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YOU ARE INVITED . . . .

The first meeting this Fall of your Barcroft community civic association will be held on Thursday September 9 at 8 p.m. at the historic Barcroft Community House located at the corner of 8th street and Buchanan.

Our meetings are usually held the first Thursday of the month, but this September the first Thursday falls before Labor Day when many Barcroft residents are still away on vacation.

The speaker will be Mr. Walter L. Frankland, County Board member, who will give a brief overview of the functions and procedures of the County Board and some of the issues before it this past year. He will also answer questions.

The October 7 meeting will be the traditional Candidates' Night. Invitations have been issued to candidates who will be on the ballot in November for U.S. Senate, U.S. House (10th District) and the Arlington County Board.

These two meetings should be very interesting and informative. This is the time to ask questions of your politicians.

COME JOIN US AND BRING YOUR NEIGHBOR!  
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## ORIGIN OF THE BARCROFT COMMUNITY AND THE BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE

In 1892 the area of Barcroft was called the Cedar Hill Tract and was owned by Frank E. Corbett who subdivided the land and called it Corbett. It was located then in the Arlington Magisterial District of Alexandria.

The land was sold in 1904 to widow Abbee Fox of Washington, D.C., who then divided it and called one part Corbett and the other Barcroft. The name Barcroft came from the Barcroft family of Georgetown who purchased a large tract of land for a summer home and a place for their daughter to keep horses.

By 1903 there was a newspaper called the Barcroft News which mentioned the

need for a community house. The first school for 10 children was started in 1906 in the home of Mrs. Ethel Fairfax. In May 1908, widow Fox gave land for a community house to the trustees of the Barcroft Methodist Church. Money and labor were asked for in the community to build the CommunitH House to serve as school, church and community house

After completion of the building the organization known as the Barcroft School and Civic League was founded by townspeople to help pay for the building. The League gave suppers, lawn parties and plays to raise money.

April 1912 is the date of the earliest-recorded membership -- 33 members.

On 21 August 1914, Trustees of the Barcroft ME Church, Alexandria, sold the property to the Barcroft School and Civic League for \$150 at 6 percent interest to be paid in 2 years. On 8 June 1914, an act of incorporation was made which was to be perpetual. The By Laws of the BSCCL stated there would be a 5 member Board of Directors serving overlapping terms of 1,2,3,4 and 5 years to take care of and manage all property of the League.

That was 1908-14 and today is 1976 We still have our civic association with the same name, building and a pre-kindergarten in the building, so our name is still valid. Now and then small independent churches use the building. The membership is about the same.

--- This data is sourced in our League history compiled by Mrs. John Manning. ---

Donna P. Anderson

(Editor's Note: Donna, our past President, will tell us more at our next meeting about the interesting history of our community.)

BARCROFT SCHOOL & CIVIC LEAGUE OFFICERS

President Alfred Copeland 892-6979  
 V. Pres. Richard Melia 892-6891  
 Corr. Secry. Phyllis Kinsey 892-5962  
 Rec. Secry John Atkinson 979-4584  
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Committees

Membership Co-Chairpersons: Donna Anderson 892-5939 and Tori Floyd 892-6216.  
 Hospitality Chairperson: Howard Mumford 892-5979  
 Building & Grounds Chairperson: Joan Mulholland 892-6087  
 Delegates to the Arlington Civic Federation: Ann Noll and Alfred Copeland. Alternates: Phyllis Kinsey and Tori Floyd

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Barcroft School and Civic League.

Our only purpose is to promote the needs of our area citizens. Whether it be the various services offered by Arlington County, rezoning applications, real estate taxes, or anything else that affects you, this is the medium to express yourself and to work for improvement in those areas.

Our speaker at each meeting is invited to address us on a specific subject. If you desire a speaker on a subject of interest to our membership, contact Richard Melia, our Vice President.

In addition to speaker programs we plan to have two social events.

We hope you will join us. Dues are only \$1.00 per year.

--- Al Copeland ---

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 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP -- THE BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE -- 1976/77

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

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

Civic Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Bring to the meeting or mail to Tori Floyd, 514 S. Abingdon St./22204, with \$1.00 membership fee).

SPECIAL KUDOS TO PHYLLIS KINSEY

who did a magnificent job in chairing our participation in the Bicentennial Parade. The float was a reproduction of our building and was a work of art.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board agreed to recommend to the membership an amendment to the Charter to eliminate all discriminatory references which conflict with the Civil Rights Act.

The Board also decided to recommend to the membership an amendment of the By Laws to increase the number of delegates and alternates to the Arlington Civic Federation to 3, each, which would conform with the Federation's By Laws.

A letter received from Joe Peltan, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Citizen's Committee on Shirlington Redevelopment, was discussed. The Board authorized Dick Melia to present a brief statement at the July 20 meeting of the Planning Commission indicating a favorable orientation of our association toward the proposed redevelopment.

CULPEPER GARDENS RETIREMENT HOME

At a ceremony on July 4, 1976, at Culpeper Gardens, the neighboring retirement home, thanks were given to our association for our contribution of \$300 for the purchase of park benches for the residents.

BARCROFT HAS SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

An excellent program, July/August, by Kenmore District, Arlington County Recreation Division, thanks to Lissa Lackman and George Asmus. More than 150 children participated.

## NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

This year the Barcroft School and Civic League initiated a new program of appreciation for the care and beautification of homes and businesses in our neighborhood area. Awards were given to 10 homes and a church for their attractive, well-maintained appearance. It was difficult to choose and others will have a chance next year.

The 1975-76 Award Winners at the May 1976 meeting were the following:

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Manning  
100 South Pershing Drive

Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Dutemple  
4603 4th Street South

Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Weidman  
4622 3rd Street South

Mr. & Mrs. O. F. Hallman  
4646 5th Street South

Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Ledford  
4636 5th Street South

MSGT & Mrs. Allen A. Couvillon  
4757 6th Street South

Mr. & Mrs. Leverett Payne  
133 South Pershing Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Russell M. Woods  
4600 4th Street South

Mr. & Mrs. Delisle  
605 South Buchanan Street

The Arlington Unitarian Church  
4444 Arlington Boulevard

As during last year, recommendations are requested for this year's awards. Be on the lookout for the beautiful and pleasing.

The hours of care and effort by last year's Beautification Committee Chairman, Miss Howard Mumford, are appreciated.

---Donna Anderson, Past President---

### AWARD TO MRS. LEVERETT PAYNE

This summer Mrs. Leverett Payne, member of our civic association, was given an award by the Arlington County Human Resources Department for her participation in the Telephone Reassurance Program for the Aged during the past 4 years.

This is a group of volunteers who call elderly persons daily. Mrs. Payne

has called two elderly Arlingtonians, who live alone, daily since 1972. She remembers their birthdays and other important occasions, and is a friend.

In addition to receiving this award, Mrs. Payne spoke on the Voice of America recently about the program

### ARLINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

Call Barbara Jessup 534-1704 if you are interested in joining or helping organize a neighborhood club for homemakers. Interests of the members determine the program of the monthly meetings and the special interest workshops.

### MADISON ACTIVITY CENTER FOR OLDER FRAIL ADULTS

The Madison Activity Center for Older Adults will open on 1 October 1976 in the former James Madison School at 3829 North Stafford St. The Center will provide comprehensive day care for frail older adults of Arlington County who need supervised attention and supportive or remedial care.

The Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, serving up to 70 persons daily. It will provide social activities for the isolated, rehabilitation for those with handicaps, and medical care for all participants.

The Center will be staffed by professional personnel supplemented by a large corps of volunteers. Volunteer workers are essential for the Center's operation. Please call 558-2105 for information.

Volunteers need to be out-going and have a genuine concern for the elderly. A training program for new volunteers will be conducted in September.

### FOSTER PARENTS ARE NEEDED NOW!

Call 558-2334, Pat Kravik, of Arlington County mental health services if you are interested in caring for a retarded child in your home. Many boys and girls, infants through adults, need your help.