



Barcroft News

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2018 BSCL Holiday Party

'Tis the season once again for our annual holiday party, which will take place at the community house on Thursday, December 6, at 7 p.m. (30 minutes earlier than the normal meeting time).

Join us for fun, fellowship, singing your favorite tunes, and a special visit from a certain North Pole resident. We will have light refreshments, but please bring cookies or a dessert to share.



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President's Message

By Chris Siple

You may have heard somewhere — or everywhere — that Amazon is going to set up a satellite office in Arlington that will eventually employ 25,000. It's unclear how many stars to give to this news. Will the higher property values make up for more traffic? Will the incentives given Amazon more than pay for themselves, or end up as a giveaway?

Initial reports indicate that Arlington drove a much tougher bargain than New York did, which is good. When special interests--and Amazon is just the latest--make their wishes known to our elected officials, it's not easy to say no. That's where civic associations like ours come in. The Board knows the BSCL represents a majority, and often a near consensus, of Barcroft residents when we take a position on an issue. They do pay attention to that. Arlington's neighborhood associations need your informed engagement. You're all "prime" members as far as the BSCL is concerned.

I hope to see you at the next meeting. ●



Barcroft Elementary Update

By Julia McDonald, PTA Member

Students at Barcroft Elementary School continue to work hard, get smart, and have fun each day at school. Parents had fun too, with their children at Family Game Night! Kids at Barcroft not only check out books to enjoy at home, but strategy and board games as well!

Our next fun family event is the 5K

on Saturday, December 15. We'd love to see neighborhood families and friends join us! Check out the link to sign up: <https://www.dcroadrnners.org/sign-up/barcroft-5k>

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who purchased a treat after voting on November 6. You helped make our Election Day Bake Sale a huge success and Barcroft Elementary appreciates your support. ●

Spread Holiday Cheer in Arlington

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, Arlington County is coming together to help make the holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

SECRET SANTA: Donate gift cards to the Department of Human Services' Secret Santa Program and help some of Arlingtons most vulnerable residents:

<https://publicassistance.arlingtonva.us/secret-santa/>

FOOD DRIVE: All 10 County Fire Stations are collecting food for the Arlington County Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Learn what's most in need:

<https://fire.arlingtonva.us/2018/11/acfd-collecting-food-for-afac/>

TOY DRIVE: Police are asking for toy donations to bring holiday cheer to children in the fourth annual Fill the Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive—find out when and where.

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/police-host-fill-the-cruiser-holiday-toy-drive-3/> ●

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Tree Canopy Fund Application Deadline is January 7

You can get a tree planted on your property this spring EcoAction Arlington is pleased to announce the opportunity to get a free, native tree planted on your private property through the Arlington County Tree Canopy Fund program. The deadline to apply is Monday, January 7.

Arlington's tree canopy is unfortunately declining in quantity over time. Through the Tree Canopy Fund program, EcoAction Arlington and the Arlington County Urban Forestry Commission are providing residents the opportunity to apply to have a large native tree planted on their property in the

spring of 2019.

Residents can have trees planted in places of worship, townhouses, condominiums, or single-family homes. A wide variety of species will be offered including scarlet oaks, black gums, and bald cypress trees. There is a one-year warranty given by the landscaping contractors on all trees planted.

More information regarding the application process, requirements, and the different species of trees available can be found at <https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/trees/>. •



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Arlington Neighborhood Villages Events

Join Arlington Neighborhood Village for interesting conversations on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 South 16th Street, Arlington, VA 22204. Free parking is available in the parking lot adjacent to the Center. Bring your own coffee. Open to everyone. No RSVP needed.

December 5, 2018: Rob Farr, Cable Executive Producer for Arlington TV, will talk about his work for the County and show film clips he's collected of motion pic-

tures filmed on location in Arlington from the silent era to the present

December 12, 2018: Cindi Shore, from ShoreFit in-home personal training specializing in working with seniors and rehab clients, will give us some fitness tips.

December 19, 2018: Alexandra Johnson, Director of Marketing and Community Outreach for Old Dominion Home Care, will describe what a wide range of "home care services" can do to help us with daily living. ●



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Dues News: December Update

By Joanne Rodewald, Membership Secretary

I am writing this article in mid November but already have a calendar full of holiday commitments for December. I imagine this is a busy time for everyone. Before you get preoccupied with your shopping, meal planning and social engagements, if you have not already done so, this is your last chance to renew your BSCL 2018 membership — or join if you are not already a member. Dues are only \$5 per individual or \$10 for a

family membership. The application form is provided in this newsletter or online at our website (<http://www.bscl.org/membership>).

Monetary gifts to the Community House are always welcome and if you have already sent in your dues this year and just want to make an additional charitable donation feel free to do so. Duplicate dues payments will be applied to the 2019 membership roster. Wishing everyone joy and peace in the upcoming month. •



WINTER IS COMING

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As we get ready to hunker down in our homes for the winter months, we'd like to provide you with a quick checklist you can use to ensure that your home is ready for winter and maybe even save you a few bucks!

- Reverse your ceiling fans! Many come with a switch to run them in reverse. Warm air collected at the ceiling will be recirculated throughout the room.
- Schedule your chimney maintenance and cleaning now! Appointments will be filling up.
- Make sure furnaces and boilers are running, change filters, and get them inspected! While you're at it, have someone come out and winterize your sprinkler system.
- Turn down your water heater; many are set higher than needed, and reducing the tank temperature by 20 degrees can save you 6-10% in heating cost!
- Seal off those drafty areas by weatherstripping windows and doors.
- Clean out gutters. Autumn leaves and debris can collect water and take down your entire gutter system and even parts of your roof!
- Drain outdoor hoses. Full hoses can freeze and rupture.

***For a free market analysis or to see how we can help you get the best value for your home, whether selling or purchasing, contact us today. We love helping our Barcroft neighbors!**

-Ricky & Ryan



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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
 Membership Renewal

Individual Membership (\$ 5.00) \$ _____

Couple/Family Membership (\$10.00) \$ _____

Additional Tax Deductible Contribution to
 the Community House Conservation Fund \$ _____

Total (Please make check payable to BSCL) \$ _____

Check Number _____

Name(s): _____

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Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____

E-Mail Address (s): _____

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>) |

Serve on a Committee -- Specify which: _____
 (*Crime Resistance, Parking, Traffic*)

Signature Theater December Events

Arlington's Signature Theater at 4200 Campbell Avenue has announced the following events for December.

Billie Eliot the Musical. Oct. 30 to Jan. 6.

All 11-year-old Billy wants to do is dance. While the 1984 miners' strike squeezes his family and splits his town, Billy's passion for ballet first divides, then ultimately unites, the community and changes his life in extraordinary ways.

Motown: The Reprise Cabaret. Dec. 4 to 22.

The sold-out Motown: Hitsville U.S.A. cabaret returns with an entirely new flavor of

the Motown sound. Hear more favorite songs from artists such as Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, the Jackson 5 and more in a joyous celebration of the American pop heartbeat.

Inside Signature with the Billys of Billy Elliot the Musical. FREE EVENT - No Reservations Required. Thursday, Dec. 6 at 1p.m.

Both physically demanding and an emotional marathon, the role of Billy Elliot is one of a lifetime. Sit down with the young actors playing Billy in Billy Elliot the Musical for insight into their process and tackling this show. •



15th Annual Messiah Sing-Along in Alexandria

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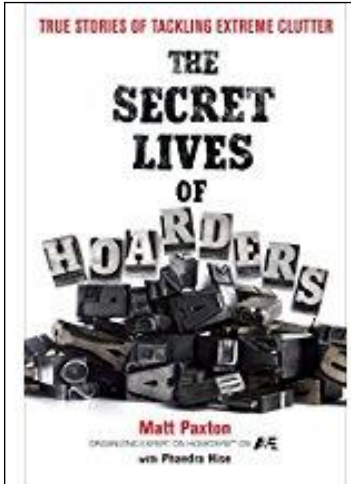
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Clutter Cleaning Lecture at Virginia Hospital Center

Virginia Hospital Center is pleased to have Matt Paxton, from the hit show “Hoarders,” and Author of “The Secret Lives of Hoarders: True Stories of Tackling Extreme Clutter” on Friday, December, 14 for a lecture on



“Clutter Cleaning.”

The lecture will be held at Virginia Hospital Center’s Carlin Springs Campus at 601 South Carlin Springs Road in Arlington. Enter the Urgent Care Center entrance, then take an immediate right into the Wellness Room. The lecture will be from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. It is free, but attendees are asked to register by calling Senior Health: 703.558.6859, or email: lifeline@virginiahospitalcenter.com.



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- *The Reverend Ann Barker, Rector*

Sunday Worship Services
8 am and 10 am

Sunday Christian Education
Adults 9 am — Youth 10 am

Sunday, Dec. 16 10 am Children’s Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service
All children 5 and up are invited to participate. If you are interested call or email familyprograms@stjohnsarlingtonva.org

Monday, Dec. 24 5 pm Christmas Eve Service with carols and a children’s message
11 pm Christmas Eve Service with carols

Tuesday, Dec. 25 10 am Christmas Day Service with carols

Sunday, Dec. 30 10 am Hear the Christmas story in Bible lessons and carols

St. John’s Episcopal Church

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Holiday Greetings From OSLS

The children of Our Savior Lutheran School invite the neighborhood to their annual Christmas program on Wednesday, December 19. The students have been working hard on learning songs and want to spread the love of Christmas through their angelic voices. The program, "Check Out That Star," will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, located across the parking lot from the school, with performances at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The event is free and everyone is welcome to enjoy this Christmas tradition as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Please join us at Our Savior Lutheran

Church for Christmas worship services. We have Christmas Eve services on December 24 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will also be a Christmas Day service on December 25 at 10 a.m. We would love to have you join us.

Our chapel offering for November went to MOST Ministries. Mission Opportunities Short Term is a Christian non-profit organization that connects, trains, and sends short-term mission teams throughout the world, in response to requests from missionaries and church bodies. Teams serve in rural and urban settings and locations ranging from coastal plains to mountainous regions, from Detroit to Mongolia. MOST Ministries has served on five continents and in 50 countries. Please consider helping this wonderful organization in your own way. Visit their website at <https://www.mostministries.org/> for more information.

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Private Drum Lessons: Local musician offers instruction in your home or in his Barcroft home studio. All ages/levels, multiple styles--rock, jazz, classical, as well as high school marching band, concert band and audition/performance skills. Complimentary 30-minute lesson/consultation. Local references provided. Also available: drum set tuning, used drum sets, consults for equipment purchase. Contact 202-409-4370, mitchbassmusic@gmail.com. Booking now for fall/winter!

Marble Table Top for Sale: Black marble slab for table top with interesting veining, 34 x 48 inches, 3/4 inch thick. \$140. Email for picture or to come over and see it. flamingophoto@usa.net

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.

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 thedoggiedaddy@yahoo.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.

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



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Renovation/Construction Loans

With many homes in need of updating or expansion for more space, construction to permanent loans provide financing for the purchase of a home or lot. Often the purchase and construction financing are rolled into one transaction. On a home you own with a mortgage, you may be able to finance the renovation and mortgage with one loan.

The approval process is just like any mortgage process where the lender qualifies both the borrower and the property. A Class A general contractor would need to be selected, terms agreed on and plans will need to be drawn. Loan underwriting will be done after submitting your contract. An appraisal will be ordered to evaluate the after repaired value of the property. Once approval is granted a closing date is set along with a draw schedule being crafted. There are periodic disbursements during construction and once completed, the loan is set up for making traditional mortgage payments.

Many lenders can offer the FHA 203K loan and Fannie Mae's Homestyle renovation loans, both cap out at \$679,500. FHA 203K loans can be obtained with as little as 3.5% down while Homestyle starts at

5% down. Both loans have PMI (private mortgage insurance).

With higher property values, several local lenders with portfolio lending can offer higher renovation loan amounts with 90% financing up to \$1,500,000 and 80% up to \$1,200,000, both with no mortgage insurance.

Are you looking to acquire an older home to transform into your dream home? Let's talk! I'll connect you with mortgage lenders who can help you with options to fit your needs!

What questions do you have for me? I'm here to help with advice for your situation!

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