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# Barcroft News

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## Capital Bikeshare 101: The Big Red Bikes

You've seen them around town. You've watched riders navigate them on morning commutes. You may have used one to get across town. But, how did they start in our area and why?

As the first North American city to roll with the bikesharing concept, DC first offered SmartBike DC in 2008 as part of an advertising contract for its bus stops. But with just 120 bikes at 10 stations, ridership was very low and with no clause in the contract for expansion, the system closed in less than two years. Simulta-

neously, Arlington County was also developing the bikeshare concept reaching out to neighboring jurisdictions in an effort to get riders from point A to point B, similar to a bus or a train.



*Capital Bikeshare kiosk on Taylor Street.*

In 2010, Arlington and the District combined forces to make that idea a reality. After securing a system operator, the two jurisdictions successfully launched Capital Bikeshare on September 20, 2010. What started as 10-station system quickly expanded to present day's nearly 4,000

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## Next Community Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., Barcroft Community House

Topic: Neighborhood Topic Discussion



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## President's Message

**By Chris Siple**

Deborah and I have lived in Barcroft for 36 years, and the changes have been constant. Many of you have lived here longer than I have, and have seen even more changes. Small houses become larger, and lots that held a single small home become the site of several much larger ones. The State Department and National Guard have opened facilities on George Mason. And soon, two large projects on Columbia Pike will bring more people (and more cars) to Barcroft. The County has declared a two year moratorium on new parking restrictions, so we can probably expect the current parking situation to tighten further.

On the bright side, new businesses and new residents will be coming to Barcroft, and the Pike continues to "revitalize." I'll probably be one of the people reminiscing about how easy it was to zip in and out of the Food Star (and Grand Union before that) before the Harris Teeter opened. But let's face it, that property will be put to much better use after Columbia Pike Village Center is built. The same is true of Trafalgar Flats at the bottom of Buchanan. Change presents challenges, but let's meet them together. Your concerns and suggestions are always welcome, and the BSCL may help address them, if you let us know about them via email or at a monthly meeting. The next one is October 5th; maybe I'll see you there! •

# BSCL Financial Update

**By Jennifer Lis, BSCL Treasurer**

At the September BSCL meeting, we reviewed the financial status of the organization and approved the budget for the next twelve months. Most of the BSCL income and expenses are related to the beautiful community house and grounds, but we are fortunate to be able to fund our fabulous Fourth of July parade, a year-end party, and our neighborhood newsletter. Last year, funds were used for repainting the community house exterior. In the coming year, we plan to

replace the entire HVAC system, which is nearing the end of its useful life. Your dues and donations help immensely and are appreciated!

Here are the financial highlights:

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Beginning Bank Balance (8/30/2016) | \$91,852 |
| <b>2016-17 Income</b>              |          |
| Community house rent               | \$21,343 |
| Donations                          | \$3,902  |
| Dues                               | \$2,400  |
| Newsletter Ads                     | \$2,665  |
| Other Income                       | \$35     |
| <b>2016-17 Expenses</b>            |          |
| Exterior painting                  | \$16,491 |
| Community house maintenance        | \$5,520  |
| Community house grounds            | \$3,932  |
| Utilities                          | \$3,628  |
| Newsletter                         | \$5,088  |
| Fourth of July                     | \$1,251  |
| Other Expenses                     | \$1,054  |
| Ending Bank Balance (8/31/2017)    | \$85,233 |
| Approved 2017-18 operating budget  | \$43,440 |

## Capital Bikeshare, cont.

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bikes and over 450 stations across Arlington County, DC, Alexandria, Montgomery County and Fairfax County. Each part of the system is owned by the member jurisdiction, but collectively operated by a contractor, Motivate.

Why the rapid growth and success? Simple. Fast. Affordable. Fun - the key values of Capital Bikeshare. Riders can choose short-term access (24-hours or 3-days) or long-term access (30-days or annually), including

- \$2 for just 30 minutes
- \$8 for 24 hours, filled with endless 30-minute ride trips.

What's best of all? Capital Bikeshare is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. Choose from hundreds of miles of bike lanes and trails to get you to your errands and entertainment, parks and playgrounds, festivals and food stops. If you haven't tried the system yet, it's time to take your trip above ground and connect with your community. •

# Update from Barcroft Elementary

**By Jennifer Weber, PTA Co-President**

Barcroft's school year is well underway with several weeks of classes completed. Third graders enjoyed a field trip to the Out-

door Lab and the fifth graders had the opportunity to camp there overnight. The Outdoor Lab is a 225-acre facility in Fauquier County that provides science and outdoor education to the students of Arlington County Public Schools. You can learn more about this amazing resource at [www.outdoorlab.org](http://www.outdoorlab.org).

Every Wednesday, we have the Walking School Bus. Barcroft staff meet students at the intersection of Wakefield and 9th Street at 8:15 a.m. Join us and see how fun and safe it



is walking to school as a group!

There are several exciting activities coming up over the next few months. Please consider joining us on September 23 for the

annual Chalk4Peace event. We will be collecting cereal for AFAC and sharing our vision of peace on the sidewalks in front of school. October 27 is the date for our family movie night. December 2 will be the third annual Snowball Stride 5K. Registration coming soon.

Did you know that we collect Box Tops at Barcroft? You can find box tops on all sorts of products

*Above: Barcroft 5th Graders at the Outdoor Lab.*

*Left: The Walking School Bus.*

at the grocery store. Every box top that is collected raises money for our school. Be sure to start clipping and bringing them into the office where you'll find our fancy, new box top collection container! ●

# Douglas Park Trail of Terror Is Back from the Dead

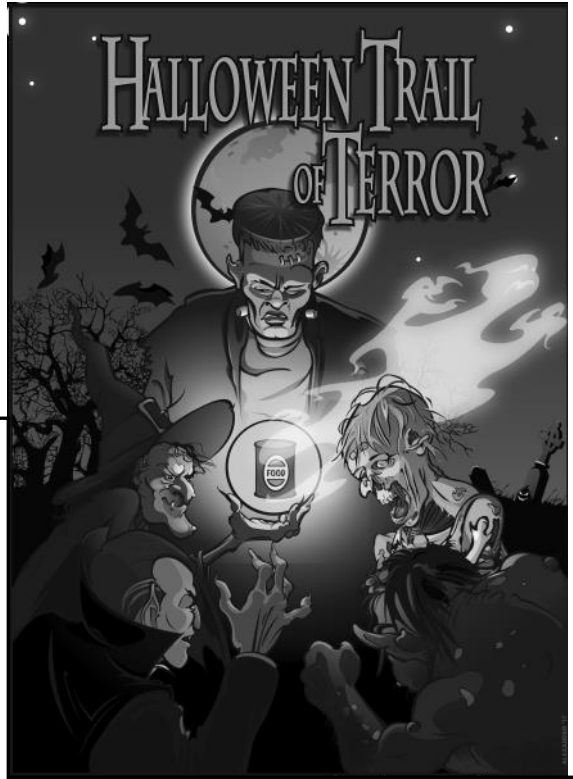
**By Rebecca Krafft**

Mark your calendars! Douglas Park's wildly popular Halloween Trail of Terror is back after a two-year disappearance. All are invited to enter the Douglas Park Halloween Trail of Terror, home of the undead and other unfortunate souls. To enter, bring canned goods and nonperishables to donate to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. A less frightening "Children's Area" will be available to younger goblins who aren't yet ready to meet their doom.

**Saturday, October 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

In Douglas Park, at the corner of South 16th

and Quincy Streets. The entrance to the trail is near 1620 South Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22204. Find the Trail of Terror on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/DPTailOfTerror> ●



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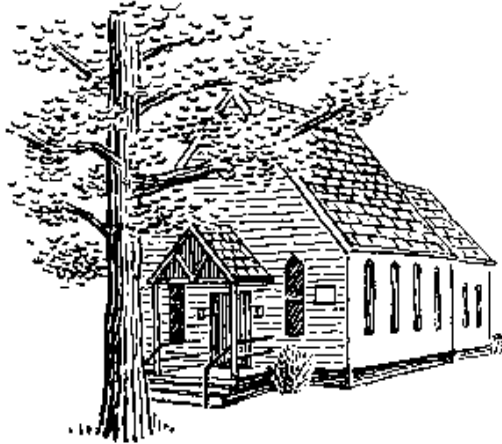




# Dues News: Racing Toward the Finish Line

**By Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary**

As the end of the calendar year approaches, I am encouraged that so many Barcrofters have sent in annual dues this year. Thus far we have increased memberships by almost 30 percent over last year. Thank you. I'd love to see additional families "join the team" and hope we can cross the finish line with even better num-



bers. Dues are 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>. Check the membership roster on our website and if you don't see your name, please send in your membership application today and be a part of the winner's circle. •

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# BSCL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

## September 2016 - December 2017

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)  | \$ _____ |
| ___ Couple/Family Membership (\$10.00)   | \$ _____ |
| Additional Tax Deductible Contribution to<br>the Community House Conservation Fund | \$ _____ |
| <b>Total</b> (Please make check payable to BSCL)                                   | \$ _____ |
| Check Number _____   |          |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to volunteer to help with:

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

## Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 1

Everyone is invited to bring your pets to be individually blessed at either  
**1:30 pm** inside the Shirlington Dog Park (Oxford St. entrance off of Four Mile Run Drive) or  
**5 pm** at St. John's Episcopal Church (side yard — inside if raining) .

## Spaghetti Supper - Saturday, October 21 6 - 7:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join in a hearty meal and great conversation. You will have a choice of sauces to top off the pasta; there will be several salads, bread and a large selection of desserts. The cost is only \$5 - kids 3 to 6 \$3 - under 3 free and a maximum of \$15 for a family.

## Kids Halloween Party - Sunday, October 22 2:30 - 4 pm

Games with prizes, dunking for apples, and others Halloween activities. You are encouraged to wear a costume but it is not required. **Free for all families and kids.** Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

*More information on all the events is at [www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org](http://www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org)*



## St. John's Episcopal Church

**Sunday Worship Services**

8 am and 10 am

415 S. Lexington Street Arlington, VA 22204

**Sunday Christian Education**

Adults 9 am — Youth 10 am

703-671-6834

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## Arlington Kids' Stuff Sale

The Annual Arlington Kids' Stuff Sale will be held October 14, 2017 from 8 a.m. to Noon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 4000 Lorcom Lane in Arlington..

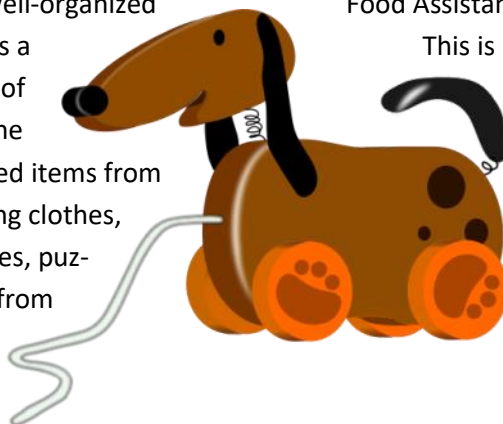
For over 25 years, the Arlington Kids' Stuff Sale has been a well-organized consignment sale that's a proven reliable source of all kid-related items. The sale features gently used items from 100 consignors including clothes, toys, books, dvds, games, puzzles and more for kids from birth to teen. There's

also plenty for parents like baby gear, strollers, bottles, and safety items, too.

The Kids' Stuff Sale is a community-minded group, sharing our profits with local charities through cash donations to Arlington Food Assistance, AHC Inc. and Art for Humanity.

This is in addition to the unsold goods donated to Arts for Humanity and other causes.

There is plenty of parking and free admission. Cash or checks only. For more information, go to <http://www.kidsstuffsale.com/>. •





# Candidates Address Civic Federation

**By Christopher J. Hoh**

The Arlington Civic Federation (ACF) resumed after summer break with a candidates forum. The September 5 meeting featured contestants for the County Board and the School Board. Also covered was the 49<sup>th</sup> District of Virginia's House of Delegates. Barcroft lies in the 47<sup>th</sup> District, where Delegate Patrick Hope is unopposed. Still, the discussion of Virginia legislative issues would likely interest many Barcroft residents. After the candidates' statements, ACF delegates posed

a variety of questions.

The complete wide-ranging session is viewable via ACF's website, [www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org), which contains minutes and other information. Other business included organization of ACF committees and introduction of a resolution that county staff should adhere to Arlington County's approved budget.

The next meeting on October 3 will hear from more candidates and review insurance and by-laws issues. •

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# Autumn From Our Savior Lutheran School

At Our Savior, we have weekly chapel services every Wednesday starting at 8:40 a.m. Please feel free to join us each week in our church building across the parking lot from our school. During the month of September, our chapel offerings went in support of Lutheran World Relief and Human Care (LWR) and the work they are doing right now for hurricane disaster relief in Texas and Florida after Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Our offerings went toward helping communities in Texas and Florida as they work at cleaning up and rebuilding.

On Friday, October 27, 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 at Our Savior. Red Ribbon Week is a week that 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](http://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. Check out our school website at [osva.org](http://osva.org). •

## Donate Bikes at ECARE

Arlington's own Bikes for the World ([www.bikesfortheworld.org](http://www.bikesfortheworld.org)) collects repairable bicycles in the United States, and donates them to charities around the globe for productive use by those in need of affordable transport for access to work, school, and health care. A \$10/bike donation is suggested to defray a share of shipping and handling. Bikes for the World is a 501(c)(3) charity and provides a receipt good for tax purposes for all material and cash donations. BfW also accepts bike parts & accessories and operating portable sewing machines. 130,000 bicycles have been delivered to date.

New ECARE location and hours: Saturday October 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Yorktown High School, 5200 Yorktown Blvd, Arlington. The County will be accepting household hazardous waste, obsolescent electronics, and scrap metal for recycling. Other charities will be accepting used household goods and durable medical equipment. •

# 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.*

**Barcroft Resident Dog Walker:** Hello neighbors! I have recently moved to Barcroft and have space available for new clients. I have 14 years experience running my own dog walking/pet sitting business in Washington, and am excited to begin in Arlington. Any and all pet services can be provided. Contact David McCreight at 202-413-9179 or thedoggedaddy@yahoo.com.

**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.

**Neighborhood Graduate Student:** Available for pet sitting and dog walking, babysitting, odd jobs, housework, etc. Abby Fram, 703-477-7550; email: abbyfram94@aol.com.

**Morning Mows with Ethan Valencia:** need a trim? Text Ethan Valencia at 703-254-9551 or email EthanAValencia@gmail.com. Also available for cat care.

**Retired teacher available for occasional daytime babysitting.** Need to go to the doctor, have lunch with a friend, or run errands? I can stay with your infant or youngster while you accomplish these things unencumbered. Please contact me tsaunders@hers.com or 202-779-5604.

**Barcroft residents willing to cat or dog sit** while you are away - overnight, a weekend or a week, just let us know your plans. Please contact tsaunders@hers.com or call 202-779-5604. •

## Woman's Club Meeting Features Local Author

The Woman's Club of Arlington will present an evening with author Charlie Clark speaking about his new book, "The Hidden History of Arlington County" on October 18 at

7 p.m. The Woman's Club of Arlington is located at 700 South Buchanan Street in Barcroft. Members of the public are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. •



Barcroft School and Civic League  
800 South Buchanan Street  
Arlington, VA 22204

Home prices in Northern Virginia continue to rise as low inventory levels and high demand have driven the median sales price to its new peak, pushing the median number of days that a home is on the market to a new low. Home price appreciation is pervasive in Northern Virginia although there is wide variation in home sale price by location & housing type.

The most expensive Zip codes are in the north end of the region. McLean's 22101 had the highest first-half 2017 sales price at just over \$1 million – nearly double the region median of \$508,888. Great Falls' 22066 and North Arlington's 22207 followed closely behind with sales prices just under \$1 million. The most affordable NVAR Zip codes are Falls Church's 22041, at the median price of \$266,000, Cameron Station's 22304 at \$365,000, and Braddock Heights' 22302, at \$349,450.

Many are curious if this is a new housing bubble

forming, leading to prices crashing as they did 10 year ago. The circumstances are different this time, as housing prices are not being pushed up by a “false demand” made possible by over-lending, but by a low supply. In the normal cycle of supply & demand, new, more affordable housing would be built, and prices would decline. In our local area, builders are not building affordable housing and existing owners of lower priced housing stock are not moving, some are expanding their homes with a desire to remain in their communities.

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