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June Meeting-Double Header:

Barcroft PTA Reception and Landscaping our Community House

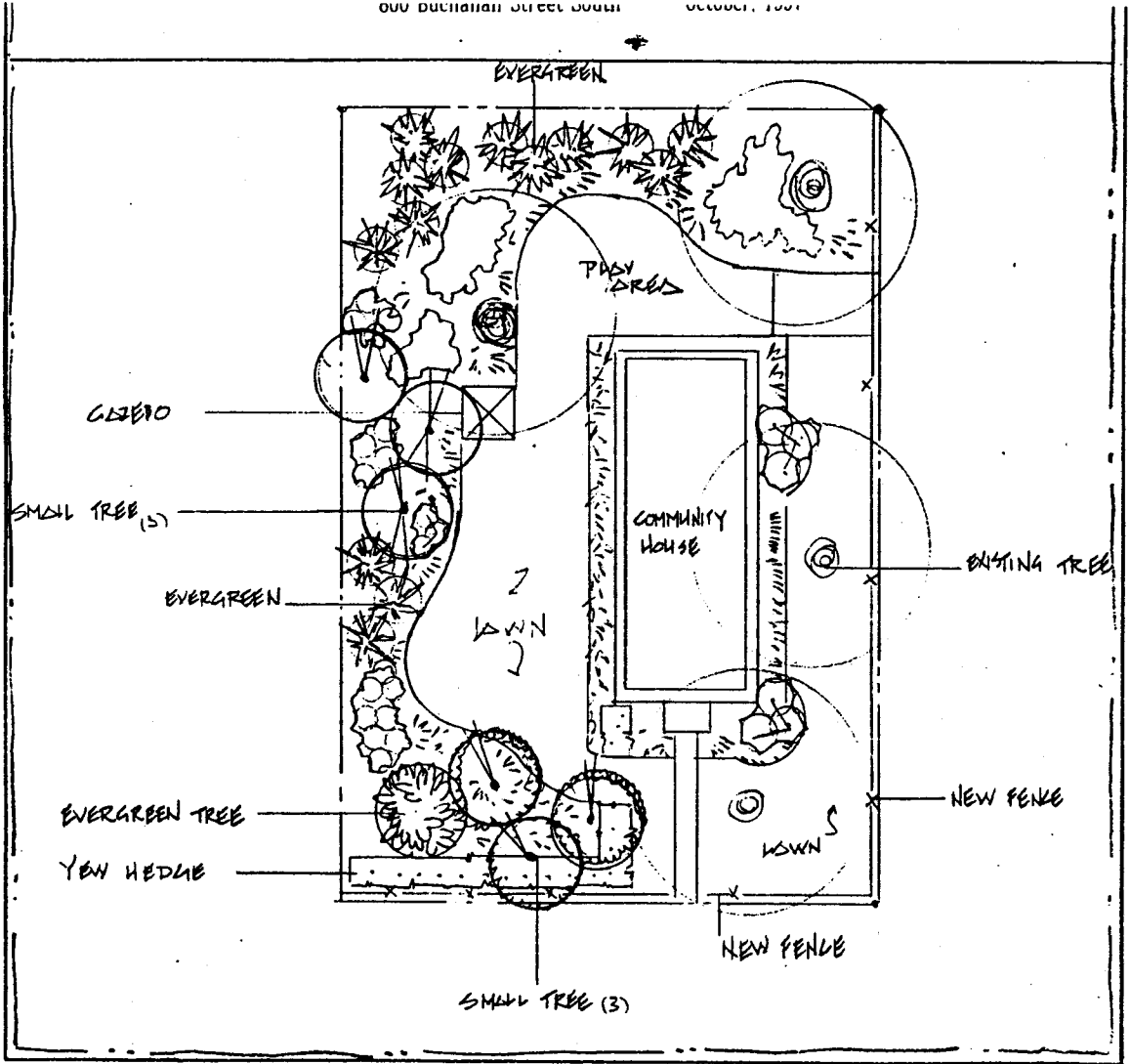
7:00 pm, Thursday, June 4th at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street

Barcroft Elementary's PTA will host a reception at the community house at 7 p.m. on June 4, one-half hour before the regular meeting. The reception and a brief presentation by Barcroft's gifted principal, Miriam Hughey-Guy, during the regular meeting will give neighborhood residents an opportunity to learn more about the school and a chance for people involved with the school to learn more about the neighborhood. We will be cooperating to put on a Neighborhood Day event in the fall, so this is a very timely initiative by the school.

During the meeting the PTA will present awards to several members of the

community for their contributions to Barcroft Elementary this year. Among those to be honored are Scott Brintzer for landscaping on the school grounds, and Bahar Hess and the ladies of the Women's Club on S. Buchanan Street for their volunteer work.

And by coincidence, the very same Scott Brintzer who is being thanked for his volunteer work for the school will present his landscaping plan for the Community House during our regular meeting right after the reception. The plan appears inside this issue, and would be a radical departure from the scorched earth landscaping we now have.



Garden Concept Plan for the Community House

At the right is an early version of Scott's plan for the Community House. It involves considerably more plantings than we have had in the past in an effort to place the Community House in a nicer setting, and to screen the sheds and fences of adjoining neighbors. There would be less open space in the yard for the 4th of July gathering. This is just one possible configuration of the four that Scott has prepared. It is time to make some choices.

The plan requires installation of a sprinkler system with an automatic timer, without which Scott believes we cannot maintain the grounds using our limited volunteer labor.

A new fence would replace the old chain link fence. The gazebo is a suggestion that outdoor weddings may be more popular as the Community House is used for more events. (At present most weekends are booked. The fee is still very low-call Tom Palance for details)

With the blessing of the BSCL Board, Scott has applied for a foundation grant to fund some of the improvements. The grant would be to support a joint program with Demeter House residents and Barcroft residents working together on the gardening chores.

Be sure to come to the meeting on Thursday, June 4th and make your views known on this landscaping plan.

Around the Neighborhood: Welcome to Some New Neighbors!

Among our new arrivals we are pleased to note that Arlington's new Chief of Police, Edward Flynn, is moving to Barcroft, not far from the Hi Cue Pool Hall, where he has said he may just try his hand at pool! We are also pleased to have Circuit Court Judge William Newman moving into a new house here.

Service Luncheon Success

Our annual Service Luncheon on May 15 was well attended, with a wide range of guests including mail carriers, fire fighters, Barcroft School staff including Principal Miriam Hughey-Guy, and County Board Member Barbara Favola.

Sally Breeden was our Luncheon Coordinator, ably assisted by Ann Reed, Nadine Smith and Randy Swart. Pines of Naples, our neighborhood Italian place, donated a huge vegetarian lasagna. Uptown Bakers on Washington Boulevard donated lots of baked goods. The Woman's Club of Arlington donated use of their parking lot. Homemade dishes were prepared by Sally, Nadine, Ann, Margaret Davis, Claire Hunkin, Froma Lippmann, Kathy Kircher, Carole Amy Rosen, Barbara Swart and Evelyn Wilcox. Extra went to a County shelter. We are planning for more guests next year.

Summer Calendar

June 4, Thursday - **BSCL Meeting** at 7:30 PM at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St.

July 4, Saturday - **Parade!** Starts from the Community House at 800 S. Buchanan at 10 AM. Hot dogs after. The theme is Origins-Where we came from.

Barcroft Cable TV Program

In April a group of old and former Barcrofters taped a program at the County Library called Barcroft Reunion. It features stories and history from our neighborhood's past and will air periodically on cable Channel 31, appearing May 27 at 8 PM and midnight, May 28 at 10:30 AM, May 29 at 10:30 PM, May 30 at 3:30 PM and 9:30 PM, and May 31 at 6 PM. The program schedules are up on the Web at www.co.arlington.va.us/arlccty/chan31/schedule.htm

The program is described on our Web page at www.bscl.org. If you don't have cable call Randy Swart at 521-2080 to borrow a VHS tape. He can also print out the Web page for you. We will show the tape at the 4th of July Parade.

Check the Barcroft Neighborhood Web page at www.bscl.org or call the Neighborline at 521-1116 for late announcements!

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