



Barcroft News

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President's Report

— *By Eric Harold*

At last month's meeting, we discussed whether to hold the annual 4th of July parade on Sunday July 4th or move it to Monday July 5th. A vote was held, and by unanimous consent the parade was moved to Monday July 5th. So, please mark you calendars and get your parade outfits ready for one of the many highlights of living in Barcroft.

Please attend our next meeting, Thursday April 1 (no foolin'). The meeting will start at 7:30 pm as usual. The program will include a presentation by a representative of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) about the Pike

Transit Initiative. The Pike Transit Initiative will analyze alternatives for a new, high capacity and environmentally friendly transit service that will support the redevelopment plans both Arlington and Fairfax Counties have adopted in the study area (the Columbia Pike corridor from the Pentagon/Pentagon City area to the Baileys Crossroads area).

Also on tap will be our annual gardening expo. It's hard to believe that spring is here already. Stay tuned for details on speakers, and be prepared to get your gardens in shape.

I hope everyone is enjoying the taste of spring weather. See you all on April 1.



Heads Up!

After much discussion at the

BSCL meeting and online, it has been decided to hold our Annual Barcroft Parade on July 5th, Monday. Most people felt the conflict between church services and the parade warranted rescheduling. Look next month for more information about the Parade and how you can participate!

Barcroft Easter Egg Hunt!

Bring your kids and a basket to collect eggs.

Rain or Shine- April 10, 10 AM

Barcroft Community House

Contributions for a breakfast potluck for the adults are welcome!



Next BSCL Meeting: Thursday, April 4th, 7:30 PM,

Barcroft Community House, 800 Buchanan St.

This Month:

Learn more about the positive changes coming to the Pike from the Columbia Pike Transportation Initiative Presentation

AND

Pick up a few gardening tips from vastly talented neighbors and friends! (last year I got a Money Plant)

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CLASSIFIEDS

House For Sale By Owner: 4824 S. 9th St.
By appointment; 703-979-2679.

Misc. for Sale: Computer monitor, keyboard, mouse, speakers, & printer to go with your new CPU, \$40 total package. All good condition. Two TVs, 19" & 13", \$50 each. Classic Williamsburg style brass chandelier, perfect condition \$50; Burberry umbrella, never used still in box, retail \$195 — sell for \$100. 703-920-2424; leave message.

Help Wanted: Like to garden? Work outdoors? Annie's Garden could use some help this spring: planting, digging, planning...whatever. Part time. Flexible hours. Male / Female. Age no barrier. Call Susan (703) 979-0054.

Furniture For Sale: Cargo furniture; pull out sofa with two chairs, one ottoman, one coffee table, two end tables and wall shelving unit (two large shelving units with a center TV cabinet and shelf). Good condition, must see to appreciate. Please call 703 979 7727 if interested in whole or part.

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8th Annual Art & Garden Sale

Each year we hold a plant sale and donate the proceeds to charity. The 8th annual plant sale will take place Saturday, April 24, 2004, from 9 AM to 1PM at the Barcroft Community House located . Hosted by Peter Wood and Tom Dionne, we purchase high quality annuals, perennials and herbs from Peter's brother who has a greenhouse operation on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Purchased at wholesale prices and sold at local retail values, the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Claudia Mayer Cancer Resource and Image Center .

Sculpture to be displayed: Peter Wood is also a metal sculptor and will display several of his sculptures at this event. For more info: Peter Wood @ 703-892-1692, www.rustymetal.com

Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update

Our neighborhood conservation plan is over 10 years old and is in need of a thorough review. It was a Herculean effort to produce the original. However, many of the goals have been accomplished and a review of what we want Barcroft to be is warranted.

While a wholesale revision may not be necessary, we do need to review it and bring it more in line with current neighborhood thinking and priorities. This is an opportunity to examine the entire

neighborhood and provide more up-to-date thoughts on the pressing issues. The more current the plan is, the greater clout it will have on the County planning level.

Please take a moment to review the plan, which is located in its entirety on our web site at: <http://www.bscl.org/ncplan.htm>. At the May meeting, we will discuss what direction we should go with reviewing and updating the plan.

Neighborhood Yard Sale?

Last year, a neighborhood yard sale was held on May 31st. Lots of people participated and it was a nice chance to get out and meet some neighbors. Some people have asked to do it again this year—I propose another sale on either May 22nd or June 5th. Any preference? Let me know: 271-0631 or editor@bscl.org. Details next newsletter!



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Neighborhood Day 2004

From County Board Chairman Barbara Favola and School Board Chairman Frank Wilson:

Arlington will observe its 8th Annual Neighborhood Day on Saturday, May 8th. This year's theme is: "We Are the Neighborhood," and we invite you to join us in celebrating our pride in the vitality and diversity of our neighborhoods. Please save this date as a time to hold an event in your neighborhood or to take part in a community service project.

Several annual Neighborhood Day events have already been planned, including the Arlington Community Hero Awards, the Fort Myer Military Community Twilight Tattoo Ceremony, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington's Walk for Ani-

mals, and, of course, the annual Neighborhood Day Parade.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and travel down Wilson Boulevard from the Clarendon Metro Station to the Courthouse area, followed by a multicultural concert at the end of the route.

Once again, the County will offer free trees to civic associations interested in neighborhood tree-planting activities. To reserve trees, please contact Jamie Bartalon in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources at 703-228-7747 or jbartalon@col.arlington.va.us.

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THINK GREEN:

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The web site for further info is: www.co.arlington.va.us/des/envex.htm



Bridge and Chess Club

forming in Barcroft, to meet weekdays---possibly some weekends. Interested parties, please contact 703-271-8448; atecson@comcast.net



Spring Fair:

The annual Barcroft Elementary School Spring Fair will be held May 1. All kids and adults welcome!

Hi Cue Update

Delegate Al Eisenberg has sent the following letter to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control supporting Barcroft in its effort to prevent Hi Cue from getting a permit to serve alcohol. Barcroft residents are encouraged to send Del. Eisenberg a note in appreciation!

W.Curtis Colburn, III,
Chief Operating Officer
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
2901 Hermitage Road
Richmond, VA 23220

Dear Mr. Colburn,

It has come to my attention that the permit application to serve alcohol at the Hi Cue Billiard Hall, 940A South George Mason Drive in Arlington, is currently under review. I would like to voice my strong opposition to the granting of this permit. I join the Barcroft Civic Association and many of

the constituents in my district in expressing my concern that previous occurrences of violence, including murders, at this establishment make it a poor risk. Serving alcoholic beverages will only add to the potential for violence that has already raised serious and justifiable neighborhood concern.

I would appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Albert C. Eisenberg
<http://aleisenberg.com>

A full account of activities past and present concerning the Hi Cue Pool Hall is available on our website at <http://www.bscl.org/poolhall.htm>.

Columbia Pike Transit Alternatives Analysis

Excerpted from a letter to our civic association:

In partnership with Arlington County, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will be leading a transit study, called the Pike Transit Initiative, for the Columbia Pike corridor from the Pentagon/Pentagon City area to the Baileys Crossroads area. The Pike Transit Initiative will analyze alternatives for a new, high capacity and environmentally friendly transit service that will support the redevelopment plans both Arlington and Fairfax Counties have adopted in the study area. This will include an analysis of technology options to be implemented (e.g., bus rapid transit, streetcar, light rail), the facility alignment and stop locations, and the termini locations.

As you may know, Arlington County recently approved the *Columbia Pike Initiative—A Redevelopment Plan*, for its portion of Columbia Pike. This effort resulted in a new and exciting vi-

sion for Columbia Pike—one that includes excellent transit service.

As with the *Columbia Pike Initiative*, the public process is an important component of this study. In May, WMATA and its partners in this study will hold public design dialogue sessions at a location(s) to be determined on or near Columbia Pike.

The study team would like the opportunity to introduce the Pike Transit Initiative to your Civic Association at one of your regularly scheduled meetings in March or April 2004. We look forward to meeting with the citizens in your neighborhood and discussing this important project.

Sincerely,
Robin McElhenny
WMATA Project Manager
Pike Transit Initiative

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Have anything for the Barcroft News? Submissions are due by the 15th of each month. Contact Christina at 271-0631 or editor@bscl.org or 618 S. Stafford St.

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