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Engage with Arlington Public Schools!

By Eric Harold

As many are aware, Arlington continues to grow and with that growth comes pressures on nearly every aspect of our community: parks, affordable housing, traffic and schools. As a result, many throughout the County have felt the crunch of overcrowding at elementary, middle and high schools. Currently, Arlington Public Schools (APS) are projected to grow to over 32,000 students by Fall 2026 (source: http://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/FallProjections17-26_Final_Web.pdf). APS is currently beginning the process to add 1300 high school seats by 2022.

To solicit community input and aid the planning for additional capacity, there are several opportunities coming up to provide

feedback and suggestions to APS:

- **Community Survey:** APS will solicit direct input from all members of the community on K – 12 instructional issues. This survey will take place between February 27 and March 17. The goal will be to solicit input on how people make decisions about schools and what types of program options are lacking (or that the community would like more of), among other items. The survey will be available online as well as on paper.
- **"Review, Revise, Refine" Community Meetings for the Enrollment and Transfers for Schools and Programs Policy:** Two community meetings covering both the new high school site and instructional op-

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Next Community Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., Barcroft Community House

Topic: Staffer from Representative Don Beyer's Office



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President's Message

By Chris Kupczyk

After last year's bruising presidential contest, I'm reluctant to talk about elections in this column. However, the BSCL's annual election is fast approaching. On May 4, we'll elect a new president, vice president, recording secretary, and board member. Very soon, I'll be convening a nominating committee, in accordance with our bylaws, whose job will be to present a slate of candidates. (Our current treasurer and membership secretary have kindly offered to stand for re-election.) If you've been thinking of getting more involved in the BSCL, I encourage you to consider standing for election to one of these positions. Please let me know if you are interested so I can share your name with the nominating committee.

In other developments, I'm pleased to announce that Teresa Saunders and Theresa Schweser have agreed to be the new co-publishers of the Barcroft News. They'll be responsible for picking up the newsletters from the printer and distributing them to the 25-plus Barcroft volunteers who bring them to your doorstep each month. Please join me in extending a big thank you to Teresa and Theresa — and to all the delivery volunteers.

Finally, be sure to join us at the community house at 7:30 p.m. on March 2 for our next monthly meeting. Our guest will be a staff member from the office of Rep. Don Beyer. See you then. ●

Barcroft Elementary Update for February

By Jennifer Weber, PTA Secretary

Did you know that Barcroft is one of only four APS schools that has an in-school branch of the Arlington Community Federal Credit Union? The Credit Union's In-School Branch Program provides students with real world, financial education. Our students are learning how to perform financial services duties including accepting membership application, processing deposits, handling withdrawals and practicing positive customer service skills. The credit union is open from 8:30 to 9 a.m. each Wednesday. Barcroft students can open a savings account with an initial \$5 deposit.

There were several exciting school events in February. These included the 2nd

grade field trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, which was also a highly sought after chaperone

event, and our WE LOVE BOOKS Book Exchange where students, staff and family gathered for books, cupcakes and storytelling.

Upcoming events include Barcroft Information Sessions for new families on March 14 at 12:45 p.m. and April 6 at 9:15 a.m. This is an opportunity to learn more about our school, including the modified calendar, FLES, Science Lab, School Wide Morning Meetings and PTA, and the Barcroft Elementary School 2nd Annual 5K Snowball Stride on

Saturday, March 11 at 9 a.m. Runners and walkers welcome! Register at <https://BarcroftSnowballStride5K.itsyourrace.com/> ●



In January, we're thrilled to celebrate and recognize Principal Bounet and Assistant Principal Concha as part of Principal Appreciation Week. We are grateful for these amazing leaders every day!

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Annual Prayer Breakfast at Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Arlington invites community members to attend two upcoming meetings in March. On March 6 at 1 p.m., Emily McCoy, Member of the Board for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Project, will be the guest speaker. She will report on the historical background, concept and design for the Memorial and provide an update on the project. Additionally, she will take a look back at the role of our Women's Clubs in the US Suffrage Movement.

The Club's Annual Prayer Breakfast on March 13 at 10 a.m. will feature Reverend Madelyn Campbell giving an address titled "Nevertheless, She Persisted" inviting women of faith to persist and stand together. The cost is \$5 donation to be collected at the door. A full breakfast will be served. RSVP to (703)553-5800, though drop-ins are OK. Email: womansclubarlington@gmail.com.

The Woman's Club is located at 700 South Buchanan Street, Arlington 22204. •

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tions and proposed changes to APS Enrollment and Transfers Policies are planned.

These meetings are scheduled for March 30, 7 p.m. at Wakefield and April 4, 7 p.m. at Yorktown. Both topics will be covered at both meetings, so you only need attend one of them. At this meeting, preliminary results of the survey will be available, and

breakout sessions for high school capacity and enrollment/transfer policy discussions will be conducted.


You can follow these and many other ongoing APS processes at the Engage with APS! web site (<https://www.apsva.us/engage/>). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at eric@bscl.org. •



St. John's Episcopal Church

Feb 28 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Everyone is welcome - 6 - 7:30
Mar 1 Ash Wednesday
Ashes to Go at Ballston Metro Station - 7:30 - 8:30 am & 5 - 6 pm
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes in church - noon & 7:30 pm

Sunday Worship Services 8 am and 10 am	Sunday Christian Education Adults 9 am - Youth 10:00 am
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Dues News: March Edition

By Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary

BREAKING NEWS! At the February BSCL monthly meeting the bylaws were revised and adopted to change the timing of collection of annual dues. The membership year will now run from January 1 to December 31. Dues already collected for the current fiscal year will be considered paid in full through December 2017. If you are not currently a member of the BSCL, (you can check the roster at <http://www.bscl.org/membership>) please join those of us who have already

made our financial commitment.

Dues are still only \$5 per individual or \$10 for a family membership. The application form is available in this newsletter and online at our website at <http://www.bscl.org/> membership. Barcroft is a community of approximately 1,250 families. Please help keep it vibrant by supporting the Community House and many special events sponsored by the Civic League through your annual dues and contributions. •

29th Annual Four Mile Run Stream Cleanup

The 29th Annual Stream Cleanup of Four Mile Run will be held Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at five locations along the stream. Arlington County Park Rangers are calling for volunteers to help clean Four Mile Run at Madison Manor, Glencarlynn,



Barcroft and Shirlington Parks and by Arlington Mill Community Center.

Volunteers are invited to get outdoors and help Arlington restore its natural spaces. This

is a great project for individuals, families, service clubs and school groups. Volunteers should wear waterproof boots and bring gloves. Bags will be provided. An adult must accompany volunteers under 18 years old.

The meeting areas are: Arlington Mill — Main courtyard area; Barcroft — Rear picnic pavilion; Glencarlynn: — 3rd Street entrance by the restrooms; Shirlington Park — Foot bridge in-between Jennie Dean Park and Shirlington Dog Park; Madison Manor — Main park pavilion.

For more information contact Arlington County Park Rangers at (703)525-0168 or ParkRangers@arlingtonva.us or visit parks.arlingtonva.us, search stream cleanup. •

Mid-Winter at Our Savior Lutheran School

By OSLS National Junior Honor Society

Every year, Lutheran schools around the country celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. Our school will celebrate this special week from March 5 to 10. Our theme for this year is "Upon This Rock." Every day during the week, we dress up in special spirit wear or crazy outfits and have fun activities, like school-wide bowling, a mad science presentation, and student team competitions.

On Sunday, March 5, we will have a special church service at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, located across the parking lot from the school. Please feel welcome to join us for this wonderful service celebrating Lutheran Schools across the nation.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-a-thon has been an annual event for some time at OSLS and we are happy to contribute to this worthwhile cause again this year. St. Jude is a pediatric and research facility which treats children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Each year, students help St. Jude by solving math problems and along the way raise money for the hospital. It's a great way to teach children that they too can make a difference in the world no matter their age. For more information on the wonderful work at St. Jude and how you can help them, please visit their website at stjude.org.

Box Tops for Education is a unique way to raise money for schools and make a

difference. Box Tops are those little pink coupons you see on box goods at the store. If you are looking for a way to support our school, and have some box tops for education lying around, you can stop by our school office and drop them off.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year for grades PreK through 8. We offer both before and after care. Stop by or call our school office if you have any questions. We would love to show you around and tell you more about our school. •



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Community Meeting on Homelessness

How many people in Arlington are homeless? What trends or patterns are we seeing? What is being done to prevent homelessness?

Join the partners of Arlington's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness for the annual informational session on homelessness in our community.

Keynote speakers include: Arlington County Board Vice Chair Katie Cristol, Marymount President Matthew D. Shank, Ph.D., and 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness Co-Chair Dave Leibson.

Topics being discussed include the latest data and trends, strategies to prevent and end homelessness, the biggest challenges to ending homelessness, and a question and answer session with County homelessness experts.

Community members are invited to attend the meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Marymount University Conference Center, Reinsch Library Building at 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207. •

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Snowball Stride for Barcroft Elementary

By Jody Manning,
Barcroft Elementary School PTA Treasurer

U.S. Track and Field Association certified course.

Come one...come all! It's time for the Barcroft Elementary School 2nd Annual 5K Snowball Stride on Saturday, March 11 at 9 a.m. This is a great family and community event. So great, in fact, that we sold out last year!

Not a runner? Don't sweat it...you can walk. The is a



We will have a DJ and prizes after the race. Bring the whole family. Register soon using the link below!

<https://BarcroftSnowballStride5K.itsyourrace.com/register/> •

Preparedness and Response Training Available

Active shooter incidents. Major weather events. Metro emergencies. Power outages. Would you like to be better prepared for and able to recover from disasters large and small? Individuals who live and/or work in Arlington County are invited to participate in Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) sponsored by the county's Citizen Corps, Office of Emergency Management and Fire Department. The eight-session, 26-hour course follows a national curriculum that covers disaster preparedness, disaster medical operations, fire suppression and utility shut-off, disaster psychology, light search and rescue, team organization and terrorism. Classes are taught by personnel from the county's fire department, police department, Office of Emergency Management and CERT members themselves. The class -- which meets six Tues-

day nights and two Saturday mornings -- begins March 14 and concludes with a mock disaster on April 29.

To date, nearly 800 county residents have completed this free training which is open to those who are 18 and older (16 and 17 year olds may participate if accompanied by a adult/parent). Many complete additional requirements to become active-duty, deployable members of the all-volunteer Arlington CERT and its neighborhood teams.

CERT members have been deployed a number of times to conduct damage assessments and mitigate hazards following major weather events and to provide support to the county's emergency management personnel. Space in this training is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact ArlingtonCERT@gmail.com for information. •

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.

Private Drum Lessons in Barcroft: All ages/levels. Local musician offers instruction in Barcroft home studio on 3rd Street South. Unique, fully equipped studio with two full drum sets. Multiple styles--rock, jazz, classical, musical theatre. Complimentary 30-minute lesson/consultation. References provided. Email Mitchell at mitchbassmusic@gmail.com.

Visit Hilton Head Island! Our family's condo has two bedrooms with 1 king bed each, plus another room with two twin beds. The beach is a five-minute walk away over a lagoon re-

plete with wildlife and a short path. The website is: <http://seapines.com/vacation-rentals/property.aspx?rental=26>. I'd be happy to share insider tips we've gathered over the years visiting. Contact Julie Smith, jds342000@gmail.com.

The Capital Hospice Thrift Shop in the Willston Shopping Center, 6172 Arlington Blvd at Seven Corners is in desperate need of volunteers. Our volunteer force is dwindling badly due to age, ill health and families moving elsewhere. We are sending a plea to anyone who can help us staff the shop. It is not only a very worthwhile cause but can be interesting and fun!. Shifts are only 3 hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 4 p.m. Phone the Manager, Michael Murphy at (703)532-5355 or stop by and fill out a volunteer form. ●

Arlington Acoustic Café Kicks off with Bluegrass

Join us for the first edition of the Arlington Acoustic Café of 2017. The featured band is Andrew Acosta and the New Old-Time String Band (www.andrewacosta.com). Andrew and his excellent group have played bluegrass and traditional old-time music in the DC area for decades. The concert will be Wednesday, March 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free and suitable for all ages.

The Acoustic Cafe is a free community

concert series of newcomers and accomplished players that takes place at Walter Reed Community Center. The cafe is officially part of the county's 55+ Program, but folks of all ages may play and attend. The Café is on the third Wednesday of the month, March through June, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St South, Arlington, VA 22204. The phone is (703)228-0955. ●



Barcroft School and Civic League
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Arlington, VA 22204

Cost Versus Value Report

It's an unbiased, third-party report on how much it really costs for a professional to do a typical remodeling project, as well as how much a real estate pro believes that project will increase a home's value if it's sold within a year of when the work was completed. By dividing the project's value into its cost, you get a sense of how much bang for the buck you're generating.

The 2017 report has data on 29 projects in 99 markets nationwide, averaging 64.3 cents on the dollar in resale value.

In the Washington DC area, here are the top 10 projects:

- 1) Fiberglas Attic Insulation = 158.5% cost recouped.
- 2) New Garage Door = 129.2%
- 3) Manufactured Stone Veneer = 113.5%
- 4) Entry Door Replacement = 100.6%
- 5) Two-Story Addition = 80.5%
- 6) Minor Kitchen Remodel = 79.7%

- 7) Siding Replacement = 78%
- 8) Wood Deck Addition = 70.8%
- 9) Backup Generator = 70%
- 10) Basement Remodel = 60.1%

In our local marketplace, some paybacks can be huge for certain projects with even better returns. Contact me for advice on optimizing your improvement objectives and a copy of the cost versus value report.

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