

The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter



May-June 2006

July 4
July 12
August 5
September 4
September 9

Fireworks
Dinner out at Bamian
Beach Party
Labor Day Games
Barge Party

Daytime Setup; Nighttime Setoff
7:00 pm
4:00-8:00 pm
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
TBA

Hot Summer Events

July 14: Dinner Out at Bamian

Where: Bamian Afghan Restaurant
5634 Leesburg Pike

When: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$30/person (beverages extra)

Bring: Cash or check made out to Lake Barcroft Newcomers

RSVP: Trish Gomersall, 703-941-3322
pgomersall@cftc.gov

Bamian is located in Bailey's Crossroads near Babies 'R Us. We've arranged a menu that includes appetizer, entrée, and dessert for \$30 per person (incl. tax and tip, beverages extra). Since the Newcomers' Club will coordinate payment, please bring cash or a check made out to Lake Barcroft Newcomers; no credit card payments.

August 5: Potluck Beach BBQ

Where: Beach 5

When: 4:00-8:00 pm (Rain date August 6)

Cost: \$5 per person (children 2 & under free)
Beer and wine \$1

Bring: Family names A-G bring appetizer
Family names H-P bring a salad
Family names Q-Z bring dessert
Everyone bring beach chairs or blankets

RSVP: Andrew Cambern, 703-244-5001
Andrew@yourbesthomes.com

The Newcomers' Club will furnish the main course and beverages. Back by popular demand – live music by Randy Barrett and the Barrettones (cosponsored by the Lake Barcroft Association.)

This is a great time to dig out your Hawaiian-style shirts. We'll have volleyball, a limbo contest, live music, and kids' activities. No swimming is allowed during this event. But eat, drink, dance, volley, gab, and limbo till you drop!

Volunteers are still needed to help with setup, cleanup, grilling, etc. Contact the event coordinator, Trish Gomersall, 703-941-3322 pgomersall@cftc.gov



Sand Day. Above, Matt Friedman takes a break from selling Sand Day snacks to demonstrate limbo technique. Below, Newcomers volunteers serving lunch included (l to r) Matt Friedman, Sandy Chiong, Suzanne Friedman, and Jerry Ellig (grilling). (Photos by Andrew Cambern.)



Next Newcomer Meeting: July 10

The next Newcomers' Club meeting to plan future events will occur at the home of Heather Thomas, 3319 Stoneybrae Dr., 7:30 pm. Come meet the board members and have a say in club activities. Lotsa volunteers are still needed for gift bag delivery, the Beach BBQ, Labor Day Games, and the Barge Party; this is your chance to get involved!

Newest Newcomers

Welcome our newest neighbors!

John and Chrissy McManus

6112 Beachway

New neighbors are listed in The Newcomer after a member of the Newcomers' Club has personally delivered a gift bag and confirmed that they have moved in. So sometimes there's a lag. Even so, it took us seven months to catch up with John and Chrissy, and we extend our apologies!



More than 100 neighbors turned out to tour the dam and examine exhibits detailing the lake's history on June 3. Above, Watershed Improvement District Operations Manager Davis Grant, Office Manager Jennifer Grant, and Andrew Cambern, who coordinated the Newcomers' Club volunteers for the event, pose by the catwalk to the dam. Special thanks to Brooke Short, Warren Russell, Donna Tamas, Kent Christian, Heather Thomas, Trish Gomersall, Kevin Howe, Carolyn Coldren, and Ralph Petta for pitching in to help out.

Club Events and Activities 2006

The Newcomers' Club typically hosts a social event each month. If we're not hosting an event, we're usually supplying a contingent of volunteers to support other Lake Barcroft community activities. Details on July and August events are on page 1 of this newsletter.

Additional volunteers are always welcome; contact the event coordinator if you can help out. If you'd like to coordinate or host an event, please contact Lisa Levine, llevineny@hotmail.com, or 703-642-0904.

Year Round Project: Gift Bags

The Newcomer's Club's signature project is delivery of gift bags, loaded with goodies and information about the community, to new neighbors. Deliver a bag, and be the first to meet someone new! To help, contact Sandy Chiong, 703-941-4790, or sandythebeachbum@yahoo.com.

July 4th Fireworks

The Newcomers' Club traditionally turns out a contingent of volunteers to help set up – and set off! – the fireworks. If you enjoy digging in the dirt and lighting things that blow up, this one's for you! Coordinator: Amon Nixon, 703-575-9404.



The dredger in action – along with a sample of trash hauled out of the lake. A poster on the barge indicated that debris removed from the lake in 2005 filled 161 large trash cans, 45 flat barge loads, and 14 harvester loads.

September 4: Labor Day Games

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 24 people are needed to help set up, referee, and judge. Coordinator: Joe Pisciotta, 703-914-1453, or a2jpisciotta@aol.com.

September 9: Newcomers' Barge Party

Partygoers enjoy cocktails and a sunset cruise around the lake, followed by dinner under the stars. This year's hosts are Gabe Nassar and Ann Gamber, 6436 Lakeview Dr. It takes a big crew to pull off this event! To help, contact coordinator: Sam West, toddnsam@earthlink.net, or 703-256-8777.

November 4: Cocktail Party

Eva Kozstarab and Ken Kastner, 6327 Waterway Dr., will host. Coordinator: Lisa Levine, llevineny@hotmail.com, or 703-642-0904. Watch Lakelink and future newsletters for details!

December 9: Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

A traditional holiday party that includes the famous White Elephant "gift stealing" game. Coordinator: Colleen Coyle, 703-642-8347, or cchoyle@akingump.com.

Fiesta Latina – *Muy Caliente!*

More than 50 Newcomers' Club members and guests attended the fabulous Cocktail Fiesta Latina at Carolyn Coldren's lakefront home on April 22. The party was "hot, hot, hot" and full of Latin spirit despite the heavy rain. Young and old enjoyed bocaditos, mini-tacos, spinach nuggets, chips and mango salsa, cashews, veggies and dip, cheese and crackers, and shrimp while listening to the Buena Vista Social Club, tangueros, latin rock and jazz.

The margaritas disappeared in record time, but the Cuba Libres (rum and coke), beer, juice and soda kept everyone refreshed. Mille gracias (a thousand thanks) to bartender Andy Cambern, Miranda Thomas, Trish Gomersall, Colleen Coyle, Sam West, and hostess with the mostest Carolyn. Carolyn was heard to remark that it was a great way to throw a party – let Newcomers do everything including shopping, set-up and clean-up. We had a wonderful time and hope all the other partygoers did too. Gracias a todos.

-- Anne Simon



The party sported a Latin theme that included margaritas, Cuba Libres, and some classy dressers. Andrew Cambern (left) shows off his cocktail mixing style. Matt Friedman and Warren Russell (below) demonstrate two radically different sartorial variations on the evening's motif. (Photos by Anne Simon.)



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Newcomers' Board

Board members now serve staggered terms; the year in which the current term expires is in parentheses.

President (2006)	Lisa Levine 703-642-0904 llevineny@hotmail.com
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Hospitality (2006)	Andrew Cambern Andrew@yourbesthomes.com
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In addition to these posts, the board can include an unlimited number of at-large members who coordinate specific events or undertake other projects for the benefit of the membership. At-large members thus far for 2006 include Colleen Coyle, Trish Gomersall, Joe Pisciotta, and Bill Wasylyk. Plan a party, and your name could be here!

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Membership Form

Dues for the fiscal year are \$15 per household, for Sept. 2005-Sept. 2006. Members receive discounted admission to most Club events.

Mail to Heather Thomas, 3319 Stoneybrae Dr., 22041. Make checks (in \$US) payable to LB Newcomers.

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: _____

I want to pitch in to help make the Newcomers' Club go! Please contact me about:

- _____ Helping with drop-off of gift bags and greeting new neighbors
 - _____ Hosting an event in our home (Club brings all supplies and provides setup/clean-up)
 - _____ Coordinating an event
 - _____ Assisting with setup/cleanup and/or other logistics involved with an event
 - _____ Writing, photography, or other work on the Newcomer's Club's newsletter
 - _____ Other (Be creative! How can you help?)
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