



Barcroft News

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New Landscaping at Woman's Club of Arlington

By Sandy Newton

It would be hard to miss the recent work that has been done on the Woman's Club of Arlington property by Scout Troop 648. Under the leadership of Carl Barrett for his Eagle Scout project, our club and the Barcroft neighborhood will benefit with more attractive landscaping.

English Ivy was removed in order to

construct raised beds that will contain native plants and vegetables this spring. There is a correct way to remove ivy and neighbor Scott Brintzer was happy to show this to the Scouts. Scott also identified some rare trees that the Scouts removed for planting within the neighborhood.

Thirty seven people helped with this project with funding provided by the Wom-

Spaghetti Dinner Returns

By Eric Harold

Let's make spaghetti great again! Celebrate cold winters and warm neighbors at the Umpteenth Annual Barcroft Spaghetti Dinner. Come for the Spaghetti Tones, our wonderful musicians, and stay for the friendship and neighborhood comradery. If you're hungry, have some spaghetti as well.

When: Sunday, January 29, 2017, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: 800 South Buchanan Street (Barcroft Community House).

What: Spaghetti (with homemade sauce)! And salad and bread! All you can eat! Veggie options available! Take-out available! Beer/wine available for a song (or a donation). Live music by Barcroft's own Spaghetti Tones.

Cost: \$8 per person. Kids under age 10 eat free. Any money raised goes to our neighborhood Community House fund. •

an's Club. Over 200 hours were donated. However, the brush removal became a problem as the County could not get their crane down the street due to low hanging wires. Another site, with permission of the neighbor, was designated. The Scouts returned to relocate the brush. In the meantime, Scott added to the landscaping in front of the club with Crepe Myrtle trees

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President's Message

By Chris Kupczyk

We had a great turnout for our holiday party on December 1, thanks to all the organizers, musicians, and storytellers who made it happen. I think the earlier start time was a hit, so I'll recommend that we make that permanent starting next year.

This month's other news is a mixed bag.

As you'll recall, last September, we voted to apply for county funding to complete an unfinished section of sidewalk along 8th Street under the the Missing Links program. Unfortunately, the county has informed me that, due to some challenging topography on this property and the location of a utility pole, the cost of the project would far exceed what the Missing Links program could cover. If there is interest, we can reapply for the sidewalk as a full blown Neighborhood Conservation project.

If you've driven along the section of George Mason Drive that abuts Barcroft, I hope you've noticed the new signage in the crosswalks at 4th Street that alert drivers to yield to pedestrians as per state law. In addition, I reported over the chat list that the county had initially decided not to push back the parking setbacks at the intersections along Buchanan Street. However, last week I was informed that the county will "relocate the existing no parking sign on the right

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January Barcroft Elementary Update

By Jennifer Weber, PTA Secretary

December has been a really busy month, with the Scholastic Book Fair, Leo Day and Leo Night, Hour of Code, field trips and music concerts. Leo Night is always a favorite as the students are the teachers and teach their families about what they have been studying over the past quarter. The music department hosted an amazing concert on Decem-



Barcroft 4th and 5th grade choirs.

ber 14 featuring band, orchestra and the 4th and 5th grade chorus. The learning often extends beyond the school day with new enrichment activities and opportunities. We are really excited for the launch of our new afterschool enrichment program, where students have the opportunity to participate in art, STEM and

sports activities. The PTA has teamed up with our Community in Schools coordinator and staff to offer this program at no charge. Barcroft is also proud to have eight teams competing in Odyssey of the Mind this year. Big thanks to the staff and parent volunteers supporting our students as they build their creative problem solving skills. We hope you will join us for the rescheduled Barcroft (Spring) Snowball Stride 5K on March 11, 2017. •

Women's Club, continued

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on the corner of 8th and Buchanan and 10 rose bushes flanking the entrance to the club.

For those of you who have not been by the club recently, earlier this year we constructed a "Little Lending Library" and it has been very popular. The club also constructed two new raised beds at the back of the parking lot. All vegetables we grow are donated to AFAC.

We are proud to be a part of the Barcroft Community and we hope with the New Year, you will take advantage of our monthly programs which you can find on Womensclubarlington.org. •



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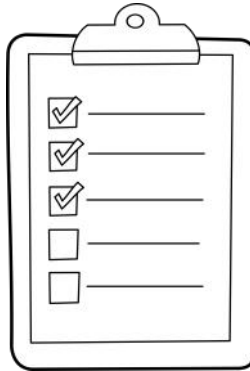
Dues News: December Update

By Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary

Happy New Year! Want to start out 2017 with a resolution that is easy to keep? If you are not already a member of the BSCL (you can check the current roster at <http://www.bscl.org/membership>), join today. 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 website.

You may ask, "Why is it important that I become a dues paying member?" My feeling is it is a small gesture that shows we have pride in our community, enjoy the many activities happening in the neighborhood, and want to ensure the Community House and traditions we have established continue into the future.

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Please complete the entire form and return with dues

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) \$ _____
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Additional Tax Deductible Contribution to
the Community House Conservation Fund \$ _____
Total (Please make check payable to BSCL) \$ _____

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Check Number _____

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I/we would like to volunteer to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Removal for Elderly/Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Work for Elderly/Disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barcroft Players | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Events (Dinners, Cook-outs, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution (Newsletters, Flyers, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4th of July Parade & Picnic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Efforts (as they arise) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a Committee -- Specify which: _____
(<i>Crime Resistance, Parking, Traffic</i>) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | |

Happy New Year from Our Savior Lutheran School

By OSLS National Junior Honor Society

We wish you a Happy 2017 and hope that your Christmas and holiday season was safe and full of fun. We are enjoying these winter days and all of the students are keeping their fingers crossed for lots of snow!

This month in January, Our Savior will be holding a Geography Bee for our 4th through 8th graders and a Band/Keyboard Winter Concert. Students right now are preparing and getting excited. We can't wait to hear some beautiful music and see who knows their Geography the best.

Our Savior Lutheran School is holding an Open House for all prospective students and their parents on Saturday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. At that time, applications will be accepted for the 2017-2018 school year from grades Pre K through 8th. This is an opportunity to tour the school, meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and ask questions. We are fully accredited, licensed, and bonded and also offer before and after school care. We are located at 825 South Taylor Street. •

President's Message, continued

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hand side of northbound South Buchanan Street closest to the intersection of 8th Street South 20 feet back, away from the intersection, to further restrict motorists from parking close to the intersection and to improve the available sight distance for turning traffic from 8th Street South onto southbound South Buchanan Street. In addition, we will restrict parking on the right hand side of the southbound approach of South Buchanan Street from 20 feet north of the intersection of 8th Street South, prior to the existing speed hump to further improve the available sight distance for turning traffic from eastbound 8th Street South onto South Buchanan Street."

Finally, the county determined that

there is insufficient traffic at the intersection of 6th Street and Buchanan/Pershing to justify a three way stop. They will, however, "relocate the existing advance advisory speed sign indicating the maximum safe speed on southbound South Pershing Drive to a spot closer to the intersection of 6th Street South where it would be more visible to southbound South Pershing Drive traffic and hopefully heighten drivers' awareness of the horizontal curve and the turning traffic from and onto 6th Street South."

Both relocations will take about six weeks, weather and schedule permitting.


Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2017! •

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.

Learn to play drums by Spring! All ages welcome! Has home studio. Special holiday 3-lesson package: \$99 (1/2 hour lessons) \$149 (1 hour lessons). Email Mitchell at mitchbassmusic@gmail.com. References provided.

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24 properties closed in the Barcroft neighborhood in 2016 per MRIS data.

The average list price was \$688,082 and average sold price was \$677,000. In 2015 there were 31 listings sold with an average sold price of \$674,292.

Arlington County's November stats shows a median sales price of \$795,000, down from \$800K in 10/16 and \$850,000 in 11/15. ***Looking to maximize your bottom line and sell at the right time?*** Contact me and we can talk about your situation. Predictions are for a seller's market in 2017, especially in Arlington County.

For financing, Equity-sharing mortgages are a new type of loan, providing funds. Homebuyers in pricey markets with a sparse down payment will be the beneficiaries, as equity sharing becomes popular because of support by Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and the big lenders. Stay tuned – and Happy New Year!

Everywhere you turn these days, you hear just how “smart” your home can be. The high-tech

future is here and the “Internet of things” has become more than just blather. What are the new smart objects available for your home, and how will they all work together? For a glimpse at some of the cutting-edge highlights, check out these products below—some currently for sale, others soon to be released — that can make your house seem a whole lot savvier. For the full article, visit our website <http://caseyoneal.com/blog/Here-39-s-How-Smart-Your-Home-Can-Be/27001>.

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