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June 7 Meeting:

COUNTY'S PROPOSED FACILITY IN BARCROFT PARK, BARCROFT SCHOOL RENOVATION, 4TH OF JULY PARADE PLANNING, TEE SHIRTS

Our June 7 meeting agenda is a full one, but the meeting will end by 9 so you can still watch Cheers.

First on the agenda will be our position on the plans for renovation of Barcroft School. This two year project is an important one for our neighborhood, and the PTA needs BSCL support for its position on what needs to be done.

Second will be a progress report on the preparations for our 4th of July Parade. You can volunteer for a spot in this fun event, which promises to be bigger and better than last year.

Third and longest will be a discussion of the County's proposal to put a "multi-program residential facility" in Barcroft Park on Four Mile Run. The facility is described in the article to the right. We will conclude by voting on a final BSCL position for the proposal.

The magnificent Barcroft neighborhood tee shirt will be on sale at the meeting. It costs only \$5, and this will be your best opportunity to buy one to wear at the 4th of July parade.

The meeting will start at 7:30 and will move right along to cover all this territory. As always, it will be at the Barcroft Community House, 800 South Buchanan Street, on the first Thursday of the month. Come and express your views on these three issues, and pick up your own neighborhood tee shirt.

COUNTY PROPOSES "RESIDENTIAL FACILITY" ON FOUR MILE RUN AT BARCROFT PARK

Arlington County wants to put a new facility on Four Mile Run Drive between George Mason and Walter Reed. It would house a corrections facility for jail inmates being returned to the community through work-release or study-release programs. It would have a detoxification facility to treat drug addicts, alcoholics and public drunks. And it would have a 48 bed shelter for the homeless. The County pledges to minimize the impact on surrounding neighborhoods by carefully controlling these three programs.

The officers and Board of the Barcroft School and Civic League studied the information on this facility and decided to oppose it. We believe that the security impact of the three programs would make Barcroft Park unusable, that other programs would eventually be located there, and that it would do permanent damage to the quality of life for all of us in our area of the County. There was an information session with County Staff on May 17th. A formal vote on a final BSCL position will be taken after discussion at our June 7th meeting.

BSCL President Randy Swart has joined with other civic association presidents to form the Coalition for the Preservation of the Four Mile Run River Valley. The Coalition held its first meeting, attended by officers of civic associations, tenants' associations and condo owners associations, on May 15th. It will protest this facility, asking the County Board to locate it in the Courthouse area where some of the functions are now located and where the County has its strongest police presence.

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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE UPDATE

Were you there for the first annual Barcroft Neighborhood 4th of July parade? Then you already know how exciting it is to have your neighborhood turn out for a rousing parade, followed by a wonderful picnic. If you weren't able to come, get ready for the fun at this year's parade. Decorate your bike, put on a patriotic costume, tune up your musical instruments, or get together with your neighbors to create a float to rival last year's winners from 8th Road. There will be lots of prizes and plenty of hot dogs and drinks for everyone.

Once again we plan to have block captains throughout the neighborhood who will contact people on their blocks, collect entry forms (get those entry forms in to be eligible for prizes!) and assemble their blocks to march to the Community House on parade day. The parade will start at 11 AM and go from the Community House to Barcroft Elementary School, where the judges' reviewing stand will be, then return to the Community House for prizes to be awarded, picnicking, and music. After last year's rain, we have set an official rain date for Saturday, July 7th.

Dr. Ellen Kahan, Principal of Barcroft Elementary School, has agreed to be our Parade Grand Marshall. Arlington dignitaries Conchita Mitchell, Frank O'Leary and Al Eisenberg will be our judges. So whether you come to march or to cheer on your neighbors, this should be a great way to celebrate the 4th. Planning for the parade is going on at a great pace. If you would like to know more about what's happening, come to the next Parade Committee meeting, announced on the Barcroft Neighborline (521-1116). Or call one of the committee co-chairs if you would like information or want to be involved: Deborah Wood (892-1243) or Mary Anne O'Rourke (920-5619). We especially need people to be block captains so all of Barcroft will be represented at the parade.

PROPOSED COUNTY FACILITY (Continued from Page 1)

If you want more information on the proposal, call Randy Swart at 521-2080 for a copy of the County handout and the Coalition's position paper. You can also contact Ms. Sally Michael in the County Manager's office at 358-3247 or project manager John Mausert-Mooney at 358-4430. (Both are good about returning phone calls.) To express your views on this subject please come to the June 7th BSCL meeting or write immediately to:

Mr. Albert C. Eisenberg, Chairman
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The Board will take its next step on June 23. If the facility is approved, construction will start in September.

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**Neighborhood Conservation Plan:
MOVING THROUGH THE COUNTY PROCESS**

We will present our plan to the County's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee on June 14 for approval, with slides to illustrate what Barcroft is and how we want to improve it. We will then present the plan to the Planning Commission on June 25th and to the County Board on July 7th for final approval. Anyone can still comment on the Plan in these meetings. Call Randy Swart at 521-2080 or Lori Hirschfield of the County staff at 358-3810 for more information.

THE BARCROFT T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

Our neighborhood tee shirt, designed by Barcrofter Meril-Lee Pattison, is ready. It is a pretty teal blue, with BARCROFT in the same lettering as the Barcroft News mast-head and a map of the neighborhood showing our streets, parks and the Barcroft Community House. People are already beginning to personalize the shirt by sewing a sequin or other item on the map where their home is. The shirt is a nice quality Hanes 50/50. It will be on sale at BSCL meetings and at the parade. Best news of all is the price: just \$5. Come to the June meeting to get yours.



**BSCL COFFEE HOUSE WILL BE HELD
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH**

The regular monthly Barcroft Coffee House will be held at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan, on Friday, June 15th from 8:30 to 10 PM. There will be folk music and open stage time to perform. Refreshments will be coffee (of course) and whatever people bring in the way of baked goodies. Admission is free, coffee is 25¢ and there will be a jar for anything you may 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.

BARCROFT CRIME REPORT FOR APRIL

Street numbers are the block where a crime occurred.

- 4/1 800 S. Wakefield Car tampered with - nothing taken.
- 4600 S. 8th Road. Car tampered with - nothing taken.
- 4800 S. 8th Road. Vandalism: paint scratched on car.
- 4/3 900 S. Taylor. Suspicious person in back yard. Subject fled.
- 4/14 600 S. Wakefield. Fire started outside rear exit at Barcroft school. Kids burning the playground rules sign.
- 4/19 4800 Columbia Pike. Car window broken.
- 4/22 600 S. Wakefield. Window broken in mobile classroom of Barcroft School.
- 411 S. Wakefield. Car hood damaged
- 900 S. George Mason. Windows shot out of three cars with a pellet gun
- 4/24 4600 S. 9th St. Items taken from house while resident away on trip. Suspect was known to victim.
- 4/27 900 S. Buchanan. Victim tricked out of \$800 by two women claiming to have hit the D.C. lottery.
- 4/28 4700 Columbia Pike. Victim struck by known subject, subject arrested.
- 4/29 4700 S. 8th St. Items stolen from car

Several neighborhood residents report that their cars were broken into but they did not report it to the police. Arlington Forest reports the same problem. The best defense is to always lock your car and don't leave anything visible inside.

Help keep our neighborhood safe. If you see someone who doesn't belong on your block, or hear breaking glass in the night, call the police at 558-2222 to investigate.

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**CPRO CELEBRATES "LIKE THE PIKE" WEEK
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PIKE CLEANUP!**

The Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization is celebrating Like the Pike week June 2 through 9. Events include a flea market on June 2 at the Bob's Big Boy parking lot starting at 8 AM and including a barbecue at 11 AM. There will also be a community cleanup the same morning meeting at 10 AM in the Bob's Big Boy parking lot. For more information call CPRO at 892-2776. The event is a great opportunity to meet neighbors from surrounding neighborhoods and help make The Pike a little cleaner and learn more about our Main Street.

FLAGS OVER SECOND STREET

Barcroft's 2nd St. S. isn't exactly a major thoroughfare but if you happen to have recently passed along that street by car, foot or bike you may have noticed an unusual flag hanging in front of one of the houses. The flag is a Lithuanian flag and is hung there daily (in good weather of course) by Tom and Sandee Radtke in support of the March 11 Lithuanian declaration of independence. Sandee says she was able to find and purchase the flag at the flag store at Union Station.

Sandee is one of perhaps 600 people in the metro area of Lithuanian descent. Her grandfather on her father's side was born in Lithuania and both of her mother's parents were born there. She grew up in a Lithuanian neighborhood in Chicago, which has the largest population of Lithuanians in the U.S.

Sandee reports that she doesn't speak Lithuanian but notes that it is a very old and very unique language not like Russian or German. She says that linguists are especially intrigued by the language as it seems to be the root of other languages.

Tom and Sandee met at Loyola University in Chicago. They have lived in Barcroft for 3 years. Tom, a former Navy officer, is graduating from GW University Law School at the end of May. He will be taking the bar soon, but in the meantime has a job with a law firm in Alexandria.

Sandee has worked as a TV producer for almost 9 years and was formerly employed by PBS Channel 56. As part of that job she was able to live in China for 3 weeks while producing a show! She is presently starting a new job involving a TV program to promote adult literacy. She says that 30% of adults in Virginia do not read above the 4th grade level and that high school graduates are expected to read only at the 8th grade level. Her project is a touch screen that interacts with the user. The program can answer questions and test skills primarily at the 4th to 8th grade level. That's about what you need to read the Barcroft News!

Kathy Kerr


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WANTED: Someone reliable to mow my lawn starting in June. Good pay. Please call Marilyn Beckwith at 486-0997.

DRAWING CLASSES for teens at the Columbia Pike Art Studios on Wednesday evenings during the summer. For information, call Nancy Tankersley at 920-9268 or 486-9368.

PLAYGROUP is being held for toddlers ages 12 - 24 months each Tuesday, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM in Barcroft neighborhood. Schedule is flexible. To join, call Annette Osso at 553-3953.

FOR SALE: Size 12 summer maternity clothes - excellent condition. Call 920-1845.

FOR SALE: Fisher Price travel tender - excellent condition \$60. Call 920-1845.

FOR SALE: SCAN-type stereo cabinet, \$60; 4 dining chairs, \$30 each; Amana microwave over, \$100; four stereo speakers, \$200; Bug Whacker, \$50; Coleman large ice chest, \$35; new car battery, \$50; wooden wine rack, \$20; 4 tires, size P215/60R15, \$150; 2 snow tires, size 185/70SR13, \$80. Call Weavil residence at 486-2287.

NEEDED SEPT. 1: Reliable, experienced child care provider to watch 22 month-old girl approximately 4 days a week. Prefer your Barcroft home (with 1 or 2 other children of similar age), but willing to consider other arrangements. Salary negotiable. Call Sue Kelly (w) 789-1450 or (h) 685-4961.

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BARCROFT SCHOOL RENOVATION

At the June 7th BSCL meeting, members of the Barcroft School Renovations Committee will discuss the progress of the school renovation plan. The preliminary architectural drawings have been completed and will be submitted to the School Board for the first time at their May 31st meeting. Members of the committee and staff from the school will be present.

The preliminary drawings have the enthusiastic support of the renovations committee. The plan maintains the historic facade of the school while adding space and updating the current building. An increase in costs was necessary to preserve the facade, and neighborhood support will be needed to justify this solution.


The School Board will take action on the plan at its next meeting on June 14th. We urge all interested persons to attend this meeting to add their support to the plan. The meeting will be at 7:30 PM on June 14th at the Education Center, 1426 N. Quincy St. (next to W&L High School).

Come to the June 7 BSCL meeting to learn more about this exciting project.

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JUNE EVENTS

Saturday 2nd **Like the Pike Day**, with a flea market at 8 AM, community cleanup at 10 AM and barbecue at 11 AM. Bob's Big Boy parking lot, on the corner of Walter Reed Drive and The Pike. Info 892-2776.

JUNE 7 THURS. Barcroft School and Civic League 7:30 PM. 800 S. Buchanan St. COUNTY FACILITY AT BARCROFT PARK, BARCROFT SCHOOL RENOVATION, PARADE REPORT. For info see article on page 1 or call Randy Swart at 521-2080.

Thursday 14th **School Board Meeting.** Decision on Barcroft School renovation. Support needed! (see p. 5). 7:30 PM, 1426 N. Quincy

BSCL presents Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee. Info 358-3810.

Friday 15th **Barcroft Coffee House.** Folk musicians will entertain. Barcroft Community House, 8PM. For info call Roger Cornell at 892-2421.

Monday 24th **Book Discussion Group** Read this month's book and discuss it at the Col. Pike Library. 7:30 PM. For info call 521-2080.

Tuesday 25th BSCL presents Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan to the Planning Commission. For info call 521-2080.

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with Kathy Kerr

**BABIES AND FAMILIES--THIS
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Scott Mengebier (age 4 1/2) and his brother Thomas (age 2) welcomed new baby brother Benjamin into their family on February 5. Scott attends the Montessori School of Northern Virginia. The parents of all these boys are Francoise and Bill Mengebier and they live on 6th St. S.

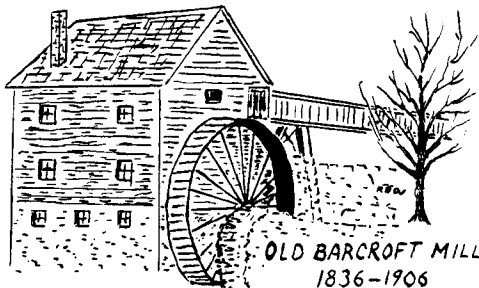
Francoise, born in France, teaches Advanced Placement French at H-B Woodlawn, Arlington's alternative middle school/high school. Bill is a lobbyist for a French chemical company (but adds that his French isn't all that fluent.)

Married 7 years, Francoise and Bill used to rent a house in North Arlington but became happy South Arlington converts when they bought their current home here in Barcroft about 3 1/2 years ago. Purely by coincidence, Bill's brother Dave and wife Molly had also purchased a Barcroft home about 6 months earlier over on S. Taylor St.. So Barcroft is now all in the family!!

Welcome and congratulations to Mohamed and Cecily Dourrachad who had a lot of happy events occur to them in February. Cecily, a long time apartment renter on Columbia Pike, has liked Barcroft for quite a while and was delighted when they found a house to buy over on Buchanan near the Community House. They moved into their new home just in time to welcome a new baby boy, Driss Alexander!

Mohamed is a broadcast journalist (in Arabic) for the Voice of America. Cecily hopes to return to her position with the American Society of Association Executives. There she is involved with government affairs and lobbying of tax issues. Cecily is experiencing the difficulties in finding a reliable, adequate day care provider. If you have any suggestions for her or might want to share a sitter, call her at 486-7217

Having congratulated many of Barcroft's newest, tiny residents over the past four years, it is my great pleasure to introduce my own new little one, Adrienne Janet, born at home in Barcroft on April 16. Adrienne's big brother Allen is a first grader at Drew and her sister Caroline is 3 1/2. I am a mother-at-home and volunteer with La Leche League doing breastfeeding counseling. My husband Jim is a systems analyst with ANSER, Inc. in Crystal City. Little Adrienne hopes to be a contender for the "Youngest Participant" award at the Barcroft 4th of July Parade!!



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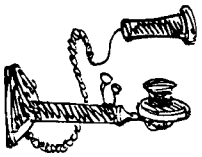


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