



# Barcroft News

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## July 4 Parade Returns for Its 28th Year

**By Heather Meade**

Mark your calendar for Barcroft's greatest neighborhood event. Come celebrate Our Nation's 240th Birthday and the 28th Annual 4th of July Barcroft Parade. This year held on...drum roll...Monday the 4th of July! Rain or shine!

The parade begins at 10 a.m. sharp. Anyone can join and we hope you will! Marchers meet in the Women's Club parking lot at 9:45 a.m. across from the Barcroft Community House.

This Year's Event features: A Scout Color Guard, AFD Fire Engine, our very own Barcroft Marching Band, Uncle Sam and all of you in your most creative costumes and floats. The Banjo Man will put on a show for kids of all ages after the parade in the Community House. This will be followed with an Awards

Ceremony for best parade costumes and floats, face painting, a pie eating contest, hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and picnic fare and of course family and friends and the singing of our National Anthem.

Let's make this the zaniest year ever!!! Decorate those strollers and bikes, paint

those faces and bellies, or come dressed as your favorite super hero or surprise us! Turn your bike into a helicopter, put wheels on your surfboard, make a fun float or banner! Come and join in the fun, create memories and see what makes this neighborhood so special. Please bring a dish to share.

For more information or to volunteer to help call or email Heather

Meade: [heather.meade@gmail.com](mailto:heather.meade@gmail.com) or (206) 817-5609. To join the Marching Band contact Melissa Bishop at 703-379-7537. •



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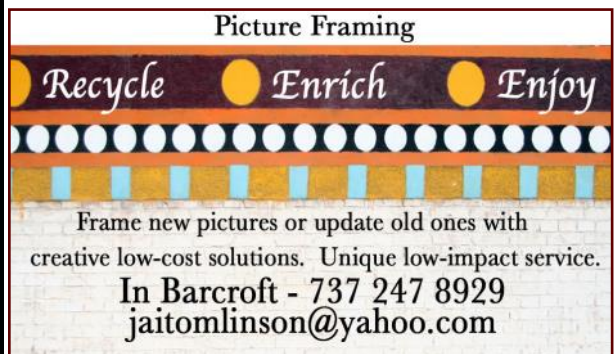
### **President's Report by Chris Kupczyk**

It seems our spring has been an odd microcosm of all four seasons, but it's finally summer!

Our regular monthly meetings are on hiatus until the fall, but mark your calendars now for our two summer events. Our signature July 4 parade and picnic is under new management this year. Heather Meade and Jim Moran have graciously stepped up as parade directors following the retirement of longtime director Andrew Hunter. Please contact Heather and Jim at heather-meade@gmail.com if you would like to help with setup, grilling, music, or a parade float.

On August 2, we will hold our annual ice cream social in observance of National Night Out. Finally, the officers and board are busy on a redesign of the BSCL web site, planning for our slate of fall meetings, and an update of our bylaws (which we will present for approval vote at a future meeting).

Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you in September. •



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# You Still Have Time To Pay This Year's Dues

**By Joanne Rodewald**

As the new BSCL membership secretary, I am reviewing our records to ensure they are accurate and up-to-date. Did you know there are approximately 1250 households in Barcroft? The Community House and many of the vibrant activities that happen in the neighborhood are supported in part by our annual dues.

Please consider joining the 175 households that have paid dues for this year. If your name/family is missing from the membership list found at [http://](http://adobe.ly/2509EmO)

[adobe.ly/2509EmO](http://adobe.ly/2509EmO) it means we don't have a record of your payment of dues for this year (September 2015 to August 2016). If you intended to send in a check but just forgot, it is not too late. Please use the membership form on page 5 of this issue (or available online at <http://adobe.ly/23XjqzS>). Send the completed form to the Treasurer at the address provided.

If you think you have already paid dues this year but your name is missing, let me know, and I will investigate. On behalf of the Officers and Board Members, we thank you for your support. •



## Vacation Bible School

Theme - Surf Shack - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love

**July 18 - 22 5:30 - 8:00 pm**

Youngsters will catch the wave as they glide through water-themed Bible stories, arts and crafts, projects, recreation, and more. They will learn what it means to be God's beloved child and how God is present in their lives today.

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# Summer Updates From Barcroft Elementary

**By Jenny Ditta, Barcroft Elementary Liaison**

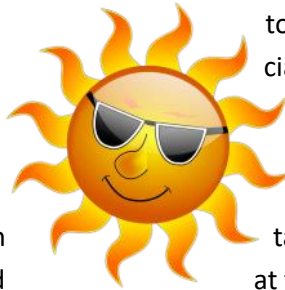
The last two months of school at Barcroft Elementary were full of interesting events for students and families. May events included Staff Appreciation Week on May 2 through 6, a week-long celebration of our wonderful teachers and staff including breakfast, lunch cookie snacks and other special events. The Spring Concert was held on May 5 and included choral, band and orchestra performances. The school hosted a tea to celebrate its many volunteers on May 11. SOL testing was conducted for students in Grades 3 to 5 between May 18 and June 6. Kindergarten Welcome Night was held on May 26.

Events in June included several field trips to the National Zoo for both Kindergarten and Grade 2 students. Grade 1 students attended a special strawberry-themed field trip to Homestead Farms on June 7. The PTA hosted a Community Picnic on June 14 after the Second Annual Staff Kick Ball game. The Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony was held on June 15, and the school-wide Field Day event was June 17. The last day of school for students was June 21. We hope that everyone has a safe, happy summer!

Join us over the summer for two Rising Kindergarten Family Play Dates on

Wednesday, July 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, July 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the Barcroft playground. Popsicles will be provided. E-mail Tracy Hansotte with questions at [Tracy.Hansotte@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.Hansotte@gmail.com).

The Summer Reading Trolley also returns on July 13 and will transport families to the Columbia Pike Library for special reading events. The first day of school is Monday, August 1. To learn more about what's happening at Barcroft Elementary, contact our PTA President Tara McCabe at [tcsm04@gmail.com](mailto:tcsm04@gmail.com). •





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## Sept 2015 - Aug 2016

Please complete the entire form and return with dues

To: Barcroft School & Civic League  
 c/o Membership Secretary  
 811 S Taylor St.,  
 Arlington, VA 22204

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Individual Membership (\$ 5.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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I/we would like to volunteer to help with:

Snow Removal for Elderly/Disabled

Yard Work for Elderly/Disabled

Barcroft Players

Food Events (Dinners, Cook-outs, etc.)

Distribution (Newsletters, Flyers, etc)

4th of July Parade & Picnic

Grant Writing

One-Time Efforts (as they arise)

Serve on a Committee -- Specify which: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Crime Resistance, Parking, Traffic)*

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

# Greetings this June from Our Savior Lutheran

## **By OSLS National Junior Honor Society**

May was a great month at Our Savior. Our middle school students headed out on class trips in early May. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders joined our Washington Area Lutheran Schools for three days of outdoor education in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class went into Downtown D.C. on a three-day servant event, and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders headed north for a three-day trip to New York City. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade also had some exciting moments as they watched baby chicks hatch in the classroom. We also celebrated the fun of our annual Field Day.

Our Savior students will celebrate the end of the school year with our annual school Talent Show. It will be held June 16 during the school day. Students can show off their talents to the rest of the school. In past years we have had pianists, singers, dancers, reader theaters, comedians, martial artists, and more.

As we finish the school year, it's also time to say goodbye to another 8th grade class as they get ready to head off to high school. We will be celebrating with them on the evening of June 16 in our church sanctuary. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow the ceremony.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year for grades PreK through 8th. The pre-kindergarten class meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until 1:30 p.m. We offer both before and after school care. OSLS was established in 1952 and has

been providing an affordable, quality Christian education in Barcroft ever since. With small classes, our dedicated teachers are able to entirely devote themselves to our diverse student body. Stop by or call our school office if you have questions. Check out our school website at [osva.org](http://osva.org). School starts again on August 29.

Get ready for Vacation Bible School! We are accepting three-year-olds (who are potty trained) through completed 5th graders. We meet June 27 to July 1, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School. If you are interested in signing your child up, visit our church homepage at [osva.org](http://osva.org). •



## Yoga in Barcroft

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
*Sunrise Flow* 6:30-7:15 a.m.  
*Private Sessions* 7:30-9:00 a.m.

**Sundays**  
*Gentle Hatha* 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### First Thought Yoga

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# Natureopolis

*By Ann Marie Douglass*

## **Arlington Regional Master Naturalist/Tree Steward**

With real estate prices on the rise in Barcroft, we mustn't forget that it's also real estate for the wildlife in our backyards and woods. We are honored to live by a nationally registered Old Age Forest. Areas of Glencarlyn Park that link us to the WO&D have not been deforested since the time of Native Americans. There are only two Old Growth Forests in Arlington. The other is in Arlington National Cemetery. Down the bike path, there is the Barcroft Magnolia Bog (the only bog in Arlington), another commodity to wildlife in our area.

The one thing Arlington County does not have is a Succession Forest -- an established area that goes through the forest life cycle: Meadow - Shrub—Woods - Meadow. This is where we human-animals play a key role in this shared habitat. It is already happening all over Barcroft. Each parcel of our land has the potential to sustain wildlife by being healthy, beautiful and herbicide/pesticide free. That's a 'spherical win'. It helps all who come in contact with our land -- from our children and pets to the bees and grasshoppers.

"Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife With Native Plants" by Doug-

las W. Tallamy is a wonderful read to learn more. Living in Arlington is environmentally friendly by default because we aren't contributing to urban sprawl with long carbon-omitting commutes.

It is wonderful to walk through our neighborhood and see all the diverse plants growing in yards and gardens. It gives me hope that we can live more sustainably, in health and harmony with Nature. We are living in a "Natureopolis." •



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# Sidewalks and NC Priorities on September BSCL Agenda

## ***By Deborah Wood, NCAC Representative***

Back to the drawing board on Neighborhood Conservation Projects! At the February BSCL meeting, improvements to the intersection of Arlington Boulevard and South Abingdon/Henderson Street for pedestrian and bike safety were voted to be the neighborhood's top priority for funding.

Upon further investigation by Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (DES) staff, it was discovered that VDOT has plans in the works for improvements to several Arlington Boulevard intersections, including this one. DES has prepared a concept design to illustrate the preliminary VDOT plan, and it appears to address the safety concerns we have with the intersection. Work on this project is estimated to be two to five years out.

So at the September BSCL meeting, we will revisit the street, sidewalk, lighting, and park improvement projects that remain to be done in the 2008 Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan. Coincidentally, a resident of 8th Street South has submitted a request on behalf of several neighbors to complete the sidewalk in front of 4609 8th Street South through the County's Missing Links Program. This particular project will be discussed and voted on separately at the September meeting.

Other projects to consider include the list of other outstanding sidewalk projects in

the 2008 plan. In February, we also considered the parkland potential of the former Vepco substation on South Pershing Drive. Linda Gaines volunteered to investigate the status of environmental cleanup done through the County and EPA. She has done some excellent research, and although it is unlikely to be something to pursue as a Neighborhood Conservation project just yet, having a community position on the future use of this land would be beneficial. •

## **Family Caregiver Support Group**

If you are caring for someone with dementia, who is caring for you? A support group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 3 to 4p.m.

This informational and supportive group will assist families in understanding the causes, disease process and behaviors associated with dementia. This group will help you gain a sense of empowerment and control; reduce stress, depression and isolation; provide an open forum to discuss your emotions and concerns and gain practical advice.

Facilitated by gerontologist and dementia practitioner, Vicky W. Surash, MS, MS, ACC, CDP at Walter Reed Adult Day Health Care, 2909 16th Street South., Arlington, 22204. Please call 703-228-5340 to RSVP or for more information. •



# AFAC Plot Against Hunger Program

The Arlington Food Assistance Center's Plot Against Hunger program is again seeking local vegetable gardeners and farmers willing to grow and donate fresh produce to the AFAC food pantry. AFAC can provide free vegetable seeds to those who pledge to donate produce from community or personal gardens.

Seeds are available now at AFAC, 2708 South Nelson Street, during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Produce can be donated at

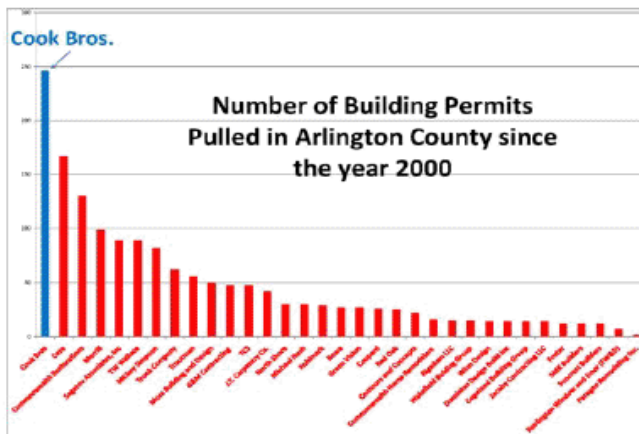
AFAC during hours above or at the following locations beginning mid-June:

- Arlington Courthouse Farmer's Market, Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon (look for the AFAC cooler near the Master Gardeners Help Desk).
- Rock Spring UCC Church, 5010 Little Falls Road, Sundays, 9 to 11 a.m.



For more information about AFAC's Plot Against Hunger program, visit <http://www.afac.org/plot-against-hunger/> or contact Puwen at [Puwen.Lee@afac.org](mailto:Puwen.Lee@afac.org) or 703-845-8486. •

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# Neighbor to Neighbor Listings

*These listings are free to BSCL members, and run on a space-available basis. The listings run for three issues unless removal, renewal or update is requested. Email listings and renewals to editor@bscl.org.*

**Carla Roca:** 18 year old responsible, reliable, honest and trustworthy, experienced dog sitter, dog walker, and baby sitter. Available weekdays after 3:30 p.m. and available often on weekends. Contact at (703)474-4172 or via email at carlaroca98@gmail.com.

**Petsitter:** Responsible 10th grader. Can house sit, water plants, pet sit, bring in mail, etc. Email to chrisclaire99@gmail.com or call 571-623-1133.

**Babysitter:** Experienced, Red Cross certified 9th grader. Call Liza Harold at 703-868-3518.

**Recent 21-year-old College Graduate:** Available for babysitting, pet care, other odd jobs weekdays and weekends, starting May 12. Abby Fram, phone: 703-477-7550, email abbyfram94@aol.com.

**Worry-free Vacation Help:** College Student available to keep an eye on your home, pets, plants, gardens or all of the above while you relax on vacation. Reasonable rates; references available. Dylan Vega, 703-907-9162; dylanrvega@gmail.com

**Rebecca Bean Babysitter:** 11th grader available nights and weekends. Call 571-344-4134 or email: Rebeccahbean@gmail.com.

**Babysitter, house/pet sitter:** Carmen Dunlap, responsible 17 year old. Available weekends and weeknights. Dunlap.carmen@ymail.com.

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## Don't Miss Barcroft's July 4th Parade

- Starts and ends at the Barcroft Community House.
- Parade starts at 10 a.m. sharp. Participants should arrive by 9:45.
- Plan to stay for the cookout and bring a dish to share.
- For more info, contact Heather Meade at heathermeade@gmail.com or 206-817-5609.
- To join the marching band, contact Melissa Bishop at 703-379-7537.



# Neighbor to Neighbor Listings, *continued*

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**Kyle and Ted Lawn Mowing:** Hardworking and reliable 12th graders who will mow and edge your lawn for an affordable price. Contact us at [kpboll333@gmail.com](mailto:kpboll333@gmail.com).

**Sophia Field:** 7th Grader, available for pet sitting and afternoon walking. Lost Dog and Cat Rescue volunteer and experienced bunny owner/foster. [Sophia.b.field@gmail.com](mailto:Sophia.b.field@gmail.com).

**Private Drum Lessons:** All ages/levels. Wakefield alum with a BA in music offers instruction in Barcroft home. Multiple styles--rock, jazz, classical, musical theatre. Performed in middle school, high school, college ensembles--concert band, marching band drum line, jazz band, and orchestra. Contact: [mitchbassmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mitchbassmusic@gmail.com)

**Barcroft neighborhood teenager** seeks lawn mowing (\$15 per hour), dog walking (\$10 per walk) and or house sitting opportunities (tbd) during the spring and summer months. If interested, please email [ethanavalencia@gmail.com](mailto:ethanavalencia@gmail.com).

**Babysitter/nanny/petsitter:** Jenny Claire, responsible 18 year old available for babysitting, and petsitting! Contact Jenny at 571-484-6445 or [jennylclaire@gmail.com](mailto:jennylclaire@gmail.com).

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**Sarah Oldham:** Responsible, organized, and friendly 17 year old available for dog sitting and babysitting. Contact me at 571-314-3904 or [sarah\\_oldham@aol.com](mailto:sarah_oldham@aol.com).

**Boutaina Marhrim:** Female, age 17 ( almost 18). Caring, trustworthy, responsible high school senior with lots of experience with sitting. Available after 3:30 on weekdays and on weekends to babysit, dog or cat sit. If you're looking for a sitter, I'm the one for you! Phone number: 703-472-8718, Email: [boutainam7@gmail.com](mailto:boutainam7@gmail.com).

**Miles and Peirce:** two Neighborhood (rising) 8th grade Students want to mow your lawn this summer. We will cut, edge and blow away lawn debris weekly leaving you with a great looking lawn for the summer. We charge \$20 per cut for normal size lawns (lots less than 9,000 square feet) and \$25 for larger lots. Please call Miles at 703-486-8181 or email [dickeyjordan@outlook.com](mailto:dickeyjordan@outlook.com) to request an appointment. ●



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### **Juggling the Move Up Process**

Moving up from one home to another is a challenging process, and here is a story of how we helped a client move from their small condo to a single family home.

Carol and Kevin felt cramped in their small two bedroom condo in Arlington. Once their new baby arrived they definitely needed more space. They had been referred to Casey O'Neal by John, a neighbor who Casey had helped sell and buy another home.

Casey and Joe consulted with Carol and Kevin about strategies for selling and moving up to a larger home. Because they had significant equity in their home, Casey referred them to a lender who qualified them to buy a home before selling their current home.

Carol and Kevin didn't want to feel pressured and wanted to have enough time to find the right home. Once a desirable home was found they had to act quickly because of multiple offers on the property. Casey and Joe worked with the listing agent to negotiate a win-win solution for their clients.

Once the contract was ratified, Carol and Kevin listed their existing home and it sold quickly. We orchestrated a simultaneous closing which eliminated the need for bridge financing that was already lined up.

This enabled Kevin and Carol to obtain a better interest rate. We also negotiated a rent back so that Carol and Kevin could move directly from one home to the next.

Carol and Kevin and their young son now live in a wonderful four bedroom home with plenty of room for their growing family.

If your family or friends might know of someone in a similar situation – please let them know that we will take great care of them in the process!

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