

SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR THESE BOND ISSUES?

Bond funding can make sense when the County can borrow at low rates (as it can now), and when the projects funded are permanent improvements which many future generations will enjoy and should therefore be willing to pay for through their taxes. On the other hand, too much bond funding can create budget deficits in the future, and those future generations might appreciate us more if we paid for the improvements now out of current taxes. Take your pick.

In November each voter will be able to influence the course of events in Arlington County by voting yes or no on the following new bond issues:

Library Expansion

Expansion of the Central Library would include construction of new space and improvement of the existing facility; bond money could finance up to \$10,835,000 of these costs. Funds for the new parking facilities and any necessary relocation or improvement of adjacent public facilities would also be funded.

Community Conservation

For over 20 years, the County has supported coordinated neighborhood improvements to older residential and commercial areas through the Neighborhood Conservation Program. This year \$4,025,000 in bond financing is proposed for community improvements like curb, gutter and roadway construction, park development, lighting, utility relocation and land acquisition. Projects funded by this program are often initiated by local residents and community organizations.

Parks and Recreation

The County proposes \$4,895,000 in bond funding for park and recreation improvements. Financing would include acquisition of open space to add to existing parks and for creation of small urban parks in Metro corridors. Construction and improvement of recreation and community facilities, as well as Arlington County's contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority would also be financed.

Transportation

Bond financing up to \$4,315,000 would be directed toward the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving and landscaping county streets, highways and pedestrian and bikeways. Relocation of utilities underground on Columbia Pike is among the projects proposed to receive bond financing. {The editor's personal choice among these proposals is the study to find a route to fill the bikeway gap at Shirley Highway, where the Four Mile Run trail should continue under the highway.}

These bond questions will be included on the November 4 ballot along with our local Congressional, County Board and Commonwealth Attorney races. You may want to save your Barcroft News to take along with you to the polls!

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CIVIC FEDERATION NEWS

COLUMBIA PIKE GROUP

At our September meeting Mr. Ralph Perrino of the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization appeared to tell us all about the activities of the group and to appeal for support for CPRO's funding request to the County Board.

CPRO's effort began in 1984 and has progressed through the early stages of gathering a group of interested citizens, developers, landowners, taxpayers and businesspeople, to the formulation of plans for the improvement of "The Pike." The goal is to promote a nicer environment for all who use this central South Arlington thoroughfare through:

- * Land Use and Zoning
- * Streetscaping
- * Community Facilities (Post Office and Fire Station)
- * Parks and Plazas
- * Neighborhood Conservation

These measures should arrest the decline and stagnation of The Pike's recent years, and make the use of it more pleasant for all of us.

Mr. Perrino spoke eloquently of the plans which CPRO will pursue. The organization now needs an appropriation of \$50,000 from the County Board to make its first year budget of \$82,000.

Members of the BSCL generally were supportive of the group's goals. (Two members, Anne Noll and Susan Sarcone, have been working with the group as Barcroft's representatives.) The group groaned at the mention of the new townhouses being crammed into one section between George Mason Drive and Glebe Road, applauded Mr. Perrino's efforts and enthusiasm, and voted to support the CPRO request before the County Board on September 20th.

Barcroft's own Pat Roach has been appointed to the Civic Federation's Executive Committee. Congratulations, Pat! The Civic Federation is the "umbrella" organization which unites all of Arlington's civic associations, including our own BSCL. Its support was a key element of our defense of the Barcroft plans for the piece of Arlington Hall which lies west of George Mason Drive, and it is an asset for Barcroft to have a member of the Executive Committee.

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To contribute articles, cartoons or just plain advice to this newsletter, call Randy Swart at 521-2080. To add an upcoming event to the listing call Anne Noll at 892-6710. To advertise here, call Karen Duff at 979-2422. We hope you will enjoy the new Barcroft News. If you do, please send in your dues of \$2 per person today to ensure that you remain on our mailing list.

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SURVEY OF BARCROFT HOUSES

You may have noticed people with note pads and cameras standing in front of your home during the past few months. It is likely that they were neighbors participating in the first phase of an historic survey of Barcroft homes.

With start-up help from the Arlington Historical Society, a group of Barcroft residents began compiling data on the architectural styles of houses in our neighborhood. The initial survey area includes the oldest part of our community--the streets within roughly a two block radius of the Barcroft Community House at 8th and Buchanan Streets. Beyond this area some interested residents in other parts of the neighborhood have completed survey forms on their own homes.

The survey forms, created by the State Landmark Review Board, record information about age, style, special characteristics of a structure and anecdotal data about past residents and events associated with the home. The Arlington County Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board has been very interested in our survey, which hopefully will serve as a pilot project to be undertaken in other Arlington neighborhoods.

Anyone interested in finding out additional details about the project, helping survey, or sharing information about their home, please contact Susan Sarcone at 920-8131.

Officers for the 1986-87 Year

The officers for the BSCL for this year, who were elected last June, were installed at the September meeting. They are:

- President: Ira Belcher (892-6929)
- Vice President: Pat Roach (920-8131)
- Corres. Sec.: Karen Duff (979-2422)
- Recording Sec.: Randy Swart (521-2080)
- Treasurer: Jack Turner (892-6512)

The following members are currently serving on the Board of Directors:

- Ira Belcher, Chairman
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BARCROFT BUDGET APPROVED

Before launching the expansion of the Barcroft News the BSCL was forced to put together a new budget to determine if funds were adequate. Phyllis Kinsey chaired the committee, which included Donna Anderson, Tonie Copeland, Randy Swart, and Jack Turner. The Budget Committee's recommendations were approved by the BSCL Board in July and by the membership in the September meeting. The BSCL's total budget for 1986-7 will be \$4,117. This includes the cost of the expanded newsletter.

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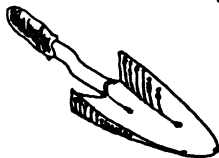
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 2 Thurs. Barcroft School and Civic League Meeting. 7:30 PM
Business meeting, no speaker. Information 892-6929.
- 4 Sat. Arl. Community Garage Sale. 7:30AM-1:30PM 558-2475.
- 7 Tues. Arl. County Civic Federation. 7:45 PM Info 892-6710.
- 9 Thurs. **CANDIDATES' NIGHT.** Special joint program with five
other civic associations to hear Congressional and
County Board candidates speak. Dorchester Towers
Apartments, 2001 Columbia Pike, 8th Floor. 920-8131.
- 11 Sat. Arl. County Columbus Day Parade. 11AM. Info 243-7971.
- 11 Sat. Arlington Historical Society House Tour. 892-6710.
- 18 Sat. County Board Meeting. 9AM. Televised. Info 558-2261.
- 18 Sat. Barcroft PTA School Yard Beautification and Playground
Improvement. 9:30 AM - 3 PM. Information 920-6423.
- 28 Tues. Col. Pike Revitalization Org. 7:30 PM Info 892-6710.
- Fall Leaf Collection by Arlington County. Info 558-2551.

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Kathy Kerr

As the mother of young children (Caroline just born in August and Allen age 3) it is important to me to raise them in a good environment. My husband and I feel fortunate to have discovered Barcroft when we moved to the area from Michigan 5 years ago. We are not alone!! Barcroft has a long history of being a great place to raise children, even grandchildren.

Ruby and Salvatore Falzone bought a "little patch of woods" here in Barcroft back in 1951. They built a house and their daughter Felice was born in 1954. Now, over 30 years later, the Falzones' three grandchildren are growing up in that very house. The Falzones also own a condominium in Florida but are frequently found here in Barcroft helping Felice and son-in-law Bob Brunner with their family. Ruby says she loves Barcroft because it is so close to everything, transportation is easy and most of all there are such great neighbors here.

Felice Brunner enjoys raising her children in the same neighborhood where she grew up. She feels a lifetime sense of belonging and appreciates the community spirit in Barcroft. Many families she knew as a child are still here. Felice first met her husband Bob at Barcroft Elementary School back in 5th grade. Their children are now friends with some of the children of Felice's childhood friends, such as the family of Karen Duff.

Karen Duff's parents moved to Barcroft in the 1960's, building a house on 7th Street South. Just 6 years ago, Karen and her military husband returned to Arlington after living in Atlanta. She says there were special qualities about Barcroft which drew her back and caused them to jump at the chance to buy their house on 3rd Street South.

Karen knew Barcroft to be a quiet neighborhood filled with fond memories. On moving back, she felt an instant reconnecting. Many of the same families and neighbors still live here that she knew as a child. Karen now enjoys seeing her neighborhood through

the eyes of her three children and appreciates sharing her heritage with them.

Karen says the neighborhood is a little different than when she was a child. She says there is less traffic now since Pershing Dr. was closed off at Route 50. Houses are certainly worth more and of course there are some new neighbors, but basically things are the same. Barcroft has contained, natural boundaries. There is no spread and no dramatic development such as that occurring around the Metro stops in north Arlington.

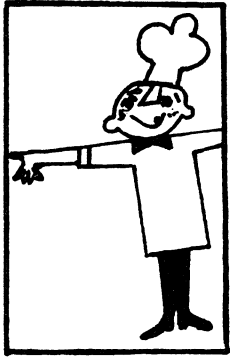
Quiet tree-lined streets and the close-in location are just a small part of why I like raising my family in Barcroft. My children have a wealth of surrogate grandparents on our block as well as a good number of playmates about their ages. Like Mrs. Falzone, Felice and Karen, we like the neighbors here!

All in all, Barcroft always has been and still remains an ideal place for children.

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