

BARCROFT NEWS

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DECEMBER MEETING: Annual Holiday Program

The whole family is invited to a holiday program and Christmas carol sing-along with the famous Barcroft Christmas Band at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 1, at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. Everyone in Barcroft is welcome; you do not have to be a member. Bring a neighbor, a friend, your kids; bring some cookies too. This is the Barcroft School and Civic League's traditional Christmas program. It comes early in the month and provides a fine opening for this joyous season. Santa is likely to appear, and the adults are fond of saying that this program is great for the kids. This is one meeting where we don't ask for volunteers for community projects or conduct any BSCL business—and one of the best to just meet the folks in your neighborhood. Come and join your neighbors in expressing the good spirits of the season!

Mark your calendars early for the January 5 meeting, which will feature a discussion with our neighborhood police officers.

Postal News

by Kyle Walton

The featured speaker at the November meeting of the BSCL was Leonard Napper, the Arlington County postmaster. Mr. Napper quickly (and bravely) established an open rapport with the group gathered. Barcrofter comments ranged from frustrated to appreciative; and thanks to the discussion, both sides left perhaps a bit enlightened.

Questions were raised about the number of new carriers seen along our routes, and frustrations were vented over slow and inconsistent deliveries. According to Mr. Napper, Barcroft delivery service is currently undergoing significant changes. In the past few weeks, Barcrofters may have noticed that carriers have had human shadows diligently following behind with clipboards in hand. As part of a time-motion study, every step of the carriers' routes has been clocked and documented. The study will result in a realignment of carrier routes sometime in January. Our mail may be delivered at a new

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Barcroft Voted!

by Randy Swart

Barcroft precinct turned out more than 1200 voters on November 8, a respectable showing, although it lagged behind the 1500 or so we can turn out for a Presidential election year. As always, the Barcroft vote for every candidate was within one or two percentage points of the Countywide results. Ours is still a typical Arlington neighborhood. Unlike the national results, Democrats fared well in Barcroft.

More Barcrofters turned out to vote for or against Ollie North than voted in any other race. In that race Senator Robb won 65% of our vote. Congressman Moran won 63%, up about four points from his 59% showing in 1992. Mary Margaret Whipple was reelected to the County Board with 64% of Barcroft's votes. Mary Hynes won 57% of Barcrofters' votes, about 2% above her Countywide margin. Barcroft resident Dick Trodden won by a whopping 77% in his home precinct, a new Barcroft record for an opposed candidate; but he also did very well across the County at 74% overall.

Barcroft approved the County bond issues by wide margins, but for most issues the yes votes were down some from previous years. Approval percentages, with 1992 percentages in parentheses: Metro 70% (79% in 1992), Schools 73% (76% in 1992), Parks 70% (69% in 1992), Streets and Highways 73% (74% in 1992), and Water 79% (vs. 82% for sewage treatment in 1992). The Fire Station bond was approved by 73%. Our support for bonds was generally one or two percentage points below the County average.

Good voter turnout is a closely watched barometer of neighborhood awareness and participation in the political process. Even if your candidates did not win, your neighborhood did.

Leaf Collection

Vacuum trucks have made their first pass through Barcroft and are expected again soon. To hear a listing of the pickup schedule, call the Leaf Collection Hotline at 358-6565. Biodegradable bags may still be available at the Long Branch Nature Center. Give the Center a call at 358-6535 to check availability. You can also call the Arlington County Solid Waste Division Monday through Friday at 358-6565 for additional locations.

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Postal Service

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time of day, but once the routes are established, the delivery time should be more consistent.

Mr. Napper explained that our carriers are made up of full- and part-time employees. Prior to the realignment, carriers have filled in as needed for long routes, often delivering in unfamiliar terrain. In the past few years, the Arlington postal service has suffered from inadequate staffing, a result of an early retirement option in 1991 and a subsequent hiring freeze. The freeze was lifted recently, and with it the Arlington postal service is welcoming 71 new employees. Dedicated to improving service, Mr. Napper and his staff welcome comments and suggestions. Contact James Brown, station manager of the Arlington Annex, at 979-1137 or 979-0962.

Let us all remember our hard-working postal carriers, especially during the upcoming holiday season, when their task is even harder. It is encouraging to hear that improvements are on the way!

Ad Manager Wanted

Marcia Oresky has regretfully resigned as *Barcroft News* advertising manager due to an illness in the family, which means we need a volunteer for the position. It's a fun job! You get to visit or call the neighborhood businesses that advertise in the *Barcroft News*, which can be interesting. Sending out the bills is a chore, but only happens every three months for the regulars, and Virginia Reinecke organized all of that for us. Please call Randy or Barbara Swart at 521-2080 to volunteer.



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Winds of Change on Columbia Pike

by Laura Falvey

One of the many advantages of living in Barcroft has been picking up and dropping off your video rentals at Blockbuster on your way to and from the Safeway on Columbia Pike. Unfortunately, we will have to drive a few miles farther to do that. Both companies have opened stores in a new shopping center at the corner of Columbia and Leesburg pikes. These closings come as a loss both in convenience to Barcrofters and in tax revenue for Arlington County.

The reasons behind the two moves differ, however. Safeway moved for larger space, and the Blockbuster store suffered from a leaking roof. Apparently Barcroft Plaza, where Blockbuster was located, has been in bankruptcy for some time. Fortunately, there is a serious prospective buyer; and we hope that with new ownership, the property will be improved to attract a strong neighborhood business. Retail vacancy along the Pike is a mere 1.5 percent; so with improvements, the former Blockbuster space should not go unrented for long.

Safeway owns the property at its old location on Columbia Pike and is seeking national retailers to lease the space. For obvious reasons, it is unlikely to be leased to another grocery store. If you have ideas about the type of business you would like to see locate on our end of Columbia Pike, contact the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) at 892-CPRO (2776). We are lucky to have Darlene Mickey, a Barcrofter, as the executive director. Membership in CPRO is only \$10 a year and helps the organization stay abreast of developments such as these, assist businesses wishing to locate on Columbia Pike, and sponsor special events such as the recent "Pick up the Pike" litter cleanup day.

Barcroft Community House Fund

by Jim Kerr

A new Barcroft Community House Fund is being established so your donations can now be tax deductible. Last year \$630 was donated to the Barcroft School and Civic League. This year we have already received \$190 in donations, with \$100 coming from one person.

The credit for setting up this fund goes to previous Barcroft neighbor Pat Roach, who moved this past September. Even though he knew he was leaving the neighborhood last spring, Pat continued to work on setting up the fund. He is a lawyer with Bell, Boyd, and Lloyd in Washington, D.C., so we can be assured that all the board resolutions and IRS forms setting up the fund were submitted properly.

Since BSCL participates in political activities, such as lobbying for neighborhood conservation plan funds, your BSCL dues are still not tax deductible. Maintaining the historic Barcroft Community House does qualify for tax-exempt status by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If you wish to donate a tax-exempt gift in addition to your BSCL membership dues, just make sure you designate that it go to the Barcroft Community House Fund. This can be accomplished by checking the Community House Maintenance contribution box on the BSCL Membership Application form. Any funds donated above the \$2 (\$4 for a couple) will be tax deductible.

The Fund will be used primarily to renovate the Barcroft Community House. A BSCL committee met last year and brainstormed a number of possible renovations. These include repairing the foundation, rewiring the electrical service, installing new heating, installing new air conditioning, raising the ceiling to the original height, replacing (rather than repairing)

walls, replacing wood floors, providing handicap accessibility (to include a toilet on the main floor), and replacing the outdoor shed. If you wish to help out in planning the renovations, call Jim Kerr at 892-6458 or look for a committee meeting date in the January newsletter.

West Parcel Park

by Scott Allard

After almost a decade of negotiations, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has finally been signed between Arlington County, the U.S. Department of State, and the General Services Administration (GSA) regarding the terms of County use of the West Parcel of the old Arlington Hall military reservation. The West Parcel is located in the Barcroft neighborhood, just east of George Mason Dr. The parcel is entered by taking S. Taylor St. north off S. 4th St.

Enough acronyms! On with deciding exactly what this new neighborhood park will look like! The basis is provided in the Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan, which includes one proposed layout for the park and sets out five basic principles regarding its design:

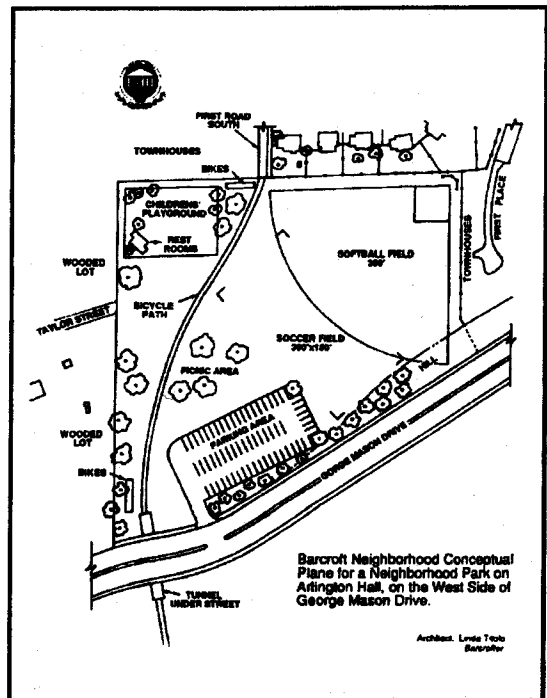
1. The site should be used as a neighborhood park.
2. Mature trees should be preserved.
3. The ballfield should not become lighted.
4. Foot and bicycle access should be improved, yet auto traffic should be restricted.
5. The improvements should be "undertaken without delay." (The Plan is dated July 1990!)

On to the present. Work is afoot to reorient the ballfield so that the batter's cage is near the

parking lot, and a new access road/trail has been constructed between the end of Taylor St. and the underpass going under George Mason Dr. Both pedestrians and bicyclists are planned users of the underpass.

So what's next? How about a name for the park? What should the picnic grove look like? Should there be a dog exercise area? What will the bathroom building look like, and how will it be managed? Should there be a kid's play area? Is barbed-wire fencing appropriate for a park? What will the State Department's parking lot lights look like?

Please bring answers to the January meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League, leave a message on the Barcroft Neighborline at 521-1116, or call Scott Allard at 521-0825. A Mystery Prize will be awarded to whomever comes up with the new name for the park.



Unitarian Church Plans

by Dave Voorhees

A delegation from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington made a presentation at the regular BSCL meeting in November. Peter Vitaliano, a member of the Board of Trustees of the church, described the plan for the use of Reeb Hall. He said that all church operations now take place in the newly enlarged main building. The building known as Reeb Hall must be boarded up or a new nonprofit use found for it.

The church has asked the County for a conditional-use permit to make the building available on a rental basis to an Arlington County social service organization and a group of Arlington area artists. Representatives from ARTSPACE, a cooperative of approximately 12 artists, and the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN) spoke of their plans for the use of the building.

Mr. Vitaliano emphasized that Reeb Hall would be used far less intensely by these two organizations than when the church utilized the building. Having some use, however, is preferable to boarding up the building, which would leave it vulnerable to vandals and vagrants.

A-SPAN hopes to locate its administrative offices and a food depot in the building. No homeless people would be housed or fed in the building. An outreach worker would occasionally interview homeless people by appointment in the A-SPAN offices.

ARTSPACE would use the Reeb Hall space with large windows for studios. About six artists will divide the space according to their needs. No space will be used for sales.

Several BSCL audience members asked questions, and two spoke in favor of the proposed use. No one voiced opposition. The BSCL will vote on this issue at its January meeting.

A-SPAN Proposal to Use Reeb Hall

by Lora Rinker

The Unitarian Church is making the unused space in Reeb Hall available to community organizations. Arlington Street People's Assistance Network Inc. (A-SPAN) has presented a proposal to use Reeb Hall space. For those of you who are not familiar with A-SPAN, the organization works with and for homeless persons in Arlington to help them access food, clothing, and shelter. A-SPAN also provides more long-term services, such as detoxification programs, health care, mental health evaluations and treatment, and transitional housing placements in addition to some emergency services. The ultimate goal is to help each homeless person reach his or her highest level of self-sufficiency and life off the streets. A-SPAN has four major programs:

- ❧ The Homeless Bagged Meal Program delivers 50 meals, including a hot dish, to homeless persons at three stops along the Ballston-Rosslyn corridor.
- ❧ Under contract with Arlington County, A-SPAN administers the Emergency Winter Shelter at 2049 N. 15th St.
- ❧ Outreach Services are provided on the streets and at the shelter by the A-SPAN Outreach Worker.
- ❧ Education and Advocacy around issues of homelessness are pursued through a newsletter, media coverage, speaking engagements, and membership on commissions and committees.

A-SPAN would use the space in the following ways:

- ❧ As an office in pursuit of A-SPAN goals.
- ❧ As storage for food and clothing.

☛ As a central drop-off and pick-up place for volunteers working in the Homeless Bagged Program.

☛ As a place to interview and counsel clients on an appointment-only basis.

Anyone with questions is invited to call the A-SPAN President, Lora Rinker, at 524-0995. A-SPAN wishes to be a good neighbor and welcomes your suggestions.

[Editor's Note: A-SPAN's proposal will be discussed at the BSCL January meeting.]

Tell Them You Saw It in the *Barcroft News*

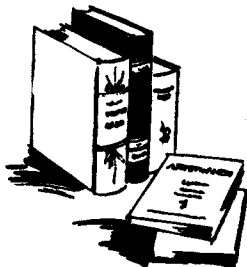
Whenever you patronize the businesses that advertise in the newsletter, please be sure to tell them you saw their ad. They need to know that it pays to advertise in the *Barcroft News*.

Dog Exercise Area

by Barbara McKee

The Arlington Hall West Park is now almost ready for neighborhood use. Some neighbors and our family are interested in designating a small portion of the park as an off-leash dog exercise area. The area, approximately one-half acre, is the lower field adjacent to George Mason Dr., bounded by the parking lot and the newly paved pedestrian path. We have a copy of the County guidelines for designating a new area and would be happy to discuss them with any interested Barcrofters. One of the County stipulations is community support, either by petition or letters. We would like to hear from anyone with comments or support for an off-leash dog exercise area. Please call Jeff Pfoutz or Barbara McKee at 685-1157.

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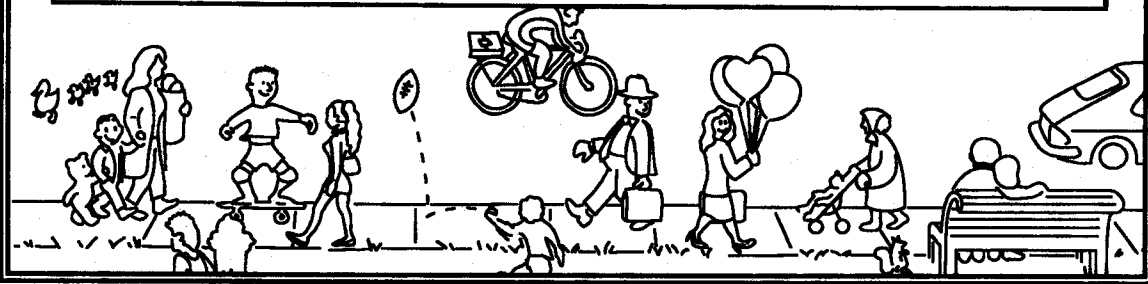
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Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



Blockbuster Video, our very own Blockbuster Video, suddenly locked its doors in August. My family discovered this upon returning from a vacation. What a shock it was! Why did they close? The answer is that their roof was leaking badly and the landlord refused to repair it. So now Barcrofters will have a longer trek for

some entertainment on those snow-bound days this winter. There is another Blockbuster located on Columbia Pike just before Glebe Rd. (near the Post Office). Budget-conscious movie renters may want to try Power Video located across from the Super Giant in Bailey's Crossroads, where you can rent two videos for the price of one at Blockbuster.

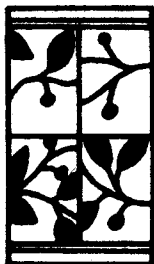
We Barcrofters must consider who would want to rent a building with a leaky roof? How long will that building be empty? What sort of business would go in there?

Meanwhile, we've also lost our Safeway! Not that it was the greatest Safeway in Arlington, but at least it was close and the staff was very nice. Now there is a beautiful, brand new Safeway located on Rt. 7 right where it intersects with Columbia Pike. Good luck parking there though. There are many other very popular new stores in the shopping center (including a Blockbuster Video) and a relatively small lot.

What business will take over that old Safeway store? It will be interesting to see.



Do you have a new baby or other exciting event in your life that you'd like to share with fellow Barcrofters? Call Kathy Kerr, 892-6458, for a brief interview.



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December Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BSCL Meeting, 7:30 PM, 800 S. Buchanan. Call 521-0825 for info.	2	3 Col. Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
4	5 Walt Disney's Birthday	6 Civic Federa- tion Mtg., 7:45 PM, Arlington Hospital.	7 PEARL HARBOR DAY	8	9	10
11	12	13 ST. LUCIA'S DAY	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 1ST DAY OF WINTER	22	23	24
25 CHRISTMAS	26 KWAANZA BEGINS	27	28 Gum was patented by William Finley Semple 125 years ago.	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Kerr presented a written balance sheet and income statement for the BSCL at the November meeting. Including the checking account balance and invested building maintenance fund (but excluding other property), we have net assets of \$45,225. Income for the period 6/1/94 -11/3/94 was \$2,862, and

expenses were \$2,901. The fund suffered a loss of \$39, due in part to the vacancy for Advertising Manager for the *Barcroft News*. We need your help! To learn more about the advertising manager position, call Randy Swart at 521-2080. For a copy of the Treasurer's report, please call Jim Kerr at 892-6458.

Letter From Kazakhstan

by Barbara Swart

Barcroft and former BSCL representative to CPRO Jack Christman has just moved to Kazakhstan—not forever, you understand. He would never give up his picture-perfect garden on 7th St. (Yes Jack, those are *leaves* all over your lawn!)

Where is Kazakhstan anyway? Well, it's bordered on the north by Russia. Jack lives in Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan, which is located in the southeast corner of the country. The nearest largest city is Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan. Now that's a big help. You'll have to buy a new map and look it up. Almaty is kind of in the middle of the end of the world.

What follows were some of Jack's first impressions of the area. It took more than a month for a letter to reach him. However, we are now sending and receiving messages almost instantly via the Internet, so Kazakhstan no longer seems so far away.

We quote with Jack's permission:

"... I am sitting at my desk this Saturday morning enjoying (?) my second cup of instant coffee. My desk overlooks the Prospect Ablai Kahn, which until recently was Communist Prospect. This is one of the busiest streets in town, having served for many years as the main ceremonial street of the city. It runs from the train station in the south up to the Presidential 'Apparat' in the foothills of the mountains. On its way, it passes many government ministries, the Supreme Soviet, the Ministry of Justice, the Supreme and Constitutional Courts, the central department store, the central grocery store, the opera and ballet house, and a few hotels.

"... Almaty is a quite developed city, although the development seems to have largely stopped in the 1970s. First Secretary Brezhnev served as the Kazakh Party Secretary before he

went to Moscow to head the USSR, so he had a certain fondness for the city (in addition to a dacha in the mountains outside of town) and bestowed upon it a rather impressive collection of the finest Soviet architecture of the period, all rendered in (supposedly) earthquake-proof concrete, and all of which is now currently in need of maintenance and repair. The city is not unlike a western European city. There are electric street cars, quite a few hotels, several museums, a symphony, opera and ballet, a circus, a rather large university, etc. All of this changes virtually immediately at the city's edge. On a drive to Bishkek (capital of Kyrgyz Republic) yesterday, we drove through endless open steppe, with an occasional shepherd or cowherd on horseback, in an environment (save for the occasional electrical line) that has not changed appreciably for millennia, including the Muslim mausolea perched on ridges here and there. We drove through several collective farms, where the tractors are HUGE (much bigger than anything I have ever seen in the states—on the order of very very large bulldozers) and all the families who run the collective farm live in villages in the middle of thousands of acres of farmland. The poverty in rural areas looks pretty severe. Most farm families had tables of produce set up by the road. Still others set up tables of tea or cold drinks to lure travelers from Almaty to Bishkek (the capitals of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, which are about 3.5 hours apart). The countryside reminds me very much of those parts of California, such as the area between Los Angeles and San Francisco, that are essentially vast open areas of semi-arid grasslands, with large mountains looming nearby.

"Almaty (which has over a million inhabitants) is very beautifully situated at the foot of the Tien Shien mountains, a range that runs between central Asia and western China. The

mountains are the northern edge of the mountainous region, which includes the Himalayas, so the mountains behind the city resemble the very pointy, rugged mountains of Nepal (although they are not quite as high). Unfortunately, Almaty has a fairly serious air pollution problem (like Los Angeles) that obscures the view of the mountains for much of the summer; but yesterday we had an (unusual) rain storm move through the area, and the view of the snow-capped peaks, complete with a huge rainbow, was quite spectacular.

"There is a small but growing rich class here, who have managed to start up trading companies, banks, and consumer-oriented businesses. It really is laissez faire capitalism—the government is not yet in any position to implement, or enforce, such niceties as securities laws, banking laws, insider trading regulations, tax laws, and the like.

"The contrasts are rather startling. On the one hand, you have expensive foreign cars traveling the streets; but there is a shortage of light bulbs for traffic signals, so many of them don't operate. In Bishkek there has been no hot water since May because they are saving fuel for heat for the coming winter. I have been told that the Kyrgyz must come up with ten million dollars to pay the Uzbecks for oil and gas before the heating season begins. There is a shortage of gasoline; most of that which exists appears to be sold directly out of tanker trucks that stop by the side of the road."

Call the Barcroft Neighborline

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call Scott Allard

Community House Centennial

The BSCL will celebrate the centennial of its community house in the year 2008. The Board of Directors of the BSCL is beginning to plan for this event now. It will soon vote to establish a Barcroft Community House Fund so Barcrofters will be able to make tax deductible contributions directly to support the maintenance of the building. The current board has developed a 10-year maintenance and improvement plan for the building in preparation for its centennial. Finally, it will discuss at its next meeting the feasibility of publishing a small book about the Barcroft Community House.

To this end President Scott Allard asks anyone with ideas about the community house or experience in producing such a publication to contact him.

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A Local Star

From the *Barcroft Window*, the Barcroft Elementary School newsletter, comes the following article written by Fran Simms, the school's reading specialist.

Barcroft 1st Grader in Cast of Kennedy Center "Miss Saigon"

Late in the spring, Phi Tran, son of Dung and Kim Tran, was chosen from among 60 children to appear in the smash musical *Miss Saigon*. Phi, who turned six in September, is the brother of Chau and Duy, also students at Barcroft Elementary School. He played the role of Tam in *Miss Saigon*. Tam is the love child of Kim, the lead character, and her American soldier. The story is set in Viet Nam. Phi was the only person of Vietnamese descent in the Washington production.

Phi was chosen because of his concentration and his ability to remain calm and focused amid the noise of the production. He first appeared in Mrs. Burhmann's kindergarten production last spring when he garnered laughter for his performance as a bouncing beetle in the class play. When Ms. Wright, a fourth-grade teacher, read the call for auditions for a "small-framed Asian child to play a role" in the Kennedy Center production, she immediately thought of Phi. Principal Miriam Hughey-Guy and other staff members provided transportation in the early days of auditioning. The community is proud of his success and the fact that he gets a special bow at the end of the production.

Phi and his father have gone to Detroit for three weeks while the search for a new "Tam" for the production in that locale is under way. This has been a remarkable story of the land of opportunity, and we thought the Barcroft community would like to share in it.

Traffic Circle at Pershing and 3rd

by Scott Allard

At September's BSCL meeting we decided to try out a small traffic circle at the intersection of Pershing Dr., 3rd St., and Wakefield St. The site is adjacent to Marvon "the Gardener" McKinney's property.

The primary objective is improved traffic safety at the intersection. There are two basic problems: speeding and the confusing turn from southbound Pershing onto southbound Wakefield. Sometimes folks cut to the left of the small island with the stop sign and into oncoming traffic. Arlington County has established that there is a regular speeding problem in the area of the intersection.

A second objective has also been identified. Several neighborhood residents have tried to find a way to purchase some or all of Mr. Mc-

Barcroft Babysitters

Erin Barksdale, 15 years old, 979-7665

My Chau, S. 7th St., 521-9344

Nhu Dang, S. Buchanan St., 685-8831

Kathy Kerr, licensed family day care provider, part time only, 892-6458

Stacy Kyle, 15 years old, 9th grade, S. 6th St., American Red Cross Babysitting Certification, 486-0019

Terri Lahlou, 29 years old, S. 4th St., 979-9565 (home), 527-8484 (work)

Liza Lord, 14 years old, American Red Cross Babysitting course, 892-2443

Sasha Lord, 12 years old, Mother's Helper—will entertain children while mother is at home, 892-2443

Kinney's property for use as a memorial garden, and those efforts have not been directly successful. The preliminary traffic circle designs that Arlington County developed included filling in a fairly large triangular area between the stop sign island and Mr. McKinney's property along Wakefield. Maybe a memorial garden or site can be created in this "reclaimed" area?

The next step in the process is to circulate the first of two petitions to the residents in the area to see if they support the circle. The first petition asks people to approve a temporary, trial circle only. If enough people sign the first petition, then a temporary circle will be installed for a trial period. After the trial period, a second petition is circulated to the same area residents to see whether they approve of a permanent circle. If enough residents support a permanent circle after seeing what the temporary circle does, then the permanent circle will be installed.

Representatives from the BSCL will be around with the petition over the holidays. If you'd like to help or if you have a comment, please call Scott Allard at 521-0825.

Handicapped Parking Hotline

Did somebody without a handicap in the world just park a new Porsche in the handicapped space and go bounding into a glitzy store? Remind them of their civic responsibilities by calling the Arlington Handicapped Parking Violation hotline at 358-7141. The ticket they receive will cost them \$125. The space must be marked with an above-ground sign.

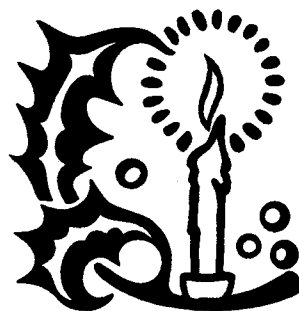
Got an Item for the Barcroft News?

We know there are lots of closet writers out there who would like to share their opinions, tips, and knowledge with the neighborhood. The problem is, to whom do you send what? We've had a few changes recently, and more are to come we hope. Herewith, the list:

- ✉ **Letters to the editor**—Sara Leigh Merrey, 4669 4th St. S.
- ✉ **Articles, notices of events, etc.**—Kyle Walton, 521-3307
- ✉ **Commercial display and classified ads, Barcroft Exchange noncommercial ads**—Randy Swart (temporarily), 4611 7th St. S.

Now that you know *where* to send your material, you probably want to know *how* we want it? Basically, in any format you want to use. You can write it neatly by hand, type it on a typewriter, copy it onto your DOS or Mac diskette (either 5¼" or 3½"; high, low, or double density), or send it over the modem (call first).

We really do welcome unsolicited material. If you have an idea you'd like to discuss first, call Kyle or Sara Leigh.





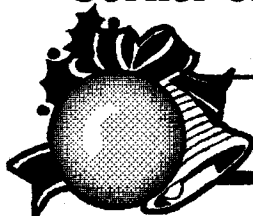
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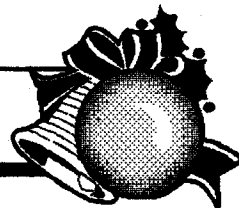
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Barcroft Crime Report

This month's crime report is for incidents in October. **Please note that the addresses show the block where the incident occurred, not the individual house number.** To report crimes or criminals, Arlington County Police urge you to call them on 911 or at their non-emergency number, 538-2222.

- 10/2 4100 6th St.** PDMVH&R Citizen's accident.
- 10/3 900 S. George Mason** Two small potted plants thrown against vehicle.
100 S. Pershing Dr. Bicycle stolen from outside storage shed.
800 S. Stafford Lock stolen from storage shed.
- 10/4 4300 S. Columbia Pike** Tires stolen from vehicle.
- 10/5 900 S. Buchanan** Intimidating threats made by person known by victim.
4300 S. Columbia Pike Car window broken.
- 10/8 Buchanan at Columbia Pike** Urinating in public.
- 10/10 900 S. Buchanan** Stereo stolen from vehicle.
200 S. Pershing Dr. Bicycle stolen from unlocked garage.
- 10/12 4800 9th St.** Vehicle theft.
- 10/13 900 S. Buchanan** Assault — Clorox Liquid thrown in eyes.
900 S. Buchanan License plates stolen.
900 S. Buchanan Stereo and tools stolen from vehicle.
900 S. Buchanan Vehicle window broken and stereo stolen.
900 S. Buchanan Vehicle window broken and stereo speakers stolen.
900 S. Buchanan Vehicle window latch broken and stereo equipment stolen.
900 S. Buchanan Stereo equipment stolen from vehicle and tire slashed.
4200 S. Columbia Pike Vehicle egged.

- 4600 S. Columbia Pike** Failure to pay for gas.
- 4300 S. Columbia Pike** License plates stolen.
- 10/15 4400 Arlington Blvd.** Unauthorized use of phone for phone sex.
- 10/16 4800 S. Columbia Pike** Lot being used to sell used cars. One vehicle impounded for stolen tags and two for improper registration.
- 10/17 600 S. George Mason** MISCOFCR.
- 10/18 4600 7th St.** PDMVH&R Citizen's Accident.
600 S. George Mason Vehicle window smashed. Vehicle alarm deterred vehicle entry.
- 10/21 900 S. Buchanan** Vehicle stolen.
- 10/22 4600 S. Columbia Pike** Failure to pay for gas.
200 S. Pershing Dr. Domestic dispute.
- 10/24 4800 S. Columbia Pike** Cash and telephone stolen from business.
600 S. George Mason Tires slashed and window broken.
- 10/26 600 S. George Mason** Vehicle windows broken.
- 10/29 4600 2nd St.** Credit cards, checks, and driver's license either stolen or lost.
900 S. George Mason Tires punctured.
900 S. George Mason Car window broken.

Come to the January BSCL meeting to ask the neighborhood police officers what the strange acronyms stand for! For a copy of the actual police report we received from Detective Kelly Lichtenberg of the Arlington County Police Department, or to join the BSCL's Crime Resistance Committee, call Chris Monek at 920-1287.

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