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MAY 1ST SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COUNTY BOARD -- GET READY TO VOTE!

On May 1st (that's Mayday, folks, and it is not in November, it's next week) the County is holding a special election to fill the County Board vacancy left by John Milliken's departure to be Virginia State Secretary of Transportation.

Our Candidates Night on April 5 was very well attended, and we had a chance to meet the candidates face to face. They are Republican Monte Davis and Democrat Jim Hunter. You have all received their mailings highlighting their qualifications.

Voter turnout will be light for this special election--probably as low as 20%. That means that your vote counts 5 times. The margin of victory may be as few as 200. Barcroft could decide the winner. If we want our neighborhood to be listened to it is important that political candidates know that we vote. Please come out to the school on May 1 and vote--for your neighborhood.

The polls will be open on May 1st from 6 AM to 7 PM. There will be no crowds, no lines and no waiting. Come early for the delicious goodies at the Barcroft PTA bake sale just outside the polling area. Mark your calendar, since there will be no national news coverage to remind you that it is election day. May 1st, the first Tuesday in May. See you at the polls!

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE MESSAGES ON THE BARCROFT NEIGHBORLINE: 521-1116.

May 3 Meeting:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1990-1991 PLUS THE BARCROFT COFFEEHOUSE MUSICIANS

A nominating committee made up of Anne Noll, Pat Roach and Deborah Woods is now working up a slate of officers for 1990-91. Under our bylaws, voting will be at the May meeting. Usually only one candidate is found for each position, but nominations are always accepted from the floor on meeting night. Call Anne at 892-6710 if you are interested in serving.

As an extra added attraction, the second half of our program will be folk music provided by Barcrofters, including some of the organizers of our BSCCL coffeehouse. We'll have refreshments and time to chat, and some nice music to entertain us. The group will feature Linda Titolo (who drew up our design for the park on the Arlington Hall property) and her husband, Roger Cornell on hammered dulcimers and gaelic harp. There will be other Barcroft musicians as well, including fiddler Kathy Kerr if her new baby will let her come. It promises to be a fun evening. We will start at 7:30 and be done by 9 if you want to see Cheers. As always, the meeting is on the first Thursday of the month and will be at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. See you there!

TEENS' SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

Young Arlingtonians aged 14 to 21 who meet income and handicapped requirements can work in a County-sponsored program this summer. Call Payton Unger at Arlington Summer Services for Employment and Training, 358-4820 before May 25th.




PARADE COMMITTEE GEARS UP FOR THE 4TH

The Parade Committee met on April 9 and began organizing for our Second Annual Fourth of July Parade. Mary Anne O'Rourke and Deborah Wood agreed to be the co-Chairs of the committee this year. They have lots of help from Anne Noll, who had compiled a complete list of Things to Do for the Parade and a file of correspondence from last year.

We need volunteers for some of the parade jobs. You may even get a call from Mary Anne or Deborah. Please be charitable. The jobs are not huge ones, since we try to break down the tasks to reasonable bites. Most needed right now is a person to handle prizes. That means contacting businesses and others to ask them to donate. Various people will help, but as of press time we need a coordinator for the effort. If that appeals to you call Deborah at 892-1243.

FIRST BSCL COFFEEHOUSE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 18TH

The Coffeehouse Committee met April 10 and worked out the details for the first Barcroft School and Civic League Coffeehouse on Friday, May 18. This event is just for entertainment. The first act will be a new Barcroft group with hammered dulcimers and gaelic harps. There may be a second act, and there will always be open stage time to perform if you have a mind to. Refreshments will be coffee (of course) and whatever people bring in the way of baked goodies. As always, there is no smoking in our old wood building. In our lively room there is no need for electric amplification, so the music will be all natural, a real treat. Come on out on the 18th from 8 to 10:30 PM at the Barcroft Community House, 800 South Buchanan Street. Admission is free, coffee 25¢ and there will be a jar for anything people care to contribute to the musicians. Call Roger Cornell or Linda Titolo at 892-2421 if you want to perform or help with setting up.





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BSCL NEWS AND MEETINGS SEASON EXTENDED

Since we are in the early stages of planning our 4th of July parade the BSCL will hold a June meeting and will have a June and July (parade) newsletter. Get your ads in and mark your calendar for the meeting on June 7th. Bring your free want ad (\$5 for commercial want ads) to a meeting or drop them through the editors door at 4611 Seventh Street South (a new address). Or phone the same old number, 521-2080.

BARCROFT CRIME REPORT FOR MARCH


Street numbers are the block where a crime occurred.

- 3/3 4400 1st Place S. Bike stolen from yard.
- 3/4 900 S. Buchanan. Roommate vandalized house.
- 3/8 900 S. Buchanan. Money taken from purse in apartment
- 3/9 900 S. Buchanan. Resident left apartment unlocked while doing laundry and found man removing stereo & VCR. She told him to return the items, he did.
- 3/12 800 S. George Mason. Shoplifting
- 3/15 4800 Columbia Pike. Money taken from restaurant, possibly by an employee.
- 3/18 900 S. Buchanan. Grill and lights removed from car.
- 3/20 900 S. George Mason. Shoplifting
- 3/23 4800 Columbia Pike. Attempted burglary of grocery store.
900 S. Buchanan. Car window broken
900 S. George Mason. Shoplifting.
800 S. George Mason. Dispute at basketball court.
- 3/25 900 S. Buchanan. Roommate dispute
- 3/26 4800 S. 8th Rd. Recovered stolen 78 Buick.
800 S. Wakefield St. Car entered and gone through.
- 3/28 800 S. Buchanan. Car found with stolen tags on it.
- 3/30 4700 Columbia Pike. Car vandalized
4800 Columbia Pike. Recovered stolen car.
- 3/31 4811 Columbia Pike. Vandalism.

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FOR SALE: RCA Colortrack 26" stereo TV. New, still in box. Beautiful oak cabinet. Retail \$625, will sell \$490. Call Dick Carter, 521-5976.

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DEAR NEIGHBORHOOD MOMS, Prenatal Awareness classes for Moms-to-Be and Fitness and Feeling Good classes for fatigued and overweight Moms. Swap space for free classes. Call if interested in swapping space or taking classes. Renya, 521-2063

DISCOVERY TOYS OPEN HOUSE Saturday, May 5. 10 AM to 3 PM. For more information call Annette Osso, 553-3953.

SEEN A BATTERED CORDOBA? LEN MUIR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW! HIS LETTER:

I am pleased that the Neighborhood Conservation Plan recommends slowing traffic on Pershing Drive. You may have seen my gray Izuzu Trooper parked there. On March 13 about 6:30 PM a light colored Cordoba smashed into it, left \$2,000 in damage and sped away, leaving the nameplate of the car imbedded in my back bumper! The damage shows that we need to reduce speeds there, and a stop sign at 3rd Street would help. If any reader is aware of a light colored Cordoba showing up with considerable right front damage in mid-March, (or just disappearing suddenly) and obviously driven by someone without a backbone, I would be grateful for a call at 920-8087. Thanks!

Len Muir

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BEING A CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOR MEANS CONTROLLING YOUR PETS

Many Barcrofters have voiced concern about Animal Control: what are the responsibilities of pet owners, and what can be done about the occasional neighbor who refuses to comply with County ordinances?

DOGS

Constant Barking

The County Noise Ordinance makes this a police matter. Often the problem is a dog left alone during the day barking for attention. If the barking is during the day, two unrelated households must swear out a complaint against the dog. After the complaints are filed, the police will call the Animal Welfare League, who will issue a warning to the owner. If the barking continues, the owner will be fined \$40 each time a complaint is filed. Three tickets require a court appearance. If the barking is at night, call the police. If the owner can not be found, the dog can be removed from the property.

Leashing your dog and excretion removal

Dog owners are required by law to leash their dog or lead and control it when outside their own property. Owners are also responsible for removing the dog's excretion from anyone else's property and public streets. If an owner fails to do this, especially on a frequent basis, you can call the Animal Welfare League. An animal warden will deliver the owner a warning for a first offense and speak to them about the ordinances and penalties. The Animal Welfare League will patrol the area and issue a ticket if the owner does not comply. The third ticket requires a court appearance with fines as high as \$300 and a possible jail term.

Animal Bites

There are three classes of dog bites: 1) **Vicious** - It is unlawful to keep a dog known to be vicious or which attacks human beings or destroys property. Vicious means a physical threat to human beings or other animals. Vicious dogs will be put to sleep. 2) **Accidents** - If playing with a dog overexcites it and it bites, it is classified as an accident and the dog is given a second chance. 3) **Harassment** - Both adults and children may harass and provoke a dog to bite by teasing or by crossing over an owner's property.

by crossing over an owner's property. The dog is given a second chance. Repeat offenses result in the dog being removed from Arlington County. All biters are quarantined. If rabies vaccination is not verified, the dog receives a shot.

CATS

There are two laws in Arlington on cats. Cats must be vaccinated against rabies, and cats are not allowed to be on any one else's property. If a cat is captured on someone else's property, the Animal Welfare League will come and pick it up. The owner pays a \$10 daily boarding fee, and if the cat needs a rabies shot it will cost another \$18.

If you need help with any of these situations call the Animal Welfare League at 931-9241. They handle a variety of problems, including wild animals and animal adoptions. If they can't do it, they are helpful in putting you in touch with someone who can.
Laurie Kelsch

(Comments? Drop them off with the editor at 4611 7th Street South.)

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MAY EVENTS

Tuesday 1st **VOTE!** Barcroft Votes! Special election for Arlington County Board. Polls open at Barcroft School 6AM to 7PM.

MAY 3 FIRST THURS. OF THE MONTH **BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE 7:30 PM. 800 S. Buchanan St. ANNUAL ELECTIONS FOLLOWED BY FOLK MUSIC PROGRAM** Our own Barcroft Coffeehouse Gang will give you a taste of the folk music we are going to feature at the new monthly BSCL Coffeehouse. Linda Titolo and Roger Cornell will be featured on hammered dulcimers and gaelic harp. Info from Randy Swart at 521-2080.

Thursday 10th **Wildflower Hike** Adult program identifying wildflowers. Long Branch Nature Center. 9:30-11 AM. Free. Reservations 358-3403.

Friday 18th **First ever Barcroft Coffeehouse.** Barcroft folk musicians will entertain. Barcroft Community House, 8PM-10:30PM. For info call Roger Cornell at 892-2421 or check the Neighborline at 521-1116.

Saturday 19th **Yard Sale.** Our Savior Lutheran Church, 9th and Taylor. **Yard Sale.** Whole Arlington Forest neighborhood. **Campfire Night** Long Branch Nature Center 7:30PM Reserve 358-6535.

Monday 28th **Book Discussion Group** Read this month's book and discuss it at the Col. Pike Library. 7:30 PM. For info call 521-2080.

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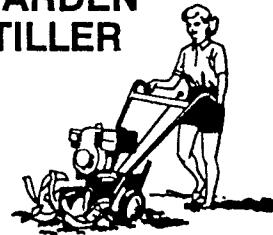
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Do you like to eat? Have you ever gone out for dinner and wondered just how the chef made that food taste so good? Do you like to cook--whether you are good at it or not? If so, consider taking a cooking class through Arlington County Adult Education, then invite some friends over for dinner and amaze them.

There are just two rules to consider before attending your first class:

1. Do not eat before you go!
2. Take a container to bring home some leftovers if you are lucky!

I have two teachers in particular to recommend. First, if you are into Vietnamese food, or would like to be into Vietnamese food, you are guaranteed to enjoy the classes taught by Ms. Dong. She is a nutritionist by profession and came to this country from Vietnam in 1975. Taking a class or two of hers has made me feel VERY comfortable buying some of the "unusual" products sold at the local oriental groceries. Vietnamese food is healthy, nutritious and usually not terribly spicy.

Professionally trained chef Paul Chretien offers classes in a wide variety of cuisines and believe me you will be preparing some of the finest food you ever tasted! This spring he is offering "Vegetable Cookery 1" (and he would add that it is NOT vegetarian cooking.) If vegetables sound boring to you, I'm sure they will no longer be if you take this class. In April he gave "Italian Appetizers". If I wasn't having a baby about then I'd have been enrolled! He had his students prepare at least 25 appetizers and you will find better in few, if any, area restaurants.

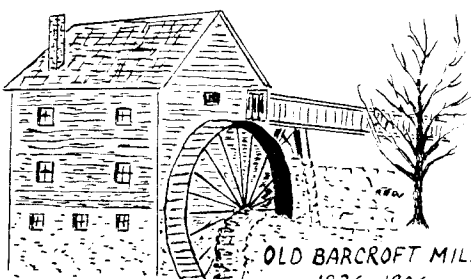
In the future, watch for more of Chef Paul's classes including Cajun/Creole, Northern Italian cuisine, Chinese cookery, Fish preparation and anything else he offers. They are all great!

Both of these classes are like dinner parties except the "guests" get to make the food. I really enjoyed working with foods I would normally never learn about, with people I had never met before. These teachers generally hold classes at Wakefield High School from 7-10pm one night a week for 3 to 5 weeks. Class prices vary and may seem high to you but these teachers come to class ready (for you) to cook with the finest ingredients.

For more information call Adult Ed. at 358-6900. (Their other classes are probably terrific too!) Bon Appetit!

GYPSY MOTH TIME

By the time you read this, Barcroft will already have been sprayed for gypsy moths. Now is the time to band your trees with burlap to trap the larvae. You may be able to get some burlap from the gypsy moth office. Call them at 358-6400.



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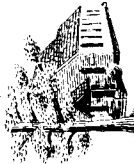
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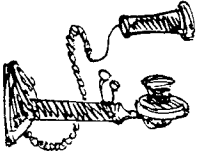
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