

# BARCROFT NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF YOUR LOCAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## NEXT MEETING: HOME ENERGY SAVING

Thursday, January 5, 8 p.m.,  
Barcroft Community House, 8th and  
Buchanan Streets. All Welcome!

We think you'll enjoy and profit from the topic of our January meeting. It is "Cost Cutting Hints on Energy Use by Homeowners".

With fuel prices steadily rising, and our country's foreign purchases of oil and gas going up too fast, this is a timely subject. While government officials are working on finding solutions, we individuals can get going with some homegrown measures.

Come, hear about them, and join with your neighbors in a little socializing after the program.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Barcroft's community spirit was evident last month.

At the METROBUS public hearings held by the Arlington County Board at T. J. Center, 6 residents appeared to express support for improved Route 16 service and restoration of the 16-F route through Barcroft. Bob Clark contacted people, wrote the County Board, and spoke at the hearing. As a result (and since METRO reported that the cost of restoring the 16-F is minimal), it appears that our County Board will request METRO to reinstate the "F" bus. Bob's note in the November issue of the Barcroft News on the 16-F helped pinpoint the problems that the route's abandonment has created for many Barcroft residents. Good work, Bob!

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## TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS SEEM TO BE HIGH ON BARCROFT'S AGENDA

The recent interest shown in the County Board's METROBUS hearings, and last year's intense interest in U.S. Route 50 reconstruction, and neighborhood traffic concerns, indicate that transportation and its impacts are of major interest to Barcroft residents. The BSCL would like to be of more help in this area.

What goals and programs on transportation should our association have? Is cross-county bus travel a problem? Do Barcroft residents want buses on George Mason Drive, thinking ahead in particular to the day when METRO RAIL will come to the Ballston Station at Glebe Road and Fairfax Drive?

How about car pools? Would anyone like to use the pages of the Barcroft News to help fill a pool or start a new pool?

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SUPPORT YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION -- IT WORKS FOR YOU!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Holiday spirit was heard on Thursday, December 23rd. Cub Scouts, led by Gloria Tubbs, sang carols in front of a number of pre-selected Barcroft homes. The Cubs, among the younger community-minded residents, caroled for several of our oldest community-minded residents.

A number of other good deeds and acts of thoughtfulness came to our attention during the past month. Our December sing-a-long with the Wakefield Band was a great success. All in all, these are the continuing signs that Barcroft is a good place to live!

Dick

INCREASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO BECOME AVAIL-  
ABLE FOR ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOODS:  
PUBLIC HEARINGS IN JANUARY

The County Board has scheduled January 28 and February 25 for public hearings on proposed uses of Federally-supplied "Community Development Block Grant" funds. Over \$2 million a year is expected during each of the next 3 years.

The primary purpose of the CD program is to aid housing and neighborhood improvements which benefit persons having low or moderate income. It's aimed at helping create a viable community which offers a suitable living environment, decent housing and larger economic opportunity.

Barcroft citizens who feel that some of these funds should be steered into our area, or who wish to support proposals to guide them into other areas, can obtain additional information from: Ms. Joan Linderman, Arlington County's "Community Development Coordinator," 558-2291.

HAVE YOU OVERLOOKED PAYING YOUR  
BARCROFT ASSOCIATION 1977-78 DUES?

If you would like to be a member of your neighborhood civic association and have not yet paid your dues, please send your check for \$1.00 to Jim Clark (payable to Barcroft School and Civic League), 4213 S. 7th Rd., with your name, address and telephone number. (\$2.00 for a couple).

EXPOSITORY WRITING PROGRAM UNDER-  
WAY AT BARCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know that Arlington's Educational Innovation Project, which places more emphasis on writing skills, is well underway in the county school system?

At Barcroft School over a dozen lay volunteers are helping to correct papers. You can, if you would like to help, get in touch with the County Expository Writing Project at 558-2065 or 558-2066.

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TRANSPORTATION . . .

What about car commuter traffic cutting through our neighborhood between Route 50 and Columbia Pike or George Mason Drive? Some neighborhoods having such trouble have been working with the County Public Works Department to experiment with new types of traffic control methods to stop or slow down such commuter traffic. Do we need to do the same?

Let us know if you are interested in any of these topics. We will try to be responsive.

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES  
AND SENATORS TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

NEARBY LOCATION CONVENIENT FOR  
BARCROFT RESIDENTS. Y'ALL COME!

Arlington County's representatives to the Virginia General Assembly want to hear from us.

All Arlington citizens are invited to take part in a public hearing on Saturday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the T.J. Community Theatre, 200 South Old Glebe Road. This is our opportunity to make suggestions for new laws or revising or abolishing old laws. Ideas for legislative studies also are welcome.

To sign up in Advance for the speaker's list, please call the Arlington County Manager's office, 558-2401. If possible, bring a written summary of your remarks so they can be included in the minutes.

Arlington's General Assembly representatives for 1978 are Senators Clive DuVal, II and Edward M. Holland, and Delegates James Almand, Elise Heinz, Mary Marshall and Warren Stambaugh.