

# BARCROFT NEWS

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## Egg Hunt to Take Place At Community House

A neighborhood-wide Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday April 11, at 10 a.m. at the Barcroft Community House.

Why stand in line at the White House on Easter Monday, when you can bring your kid to the neighborhood bunny hop on Saturday?

The egg hunt will be for youngsters from infancy through 8 years old (sorry, teens, you can't pretend to be short). Children should bring baskets in which to collect their eggs. Admission will be \$1 per child.

Parents bringing children are asked to call Anna Peterson, at 521-8756, so she has an idea of how many eggs will need to be hidden.

After the hunt, Easter egg games will be held and the winners of the poster contest will be announced.

Egg coordinator Peterson is looking for volunteers to:

- donate plastic eggs.
- donate individually wrapped candy.
- bring a bunny costume and/or

dress up in it so the Easter Bunny can make an appearance. Volunteers should call Peterson and get donations to her by April 8.

## BSCL Meeting Features Talk by Stream Group

A group working to protect Four Mile Run stream will be featured at the April meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League.

The group, called "Friends of Four Mile Run," works hard to protect the health of the stream that forms the western boundary of our neighborhood. Don Waye, administrator for the group, will speak at the BSCL meeting on April 2, at 7:30 p.m., in the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. Learn more about the ecology -- or lack thereof -- of our urban stream.

Also at the meeting: County landscape architect Christopher Munson will present final plans for the Arlington Hall West Parcel Park, as it's called. (Maybe the plans should include a new name.) Plans call for playground equipment, porta-johns and other improvements at the park, located just  
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# Concert of Celtic, Folk Music Slated for April

On Sunday, April 19, Roger Cornell and Linda Titolo will give a concert at the Barcroft Community House from 3 to 5 p.m. The concert will feature Celtic music from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, traditional folk music from Europe and the Orient, and original tunes and songs.

Roger and Linda play Celtic harp, hammer dulcimer and guitar. The donation at the door will be \$5.

Roger and Linda have been Barcroft residents since 1984. Some Barcroft neighbors remember the monthly coffeehouse that they organized at the community house in the late 1980's. They are looking forward to trying out the newly renovated stage for their April concert.

The two musicians would especially like to thank Tom Palance for all the work he has done organizing entertainment events at the community house. Tom and his band, the Crawdads, gave a rousing concert of New Orleans style jazz there in February. Tom is planning a monthly concert series for the Community House. For more information about that call Tom at 979-8366.

For more information about Roger and Linda and their music, visit their web site at: <http://www.erols.com/harpers2>

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north of 4th and Taylor.

Finally, we may learn about plans by the State Department to ban parking on George Mason Drive across from Arlington Hall for security reasons.

This will affect parking for the Unitarian Church. They are looking for a way to make the Arlington Hall park parking area more accessible to church members once the ban takes effect.

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## Parade Theme to Focus On Barcrofters' Origins

Amazing -- it's almost that time of year again when Barcroft will hold its tenth annual 4th of July parade!

Parade chairman Andrew Hunter is proposing an international theme for this year's event that would focus on "Origins" -- where Barcroft residents were born.

"Living in Arlington allows us to appreciate and live with a diversity of backgrounds unheard of in most American communities," Hunter said. "I propose a parade this year that celebrates and explores" that diversity.

One aspect of the Independence Day celebration could be large maps covered with pins showing where individual Barcrofters are from. Persons marching in the parade could wear costumes, perform music or carry flags from their countries of origin.

Hunter is looking for ideas for a grand marshal, as well as any other suggestions. Barcrofters with ideas should call him at 979-8247 or send email to [cahunter@erols.com](mailto:cahunter@erols.com).

## Spring Barbecue Needs Volunteers to Cook

April marks the first full month of Spring and that means it's once again time for Barcroft's annual Spring Barbecue. Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 26. Mark your calendar now, so you don't forget!

Bring the kids and come to enjoy

the newly renovated Community House. There will be good food and beverages for all. We need volunteers to help provide side dishes (salads, maybe, or your family's secret recipe for baked beans) and beverages. Contact David Michaelson at 553-3953 if you can bring food, drink or would like to help in any other way.

## Taylor and 8th Street Work Set to Begin

Work on the intersection of 8th and Taylor streets to fix the alignment, width, pavement surface and drainage problems will start soon.

As we noted before, the sidewalk completion requires Mr. Wayland Jones, who lives on that corner, to pay an assessment to the County of about \$3800. His neighbors are taking up a collection to help with the assessment. If you would like to help, please drop off your check with Pete Woods, the trustee for the fund, at 4219 8th Street S. You can reach Pete at 696-8882.

Any surplus would go to the Community House Restoration Fund. Construction may have started by the time you read this. Call David Michaelson at 553-3953 for further info on the project.

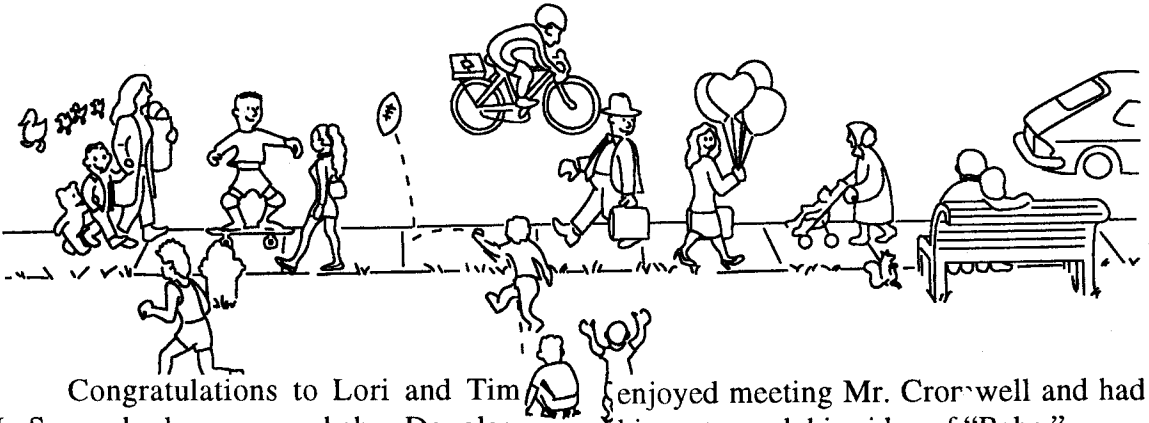
**Call the Barcroft Neighborline**

**521-1116**

**Get the latest information**

Barcroft on the Internet: <http://www.bscl.org>

# Around the Neighborhood with Kathy Kerr



Congratulations to Lori and Tim LeSage who have a new baby, Douglas, born last Nov. 13. Lori, a New Jersey native attended George Washington University and has been in the area since 1984. She is a fundraiser for American Farmland Trust. Tim, originally from La Plata, Md., is a software engineer for Motorola. Tim loves renovating and repairing their house. He has been busy reshingling and repairing the dormers, etc. Lori enjoys gardening. Douglas is their first child. They have lived on South Abingdon St. for two years.

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At the next movie you go to, you may see a Barcrofter there; not sitting next to you but up on the screen! Cal Slater, son of Rich and Jennifer Slater of 8th Rd. S, was only 5 years old but had roles in two different movies recently filmed in the this area. "Species II" will be opening April 18. Watch for the scene when an alien child (Cal) comes out of a barn and discovers his dead grandfather played by James Cromwell, (best known as the farmer in the movie "Babe.") Cal

enjoyed meeting Mr. Cromwell and had him autograph his video of "Babe."

The second movie "Enemy of the State" is to be released this summer. Watch for Cal eating ice cream in a diner in Baltimore with actors Gene Hackman and Will Smith. Cal did such a great job that his role was upgraded. His name will probably be listed in the credits of both movies.

Cal's career began when his dad, Rich, had a small part in the movie "Pelican Brief." Someone saw Cal's picture and suggested it be sent to an agent. Cal did some advertising work before landing parts in these two movies. Mother, Jennifer, reports that the filming made for very long days. She was the one who drove Cal to the shoots, both in Maryland, and sat with him all day and into the night as they waited around on the set. She says it was a tedious but amazing process to experience. Since the movies will likely be rated "R", Rich and Jennifer plan to go see the films first and allow Cal to see the sections that he is in and other "appropriate" parts.

## Tree Care Tips Include Mulch, Regular Water

About two dozen Barcrofters got tips on tree care from Kurt Mohr of Guardian Tree Experts at the March BSCL meeting. Guardian is the company that fertilized and pruned trees at the community house not too long ago. Mohr notes that the largest of our trees are perhaps 150 years old, and could live another 150 years with the right care. For those of you who couldn't attend, here are a few of his tips:

- Baby your tree. When it's hot and dry, water for one to two hours once a week.
- Spread a one- to two-inch layer of mulch around your tree. Ideally, mulch

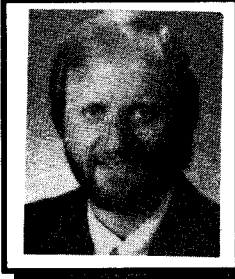
should cover ground as far out as the drip line, an ideal impractical in many yards.

- Remove dead branches, which are  
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## Les Francophiles Vont Se Reunir le 15 Avril

Des francophones? Des francophiles? (Editor's Note: This article is in French; if you understand, read on! If you don't, don't worry about it.)

S'il y a parmi les residents de Barcroft ceux qui voudraient se reunir pour bavarder en francais de temps en temps, veuillez telephoner a Elaine Squeri, 920-7014. Si nous venions ensemble chez moi, 216 S. Abingdon mercredi soir, le 15 avril, a 20 heures pour une heure de conversation. A bientot!



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# Babysitters in Barcroft

Here's that list again of Barcroft babysitters. Please note that the BSCL **does not** sponsor or endorse any of these sitters. This is the final time the News is running their names.

• **Stacy Kyle**, 18, 486-0019, rates depend on number of children.

• **Vicki Millin**, 13 (8th grade), 521-7331, pay is negotiable.

• **Katie Whelan**, 13 (8th grade), 521-1487, experienced, Red Cross training, rate is \$3 per child per hour.

• **Julia Siple**, 13, 892-1243, certified Red Cross babysitter.

• **Jessica Snyder**, 12 1/2, 920-8774, experienced with all ages.

• **Cecilia Cackley**, 12 1/2, 271-9743, certified Red Cross babysitter.

• **Sasha Lord**, 16, 892-2443, CPR training, certified by Red Cross.

• **Corey Hall**, 13, 521-4418, Red Cross certified, price varies.

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a pathway for disease. Especially important for elms.

- Remove branches that rub against each other.

- Fertilize your tree once every two years in the fall. One way to do it: Drill 12-to 18-inch holes with an auger every three feet in a grid pattern and fill with granular fertilizer. You can even fertilize with compost, coffee grounds or banana peels if you use a 2-inch bit.

- Prune sucker growth.

- Remove ivy climbing up trees.

- Best time to trim: From late summer through about the beginning of March. But most companies can safely do it year-round.

For more information, call Guardian at 256-3229 or another company.

Washington Consumers' Checkbook rated tree companies in its summer/fall 1994 edition, which was Volume 6, number 2. Call 202-347-7283 for information about reprints.

## Planning a Party?

Need a space to rent, on a budget?

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## Barcroft Exchange

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**HELP WANTED.** The Barcroft News really needs a few more people to help put this monthly newsletter together. Two key positions are vacant and need to be filled ASAP: Contributions editor and advertising manager. If you're interested and want more information, call 271-9743 or 521-2080.

## Creek Clean-up Yields Strange Junk Collection

On a sunny morning in mid-March a sturdy crew of Barcrofters did the annual Grandma's Creek cleanup, starting at the curve of Pershing-Buchanan and going all the way down to Four Mile Run.

Participants were Dave Cook, the Hollowell family, Jim Kerr, Sharon and Tom Tope, Randy Swart, Mark Wigfield. They picked up trash, cleared some downed trees and had a nice morning in the sun.

Major finds included a full Sunday edition of the Washington Post, an automotive grease gun (rusty outside but still working), one hubcap (Oldsmobile),

a brassiere (black, padded), a Christmas tree (still green!), some copper pipe (the only keeper), and lots of broken glass. Somebody who enjoys breaking glass has been lurking in Grandma's Creek, and it really complicates the cleanup. So if you have any idea who might be doing that, please speak to them, even if it is an internal dialogue. Some favorite brands of woods-dwellers seem to be Bowman's Virginia Vodka and Budweiser beer.

This year the County will be replacing the sanitary sewer that runs down the creekbed with a larger pipe. The project is needed to prevent sewage backups in Barcroft homes, and damage to the creekbed will hopefully heal as well as it did when the original sewer was installed.



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