

ALCOVA HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCING THE SPRING POTLUCK DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALCOVA HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION – 1 October 2002

The next meeting of the Alcova Heights Citizens Association will be on Tuesday, October 1st at Arlington Baptist Church on the corner of South 8th and Monroe Streets. As always there will be a pot luck dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish or desert and come and get to know your neighbors. Plates, plastic, and drinks are provided by the Association. The general meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided at no charge.

Date: Tuesday, 1 October, 2002

Time: Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.;
General Meeting at 7:30

Where: Arlington Baptist Church
(S. 8th & S. Monroe St.)

Agenda:

- ☺ Volunteer activities Discussion
- ☺ Election of new Vice President
- ☺ Halloween parade.
- ☺ Invited speakers include:
 - ☺ County Board Member Chris Zimmerman
 - ☺ Mike Clancy, candidate for Arlington County Board
 - ☺ The Sheriff's Department will speak on the newly activated Auxiliary Sheriff's program for Arlington citizens.



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ALCOVA HEIGHTS SEEKS NEW COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

Alcova Heights Citizens Association is one of the most successful associations in Arlington. The reason for this success is simple: it is the residents and their willingness to support their community. However, over the last few years, the number of residents active in the Association has dropped considerably – to the point that the viability of the Association is at risk.

Over the years, the Association has received close to \$1 million through its participation in the Neighborhood Conservation Program. Among the improvements have been a new playground, gazebos, and landscaping in Alcova Heights Park, new street lights, sidewalks and other significant community improvements.

The quarterly pot lucks and meetings are some of the best attended association meetings in Arlington. The annual Halloween Parade and the National Night Out have been tremendous successes over the years. In fact for three years in a row, the Alcova Heights National Night Out, held the first week in August, had the largest participation of any in the county. In addition, the Association has appointed members to positions on a wide-ranging number of local groups, committees, and panels.

In July, Lander Allin, the vice-president of the association, held a meeting at his home to discuss what activities the Association should be involved in and to find ways to get more neighborhood residents involved in

these activities.

It was a very positive meeting with a lot of interest and excitement about the possibility of establishing a "Welcome Wagon" committee to welcome new residents, holding a neighborhood-wide block party, and reinvigorating some of our committees – conservation, traffic, neighborhood watch – so that we can continue our efforts to make Alcova Heights a better place to live. We also talked about ways of getting more people involved so that we can minimize the efforts and time that any one person must commit to.

However, the bottom line is we need you, residents who are willing to spend a few hours every so often, to help keep the Alcova Heights Citizens Association running.

If you would like to get involved in any area of the Association, please send Jerry Gideon an e-mail at jgideon@erols.com or call him at 703-979-8507. We have openings on all the committees and we welcome volunteers to assist with the website, traffic circles, or to be block captains. A few hours will go a long way!

NEWS AND VIEWS

Visit our website at: www.alcovaheights.org and join our Yahoo Association at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Alcova Heights/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Alcova%20Heights/) for the latest information on the association

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The eighth annual Halloween Parade and Party will be held on Saturday, October 26 at 4 p.m. The parade begins at the Arlington Baptist Church parking lot at the corner of South 8th and Monroe Streets. Participants should arrive between 3:30 and 3:55 p.m. There will be drinks and goodies served at the end of the parade at the Alcova Heights Park.

All Alcova Heights residents and their extended families are invited to participate in the parade or to line the parade route and root the kids on. All children are invited to come in costume, and parents are welcome to dress up as well. Grandchildren and nephews and nieces are also welcome. The parade will be led by our master of ceremonies, and the local Fire station and possibly Thomas Jefferson Marching Band have been invited to attend.



But nothing happens by itself. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event to help with the street barriers to assure no traffic on the parade route, to assist at the park with goodies, and a few volunteers to help with some of the preparation and planning. For more information contact Jerry Gideon at jgideon@erols.com.

ARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOUNDARIES UPDATE

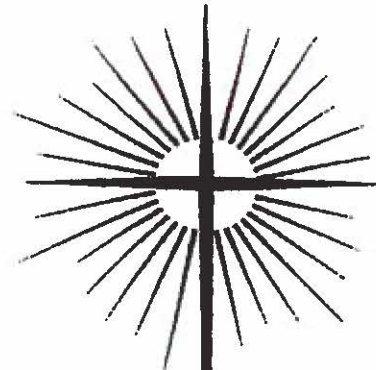
Arlington County Public Schools has been working to relieve overcrowding at a number of the South Arlington elementary schools. A number of schools have recently been renovated and enlarged, and a new school has been built.

The good news is there is now plenty of space overall for the elementary students. The bad news is that some students will need to be moved from overcrowded schools, such as Barcroft, to those that are under capacity. Earlier in the year, the School Board created a committee (made up of representatives from each school) to help redraw the school boundaries.

We will be having meetings on this subject at Barcroft over the next few months to keep our families informed and to seek input that will be shared with the boundaries committee. The PTA will also be sending home frequent updates on the process. Packets containing more detailed information will be available in the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hughey-Guy, Sara Uzel or Denise Noland. The boundaries committee meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is at the Education Center next Wednesday, October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5



Join Us for Worship, Learning, and Fellowship

Service Schedule begins Sept. 8:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*9:00 a.m. Christian Education (ages 3 through adult)

*10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*Nursery care provided

Fellowship gathering after the 10:00 a.m. service

Special Services

Sept. 11 - Church open for meditation 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sept. 15 - Visit from Bishop Lee. Services at 8:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

No 10:00 a.m. service or Sunday School.

Sept. 22 - Regular schedule resumes.



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VICE PRESIDENT POSITION VACANT

Lander Allin, vice president of the Association for the past six years, recently announced that he will resign effective October 1. He has been an active and invaluable member of the executive committee and has been responsible for success of a number of neighborhood efforts. We owe him many thanks.

Anyone interested in serving as Vice President should contact Jerry Gideon at jgideon@erols.com

COLUMBIA PIKE CHARRETTE UPDATE

The next phase of the Columbia Pike Charrette process will occur on Monday, October 28, at 7:30pm when Dover Kohl & Partners and Geoffrey Ferrell Associates present the draft "Form Based Code". The meeting will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel Arlington, 900 South Orme Street. If you're interested in the future of the Columbia Pike community, you should plan on attending.

For more information, please contact Tim Lynch at 703-892-2776 or e-mail him at cpro@uptownarlington.com.

THIRD DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

By Captain Michael Dunne, Commander,
Third Police District

The listed crime statistics are for August 2002. The first number is for the Third District and the second number is for the County:

Homicide 0/0	Larceny from auto 63/142
Rape 2/2	Larceny of auto 36/68
Robbery 5/13	Exposure 1/3
Aggravated assault 2/10	Peeping Tom 0/0
Burglary 11/45	Sexual assault 1/7

In both of the reported rape cases, the victim knew the assailant. Arrests have been made in two of the five robbery cases and there are no discernible patterns in the others. Arrests have also been made in several of the reported burglary cases, including a break-in at the Dollar Store located in the 4800 block of Columbia Pike. Four juveniles have been charged with a break-in/vandalism that occurred at Kenmore Middle School on August 9th. Three of the other burglaries were committed in the Nauck community in late August and early September and a local resident was arrested and charged in those cases.

Auto related crimes continue to be the most prevalent in the district with Honda Accords and Jeep Cherokees being the vehicles of choice. The Police Department is sponsoring a vehicle safety day on Saturday, October 12th at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Theft prevention and child safety seat installation will be two of the main focuses at this event. Members of the Third District will also be participating at a community event being held at Fire Station #9 located on Walter Reed Drive on Saturday, October 5th. We are hoping to set up a bike rodeo for the children at that event, which is scheduled from 10:00 to 2:00 also. Also being held on the 5th is the Walking Town Meeting for the Columbia Heights West neighborhood. We will gather at Tyrol Hills Park on South 7th Road at 10:00 and tour the neighborhood, discussing issues and concerns with various County agencies represented. For the adults, there is an "Oktoberfest" scheduled on October 12th at the Villages of Shirlington on S. 28th Street.

THANK YOU DELLYN!

Many thanks to Dellyn Periandri for organizing Alcovia Heights' 19th Annual National Night Out, August 6th. Adults and children enjoyed the ice cream as well as the demonstration by the Arlington County Police dog. It was a nice evening in the park - Thank-you Dellyn.

National Night Out is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and law enforcement-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



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REGISTER NOW FOR GROCERY STORE PROGRAMS

Please help our local schools earn educational funds and materials during the 2002-2003 school year. It's easy and it's free. The school codes listed below are for Barcroft Elementary school, however you can go to the websites listed below to find the codes for other local schools. You register once for each (no saving grocery receipts) and Barcroft benefits for the remainder of the school year.

1) Giant: You can register on line. Barcroft's ID number is 02199.

http://www.giantfood.com/bonuscard_aplus_pin.cfm

2) Harris Teeter: To join, simply give the cashier your VIC Card and the school's Together In Education number (4238) before your groceries are scanned. Or register on-line at:

http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_ed.php?tie_state=VA

3) Target: Every time you use your Target Visa or Target Guest Card at a Target store or target.com, Target will donate an amount equal to 1% of Target Visa and Target Guest Card purchases made at Target and target.com, and 1/2% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere, to the eligible K-12 school of your choice.

Here is the site:

http://target.com/target_group/schools/search_school.html

4) Safeway: You can register your Safeway Club card for their new program to benefit the schools. Go to <http://www.escrip.com> to enroll. The Barcroft ID number is 6472509. You can also register your credit cards with them for additional credit.

TRANSIT FORUM

Fast on the heels of the Columbia Pike Urban Design Charrette, Arlington County and CPRO will be hosting the Columbia Pike- Transit Forum On October 18 at 7:30pm at the Sheraton National Hotel, 900 S. Orme Street. The forum will provide broader information on the various transit options under consideration for Columbia Pike

It's no fish story. This is the year of the Pike. If you have any questions, please call Tim Lynch, CPRO, 703-892-2776.

LIGHT IN OCTOBER

(Taken from e-mail by Karl Schwartz)

The Barcroft Neighborhood is just a short distance away and two of their residents have organized a new art event – Light In October – to take place on Saturday, October 12, from 1 PM - 8 PM at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan Street, Arlington. (Corner of S. Buchanan and S. 8th Streets.)

During Light In October, eight local artists will come together to display and offer their fine art for sale. One of the artists and event organizers, Peter Wood, is a metal sculptor and a friend of mine. He is a longtime Arlington resident who lives in Barcroft. (His work may be viewed by visiting his web site at <http://www.rustymetal.com>.)

Light In October will feature sculpture, painting, pottery, jewelry and photography. The display space is equally interesting. The Barcroft Community House (<http://www.bscl.org/bch.htm>) is owned by the neighborhood and was originally a church in the early 1900s. There will be prizes, music and food – a one-day special event.

This is a great opportunity to see local artists display their work! The evening hours of the show will be very interesting as the metal sculptor will display most of his work in the surrounding gardens and will light them up! Check out the event web site at <http://www.lightinOctober.com> for more information.

UPDATE ON MODIFIED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR (MSYC)

The administration, faculty, and parents of Barcroft spent the last year considering a change to its school calendar. This change, if adopted, would likely affect the 2003-2004 school year. Instead of the traditional school calendar, (Sept.-June), the new calendar would shorten the summer weeks from 10 to 5 weeks, and begin around the first week of August. Then, throughout the school year, there would be three optional "intersessions" to provide a fun, hands-on, low-stress, schooling at the end of each 9-week grading period.

Many schools across the country have adopted the modified school calendar with great success. Time is the crucial issue for students, teachers and parents. This new calendar provides more consistent time in school throughout the year to keep from losing so much ground in the summer, as well as lessening "burn-out" for teachers and students.

The Arlington County School Board heard final statements on the MSYC at their 28 September meeting. The school board has scheduled the MSYC for an Action Item on 10 October. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Hughey-Guy, Principal Barcroft Elementary School, at school (703) 228-5838 or contact her via e-mail Mguy@arlington.k12.va.edu.



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