

# BARCROFT NEWS

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## DECEMBER MEETING: Annual Holiday Program

The whole family is invited to a holiday program and Christmas carol sing-along with the famous Barcroft Christmas Band at 7:30 PM on December 6 at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member. Bring a neighbor, a friend, your kids; bring some cookies to help out our new Hospitality Chair, Joyce Hutchins. This is the Barcroft School and Civic League's traditional Christmas program. It comes early in the month and provides a fine opening for this joyous season.

Mary Ann O'Rourke will read "The Night Before Christmas." Our pickup band is a spirited bunch



whose enthusiasm surpasses their abilities. Get out your old bagpipe, guitar, or tuba and play with us. Call Kathy Kerr at 892-6458 to find out when the band will practice or to volunteer to read something, perform a solo, or whatever.

People from all religious and ethnic groups who celebrate a special day at this time of year are invited to share music from their own heritage. Or just come to enjoy carols as an old Barcroft tradition, whether or not you observe Christmas.

This is the only meeting of the year that we don't ask for volunteers for community projects—and one of the best to just meet the folks in your neighborhood civic association. Come and join your neighbors in expressing the good spirits of the season!



## Barcroft Votes!

In the November 6 elections, our neighborhood turned out about 1,000 voters, approximately 55% of those registered. Not bad for an off-year election, but we need an even higher percentage to convince our elected officials that we care and can make a difference.

Barcroft reelected Congressman Wolf (Republican) by a margin of 56% and County Board member Mary Margaret Whipple (Democrat) by 58%. As usual, our voting results were very close to the County totals, with the exception of a slightly lower vote for Mrs. Whipple than her 60% County-wide margin.

All of the County bond issues passed. The school and public works bonds will provide funds for the rehabilitation of Barcroft Elementary School and our Neighborhood Conservation Plan projects for the next two years.

Next year we will be electing two County Board members. Both incumbents, Al Eisenberg and Bill Newman, are expected to run. It is important for Barcroft to make an all-out effort to turn out a larger vote in 1991.



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## Neighborhood Conservation Projects Submitted

As the deadline for submitting the first two projects under our Neighborhood Conservation Plan came around, the BSCL scrambled to get two proposals in shape. The first one will rehabilitate the park at Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run Drive (on our side of the Pike). We hope to have the County move the recycling center to the other side of the Pike, level the ground, and plant grass. The Women's Club of Arlington will provide ornamental plantings. We will also ask the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board to move the "Barcroft" his-

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Deadline for submissions: 5th of the month preceding the issue month.

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toric marker across the Pike to this site. Rather than wait for the County to act on our request, we are planning a BSCL volunteer effort to clear the weeds and brush on the site in late November/early December. It may have already happened by the time you read this! Call the Neighborline at 521-1116 for details.

The second project will upgrade the County property at the curve where Pershing Drive becomes Buchanan Street (at 6th Street S.). The Plan identified this area as needing a sidewalk for pedestrian safety and landscaping to eliminate the brush overflowing into the street. It also needs a cleanup and some work to improve the walking trail leading down to Four Mile Run. The trail will not be paved, but the steep section at the top will be improved for walking. If this project is not ready by the December deadline, we will substitute a request for improving the intersection of Pershing Drive, Wakefield Street, and 3rd Street.

Call Meril-Lee Jones, the Neighborhood Conservation Representative, at 920-5942 or Randy Swart at 521-2080 if you have comments on either project.

## Bus Shelter Approved

The Dept. of Public Works has approved the installation of a bus shelter on Columbia Pike at S. Buchanan. The staff is working to obtain an easement from the landowner and a permit from the Dept. of Transportation. Once these are obtained, the shelter will be installed.

## Barcroft Luncheon to Thank Service People

Sparked by Talmadge Williams, a committee including Anne Noll and Susan Christopher has planned a luncheon at the Community House on December 20 to honor the people who provide valuable services for our neighborhood—mail carriers, trash collectors, delivery people, police, fire and parks personnel, and school crossing guards. Joining the BSCL as sponsors are the Women's Club of Arlington and two neighborhood clubs, the K Club and the Friendship Club. If you would like to help with this holiday endeavor or know service people who should be invited, call Talmadge Williams at 920-7006.

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## Warren Stambaugh Dies of Heart Attack

Barcroft neighbor and State Assemblyman Warren Stambaugh died of a heart attack on November 14. He was 46 years old.

Warren was Grand Marshal of our first Fourth of July parade and had appeared in our Community House at many candidate nights during his nine-term career in the House of Delegates. He was an able and dedicated delegate who attended to northern Virginia issues but found time to work on legislation for people with mental and physical disabilities as well.

We extend our sympathies to Warren's wife, Rosemary, and their

children. We will all miss him. Many of us will fondly remember him as he was that sunny day in July 1989, when he strutted in front of our parade in his straw hat and ice cream suit. We salute a man who accomplished much but left us much too soon.

## Hutchins Volunteers as Hospitality Chair

Joyce Hutchins of 7th Street S. came to her first BSCL meeting in November and responded to the call for a volunteer to be the Hospitality Chairperson. She moved to Barcroft in October and plans to be active in the civic association. Welcome to the neighborhood, Joyce. We like your spirit!

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John Ball, a farmer, was an early settler here. He built his house in 1742, with a roof of plain clapboards, presumably because he did not have cedar shakes. The real significance is that this is the home of a settler of modest means, like a present-day Barcrofter, not a plantation owner's mansion.



In 1772 the house was passed down to William Carlin, a tradesman who was also George Washington's tailor. The original roof was eventually covered with a new one that was placed about a foot above the original.

In 1975 the Ball house was donated to the Arlington County Historical Society, which has designated it the Ball-Sellers house and maintains it with a full-time caretaker family. You can see the inside of the house by calling 379-2123 for an appointment.

For a casual look at the exterior, ride your bike up the steep hill to Glen Carlin and look for 5620 3rd Street S. On the left wall, there is a glass window in the siding boards that reveals the original hewn logs underneath.

## Center Dance Company Benefit Performance

CDC's 1990 holiday concert, December 14-16, will benefit the homeless. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Arlington Community Temporary Shelters, Arlington/Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, and Salvation Army Men's Shelter. Concert-goers are invited to bring donations of paper and personal hygiene products (toilet paper, facial tissues, disposable diapers, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.). These items are desperately needed at the shelters. For more information about tickets, call the Center Dance Company, 522-2414.

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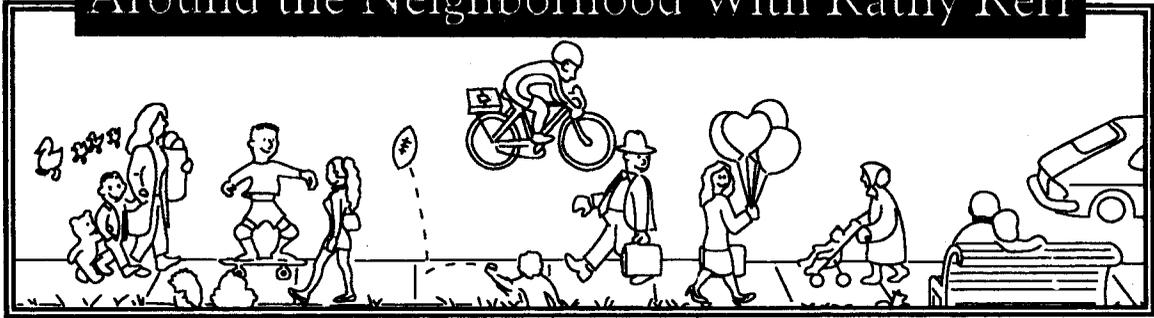
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## Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



Welcome to new Barcrofters Phil and Alicia Puente Cackley. Arriving from Ann Arbor, Michigan, they and their two children, Cecilia, 5, and Daniel, 2, moved into their new home on S. Pershing in September. Cecilia attends kindergarten at Key School. They are hoping that she will begin Key's Spanish-immersion program in first grade. Alicia's Mexican heritage attracted them to the program.

Alicia recently received a doctorate in economics from the University of Michigan and works for the Government Accounting Office. Phil enjoys writing and hopes to publish a children's book that he has written. A former newspaper reporter (for the *Ann Arbor News*), he is now a "househusband."

While living in Michigan, the children were in day care pretty much from

birth. With Alicia's graduation, the Cackleys fulfilled a long-time plan for Phil to be a father-at-home. Imagine how surprised they were to discover another househusband—Terry Pascaleff—on the same block of Pershing!

The Cackleys are enjoying a return to the East Coast, since they both hail from Pennsylvania. Phil says they are very pleased with the recycling bins at Four Mile Run and Columbia Pike. Michigan has a bottle bill and Ann Arbor has a very successful curbside recycling program.



Phil and Alicia are just a couple of the many neighbors you may run into while pitching your recyclables into the bins. I am amazed by the number of cars I see unloading newspapers, glass, cans, and plastic jugs.

Felice Brunner of S. Pershing says she recently loaded up her car to make a drop-off en route to other errands. Her son, John Michael (almost 5), especially enjoyed throwing the glass bottles into the bin—a great way to take out aggressions!

*For more on recycling, see page 10.*

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# December Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6 Barcroft School & Civic League, Community House, 7:30 PM. Info, call 521-2080.	7	8 The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, 3 & 5 PM, opera. Info, call 549-5039.
9	10	11	12 First Day of Chanukah 	13	14 Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 7:30 PM. CDC Benefit Concert, 7:30 PM, call 522-2414	15 Arlington Symphony, 8 PM, call 528-1817. CDC Benefit Concert, 7:30 PM, call 522-2414
16 CDC Benefit Concert, 2:30 PM, call 522-2414	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice 	22
23	24	25 Christmas 	26	27	28	29
30	31 					

## Arlington Opera and Symphony

The Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia opens the 1990-91 season December 8 with *The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County* by Lukas Foss, a one-act family opera relating Mark Twain's tale. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults; \$5.00 for seniors,

students, and children. The performances are at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. For more information call 549-5039.

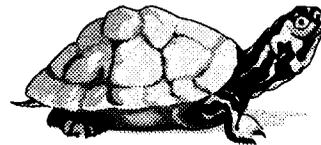
Don't forget the Arlington Symphony concert on December 15, featuring the Alexandria Singers and the Mormon Choir of Washington, D.C.

## Volunteers to Clean up W&OD Trail Crossing

Following the apprehension of a knife-carrying man chasing a female jogger on the W&OD trail at 7th Street S., the Arlington County Police have advised women not to use the trail alone, even in the daytime. There are mattresses in the woods between the trail and Four Mile Run, where aggressive vagrants hang out.

In an effort to discourage attacks, the BSCL is sponsoring an immediate brush clearing and general cleanup of the trail along Barcroft's border. The main area we want to clear is from Columbia Pike to 9th Street S. At press time we were working on the first cleanup date, hop-

ing to obtain the necessary permission from the County and the Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority to start the cleanup during November. It must be done in a group, and we expect to turn out on Saturdays from 1 to 3 PM. Volunteers are needed to clear trash, brush, and weeds and perhaps do some shovel work. If you care about security on the trail, call the Neighborline at 521-1116 for more info.



## Barcroft Exchange

**Child Care** Share a wonderful babysitter. Opening for 1 child (any age) full time (or 2 part time). My Barcroft home or yours. Flexible hours. My child is 1 year old. Call Debra in the evening, 920-7620.

**Found Necklace** Call Howard Mumford at 892-5979 if you have lost one in Barcroft.

**For Sale** Magic Chef gas range: 4 burners, large oven, white, 36" wide. \$75. Call Evans, 979-0299.

**Earn \$100-\$150** or more per week, working part time only a few hours, selling an estate planning package assembled and distributed by a Barcroft resident. Send résumé to Benefits for Beneficiaries, P.O. Box 3463, Arlington, VA 22203.

**Carpool** State Dept. carpool needs rider(s). Arrive State 8:15 AM, depart 5:45 PM. No driving necessary. Share nominal costs. One-way trippers okay too. Contact Len Rogers, 920-1845.

**Think Christmas—Think Savings** Girl's size 1 "Popples" roller skates, white with pink/purple trim, like new; with box; \$5.00. Girl's 16" Huffy bike, purple with white trim, spoke trim, basket, like new; \$15.00. Call Jenny, 920-6824, after 5 PM please.

**For Sale** Kenmore gas dryer, \$100; J.C. Penney washer, \$100; Kenmore dishwasher, \$100; 3 White-Westinghouse air conditioners, \$100-\$150; other miscellaneous items. Please call 892-2421.

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The County has identified more than 200 families who need a Christmas dinner and gifts for family members. If you are interested in sponsoring a family, call 358-4731 for a 24-hour recorded message about the project. You should leave

the following information on the answering machine:

- \* Date of your call
- \* Name of donor and contact person
- \* Day and evening phone numbers
- \* "Adopted" family characteristics: for example, number and ages of members

A volunteer will confirm your call by phone, and you will receive a letter providing information about the family to help you choose appropriate food and gifts. **The deadline to become a sponsor is December 12, 1990.**

Some appropriate gifts include winter hats, scarves, and gloves for all family members; new books and toys for preschoolers; household items such as towels, sheets, blankets; and kitchen supplies.

Your gifts can be delivered to a distribution center December 18-20, from 8 AM to 7 PM. Two in S. Arlington are Park Warren Bilingual Center, 840 S. Dickerson, and Veterans Memorial (YMCA), 3440 22nd Street S. Be sure to clearly identify all gifts on the outside of the package.



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## Recycle Right!

Now that Barcroft has a nearby recycling center, many of you have probably been lying awake nights wondering, "What do I have to sort, and how do I have to prepare recyclables for dumping in the bins?" The *Barcroft News* can help you get back to sleep.

The Columbia Pike Recycling Center has dumpsters with compartments for glass bottles and jars, metal food and beverage cans, some plastic bottles and jugs, and newspapers and newspaper inserts (no junk mail!). Obviously, the best way to go about sorting these items is to set up separate receptacles in your home so that you sort things as you go. You have probably seen self-contained multi-part units advertised in mail-order catalogs. These are usually some sort of tubular framework that holds up to three plastic trash bags and reserves a space for stacked newspapers. You can order one of these handy-dandy items, or you can just use a few wastebaskets.

But wait, there's more—here are some recycling dos and don'ts from the Office of the County Manager.

### Do—

- ♻️ Sort glass bottles and jars by color (green, brown, and clear).
- ♻️ Recycle all your metal food and beverage cans.
- ♻️ Recycle plastic bottles and jugs that have a "1" or a "2" inside a triangle imprinted on the bottom.
- ♻️ Bundle your newspapers in paper bags.
- ♻️ Remove bottle caps before recycling the bottles.
- ♻️ Crush plastic jugs so they take up less space.
- ♻️ Rinse cans and bottles to remove traces of food.

### Don't—

- ♻️ Recycle containers that have been used to store toxic or hazardous materials (for example, motor oil and other automotive fluids, herbicides and pesticides, medicine, or chemical cleaning products).
- ♻️ Recycle styrofoam products.
- ♻️ Recycle light bulbs, drinking glasses, window or mirror glass, or cooking glass (like Pyrex).

Still have questions? For more information about recycling in Arlington, call 358-6570.

## Scam Hits Towne Pershing: Buddy Can You Spare \$20?

Residents of Towne Pershing, at Arlington Boulevard and Pershing Drive, were surprised to have a young woman knock on the back door and ask for \$20 (sometimes \$25) to pay for "a prescription" for her "sick child." The woman said that her husband was out of town; the drugstore was delivering the prescription, but they would take only cash and she was out of cash. Who would be hard-hearted enough to say no?

Towne Pershing residents knew that the woman was not from their townhouses, the drugstore would take a charge card or check, and this woman had to be faking her problem. In fact, one resident is a doctor who discovered, when he asked about the child's problem and medicine, that something did not add up medically either, although the story was a good one. They called the police, but the woman had disappeared.

Scams will always be with us. This one was better than most.

# Barcroft Crime Report

Crimes reported during October. If you have information about an incident, if anything appears to be out of the ordinary on your block, or if someone is there who does not belong, please call the police at 558-2222.

- 10/7 4400 S. 1st Pl. Case stolen from car trunk  
 10/8 900 S. Wakefield 3 juveniles arrested, attempting to steal bicycle  
 900 S. Buchanan Subject arrested, enticing juvenile to commit sexual act  
 10/9 900 S. Buchanan Jewelry stolen from apartment; no sign of forced entry  
 600 S. Buchanan Subject arrested on robbery charges from another jurisdiction  
 10/11 4600 S. 3rd Stereo stolen from car  
 10/14 900 S. Wakefield Car window broken  
 10/16 900 S. George Mason Shoplifting  
 4700 S. 7th Car window broken  
 10/17 900 S. Taylor Recovered stolen '91 Buick  
 900 S. Taylor Stereo stolen from car  
 4700 S. 6th Subject arrested, attempted burglary  
 10/18 200 S. Pershing Rear car window broken  
 10/20 4200 S. 8th Basement door panel kicked in; beer taken  
 10/21 600 S. Buchanan Tires & wheels taken from car  
 10/23 4400 S. 1st Pl. Stereo & speakers taken from car  
 4600 S. 2nd 2 subjects in car fled when observed by owner; screwdriver found in front seat  
 10/25 100 S. Pershing '86 Toyota stolen; recovered nearby with tires missing  
 600 S. Wakefield Wallet stolen from purse  
 900 S. George Mason Shoplifting arrest  
 4300 Columbia Pike Jacket and tape case stolen from car  
 10/26 900 S. George Mason 2 shoplifting arrests  
 800 S. Buchanan County sticker stolen from car  
 4600 S. Columbia Pike Stolen '71 VW recovered after short police chase; suspect fled on foot  
 4600 S. Columbia Pike Pepsi machine broken into  
 10/27 900 S. George Mason Shoplifting arrest  
 10/28 900 S. George Mason Shoplifting arrest  
 10/29 900 S. George Mason 2 shoplifting arrests  
 10/30 900 S. George Mason Merchandise taken from Hostess delivery truck  
 10/30 900 S. George Mason 2 shoplifting arrests  
 10/31 900 S. George Mason 2 shoplifting arrests

## Crime Prevention Update

Lt. John R. Haas reports that the County Police's extra monitoring of Hi-Cue Billiards and the shopping center parking lot at S. George Mason and Columbia Pike has resulted in "a decrease in the congregation of groups in front of the business." During October, officers made several arrests for alcohol-related offenses and documented suspicious groups loitering in front of the business. They will "continue to check this area and take appropriate enforcement action as time permits."



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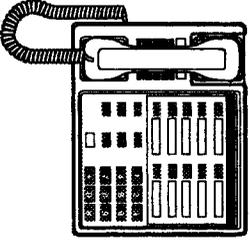
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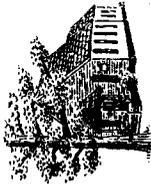
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