

BARCROFT NEWS

MAY, 1987

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN

Block Captains Needed To Distribute The Survey

The Barcroft neighborhood survey form is now complete, and is at the printer. The survey asks about sixty questions about what you want Barcroft to be and to become over the next ten to twenty years. It is the only means of getting a broad base of opinion for our Neighborhood Conservation Plan, rather than just the views of the active BSCL members.

We need to get a copy of the survey into the hands of every household in Barcroft -- all 1244 of them. That means we must have volunteers to be Block Captains, to take the surveys around, and to pick them up when filled out. We need a very high return rate (more than 60%) in order to have our Neighborhood Conservation Plan taken seriously by the County when it is completed. It will not be easy to achieve such a high return rate, and the Block Captains will be the key to making the survey a success.

Help! We need Block Captains. This is a one-time job which will take a few hours of your weekend to distribute the surveys and a few hours of a weekend two weeks later to pick them up. You do not have to have any special qualifications, except determination to get the forms to your neighbors and get a very high percentage of them back filled out. We need people from all over the neighborhood, including each apartment building. (In the large buildings we need one for each floor.)

If you can help, please come to the meeting. If for some reason you can't attend the meeting but still want to pitch in, call Pat Roach at 920-8131.

This is an important job which will get you out and around the neighborhood during the nice spring weather. You can feel good about your contribution to the Plan when it comes out in the fall. Come on May 7th or call Pat today!

BSCL OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR NEXT YEAR

The Nominating Committee of the Barcroft School and Civic League has nominated the following Barcroft neighbors to run for BSCL offices for the 1987-88 year which begins in September:

President:	Pat Roach
Vice President:	Randy Swart
Treasurer:	Ira Belcher
Recording Sec.:	Donna Anderson
Corresponding Sec.:	Karen Duff
Board Member:	Howard Mumford
	(Four year term)

In addition, the following have agreed to continue to serve on the Board:

	(term ends)
Susan Christopher	1990
Bill Peine	1989
Phyllis Kinsey	1988

We will elect officers at the May 7 meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will be welcome.



THE BARCROFT NEWS HAS A NEW ADVERTISING MANAGER

We are delighted to announce that Barcroft resident Rosalyn Serino has volunteered to take on the job of Advertising Manager for the News. Rosalyn is a resident of Columbia Park apartments, and you may recall her article in the March issue about her neighbors there.

We appreciated the other volunteers who offered to help out in this position. Please keep in mind that the names on our masthead are never permanent, and if you have an urge to help out with the newsletter we can find a place for you!



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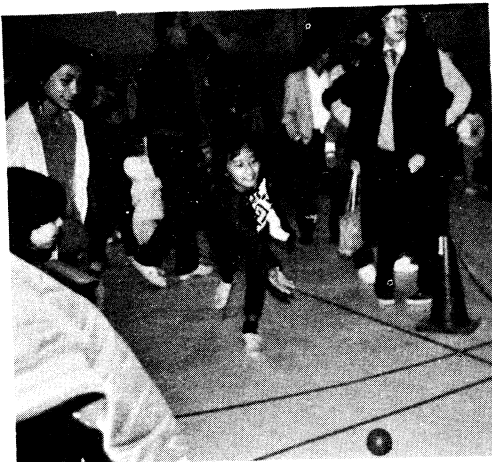
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PHOTOS FROM LAST MONTH'S BARCROFT SCHOOL CARNIVAL, TAKEN BY JANET LIPMAN (GRADE 5) AND MOLLY RIGHTMYER (GRADE 6)

ARLINGTON COUNTY "MINI DIRECTORY"

From the 1986 Arlington County Annual Report.



MOST FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Adult Education	684-9000	Real Estate Appraisal	558-2114
Agency on Aging	558-2341	Recreation	558-2700
Animal Welfare League	931-9241	Rent Subsidy	558-2058
Bicycle Licenses	558-2813	Residential Parking Permits	558-2701
Bicycle Trails	558-2426	Schools	558-2838
Child Abuse	558-2885	Senior Adult Recreation (60 & Older)	558-2672
Child Care	558-2969	Sheriff's Office	558-2455
Citizen and Consumer Complaints	558-2142	Social Services:	
Community Inspections	558-2711	Public Assistance	553-8520
Commonwealth Attorney	558-2101	General Services	553-8515
COUNTY BOARD	558-2261	Taxes — Assessments:	
COUNTY MANAGER	558-2401	Business License	558-2511
Deeds	558-2442	Income (State)	558-2312
Dog Tags	931-9241	Personal Property (Vehicle)	558-2083
Employment Information	558-2167	Personal Property (Business)	558-2076
Environmental Health Complaints	558-2661	Taxes — Payment:	
Extension Services	558-2475	Personal Property	558-3500
FIRE/RESCUE EMERGENCY	911	Real Estate	558-2200
General Information	558-2105	Tax Relief for Homeowners	558-2058
Health Services	553-8505	Tenant-Landlord Commission	558-2355
Housing Assistance	558-2119	Traffic Court	558-2446
Impounded Property	558-2393	Trash Collection	558-2321
Leaf Collection	558-2321	TTY EMERGENCY SERVICES	558-2096
Leaf Mulch	558-2066	TTY Non-Emergency	558-2028
Libraries	284-8181	Volunteer Services	558-2654
Marriage Licenses	558-2443	Voter Registration	558-2345
Mental Health Clinic	558-2815	Water-Sewer Problems:	
Parks	558-2426	Days	558-2321
Physically Disabled Persons	558-2180	Emergency After Hours	845-7622
POLICE EMERGENCY	911		
Police Non-Emergency	558-2922		

Arlington's Best-Kept Secrets

WHAT IS A "GLEBE" ANYWAY ?

How many times have you passed over Glebe Road. Even wonder where that funny name comes from?

In colonial times in the Anglican church a glebe was a farm which the parish provided to their minister as a part of his salary. He either farmed the glebe himself or, more likely, rented it to a tenant farmer. He shared in the Lord's bounty along with his parishioners, or suffered the same as they did if the crops failed.

The glebe for which our road is named is the glebe of Fairfax Parish, which once include Christ Church in Alexandria and the Falls Church for which the town of Falls Church is named. A farm house was built there in 1775. Unknown to many Arlingtonians, a Glebe House is still standing on the foundations of the original one, and you can see it at 4727 Seventeenth Street North, just off of--are you ready?--Glebe Road. The modest original house has been expanded by the addition of a large octagonal wing in the mid-1800's which now dominates the architecture, and is topped by a magnificent teak eagle presented to Caleb Cushing (one of the Glebe's former owners) by the people of Spain in appreciation of his good works during his time as U.S. Ambassador there.

The Glebe is now owned by the American Geneological Society. It is being surrounded by townhouses, but is still one of the most interesting, and least known, landmarks in Arlington. You can get there easily by bicycle or car from Barcroft--its just beyond I-66 and a left turn from Glebe Road.

**NEXT MONTH: WHAT IS DARK STAR PARK?
WHY IS IT KNOWN AS "ARLINGTON'S
STONEHENGE" ? DO DRUIDS REALLY APPEAR
THERE ON AUGUST 1ST AT EXACTLY 9:32AM ?**



**ARLINGTON COUNTY PUBLISHES A
SENIOR ADULT NEWSLETTER**

The County's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources publishes a monthly newsletter for seniors which is jam-packed with interesting news about programs, outings, and special events for senior adults. (The term "Senior Citizen" seems to be out these days.) The newsletter is free and can be requested by phoning 558-2672. The newsletter is impressive, with larger type and heavier paper than the Barcroft News.

The impressive array of events for senior adults is a real eye-opener, taking a full 15 pages in the March issue. Listed were an Italian Fiesta evening at the Cherrydale Senior Adult Center, films, outings to 25 places during the month of April, gatherings of 22 social clubs, events at ten senior centers, and classes on painting, knitting, writing, dancing, health monitoring and a raft of other subjects. All this and LARGE TYPE too! If you are a senior adult in search of activities, call the editor of the Barcroft News first to volunteer as Advertising Manager, then call Parks and Recreation at 558-2672 to be put on the list for their fine publication, the Senior Adult Newsletter.



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GYPSY MOTH ALERT FOR MAY

This is the time of year for the gypsy moth caterpillars to come out all over North Arlington. Some of these little caterpillars will spin a web and float on it right into Barcroft. Once here, they will begin to eat our trees, up top where you can't see them.

WANT ADSWANT ADS**WANT ADS**WANT ADS**

PUPPY. Cute, adorable black & brown male puppy needs a home in Barcroft. Part Schnauzer, part ??? Born on Valentine's Day. Please call 892-6171.

LEAF MULCH -- FREE by the bushel or order a whole truckload and share with your neighbors. A service of Arlington County. Call 558-2066 for a recorded announcement on ordering. Or take your trashbags to pick some up at Yorktown Blvd. and 26th St. N. (near Glebe and Old Dominion).

WANTED: More ads! Put your spring yard sale or your offer to wash cars, mow lawns, etc., in our next issue by bringing your ad to the BSCL meeting on the first Thursday of the month. If there is enough interest in a **GIGANTIC BARCROFT NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE** we can organize one.

Since Barcroft will be a lightly infested area in 1987 we can achieve good results using burlap gypsy moth caterpillar traps. These are bands of cloth tied around the tree. They make shady places for the caterpillars to rest during the day between their night feedings, and you zap the little pests while they are hiding there. This seems much nicer than spraying your tree and your neighbors with pesticide.

Come to the BSCL meeting on May 7 and pick up a free gypsy moth trap courtesy of the Arlington County taxpayers.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY

7 Thurs (First Thursday of every month)
BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE 7:30 PM. Organize Block Captains to distribute the survey for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan. Elect Officers for next year. Come and pick up your FREE gypsy moth caterpillar trap. For Information call 920-8131.

- 2,16 Sat Arlington County Board Meetings. On cable TV. 558-2261.
- 5 Tues Arlington County Civic Federation. Information 892-6710
- 5 Tues Barcroft School PTA Planning Committee. Info 9206423
- 7 Tues Civic Federation regular meeting. 7:45 PM. Info 892-6710.
- 15 to 17 Ninth Biennial Northern Va. Folk Festival. A sampling of Folk Art, Food, Music and Dance of many nationalities. Thomas Jefferson Community Center. Info 739-2900.
- 18 Mon Friends of the Arlington County Library Book Discussion Group will discuss A Distant Mirror by Barbara Tuchman. 7:30 PM Central Library Meeting Room, 1015 N. Quincy St.
- 19 Tues Barcroft School Musical/Art Fair
- 26 Tues Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization 7:30 PM 892-6710.

ARLINGTON FARMER'S MARKET OPENS

The Arlington County Farmer's market reopens on April 25 at its usual spot in the County Courthouse parking lot. The market runs every Saturday through November from 7 AM to 12 noon.

The market usually has 20 to 30 stands where farmers, beekeepers, and bakers show their wares in a competitive market. They bring locally grown produce and home-baked goods from farms, gardens and kitchens right to you. We are still very early in the growing season, but later on in the summer there is usually a good selection of vegetables, fruits, smoked meats, honey, eggs, baked goods, herbs, ornamental plants, cider, and cut flowers. The atmosphere is friendly. You may well see some of your Barcroft neighbors, and talk about which stalls have the best produce that day. Hope to see you there!

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**THE CLARKS CELEBRATE THEIR
FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to longtime Barcroft residents Bill and Ruth Clark who will soon be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The wedding date was May 8th, 1937.

The Clarks met while attending Washington-Lee High School. Bill grew up on Columbia Pike while Ruth has lived most of her life here in Barcroft. Her family home still stands at the corner of Wakefield and 7th St. South. Ruth attended grades 1-4 at Barcroft School while it was still at our one-room Community House where the BSCCL meets. The teacher was Ruth's strict aunt named Minnie Dunavant. For the fifth grade, Ruth went to the brand new Barcroft School which consisted of four rooms. The original rooms are still used today. The school has grown by adding onto them.

The Clarks are the original owners of their present home on 3rd St. S. They moved in in August, 1937. The street was then rough tar and gravel lined with drainage ditches.

Bill mentions that when digging in his yard he often comes across stones. He says these are from make-shift rock roads built through what was once woods and hunting grounds. The roads led to camps for the crews building Arlington Blvd. The camps had many horses and wagons and stables as well. Convicts provided a good bit of the labor and may also have camped here. Arlington Boulevard was once known as Lee Boulevard but the name was changed due to confusion with Lee Highway when Arlington's streets were renamed in the mid 1930's

Ruth, now retired from the Federal Government, once worked down near the Courthouse. To get there, she took a bus from her house here in Barcroft down Columbia Pike to near where Walter Reed Dr. intersects today. Back then, Walter Reed Dr. was a trolley track. She then took the trolley to Courthouse Hill and walked up the hill. The trip cost about 10 cents each way.

Bill, retired from PEPCO, has been an active volunteer fireman at Fire Station #1 for 57 years. He is presently serving as Vice-President of the Board of Directors. Back when the Clarks were first dating, Ruth spent many an evening waiting in the car as Bill was called suddenly to fight a fire. Bill also was a volunteer ambulance driver.

Ruth says that it hasn't always been easy being married for such long time. She says that a good marriage requires a lot of give and take and that you have to work at it. She offers the sound advice that couples should never go to bed at night angry with each other.

The Clarks will be enjoying their extra-special anniversary in an extra-special way. Their son Bill and daughter-in-law Susan are hosting a celebration aboard the Potomac's newest cruise ship "The Spirit." Bill and Susan live in Vienna and have one son, Timmy, age 8, who is truly the apple of his grandparents' eyes!

MILESTONES

Born March 25, Barcroft's newest neighbor is James Forsting Wildey III. His nickname "Trey" means "the third." Son of Jim and Frieda Wildey of S. 4th St., Trey's life will never be dull if he takes after his parents. They enjoy softball, volleyball and wind surfing. The Wildeys have also established a reputation for exceptional Halloween garb.

Happy Mother's Day to Ruth Clark, Frieda Wildey and all of the other wonderful mothers here in Barcroft!!

New neighbors, babies, grandchildren weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, anecdotes, anniversaries, talents, memories? Help Kathy (who really looks like this picture) keep up-to-date with Barcroft. Call her at 892-6458.

