

BARCROFT NEWS

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NEXT MEETING: HOME GARDENS

Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m.,
Barcroft Community House, 8th and
Buchanan Streets. All Welcome!

Spring is here (we hope) and we feel sure you will enjoy two beautiful films which will be presented at this month's meeting.

The first, "Historic Garden Week in Virginia", will take us through a tour of some of the wonderful gardens for which our state is justly famous. Then, if you want to learn how to create some of the same, stay for the second film on "Tree and Shrub Planting". It will be a how-to-do-it.

We also hope to have with us, as in earlier years, Mr. Francis Lay, the County Agriculture Extension Agent, if his schedule will allow him to attend.

All Barcroft citizens cordially invited. Come and join us!!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's budget time again in Arlington County. The Fiscal Year 1979 budget is moving into its final review stage. What does this mean for Barcroft and your civic association?

Arlington now uses "zero-based" budgeting. Each program is reviewed in relation to whether to increase services, maintain the same level as last year (even though inflation may cause the same level to cost more), or decrease services. This year, despite efforts the county says it has made to be more efficient and thus increase or maintain services, many programs are targets for service cuts.

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Delegates to Arlington Civic Federation: Ann Noll, Phyllis Kinsey, Al Copeland & Dick Melia

BARCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOLK FESTIVAL WILL BE APRIL 22, FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

A good time will be provided for the entire family at this year's Folk Festival at the Barcroft E.S. The PTA's goal in sponsoring this special day's activity is to build understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity in the Barcroft community.

The theme will be folklore and folk celebrations around the world, as developed through dances, carnival games, celebrations of spring, and food and crafts. The day will be free for all the family...a fun-making (not fund-making) event!.

Come and contribute to the festivities, if you can. It truly will be a group effort, joining school, home and community. You may call the following for more information:

Exhibits: Marcia Carman 892-2149
or Ellie Rosenthal 892-2346

Entertainment: Eloise Pelton
920-4274

Food: Judy Lipman 920-6423

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In recent years, the BSCL has not advocated many specific budget positions. It is difficult to become familiar with such budgets as schools, recreation, libraries or health. Our delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation have joined with those of other civic associations, however, in taking positions when issues are identified in the budget.

On Tuesday evening, April 4, at Kenmore Junior High School, the County Board will hear citizen comments on the budget. Citizens will have two minutes each to say what they think the budget should or should not include. You should consider attending, whether you have a "budget beef" or not. It will be a great way to learn what the true implications of the budget are ... from those who have read between the lines and figured out just what the budget will do.

Dick

BUS SERVICE TO RECOMMENCE ON BARCROFT LOOP AS RESULT OF BSCL ACTION

The Arlington County Board has announced that bus service will resume May 1 on the Barcroft Loop -- South Taylor Street, South 4th Street, South Wakefield, South 8th Street and South Buchanan Street.

Five morning and four evening trips will be provided. Exact schedules have not yet been announced. We will report them when they are released.

When this bus service was terminated a number of months ago, one of the BSCL's members called attention to the situation in this newsletter and the subsequent investigations convinced the County Board that a real need existed for continuation of the service.

Support your civic
association

It supports you !!

HAVEN VOLUNTEERS WORK WITH THE DYING AND THEIR FAMILIES

If you or a loved one or a friend is seriously ill, you may be interested in learning more about Haven of Northern Virginia, Inc. Haven is funded solely by donations and staffed with volunteers. It is dedicated to supporting those who are facing death or serious illness, helping with loneliness, apprehension, uncertainty, depression, anger and disappointment.

You can obtain more information by writing or phoning: 7300 McWhorter Place, Annandale 22003, 941-7000.

REPLY FROM ARLINGTON COUNTY ON STREET SNOW AND ICE PROBLEMS

In response to the BSCL's letter on snow and ice problems on several streets during the heavy winter, Mr. Dennis Johnson, Chief, Operations Division, Arlington Department of Public Works, sent us a very positive comment on February 27.

Snow crews have been alerted, he reported, to the trouble spots on S. Woodstock, George Mason and at the corner of 6th Street and South Taylor. With warmer weather, the county will examine the latter site and place a thin "skim" of asphalt on it to insure positive drainage and prevent ice formation next winter.

For after-hours snow or ice emergencies (let's hope we don't have any more of these this year), the number to call is 558-2246.

METRO RAIL ALTERNATIVES STUDY IS IN ITS FINAL STAGES

On April 8 (Saturday), the County Board will review the five alternatives for Metrorail route changes or shortenings which continue to be under consideration after many months of review of a much larger number of possibilities.

The BSCL has received a copy of the study draft and copies also are available in each county library and in room 221 at the Court House as well as at the County Board office. Some of you may wish to obtain a copy or read it at the library and give your views at the County Board meeting.