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March Meeting: Barcroft, World Bazaar

Washington Post staff writer Barbara Constable has described parts of Columbia Pike as a "Third World bazaar -- dilapidated but colorful and bustling." On March 4, Barbara will come to Barcroft's monthly meeting to talk about the changing demographics of our area. In a three-part series in the Post last fall, Barbara and fellow Post reporter D'Vera Cohn reported that the 22204 Zip Code has the region's largest immigrant population. She'll talk about the origins of this influx, about the changes it has brought, and how the area's institutions are adapting to this unprecedented diversity of cultures and languages. Come and learn more about the international community of which your neighborhood is a part.

Also, Steve Coffee of the group Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment will talk about plans to develop the largely

unused grassy area along the W&OD trail and Columbia Pike into a park. Plans call for making the park an attractive and safe area that will highlight Four Mile Run's connection to the Chesapeake Bay. Tying in with Barbara's presentation, Steve will talk about how the park is intended to serve as a tool for environmental education of the newly arrived immigrants in the area.

Barcroft will be "adopting" the park once it is completed. Your input is needed now to make the park a place you would like to use. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4.

How Do Barcrofters Change a Red Light?

By gathering ideas from the neighborhood, asking the County to implement them, and consulting with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), as we did at the February meeting. Result? By April, signs will go up, east and west-bound

before the Henderson and Arlington Boulevard light, to warn drivers of an upcoming traffic light. Also the red light timing will be extended so that before the green appears at Henderson, the traffic on the Boulevard will have been stopped longer than usual. (This pedestrian friendly move makes Trav Fick smile).

In addition, Virginia Department of Transportation official Sherrell Crow hoped the following time line would be feasible for responding to four other requests:

⇒ turn arrows at George Mason and Columbia Pike within 6 months; this involves Arlington County Traffic Engineering because George Mason Drive is under County supervision, not VDOT's.

⇒ consideration of improving the intersection at Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run along with the scheduled bridge maintenance repair this summer;

⇒ review of the stop sign on the access road at Henderson and the Boulevard by summer. Perhaps a yield sign would be better but VDOT must analyze the traffic flow.

⇒ signage on the access road by the Unitarian Church by April.

The surprise of the evening was the discovery that the access road at the exit of the Unitarian Church parking lot is still a two-way road. Most of us thought that two-ways stopped at the corner of the access road with Pershing. VDOT will clarify the situation with signage, either keeping it two-way or making it one-way as it is continuing east.

The most interesting segment of the meeting was the analysis of traffic patterns and flow in a discussion of adding turn arrows, traffic lights, restricted access signs, etc. Change does not come easily, and with good reason. However, in the County there will be major changes involving Washington Boulevard, both at Arlington Boulevard intersections as well as at Columbia Pike within the next six years. Improvement of the 10th Street intersection with Arlington Boulevard will come within this year. Other than these, there are no public plans for Arlington Boulevard changes, although Crow will review the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing bridge at Henderson; it seems unlikely at first glance. And closing access to Arlington Boulevard at Henderson is possible only if neighborhood consensus supports it.

Trav Fick also wants to remind everyone that squeaking wheels are not good for cars, but they are useful in politics. If you want safer pedestrian, bike, and auto routes including posted speed limits, ASK, ASK, ASK. Demand it of drivers including ourselves, of the County, and of the State. We did it at this meeting

The Julie Yard Cafe

Come enjoy coffee, hot cocoa and desserts while listening to jazz, popular, and mellow classics piano music played by the teenage students of Julie Gorka. Free admission; half price for those who get the pun in the title. Saturday, March 6, 7:30, at the Barcroft Community House. Call Julie Gorka for more information at 979-0339.

Pedals for Progress Needs Your Old Bicycle

Pedals for Progress rescues bicycles destined for America's landfills and delivers them to countries where they are badly needed and highly valued.

Pedals for Progress will be doing a collection on Saturday, April 17, 9am - 3pm, with Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment in conjunction with the County's household hazardous waste drop-off, at the Washington-Lee High School Parking Garage, located over I-66 at Quincy and N. 15th Streets. A receipt good for tax deduction purposes will be provided for the value of the bike and a requested \$5 cash donation to defray part of shipping costs. For further details, call Steve Coffee at ACE, 703-228-6427.

Arlingtonians should note that the County now charges a non-deductible \$20 to pick-up old bikes and other bulky metal items, which are simply recycled for scrap. Pedals for Progress provides donors with the satisfaction of extending the useful life of old bikes, helping people help themselves, as well as a tax deduction.

Help Needed for Moms

Baby equipment such as cribs, strollers, infant seats and other supplies such as baby clothing and blankets, children's books, and safety items are needed by a small group of young mothers and pregnant teens in Arlington who are continuing their studies with John Johnston. For further information, contact

Judy Hadden, County Council Special Projects at 241-5999 or cjjahadd@erols.com.

Barcroft Book Fair

The Barcroft School is holding its book fair March 9 - 12. This is an important fundraiser for the school and another way to get our children to read! Please call Harriet Williams at 553-0911 if you are available to volunteer..

Villegas Leaves Barcroft

Many Barcrofters will remember Kathryn Villegas, who was for years our membership Secretary and called to remind you in a deep Virginia accent that you had not paid your dues yet. She was also a very effective fundraiser for the Democratic Party, and was known to all her friends for her long chats on the telephone.

Kathryn has moved from her apartment on Columbia Pike to a retirement home on the Eastern Shore, where she and her husband had lived before coming to Arlington. Ed Holland arranged the move for her, and reports that she is happy there. She would no doubt welcome a card or visit: The Hermitage on the Eastern Shore, 23610 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417-2024. She does not have a telephone yet.

Swinging

The Mardi Gras Party certainly was. Hot red beans and rice. Hotter music from the Crawdads. Purple, gold, and green. Noisemakers (no, not Tom Palance). And I can't wait for it to come again.

Two New Yoga Classes Offered

Pre-Natal Yoga. Previous yoga experience not necessary. Pre-Natal Yoga focuses on gentle stretches, breathing, relaxation and visualization techniques which enhance the physical and emotional bond between mother and child. Posture awareness and toning of the pelvic floor muscles prepare the expectant mother for a more comfortable pregnancy, labor and delivery. For women after their first trimester of pregnancy. A woman's partner is also welcome to take the class.

A doctor's release form is necessary to participate in this class.

Thursdays: March 18 – April 29. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$48 (six classes). No class April 1

Infant Massage. Infant massage is an ancient technique from India that is used to help baby and parent to relax and bond, and to encourage the physical and emotional development of the child. Learn to massage your child by following the demonstration and guidance provided. Some of the benefits of infant massage include: reduces crying; helps relieve discomfort from teething; reduces gas and colic, and improves digestion; encourages baby to sleep peacefully; and provides a special communication time that serves as a safe time for children to confide to their parents. As the child grows older the massage is adapted to continue to be used into their teen years.

Thursdays: March 18, 25, April 1 OR April 15, 22, 29. Cost: \$60 for 3 classes (includes book and massage oil).

To register for the classes or for more information, please call Pervin Davar at 703-354-3072. Pervin is a Certified Pre-Natal Yoga Instructor and Certified Infant Massage Specialist.

Play, No Dough

The Barcroft Friday Playgroup meets at the Community House every Friday morning in March from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. All parents and children welcome. Call Lisa Rom at 486-2983 for more information, or just show up.

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Pour les Francophones et Francophiles

Le 12 avril nous allons nous reunir encore, la sixieme fois, pour des conversations en francais au sujet des evenements en France et aux Etats-Unis aussi bien que de nos projets de toutes sortes et pour faire la connaissance des gens qui aiment le francais and La France. La reunion aura lieu a 19 heures 30, chez Susan et Don Bennett, 4617 3rd Street, 486-0121. Des maintenant, nous allons nous rencontrer le deuxieme lundi de chaque mois pair: juin, aout, octobre, decembre. Venez nous joindre! (Please forgive the lack of accent marks!)

Singing Sweetly

The ARLINGTONES Barbershop Chorus annual spring show, "As Time Goes By," will be held Saturday, March 6, at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre. The Wakefield Madrigals will make a guest appearance. Matinee at 2:15 p.m. and evening show at 8:15 p.m. Advance tickets: Matinee, \$8 and \$6 (students and seniors); evening show is \$10 and \$7. Tickets at door are \$2.00 more. For more information or to buy tickets, call 527-6195 or 521-9331.

Ready, Set, Draw!

It's time for our 2nd annual Easter Egg Poster Contest! Your bright, creative, and colorful posters will help us advertise our Easter Egg Hunt. The posters will be displayed around the neighborhood to

publicize the event; then they be collected and brought to the Community House for judging. The winner in each category will get a chocolate bunny! See the February issue of the News for details, or call Ann Peterson at 521-8756 for more information.

Good News, No News

Jim Kerr has generously agreed to become the Advertising Manger for the *News*. Thanks, Jim. We still need someone to take over as the Publisher. The publisher's main jobs are to pick up the *News* from the printer, to affix address labels to each copy, and to distribute the *News* to the various delivery volunteers. Your reward? Serving your community, and a place of honor on the prestigious *News* masthead.

Barcroft Exchange

If you have an old but still-comfy couch that needs a new home, call Collin. He'll be glad put it in his room. He can be reached at 979-0339, or by e-mail at mjccj@novanetwork.com.

Looking for part-time or full-time administrative help for a growing business in the heart of Barcroft. This would be ideal for a part time mom as there would be flexibility in hours and convenient location. Call Ned Scharpf at 703-979-2830 for further details.

Corey Hall, 521-4418, is ready to take care of your dog, if you need her services.

Lisa Rom is looking for some six-panel doors. Call her at 486-2983 if you have some to sell.

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Special Events

March 4, Thursday ⇒ **BSCL Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. “Barcroft, World Bazaar,” Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St.

March 6, Saturday ⇒ **Julie Yard Café**, 7:30 p.m. Music by Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St.

Regular Events

March 5, 12, 19, 26 ⇒ **Play Group**, Barcroft Community House, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

March 2, 9, 16, 23 ⇒ **Hatha Yoga**, Barcroft Community House, 6:30 p.m.

March 3, 10, 17, 24 ⇒ **Hatha Yoga**, Barcroft Community House, 7 p.m.

March 18, 25 ⇒ **Pre-Natal Yoga**, Barcroft Community House, 7 p.m.

March 18, 25 ⇒ **Infant Massage**, Barcroft Community House, 11 a.m.



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