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FEBRUARY MEETING: Moving a Bureaucracy

The subject of the February meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League is Arlington County's plan to move its Department of Human Services (DHS) from many scattered sites into one central location. The County says the consolidation in one site will save overhead costs and enable DHS to provide more efficient service to its clients. Critics claim the County has not followed its own siting procedures. Our guest will be Ron Carlee, director of DHS (or a lieutenant). Come and be part of a lively discussion. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM on Feb. 3 in the Community House at 800 S. Buchanan.

January's BSCL Meeting

The featured topic at January's BSCL meeting was interior painting. We had a representative from the local Hechinger and a representative from one of their prime paint suppliers. They discussed some interior painting basics (preparation and paint types), then showed samples of how you can use sponges to create a wallpaper-like finish or roll a paint-dipped rag

to create a finish that looks remarkably like marble. The majority of the time was dedicated to questions and answers. After recalibrating the experts' answers to the Barcroft neighborhood (they initially said no one had plaster any more!), we asked about how to deal with thick cracked paint, peeling paint, bathroom mildew, and a host of other subjects within the range of Harry and Harriet Homeowner. Unfortunately, no miracle cures were proposed. Most of the solutions were to scrape, sand, thoroughly prepare, and redo with quality brushes and paints. The BSCL thanks the Route 7 Hechinger's for providing two of their knowledgeable and personable associates for our meeting.

Some questions about neighborhood conservation projects were also raised at the meeting. David Michaelson informed us that the project at Dead Man's Curve (Buchanan and 6th) was started but has been shut down by the weather. A large drain pipe is being installed, then a sidewalk will fill the gap along Buchanan to 4th St. Our thanks to BSCL Sign Manager Jack Turner and his wife, Lane, for putting up their portion of the assessment so that this long-overdue link can be completed. (They got a bargain, paying just 25% of the normal assess-

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ment.) The level of PCB contamination outside the VEPCO fence has not yet been determined. David raised the question of whether or not the BSCL would want to amend its Neighborhood Conservation Plan to ask the County for funds for playground equipment for Barcroft School. He also said the Sign Committee is dormant until another Barcrofter comes along to chair it. The first sign design, a beautiful stone sign, would have damaged the cherry trees in the triangle at George Mason Dr. and 8th St.

Clarification

The January issue of the *Barcroft News* included an article titled "Barcrofters Discuss 8th Street Project." Shortly after the issue was delivered to the community, Wayland Jones, one of 13 Barcrofters who attended the meeting, called BSCL President Scott Allard to state that he did not agree with portions of the article describing the meeting. He lives at the southeast corner of 8th and Taylor Sts. If the street were widened, there would be substantial modification to the portion of his lot along 8th St.

Mr. Jones does not welcome the project and is opposed to it at this time, partially because he is uncertain about the project's reason or purpose. He might be persuaded to support the project if Arlington County performs an environmental impact assessment including an evaluation of air pollution, studies the effect of the project on traffic and crime in the neighborhood, conducts an evaluation of potentially increased erosion, and identifies a coordinator to work with the individuals who would be affected by the project.

Mr. Jones's primary concerns are that by widening 8th Street just east of Taylor, the amount of cut-through traffic may be substantially increased and that easier access to the neighborhood may increase the crime rate.

The BSCL appreciates Mr. Jones's participation in the process of crafting a community consensus on the 8th Street project and is pleased to provide him this opportunity to clarify the previous article with regard to his attitudes toward the project.

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Fourth Annual Service Luncheon

by Talmadge Williams and Scott Allard

Barcroft's 4th Annual Service Luncheon on December 22 was deemed a great success, with more than 100 persons attending. On hand to welcome the guests were Kathryn Villegas, Anne Noll, Harry Wood, Louis Cohen, Talmadge Williams (co-chair), and BSCL President Scott Allard.

A wide range of service providers attended, including representatives from Arlington County's Fire Fighters, Police, Parks & Recreation, Library, Prosecutor's Office, and Public Schools. Barcroft School staff and volunteers came, along with former principal Dr. Ellen Kahan. Also in attendance were School Superintendent Arthur Gosling and staff. The School Board was represented by Conchita Mitchell (chair) and Darlene Mickey (member and Barcrofter). Our Barcroft neighbor and Virginia General Assembly Representative Karen Darner was there, as was County Board Member Benjamin Winslow.

Also attending were Postmaster Leonard Napper and staff; Jenny Fadoul, vice president of First Virginia Bank, and a staff member; Shirlene Smart (manager), Safeway Stores; Christine Cassol, Federal Express; Carol A. Lavin, Washington Gas; Dr. Evelyn Reed Syphax & Son of

DACE, Inc; and G. Robinson (director) and Karen Hutchinson of ACRI.

Susan Christopher, committee co-chair, enlisted her Social Studies class at Hoffman-Boston High School to decorate and set up the hall and learn firsthand the art of greeting and hosting guests as part of their class activity. The students received many compliments, and the hall was beautifully decorated for this occasion; they all deserve an outstanding grade.

A delicious lunch of tasty chicken, vegetables, salad, and spiced carrot juice was catered by the Oasis Restaurant, located next door to the Goodwill Store on Columbia Pike. Watch for their grand opening this month.

Many thanks to members of the Barcroft Community who provided the desserts and other donations: Scott Allard, Mr. & Ms. Barnes, Karen Darner, Laura Falvey, Wanda Fleming, Mr. & Ms. Harrington, Dorothy Hatchl, Marge Miller, Randy Swart, Mr. Taylor, Sharon Tope, Margaret Wigfield, and Harriet Williams.

Finally, a big thank you to Louis and Florence Cohen for being there to help make the luncheon go smoothly, as they have for all four of Barcroft's Annual Service Luncheons.



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A Neighborhood Restaurant

by An Anonymous Barcroft Gourmand

Intrigued by the menu in last month's *Barcroft News*, we set out for the Pines of Naples on Columbia Pike. It was a great experience, and we're going back.

The Pines is in the block just past Glebe Road, on the left. The front is uninspiring, but once you are inside, the staff and food are a real treat. The atmosphere is friendly and relaxed, the way a neighborhood restaurant should be. There are kids there, office parties are going on, and you can go in your jeans. Hosts Eliana and George Lessa-Khan live in Barcroft. They like the idea of advertising in our neighborhood newsletter, since many of their neighbors don't even know about their restaurant. Please let them know you are a Barcrofter.

The food is great! The Gourmandess had Mushroom Casoncello (*flower-shaped egg pasta stuffed with morel and wild mushrooms, served with your choice of cream or marinara sauce*) and the gourmand had veal marsala. Both were delicious; it was evident that the chef really knows what he's doing. The tab was modest, since most of the dishes are under \$8. Prices are even better at lunch. The back of the menu also lists vegetarian dishes for those who avoid meat.

As we were leaving, we stopped to read a Phyllis Richman article from the *Washington Post* on the wall. She rated the Pines among the top eight Virginia restaurants in 1988 and raved about their roast veal and grilled flounder. She also compared the Pines to the old Gusti's as a prime example of a real American institution, the neighborhood Italian restaurant. Beside this is a letter from Jim Hunter thanking the Pines for providing food for a charity event.

During our recent snows people are still eating out at the Pines. Eliana says some of

them drop off the bus on the way home from work, and others walk from the neighborhoods just around the corner. "They're tired of staying at home," she says.

We've added the Pines of Naples to our repertoire of relaxed places to eat good food on Friday night when you don't want to dress up. Next time we're trying that roast veal!

What Was Here Before Barcroft?

by Scott Allard

The area that is now Barcroft was primarily settled by the Corbett family of New York. In fact, this area was named Corbett for a time. The focus of the settlement was the Arlington Junction station on the railroad and the Arlington Mill (later Barcroft Mill), located in the area where Columbia Pike crosses Four Mile Run.

In 1849 Sewell Corbett of New York resettled to this area due to its milder climate and proximity to the nation's capitol. He purchased several parcels of land, some from the Fairfax estate, located generally to the north of Columbia Pike and to the east of Four Mile Run, extending back to what is now Buckingham. The Corbett family grew and prospered until the Civil War, which caused extensive damage to the Arlington Mill and the farms in the area. Speaking of the effects of the War of Northern Aggression on his farm and his neighbors to the south, Sewell said, "A large number of troops were stationed on these lands—from 10,000 to 100,000 men. We were ordered to leave in 1862. We did so. Our farms were badly

damaged, our buildings destroyed, and the crops gone.”

Apparently the damage was not irreparable, as the Corbett family continued to come to Virginia from New York. In 1864 a portion of Sewell's holdings was deeded to his brother, Frank S. Corbett. Frank's farm was named Cedar Hill and encompassed 162 acres. On G.M. Hopkins's 1878 map of Alexandria (now Arlington) County, Frank S. Corbett's residence is the only one marked in the area that is now Barcroft. As well as one can tell, the residence was located in the area of the abandoned Virginia Power substation just north of Dead Man's Curve on Pershing Dr.

The small subdivision of Corbett was created in 1892. It was on the portion of Cedar Hill Farm just before Arlington Ave. (now S. Buchanan St.) drops down the hill to Columbia Pike. Frank's subdivision of Corbett primarily

consisted of four cross streets. Their original (and current) names (established in 1932) are

Maple St. (7th St. S.)
Brook St. (8th St. S.)
Glen Ave. (8th Rd. S.)
Fairfax St. (9th St. S.)

Frank Corbett then became active in Arlington politics. Arlington was establishing an identity separate from Alexandria City by the late 1800s and one reflection of this was Arlington's initiative to establish a separate County Courthouse. Although Arlington County had been separate from Alexandria City since 1870, it still relied on Alexandria's Courthouse. A Court House Commission was established in 1896 to identify an appropriate site within Arlington County, and Frank Corbett was a member. That Commission selected a site in the vicinity of the

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existing Arlington Courthouse. Arlington's first Courthouse was dedicated two years later.

Frank Corbett's elected offices ended in 1901. Arlington became fed up with the gambling dens, saloons, and brothels located in Arlington across from the bridges leading into the District of Columbia. The effort was termed the "Clean-Up Campaign." The campaign pitted the "gamblers and toughs of Rosslyn and their friends against [those who represent] respectability" (D.M. Talbott, 1901). The campaign was hard fought, but eventually the "law and order" candidates won. Frank Corbett was one of the losers. The Clean-Up Campaign succeeded, and "thereafter Arlington was able to develop rapidly, free from the stigma of being a refuge for lawless elements" (Cornelia Rose).

Frank S. Corbett died shortly thereafter. He was probably buried in the Corbett family cemetery located on the south side of Columbia Pike, off Quincy St., between 16th and 17th Sts. S. That area is now Quincy Park.

This article was based on *Arlington County, A History* by Cornelia Rose, *Arlington Heritage* by Eleanor Lee Templeman, and several issues of the *Arlington Historical Magazine*, published by the Arlington Historical Society. Anyone who has additional information on this subject or who knows of an inaccuracy is encouraged to contact Scott Allard at 521-0825.

Your Car Can Be Fixed in Barcroft!

by Randy Swart

As our Plymouth minivan neared the end of its warranty, I took it down to Columbia Pike Automotive for a once-over. It had not been running well for a long time, and the dealer couldn't improve it. But I had avoided independent service during the warranty period, thinking the dealer would know the car better and do the warranty work for free. I decided to take my coupon from the *Barcroft News* and try our own neighborhood auto repair.

My experience was an eye-opener. Columbia Pike Automotive owner Lacy Malcolm (son of the original owner of Malcolm's at that spot for many years) is straight out of central casting as Mr. Goodwrench—square of jaw, careful, patient, and a person I trusted instinctively. His mechanics looked our car over and discovered that the spark-advance computer had failed. The dealer had not replaced the part but had advanced the timing to compensate. Mr. Malcolm gave me a computer printout showing the problem and demonstrated for me with a vacuum pump that the spark computer's diaphragm would not hold a vacuum. The water pump had a slow leak and so did the transmission. Armed with all that info, I went to see my dealer.

The dealer ignored the printout, saying three mechanics had looked at my car and found it okay. All it needed was a new thermostat. A "driveability technician" had driven it and "said that it wasn't too bad except for that flat spot in the acceleration." The service rep said several times that he himself did not understand the problem but had to rely on his mechanics. I was appalled. I have since heard that most people don't take their cars there un-



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less they have warranty work to be done. It turned out the spark-advance computer wasn't under warranty any more, so I took my car and fled.

Back at Columbia Pike Automotive, Mr. Malcolm and his men fixed our car. It came out of their shop the next day running like a top—as smooth and frisky as it was when it was new. We had forgotten that it could run that well. All thoughts of buying a new car evaporated. This one is great, and just needs good maintenance. It's fun to drive again, and it starts quickly in subzero temperatures. Mr. Malcolm and his mechanics, armed with a computerized system of maintenance manuals, apparently knew my car better than the dealer did. They found and fixed things the dealer had ignored or missed. Their prices were good, and they can do regular maintenance work without voiding a car's warranty.

I would not hesitate to recommend Columbia Pike Automotive to anyone. They open at 7 AM. You can leave your car there and step across the Pike for a bus to the Pentagon Metro (they run every four minutes), ensuring that you will get to work on time. Mr. Malcolm is there until 6:30 in the evening for pickup. Barcroft is lucky to have that kind of competent automotive repair right in the neighborhood.

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Landscaping for Children

Long Branch Nature Center will hold an evening slide show for adults on Thursday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 8 PM to learn how to make a "secret garden" or other special place for children of all ages. Reservations are required, 358-6535.

Owl Prowl

Long Branch Nature Center says that owls have been spotted in Arlington, though very infrequently. Join them for a talk about owls and then a walk to search for these uncommon predators. This is not a snipe hunt. Bring one flashlight per family and dress for the weather. Free, but reservations are required, 358-6535.



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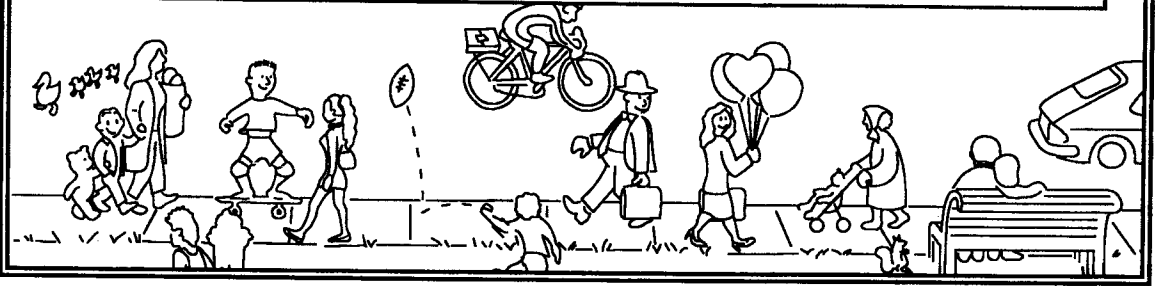
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Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



Apologies to new neighbors John and Ann Leonarz on 3rd St. S. for misspelling their last name in the January *Barcroft News*.



It was just an ordinary October morning for 17-year-old Teri Brunner of S. Pershing St., driving down 3rd St. on her way to school. Suddenly she slammed on the brakes to avoid crashing into a deer heading over the curb into

the street. The buck, complete with large antlers, walked past her car, ambled into a yard, jumped a fence, and headed toward 4th St.

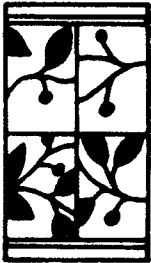
Teri returned home and told her parents, Bob and Felice, what had happened, but they didn't believe her story. "Are you sure it wasn't just a big dog?" they asked. Then the three of them headed down 4th St., where they **all** saw the deer up on the high stone wall at Jim Perlmutter's house. Bob was impressed by the size of the buck's rack. The deer jumped down into the street and dashed off into the woods between two houses, heading for Four Mile Run.

Long Branch Nature Center reports sightings last fall of both a buck and a doe. Perhaps there may be a fawn around as well. The spokesperson commented that the animals must have traveled quite a distance and crossed many large, busy streets to get to Barcroft. Pretty amazing. Any more witnesses?

Volunteers Needed

At about 5:15 PM on the first and third Mondays of the month, a small team of Barcrofters climb into cars or vans and drive to Lazurus at the Gate in Falls Church, where they load up food (and sometimes clothing) and take it back to Arlington.

At 6:00 PM they arrive at the Park Warren Apartments near the Safeway on Columbia Pike. The Barcroft team is greeted by an orderly line of people awaiting the peanut butter and



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6	7	8	9	10 CHINESE NEW YEAR VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR	11 Rollerskating, Fairlington Community Center, children grades 1-5; call 358-6588	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 MARDI GRAS	16 ASH WEDNESDAY	17	18	19 BSCL Building and Grounds Committee, 9 AM- noon
20	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 PURIM BEGINS	25 Opera Theater of Northern Virginia: <i>The Poor Sailor</i> and <i>The Scarf</i> ; call 549-5039	26
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jelly sandwiches, outdated loaves of bread, canned goods, and whatever other food is available for distribution. At 6:30 the drivers return to their cars and head for the recycling bins at the corner of Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run. There, another orderly line of men, women, and children await the free food. By 7:00 all have been served. The empty boxes are loaded back into the vehicles for reuse, and at least one driver heads back to Lazarus at the

Gate to return them. Each Barcrofter has donated 2 hours of time and has provided food for approximately 200 hungry people.

Devoted Barcrofters who have been regular food distributors for a number of years include Jim Duffy, Joyce Mason, Brian Depenbrock and family, Barbara McKee, Ann Wester, Natasha Lord, and Janet Kyle. Peg Butner not only has

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Community House Improvements

The reactivated Community House Building and Grounds Committee met on Wednesday, Jan. 12. Seven people discussed a wide range of repairs and improvements. The Committee decided to make several minor repairs at an upcoming workday and to prepare a long-range plan to preserve and upgrade the building. The workday is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 AM to noon, and all neighbors are welcome to come. Anyone interested in volunteering or in participating in meetings of the Committee should call one of the co-chairs, Scott Brinitzer (grounds) at 892-0308 or Dennis Bennett (building) at 892-6467. Or call the Barcroft Neighborline at 521-1116 for an announcement.

Need a Hall?

by Sharen Zundel

Barcrofters likely know the Unitarian Church of Arlington is expanding its building at George Mason Dr. and Arlington Blvd. As part of the facility-improvement program, the church is considering options for space that will be vacated in the Education Building, known as Reeb Hall, in the fall. Reeb Hall has a large auditorium, kitchen, and classrooms as well as offices. The church would like to know about groups with space needs that may be met by Reeb Hall. To make suggestions or get further information, please call Sharen Zundel at 979-8287 or see her at the February BSCL meeting.

Around the Neighborhood

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delivered food but has also driven to various bakeries and supermarkets during the day to pick up outdated food for distribution. There are many other volunteers who have helped in the past. An extra-special thank you goes to Jim Duffy, who goes twice a month virtually every month. Thank you all, Lazarus volunteers past and present!

As you can see, the teams are small; if anyone gets sick there is a big problem. There have been times that no one could go at all. Those hungry people standing in line out in the cold, waiting for food, have no way of knowing that no one is going to show up. They are counting on us. We need more volunteers! You don't have to have a car or a healthy back. If you would like to help on a regular or irregular basis, or even just once, please call Kathy Kerr at 892-6458 for more details. We need you!

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Is Your Child “Work Inhibited”?

by Kathy Kerr

As many as 20% of American public school students have extreme difficulty completing schoolwork and staying on task and are unable to finish homework on their own. Dr. Jerome Bruns, a school psychologist with the Falls Church schools has written a book about such children entitled *They Can But They Don't*. Referring to such children as “work-inhibited,” he says they “may have the intellectual capability necessary to understand the concepts their teachers present, they may have well-educated parents who want them to do well, and they may have no learning disabilities. Something is blocking them, however, from succeeding.”

A work-inhibited student

- ☛ is unable to finish work independently
- ☛ needs close supervision or help from teachers in order to complete work
- ☛ is unreliable
- ☛ gives up easily when frustrated
- ☛ seeks the teacher's attention frequently
- ☛ is poorly organized
- ☛ forgets often, or seems confused
- ☛ is socially on the sidelines
- ☛ has difficulty engaging in both cooperative and competitive play
- ☛ drifts off and daydreams
- ☛ is in his or her own world at work time
- ☛ submits work that is sloppy and poorly done without attention to detail, if work is submitted at all
- ☛ has poor penmanship

- ☛ displays frequent fidgeting, pencil sharpening, getting out of his or her seat, and going to the bathroom

Dr. Bruns offers parents, educators, and guidance counselors insight into these problems along with strategies for helping work-inhibited children. He will be speaking at Drew Model School on Monday, February 8, 1994, at 7:30 PM in the Teacher's Lounge. All parents, teachers, and school staff are welcome. There will be time to ask Dr. Bruns questions. He is a dynamic speaker, and this will be one program no one will want to miss!

Urban Foresters Needed

Arlington County's Urban Forestry Commission is in need of a few good members. If you are interested in shepherding Arlington's trees—in parks, along roadways, and in private yards—give Derek Smith a call in the evening at 533-3332.

Opera Anyone?

The Opera Theater of Northern Virginia will be performing *The Poor Sailor* by Darius Milhaud and Jean Cocteau and *The Scarf* by Lee Hoiby this month. The operas will be at Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 2nd and Glebe Rd. S. The performances are Friday, February 25, at 8 PM and Sunday, February 27, at 3 PM. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for a child. For more info you can call the OTNV hotline at 549-5039.

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Terri Lahlou, 28 years old, S. 4th St., 979-9565
(home), 527-8484 (work)

Liza Lord, 13 years old, American Red Cross Baby-
sitting course, 892-2443

Sasha Lord, 11 years old, Mother's Helper—will
entertain children while mother is at home,
892-2443

Anne Roningen, 13 years old S. 9th St., 521-1451

Valentine Class

Long Branch Nature Center will hold a Valentine's Day Craft class on Wednesday, February 9, from 6:30 to 8 PM. Adults are invited to make a beautiful valentine for their sweetheart. There is a \$3 materials fee, and the class is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Reservations are required, 358-6535.

Tell Them You Saw It in The Barcroft News

Whenever you patronize the businesses that advertise in the newsletter, please be sure to tell them you saw their ad. They need to know that it pays to advertise in the Barcroft News.

Barcroft's Bus

The Barcroft bus we talked about last month provides one benefit for everyone regardless of whether they ride it. Our priority snow clearance routes are mostly due to our bus service. The entire bus route—Taylor, Fourth Street to Wakefield, and Eighth Street to Buchanan—gets plowed before other streets in the neighborhood. Consequently many Barcrofters drive to work on snow days thanks to the Barcroft bus. It's a good thing the route is cleared, too. The bus drivers are very careful on our hills, but if the snow is really bad they can't make it up them.

The Barcroft bus drivers are a pretty good lot. Harold Howard rates them as much more courteous than those in the District. On a recent 6:28 from the Pentagon (the last Barcroft bus), the driver remarked to a passenger that it

seemed like there had been an awful lot of construction in Barcroft since his student days in Arlington. He was curious about the "farmer" and some other things he had noted during his daily drives through our neighborhood.

Harold really appreciates hearing the Barcroft bus go by when he is home on vacation. It just gives him a good feeling that he doesn't have to go to work. His mother, Mary, remembers "bus buddies were best buddies" in the days when she took the bus to work every day. Now that she is retired, she sets her watch in the mornings by the Barcroft bus.

Dick Melia says the bus is very safe. Although he has seen bus accidents on Columbia Pike, he has never been in one on the Barcroft bus in the more than 20 years he has been riding it. And he has never heard of a bus accident



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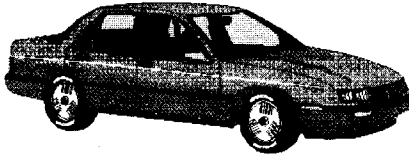
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Barcroft Crime Report

This month's crime report is for incidents in December. **Please note that the addresses show the block where the incident occurred, not the individual house number.** The report came to us with a little less detail than normal this month. In addition to the crimes reported here, police investigated nine traffic accidents during the month. Six were at Columbia Pike and George Mason, and the other three were at Columbia Pike and Buchanan.

To report crimes or criminals, Arlington County police urge you to call them on 911 or at their non-emergency number, 538-2222.

- 12/3 4800 Columbia Pike. Drunk in public.
- 12/5 4600 9th St. S. Vehicle theft.
4800 Columbia Pike. Larceny.
900 S. Buchanan. Suspicious activity.
900 S. Wakefield. Burglary—breaking and entering.
- 12/7 900 S. Buchanan. Burglary—breaking and entering.
- 12/8 900 S. George Mason Dr. Vandalism.
- 12/10 4800 7th St. S. Larceny.
- 12/12 4800 Columbia Pike. Simple assault.
4800 Columbia Pike. Drunk in public.
- 12/14 900 S. Buchanan. Harassment.
- 12/15 400 S. George Mason Dr. Disturbing the peace.
S. Abingdon. Attempted suicide.
- 12/16 900 S. Wakefield. Probation violation.
- 12/17 900 S. George Mason Dr. Assault.
- 12/19 900 S. Buchanan. Suspected drunk.
- 12/21 900 S. Buchanan. Harassment.
- 12/24 900 S. Buchanan. Simple assault.
4400 1st Place S. Burglary—breaking and entering.
- 12/27 4300 9th St. S. Indecent exposure.
- 12/28 900 S. Buchanan. Vehicle theft.

For a copy of the police report from Officer Ralf Meier or to join the BSCL's Crime Resistance Committee, call Chris Monek at 920-1287.

on the neighborhood part of the route. Dick feels relaxed enough to go to sleep on the bus. His record for sleeping (on a regular Columbia Pike 16 bus, not the 16X through Barcroft) is just past the Safeway. He relies on the turn onto Taylor Street to wake him up on the 16X.

When the hills on Buchanan and Wakefield ice up, the Barcroft bus is cancelled. The walk down one of those slippery slopes to Columbia Pike on an icy day really makes a Barcrofter appreciate the neighborhood bus service.

Schedule

Here for your refrigerator door is the schedule for the **16X**.

The bus enters Barcroft in the **morning** headed for the Pentagon at

6:29, 6:49, 7:09, 7:32,
7:44, 8:11, & 8:32.

In the **evening** it departs from Platform D at the Pentagon at

4:06, 4:26, 4:46, 5:06,
5:26, 5:46, 6:06, & 6:28.

(Other Columbia Pike buses leave from the Pentagon station if you miss the 6:28.)

The fare in the morning is \$1.05 if you ask for a return transfer. Coming home you take a bus transfer from the machine when you enter Metro and hand both transfers to the driver for a free ride back. If you don't need the free ride back, the fare is only \$1.

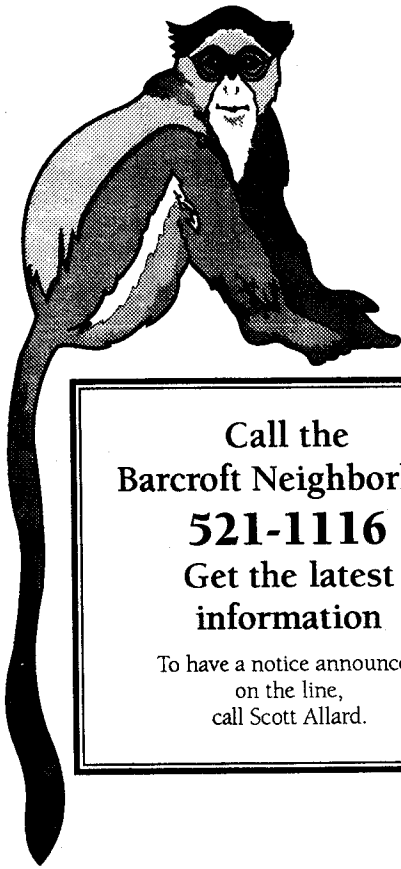
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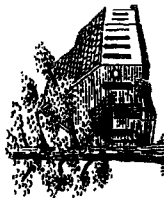
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