

BARCROFT NEWS

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NOVEMBER MEETING: ZIP 22204 Stationmaster

Neither rain, nor snow, nor dark of night will prevent James Brown, Stationmaster of the South Station Post Office from speaking at our regular November meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League. This is your chance to specially deliver your comments on our postal service to the manager in charge of our area. It is a first-class opportunity to air your personal views and be sure they are registered. Please stamp on into the Community House at 800 S. Buchanan on November 3 at 7:30 PM for a lively discussion. And keep in mind that the December 1 program will be our traditional kick-off for the holiday season, with caroling and folk traditions.

Time to Vote!

On Tuesday, November 8, Barcroft and the rest of Arlington will vote. Voting is the best way to make sure your neighborhood's concerns are never forgotten. We need to turn out a good percentage for this non-Presidential-year election, where each vote will count heavily. There are Arlington's first School Board election since the 1950s and a County Board seat at stake. And let's not forget \$89 million in bond issues to be decided (see our article elsewhere explaining them).

Our polling place has returned to its permanent location: Barcroft School, 625 S. Wakefield. As always, the polls are open before your alarm clock goes off, and they stay open until 7 PM. Early morning is the fastest time to vote—morning voters just leave a few minutes early for work and feel good all day.



Bonds on the Ballot

The upcoming election will have six Arlington County bonds for voters' consideration on November 8. The bonds total more than \$89 million. All the bonds have been endorsed by the oversight committees of the Arlington Civic Federation. The largest bond (\$36 million) is to improve Arlington's public school facilities, in much the same way as Barcroft School was overhauled last year. The **Public School Projects** bond will add classrooms, gymnasiums, and various support spaces. Other classrooms will be redesigned to reduce overcrowding and correct problems. As in Barcroft, replacement of aging heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems will be funded from this bond. We all remember that until last year, Barcroft School's heating system consisted of World War II-vintage boilers.

Other improvements in the schools include the addition of safety devices such as fire alarms and emergency power. Modifications allowing better access for disabled children include elevators, ramps, doors, and larger bathroom spaces.

Additions to Gunston Community Center will allow it to serve multiple uses: as a new middle school, a cultural center, and a human services facility.

A bond to fund **Streets, Highways and Community Conservation** (\$17 million) would fund improvements for streets, walkways, bridges, bikeways, street lights, traffic controls, and storm drainage systems and relocating utilities underground in some business areas. This bond would also allocate money for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan, which has funded some of Barcroft's neighborhood conservation plan projects. The sidewalk at Dead Man's Curve was funded from a previous bond of this type. (We probably should rename

that area to Live Person's Curve now that the sidewalk is in.)

A bond to fund **Local and Regional Parks and Recreation** is proposed for \$13 million. The money would be used to buy land for parks and recreation areas. It would also cover improvements and construction at existing recreational facilities. Part of the bond money would be used for Arlington County's contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Arlington supports the regional parks along with Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Alexandria, Fairfax City, and Falls Church.

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A **Water Distribution and Wastewater Treatment** bond is proposed for \$12 million. This bond would be used to upgrade Arlington's Wastewater Treatment Plant, parts of which date from the late 1930s and mid-1950s. Improvements would be made to expand water storage and distribution.

A bond to provide \$7 million for **Metrorail** is proposed. Along with other local governments, Arlington County pays a share of the cost for constructing the Metro system. The federal government pays more than half the cost. In addition, maintenance of completed portions, some of which are now 17 years old, is an ongoing cost. Funds would also be used to improve the entrances and interior of the Rosslyn Metro station.

The last bond, **Fire Station #3**, is to replace the Cherrydale fire house on Lee High-

way with a new building beside the existing one. The old fire house dates from 1919 and is too small for new equipment. Parking and area public facilities would be improved.

Dues!

The Barcroft School and Civic League has a September to September membership year. So dues are due if you have not yet paid them for the 1994-1995 membership year. Dues are only \$2 per person to encourage everyone in the neighborhood to join. You can also join at any meeting of the League. You are welcome at any meeting whether or not you ever send in your dues, but we need your support to keep the Barcroft neighborhood spirit healthy. Please join today! Send in your dues with the coupon in the middle of this newsletter.



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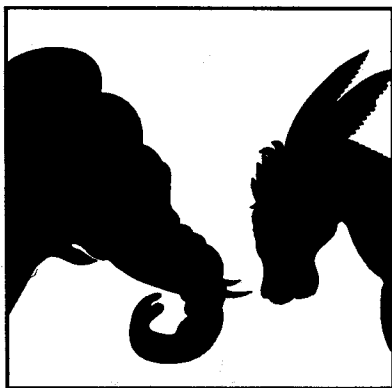
We Met the Candidates

Our Candidates Night in October drew a good crowd. County Board Member Jim Hunter represented Mary Margaret Whipple, who was unable to attend because she was chairing a regional Metro board meeting, and debated with challenger John Barr. Questions after the opening statements covered the topics of whether we should elect our County Manager, the business climate in Arlington, whether the personal property tax can be eliminated, what we are doing about transportation, and the adequacy of our law enforcement funding.

Both candidates for Commonwealth Attorney were present, including incumbent Dick Trodden (a Barcrofter from 3rd St.) and challenger Clark Broderson. Their questions were mostly on sentencing, parole, and the costs of jails.

All five school board candidates appeared, including David Foster, Mary Hynes, Charles Miller, Dorothy Patton, and Ricardo Roca. Questions were about class sizes, neighborhood schools, dealing with disruptive students, prayer in the schools, and the Kenmore school program.

Once again our Candidates Night gave us all a chance to see the candidates in person in order to cast a more informed vote.



The Barcroft Holiday Band Needs You!

It's time to dust off your old trombone, see if you still have strings on your guitar or fiddle, and pump some air into your bagpipe. All Barcroft musicians are invited to a rehearsal for the Barcroft Holiday Party. The party itself will be the first Thursday in November and everyone is invited—including Santa Claus! The Barcroft Holiday Band provides music of the season to accompany party goers, who provide the singing!

Rehearsal for the band will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 27) at Barbara and Randy Swart's house, 4611 7th St. S., at 7:00 PM. All musicians and almost-musicians are welcome. Call Kathy Kerr for more information at 892-6458.



Want to be Our Ad Manager?

Marcia Oresky has regrettably resigned as *Barcroft News* advertising manager due to an illness in the family. We wish her well, but that means we need a volunteer for the position. It's a fun job! You get to visit or call the neighborhood businesses that advertise in the *Barcroft News*, which can be really interesting. Sending out the bills is a chore, but only happens every three months for the regulars, and Virginia Reinecke organized all of that for us. Call Randy or Barbara Swart at 521-2080 to volunteer. Please! Imagine how good this would look on your résumé.

County Board Members Inspect Bike Trail

On a warm day in August, three members of the Arlington County Board—Al Eisenberg, Jim Hunter, and Ben Winslow—visited Barcroft. They came to inspect the area of Arlington Hall where we have requested the County to finish the bike trail from Barcroft under George Mason Drive and across Arlington Hall to TJ. The trail will use an existing underpass to cross under George Mason. The underpass needs work to convert its steps to a bike trail ramp.

The County has postponed the project because Alcovia Heights opposes the addition of the trail through Arlington Hall. This, we believe, was mostly because the State Department planned to run the trail up against its fence. The Alcovians thought this would impinge on their privacy.

The inspection party examined the site and reached the conclusion that the bike trail might be more acceptable—and cheaper to build—if it were run along the State Department's access road rather than climbing a hill to run along the fence. The next step is to seek approval of the idea by Alcovia.

Piano Recital at the Community House

On Sunday, November 6, at 4 PM, the BSCL will sponsor a piano recital at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan. Performing will be students of Lisa Palance (of 8th Rd., a regular in the Barcroft Marching Band) and Harvey Jacobson. There will be 20 children performing a variety of musical styles. The ages of the performers range from 6 to 16 years old. Among the participants will be Barcrofters Emily and Sarah Anderson. The music will be performed on a keyboard provided by Music and Arts Centers. Light refreshments will be served after the recital. This is our first musical event since the Barcroft Coffee House folded. We hope you can join us!

Marvon's Garden Sold

A "Sold" sign has appeared on Marvon McKinney's former property. We don't know yet who has bought it.



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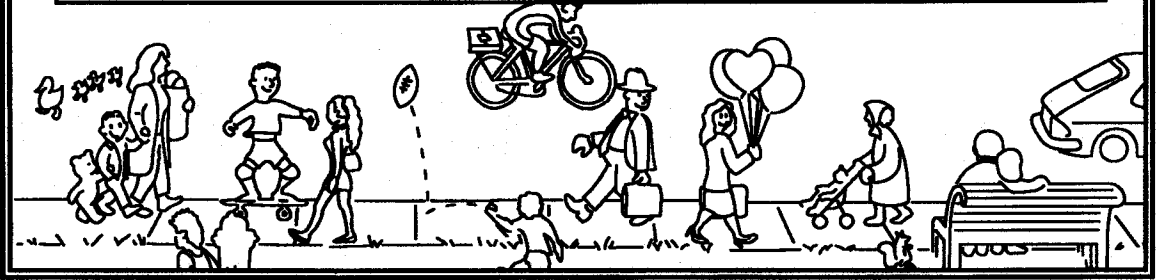
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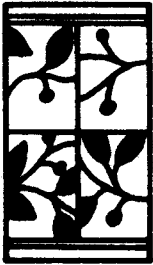


CONGRATULATIONS to Eileen Putman and Alan Fram, proud parents of new baby, Abby, born August 1. Their first child, Andy, is 5 years old and a kindergartener at Barcroft. He enjoys his pet hermit crabs. Eileen is taking some time off with the new baby but does writing from her home. She teaches occasional journalism courses at Georgetown and American Universities.

Alan works for the Associated Press, covering Congress. The Putman/Frams live on S. Abingdon St. They love to go hiking up in the Shenandoahs.

YANKEE DOODLE DANDY! Donna and Kevin Hackett on S. 4th St. had some extra special fireworks last 4th of July when their new baby, Ryan, was born! Ryan has a big brother, Tony, age 4, as well as a sister, Jennifer, 16, a student at Bishop O'Connell. The Hacketts have lived in Barcroft for 3½ years. Donna is a licensed daycare provider. Kevin works at MAACO.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY to Trevor, son of Jessica Cogen and Joel Newton on S. Pershing St. Trevor was born on September 19, 1993. He enjoys going on long walks with his mom as she joins in the Barcroft Stroller Brigade—an ever-growing group of neighborhood moms who have met while out walking. (Trevor notes that the moms tend to exercise their jaw muscles more than leg muscles) Trevor also loves to go biking and hiking. He watches movies on the VCR with mom and dad. An adventurous eater, Trevor likes going out to various local ethnic restaurants. He eagerly tries new foods and provides entertainment to restaurant staff and patrons. Trevor likes to eat at home too, where his dad considers cooking to be a hobby. Trevor has many relatives in the



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November Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Civic Federation Mtg., 7:45 PM, Arlington Hospital.	2	3 BSCL Meeting, 7:30 PM, 800 S. Buchanan. Call 521-0825 for info.	4	5 Col. Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
6	7	8 ELECTION DAY	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12
13	14	15 Police start ticketing expired Arlington stickers	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 THANKS-GIVING	25	26
27 Barcroft Holiday Band Practice, 7 PM, 4611 7th St. S.	28 HANUKKAH	29	30	SATURDAY MORNINGS IN NOVEMBER. Arlington Farmer's Market. Courthouse. Best fall veggies, apples, flowers, honey, bread, more!		

area from both sides of his family to give him lots of attention. Trevor's dad, Joel, is an attorney for the Washington office of an Atlanta-based law firm specializing in energy law. His mom, Jessica, is the manager of public affairs for a nonprofit environmental group. Both Joel and Jessica love to read.

BARCROFTERS PERFORM: Every Sunday, Barcroft neighbors Roger Cornell and Linda Tito

to perform celtic and international music at the Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls, VA, from noon to 2:00 PM. There is no cover charge. Call Roger and Linda at 892-2421 for more information or for other dates they may be playing.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? Do you have a new baby or other exciting event in your life that you'd like to share with fellow Barcrofters? Call Kathy Kerr 892-6458 for a brief interview.

CPRO Is Active

The Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization has three upcoming events for you. The first will probably be past by the time you read this newsletter, but maybe not. It's called "Pick Up the Pike" day and takes place Saturday, October 29. Cosponsored by CPRO and Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, it will feature litter pickups all along the Pike.

On November 3 CPRO will hold its annual Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton National Hotel. All Barcrofters are welcome, and the cost is \$20 each.

On December 3, CPRO and local PTAs will cosponsor a Holiday Craft, Gift, and Bake Sale at the Career Center just off Columbia Pike at Walter Reed Drive. Details in next month's *Barcroft News*, or call 892-CPRO for info on any of the CPRO events.

Barcroft Babysitters

Erin Barksdale, 15 years old, 979-7665

My Chau, S. 7th St., 521-9344

Nhu Dang, S. Buchanan St., 685-8831

Kathy Kerr, licensed family day care provider, part time only, 892-6458

Stacy Kyle, 15 years old, 9th grade, S. 6th St., American Red Cross Babysitting Certification, 486-0019

Terri Lahlou, 29 years old, S. 4th St., 979-9565 (home), 527-8484 (work)

Liza Lord, 14 years old, American Red Cross Babysitting course, 892-2443

Sasha Lord, 12 years old, Mother's Helper—will entertain children while mother is at home, 892-2443

Anne Roningen, 14 years old S. 9th St., 521-1451

Pay Tax or Get Ticket Nov 15!

A change in dates for Virginia's personal property tax made your Arlington County windshield sticker expire on October 15 this year. Police will begin ticketing for lack of a new sticker on November 15, so pay that tax promptly if you have not already! The County is after people with out-of-state tags too. If you want to rat on someone who actually lives here and should register their car (and pay tax) in Arlington, call Deanna Frey at 358-3157.



Call the
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To have a notice announced
on the line,
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November Lawn Care

"Dr." John of the Merrifield Garden Center has these tips for November care for your Barcroft lawn:

- Remove as many leaves as possible. Do not leave them piled up in spots throughout the lawn because that will kill the grass in those spots by the time spring arrives.
- Liming in the late fall is a good idea, particularly if you did not lime in the spring. You should not, at any one time, put down more than 50 lbs. of lime per 1,000 square feet. If the lawn needs more lime, give it a couple of applications a month apart or apply one-half in the spring and one-half in the fall. You need 75–80 lbs./sq. ft. when weeds like chickweed, knotweed, and wild strawberry invade the lawn; 90–100 lbs. if you see wild violet and green moss.

Programs at Long Branch Nature Center

All programs require reservations and are free. Reservations can be made by calling 358-6535. Long Branch Nature Center is at 625 S. Carlin Springs Rd. in Arlington.

- 11/3 **Bats Eat Bugs** 7–8 PM; ages 6–adult. Come for an evening filled with fun and flying mammals!
- 11/8 **Native Americans: An After-School Special** 4–5:30 PM; kids in grades 3–4. Join us for a close look at the woodland Indian's life.
- 11/16 **Landscaping with Native Plants** 7–8 PM; adults. Join us for a slide presentation on the use of native plants in the home landscape.

Leaf Collection Begins

The County is hoping to repeat the success of last year's improved leaf collection program this year. Vacuum trucks will make "at least" two passes through the neighborhoods beginning November 1. Those who dislike leaf piles blowing around can pick up free biodegradable leaf bags at 15 locations, including the Long Branch Nature Center, the TJ Rec Center, and the Courthouse (you can call 358-6570 for the other locations). The County believes that the special biodegradable paper bags are most efficient. Home composting is always a good alternative.

The biodegradable bags will be picked up on Fridays. Leaves in plastic bags cannot be recycled and will sit until the next Thursday to be picked up by the regular trash truck.

The leaf vac will make two passes for leaves raked to the curb. Collection zones are named for their civic associations, so you can call the Leaf Collection Hotline at 358-6565 for updates on when the vacuum will arrive in Barcroft.



Barcroft Exchange

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I hope there is an intrepid Barcrofter willing to take over the production of the newsletter. You don't have to be a writer; Randy takes care of providing the articles. You just have to put it all together in camera-ready format for the printer. I do the newsletter on my Macintosh, using QuarkXPress. It can just as easily be done in a word processing program, or even on an IBM PC or compatible (perish the thought!).

Call me at 521-0527 to find out more.

Sara Leigh Merrey

Voter Registration Change of Address Form

If you wish to vote in the next election, you must be registered to vote using the address where you actually live. If you have moved and not yet updated your voter registration, complete this form and mail it to the Office of Voter Registration, #1 Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, Arlington, VA 22201.

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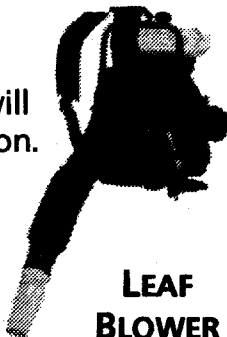
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