

BARCROFT NEWS

Season's Greetings

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NEXT MEETING

Dec. 5, 1985 7:30 P. M. 800 S. Buchanan St.

PROGRAM: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND SING-A-LONG with the Wakefield High School Band, lead by John Pickeral.

SANTA has also promised to make a visit.

ALL CHILDREN are invited.

We will need refreshments. All contributions of cookies will be gratefully accepted.

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REPORT ON NOVEMBER MEETING: We again discussed the proposed Arlington Master Transportation Plan which would upgrade Arlington Blvd. to express status. In September, we had voted to question the planning assumptions which would favor Fairfax County traffic at the expense of Arlington County.

In the Barcroft Community, we would not be able to make a left turn into Arlington Blvd. except at George Mason Drive. At the November meeting, after additional review, we questioned why the following were not considered in the Plan:

1. Alternative Traffic Management Options prohibiting left turns from Arlington Blvd. to side streets during peak hours in lieu of costly engineering changes.

2. Alternative Solutions to Cut-Throughs: We understand why some neighborhoods are concerned about side streets being used as parallel corridors to Arlington Blvd. However, the Plan ignores traffic options such as (a) speed bumps; (b) additional stop signs, and relies on costly engineering construction.

3. Changing Assumptions for Traffic Projections because:

(a) The opening of four additional Orange Line Metro Stations in June 1986 should reduce traffic pressure on Arlington Blvd.. Fairfax County's own projections show a dramatic increase in Intra-County as opposed to radial trips through Arlington County.

(b) The proposed Plan as concerns Arlington Blvd. is basically a repeat of the 1975 proposed Master Plan. I-66 was not included in the 1975 Plan. Therefore, TWO corridors, not ONE, now exist for Fairfax County. I-66 is an express highway. Arlington Blvd., at present, is not. The proposed Plan fails to consider high occupancy vehicle alternatives which would allow for more traffic on I-66.

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NOTE: The American Cancer Society is in dire need of volunteer drivers to take patients to the hospital for radiation therapy. If you would like to do something that doesn't take much time (3 or 4 hours a month), makes you feel good, and is very much appreciated by both the patients and the Society, why not call your local chapter of the American Cancer Society, or Mrs. Baiarsky, 533-3055, and volunteer to be a driver.

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MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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