

The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter



July-August 2005

August 6
Sept. 5
Sept. 10

Community BBQ and Beach Party
Labor Day Games
Barge Party

4:00-8:00 pm
Begin 11:00 am
6:00-11:00 pm

August & September Newcomer Events Continue Lake Fun

June featured a tour of the dam. July included kayaking lessons by Lake Barcroft Association Board Member Kevin Howe. In August and September, the Newcomers' Club continues its "summer lake fun" theme by sponsoring the Lake Barcroft family potluck beach barbecue on August 6, followed by the club's annual Barge Party on September 10.

The theme for the beach barbecue is "Night in the Tropics." We encourage everyone to dig out and wear a favorite Hawaiian-style shirt. The evening will include live music and a limbo contest, featuring a bamboo limbo pole harvested from a Lake Barcroft yard just for this occasion! More details are in the box below.

The Barge Party will celebrate the Newcomers' Club's 40th year at Lake Barcroft. Todd and Sam West, 6213 Waterway Drive, will again host the evening's festivities. Barges will depart the dock at 6:00 pm for a tour of the lake with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner, music, and a tribute to the Newcomers' 40 years. *Save \$5 per ticket by renewing your household membership in the Newcomers' Club and purchasing your Barge Party tickets before September 1!* Full details are in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Kevin Howe directs traffic as neighbors board their kayaks and prepare for lessons on July 21. (Photo by Lisa Levine.)

Join your Friends and Neighbors for a "Night in the Tropics"

The First Annual Lake Barcroft Family Potluck Beach BBQ
August 6 (rain date August 7), 4pm-8pm on Beach 5

Live music sponsored by the Lake Barcroft Association
Cost: \$5.00 (children age 2 and under are free)
Main course and beverages will be provided
Beer and wine will be available for \$1.00

Last name starts with A through I: please bring an appetizer
Last name starts with J through R: please bring a salad
Last name starts with S through Z: please bring a dessert

Everyone should bring beach chairs and/or beach blankets
Parking is available on side streets
Volleyball, a limbo contest, and face painting for the kids!

RSVP to Sandy Chiong Ellig at 703-941-4790 or
sandythebeachbum@yahoo.com
Volunteers please call Trish Gomersall at 703-941-3322 or
pgomersall@cftc.gov

Please note: There will not be a lifeguard on duty, so swimming is discouraged.

Workers of Lake Barcroft, Unite! ... Labor Day Games Coming Up

The Newcomers' Club traditionally turns out a contingent to help with the Lake Barcroft Association's Labor Day Games. This year's games will start with a 1 mile race from Beach 3 at 11:30 am, followed by (in order) a penny pile for kids, 3-legged race, sack race, swim across the lake, kayak race (10' maximum), canoe race, sand castle contest, and tug-o-war. The all-day fishing contest runs until 3:00 pm, and sand castles will be judged at 3:00 pm. Events will group contestants by age and gender where appropriate. Registration begins at 11:00 am.

Joe Pisciotta, organizer of the day's events, invites volunteers to contribute original ideas as well as their time. Approximately six people are needed to help with registration, 12 to coordinate the mile run, and four to serve as organizers and judges all day. To volunteer, please contact Joe Pisciotta at 703-914-1453 or joe@americanspiritcc.com



The tour of the dam on June 18 included several exhibits that showcased Lake Barcroft's history and equipment used to maintain the lake. Greg Kastner of Waterway Drive, a junior at the University of Virginia interning with the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District, displays equipment used to remove trees that fall into the lake.



WID's Sam Ellis demonstrates operation of the Covemaster dredger.

Thanks for the Show!

Tim Allen once joked that he could create the ideal theme park for guys with just two sections: one where they used heavy equipment to build things, and one where they used heavy equipment to destroy things. Lake Barcroft offers a somewhat similar experience for both genders in its annual fireworks display. Where else would your next-door neighbors get the chance to set up some major pyrotechnics, and then light them off?

Special thanks go out to the volunteers who set up and/or set off this year's display: Phil Kemelor, Jim Derzon, Stephan Dewilde, Charles Turner, Bryan Snee, Ken Leventhal, Mark Goldenberg, Chris Pabilonia, Kevin Howe, and, of course, crew chief Amon Nixon.

Tour of Dam A Big Draw

"Why don't we have a tour of the dam?," asked one volunteer at a Newcomers' Club meeting this past spring. The Watershed Improvement District staff and trustees were more than willing to host an open house, and 200 neighbors dropped by on June 18.

As a Newcomer Club volunteer at the dam tour food table, I heard many exclamations of delight and thanks -- not just for the wonderful lunch buffet, but also the well-structured exhibits and knowledgeable staff strategically stationed around the compound.

I wished I could have claimed credit for the Newcomers, but "It was all the WID!," I had to say every time. Our Watershed Improvement District staff and trustees get the kudos for this wonderful event.

Perhaps the highlight of the tour was walking out on the dam in small groups and seeing first hand how the dam maintains the lake's water level within very narrow bounds. Guests also saw a demonstration of the Covemaster used for dredging operations and got an up-close look at the aeration compressor used to keep the lake healthy.

Attractions also included equipment used to remove large trees that have fallen into the lake, an exhibit on the Resource Protection Area, pictures of the dam being built, then rebuilt after Hurricane Agnes, and, of course, a beautiful lunch spread. Guests were thrilled to be invited and proud of the professional management of the lake and organization of the WID compound.

Thanks to Andrew Cambern for organizing the event for the Newcomers Club and to Club volunteers Lisa Levine, Trish Gomersall, Sandy Chiong, Anne Simon, and Bill Wasyluk.

But the real big thanks go to WID staff and trustees, who gave up a good part of their Saturday to educate the community. You really showed your stuff!!

Trustees: Charles de Seve, Tony Bracken, and Peter Silvia
 Staff: Davis Grant, Ken Kopka, Sam Ellis, and Jennifer Grant
 Interns: Greg Kastner, Brian Hurley, and David Hurley
 -- Christy Herz

Newest Newcomers

Welcome to our new neighbors!

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| Kyung Cho-Miller | 3756 Tennis Ct. |
| John and Maggie Grove | 3326 Stoneybrae Dr. |
| Maurice Ho and Thi Hoang | 6426 Crosswoods Dr. |
| Ron and Wilma Kaplan | 6410 Crosswoods Dr. |
| Michael Korin, Jr. | 6129 Beachway Dr. |

Volunteers Needed ...

To help with a number of upcoming community events that the Newcomers' Club either sponsors or traditionally supports.

The club's signature project is delivery of gift bags, loaded with both goodies and information about the community, to new neighbors. We still need volunteers to help stuff and deliver these bags. To help, contact Christy Herz, cfherz@cox.net, or 703-256-5533.

Major events the rest of this year include:

Community BBQ and Family Beach Party: August 6 (Rain Date: August 7)

Plan to join Lake Barcroft residents for a traditional beach party and BBQ at Beach 5, to include live bluegrass music, a limbo contest, and kids' activities. The entire family is welcome. To help out, contact Trish Gomersall, 703-941-3322. To RSVP, contact Sandy Chiong Ellig, sandythebeachbum@yahoo.com, or 703-941-4790.

Labor Day Games – September 5

The Labor Day Games feature competitive events for the whole family, including swimming competitions, a fishing contest, and a variety of games for landlubbers as well. About 40 people are needed to help set up, referee, and judge. Coordinator: Joe Pisciotta, 703-914-1453, or joe@americanspiritcc.com.



Newcomers' Barge Party – September 10



This year's Barge Party will celebrate the Newcomers' Club's 40th anniversary at Lake Barcroft. Partygoers enjoy cocktails and a sunset cruise around the lake, followed by dinner under the stars. Coordinator: Alison Oleson, Alison@daisyevents.com, 703-941-1202.

Holiday Gift Exchange – December 10

A traditional holiday party that includes the famous "gift stealing" game. A location and committee members are still needed; if you can't volunteer yourself, volunteer your house! Coordinator: Colleen Coyle, 703-642-8347, or ccoyle@akingump.com.

Newcomers' Board

President:	Lisa Levine	642-0904
VP:	Sam West	256-8777
Treasurer:	Anne Simon	750-0006
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Management:	Matt Friedman	658-3169
Membership:	Christy Herz	256-5533
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Newsletter:	Sandy Chiong & Jerry Ellig	941-4790

About the Newsletter...

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Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Membership Form

Names of Household Members:

Street Address _____

Falls Church, VA Zip Code _____

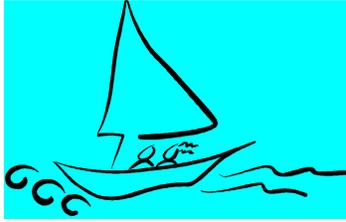
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Is this a new membership? Yes No

New Member Move-in Date: _____

***Dues for the fiscal year are \$15 per household, due on Sept. 1.

**Please send your Membership Form to Christy Herz,
6538 Jay Miller Dr., Falls Church, VA 22041. Make
checks payable to LB Newcomers.**



40th Anniversary Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Barge Party

Saturday, September 10th 2005 6pm to 11pm
Location: Sam and Todd West's home 6213 Waterway Drive

In celebration of Newcomers' 40th anniversary, the annual barge party will be the most exciting evening of the year! All Lake Barcroft residents and guests are invited to attend this adult oriented event. Invite former neighbors that have left Barcroft but would enjoy reminiscing over 40 years with the Newcomers Club. Everyone would enjoy seeing former Newcomers members!

Barges will depart at 6pm for a special tour of the lake. This year's event will include music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and a tribute to the 40 years of Newcomers.

Tickets: \$44 Newcomer Club member OR \$49 for non-club members*

*Newcomer Club membership renewal is due September 1, 2005. Don't forget to include your 2005-2006 membership renewal for \$15 per household, to ensure the discounted admission rate.

REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL LAKE BARCROFT NEWCOMERS' BARGE PARTY

CONTACT NAME _____	ADDRESS _____
GUEST NAME _____	_____
GUEST NAME _____	PHONE NUMBER* _____
GUEST NAME _____	EMAIL* _____

*Phone number and email will be used in case there is a weather-related change of plans

2005/2006 NEWCOMERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - \$15 PER HOUSEHOLD	\$ _____
BARGE PARTY FOR MEMBERS - \$44x NUMBER OF GUESTS	\$ _____
BARGE PARTY FOR NON-MEMBERS - \$49x NUMBER OF GUESTS	\$ _____
REGISTRATION AFTER SEPT 1 ST - \$49x NUMBER OF GUESTS	\$ _____
LAKE BARCROFT LEXAN WINE GLASSES* - \$5x NUMBER	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

*Wine glasses will be delivered at the registration table on the evening of the party.

Make checks payable to Lake Barcroft Newcomers Club. Mail checks and registration form to Alison Oleson 3409 Barger drive, Falls Church Virginia 22044

Questions? Call Alison Oleson at 703-941-1202 or email Alison@daisyevents.com