

Barcroft News

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President's Report

— *By Eric Harold*

Business as usual is suspended for the December meeting. Please plan on joining your neighbors for our annual holiday party on Thursday December 2 at 7:30 pm. As usual, contributions of cookies, candies or other finger foods are welcome (and encouraged). Come celebrate the season with some songs, some stories (including the critically acclaimed dramatic interpretation of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"), and your fellow Barcrofters.

At last month's meeting, the members in attendance approved the following:

1. Unanimous support was given to the Demeter House in their request to the County to change the use permit wording from "Mothers with children and mothers" to "Women, mothers with children and mothers." Also unanimously supported (with three abstentions) was their effort to increase the maximum number of adults allowed from 14 to 16. This simply states that Barcroft supports Demeter in


this effort. This still needs approval from the County Board. The Barcroft Advisory Committee on Demeter House is always looking for new members. Please contact Pat Williamson at pwilliamson@weta.com.

2. By unanimous consent, a resolution was approved requesting that the County rename the Arlington Hall park (on S. Taylor Street north of S. 4th Street) to "Anne Noll Park." Once approved, this will be a great honor for a great Barcroft resident. This resolution and request is now in the County pipeline. We'll keep you posted as to its progress.

Please mark your calendars: the first meeting of the New Year will be Thursday January 6. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm as usual.

See you all at the holiday party on December 2.

Join Us for Holiday Cheer



We invite everyone, all ages, to gather to sing holiday carols, hear talented neighborhood performers play and sing, and enjoy a bit of seasonal cheer. As is traditional, we are expecting a visitor from the North Pole (if you have ideas about where we can locate this visitor, volunteers are welcome!)

The gathering is potluck—contributions of cookies, candies or other finger foods are welcome and encouraged. Come Thursday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. to the Barcroft Community House, Buchanan St. This is always a fun time to see your neighbors and meet new friends.

Welcome to our New Publisher!

A big thank you to Noreen Atkinson, the Barcroft neighbor who has volunteered to serve at the publisher for the *BSCL News*.

If you have any problems getting your newsletter, or if you'd like to help with deliver on your street, please contact Noreen: 703-979-4868.

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THE RESULTS ARE IN!!

Halloween Front Porch / Yard Decorating Contest



— *By Annie Harold*

We showed our Barcroft spirit again with the Barcroft Spooky Spooks Front Yard and Porch Decorating contest. We had (appropriately) 13 participants. All of the yards/porches were decorated creatively. Everyone went all out.

With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, we are calling the prizewinners as follows:

FIRST PLACE: 412 South Wakefield
 RUNNER UP: 4701 South 6th Street
 JUDGES AWARD: 902 South Taylor Street



Next year, we will announce the route earlier so that folks can judge at their leisure throughout the weekend before Halloween. You would have had to be a fast tricker treater to make it to all 13 houses on the tour this year.

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Construction of this pipeline may affect traffic for Barcroft residents. The route of the pipeline will begin at the gas feed at the intersection of Columbia Pike and S. Wakefield. From there, the route follows South Wakefield to South Four Mile Run Drive (minor). It will then follow South Four Mile Run Drive (minor) east to Walter Reed, where it will drop down to South Four Mile Run Drive

(major) and continue to Shirlington Road. At Shirlington Road, it will cross Virginia Concrete and I-395, and continue east on South Four Mile Run Drive to the intersection of South Glebe Road and West Glebe Road. The pipeline will then follow South Glebe Road eastward, through South Arlington Ridge Road and up to South Fern Street. It will then wind its way on Fern and 31st Street South to South Eads Street and ultimately to the WMATA depot entrance.

Construction is slated to begin in February 2005, and will start at S. Wakefield and Columbia Pike. Construction should be completed by July 2005. For more information about the project, please call the Washington Gas Virginia Public Affairs office at 703 750 5637.

A Note To my Barcroft Neighbors

— *Bill Nehrke*

It is much to my dismay, and disappointment, that some neighbors took it upon themselves to disrespect an honored tradition that occurs every year - the political election process. I'm not sure they Barcroft residents, but suspect so. The disappointment was two fold. First a woman, seen by my wife but unidentifiable or known, decided to take down some of the campaign signs on my property. The second, someone decided to destroy a campaign, taking part of it and leaving part of it torn up on my lawn. This doesn't seem like the Bar-

croft folk around me and others in the neighborhood that I know. One thing I do know is that they were anti Bush supporters. Here in Barcroft we have fought tooth and nail over issues. Sometimes are differences were heated and driven by a lot of emotion. But there was a still respect for the divergent positions we took. I don't seem to recall hostilities getting beyond the issue. It is fair to stand up for an issue or campaign for any candidate of choice, but it is not in our system to attack/destroy property of those expressing views that we may not agree with.

CPIT Update

The Columbia Pike Implementation Team has met the last couple months to discuss sidewalk design and receive updates for projects along the Pike. The sidewalk will be compliant with ADA (American Disabilities Act) accessibility guidelines, provide a clear zone of at least six feet, and include a variety of paving materials. Plenty of benches and bike racks will be installed outside of the clear zone of the sidewalks by developers and the county as new development occurs. Project updates include the completion of the left turn lanes at Glebe Road and the installation of a median with a pedestrian signal at Frederick Street by the County. Some exciting news is that

WMATA has narrowed its recommendations for new transit along the Pike to trolley, BRT (Bus Rapid Transit), or to leave the bus service as is. WMATA will have a final recommendation by the end of the first quarter of 2005. In the next few meetings we will be discussing the design of the Super Stops proposed by WMATA, receive updates from the County on talks with VDOT to lower the speed limit along the Pike to 25 MPH, and receive updates on private development projects. Please feel free to contact me at mcgeehee@teera.com if you have any comments on these issues.



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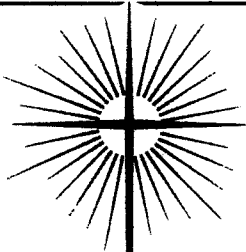
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Special Request! The Barcroft PTA is looking for a refrigerator to help with school events. If you are remodeling or replacing a refrigerator that is still in good working condition, please consider donating it to the Barcroft PTA! Call Christina at 271-0631.



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11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with carols

COME WORSHIP WITH US IN THE NEW YEAR TOO!

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2004

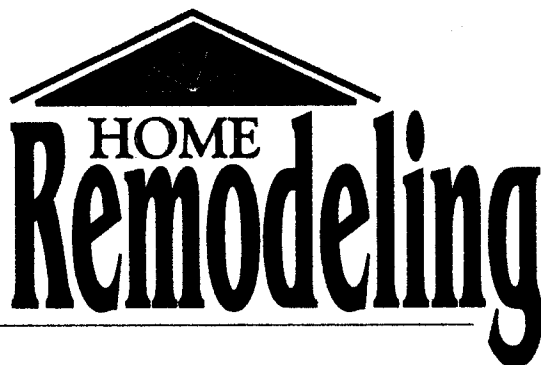
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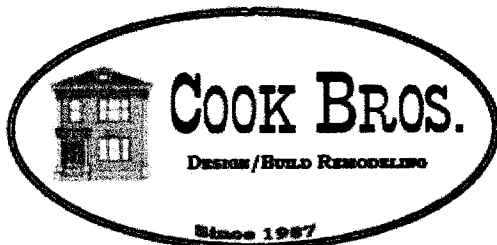
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Neighborhood News

— *Kathy Kerr*

Congratulations to Barcrofter Rob LaPointe on 6th St. South. Rob owns White Birch School of Kung Fu & Tai Chi on Columbia Pike, and is a freelance writer. He currently has articles in the newsstand issues of Black Belt Magazine (Speed Hitting), and Tai Chi Magazine (Teaching the Philosophy of Tai Chi). He also had an article in the October 2004 issue of Inside Kung Fu (Effective Qi Gong Cool Downs), and he was interviewed in the January

'04 issue of Martial Arts Professional for a feature story on six schools offering martial arts programs primarily for adults.

Rob and his wife, Izumi have lived in Barcroft since 1991. Their children, Austin and Tyler, attend Key Elementary. Visit Rob's website at www.whitebirch.info or call him at (703) 920-9746.

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Announcements

Save the Date! Students Put on Free Christmas Program December 15: Our Savior Lutheran School would like to invite all its neighbors to the school's annual Christmas Program. Students from Kindergarten to 8th Grade will be performing "Welcome King": let their smiling faces put you in the holiday spirit! Performances are FREE and are at 11:00am and 7:30pm on Wednesday, December 15th in the chapel. Our Savior Lutheran School is located at 825 S. Taylor Street. Call (703) 892-4846 for more information.

School Open House on January 29, 2005: Come and find out about Our Savior Lutheran School, which has been a part of the Barcroft community for over 50 years. The school offers a quality education centered in Christ for Kindergarten through Grade 8. Call (703) 892-4846 for details.

Holiday Music Show: Potomac Harmony Chorus, the 2004 Blue Ridge Region First Place Champions of Sweet Adelines International, presents their holiday music show "Here We Go A-Caroling" on Sun-

day December 12 at 3:00 PM, at the Thomas Jefferson Theater located at 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Bring the whole family and get into the holiday spirit with audience sing-alongs. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors (62 and older), and \$5.00 for children (12 and under). For more information, call 703-764-3896 or see our website at www.potomacharmony.org.

Barcroft School Needs your Brains! Our neighborhood elementary school is starting a new program, "Barcroft Buddies," that will give students needing help extra time with a tutor. Volunteers are needed! Adults from the community are encouraged to help; students can be scheduled for tutoring sessions before, during, and after school, even on Saturdays. This is a great chance to make a positive difference in your community and for an individual child. Please contact the school at 703-228-5838 to find out more about how to become a Barcroft Buddy.



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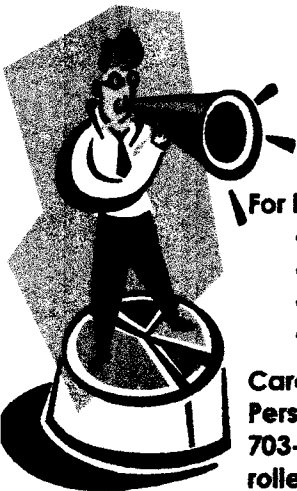
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