



Summer 2005

Barcroft News

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Will You Be Here For the Parade?!

When we moved here in November almost seven years ago, our new neighbors asked with great anticipation and enthusiasm, "Will you be here for the parade?!" After the third neighbor made the same inquiry we asked the date. We naturally assumed it was a Thanksgiving Parade. We were surprised at the response, "The Forth of July." Parades were a priority after having just moved from Louisiana where we embraced the Mardi Gras tradition. We changed our travel plans so we could stay in Barcroft for the 4th of July.

Our neighbor knocked on our door with urgency the morning of the 4th to tell us the parade had begun. We were still enjoying a slow pace adopted in Louisiana where parades start late and last long. As we went inside to retrieve our beverages and our camera, we were hurried along by our neighbor who

was an experienced Barcroft parade spectator. He knew that when the parade starts, it passes quickly. Luckily, that year the parade took a wrong turn and went past our corner. We smiled knowing that our property was on a parade route—a valuable commodity in Louisiana.

We watched the parade, we cheered for the entries, we waved to our neighbors. They encouraged us to join in. We accepted their invitation and marched in the tail end of our first Barcroft 4th of July parade. We have been proudly marching ever since.

We ask our new neighbors, "Will you be here for the parade?!"

Annie Harold

Summer Time, Summer Time Enjoy these uniquely Arlington summer time events

Arlington Arts Del Fresco—Free Outdoor Concerts (www.arlingtonarts.org/cultural_affairs/alfresco.htm)

Summer Quest Magic and More—June 27 through June 30 magician Michael Chamberlin at Glencarlyn library

Barcroft 4th of July Parade—July 4 10 AM See Insert

Arlington County Fair—A Celebration for All... August 18 through August 21

National Night Out and Barcroft Ice Cream Social—August 2

Sunset Ceremony at Iwo Jima—Tuesday Evenings Throughout Summer

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Classifieds

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Nanny Share Available: Barcroft family is looking for one or more families to share reliable nanny of 2 1/2 years. We have one 10 month old and need 2 to 3 additional babies/children to share preferably on a full time basis beginning in September. Please call Timi Kenealy at 703-302-5210 or 202-203-4576 (work).

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 Donna Anderson (past BSCL president)
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Summer Child Care (Babysitting): College student home for the summer. Call Alicia Bell at 703 532-4320.

Keep up with events by joining the Barcroft chat group and news list.

Go to:
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FREE Concerts By Chorus Champions

Potomac Harmony Chorus, the four-time Region 14 Champions of Sweet Adelines International, presents 2 FREE Summer Concerts for the whole family to enjoy.

The music of this all-women's chorus features Broadway show tunes, lovely ballads, jazz standards, and "Rock and Roll", all sung a cappella in four-part harmony, "barbershop style".

Wed June 15, 8:00PM for a "Concert Under The Stars" at Lubber Run featuring Potomac Harmony Chorus with a guest performance by Greater Harrisburg Chorus, the 2005 Region 19 Champions.

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Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden

Ever wish you could just float along on the wind, pausing now and then as beautiful blooms catch your eye? You might think that butterflies have just such a carefree life; yet, their life cycle is much more intriguing and complex. As caterpillars these creatures can survive by dining on only a few very specific plants while at the same time avoiding becoming a tasty treat for birds or other woodland animals.

After morphing into a chrysalis, they must wait, unprotected, while transforming into a beautiful butterfly. Upon emerging as adults, they must hesitate, dangerously dangling on a twig or branch, while their wings dry so they can take flight. The cycle is only complete when the adult again finds the specific host plant on which to lay its eggs that will provide food for the emerging caterpillars.

You can attract butterflies to your yard and help them in their quest for survival if you provide the four basic elements of habitat in your yard. Food, water, sheltered places to rest and escape from the weather and predators, and places to raise young

are critical to the survival of these magical creatures. If you're seeking inspiration this summer, look to the seemingly peaceful, but truly complex and often perilous life of butterflies.

The Arlington Community Wildlife Habitat team is ready to help you make your property friendly for butterflies and other wildlife. If you join the Neighborhood Challenge and get your property certified before September 30, 2005, you can help Barcroft gain bragging rights as the most wildlife-friendly place in Arlington! Arlington is well on its way to becoming the first county in the nation to be certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

Join in the excitement by certifying your yard! For more information, go to www.arlingtonenvironment.org or call 703-228-6427.

What is that exciting hum about the neighborhood?! It is preparations for the July 4th Parade!

Helicopter Over Head

Helicopters are used on a daily basis by both public and private agencies to perform a variety of missions throughout the Metropolitan Washington region. In order to document these current helicopter operations, and to determine how they are affecting the region today and may do so in the future, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) sponsored a

regional helicopter system plan study. The draft report has been prepared and presented to a joint Maryland and COG Advisory Committee.

Questions regarding the study should be directed to George Nichols of COG at (202) 962-3355 or by email at gnichols@mwkog.org

The World-Famous Barcroft String Band Wants You!

The Barcroft string band, probably the best string band in all of Barcroft, will be showcasing its formidable talents at the Barcroft 4th of July parade, traditionally held on July 4th. The string band consists of a motley assortment of instruments—fiddles, mandolins, guitars, accordions, flutes, and other less predictable instruments.

There are approximately eight fiddle tunes that we will be playing--mostly the same ones we did last year. There is a slight possibility that we will be joined by a Morris dance team, in which case we will need a couple different (but very easy) tunes.

Musically, this requires a great lack of sensitivity or taste, a sense of humor bordering on insanity, an appreciation of noisy raucous venues, and plenty of tolerance for just about everything. For clothing we prefer bright/festive/tropical/clashing/patriotic. If you would prefer to wear your tuxe, please do, but make sure your socks are Day-Glo.

If you think you might like to play with the World-Famous Barcroft String Band, contact Julie at 703-751-5168, or juliegorka722@hotmail.com. Music will be available by Tuesday, June 6. Packets will be awaiting you on the porch of 624 S. Buchanan Street.



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Barcroft Elementary School

Take a stroll down 8th Road in Barcroft and you will pass the homes of Barcroft Elementary students who are playing in the street, enjoying the first heat of the summer. You will also pass the homes of a few of the Barcroft Elementary School teachers who choose to live and work in Barcroft making our community strong.

Next year, Barcroft Elementary is lucky to have another long term Barcroft resident and 4th of July parade enthusiast join their staff. Jenny Lindenauer brings years of experience in Arlington county to Barcroft as a reading specialist. Welcome Jenny, we are glad to have you!

Kenmore Middle School

Congratulations to Kenmore's bands for wonderful performances at the Music In The Parks Festival in Williamsburg on Friday, May 13th.

Concert Band- 2nd place
Symphonic Band- 1st place
Outstanding Soloist- Mckenna Klontz
Big Kickin' Band (Jazz Ensemble)- 1st place
Outstanding Soloist- Max Guerra
Big Kickin' Band-Overall Instrumental Champion

Wakefield High School

It's an honor just to receive nominations for the annual Washington, DC area Cappies theater awards, and Wakefield students received nominations this year in six categories for their work in the drama, "Radium Girls." Wakefield went on to receive three final awards (for make up, ensemble in a play and cameo actor) at the 6th Annual Cappies Gala at the Concert Hall of the Kennedy Center on June 5.

Congratulations to the students and to Mr. Gillespie for his great work with Wakefield's drama program.

Nature Center Programs for the Summer

DAZZLING DRAGONFLIES

Thursday, June 30 3:00-4:00 pm. Ages 7-11.

Dragonflies dart and shimmer above ponds and marshes in summer. Come to Gulf Branch for some hands-on instruction about the colorful dragonflies that decorate our pond. After spending some time netting and studying these beautiful insects, kids will release the dragonflies and go inside to make a craft. \$3 fee. Reservations required, call 703-228-4747 and reference Program # 643122A

SCOUT PROGRAM: BEAR CUBS - SHARING YOUR WORLD WITH WILDLIFE BADGE

Saturday, July 9 10:30-11:30 am. Bear Cubs.

Join us to complete the requirements to earn your Sharing Your World with Wildlife badge. Individuals or groups welcome. \$2 fee.

Reservations required, call 703-228-4747 and reference Program # 643132A.

MOON MADNESS

Thursday, July 21 8:30-9:30 pm Adults

We'll meet in the Tractor Barn to learn all about the moon why it seems to change, theories about its formation, how to tell time by it, and more. Then we'll go outside to study the Full Moon ourselves, finding and identifying lunar landmarks with telescope and binoculars. \$3 fee.

Reservations required, call 703-228-4747 and reference Program # 643141A.

BAT FEST ARLINGTON 2005

Saturday, August 6 Drop in: 6:00 - 9:00 pm Families

Gulf Branch Nature Center and Bat World NOVA present Bat Fest Arlington 2005. Enjoy a thoroughly batty evening and add to your knowledge of local night life at this bat conservation and appreciation program. See live bats, go on walks to hear bats' echolocation calls, and sample some foods that are pollinated by bats. Kids will be able to practice being a bat, make bat crafts, play games, and learn lots about our local furry bug zappers. Bat talks and walks on the hour. All other activities on-going. Reservations required, call 703-228-4747 and reference Program # 643129A.

Barcroft News will be back in

September!

Enjoy the Summer.

See you at the parade!

Barcroft Community Coffeehouse Hosts Great Musicians

On Friday, May 6th, blues guitarist Paul Geremia performed at the Barcroft Community Coffeehouse concert. He is one of the many talented artists who have performed over the last year and a half at the community house as part of the coffeehouse series hosted by Barcrofters Danny and Beth Malks.

The community coffeehouse offers musicians and attendees a rare chance to participate in an entertaining concert in an intimate setting. The musicians to date have included folk, rock, blues, clas-

sical, celtic, and a children's concert by a Grammy award winning duet. Information on future concerts, including a Sept. 9th concert featuring Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer performing music for adults and a storytelling session with Jim Weiss on November 18, is available at www.communitycoffeehouse.org or email communitycoffeehouse@comcast.net.

Performances are very reasonably priced and all proceeds go directly to the artists. Don't miss out on this exciting local venue for live music!

RECIPE CORNER

Submitted by: Adam Skips

GRILLED BALSAMIC-GLAZED PEACHES

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon cracked pepper
1/8 teaspoon salt
6 firm, ripe peaches, halved
1/4 cup vegetable oil

Combine first four ingredients. Bring to boil; reduce heat, and simmer for 3 minutes.

Place peaches in a shallow dish. Coat peaches with vinegar mixture. Let stand 10 minutes.

Remove peaches from vinegar mixture.

Whisk together 2 tablespoons of vinegar mixture with oil, blending well. Set aside vinaigrette.

Place peach halves, cut side down on lightly greased grill rack. Grill covered over medium heat 5 minutes on each side basting with vinegar mixture. Serve peaches with vinaigrette.

Source: *Southern Living* July 2002

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Trolley on Columbia Pike

A trolley system with overhead cables is a bad idea, a very bad idea. This comes from someone who has grown up with trolleys and their inherent problems. From someone who grew up with a street car in front of my house it is my opinion that putting rails in on Columbia Pike will only worsen traffic, and it's bad enough now. Try driving around street cars. Figure how to decorate overhead trolley lines or handle a broken down car on the trolley lines or a broken down trolley that what will crash the system.

Let those advocating trolleys go get the Chicago records and find out why **over 3 million people agreed to get rid of their trolleys**. The only rails that will alleviate the situation is Mono-rail. This does not even appear in the list of options being considered. Let's stop sloshing traffic around and provide a real alternative solution to the problem on Columbia Pike .

Want to think positive on the issue? Think about this. Tokyo has mono all the way to their airport from almost everywhere in the city. I have taken it to the airport - it's great. Disney has had great success with them. I've rode it too. I recall Seattle runs mono. Why not Columbia Pike and the citizens who live close by.

We ought to learn a lesson from history. Consider giving it to the commercial sector and keep Metro, the tax grabbing money monster out of it. Remember Metro put three [3] tax paying businesses, who were providing **better service** than we get now, out of business. And, by the way, government had more control over the bus services which used to be provided to the metropolitan area along with **reasonable fares**.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Nehrke
tel: (703) 979-1166

Humor Outlawed in Barcroft

I hope our new officers in Barcroft will not go along with the "banning" of humor on the Barcroft Chat Group administrator is doing. According to the Chat group administrator it is spam.

For a number of years I have been putting good "humor" as it comes my way on the Barcroft Chat Group. Humor is a positive part of life. And according to a number of studies it even adds years to our lives. Especially when it is good clean humor. It

lifts the spirits of many who receive it. If it lifted the spirits of only one it would be well worth it.

Agree or disagree? Drop a note, call [703 979-1166] or email [nehrke@juno.com].

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BSCL Chat List—Are you connected?

BSCLchat is the e-mail chat list for discussion of issues and events pertaining specifically to the Barcroft neighborhood in Arlington, Va. Non-residents may subscribe but may not post to the list. Posts should be sent to bscl-news-list@yahoogroups.com, and will be made at the discretion of the moderator of the list.

The list not be used to promote specific candidates in a political campaign. However, the actions or ideas of politician or as they pertain to Barcroft are fair game. We suggest that those interested in a broader discussion of issues pertaining to South Arlington issues subscribe to Arlington22204-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

The list must not be used for chain e-mails or spam. Posts must not be vulgar, obscene, libelous or hateful toward any group, race, or ethnicity. Take a deep breath and think before you write! Keep the tone friendly.

For more information, visit <http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/> To subscribe, send mail to BSCLChat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To unsubscribe from the BSCLchat group, send an email to: bsclchat-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Spanish for 2, 3 and 4 Year Olds

The Friday Barcroft playgroup has contacted [kidspanish \(www.kidspanish.org\)](http://www.kidspanish.org) for Spanish language lessons during their regularly scheduled time at the Community House.

They hope to create a small community of children who can spend several years together learning and speaking Spanish together

Spanish classes for 2-4 year olds begin Friday July 8th at the Barcroft Community House

This class will run for 8 consecutive weeks

Cost for classes will range from \$85 - 104 total

depending on the number of final participants (The class costs a total of \$624 divided by however many children participate)

A make up class will be available for anyone who needs to miss class for vacation

Registration deadline is June 30th

For more information please contact Katherine McGwier at kgracemcgwier@comcast.net or (703) 979-7727

Residential Parking

Arlington County has been undergoing a major review of its Residential Permit Parking program. County staff has conducted a community outreach process for over a year, and will soon be taking its final recommendations to the Planning and Transportation Commissions and the County Board. We are very pleased with the changes we are proposing. The County's draft recommendations that were presented in March have been revised based on citizen feedback and further research. The program changes regard issues such as which properties are eligible to participate in zoned parking, sizes and locations of zones, how the program is managed and enforced, visitor passes, and the hours that zoned parking is in effect.

The recommendations currently are being finalized, but they will be online at www.parkarlington.com beginning June 9, 2005. If you have questions about the recommendations, please come to an open Question and Answer Session on June 13th at 7 pm in the County Board room. Public hearings will take place before the Transportation Commission on June 23rd, the Planning Commission on June 27th and the County Board on July 9th.

If you have further questions, please contact the County at park@arlingtonva.us.
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Thank you, Thank you for all you have contributed to Barcroft.

WE WILL MISS YOU!



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Real Estate Market Trends June 2005

Earlier this year there were many more buyers than sellers in the local market, especially with the selection of nice affordable homes. In many cases there were buyers competing against other buyers, in a bidding war, often waiving the appraisal contingency and home inspection contingency, etc. Strong financials are important as well for buyers. Consumer alert: one should always have a home inspection. While market forces are working against you in this regard, many buyers still ask to have a home inspection "for informational purposes only".

For sellers, if you've made that big decision to sell your home and move on, you know that the market is still great, although changing slightly from the Spring market. So all you have to do is plant the "FOR SALE" sign in your front yard and wait for the offers to roll in, right? WRONG! If "location, location, location" is the first rule of real estate, the second is "presentation, presentation, presentation."

Another key element is having a savvy listing agent who can market your home properly, network with other realtors who have the buyers, and help a seller qualify the best contract to choose. The "auction strategy" is still

working in this market although dynamics can change quickly. The housing stock in Arlington has increased over 35% in the last 60 days and initial realistic pricing still works best. As of this writing there are a total 149 detached homes for sale in Arlington, 90 of them are under \$1 million.

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