



Barcroft News

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Hooray for the Fourth of July Parade!

By Heather Meade

Mark your calendar for Barcroft's greatest annual neighborhood event. Come celebrate our Nation's 242th Birthday and the 29th Annual 4th of July Barcroft Parade. This year held on...drum roll...Wednesday the 4th of July! Rain or shine!

The parade begins at 10 a.m. sharp. Anyone can join and we hope you will! Marchers meet in the Women's Club parking lot at 9:45 a.m. across from the Barcroft Community House.

The Parade:

A Scout Color Guard, AFD Fire Engine and Arlington police, our very own Barcroft Marching Band, Uncle Sam and all of you in your most creative costumes and floats. Let's make this the Zaniest year ever!!! Decorate those

strollers and bikes, paint those faces and bellies or come dressed as your favorite super hero or surprise us! Turn your bike into a helicopter, put wheels on your surfboard, make a fun float or banner! Win a coveted Barcroft Parade Medal.

Parade Route:

- Start 800 South Buchanan (Barcroft Community House)
- Down 8th Road South
- Left on South Wakefield
- Turn at Barcroft Elementary
- Right on 8th Street South
- Left on South Buchanan Street
- Finish 800 South Buchanan



Post-parade: A show for kids of all ages will take place after the parade in the Community House. This will be followed with an award's ceremony for best parade costumes and floats, face painting, a water balloon toss, the company of your awesome neighbors and the singing of our National Anthem.

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President's Message

By Chris Siple

I hope you enjoy summers in Barcroft as much as I do. The weather provides the perfect excuse for my year-round laziness. Our impressive tree canopy rewards our care and admiration with welcome shade. Successive flowering plant species (thank you, gardeners!) pass the baton as they splash some bolder colors onto the green background.

There are neighborhood activities to look forward to as well. The reopened Arlington Mill farmer's market could become a Saturday morning habit if you give it a chance. The splendid 4th of July Parade will be held as always. You can parade (or watch) in style in the striking new Barcroft t-shirt available now (see notice in this newsletter). Please give some thought to volunteering for BSCL offices -- the election will be at our next meeting on the first Thursday in September. As annoying as construction activity can be, it's exciting to see Trafalgar Flats and Columbia Pike Village progress, bringing new residents and businesses to Barcroft in not very long.

Have a great summer. With luck, we'll avoid derechos, A/C overloads to the power lines, lightning strikes, and brutal heat waves. May it rain a half-inch every four days between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. See you around the neighborhood. ●

Art and Valentines at Barcroft Elementary

By Meg Neill, PTA

Barcroft Elementary is in the homestretch, with less than a month of school left before summer vacation. We've enjoyed the 5th and 4th grade concerts. Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades have finished Standards of Learning (SOL) tests, and are looking forward to some fun activities, including field day, a book fair, and a 5th grade soccer tournament. The



5th grade will also enjoy a pool day a week before their graduation celebration (June 18). And mark your calendar for the June 12 fundraiser at Dogfish Head Alehouse in Falls Church; a portion of sales all day will go to Barcroft.

In April, our community collected household goods for a week in celebration of Earth Day as part of a "reuse" initiative. Final donations poured in on a rainy STEAM night, filling a moving truck, a minivan, and an SUV. Donations were transported to the Savers organization, and we kept more than 1.5 tons

(3,421 pounds) of items out of landfills, earning over \$500 to support the school.

The "Spring Fling," a party for adults, was a big success! About 50 parents and friends of the school enjoyed acoustic music by Taylor Carson, food and drinks donated by

parents and local businesses, and each other's company at the Barcroft Community House. We hope to make this an annual event, and all are welcome.



Scenes from International Night on May 9.

Be on the lookout for ticket sales next Spring.

Perhaps the most popular event at Barcroft, the annual International Night, was held on May 9, with food, "artifacts" from around the world, and performances by students, teachers and family members, all celebrating the many cultures represented by Barcroft Elementary families.

The last day of school is June 20. Barcroft's schedule means that we have a short break before kicking things off again on August 6. Enjoy the summer! ●

CivFed Endorses Equal Rights Amendments

By Christopher J. Hoh

Arlington Civic Federation Representative

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution provides: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." Passed in 1972 with large majorities in both houses of Congress, it has been ratified by 36 states. The latest was Nevada in 2017. Adoption would require ratification by two more states. A panel of advocates argued at the May meeting of the Arlington Civic Federation (ACF) that Virginia should ratify ERA in the home stretch, noting that the Virginia Constitution already prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex. Citing pay disparities between men and women and alleging healthcare discrimination, these groups urged the ACF to take a stand advocating equal rights for men and women.

Wide-ranging discussion included questions about deadlines to ratify having passed — with a sense that once 38 states ratify, Congress and courts would likely allow the amendment to take effect. ACF adopted a resolution that urged the Virginia Assembly to ratify ERA in 2019. It also urged our County Board to include ratification in its legislative priorities. Closer to home, ACF's May meeting reviewed a revised draft of new By-Laws that would conform the association to the Virginia Nonstock Corpo-

rations Act, paving the way to obtain insurance coverage.

In April, ACF took up housing and tax issues, hearing from the Alliance for Housing Solutions about the "missing middle," i.e. the shortage of accommodations between large apartment buildings and single family homes in Arlington County. ACF also considered moves to create housing conservation districts to help preserve smaller apartment buildings, which seem increasingly to get torn town.

That meeting also considered a revenues and expenditures report and adopted a resolution calling on the County Board to keep property tax rates at current levels and prioritize core needs. Vigorous debate occurred regarding golf courses, because a General Assembly bill would give tax relief to the two private golf courses in Arlington, an end-run around the normal county tax and abatement process. ACF called on Governor Northam to veto this bill in the few days remaining to do so. More info is available at www.civfed.org. •



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Fourth of July Parade, *continued*

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Neighborhood

Potluck: After the parade, the Barcroft School and Civic League will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, watermelon, lemonade and cake. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Come and join in the fun and see what makes our Barcroft

neighborhood so special.

For more information or to volunteer to help call or email Heather Meade: heather.meade@gmail.com or (206) 817-5609.

To join the Marching Band contact Melissa Bishop at (703) 379-7537 or melissabishop@mac.com. Join the July 4th Barcroft Marching Band. We need your talent!

Don't forget: Thanks to everyone who lives on the parade route or near the Barcroft Community House. Thanks for moving your cars on the 4th of July. ●

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Dues News: June/July Edition

By Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary

By the time you read this article, we will be about half way through our membership year. Thank you to all the households who have already become members of the Barcroft School and Civic League this year.

For everyone else, please take a moment now to join/renew (only \$5 per individual or \$10 for a family membership). Your participation does make a difference! With everyone pitching in, these dues will enhance the many special events that make Barcroft a

unique place to live. Our newsletter, 4th of July Parade, Ice Cream Social, and maintenance of the Community House and grounds are just a few of the specific activities your dues and donations support.

The application form is available in this newsletter and online at our website at <http://www.bscl.org/membership>. Please check the current membership roster and if you haven't already done so, please join today. ●

New Barcroft Tee-shirts Go On Sale

By Elaine Squeri

Two hundred new design Barcroft Teeshirts, Red and Blue, arrived May 31 from Custom Ink. They will be sold from 216 South Abingdon Street. Dates and times for sales will be on the BSCL chat list. * For other lines of Barcroft communications, please pass this information on.

Youth T-shirt price is \$10, adult \$15, payable by check written out to: "Barcroft Community House Fund."

IRS statement: The Barcroft Community House Fund is Tax Exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In return for your donation, we will provide you with a t-shirt with an estimated value of \$7. Your contribution deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the amount



of your donation reduced by the value of the goods provided to you in return for your donation. The \$7 value of benefits you received must be subtracted from your contribution to determine your net charitable contribution. ●

***Editor's Note:** If you aren't currently on the BSCL chat list and would like to join it, go to www.bscl.org/chat-list.

2018 BSCL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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
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Individual Membership (\$ 5.00) \$ _____
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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 (<i>Dinners, Cookouts, etc.</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution (<i>Newsletters, Flyers, etc.</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4th of July Parade and Picnic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Efforts (<i>as they arise</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a Committee -- Specify which: _____ | |

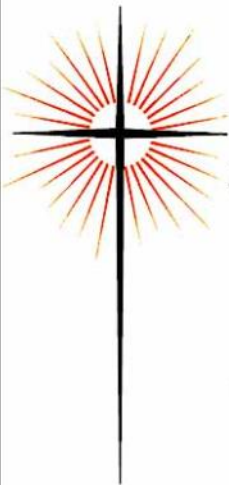
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Oompah Oompah for the Parade

By Melissa Bishop

Do you play an instrument? Musicians of all stripes and abilities are welcome and invited to join us in the annual Barcroft Marching Band for our neighborhood's Fourth of July Parade. We'll rehearse briefly on Tuesday, July 3, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Community House.

Want more information? Email Melissa Bishop at melissadbishop@mac.com. •



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Theme — Rolling River Rampage

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Barcroft Recognized by Chamber of Commerce

By Jane Ronigen

Barcroft neighbor Alex Chamandy's company Envescent recently received the prestigious Best Technology Small Business award from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

According to Alex, "Our company was among many amazing local Arlington, Virginia businesses that were chosen during what was described as a very competitive selection process. According to the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, the main criteria for selection was providing an excellent customer

experience, strong growth, environmental sustainability and stability." •

Advertising Manager Needed

Special thanks to Jennifer Tomlinson for serving as Advertising Manager for Barcroft News for the past several years.

As Jennifer steps down from this role, a new volunteer Advertising Manager is needed. Please consider this opportunity to help your community. Contact Barcroft News Editor Alyssa Ford Morel for more information at 703-907-9318 or editor@bscl.org. •

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Summer Greetings from OSLS

May was a great month at Our Savior Lutheran School. Our middle school students headed out on class trips in early May. The 6th graders joined our Washington Area Lutheran Schools for three days of outdoor education in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. The 7th grade class went into Downtown D.C. on a three-day servant event field trip, and the 8th graders headed north for a three-day trip to New York City. The 5th grade also had some exciting moments as they prepared to watch baby chicks hatch in the classroom. We also celebrated our annual Field Day, which was an endless day of fun activities.

Our Savior students are getting excited to celebrate the end of the school year with our annual school Talent Show. It will be held on Tuesday, June 12, during the school day. Students get a chance to show off their own talents to the rest of the school. It's a lot of fun! In past years we have had pianists, singers, dancers, reader theaters, comedians, martial artists, and so much more.

As we finish the school year, it's also time to say goodbye to another 8th grade class as they get ready to head off to high school. We will be celebrating with them on the evening of Tuesday, June 12. It will be held in our church sanctuary right across the parking lot from our school. A reception in

our fellowship hall will follow the ceremony.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for grades PreK through 8th. The pre-kindergarten class meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until 1:30 p.m. We offer both before and after school care. OSLS was established in 1952 and has been providing an affordable, quality Christian education in Barcroft ever since. Stop by or call our school office if you have any questions. Check out our school website at osva.org. School starts again on Tuesday, August 28. ●

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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.

Cassette tapes wanted: An Arlington schools art teacher who does class projects with "found objects" would like to recycle cassette tapes into art during the next school year. I'm collecting for him. Joan Mulholland, 501 S. Taylor St., 703-979-4719. Thanks for donating.

Barcroft Resident Dog Walker: I 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 be in Arlington. Any and all pet services can be provided. Contact David McCreight at 202-413-9179 or thedoggedaddy@yahoo.com.

Bikes and 3D Printers: What do they have in common? You want your bike ready to ride 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.

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.

My name is Sasha, and I'm a 7th grader. I would like to offer weekend services to my fellow neighbors in Barcroft such as: Lawn work (Planting grass seeds, weeding, raking, etc); Baking freshly made goods (Banana bread, cookies, pumpkin bread, chocolate cake); Dog walking & pet-sitting. If you are interested, please contact me at truewieb@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.

Want to get that nagging project done? I am available to help with anything up high, dirty or that just needs some strength to get done. My name is Jeremiah and I am a tall, strong college student home on summer break looking to earn some cash to help with school. I will do most any job (with parent approval) that you may want done. Text 703-380-6227 or email robbets4@gmail.com.

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Escalation Addendums – are commonly used today when sellers set an offer deadline after the first full weekend on the market, with the presumption that all offers will be the best and final and the seller will decide soon after the deadline. This allows a buyer to make an offer at a starting price, agreeing to increase their offer to a higher price to compete with one or more offers higher than a buyer's initial offer. It includes a ceiling price value and an escalation factor, the amount your offer will increase by, over the next highest offer. Sellers like a compelling reason to choose the best offer (\$5,000 over the highest offer is more attractive than \$1,000). The key component in an escalation addendum is whether the buyer will waive the appraisal contingency or retain it. In my experience with handling hundreds of multiple offer contract scenarios, most sellers will choose a buyer who waives the appraisal contingency, even if their price is lower than other higher offers that retain the appraisal. Appraisals are the lynch pin of any transaction with new financing.

Buyers aren't too fond of this practice although it allows them to offer as much as they're willing to pay for a home, without committing to pay a maximum price if nobody else in the market values the home as much. All it takes is two competing offers, and occasionally, only one offer materializes after the contract deadline passes, which benefits the buyer. Some buyers fear that they are revealing the highest price they will pay a seller and if there aren't other offers that justify automatically escalating there, the seller may attempt to negotiate the offer up close to the escalation ceiling. This is where having an experienced, savvy realtor on your side can benefit your interests as a buyer or seller of the transaction.

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