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Barcroft News

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A New School A Year, Board Tells Civic Federation

By Christopher J. Hoh

The March meeting of the Arlington Civic Federation (ACF) featured the School Board's update about projections, priorities and plans. County growth means Arlington Public Schools (APS) expects to enroll about 1,000 additional students every year for the foreseeable future. This challenge is the equivalent in seats of a new elementary school coming online every year. Put another way, even with increases in the capacity of existing buildings through additions and renovations, APS will need by year 2040 two to four new elementary schools, one to two new middle schools, and a new high school. APS currently enrolls about 27,000 students and expects to grow to about 35,000 within the next two decades.

At the same time, APS is ranked among the nation's top districts, with class size lower than nine surrounding jurisdictions, a 97 percent graduation rate, and a 68 percent rate of advanced studies. The Board intends to maintain quality despite weak commercial markets in the County, from which APS derives a significant portion of its income. Board Chair Nancy Van Doren led off by thanking Arlington citizens for their support of the schools. Much of the discussion centered on the budget, including internal savings to be made and programs such as counseling likely to be affected if the County Board does not fund APS' full budget request. More information is available online from the APS site (www.apsva.us) and (soon) the Civic

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Next Community Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Barcroft Community House

Topic: Food Star Site Development Update Joint Meeting



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President's Message

By Chris Kupczyk

It's been nearly two years since we learned that there were plans afoot to redevelop the Food Star site at Columbia Pike and George Mason Drive. The county board approved the Village Center (as the redevelopment project is called) a year ago, and work is at last slated to begin this summer and last around two years. At April's BSCL meeting, a team from Orr Partners, the Village Center developer, will be on hand to review the project and address the short-term construction, parking, traffic, and noise challenges we'll need to endure while the work is in progress. As a reminder, this will be a joint meeting of the Barcroft, Alcova Heights, and Douglas Park civic associations.

Don't forget about our upcoming BSCL election on May 4. Our nominating committee and I have begun talking to potential candidates, and to date, someone has agreed to stand for election to our open board slot. We're still on the hunt for our next president, vice president, and recording secretary. Please contact me if you're interested in serving your community in one of these positions for the coming year. We hope to announce our slate of candidates by mid to late April. ●

Barcroft Elementary Update for February

By Jennifer Weber, PTA Secretary

Barcroft Elementary School held our aptly named Snowball Stride 5K Run/Walk on March 11. Thank you to all the Barcroft students, staff, families and neighbors that joined us for physical activity and fellowship. The funds raised from the 5K will support education and enrichment programs at the school.

Principal Bounet announced that she will be leaving Barcroft at the end of the school year. She will be engaging in leadership and teaching in Sao Paulo, Brazil. We wish her the best on these new adventures! Representatives from the APS Superintendent's office attended the PTA Meeting on March 7 to explain the process. Additional information on the upcoming Principal Search committee will be shared via the PTA Barcroft Eagles list serve, the PTA Facebook page and take home flyers. You can also provide feedback regarding the strengths of the school, the most important challenges faced by the school, and attributes desired in a principal at <http://survey.k12in.sight.com/k/RQsSRTVsWXVsPsPsP>.

Students and staff are all looking forward to Intersession, taking place from March 27 to April 7. The Intersession Program offers

classes to strengthen and extend learning for Barcroft students. The program provides alternative instruction using a thematic, project-based approach filled with hands-on learning to enrich the experience for students. The



Participants in the Snowball Stride held March 11.

content of all courses is designed to address the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) and the Arlington Public Schools curriculum. Most importantly, the students will tell you it is fun!

Upcoming events include Barcroft Information Sessions for new families on 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. Our next PTA meeting will be held April 18 at 6:30 p.m. ●

April Events at Woman's Club of Arlington

The Woman's Club of Arlington has announced two events for April. On April 3, at 1 p.m. John Liebertz, Associate Planner with Arlington County's Historic Preservation Program will present a talk titled "An Historical Tour of Columbia Pike: Exploring our Roots." His presentation will overview the development of Columbia Pike, from its earliest days to the present, and it will look ahead to the future.

The Women's Club is also hosting the second annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Bike Arlington, Phoenix Bikes and Kidical Mass will be onsite

to teach children how to safely ride with important checks. Two riding courses of varying levels of difficulty will be set up. We welcome children of all ages, from preschoolers on up. Tiny bikes without pedals specifically designed for very young riders will be available to try. Come join us!

Both events will be held at the Women's Club of Arlington located at 700 South Buchanan Street, Arlington. Both events are free and open to the public. No reservations necessary. For more information: womansclubarlington@gmail.com. ●



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Accidental Environmentalism: Unexpected Butterflies

By Plant NOVA Natives

This is the story of a gardener who discovered that less was more. For years, she had been weeding out the Common Violets from her garden. Violets are unassuming plants that tend to pop up all over the place,



including flower garden beds, which the gardener thought should be kept clear to allow other plants to grow.

One year, a small construction project on the lawn resulted in some bare soil in semi-shade. Luckily, that disturbed soil did not become covered by invasive introduced plants (which is the most common result of leaving soil bare in Northern Virginia) but rather produced many violets. Their thick, low growth habit seemed like a reasonable substitute for lawn, and so she left them alone.

The next year, the gardener walked out her back door only to be greeted by six huge orange butterflies feeding on her Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). She was very excited to think that she had finally attracted Monarch butterflies by planting this type of milkweed, but as she got closer, she discovered that they were actually not monarchs but the equally beautiful Great Spangled Fritillary butterfly, something she had never heard of before that day. Yes, the Butterfly Weed – a wonderful plant for attracting butterflies - was

providing food for the adult butterflies, but it turned out that the Common Violet is a host plant for the caterpillars of Fritillary butterflies. Without their host plants – almost all of which are native plants – butterflies cannot reproduce.

So yes – plant NOVA native plants. Let the ones there already flourish as well. And don't be afraid to layer them together. A native plant garden will resist weeds the best if the bare ground is covered by plants. •

A Billion Steps

The Arlington Public Health Division and Walk Arlington are challenging Arlingtonians of all ages to collectively walk 1 billion steps between April 3 and 9. Here's how:

- Create an account at <https://stridekick.com/tc/apha>.
- Choose Sign Up.
- Fill out the form and create your login.
- Select the tracking device you have to connect with you. If you don't have a tracker, you can manually enter steps.
- Then choose the blue "Continue to Stridekick" link in the lower left corner.
- You're joining the Arlington County 1 team.

Sign up today and begin walking, jogging, or running and enter your steps on the Stridekick site.! Questions? Contact Martha Andom at mandom@arlingtonva.us, or at (703) 228-5652. •

Dues News: March Edition

By Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary

Spring is officially here and a time of new beginnings. If you have already become a member of the Barcroft School and Civic League this year, we thank you. If you aren't

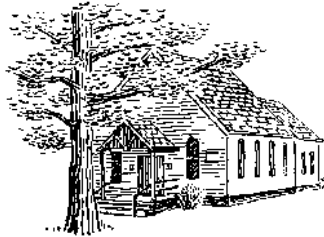
sure, check our roster at <http://www.bscl.org/membership>) and if you are not listed please consider sending in your dues today.

For only \$5 per individual or \$10 for a family membership you can show your support for our community and feel good about helping to sponsor the many special events

that make Barcroft a unique place to live. •



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___ Individual Membership (\$ 5.00)	\$ _____
___ Couple/Family Membership (\$10.00)	\$ _____
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Total (Please make check payable to BSCL)	\$ _____
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"/> Barcroft Players
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution (Newsletters, Flyers, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a Committee -- Specify which: _____
<i>(Crime Resistance, Parking, Traffic)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Work for Elderly/Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Events (Dinners, Cook-outs, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4th of July Parade & Picnic
<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Efforts (as they arise) |
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Early Spring at Our Savior Lutheran School

By OSLS National Junior Honor Society

This past March, Our Savior Lutheran School inducted nine more students into our school's National Junior Honor Society. The Society is one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for middle level students. NJHS members are expected to maintain high academic standards, and through chapter service activities members also demonstrate a high performance of leadership, service, citizenship, and character. At Our Savior, we are very proud to now have sixteen middle school students as in our NJHS. Some of the organizations and programs we have helped over the years include: Arlington Food Assistance Center, A-SPAN (Arlington Street People's Assistance Network), Arlington Winter Shelter, Potomac River Clean-Up, A-SPAN bagged meals program, and Lutheran World Relief.

We would like to congratulate one of our 7th grade students, Faris Webber, who has made it to the state National Geographic Geography Bee being held at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. Well done!

Please join us at Our Savior Lutheran Church for Holy Week services. We have a Maundy Thursday service on April 13 at 7 p.m., a Good Friday service on April 14 at 7 p.m., and Sunday Easter services on April 16 at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. We would love to have you worship with us.

Our Savior will be hosting two Open Houses in April. Both will be held on Thursday, April 27. The first will be 9 to 11 a.m. and the second will be 6:30 to 8 p.m. We hope you can stop by and take a tour of our school.

At OSLS, we have weekly chapel services every Wednesday starting at 8:50 a.m. Please feel free to join us. In April, the chapel offerings will go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, a leading children's hospital pioneering research and treatments for kids with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. For more information on the work at St. Jude, visit their website at stjude.org. •

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- The Rev. Ann Barker, Rector

Sunday Worship Services
8 am and 10 am

Sunday Christian Education
Adults 9 am - Youth 10 am

All are welcome to all services and activities!

- Sun. Apr. 9** Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms - 10 am
- Thurs. Apr. 13** Loaves & Fishes Meal & Service - 6:30 to 8 pm
- Fri. Apr. 14** Good Friday Services - 12 noon and 7 pm
- Sun. Apr. 16** Easter Festive Holy Eucharist with children's message - 10 am
Easter Egg Hunt for all kids and after the 10 am service

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Annual Plant Sale for Wakefield High School

By Theresa Schweser

Wakefield High School will hold its 6th annual plant sale on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have vegetables, herbs, flowering annuals, hanging baskets, as well as some surprise home grown heirloom vegetables for sale the weekend before Mother's Day. All proceeds

will go to our teacher grant program. For a complete list of the grants awarded this school year, please go to <https://wakefield.apsva.us/ptsa/>.

All unsold plants after the sale will be sold at the Columbia Pike Farmer's Market on April 30. Please come support Wakefield High School students and teachers! •

Turtle Trot Returns to Long Branch Nature Center

Each year Long Branch Nature Center receives injured turtles and other wildlife that need our help. Proceeds from the Turtle Trot race help give them medical attention and a place to live until they are strong enough to be released back into the wild.

The race is chip-timed, on a certified course. Check in is at 9 a.m.; The race starts

at 10 a.m.

When: Saturday, May 13

Where: Meet at Bluemont Park

What: 7th Annual Turtle Trot

Cost: \$30, kids 12 and under \$15

Register: <https://parks.arlingtonva.us/events/7th-annual-turtle-trot/> •

Arlington Civic Federation, continued

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Federation (www.CivFed.org).

A key topic of the February meeting was the County's real estate tax relief program. It is aimed at low and fixed-income residents whose home values have appreciated so much that their taxes are unaffordable and may force them to move. A study showed, however, that residents did not use the pro-

gram as much as expected. So a working group will review it in hopes of making improvements. Other recent topics include changed County Board procedures to pass measures without public review, floodplain and stormwater management, Arlington Tech High School, and the ACF annual banquet on April 7. •

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.

Looking for a different decoration for your party? I will carve your design into a watermelon for an edible decoration. \$20 plus cost of watermelon (Offer dependent on supply) Contact Zach at robbets4@gmail.com or 703-380-6227.

Bikes and 3D Printers: What do they have in common? You want your bike ready for spring and I want to earn money for a 3D printer! Offering a Quick Tune-up for \$30, Bike fitting for \$20 or Cleaning for \$20. Call or email me for more details or other services. Zach 703-380-6227 or robbets4@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 replete 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.

Why Bake? Let Us: Pie, Cake and Dessert Sale Easter Sunday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. , Fellowship Hall, Unitarian Universalist Church. All proceeds to benefit the youth group service trip to Hopi. Contact Katie Boone at 703-655-1908 or kt_boone@verizon.net. ●



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Scott and Sarah wanted a larger home and didn't want to deal with building an addition. They didn't want to sell their existing home until they could find and move into their new home. After evaluating their situation, I suggested that they consider a bridge loan as Scott and Sarah had some equity in their property.

Bridge loans are temporary in nature with maturities ranging from 30-120 days secured by the equity in your existing home to free up your cash to purchase a new home. I recommended a few local lenders who offer Bridge loan financing. They chose one, got approved and we started looking at move up options. They took their time and finally found the right home in the location they wanted. After closing on the new property, we listed their home and sold it quickly. Bridge loans help homebuyers win contracts by eliminating the need to offer contingent contracts.

One option is for the lender to offer a second lien position, helping you to save on your closing

costs. A good lender can approve your bridge loan in 24 to 48 hours and close in as little as 10 days. Bridge loans give you time to fix up your existing home to help you sell for top dollar. Another option is the lender provides a bridge loan to acquire the new home which would be paid off in full when the existing house is sold.

Bridge loans are also an excellent choice for homeowners downsizing who have substantial equity in their homes. Contact me for more information!

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