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New 'Pipestem' Houses Could Increase Density

Two County staffers came to speak to the BSCL's January meeting on infill development, and the meeting was a real eye-opener.

Public Works zoning staff member Luis Araya (358-3593) brought with him a map with various Barcroft lots identified as candidates for adding houses. It is a very interesting map, showing that we are long from finished with cramming new homes on pipestem lots.

In an eight block area there were 12 places where a developer could carve out a new lot or two, in some cases by removing a porch or garage. One site now occupied by a house and a large adjacent vacant lot could have been split into 5 building lots. There are also a couple of candidates for new cul-de-sacs.

Questions after the presentation centered on "how can we preserve what we have?" The answers were not reassuring. The possible changes were all "by-right" except for the cul de sacs, and would not

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Improved Lighting To Be Discussed by BSCL

The February meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League will look at the issue of improving lighting and security on the streets of Barcroft. Representatives of Arlington County government will speak to us on what it takes to have new street lights installed in our neighborhood, similar to those recently installed on 8th Street between Buchanan and Wakefield.

The meeting, slated for Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan, will also discuss where we need to install new lighting and where we may want to upgrade lighting our neighborhood with the new style of lights being offered by the county. If you would like to have new lights installed on your street or feel unsafe on another we invite you to attend and provide your input.

**Contribute to the Barcroft
Community House Fund!**

BSCL Votes to Donate \$237 to Legal Fund

At our January meeting the Barcroft School and Civic league voted to donate \$237 to the legal fund supporting the lawsuit brought by residents of 6th and 4th Streets against Arlington County and Vanguard Services challenging the legality of moving Demeter House to 6th Street. The amount was chosen as equivalent to the new dues collected at the special meeting where the BSCL voted to oppose the move. A Barcrofter donated the same amount to the BSCL treasury to make it clear that the donation does not come from any of the funds collected for renovation of the Community House.

The lawsuit is slated for an early hearing of a defendants' motion to dismiss on Jan. 10 and if not dismissed will be brought to trial in late February. Anyone who wants to make a contribution to the legal fund should send it to Jane White at 4216 4th Street S., or call her at 521-0823 to be sure the suit has not been dismissed by the judge.

Eat That Cereal! Save Boxtops for Barcroft

In case you missed the notice last month, here is a recap on how you can help Barcroft Elementary School by saving General Mills cereals box tops.

Call the Barcroft Neighborline

521-1116

Get the latest information

Barcroft on the Internet: <http://www.bhsi.org/barcroft.htm>

Barcroft School will receive 15 cents for every General Mills cereal box top collected between now and March 31. Simply clip the top flap of any General Mills cereal box carrying the 1996/1997 "Big G Box Tops for Education" symbol with the cereal brand name showing. (If you collect Betty Crocker catalog points, it's OK to clip off that part of the flap.)

Give the box tops to a Barcroft student to bring to school or drop them off in the "box top box" located in the school's office. Or call Harriet Williams at 553-0911 and she will come get them!

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New Publisher Takes Over at Barcroft News

In December Angie Woodward had to resign as publisher of the Barcroft News due to scheduling difficulties and family responsibilities. We were certainly sorry to lose Angie. She was a reliable, conscientious and highly-motivated volunteer who did a fine job and never missed a deadline. We will miss her.

The good news is that Jane Duffy has stepped right into the job without missing a beat and took over with the January issue. Jane and husband Jim live on Stafford St in a modern era house with lots of glass which somehow manages to blend in with the brick colonials surrounding it. Their kids are off at school, but returned for Christmas, and

Jane managed to get the Barcroft News labeled and to the post office the day before they arrived.

Welcome aboard, Jane, glad to have you!

Infill Development Could Increase Density

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require zoning variances. Where a house covers two lots a County approval is not even required to subdivide, and in cases where it is required it is automatic if the property meets the minimum subdivision and zoning requirements.

Araya's ballpark estimate was that Barcroft when fully "built out" would be about 10 per cent more dense than it is now.



Bobbi Bradley, GRI, CRS Barcroft Resident for Ten Years.

WAITING FOR SPRING?

"FOR SALE" signs are "springing" up. Many home sellers mistakenly believe certain months of the year are better than others to sell. The key to a successful home sale is preplanning your selling strategy, not the time of year you list the home. If your home is in top condition and competitively priced, it will sell no matter what the season.

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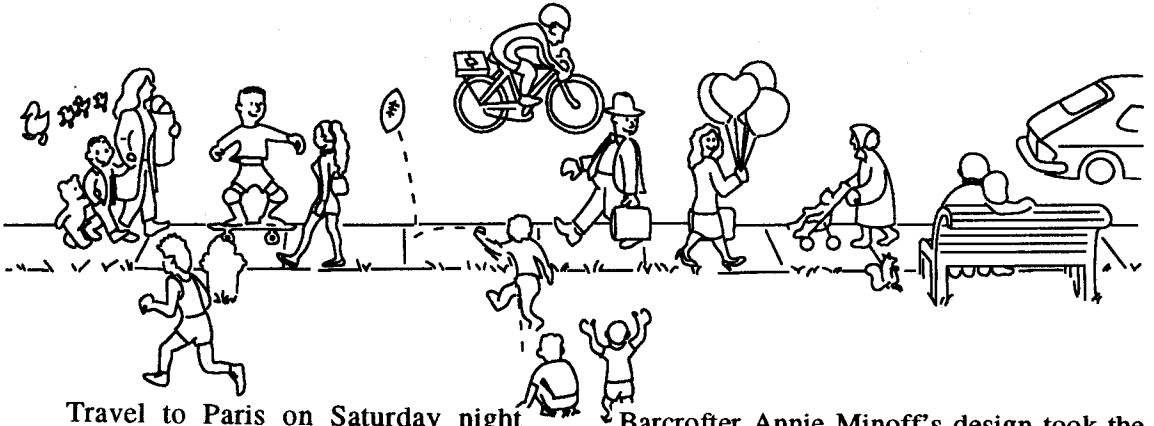
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Around the Neighborhood with Kathy Kerr



Travel to Paris on Saturday night Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m., for an evening of jazz at the Barcroft Community House. The Hot Club of Washington D.C. will perform swing and jazz music from the 1930s and '40s. The band consists of three guitars, a bass and a lead violin.

Enjoy gourmet coffee and delicious desserts while basking in the authentic Parisian atmosphere with the music of Django Reinhardt, Stephane Grappelli and Le Hot Club of Paris. Dancing optional/Fun guaranteed! Admission is \$5/person. All proceeds will go to the Barcroft Community House Renovation Fund. Bring an instrument for a jam at the end of the show.

There are at least three very successful students here in Barcroft to congratulate:

- Each year the Kiwanis Club and Arlington Public Schools sponsor a county-wide t-shirt design contest to promote their "Arlington Young Astronauts Program." This year,

Barcrofter Annie Minoff's design took the prize. Her parents, Susan Kelly and Iles Minoff of South Pershing have not yet even seen the design!

All of the children in Annie's second grade class at Barcroft School entered the contest. Annie's teacher, science whiz Dora Sue Black, selected five designs to enter at the county-wide level. She promised her students that if any of them won, she would go up on the roof of Barcroft School and shout "Alleluia!" Annie reports that Ms. Black hasn't yet followed through on this but perhaps she is just waiting for warmer weather!

Ms. Black's devotion to making science fun and accessible for children makes her one of Arlington's most dynamic teachers. Watch around town for children wearing Annie's t-shirt promoting this popular science program.

- Peter Boothe received his Eagle Scout award on Jan. 13. Earning this award involves many steps including a significant service project. Peter's project was to improve a trail at Potomac Overlook

Regional Park in North Arlington. A graduate of Wakefield High School and a National Merit Finalist, Peter currently attends Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif. He is majoring in computer science and math and enjoys riding his unicycle to class. Peter is the son of Tom and Betty Boothe on 6th St. S.

• My daughter Caroline Kerr is one of six 5th graders from the Spanish Immersion program at Key Elementary School who will go to El Salvador this month, from Feb. 16-26. The children will be staying with families and will attend the American School in San Salvador. In April, the Salvadoran children will be staying with families here for 10 days while attending Key School. Don't worry: We will make sure our guest receives a Barcroft t-shirt!

Paint Job Looks Good; Thanks a lot, Barbara!

Barbara Swart organized a work party over the holidays to paint the interior of the Community House. Others on the work party were her husband Randy. Although intended only to spruce up the meeting room until it can be renovated, the new paint has done wonders to lighten the room and almost has the appearance of a renovation. Come to the February meeting and see for yourself.

Barcroft Exchange

FOR SALE: Trundle Beds, steel frames with foam mattresses. Great for kids. \$95. Call 521-0184.

FOR SALE: Refrigerator. Kenmore 17.7 cu. ft. Good condition. \$85. 28" deep, 66" high, 29 1/2" wide. Call 920-7014, evenings.



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Bobbi Bradley, a Arlington REALTOR, has been Awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Designation by the Residential Sales Council of the REALTORS National Marketing Institute, an affiliate of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of REALTORS.

The total number of CRS Designees in the United States is over 31,000.

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Requiem for Auto Shop

by Randy Swart

Malcolm's Columbia Pike Automotive closed late last year, to the dismay of the Barcrofters who had been taking their cars there with good results. In January their customers received a letter from Lacey Malcolm informing them that the service records for their cars had been transferred to Jim's Automotive.

Sensing that Malcolm's had closed, my car immediately sprang a radiator leak and developed an intermediate engine miss. I took it down to Jim's, which is located on the foundations of the old Barcroft Mill, behind the 7-11 across from the old Safeway on Columbia Pike. (The street address is now 4961 10th Street S., but it once was Columbia Pike before the "new" bridge was built and the road

straightened about 1950. You can still see the abutments for the old bridge next to Jim's.)

I am pleased to report that in two easy visits Jim cured our 1987 minivan of all its ills, leaving it running better than it has in years. Jim is a master mechanic and a very pleasant person to deal with. His prices were reasonable and his service was great. It was a real relief to find a competent garage to keep our old car running. Their phone number is 931-9431, but they don't advertise, so you will not see them replace Malcolm's here in the News.

Ad Manager Sought for Barcroft News Staff

We're looking again! The Barcroft News needs an ad manager to take over selling display ads and collecting payments. It's not an onerous task -- getting ads once a month and sending out billings about four times a year -- but requires someone with a little time and the ambition to sell advertisements. If interested, contact Editor Phil Cackley at 271-9743.

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Banquet to Raise Money for Legal Fight

A group of talented Barcrofters will host a five-course gourmet "Barcroft Banquet" to raise funds for a legal fight against the Arlington County board. The event will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Community House.

Barcroft chefs will offer appetizers, soup, entrees, salad and dessert. Wine and sparkling water will accompany the meal and after-dinner coffee will be served.

Bring your friends or your family! Reservations are required; call Beth Lienard at 521-5111 by Feb. 2. The price is \$45 per person, tax included.

If you can donate any of the following for the event, contact Beth: flowers, candles, sparkling water, wine or champagne, coffee, serving assistance, sous-chef assistance, musical entertainment or clean-up help.

Local Preschool Invites Parents to Open House

The Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool will hold an open house on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. AUCP is an accredited cooperative

program that offers classes for children ages 6 weeks to prekindergarten. Parent-members of AUCP (many of whom are Barcroft residents) participate in all aspects of the school, including regularly assisting teachers in the classrooms.

The open house will provide parents an opportunity to see the AUCP environment and to talk with AUCP staff and members. The open house will be held in the AUCP classrooms located on the lower level of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. For further information, call 892-3878. (Snow date: Feb. 15.)

Computer Volunteers Needed for Adult Class

Arlington Community Action Program needs a few good computer literate volunteers to teach adults basic computer skills. ACAP has a teachers program and everything you need, so experience is not necessary. You will be teaching 5 or 6 adult students two nights a week from 6 to 9 p.m. at a lab at Hoffman-Boston school just off of Columbia Pike past Adams Square. If you are interested in helping, please call Lillian Brown at ACAP, 979-2400.



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Feb. 8, Saturday -- **Barcroft Banquet.** 7:30 p.m. Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St. Five course gourmet dinner. \$45/person. Call 521-5111 for info.

Feb. 8, Saturday -- **Open House.** Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool. From 10-12, on the lower level of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Call 892-3878 for info. Snow date: Feb. 15.

Feb. 15, Saturday -- **Le Hot Club du Barcroft.** 7:30 p.m. Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St. Swing and jazz music by the Hot Club of Washington, D.C. \$5/person.

Mar. 1, Saturday -- **ARLINGTONES Barbershop Chorus Show "School Daze."** 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. T. Jefferson Community Theatre. Advance sales - afternoon all \$8/ evening \$10 and \$8. At door - afternoon all \$10/ evening \$12 and \$10. Info & tickets: 527-6195.



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