Glen Carlyn, spent the last day of their vacation with Miss Edith Kolb at Woodmead. Tennis and other games were resorted to in the endeavor to forget that the next day they'd have to go back to school.

Mrs. C. Noland, of France, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Garvey, and her newly-arrived granddaughter. Mrs. Noland left for New York last Saturday.

Mrs. S. T. Marye gave a dinner party on Wednesday in honor of her cousin, Miss Estelle Doremus.

Miss Estelle Doremus, of Closter, N. J., has been spending the past week here with her cousin, Mrs. Oscar Haring. Miss Doremus has received much attention during her stay among us, dinners, luncheons and theater-parties being given in her honor.

Miss Edith Kolb entertained a number of young city people at Woodmead last Saturday a week ago. Tennis was indulged in.

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THURS. draft of our plan for what Barcroft should be in the 1990's. This
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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
with Kathy Kerr

**NEW NEIGHBORS ACTIVE
ON SOCIAL ISSUES**



Welcome to new neighbors Michael Stoil and Callie Gass who moved to Barcroft last fall. Formerly from Florida and Philadelphia respectively, Michael and Callie have lived in Northern Virginia and Arlington for many years. Former residents of South Arlington, they moved to a new home in North Arlington about 4 years ago. But when they found an affordable house twice the size here in Barcroft on 6th St. S. they couldn't pass it up. Michael also admits that he prefers South Arlington anyway. He says the people are less yuppyish and "funkier".

Married for 12 years, Michael and Callie have two children--Rebecca in 4th grade at Drew Model School and Jacob, age 4. In light of the recent episodes of children being molested on the way to school, Michael serves as monitor at the Drew bus stop in the mornings. Actually it is convenient for him to do this because he has to wait for his Metro bus to take him to work. (Michael is a long time user of public transportation and just got a driver's license for the first time in many years in July, 1989.)

Michael has two jobs, one as the Washington editor for "Alcoholism and Addiction Magazine." He is also the Director of Information and Referral for the Metro area Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Basically he is the person people call when they respond to TV and radio public service announcements offering information and referrals for help with substance abuse. Having worked previously for a long time as a consultant, Michael says he enjoys actually "doing" instead of "advising."

As a result of his drug and alcohol expertise, Michael can be seen or heard on radio and TV about four times per month. In December he was on the TV show "State of Siege" (channel 5) talking about amphetamine abuse. He did some radio and TV shows regarding topics such as prescription and holiday drug abuse.

Callie works for the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission as a specialist on childcare and housing. She does research and publishes in the area of childcare. A recent and often reprinted paper was about why childcare workers don't stay in the profession. Suprisingly, low salary was not the reason rather lack of respect and parent neglect of children (ie. parents dropping off sick, hungry or dirty kids) cause workers to quit.

Callie was once extremely active in the local Democratic party but her new job precludes this involvement since she now works for the state government. Presently Callie is active with the Arlington/Fairfax Jewish Congregation where she presently serves as the Vice-President for Youth and Education.



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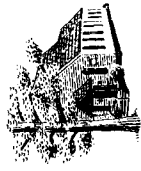
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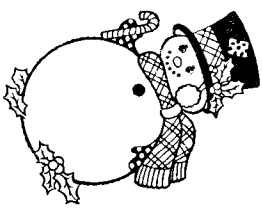
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