



BARCROFT NEWS

JUNE, 1987

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE !

By the time you read this the Block Captain for your area will have already handed you a copy of the Barcroft neighborhood questionnaire. If not, panic now! Call Pat Roach at 920-8131 and he will get one to you.

There are lots of questions on the questionnaire, because it is the primary means of finding out what you, the residents of Barcroft, want for your neighborhood in coming years, and that means asking you about practically everything in your environment. You will quickly find out that the questions are not really complicated, however, since they deal with things you experience every day. You will not have to do research, look up records, call your accountant or hold a committee meeting. You can probably check off boxes right down the line, and add comments as you wish, without too much heavy work. We encourage you to skip any questions you do not want to answer for any reason.

The questionnaire is very important for establishing a base for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan. The

percentage of response directly affects the weight the County Board will give to anything in the Plan, including our views on the condition of our sidewalks and roads, noise, traffic, new townhouse development, eyesores, law enforcement, streetlights, bus service and a raft of other things.

Our goal is to achieve the highest possible response rate, including all 1244 of Barcroft's addresses. That includes you, whether you live in an apartment, townhouse, or single-family house. It includes renters, owners, businesspeople and everybody else in the neighborhood. Even if you rent and expect to move, the next tenant will be better off because of your answers to the questions in the questionnaire. The active members who are working hard on preparation of this plan are depending on you to do your part. Check those boxes!

If you ever hope to promote your views on what our neighborhood should be, this is the time. Fill out your questionnaire, and return it to your Block Captain.

THE BSCL WILL TAKE ITS TRADITIONAL SUMMER BREAK, AND WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER. FEVERISH ACTIVITY WILL CONTINUE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN, HOWEVER, AND THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL SURVEY PROGRESS ON THE PLAN DURING THE SUMMER. FOR INFO OVER THE SUMMER CALL PAT ROACH AT 920-8131.

WE NEED ANOTHER ADVERTISING MANAGER!

Rosalyn Serino and her husband are moving from Barcroft to another area. We will miss them in the neighborhood, but your Editor will miss them even more for Rosalyn's work as Advertising Manager. Help! We need a replacement for her. Advertising managers have lots of fun visiting our local establishments to chat with them about ads once a month. It does take a few hours of time each month, but it is not necessary to know the advertising game or even be a business person. The revenue from our advertising is what makes the Barcroft News possible, so the job is an important one.

If you would like to help out please give Randy Swart a call at 521-2080. Our next busy period for the Advertising Manager will be in the first week of August, as we get the September issue together.

Barcroft's Businesses

FOREST PIZZA: MMMMMM GOOD

Tucked away in the Arlington Forest shopping center right across Arlington Boulevard is a new gem of a local restaurant called Forest Pizza.

Forest Pizza is a pleasant, airy place with a decor which features natural light wood furniture and green plants. The effect is very nice, and the restaurant is spotlessly clean.

Although the name does not tell all, the Forest Pizza menu features a full range of choices, from simple sandwiches to full course dinners including Italian and Middle Eastern specialties. There is something for every taste, whether you chose a sub, veal parmigiana, pasta or some other specialty.

Even among these many dishes, it is the pizza which reigns supreme. Forest Pizza pizza is real pizza. It has the thickest, gooiest, cheesiest topping of anyplace in town, made more interesting by the nifty toppings such as eggplant and other vegetables which you do not see in other restaurants. It deserves a try on the first visit.

But you do not have to visit to try a Forest Pizza. They deliver -- FREE -- in Barcroft. In about the same time as the Other Pizza Place, but without the screech of brakes or garish sign on top of the car. (We tried the Other Pizza Place and it tastes like dry cardboard compared to a Forest Pizza. Besides, they don't advertise in the Barcroft News!)

Give Forest Pizza a try. When you do, take a minute to tell Mr. Ross of Forest Pizza why Barcroft residents do not use the coupons he runs in the Barcroft News. He finds it puzzling. Maybe you don't like coupons, or don't want a large pizza, or forgot to bring it. Anyway, let him know you are aware of his FREE DELIVERY, and let us know what you think of his service.



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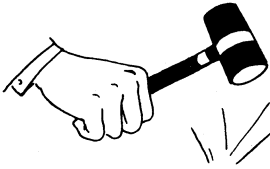
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BARCROFT ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The assembled members of the BSCL met for the last time in the 1988-87 year on May 4 to elect new officers for the year which begins in September.

The nominating committee must have done a bang-up job. All the offices were filled with eager volunteers, and the slate was elected by acclamation. The following officers were elected:

- President.....Pat Roach
- Vice President.....Randy Swart
- Treasurer.....Ira Belcher
- Correspondence Secretary.....Karen Duff
- Recording Secretary.....Donna Anderson
- Board member.....Howard Mumford

The members applauded retiring BSCL President Ira Belcher for his distinguished service over the past two years. We are glad that he will be staying on as Treasurer. Anne Noll has served her four years on the Board and is stepping down, but taking on the job of President of the Arlington Chapter of the League of Women's Voters. We will miss Anne on the Board but know that as a former BSCL president she will continue to support neighborhood activities as actively as ever.

Howard Mumford joins remaining Board members Phyl Kinsey, Bill Peine, and Susan Christopher, who will continue to serve.


Your name can be on this list next year! Volunteer now for the fun of working on the Neighborhood Conservation Plan or some other BSCL activity and find out if the satisfaction of being a civic activist in your own Town Meeting appeals to you.

An Editor's Wife-atorial


SHOULD BARCROFT CONSIDER A LAWNMOWER DAY?

Ever spend a nice spring weekend listening to power mowers as one after another of your neighbors cranks up to cut the grass? Sometimes it seems as if we have a mower going somewhere all weekend--one at a time.

The Editor's wife has been telling him for years that we should all mow our grass on the same day, so that the rest of the weekend can be quiet. The editor has been resisting this idea as excessively big-brother and likely to conflict with his bicycling time. Still, in the event that others think this idea has merit, we invite you to say so on your Neighborhood Conservation Plan Questionnaire, which has a question on what noise you find annoying.



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The Bag Ladies of Arlington are a group of 60 ladies, several from Barcroft, who fill bags of Christmas presents for needy children.

The group began in 1982 with Arlington resident Kaye McMarlin (affectionately known as "The Head Bag Lady"). With the help of friends, two bags were filled the first year. The effort has grown by leaps and bounds. In 1986 eighteen children received presents. Each bag consists of a good basic wardrobe (everything but shoes) as well as "fun" gifts. The goal for 1987 is to have bags for at least 20 kids.

The ladies work hard all year getting ready: shopping at sales, sewing, securing donations and discounts from stores, and always looking for new Bag Ladies. But the major fund-raising event is their annual Yard Sale on the first weekend in June. This year it will be held on June 6 and 7 (rain dates June 20 and 21). The sale is at 1206 N. Harrison Street, and runs from 9 to 4. To donate items call Peg Lefebvre at 521-0184 or Kaye McMarlin at 237-0398.

Arlington's Best-Kept Secrets

**DARK STAR PARK: "STONEHENGE IN
ARLINGTON"**

Next time you enter Rosslyn on Fort Myer Drive (from Arlington Boulevard) look closely at the park just before your descent into the cold formality of Rosslyn's canyon architecture. It's a delightfully playful park which features huge concrete balls which look like they might just roll down into the huge concrete pipes lying downhill. And there are some neat perspectives to be seen by looking through the pipes, which are precisely aimed to bring the balls and some other things to your eye. In all, it forms a nifty buffer for the formality of Rosslyn's high rise buildings, and an attempt to make those formal buildings fit better into warm, friendly Arlington.

But perhaps the neatest thing of all about Dark Star is the formation of stone shafts which grace the park at the Arlington Boulevard end. Each shaft is matched by a shadow laid out on the ground at an exact angle. On August 1, 1860, the owners of the property signed a deed selling it to new owners, who called it Dark Star Farm. (It had previously belonged to the Ross family, who named it Ross Lyn in the Scottish style. That accounts for the two s's in the name.) To add a druidic element to the park, the shadows from the poles and the shadows laid on the ground line up precisely at 9:32 AM every year on August 1st. A few souls who appreciate things druidic congregate there on the appointed date to see the magic happen. Come and see if it really does! August 1st is a Saturday this year. The Farmer's Market at the Courthouse is open before and after 9:32, so get out your bicycle or car and do some Arlington exploring in August.



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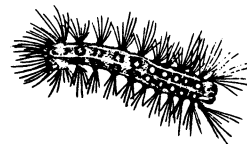
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**LOCUSTS WON'T HURT YOUR TREES MUCH
 BUT GYPSY MOTHS WILL**

The loud sound of cicadas ("seventeen year locusts") in Barcroft has drowned out the quieter threat of the gypsy moth for now, but the cicadas do not eat tree leaves, and will be gone shortly for another 17 years. Gypsy moths will be with us still, and they do denude trees of leaves. This year you should have a band of burlap or other cloth around the trunk of your tree, and be looking under it every morning for the gypsy moth caterpillars hiding there for the day. Pick them off and kill them. Take the band off your tree at the end of June. A sample band is on the little oak tree in front of 4649 Second Street South. Anne Noll reports finding "thousands" of the caterpillars under bands she put around her big oaks last year.

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WANTED: More ads! Put your fall yard sale in our September issue by bringing your ad to the BSCL meeting on the first Thursday of September. Or drop a note to the Editor at 4849 Second Street South.

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A FEW EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER

(This is our last issue until September)

June 6 & 7 Sat/Sun Arlington "Bag Ladies'" Yard Sale to raise funds for Xmas gifts for needy children. 9 AM to 4 PM at 1206 N. Harrison St. Call 521-0184 for information.

June 23 Tuesday Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization. 7:30 PM Information 892-6710.

June July Aug Arlington County Farmers' Market. Courthouse parking lot. Every Saturday morning from earlier than you get up 'till noon. It's an easy bicycle ride from Barcroft.

July 4 Fireworks at Four Mile Run. At the ballfield at George Mason Drive. 9 PM Free.

Fourth Monday of each month Book Discussion Group of the Friends of the Arlington County Library. Central Library, 7:30 PM. Call Dore Morse at 524-8622 for the next book to be discussed.

Sept. 3 Thurs. **BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE 7:30 PM. Install new officers and examine progress made over the summer in drafting our Neighborhood Conservation Plan. For further information please call 920-8131.**



MORE BABIES!!

Congratulations to the families of Barcroft's three newest babies!

Garry and Barbara Brewer on Woodstock Ct. have welcomed a son, Kyle Maetke Brewer, born April 17. Kyle's sister Emily is 3 1/2 years old. The Brewers will be moving in mid-June to West Point, NY where Garry will be on staff. We are sad to see you go but give you our best wishes.

Mary Ann and Michael O'Rourke are enjoying new baby Conor, born April 3. He has an older sister named Claire, age 22 mos. The O'Rourkes live on S. 8th St.

Sharon and Alan Granofsky on S. 2nd St. now have two boys. John William is age 1 1/2. Nathan Lee was born May 3.

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BARCROFT'S CERAMIC JEWEL

Jewel Evans on 2nd St. S. has been enjoying her hobby of ceramics for some 35 years. 3 years ago, at age 67, she took up watercolor painting with considerable success. Jewel took classes through Arlington County Senior Adult Programs. She currently has a show at the Culpepper Garden Senior Adult Center at 4435 N. Pershing Dr.. The show features over 30 of her watercolors and two tables of her ceramics.

Jewel says she spent at least one year preparing for the show, painting every day and learning all the while. Each painting reveals a different technique or approach. Jewel's son Harold, who lives across the street, helped her to frame each work.

Jewel has dabbled in other art forms. In 1982, she entered the Arlington County Fair in all the categories that she could, including ceramics, tole painting, leather work, quilting and needlepoint. She was surprised and somewhat embarrassed to win a ribbon for each entry!

Jewel presently teaches ceramics to Seniors at the Carver Center. She continues to study watercolors as well. Don't miss her show which continues through June 26. Contact the Culpepper Garden Senior Adult Center at 524-1144 for more information.

New neighbors, babies, grandchildren weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, anecdotes, anniversaries, talents, memories? Help Kathy keep up-to-date over the summer with what's happening in Barcroft. Call her at 892-6458.

SOME TYPICAL BARCROFT DADS

Father's Day is coming up soon. There are plenty of fantastic fathers here in Barcroft. Let me tell you about a few of them.

Bill Wester lives on George Mason Dr. with his wife Ann and their children, Sara age 8 and Eric age 4. Ann says that Bill is a great father because he is so thoughtful. Bill helps with everything--cooking, laundry, cleaning and the kids. He puts his family first. Bill looks for ways to schedule his personal activities, eg. meetings, after the kids' bedtime so as to be with them as much as he can. Recently, Ann made an emergency trip to St. Louis for over a week to be with her father who needed heart surgery. It was a great relief to her to be able to count on Bill to manage their children and their home. Ann returned to an orderly house, fresh-picked flowers and a family thrilled to have her back. (Her father is recovering nicely.)

Over on 5th St. S., Beth Brooks says that her husband David Arnsteen is a wonderful father because he is not afraid to show his love and affection for their one year old son Jess. David is excited about each of Jess's new accomplishments no matter how small. Jess loves wrestling and being tossed in the air by his Daddy. David just really enjoys being a father.

With baby Caroline slung over his arm, that big kid chasing our squealing 4-year-old Allen through the house is really my husband Jim. Jim is a great Daddy because he loves to play. He is the only person I know who can have as much fun playing with a newborn as with older kids. It's not every father who fixes the car or mows the grass with a baby in the backpack. When Jim snaps his fingers, the house cleans itself. Sometimes I think that I should go back to work and have Jim stay home!

Happy Father's Day to Bill, David, Jim, Garry, Michael, Alan and ALL of the other fine fathers here in Barcroft!

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ARLINGTON COUNTY OFFERS NEW BRUSH PICKUP SERVICE

The County will now pick up unbundled brush, shrubbery trimmings, stumps and tree branches at your curb. The new service is arranged by calling 558-2321 on the day BEFORE your regular refuse collection day. It is not available for brush generated by commercial tree companies, and the brush must not contain metal. If you wish, you can continue to tie the brush in bundles no larger than four feet long by 24 inches in diameter, but the County urges you to use the new service, which will cut costs. The brush will be mulched and is available at the mulch site at Yorktown Blvd and 26th Street North.