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Convenient Option: In-Person Absentee Voting

By *Detta Kissel and Stanton Cheah*

Do you find it difficult to get to the polls on Election Day?

Then Arlington County is there to help you. Starting on Friday, September 23, the county will begin to provide eligible residents with the ability to vote early—and in person—six days a week at one or more designated polling places created just for in-person “absentee” voters.

Contrary to what you might think, absentee voting is not just for military service members and students. In fact, there’s a good chance you are eligible and don’t even know it. All you need to do is affirm that you have one of 15 common reasons to vote absentee.

For example: Do you—like many local residents—work outside Arlington County? You qualify!

Or: Do you anticipate working and commuting 11 of the 13 hours polls are open? You qualify!

Moreover—as with the more well-known mail-in absentee voting op-

tion—eligibility for in-person absentee voting does not require you to be absolutely *sure* that you will not be able to make it to your local polling place November 8—only that it is *uncertain* whether you will be able make it there due to one of the 15 reasons.

Other acceptable reasons include the possibility of being absent for business or vacation, or being on duty as a first responder or active-duty military service member. You also can claim eligibility due to a disability or pregnancy, or if you care for a confined family member.

Any of these conditions, and a num-

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Next Community Meeting:

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

Community House

Topic: Neighborhood Conservation

Advisory Committee goals



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Monthly Happenings

President's Report by Chris Kupczyk

Happy Fall, Barcroft. As I write this, it's still pretty warm, but I hope the oppressive heat has finally broken for the summer.

We had a good turnout for our September 1 meeting. We approved our 2016-17 budget, and we then had a vigorous discussion about whether to apply for funds to complete a missing portion of sidewalk on 8th Street under the county's Missing Links sidewalk program. In the end, we voted to approve the application, and I sent it in the following week. I'd like to thank all who attended for debating the issue in a civil and respectful manner.

At our October 6 meeting, we will prioritize our Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee goals for the coming year. In November, our guest will be Cecilia Cassidy, the new executive director of the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization.

Finally, I have convened a committee to review and, where appropriate, update our bylaws, which were last revised in 1991. The committee consists of myself, Dedra Curteman, Keith Fred, Eric Harold, and Randy Swart. We will present our proposed revisions at a BSCL meeting in the new year. ●

In-Person Absentee Voting, continued

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ber of others, will qualify you to cast a mailed-in or in-person absentee ballot in advance of the November 8 election.

The first in-person absentee voter polling station opens at Courthouse Plaza at 8 a.m., September 23, and will operate six days a week through November 5. For added convenience, you can complete your absentee ballot application right onsite before you vote.

Several weeks before the election, the county also will open two more polling places—one at Walter Reed Community Center, and another at Madison Community Center. You can find exact dates and scheduled hours

of operation for all three polling places—as well as rules and information on early in-person absentee voting—at <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/absentee/>.

So remember, if you work outside Arlington County—or you have a long commute or work hours—you are eligible to cast an early, in-person absentee ballot.

Voting is your civic duty. And now it's so convenient you have no excuse not to do it.

(Just one last note: If you need to register to vote, or to change your voting address, you must do so by October 17. www.vote.virginia.gov).

Fall Barcroft Elementary Update

By Jennifer Weber, PTA Secretary

Greetings from the Barcroft Eagles!

September was an action packed month with field trips to the Outdoor Lab, swimming lessons for 4th graders, student council elections and Chalk 4 Peace. These activities are great learning and development opportunities for the students. We are building lifelong learners at Barcroft and are proud that the school met federal and state



standards for accreditation. October brings fall intersession (and hopefully cooler temperatures). The popular PTA bake sale will take place on Election Day. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase some delicious food and support field trips and enrichment activities for the students. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook (Barcroft Elementary School PTA) and Twitter (#BRCpride).

Contemporary Artists Celebrated in Arlington

Bridging the community with contemporary art is key to Arlington Arts Center's (AAC) mission. To achieve this, AAC brings 14 regional contemporary artists to Arlington each year through its SOLOS series.

Earlier this year more than 100 artists living in the Mid-Atlantic Region submitted proposals to an open call for this semi-annual exhibition.

Jurors Sarah Newman, Independent Curator, and Jose Ruiz, Co-Director of Present Co. (NY), Director of Furthermore (DC), and Professor in the Curatorial Practice MFA Program at Maryland Institute College of Art, recommended 14 applicants for inclusion in the 2016-17 edition of AAC's competitive SOLOS series.

Selections are based on a range of criteria including compatibility with AAC's mission of promoting new work by regional artists. Selected SOLOS artists present work in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, installation, photography, and

performance.

Aptly titled, SOLOS artists are assigned to one of AAC's seven main gallery spaces, where they each mount a self-curated and self-contained exhibition. Artists often incorporate AAC's unique building, which features bright, airy spaces and black box galleries for experimental works, into site-specific installations, resulting in a selection of never-before-seen exhibitions.

Fall SOLOS 2016 opens October 15 and will be on view through December 18, with an opening reception Saturday, October 15, 6 to 9 p.m. Spring SOLOS 2017 opens April 2017 with an opening reception April 8, 2017, 6 to 9 p.m.

Each exhibition will be accompanied by a gallery talk with the artists. The public is invited for a walking discussion and tour of each artists' exhibition, followed by a light reception. The Fall SOLOS Gallery Talk is scheduled for December 10, 2016, 1 to 4 p.m. •



St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship Services 8 am and 10 am	Sunday Christian Education Adults 9 am - Youth 10 am
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Sunday, October 2 - Blessing of the Animals
1:30 pm in the Shirlington Dog Park or
5 pm at St. John's side yard *(inside if raining - see web for more details)*

Children's Education - kindergarten through eighth grade - every Sunday at 10 am

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October Women's Club Events

The Arlington Woman's Club celebrates its 85th Anniversary on Saturday, October 1. In support of the 2016-2018 General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Virginia State Project: "Dare to Dream of No Hunger," they are partnering with the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) and collecting nutritious non-perishable canned goods and cereal at their Celebration Party on Saturday, Oct 1. Your donation to AFAC to combat hunger in Arlington will be greatly appreciated. Contact Pat Fisher, Anniversary Chair, Woman's Club of Arlington, 703-751-3442, for ad-

ditional information.

On Thursday, October 6, the Club will feature Suffragist Mrs. Robert Walker, An Historic Reenactment Monologue by Lynne Garvey-Hodge at 7 p.m. This event is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

The Club's Annual Fall Bazaar is October 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors, food, entertainment and fun are offered. For questions, call 703-553-5800. The Women's Club of Arlington is located at 700 South Buchanan Street in Arlington. •



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Dues News: October Update

By Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary

Summer vacations are a memory and I see Halloween decorations for sale in stores everywhere. That means if you haven't already done so it's time to renew your BSCL membership --or join if you are not yet a member. Dues are still only \$5 per individual or \$10 for a family membership. The application form is provided with this newsletter or online at our BSCL website(<http://www.bscl.org/membership>).

Thank you to the 75 households who

have given us a good start to our membership drive and are supporting the Community House and many of the festive activities that happen in the neighborhood with your dues and additional contributions. To everyone else, if you enjoy being one of the approximately 1,250 families living in Barcroft and appreciate the events sponsored by the Civic League, please become a dues paying member so we continue to be a vibrant and active community for all. •

You Are Invited to Fill These Pages

**By Alyssa Ford Morel
Editor, Barcroft News**

Have you noticed something new or interesting in the neighborhood? Do you have some thoughts to share? Or did you capture a great photo? Your Barcroft neighbors would love to read what you have to say if you will share it in Barcroft News.

Ten issues are printed each year, with one issue covering June and July, and a vacation for the month of August. The deadline to submit for the next issue is printed in the masthead each month on page 2.

One helpful tip is that stories should be surprisingly short. One page is filled with 350 to 400 words, so writers are encouraged

to keep stories tight and timely.

Submitting a story is easy by email. Just send it to editor@bscl.org. Writers are encouraged to send an attachment as well as copying and pasting their story into the body of the email to guarantee appropriate receipt.

Questions? Feel free to email or to call the editor at 703-907-9318. •



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To: Barcroft School & Civic League
c/o Treasurer
811 South Taylor Street
Arlington, VA 22204

Check One:
 New Member Application
 Membership Renewal

Individual Membership (\$ 5.00) \$ _____

Couple/Family Membership (\$10.00) \$ _____

Additional Tax Deductible Contribution to
the Community House Conservation Fund \$ _____

Total (Please make check payable to BSCL)

\$ _____

Check Number _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone(s): (____) _____

E-Mail Address(es): _____

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 Fall Season from OSLS

By OSLS National Junior Honor Society

At Our Savior Lutheran School, we have weekly chapel services every Wednesday starting at 8:40 a.m. During the month of September, our chapel offerings went in support of the LCMS Disaster Response which assists communities, churches, and volunteers in delivering aid to those suffering recent disasters, such as those affected by the flooding in Baton Rouge and the wildfires in Southern California. Join us as we pray for the families and communities impacted by these events. For more information on a way to help, visit <https://www.lcms.org/disaster>.

On Friday, October 28, Our Savior will be having a Fall Carnival. Stop by with your children and enjoy a fun evening of games. Please contact our school office for more information about times and tickets.

The last week of October, we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon

Week is set aside to say no to drugs. During the week, our school will also be focusing on helping A-SPAN, which stands for Arlington Street People's Association Network. Each year we try to bring awareness of A-SPAN by having a walk-a-thon around the Barcroft neighborhood. We carry signs with messages to say no to homelessness in Arlington and to help support A-SPAN. Please check out A-SPAN's website at www.a-span.org to see how you can help A-SPAN fight homelessness in our neighborhoods.

We still have room in our classes for students from grades PreK through 8th. The Pre-kindergarten class will continue to be in session Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. We do offer both before and after care for our full week students. Stop by or call our school office if you have any questions or would like a tour. Check out our school website at osva.org. •

July 2017 High School Exchange to Germany

An informational meeting about the July 2017 High School Exchange program with Germany will be held Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m., at the Shirlington Library.

The Arlington Sister City Association high school exchange is an 18-day trip that includes a two-week stay with host-families in the city of Aachen (a multicultural community on Germany's border with Belgium and the

Netherlands) plus a three-day trip to Berlin.

Meet Arlington high school students who visited Germany this past July and some of the German students who hosted them (and are here for their two-week stay in Arlington). Students, parents, and community welcome.

More information is available at www.arlingtonsistercity.com. •

Walk and Bike to School Day 2016 - October 5

Join kids and families around the globe by walking or biking to school on Walk and Bike to School Day 2016 – Wednesday, October 5! (Rain Date: October 12)

Each year on Walk and Bike to School Day, Arlington Public Schools (APS) partners with the County's WalkArlington and BikeArlington programs to showcase walking and biking at Arlington schools and support student participation across the County. Background on Walk and Bike to School Day in Arlington and online resources to support individual school and student participation

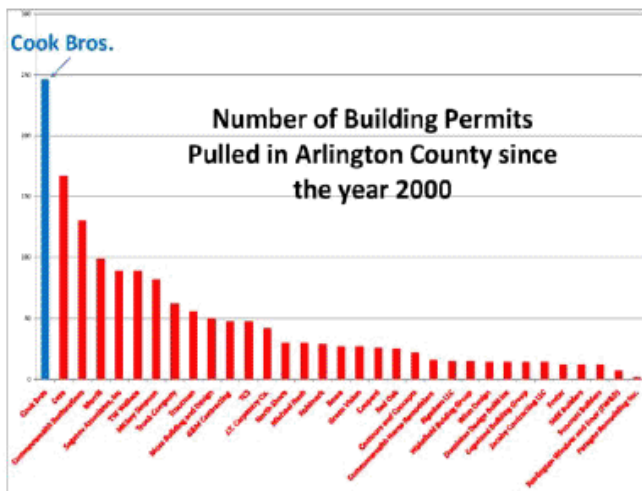
can be found on WalkArlington.com.

For more on Walk and Bike to School Day and ideas on how you can get involved, contact your school, send a message to <mailto:info@walkarlington.com>info@walkarlington.com or visit <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org>www.walkbiketoschool.org.

And whether or not you have kids in Arlington schools, please keep in mind that there will be more walkers and cyclists out on the morning of October 5, so be a PAL and share our streets! •

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For a larger Graph image and more information about the Graph, visit our website at

www.CookBros.org/BarcroftGraph



One Great Native Plant for Your Garden: Butterfly Weed

By the Plant NOVA Natives Campaign

Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) adds stunning color to the summer garden. This easy-to-grow, drought tolerant plant grows one to three feet and produces brilliant yellow-orange to bright orange flowers throughout the summer. Butterfly Weed makes a delightful cut flower. Native Americans chewed the root as a cure for pleurisy and other lung ailments, resulting in its other common name, Pleurisy Root.

The plant is a nectar source for hummingbirds, butterflies, and other pollinators and a larval host for the Monarch Butterfly. Try planting Butterfly Weed with Black-eyed Susans and Gayfeather for a rainbow of colors during the hot summer months. •



Arlington Woman's Club invites you to their annual



Fall Bazaar

October 22, 2016

- **25 local vendors**
- **Gift items for everyone**
- **Lunch, snacks for sale**
- **Entertainment**
- **Community Resource Information**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more info: 703-553-5800

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Arlington, Virginia

Neighbor to Neighbor Listings, *continued*

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.

Wanted: Halloween Help. I need a couple responsible teenagers to help set up a haunted breezeway, scare folks, and then help put everything away. Must be available several afternoons plus Halloween evening. Some lifting, toting and climbing a step ladder required. Loud is good. Jim Lande 4470 First Place, South , 703-258-5613 or MetalClarinet@gmail.com.

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Vintage 1970's Reproduction Red Coca Cola Pedal Car, \$150. Call 703-920-7554.

Vintage Celluloid Shaving Stand, with mirror, two brushes, razor, powder holder and porcelain soap cup. Excellent Condition, \$50. Call 703-920-7554.

Vintage Barber Splash Bottles with Toppers: Milk glass, \$15; Clear Glass \$15; Cranberry Glass, \$20. Call 703-920-7554.

Vintage Electric Beer Advertising, all working: National Bohemian large metal case with red and black glass, face logo, National Bohemian Oh Boy, What a Beer, \$80; Small Budweiser gold plastic case with Clydesdale Horses, \$30; Papst Blue Ribbon with bartender, clock and bottle, \$90 (sold on EBay for \$159) Call 703-920-7554.

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What Renovation Yields a 75% Return?

Remodeling Magazine's 2016 Cost vs. Value Report recently stated that a brand-new wooden deck added to your home will net you a 75% return on your investment when you decide to sell. This makes a deck renovation one that really pays off. Whether you want to build one from scratch or just want to expand on the one you currently have, here are some tips on how to get your deck on this summer that will pay you back down the road.

Before you start gathering your wood, hammers and nails, check out the amazingly useful free deck [guide](#) from the American Wood Council. Free expert advice is a huge asset before you get started. [Visit the blog article on our website for a link to the FREE guide.](#) This is also a good time to decide just how big you want to go -- a 200-square-foot deck will cost around \$4,836. The costs may not stop with the materials, and an addition could increase your property taxes and insurance rates. Get the hard numbers set beforehand to figure out your budget.

In general, a contractor will charge \$35 per square

foot to build a deck. The cost varies hugely when it comes to material though. Hollow-core PVC can cost as little as \$7.50 per square foot. Cedar can cost even less at \$3.50 and at the high end, Brazilian hardwood runs \$22 or more.

The best way to save money is to design your deck for the standard length of lumber: 6, 8, 10 or 12 foot boards. You can also buy secondhand wood from local salvage shops. Habitat for Humanity, for instance, sells reclaimed wood from demos. Not only might you score some unique hardwoods, but the savings can have a huge impact.

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