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German Food, Music to Be Featured at Festival

Crisp fall weather has come to Barcroft and it makes us thirsty! What better way to celebrate the season than a Barcroft October Fest?

The family event will be sponsored by the BSCL on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan.

Food will include bratwurst, sauerkraut and pretzels, washed down by gallons (well, at least ounces) of beer and soda.

Entertainment will feature German music, as well as games for the children. There will be a fee of \$6 for adults to help with the cost of this event.

A lot of help will be needed to make the event a success. If you are interested in donating potato salad or other food, helping with the set up or clean up, handing out flyers or just contributing ideas, call Tom Palance at 979-8366.

Candidates To Speak at October BSCL Forum

Should the County Board continue pressing to locate the Demeter House in Barcroft? What can be done to relieve school overcrowding? Should the tax on automobiles be repealed? You can ask these and other questions at the candidates night, sponsored by the Barcroft School and Civic League on Thursday, Oct. 2.

The monthly BSCL meeting will take place in the Barcroft School library, 625 S. Wakefield St., because of continuing renovations at the community house.

Candidates from the races for school board, county board, state attorney general, lieutenant governor and governor have been invited. Don't hold your breath on the last two offices! But local candidates usually make it a point to hear from Barcrofters.

Make the candidates pay attention to Barcroft's interests -- and your interests -- by attending candidates night.

BSCL Dues Remain at \$3; Send In Your Form

It's time to send in your BSCL dues again! Because the League has a September to September membership year, fall is the time to renew your membership -- or join, if you are not a member yet.

Dues are \$3 per person (\$6 per couple). Use the enclosed insert and mail your dues or drop them off at the home of Membership Secretary Peg Lefebvre, 812 S. George Mason Drive (directly across from the Alcova Park basketball court).

If you prefer, you can bring your dues to the Oct. 2 BSCL meeting.

Being a dues-paying member of the group shows an interest in Barcroft. Only members vote on important neighborhood issues and for officers. Furthermore, the larger our membership base is, the easier it is to represent the neighborhood in dealings with the county or other governmental entities.

Don't wait to lose the form -- send those dues in today!

Cure For Junk Mail Found in Recycling Bin

You already knew that the County wanted your newspapers in paper grocery bags at the curb for recycling on Thursdays. Some were even aware that the County wants magazines and catalogs in the same bag.

But now you can put other paper in that same paper bag and put it out for the

recycling pickup. That is a change in signals from earlier notices. Mixed paper goes in that paper grocery bag, or can be bundled and tied. The County wants your junk mail, office paper, telephone books, craft paper, paperboard, Christmas wrap and paper bags. Now you can put a trash can beside your mail slot, dump the junk mail in every day, and recycle it at the end of the week, reducing to a minimum the time you waste on junk mail.

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Barcroft News Looking For Aid, Replacements

The staff of the Barcroft News needs help. Without ever having gone on a diet, we are feeling more than a little thin!

For those who may not know, the News is produced entirely by volunteers: The articles are written by Barcroft residents (Kathy Kerr is not a six-figure gossip columnist, despite her great scoops). The ads are sold by people in the neighborhood. The layout is done by hand on a dining room table by a former journalist. And the distribution is no longer handled by the Postal Service but by our local "publisher."

We have been without a contributions editor for more than six

months. That person is responsible for getting articles ready for publication. Our excellent ad manager, Debra Albrecht, is currently on maternity leave and needs someone to step in for her.

In addition, because we deliver the News by hand now (with our publication schedule, the Postal Service can't guarantee timely delivery), we need to recruit a team to help out publisher Jane Duffy. Volunteers can contact her directly at 892-6015.

Anyone interested in learning more about being contributions editor or ad manager should contact Phil Cackley, editor, at 271-9743.

The bottom line is that without some more help, the Barcroft News may not continue appearing on a regular basis.



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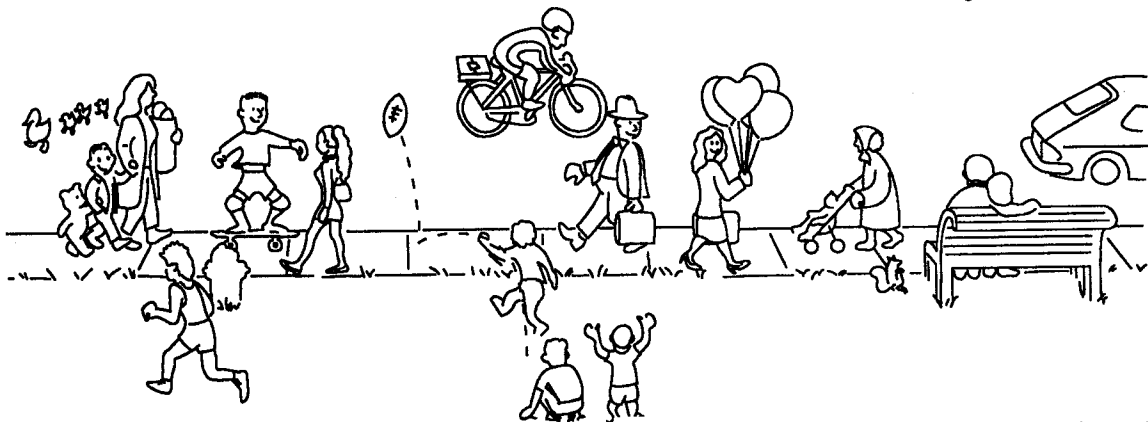
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Around the Neighborhood with Kathy Kerr



Condolences to the family and friends of Toni Copeland, a longtime Barcrofter who passed away in February, 1997 in Florida. Toni and husband, Al, were married for 55 years. They have lived in Barcroft for 45 years on 1st Place South. Their son, Bill, lives in Fairfax. Al has been an active volunteer helping cancer patients for many years but never thought it would hit close to home. Toni was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer about two years ago.

Dynamic and articulate, Toni was an artist in every sense of the word. She studied piano and voice at Peabody Institute in Baltimore. She taught piano lessons in her home before becoming the manager of Al's engineering office where she worked for many years. She was active with a number of music associations and was a board member of the Northern Virginia Opera Society. She sewed most of her own clothing. She always entered items in the Arlington County Fair with almost all of them

winning ribbons. She also enjoyed drawing. An active BSCL member, Toni served as editor of the Barcroft News for eight years, back when it was two pages long and was distributed by volunteers.

Al and Toni met at the War Department. He was a draftsman and she was a secretary. Her work was so top secret that she never did tell him exactly what she did there. One of Al's favorite things about Toni was her fearlessness to tackle new things. While he himself tends to be hesitant, Toni was just the opposite -- always inventive and creative.

Al stays busy with volunteer work and senior programs. He is studying Spanish for Seniors at W-L High School. At age 89 Al still plays tennis -- five days a week! He says there is one older player, age 91 -- but Al claims he can beat him.

Have you patched up your yellow recycling bin with your last bit of duct tape? Would you like a new one?

Believe it or not the County will replace it for free! Call them at 358-6570. Your old, broken down recycling bin has to go in the trash so don't generate more trash by disposing of yours if it really isn't that worn out.

What can you recycle at the curbside? A lot, but not everything:

- Glass: jars and bottles, clear, green or brown.
- Plastic: milk jugs, rinsed bleach bottles, drink bottles. At this time Arlington is unable to recycle plastic items such as yogurt containers or food containers of any sort.
- Paper: Newspaper, mixed paper such as office paper, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, cereal boxes (with liners removed), etc. Paper should be placed in

paper bags at the curbside.

What about corrugated cardboard? It can **only** be recycled at a recycling station such as the one we have at Columbia Pike and 4 Mile Run. Corrugated cardboard at the curbside will be disposed of as trash.

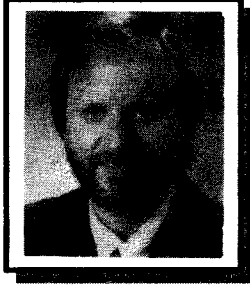
For more information call 358-6570.

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Advisory Groups Get Orientation Course

There are lots of Barcrofters serving on County advisory groups: commissions, committees, ad hoc groups and such. On Oct. 6 the County will conduct an orientation course for members of the advisory groups. The course responds to recommendations of the recent Arlington League of Women Voter's study, which was critical of the groups' operations and composition. It covers basics of serving on the groups, including County organization, group practices, the role of staff, agendas, dealing with difficult participants and more. If you are on an advisory group or interested in being on one, contact Jane Kazman at 358-3797.

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Traffic Survey Aims to Reach Half of Barcroft

Barcroft's traffic committee wants you to speak up about neighborhood traffic conditions.

Enclosed in this edition is a one-page survey intended to get input from local residents about whether Barcroft has a traffic problem and if it does, where the heaviest volume is.

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Barcroft Exchange

TUTORING. By Barcroft resident for 6 to 11 year olds in language arts (reading, spelling, writing) and math. Reasonable rates. Call 892-6015 for information.

CHILDCARE. We're looking for a home for our longtime babysitter, Alba. She's interested in continuing her work with two (or more) children in Barcroft. If interested, please call Leslie or Tom at 553-8358.

BABYSITTER WANTED. Occasional weekend evenings in Barcroft home. Experience with children under three. References required. If interested, call 521-1953.

AQUARIUM. 20 gallon with lid-cover; almost new, hardly ever used. Use for fish or gerbils or whatever. \$20. Call Jane at 892-6015.

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A temporary traffic circle erected on Pershing Drive in 1995 was removed last year following a split vote by the BSCL. A number of residents continue to be concerned about cars traveling at unsafe speeds on neighborhood roadways.

In one stark example last month, a hit-and-run driver knocked over a concrete light pole in the 100 block of North Pershing Drive, presumably after losing control on a curve. This occurred during daylight hours.

The traffic committee hopes to hear from at least half the residents in Barcroft. Surveys can be mailed to or dropped off at 216 S. Abingdon St., 22204. If it's more convenient, take your survey to the monthly BSCL meeting and leave it with an officer.

Fill out your survey and return it ASAP!

Email Addresses for BSCL Officers Posted

The BSCL now has its own email server. Barcrofters who are on-line can contact most of our officers and newsletter staff with the address: firstname@bscl.org

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Mail to these addresses is automatically forwarded by the Barcroft mail server to the person's primary account. Officers not listed are not actively using email.



BSCL Presents

October Fest!



Come by to meet neighbors and eat
grilled bratwurst, accompanied by good drink

German music, children's games
at the Community House, 800 S. Buchanan

Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m.

Donation: \$6/adults

For info, call 979-8366

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Oct. 5, Sunday -- **Barcroft October Fest.** 1 p.m. Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St. Family event featuring food, drink and music. \$6 for adults. Call 979-8366 for information.



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