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April 5 Meeting: A Doubleheader!

CRIME RESISTANCE AND CANDIDATES' NIGHT

These two subjects were not chosen as a comment on the political process! Our meeting will open with a talk from the Arlington County Police crime resistance unit on what you should be doing in your home to avoid being a crime victim. These presentations are always chock full of tips on how to keep criminals from spoiling your day, and how to burglarproof your home. The police speakers always know what techniques burglars or other criminals are using and how to foil them.

The second half of our program, beginning at 8:30, will be a short Candidates' Night, if the two candidates for Arlington County Board can come. The election to fill the position vacated by John Milliken's move to Richmond to be Transportation Secretary will be held early in May. Three candidates have declared themselves so far. The two Democrats, Jim Hunter and Victoria Luna, will have a primary run-off in March before you read this issue of the News, so one of them will be the Democratic standard-bearer. The Republican nominee will be Monte Davis. Laurie Kelsch is working hard to book both sides for Candidates' Night, but we will not know until closer to the time of our meeting if they can make it. Tune in to the Barcroft Neighborline at 521-1116 just before the meeting for the final word.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE MESSAGES ON THE BARCROFT NEIGHBORLINE: 521-1116.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN: WE HAVE A DRAFT!

Our March 1 meeting made final changes in the Neighborhood Conservation Plan draft and approved it for transmission to the County. On March 8, Meril-Lee Pattison, our Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee rep, handed the draft to the NCAC for its review, the first step in the process of getting it approved by the County.

The most significant changes approved by the BSCL at the March 1 meeting were along the lines presented in last month's Barcroft News. They were on traffic, metro, access to Four Mile Run, the park on Arlington Hall and sidewalks.

The section on Transportation was modified most, primarily to emphasize the neighborhood's view that speeding, cut-through traffic and pedestrian safety are primary concerns. That led to recommendations for a four-way stop at the Pershing/3rd Street/Wakefield intersection and a request for the County to study other possible locations for devices to control speed. We are still rejecting speed bumps and nubs or street narrowing for this purpose.

The Metro recommendation now requests good bus service to metrorail stations rather than a metrorail line along Columbia Pike which would bring with it too much development. The sidewalk section asks for some solution such as County-funded sidewalks or even parking on only one side of the street to solve

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SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM FOR BARCROFT?

On March 13th a group met at the Community House to discuss a Safe House, Helping Hand, or other neighborhood program to improve the security of Barcroft's schoolchildren as they walk between the school and home. Dr. Ellen Kahan, Principal of Barcroft School, came, as did Bob McFarland, the Arlington County Police detective assigned to the school. The group is checking out the experience of other neighborhoods' programs, and looking at some alternative programs as well. It will meet again on Monday, April 18th at 7:30 in the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. For more info call Laurie Kelsch at 920-9429.

GET READY FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

Barcroft's second annual 4th of July Parade is coming soon. On the 4th of July, to be exact, or on the 7th if it rains. The first meeting to organize preparations for the parade will be held on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 in the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. We need some energetic volunteers. With enough of us helping, each person's job is manageable. Come on out and see your neighbors at their best--when they are planning a picnic!

CONSERVATION PLAN (continued from P.1)

the safety problem encountered by school children walking home on 7th and 8th Streets between Wakefield and Buchanan. We will have to poll the homes affected to be sure the new language is on track.

Missing from the revisions is the one on dogs who bark and make messes. The group decided it was an item to work on here in the neighborhood rather than a section to add to the Plan. Look for an article on that subject next month.

There will be other (hopefully minor) revisions as we go through the County review process. For a copy of the current draft, call Randy Swart at 521-2080.

After review by the NCAC, which will take three months, the Plan will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and then finally get to the County Board. We are trying to make that happen by July. Stay tuned!

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT ARLINGTON HALL?

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BARCROFT CRIME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Good question. Dump trucks have been coming and going through the chain link fence on George Mason Drive since before Christmas, working on excavation for the first of the National Guard's low-rise (3-4 story) office buildings that will be built there. The complex will be the administrative offices for the Army National Guard. The first building and a parking ramp will be built into the side of the hill, back from George Mason, where you see the hole now. When it's done, car access to the first building will be from the Arlington Boulevard access road.

At the same time, invisible (so far) from the street, work has started on the second phase of the project, which will be another building with parking closer to George Mason Drive. The Guard's asbestos contractor has been at work removing asbestos from the ugly forty-five year old "temporary" buildings along George Mason. National Guard representatives spoke about this process at the BSCL meeting last September. When that work is finished later this spring, the buildings will be coming down (to cheers from lots of Barcroft neighbors).

What about our new neighborhood park? Another good question. The part of the site not used by the National Guard will be the property of the State Department, and most of it will be used as the campus for a diplomatic training center. For years the State Department and Arlington County have promised that all of the land west of George Mason will be turned into a neighborhood park, and that some of the land on the east will be used to expand Alcova Heights Park.

But things have been quiet lately, and we haven't been able to find out where the parks project stands. There's a lot of work to plan a new park. If the bureaucrats and the politicians plan on delivering on their promises, it's time to get started.

Pat Roach
890-8131

Street numbers are the block where a crime occurred. If you value your car radio, do not park in the 900 block of Buchanan! Come to the BSCL meeting on April 5 to hear Arlington County Police explain these incidents and how to make your home safe.

- 2/1 900 S. Buchanan. Tools stolen from truck.
- 2/2 900 S. Buchanan. Window broken by known subject
- 2/3 900 S. George Mason. Car stolen
- 2/3 900 S. Buchanan. Portable radio stolen from car.
- 2/4 900 S. Buchanan. Car radio stolen.
- 2/9 600 S. Wakefield. Fight between students.
- 2/10 4700 S. 8th Rd. Subjects claiming to be real estate agents entered complainants home. When asked for credentials, they became uncooperative and left.
- 2/12 4600 Columbia Pike. Tools taken from car.
- 2/13 4300 Columbia Pike. Car hood damaged
- 2/17 900 S. Buchanan. 72 Datsun stolen. 800 S. George Mason. License plate stolen.
- 2/22 900 S. Buchanan. 83 Toyota stolen. 900 S. Buchanan. Car window broken
- 2/23 900 S. Buchanan. Car radio stolen.
- 2/24 900 S. Taylor. Attempt to steal '84 Honda.
- 2/26 4800 Columbia Pike. Restaurant broken into - money taken.
- 2/28 4800 Columbia Pike. Jewelry store robbed by group of Asian males. Large amount of jewelry taken. Two arrests made.

Don't be a crime victim. If you see someone who doesn't belong on your block, call the police at 558-2222 to investigate.

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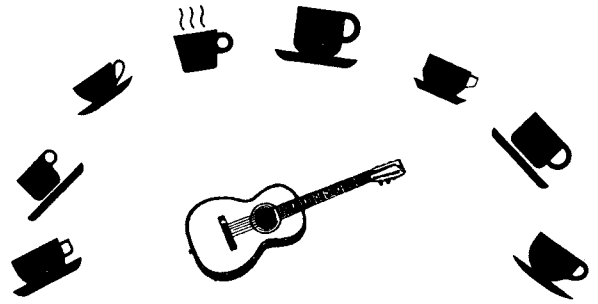
ZONING AND LAND USE ISSUES

by Laurie Kelsch

No zoning requests or land use permits have been requested in Barcroft this month

For your information, Blockbuster Video is going to take over the Carpet store on Columbia Pike at Buchanan. I have been told that management will do everything they can to alleviate parking problems there.

Over in Buckingham, JENCO has submitted a proposal to redevelop the Buckingham Shopping Center at the corner of Glebe Road and Pershing Drive. The site will have to be rezoned to accommodate this action. The developer would retain the structures on the east side of Glebe Road (including the Buckingham Theater) as retail; would demolish the structures on the west side of Glebe Road and replace these with six-story office buildings with retail on the first floors. The grocery store would be retained and relocated in a 15,000 square foot first floor location in one of the new buildings. The developer is also proposing a multiplex cinema in this location. The drug store would be relocated two blocks south along Glebe Road to a property also controlled by the developer. Existing surface parking on the east side of Glebe Road would be retained; parking the west side of Glebe Road would be structured, with some located on the roof of the new grocery store and the rest underground (a total of 286 spaces on the west side of Glebe Road).




BSCCL ORGANIZING A BARCROFT COFFEE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP RUN IT

The Barcroft School and Civic League is about to try something new for neighborhood socializing and entertainment--a coffee house! The event will be once a month on Friday night, in the Community House. The entertainment will be mostly budding new folk music groups from around the area, with an open stage for part of the evening where Barcroft musicians can perform. Admission will be free, but a hat will be there for donations. Coffee and pastries will be sold. Sound like fun? Want to be in on the organizing? Call Roger Cornell at 892-2421.

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MOM LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WHOSE CHILD HAS HAD A TRACHEOSTOMY

I have a 14-month-old boy with a new tracheostomy. If there is another Mom at home with the same who is interested in a little co-operative babysitting, please call me at 521-8634. Maybe we can spell each other for a few hours during the day and provide trach care assistance, too.

Nora Myers Rumpf

GYPSY MOTHS ARE STILL AROUND

The gypsy moth threat has dropped considerably in Barcroft, but the County will be spraying again this year. You probably got a notice in the mail informing you that you can protest if you do not want to be sprayed. Since the County uses "safe" sprays this has not been a big issue here in the past. Call the Gypsy Moth Coordinator, James Bartalon at 358-6422 if you want more info on the spraying.

Barcroft School:

SAFeway & GIANT CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS FINAL NOTICE!!

Barcroft School is on the home stretch of the grocery store cash register tapes campaign for Apple and IBM computers. But they still need your help to meet the goal. The Safeway campaign ends April 21 and Giant's has been extended to April 28! Keep those tapes coming in -- drop them off at the school, give them to a Barcroft student, or drop them through Nora Rumpf's door slot at 4607 Third Street South. (This month we even got her address right.) Or call Nora at 521-8634 for pick-up. The PTA thanks you so much for your support!

THE CENSUS IS COMING! THE CENSUS IS COMING! THE CENSUS IS ONLY ONE DAY AWAY

The U.S. census will be taken on April 1st. You will receive a questionnaire. The census records your place in history, so be sure to fill it in. We want an accurate count of Barcrofters, too, so be ready to be counted.



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APRIL EVENTS

April 5 FIRST THURS. OF THE MONTH	BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE 7:30 PM. 800 S. Buchanan St. Crime Resistance/Candidates' Night. Begins with a program on how to avoid being a crime victim, including what patterns of crime to expect in our area. Then Candidates' Night with County Board candidates if we can get them. Info from Randy Swart at 521-2080.
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| Monday
9th | BSCL 4TH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE meeting. 7:30 PM at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. For info call 521-2080. |
| Tuesday
10th | BSCL COFFEE HOUSE COMMITTEE meeting. See article on page 4. Community House, 800 S. Buchanan, 8PM. For info call 892-2421. |
| Wednesday
18th | BSCL School children security meeting. Safe House or other programs (see p. 2). 7:30 at the Community House. Info 920-9429. |
| Thursday
19th | Earth Day Bike-to-Work Day. Ride your bicycle to a rally then on to work. 8 AM ride from TJ center. Call 944-8567 for info. |
| Saturday
21st | Arbor Day. Celebration with games, nature crafts, live entertainment and 2,000 free trees. Bon Air Park 12-3. Info 358-6400. |
| Saturday
28th | Outdoor campfire and slide show on mammals of Virginia. Long Branch Nature Center. 7:45-9 PM. Free. Reservations 358-6535. |

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**MICHELLE AND MICHAEL HAVE
REASON TO BE THANKFUL!**

Michelle Newman and Michael Behringer had a particularly memorable Thanksgiving last Fall--they became parents on that day! They are greatly enjoying their baby, Matthew, born November 23, 1989.

Michelle and Michael moved to Barcroft almost 5 years ago from Capitol Hill where they both still work. Michelle runs a picture framing shop and Michael works for Capitol Hill Management Corporation managing area restaurants. They have been able to rearrange their schedules to avoid hiring a babysitter. Michelle takes Matthew into the shop with her a couple of days a week and Michael is able to care for him on other days before he goes into work.

Residents of the least busy street in Barcroft (6th St. S. off of Abingdon), Michelle and Michael are enjoying their neighbors and neighborhood kids, especially as the weather is improving. (I forgot to ask them about the tri-lingual message on their answering machine...!)

AND ITS PRE-SCHOOL SIGNUP TIME AGAIN

If you have a pre-schooler, NOW is the time to sign up for pre-school programs for the fall. New just this year is a pre-school program for four year olds over at the Our Savior Lutheran School located on S. Taylor St.

This afternoon pre-school class is taught by Viva Pagliaccio who has a B.A. in Education and also teaches the school's morning kindergarten class.

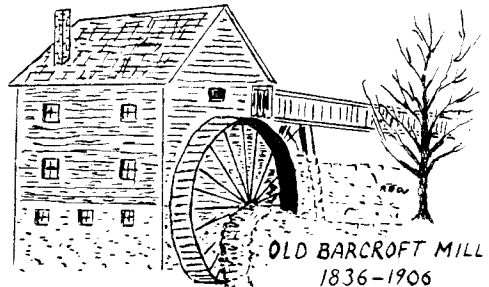
Church member Marilyn Jensen on S. Taylor St. reports that the room used is huge and is well-equipped with a delightful assortment of things to enhance the children's growth and development. The program is varied and stimulating. The preschool class is small and much individual attention is given. For info call Chuck Fisher, the principal, at 892-4846.

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS TIME

The bad news is that after 17 years on Second Street our BSCL president and newsletter editor Randy Swart and wife Barbara are moving south in mid-April! The good news is that they aren't moving very FAR south--just from 2nd St. on down to 7th St. S. They'll still be right in the heart of Barcroft. Congratulations Barbara and Randy on your new home and condolences to your former longtime neighbors.

MORE GOOD NEWS

A special thank-you to Barcroft bicyclist and farmer Mr. McKinny who is setting a great example for the children (and adults) of the neighborhood by wearing his new bike helmet!



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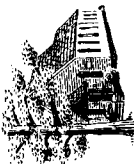
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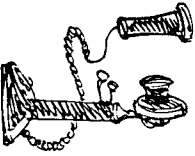
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