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4th Annual Spaghetti Supper Set For Jan. 18

On Sunday, Jan. 18 the Barcroft School and Civic League will hold its 4th annual famous spaghetti supper.

The eating will get under way at 5 p.m. at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. The menu features delicious spaghetti sauce from an old family recipe, crisp Italian salad, warm bread and plenty to drink. The evening will also include musical entertainment and dessert.

We are encouraging the whole family to join us for this exciting event. Tom Palance, who again is organizing, will need volunteers to help prepare, serve, cleanup, and also to donate your favorite dessert. If you are interested in helping with the supper, donating baked goods for dessert, or if you are a musician who would like to contribute your talent call Tom at 979-8366.

This is a popular event and tickets may be limited due to space, so tickets can be reserved in advance. Please call Tom

for reservations by Friday, Jan. 16. The cost is only \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids 6-12 years old and under 6 years old will be free. The proceeds will help support the Community House renovation fund. Come eat all you can, meet the neighbors, and join in on the fun. Bon appetit!

Police Chief to Speak At January Meeting

Arlington's new police chief, Edward Flynn, will be guest speaker at the BSCL's next meeting, to be held on January 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan.

Flynn's specialty is "community-based" policing, in which police become involved with residents to prevent crime instead of simply responding to 911. He'll talk about how he'll put that philosophy to work in Arlington, and perhaps, how you can help. Come meet the new chief, who was sworn in on Nov. 10. Note that the meeting day is a week later than the normal first Thursday of the month because of the New Year's Day holiday.

Driving Questionnaire Asks How Do You Go?

Citizens Against Speeding and Aggressive Driving, a Washington-based group, has formulated a list of questions to help you think about your driving habits. It's titled "Are you a safe driver or a crash waiting to happen?" and makes for interesting reading. How do you answer these questions?

- Does your personality change when you get behind the wheel of a car?
- Do you consider speed a matter of personal preference?
- Do you maintain a safe distance between your car and the car in front of you?
- Do you yield to pedestrians?
- Do you sometimes follow the car in front of you through a red light?
- Do you sometimes use your horn to vent your frustration?
- Are you aware of the speed limit on residential streets in your community?
- Do you use your turn signal for all turns and lane changes?
- Do you realize that your speed when passing should not exceed the posted speed limit?
- Do you yield and move to the right for emergency vehicles as soon as you hear their sirens?
- Do you often speed, run red lights or weave in and out of traffic in order to make your appointments on time?
- Do you sometimes react to other drivers' mistakes by shouting, screaming or making rude gestures?

da Vinci Fair Planned At Barcroft School

Barcroft School 5th graders will show off their projects at a "da Vinci Fair" to be held Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

The students have been connecting studies in all disciplines in a unit called "Space and Systems," through which they have been investigating stars and space.

The public is invited to attend.

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Panel to Study Ways of Welcoming Newcomers

The Barcroft School and Civic League is establishing a group of people to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood.

We need people who would like to meet their new neighbors and help them feel at home in Barcroft. We also need ideas about what you think would be good things to bring to new folks -- a copy of the Barcroft phone directory? Baked goods? An invitation to go with a Barcrofter to a neighborhood event? A transcript of certain County Board meetings? (No, no, just joking on that last one).

If you would be interested in introducing Barcroft to new neighbors, please call either Shirley Gay (920-1913), Barbara Swart (521-2080) or Elaine Squeri (920-7014). Or better yet, come to the next meeting of the group at Shirley's home on Monday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. at 210 S. Abingdon.

Block Captains Needed to Organize Barcroft

A strong community is built block-by-block, and to that end, the Barcroft School and Civic League is recruiting block captains.

Block captains would help spread the word about community events by recruiting their neighbors to distribute the newsletter and fliers. They would help organize block parties and potlucks so that people can get to know each other better. And they would make sure that the

concerns of their block are heard by the broader community.

If you're interested in becoming a block captain, call BSCL President David Michaelson at 553-3953, or e-mail him at David@bscl.org. Make Barcroft an even better place to live by helping your neighbors become more neighborly.

Having a Party? Rent the Community House!!

The newly renovated Barcroft Community House is now available for rent. New features include a brand new kitchen, central air and heat, an electrical upgrade, a new bathroom, a small stage for plays, concerts, or puppet shows and, best of all, hot water!

There will be a fee for the use of the house for private parties or events. However, the fee will be lower if it is used for a community function, such as a neighborhood pot luck or any free event open to Barcroft.

The Bulgarian church is no longer renting so there will be a need to obtain rental revenue every month to pay for utilities and further renovation.

If you are planning a meeting, birthday party or any other function please call Tom Palance at 979-8366 for rates and availability. Fees will be inexpensive for BSCL members.

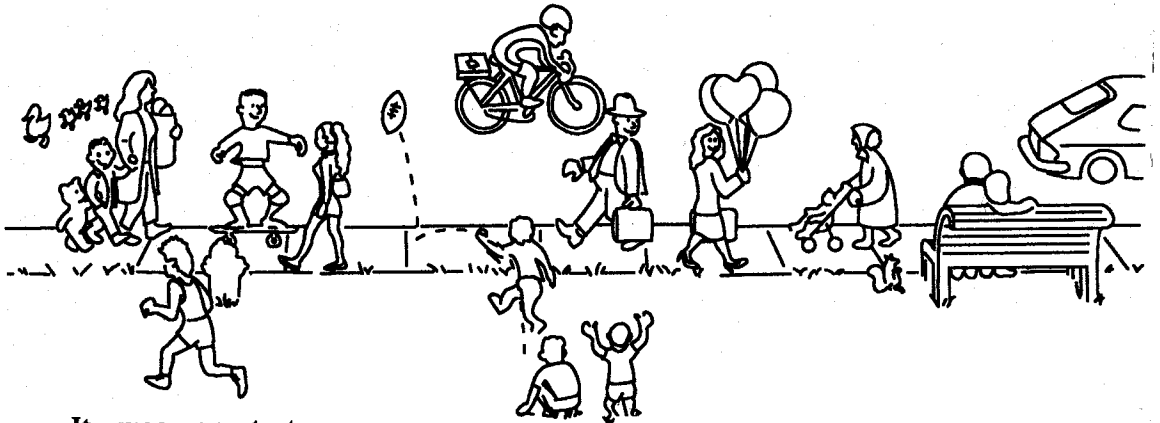
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521-1116

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Around the Neighborhood with Kathy Kerr



It was great to see so many neighbors young and old(er!) at our annual Winter Holiday Concert at the Community House on Dec. 4. Congratulations to two of the many Barcroft babies born recently.

Chris Cozadd and Andy Gilmour are enjoying their baby, Jonathan, born April 16. Chris completed her Masters in education and hopes some day to teach high school English but for now she enjoys staying home with Jonathan.

Andy works for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. They have lived on 4th Street South since August 1995. Chris and Andy sing with the Cathedral Choral Society. They also enjoy gardening and genealogy. Since they don't have their own dog, they have been known to borrow fabulous neighbor dog, Trotsky, to walk with Jonathan.

Jonathan is looking for new friends. Do you have a little one who would like an 8 month old buddy? Call Chris at 553-2162 or send her an email

CECozadd@aol.com

Around the corner on 5th Street South Michelle and Rick Herwig have a new baby named Jackson David born Oct. 17. Jackson's big sister is Cara Jane, age 21 months. Rick is a land development superintendent. Michelle is home with Jackson but plans to return to work part time providing computer support for the Department of Transportation.

Rick and Michelle completed one of Barcroft's more astonishing home renovations. They bought their tiny one story home in 1993. Finding it too small they added on an entire 2nd floor. The process amazed and delighted nearby neighbors who agree the house is beautiful!

Thank you to my two personal favorite outdoor Christmas light displays. Don't miss the house on the corner of 4th St. S and S. Abingdon. White lights line the house and porch while reindeer graze in the yard including Rudolf with his red

nose. The elegant display is a joy to drive past every day. And my favorite tree is on 3rd St. S near the corner of Abingdon. The huge pine has lights all the way to the top and lights up the whole end of the block. Beautiful. Thank you again to these neighbors for plugging in.

Davis Named Council's '97 Woman of the Year

Barcrofter Margaret Davis has been named winner of the 1997 Woman of the Year award from the Arlington Inter-Service Club Council.

Davis, who lives on South Second Street, is a member of Altrusa International of Northern Virginia. The group is one of more than 20 clubs that meet monthly and make grants to meet community needs.

Membership in most of the clubs is by invitation.

Davis has lived in Barcroft for nearly 50 years. She suffered a bout of viral arthritis last year, but has recovered and again is active in several organizations.

She is the second Barcrofter to hold the woman of the year award -- Louise Wyndham was given the same honor by the council in 1994.

Calling All Babysitters

As a service to Barcroft parents, the Barcroft News would like to run a list of teenagers in the neighborhood who are willing to babysit. Please send your name, age, phone number, hourly rate (if you want) and any other pertinent information to Phil Cackley, 500 S. Abingdon. Or email at phil@bscl.org. Respond by Jan. 17.



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Holiday Spirit Shines Out in Lights, Songs

By the end of December, there was not much snow on the ground, but Barcrofters got in the holiday mood anyway!

Two different carolling parties were spotted (heard!) singing from house to house on two nights a week before Christmas. One group went down 4th Street, while another band of carolers (accompanied by a flute) sang to houses along South Woodstock, South Sixth and part of South Abingdon.

It seemed like more Barcrofters put up holiday lights this year than in recent memory. Many homes had very beautiful light displays in trees or bushes. A few homes had Nativity scenes on the lawn, while others had Menorahs in the windows.

The most extensive display was at the corner of South Abingdon and South 4th Streets, the home of Kathy and Dan Murray.

For each of the last five years, the couple has decorated the house and every year they add more lights. This year, there were 4,000 lights (give or take a few hundred) strung along the porch railing, the roof line and gables, the back fence, and on a snowman, several deer and other lawn ornaments.

Kathy said they don't really track what the light display does to their electric bill.

"But our neighbor, Frank Vega, swears his lights dim when we turn ours on," Kathy said.

The Murrays usually leave the display up until Epiphany, Jan. 6. If you miss it this year, remember to drive or walk by next year! It's a beautiful holiday sight.



Spaghetti Supper !!

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Editor to Retire in May; Applicants Sought

The Barcroft News is taking applications for a new editor. The current editor, Phil Cackley, will step down at the end of May. At that time, Cackley will have been editing the newsletter for three years and needs a break.

Editing the News takes some time and a minimum of familiarity with layout. But applicants need not be journalists or have newsletter experience.

The main responsibility of the editor is to take articles written by Barcroft residents and lay out the newsletter, providing camera-ready copy for our printers at Stanley Adams Printing. The previous editor, Sara Leigh Merrey, used a desktop publishing program. Cackley uses a regular word processing program and does layout by hand. Having access to a computer would be essential.

If you're interested, call Phil Cackley at 271-9743 or email him at Phil@bscl.org. Or contact Randy Swart at randy@bscl.org.

County Phone Numbers Will Go to 228- in Jan.

If you haven't already heard, Arlington County's government telephone exchange will be changing this month to 228.

The new numbers will kick in at the close of business hours on Jan. 16 (a Friday). Instead of dialing 358-something, you'll now dial 228-something. Most county government

phone numbers -- including the schools -- will only change their exchange; the last four digits will stay the same.

Barcroft Exchange

FOR SALE. Four solid, six-panel doors. Two exterior and two interior. Call 920-7014.

FREE MICE. Three white mice, very cute, playful. Also wheel, food and water bottle. Call Caroline at 892-6458.

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Jan. 8, Thursday -- **BSCL Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Barcroft Community House, 800 S.

Buchanan St. Meet Arlington's new police chief, Edward Flynn, and hear about community-based policing.

Jan. 18, Sunday -- **Spaghetti Supper.** 5 p.m. Barcroft Community House. 4th Annual Supper sponsored by BSCL. Food and entertainment. \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 6 to 12. Call Tom Palance at 979-8366 to reserve tickets, volunteer to help or donate dessert.



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