

Lake

Barcroft

APRIL 2007

Newsletter



Ready, set, clean up our beaches

Joe Pisciotta, newly elected LBA Board member, is the new Beach Maintenance & Water Safety Coordinator.

Spring has sprung and Joe is ready to throw all of his organizational skills and enthusiasm into getting the beaches ready for all the Lake's summer events and activities.

The all-important pre-season **Beach Clean-Up on May 5** is the first step before new white sand can be delivered and spread on all of the beaches. This will be followed by the **May 12 Sand Day** on Beach 4 for all of the kids. (See details on Page 5.)

The first thing for everyone to know is that this is not a one-man job. Joe is calling for beach captain volunteers from the community to help coordinate the spring cleaning of the beaches closest to their homes. Call Joe at 703-914-1453, or email him at Joe@Americanspiritcc.com to volunteer.

Official opening of the Beaches is May 19.

Don't forget ...

**WID
Annual
Meeting**



Photo by Tom Donlan

Wed., April 25, 6 p.m.

Fortune Restaurant
at Seven Corners



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Spring flowers at Beach 1 — Daffodils bring spring warmth to the chilliest spirit.

LBA President's Report

Lifeguards, Earth Day, May 5 clean-up

By Stuart Feldstein

LBA's well-attended annual meeting has come and gone. We heard informative reports about developments at Glasgow Middle School and the Bailey's Crossroads revitalization efforts. And, of lesser importance, the revolution didn't materialize so you are stuck with me for another year. Seriously, thank you for putting your confidence in me and the rest of our fine Board.

May 5 is a very important day in our annual drive to get the beaches and the Lake ready for the summer season. This is Beach Clean-Up day. Everyone, man, woman and child, is urged to bring gloves and rakes and come on down to

the nearest beach to help in this once-a-year effort. If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate efforts at your beach, please call Joe Pisciotta at 703-914-1453. We're counting on you.

Come April, the Lake's many outdoor activities begin to sprout. There are two events on April 14, the Woman's Club Plant Swap at the Community Garden and an Emergency Preparedness educational session at Beach 5. On April 21, Earth Day, there will be a major planting session at the new RPA Demonstration Garden at Beach 5.

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Our Milestones column is looking for news of our neighbors—honors and awards, graduations, honor rolls, retirements, births and deaths. If you have information for Milestones, please call 703-941-0112 or email ckdonlan@aol.com.



Photo by Tom Donlan

Taste of the Town — Lake Barcrofters Cindy Waters (left) and Betsy Washington bring out another tray of desserts at JEB Stuart High School's Taste of the Town fundraiser. Details on Page 4.

Alice Lima-Whitney of Edgewater Drive tells us: **Lucas Joseph de La Roche** was born on Feb. 14. His parents are **Alice and Georges de La Roche** of Beachway Drive. He joins his brother **Dantes**, 4 ½, and his big sister **Olivia**, 2.

Sue Sands of Jay Miller Drive writes: Many of you know **Ruth and Leonard Aaronson**, as at one time they were very active in our community. They lived on Blair Road for about 43 years, then moved to Leisure World in Leesburg, and are now living in Arlington at The Jefferson. They are celebrating their 90th birthdays this year.

As their daughter, I grew up on Blair Road and have owned my home on Jay Miller for 30 years. I assist them when they dine out with Lake Barcroft friends such as Polly and Clay Thompson of Blair Road and Martin and Colette Convisser of Beachway Drive. My parents' fondest memories are of their years in Lake Barcroft and they send their best wishes to all their friends who are still in the community. Their phone number is 703-527-7905.

Dann Determan of Pinetree Terrace writes: It is with great sadness that I write to inform the community that **Gary Sellers**, 71, husband of Sally Determan, was killed in a car accident on March 13. Gary was returning to his Pinetree Terrace home from his beloved cherry orchard in Flint Hill in Rappahannock County, Va. A native of Detroit and a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Gary lived his adult life in the D.C. metro area. He was general counsel for the original Ralph Nader organization and later was instrumental in the passage of OSHA and the Mineworker Safety Act.

Gary could often be seen taking long swims in the Lake, even during the non-summer months when a wetsuit was required. Certainly one of the Lake's more colorful characters, Gary was passionate about everything — his politics, his genuine interest and fascination with the people he'd met, and especially his love for my mother. He was as generous as he was unorganized, as thoughtful as he was opinionated, and was just as likely to say something incredibly insightful as

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Neighbors

A series of profiles on some of the extraordinary people at the Lake and those who have made Lake Barcroft an extraordinary place to live. If you know someone who should be profiled, please contact Carol Donlan.

Roxanna Douglas and Ron Oxley



Photo by Tom Donlan

HOME STORY: Ron, who “wanted an unusual neighborhood with an exceptional view,” moved to Lake Barcroft in 1979. Roxanna joined him in 1984. They still live in Ron’s original home on Lakeview Drive, but, says Roxanna, “It is much, much changed.” They have replaced the flat roof with a peaked roof, built two additions, done extensive landscaping, added brick pavers, enclosed a swimming pool, and eliminated the hill on which the driveway was built.

CAREERS: Ron, a member of the Senior Executive Service, retired from a 28-year civilian career with the Department of Defense in 1995. He then held executive positions at L-3 Communications, Emergent Information Technologies and Litton/PRC. He now provides business consulting services and serves on the board of directors of WidePoint Corporation. Roxanna was manager of business publications for McGraw-Hill before retiring in 1994. She now works “flexible, part-time” assisting Dr. Robin Rinearson, an optometrist who lives in Lake Barcroft and practices in Bailey’s Crossroads.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Roxanna has been president of Barcrofters for 11 years. Barcrofters, a social club open to all women in Lake Barcroft, holds 10 events a year, including the annual Barge Party in June. Evening events allow career women and husbands to participate. She has also been vice president and a board member of the Woman’s Club. Ron was the 1967-68 president of LABARCA, one of the two associations that merged to become the Lake Barcroft Association, and served as a LABARCA board member for 7 years.

PETS: The couple has four cats: Coco, a seal point Siamese; Chance, a domestic medium-hair shelter adoptee; Sophie, an Angora also adopted from a shelter; and Ashton, a lilac point Siamese and the only male.

HOBBIES: “We love going out on our boat, and Ron likes to play golf,” Roxanna says. They belong to two Lake Barcroft groups that regularly have dinner in each other’s homes. Roxanna participates in the Lake Barcroft book club, and enjoys knitting. Her knitting teacher is Lake Barcrofter Debra Lee.

WHAT MAKES LAKE BARCROFT SPECIAL? “The obvious thing is the Lake and the way the Lake builds a cohesive community,” says Roxanna. “You’re out on the Lake and see people you know. We never want to leave.”



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— Gloria Pearlstein, *Barcroft News Staff*



Taste of the Town raised a record \$41,000

Stuart High School's 2007 Taste of the Town raised a record \$41,000 for school activities. More than 800 people attended, which was also a record. Chairman Diane Weeks of Lakeview Drive said, "It's something that started a long time ago but every year we learn a little more to make it better and better."

Other Lake Barcroft workers on Taste of the Town included Nancy Moy, publicity, Betsy Washington, auction items, and Jane Mattoon, live auction and raffle. Dan Mattoon and George Waters were auctioneers.

Things that worked better this year: Putting more items in the silent auction, to save the live auction for a few of the most special — and priciest — items. Food stations were spread all around the area, rather than concentrating in one place. And check-out was improved, with more people and an extra credit-card machine.

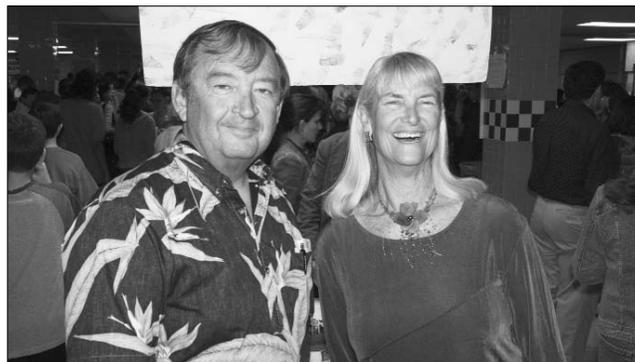


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Taste of the Town — Tom and Trippi Penland of Waterway Drive, who founded JEB Stuart High School PTSA's Taste of the Town fundraiser 10 years ago, attended the 2007 event.

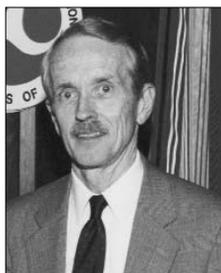
Milestones continued — remembering our neighbors

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he was to tell a wholly-inappropriate dirty joke. Gary was one of a kind, and will be missed by the many people whose hearts he touched.

Gary is survived by Sally, a brother and two stepsons. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that his friends consider making donations in his name to the Project on Government Secrecy (<http://www.fas.org/sgp/>), 1717 K St., N.W., Suite 209, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Barbara Kreykenbohm of Stoneybrae Drive writes: I'm sorry to report that **Francis O'Malley** of Lakeview Drive, a resident of the Lake since 1965, died on March 15. A funeral Mass is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on May 24 at the Fort Myer Chapel and burial at Arlington Cemetery.



Family Photo
Ed O'Hara in 1991.

Marty Convisser of Beachway Drive writes: I am saddened to inform the community that **Ed O'Hara**, a former long-time Lake Barcroft resident, died March 19 in Durham, N.C., where he and his wife Peg moved a few years ago.

Ed was a TV reporter in Minneapolis when he met Peg, who was reporting for a newspaper. In the early 1960s, they moved to the Washington area where Ed worked for the Agriculture Department and then moved to the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The O'Haras bought their house at 6202 Beachway Dr. in 1965, where they raised their three children, Mark, Gail and Gavin. They moved to Durham a few years ago to be closer to two of their children and their four grandchildren.

After working for many years at OEO, Ed moved to the Department of Transportation, where he published a highly regarded magazine. He retired from DOT. Not long after moving to Durham, Ed was diagnosed with a form of Parkinson's dis-

ease. He had been in failing health for the past year.

For those wishing to express their condolences, Peg's address is 3901 Sunningdale Way, Durham, NC 27707. Peg expects to have a memorial service for Ed on Saturday, May 5.

Latimer William (Bill) Glowa, 98, of Lakeview Dr., died of an apparent heart attack on March 25. Bill lived with his wife of 64 years, Mary Duff Glowa, and could frequently be found sitting at the foot of his driveway engaging every passer-by in discussion. He was a central figure in the Area 1 community. Bill led an interesting life at MIT, in aviation, for the War Department, in the military, at the CIA and with the National Security Agency. For more, written by his appreciative friends and neighbors, please see the LBA website at www.lakebarcroft.org.

Attention 2007 graduates (or their parents)

The Lake community is proud of the accomplishments of all of its members graduating at any time in 2007, and would like to recognize them in the June newsletter. We hope that all graduates, or one of their parents, will send us the following information no later than May 15:

- ▶ Name of Graduate
- ▶ School awarding diploma or degree
- ▶ Degree earned and/or honors (if appropriate)
- ▶ Plans for fall (i.e. school, job, military etc.)

We don't want to leave anyone out. Please respond to Ellen Feldstein at efeditor@cox.net or 703-941-1723.





Community Bulletin Board

From the office of Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross ...

The proposed FY 2008 county budget continues to be the focus of many discussions at the Board level. The County Executive's budget presentation is available on the county's cable Channel 16; on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov and copies of the budget are available for review at all Fairfax County Public Library branches and my office. The Board's public hearings for the budget will begin on the evening of Monday, April 9, and continue on the evenings of April 10 and 11. You may register to speak at the public hearing by calling the Clerk to the Board's Office at 703-324-3151, or TTY 703-324-2391; or sign up to testify on-line by e-mail at clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Board of Supervisors will mark up the budget on April 23, in preparation for final adoption on April 30. The FY 2008 county budget will take effect on July 1, 2007.

The 2007 Culmore Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon. (See the companion story on this page.) Support can be provided in the form of monetary donations, food, water, door prizes, or volunteers. All donations go toward the cleanup. Monetary donations pay for cleanup supplies — food, water, and door prizes are given to the volunteers who participate in the cleanup. If you would like to help, let us know. Contact Supervisor Gross's office at 703-256-7717, or email mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.

April 16 is the last day this tax season that AARP will offer free tax help to residents at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. If you need assistance with filing your federal and state tax forms, AARP volunteers will provide walk-in service on Mondays and Thursdays: 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Saturdays: 9 a.m. to noon. All returns are filed electronically. Remember to bring last year's tax return, a photo ID, and your Social Security Card. For more information about AARP Tax-Aide, visit www.aarp.org/taxaide, or call 1-888-227-7669.

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) has added two more selections to its annual spring seedling sale. The "Winter is Our Season" collection includes 16 plants for \$17.95 (sales tax included) while supplies last. A full non-refundable payment must accompany orders, which must be received by April 16. For additional information, call the NVSWCD at 703-324-1460; TTY 711; or stop by their office at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 905 in Fairfax. To view images of the seedlings, or to obtain an order form, visit the NVSWCD Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm.

7th annual Sand Day — Saturday, May 12

Who: Families with young children, grandparents who enjoy seeing kids have fun, all Barcroft residents who like picnics on the beach

What: Games for children, food for all (sold by the Newcomers' Club)

Where: Beach 4

When: Activities starting at 11 a.m., with organized games beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Why: The attraction is a truckload of sand delivered to the beach but not yet spread. Kids can play in the sand and participate in games. Adults can act childish if they want, or simply enjoy spring weather and conversation with neighbors.



Youth leaders of Sand Day are Amanda Infeld of Beachway Drive and Christine Allen of Pinetree Terrace. They are seeking helpers ages 11 and up to run the games for children in three age groups: 2 - 4 years old, 5 - 8, and over 9. For more information contact Amanda (arinfeld@cox.net) or Christine, 703-931-8092.

Adults are needed to help with the sale of picnic fare such as hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, chips, sodas, bottled water, juice boxes and cookies. For information contact Newcomers' Club President Miranda Thomas, 703-942-5775.

Rain date is May 13. If the event is postponed from May 12, look for an announcement on LakeLink.

Culmore Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 12



Join your friends cleaning our Culmore neighborhood. Help out by cleaning up your yard, picking up trash on Clean-Up Day and keeping our community clean all year long.

The Lake Barcroft Woman's Club is one of the supporters again this year as are Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club and Starbucks, which will be providing coffee and goodies in the morning. Please bring your families and join this community effort; together we can make our community a beautiful place.

To sign up, please call Woodrow Wilson Library, 703-820-8774, ext 4. For more information visit our web site at www.culmore2007.blogspot.com.

— Peg Corl, *Special to Barcroft News*

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2413 Blair Rd.*	\$289,200	\$260,780	-4.2%	\$225,000		\$225,000	-1%	Rambler	3	2.5	1		Jan.
2415 Blair Rd.**	\$232,400	\$209,460	-4.3%	\$625,000	\$1,000	\$634,000	21%	4-level Split	4	2	2		Feb.
6404 Lyric Ln.*	\$680,240	\$642,320	-5.6%	\$650,000		\$650,000	1%	4-level Split	4	3		2	Mar.
6417 Lakeview Dr.	\$686,910	\$648,220	-5.6%	\$677,500		\$677,500	5%	Bi-level	4	2.5		1	Feb.
6431 Jay Miller Dr.**	\$654,890	\$619,200	-5.4%	\$695,000	\$13,000	\$682,000	10%	Rambler	4	3			Jan.
6433 Lakeview Dr.	\$671,970	\$634,970	-5.5%	\$700,000		\$700,000	10%	Bi-level	4	2	2		Jan.
6378 Dockser Terr.	\$708,830	\$668,250	-5.7%	\$720,000		\$720,000	2%	Rambler	5	3		2	Mar.
2440 Blair Rd.***	\$1,239,330	\$1,182,100	-4.6%	\$1,275,000		\$1,275,000	2%	Rambler	5	4	2		Jan.

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As house prices dip, assessments are catching up with prices

By Tom Donlan
Barcroft News Staff

If you were watching your wealth increase every year as home prices rose, 2007 may not be your happiest year. Assessments in Lake Barcroft generally fell 5% to 10%. On the other hand, if paying your property tax bill was one of the most painful moments of the year, 2007 brought relief. Those falling assessments mean slightly lower tax bills this year.

You can check your own assessments and those of comparable houses on the Internet. Fairfax County posts annual assessment data going back to 2000 and property sales data going back at least as far as the founding of Lake Barcroft, at http://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/re_home.htm. From that page, click on "Click Here" in the second paragraph then click on "Address" on the resulting page. That takes you to a page where you can enter a street name or a specific address. Caution: The box marked "suffix" means a box where you should put a two-letter abbreviation for "street" or "lane" or "drive" or whatever. There is a pull-down box so you get it right.

Here's a brief summary of what you can learn about property values in Lake Barcroft, based on a casual survey of house information on Lakeview, Waterway and Beachway Drives. It includes a sample of case histories, using round numbers to avoid being too specific about anyone's particular house.

Property values roughly doubled between 2000 and 2005, and almost all values rose again in 2006. Since 2003, assessed land values have risen fast while house assessments have gone up more slowly, and this is especially true on the Lake where many land assessments have tripled in recent years. For 2007, land assessments mostly were unchanged, and many house assessments were down.

It's important to understand that most assessments long have trailed the market value, sometimes by large percentages. Currently, it looks as though assessed values are closer to actual selling prices.

Some samples:

- ▶ A waterfront house sold for \$450,000 in 2000 when the assessment was \$520,000, \$965,000 in 2003 when the assessment was \$775,000 and \$1.25 million in 2006 when the assessment was \$1.28 million. For 2007, the assessment is \$1.23 million.
- ▶ A non-lakefront house that sold for \$330,000 in 1988 and \$540,000 in 2001 when the assessment was \$355,000 sold for \$750,000 in 2006 when the assessment was \$755,000. The 2007 assessment is \$712,000.
- ▶ A non-lakefront house that sold in 2002 for \$435,000 was assessed that year for \$370,000. It sold again in 2006 for \$825,000 when it was assessed for \$625,000. This year it's assessed for \$730,000.
- ▶ A non-lakefront house sold in 1999 for \$305,000. The next year it was assessed for \$290,000. By 2006 it was assessed for \$640,000 and sold that year for \$645,000. In 2007 it was assessed for \$606,000.
- ▶ A non-lakefront house that sold in 2001 for \$540,000 was assessed that year for \$350,000. In 2006, it was assessed for \$755,000 and sold for \$750,000. In 2005 it was assessed for \$712,000.
- ▶ A waterfront house that sold for \$250,000 in 1981 sold for \$965,000 in 2003, when it was assessed at \$776,000, and sold again at \$1.25 million in 2006, when it was assessed at \$1.28 million. The 2007 assessment is \$1.23 million.

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Coming up — Spring luncheon at the Tower Club

By Burma Klein and Eva Kosztarab
Lake Barcroft Woman's Club

Club members won't want to miss our annual spring luncheon on Wednesday, May 16, at 11:30 a.m., at the Tower Club. The luncheon will include installation of officers and planning for next year. For reservations, send your \$30 check, made payable to the Lake Barcroft Woman's Club, to Carol Tether at 6400 Lyric Lane, Falls Church, VA 22044. Carol can be reached at 703-914-2882. Please reserve early as the Skyline Room holds a maximum of 50 people.

Slate of Officers, 2007-2008

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Eva Kosztarab

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Debbie McManis and
Wilma Kaplan

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When: May 16, 2007, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Where: Tower Club
Skyline Room
8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 1700
Vienna, VA 22182
Tel: 703-761-4250

Menu: Soup, salad and sandwich buffet, coffee, hot tea and iced tea. Wine tickets may be purchased for \$7.25 per glass.

Cost: \$30 per person

Special Interest Groups

The Crafts Group will be sewing a spiral bead necklace at their next meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 26. Please contact Bonnie Blyth, group organizer, 703-750-0596 or bonnie.blyth@us.army.mil, to let her know if you wish to attend and to find out about the supplies you will need if you did not attend the March 22 meeting. The Crafts Group gets together on the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at 6509 Jay Miller Dr.

The Movie Adventure Group will meet at the home of Debbie McManis, 6337 Waterway Dr., at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 to carpool over to the theater. Contact Debbie, dmc6337@verizon.net or 703-941-4048, and let her know if you want to be a part of this group. Last month they enjoyed *The Last King of Scotland*.

The Downtown Attractions Group had a wonderful 1¼-hour tour of the Hirshhorn Museum on March 1. Janine Green, Lake Barcroft resident and a docent for 20 years led the group through all the major exhibitions, explaining the history of many of the paintings as well as helping the group interpret the artists' intentions in creating their works. The group unanimously agreed to ask Janine for a second tour focusing on the many sculptures in the Hirshhorn Museum.

Morning Book Club — Friday, April 27

Don't miss a lively discussion of *Moonlight Hotel* by Scott Anderson. Books are on reserve at the Woodrow Wilson Library at 6101 Knollwood Dr., 703-820-8774. We will be meeting at 10 a.m. Please contact Dorothy Werner at 703-820-0545 for our meeting place. We look forward to seeing you.

Woman's Club donates tree for Arbor Day

The Bailey's Beautification Alliance (BBA), founded and run by Club members Peg Corl and Priscilla Weck, has celebrated Arbor Day in Bailey's Park for the last five years. This year the celebration will be on Friday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. There will be a children's parade, posters, music, and cookies. In addition, the Woman's Club will donate this year's tree — a Serviceberry, a native of our area. Bailey's Park is on Glen Carlyn Drive, adjacent to the Woodrow Wilson library. Please drop by and enjoy the festivities.

Rusticway Chamber Music Series



Photo by Kris Gilbert

In spite of ice and snow, some 35 guests made their way to the Rusticway Chamber Music Series on Feb. 25 featuring guitar/lutenist Carey Harwood and tenor Robert Glaubitz — the Conundrum Duo. Also singing was soprano Alexandra Normile.

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See what the Newcomers' Club has in store for the rest of the year

By Miranda Thomas
Newcomers' Club President



The Newcomers' Club is looking forward to offering more fine opportunities for the community to get together this year. We've already hosted a fun and tasty Chili and Cornbread cook-off in February at the home of Kathy and Nolan Stokes, and the Hail Spring! Happy Hour in March at the home of Ron and Wilma Kaplan. Here is a sampling of what's coming up:

May 4 — **Tequila Tasting** at the home of Todd and Sam West (6213 Waterway Drive). A "Cuatro de Mayo" affair that will get you acquainted with a few fine Tequilas.

May 12 — Newcomers' Club joins LBA to sponsor **Sand Day**, a fun and family-friendly event to usher in the use of our beaches.

July — **Brunch out with the Newcomers'** awaits scheduling for later in July at a local restaurant.

Aug. 4 (rain date Aug 5) — The 3rd Annual **Bluegrass & BBQ on the Beach** at Beach 5, a traditional beach party complete with games, food and music, co-sponsored with the LBA.

Sept. 3 — **Labor Day Games** at Beach 3. An action-packed farewell to summer with competitive events for the entire family co-sponsored with the LBA.

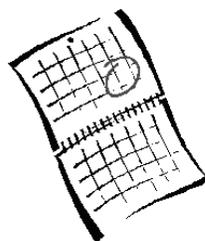
Sept./Oct. — **The Newcomers' Club Barge Party**, one of our most popular events. Barge captains take you for a cocktail-hour cruise around the Lake, followed by a catered meal, music and dancing.

Post-Thanksgiving — A new neighborhood tradition gets underway with a **Festive Home Decoration Contest**. Impress the judges with your snowmen, lights, or other festive display and win a prize along with the admiration of your neighbors.

Dec. — Another annual favorite is the **Holiday Party**, featuring a White Elephant exchange and our very special Santa and Elf.

We'd love for you to get involved. We always welcome new members and volunteers. Joining the Newcomers' Club for \$20 per household ensures you discounted fees and advance notice of all events. To join, please contact Heather Thomas at 703-914-1107. To find out how you can help, contact Miranda Thomas, 703-942-5775.

Finally, you can stay on top of all the events (past and future) by reading our Newcomers newsletter, distributed to club members and available online at <http://www.lakebarcroft.org/cm/clubs/newcomers.shtml>.



Lake Barcroft Calendar

Compiled by Ellen Feldstein,
EFEditor@cox.net

April 11	7:30 p.m.	LBA Meeting 6425 Lakeview Dr.
April 14	10 a.m.	Woman's Club Plant Swap Community Garden
April 14	12:30 p.m.	Emergency Preparedness Event Beach 5
April 14	7 p.m.	Barcrofters Party 3538 Pinetree Terrace
April 21	9 a.m.	Planting RPA Demonstration Garden Beach 5
April 25	6 p.m.	WID Annual Meeting Fortune Restaurant
April 29	3 p.m.	Music on the Lake Koam Trio (piano/violin/cello) 6204 Lakeview Dr.
May 3	11:30 a.m.	Barcrofters Luncheon 6514 Lakeview Dr.
May 4	TBA	Newcomers' Tequila Tasting Party 6213 Waterway Dr.
May 5	—	Beach Clean-Up Day
May 8	7:30 p.m.	LBA Board Meeting 6425 Lakeview Dr.
May 12	9 a.m.	Culmore Clean-Up Woodrow Wilson Library
May 12	11 a.m.	Sand Day Beach 4
May 16	11:30 a.m.	Woman's Club Spring Luncheon Tower Club
May 19	—	Beaches Open!

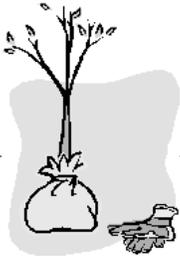
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Beach 5 RPA Demonstration Garden Plant List

Note: We are not taking donations of live plants.

No.	Species (common name)	Size	Price Each	Total Cost
TREES:				
7	Amelanchier x grandiflora (Autumn Brilliance)	6-8'	\$102	\$714
5	Betula nigra 'Heritage' (Heritage River Birches)	8-10'Clump	\$68	\$338
1	Cercis canadensis (Forest Pansy Redbud)	8'	\$112	\$112
1	Cercis canadensis (Covey)	6'	\$100	\$100
2	Cornus florida "Appalachian Springs" (Appalachian Springs Dogwood)	8'-plus	\$120	\$240
1	Hamamelis virginica	Clump	\$100	\$100
2	Nyssa sylvatica (Black Gum)	8-10'	\$150	\$300
1	Quercus alba or phellos (White)	8'	\$220	\$220
1	Styrax americanus (American Snowbell)	6'	\$100	\$100
1	Carya glabra (Hickory)	5'	\$100	\$100
10-12	TOTAL: TREES			Total: \$2,384
SHRUBS:				
2	Chionanthus virginicus (Virginia Fringetree)	4 - 5'	\$100	\$200
7	Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird' (Hummingbird Sweet Pepperbush)	15-18"	\$25	\$175
1	Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice' (Ruby spice Sweet Pepperbush)	24"	\$22	\$22
2	Cornus sericea 'Cardinal' (Cardinal Red Twig Dogwood)	18 - 24"	\$30	\$60
6	Fothergilla gardenia 'Mt. Airy'	15-18"	\$34	\$204
3	Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle' (Annabelle Smooth Hydrangea)	18 - 24"	\$30	\$90
2	Hydrangea arborescens 'White Dome' (White Dome Smooth Hydrangea)	18 - 24"	\$38	\$76
2	Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf Hydrangea)	24 - 30"	\$60	\$120
15	Ilex glabra 'Densa' (Densa Inkberry)	18-24"	\$34	\$510
1	Ilex opaca 'Maryland Dwarf' (Maryland Dwarf American Holly)	18-24"	\$60	\$60
3	Ilex verticillata 'Red Sprite' (Red Sprite Winterberry)	18 - 24"	\$30	\$90
7	Ilex verticillata 'Winter Red' or Scarlett (Winter Red Winterberry)	18 - 24"	\$30	\$270
2	Ilex verticillata 'Raritan Chief' (Male Raritan Chief Winterberry)	30"	\$34	\$68
6	Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet' (Henry Garnet Virginia Sweetspire)	15 - 18"	\$25	\$150
3	Itea virginica "Little Henry"	15 - 18"	\$25	\$75
3	Kalmia latifolia 'Sarah' (Sarah Mt. Laurel)	18 - 24"	\$53	\$159
3	K. latifolia 'Elf' (Elf Mt. Laurel)	15 - 18"	\$30	\$90
1	Lindera benzoin (Spicebush)	18 - 24"	\$30	\$30
2	Physocarpus opulifolius 'Summer Wine' (Summer Wine Common Ninebark)	18 - 24"	\$30	\$60
6	Rhodo. atlanticum 'Choptank' (Choptank Coast Azalea)	15 - 18"	\$38	\$228
6	Rhodo. periclymenoides (Pinxterbloom Azalea)	15 - 18"	\$40	\$240
2	Rhodo. viscosum (Swamp Azalea)	15 - 18"	\$23	\$46
2	Tsuga canadensis 'Cole's Prostrate' (Cole's Prostrate Hemlock)	18"	\$75	\$150
2	Viburnum nudum 'Winterthur' (Winterthur Possumhaw Viburnum)	24 - 30"	\$30	\$60
113	TOTAL: SHRUBS			TOTAL: \$3,251
PERENNIALS:				
<u>Zone 1: River birches to Dock 1</u>				
10	Phlox divaricata (Wild Blue Phlox)		\$70	\$700
10	Tiarella cordifolia (Foamflower)		\$55	\$550
5	Tiarella 'Oakleaf' (Foamflower)		\$38	\$190
5	Polystichum aristochroides (Xmas Ferns)		\$38	\$190
3	Aster divaricatus (Wood Asters)		\$21	\$63
3	Verbena Canadensis (Verbena)		\$21	\$63
10	Echinacea purpurea (Purple Coneflower)		\$75	\$750
6	Liatris spicata (Gayfeathers)		\$42	\$252
5	Physostegia virginica (Obedient Plant)		\$38	\$190
6	Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly Weed)		\$42	\$252
3	Rudbeckia fulgida (Orange Coneflower)		\$21	\$63
5	Iris cristata (Crested Iris)		\$28	\$140
3	Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower)		\$15	\$45
3	Lobelia siphilitica (Great Blue Lobelia)		\$21	\$63
5	Camassia (Camassia)		\$25	\$125
2	Amsonia hubrechtii (Blue Amsonia)		\$15	\$30

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to the new RPA Demonstration Garden

Beach 5 RPA Demonstration Garden Plant List

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No.	Species (common name)	Size	Price Each	Total Cost
<u>Zone 2: Dock 1 to Dock 2</u>				
7	Echinacea purpurea (Purple Coneflowers)		\$55	\$305
3	Iris virginica (Blue Flag Iris)		\$22	\$66
2	Eupatorium fistulosum (Joe Pye Weed)		\$14	\$28
3	Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower)		\$15	\$45
3	Monarda didyma (Beebalm)		\$21	\$63
3	Rudbeckia fulgida (Black Eyed Susan)		\$21	\$63
3	Aster novae-angliae 'Purple Dome' (Purple Dome Asters)		\$21	\$63
2	Aster novae-angliae 'Alma Potscke' (Alma Potschke Asters)		\$21	\$42
3	Chelone lyonii (Turtlehead)		\$21	\$63
3	Solidago 'Golden Fleece' (Golden Fleece Goldenrod)		\$24	\$72
3	Stylophorum diphyllum (Wood Poppy)		\$15	\$45
5	Mertensia virginica (Virginia Bluebells)		\$28	\$140
2	Phlox divaricata (Wild Blue Phlox)		\$14	\$42
2	Spigelia marilandica (Indian Pinks)		\$10	\$20
5	Geranium maculatum 'Espresso' (Wild Geraniums)		\$50	\$250
3	Phlox divaricata (Wild blue Phlox)		\$21	\$63
3	Iris cristata (Crested Iris)		\$16	\$48
5	Heuchera 'Plum Pudding' (Plum Pudding Heuchera)		\$50	\$250
3	Pachysandra procumbens (Allegheny Spurge)		\$30	\$90
<u>Zone 3: Dock 2 to Tulip Poplar</u>				
10	Asarum canadense (Wild Ginger)		\$100	\$1,000
5	Athyrium felix-femina (Lady Fern)		\$40	\$200
5	Lobelia siphilitica (Great Blue Lobelia)		\$35	\$175
3	Heuchera macrantha "Autumn Bride" (Autumn Bride Heuchera)		\$21	\$63
5	Phlox divaricata (Wild Blue Phlox)		\$35	\$175
1	Panicum virgatum (Switch Grass)		\$8	\$8
3	Phlox glabberima subsp. Triflora (Smooth Phlox)		\$24	\$72
6	Dicentra eximia (Fringed Bleeding Heart)		\$60	\$360
1	Iris virginica (Blue Flag)		\$7.50	\$7.50
5	Mertensia virginica (Virginia Bluebells)		\$30	\$150
3	Stylophorum diphyllum (Wood Poppy)		\$21	\$63
3	Stylophorum diphyllum (Wood Poppy)		\$21	\$63
3	Tradescantia virginiana 'Sweet Kate' (Virginia Spiderwort)		\$24	\$72
3	Aquilegia canadensis (Columbine)		\$14	\$42
2	Physostegia Virginica (False Dragonhead)		\$14	\$28
1	Boltonia Asteroides (Snowbank)		\$7	\$7
2	Aster novae-angliae (Hella Lacy)		\$14	\$28
208	TOTAL: PERENNIALS			TOTAL: \$7,937.50

Here's a unique opportunity to help with one of the most important improvement projects that the Lake Barcroft community has undertaken since the rebuilding of the dam — the RPA Demonstration Garden at Beach 5. We are asking for help with the planting and for monetary donations for the plants.

Recent environmental laws have established Resource Protection Areas (RPAs), buffer zones bordering lakes and streams to protect our watershed. The RPA Garden at Beach 5 will turn a formerly shabby area into a beautiful park and fulfill a very important environmental responsibility by demonstrating to Lake Barcroft homeowners, as well as the larger community, that RPA restrictions do not present an obstacle to achieving a beautifully landscaped yard.

You can donate the cost of any of about 300 trees, shrubs and other plants that are listed above. If you prefer, you may make your contribution in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one. Names will be listed on a plaque placed within or near the Garden.

Review the list of plants above. This list has been updated to reflect availability of plants and latest prices. Please identify the plant or plants that you are contributing and mail or drop off a check payable to the "Lake Barcroft Association" to George McLennan at 6351 Crosswoods Dr., Falls Church, Va. 22044.

We also need benches and other items. If that is your interest, contact George directly at 703-354-6351 or george.mclennan@gmail.com.

Another way to help is by volunteering your time for the planting. There are a wide variety of jobs for all levels of capability and interest. Please contact Kevin Howe, 703-941-6325 or juniper@erols.com, for more details and to add your name to the list of volunteers.

— George McLennan and Betsy Washington, *Barcroft News Staff*



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New plants to be wild about — and you'll find them in the RPA Demonstration Garden

By Betsy Washington
Barcroft News Staff

Although my garden is overflowing with many of my favorite plants, I am always seduced and tempted by the dazzling array of new plant introductions each year. Many of these new introductions are earning prestigious gold medal awards for their outstanding ornamental features and ease of growth. Others offer new themes on old garden favorites and many are readily available in local garden centers this year. This year many of these new cultivars of our native plants will be gracing the shoreline of Beach 5 in the new RPA Demonstration Garden.

Our native **redbud**, which has long been loved for its showy magenta blooms that cover the bare branches in April, has received lots of attention in recent years with the introduction of several exciting new cultivars such as "Forest Pansy," with smoldering purple heart-shaped leaves that shimmer through spring and early summer; "Silver Cloud" with silver splashed green leaves that are guaranteed to light up a shady garden; and "Covey" or "Lavender Twist," a graceful small redbud with dramatically weeping branches. A new cultivar available this year, fittingly called "Hearts of Gold," promises to light up both the hearts and gardens of avid gardeners, with — you guessed it — stunning gold heart-shaped leaves.

A couple of winners of the prestigious 2006 Styer Gold Medals, awarded annually to outstanding ornamental plants, will also be featured in the new demonstration garden. A recently introduced new cultivar of our native **American Wisteria**, aptly named "Amethyst Falls" is a mod-

est, twining vine that is winning rave reviews as a delightful alternative to the aggressive and invasive Asian wisterias. "Amethyst Falls" grows only about 10-15 feet high, and is perfect for small trellises, arbors, and even containers. It is covered with lightly fragrant 5-inch long panicles of lavender-blue flowers in May and June with sporadic re-bloom throughout the summer. We are hoping for a donation towards a birdhouse to be mounted on a tall pole to display this lovely native wisteria and allow it to perfume the new garden.

Our native **Smooth Hydrangea** is also winning awards this year. This adaptable shrub blooms on new wood and can be cut back nearly to the ground each spring to control size or it

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Wisteria blossoms.

Photos by Betsy Washington



Forest pansy bush.

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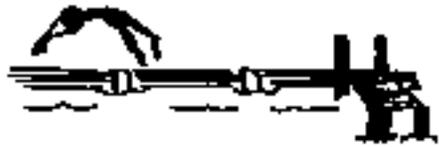
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Some of the plants you'll find in the RPA Demonstration Garden

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can be left to its own devices and it will bloom prolifically either way. Older cultivars of smooth hydrangea, such as the popular "Annabelle," are smothered by huge, white, snowball-like flowers that can actually bend the stems to the ground.

New cultivars of Smooth Hydrangea offer a variety of floral characteristics, ranging from the subtle, lace cap flowers and felted leaves of "White Dome," to the double, starry flowers of "Haye's Starburst," to "Ryan Gainey," a new release this year featuring huge white globe-shaped flower heads similar to "Annabelle," but with sturdy stems that hold the flowers firmly upright.

Also winning praise is the **Eastern Ninebark**, a native shrub reaching 5-9 feet in height with shaggy bark, lacy spring flowers followed by unusual bladder-like fruits.



Photo by Betsy Washington

Summer Wine Ninebark.

A dizzying array of new cultivars have been introduced in the last few years. "Coppertina" features red-blushed copper leaves, a cross between the red-foliaged ninebark "Diablo" and the gold-foliaged "Dart's Gold" all reaching about 8 feet in height. Other new releases are "Summer Wine," with bright red purple foliage and

"Gold Nugget," with gold foliage, both growing into compact shrubs reaching only about 5 feet in height. All of the Ninebarks feature white, lacy flowers in May, followed by intriguing orange fruits in early summer. These versatile shrubs will grow just about anywhere including sun or shade, wet or dry soils, and even tough urban conditions. You will find the smoldering purple foliage of "Summer Wine" ninebark dotted through the demonstration garden and echoing the purple foliage of the "Forest Pansy" redbud.

These are just a few of the many new tempting native plants that are available this year. Be sure to join us in planting some of these exciting native plants in the new RPA Demonstration Garden at Beach 5 and check out some of the new cultivars along with many more showy native plants.

LBA President's report

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Got any high school or college students who want to make some money, get a tan and serve the community this summer? Applications for lifeguard positions are now being accepted. Visit our website, www.lakebarcroft.org and go to "Forms" in the "Pubs and Docs" section. There you will find the lifeguard application form. Fill it out and mail to Chris Lawson at 6425 Lakeview Drive, Falls Church, Va. 22041.

Finally, don't forget the WID's annual dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at Fortune Restaurant in Seven Corners.

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Capital Hospice's Annual Plant Sale

By Juliette Marchioli
Special to Barcroft News

The Capital Hospice's Annual Plant Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 5 (rain date May 6) at the Hospice Center, 4715 North 15th St., in Arlington. Perennial divisions, annuals, shrubs, garden equipment, and refreshments will be for sale.

Proceeds will benefit the hospice's Landscape Fund, used to maintain the extensive gardens at the acute care facility.

Donations of perennial divisions, annuals, small shrubs or gardening equipment for the sale are most welcome. Call Diane Oermann at 703-820-1311 for more information.

Capital Hospice (serving Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Prince George's County) is a nonprofit organization.



Learn what you need for a major emergency

By Al Cromley
Barcroft News Staff

Are you ready for a major emergency? What should you have on hand? What if you had to evacuate? What should you take? Where would you go? How would you get there?

Cricket Clayton, 15-year-old Barcrofter and JEB Stuart sophomore, has been giving such questions a lot of thought — to the extent of organizing a community meeting with preparedness experts from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, at Beach 5.

She has contacted police, fire, animal control, and local government officials. She believes it will be Lake Barcroft's first "Emergency Preparedness Day."

Plans were made at a preliminary meeting, at which Fairfax County Police Sgt. Ronald Manzo talked about issues such as evacuation routes recommended by VDOT, how to secure your house and what the Office of Homeland Security considers to be the most likely disasters that people in our area might face.

The April 14 meeting will provide planning lists including recommendations for emergency items to store at home and in your car.

Cricket said she became interested last year after her mother, Holly Hazard, became deeply involved in aid to New Orleans victims of the Katrina hurricane.

"I just wanted to help people figure out what to do," Cricket said. She is particularly interested in care for animals in an emergency. "It hit home with Katrina," she said. Cricket has a horse stabled at Lorton. She hopes one day to become an Olympic equestrienne.



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Virginia Chamber Orchestra

By Barbara Gholz
Special to Barcroft News

The Virginia Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Luis Haza, will perform on May 6, at 4 p.m., at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. Under the auspices of the Embassy of Australia and QANTAS, the orchestra will present young Australian virtuoso Holly Piccoli in Beethoven's Violin Concerto as well as Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, the *Eroica*. With advance reservations tickets are \$15 each; senior citizens are \$10; students are free. For reservations call 703-758-0179. For more information, call Barbara Gholz at 703-354-4555.

When are crows water birds? When the Lake is frozen



Photo by Bob Gonzalez

A vulture spies on two crows walking on the ice.

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Now is the time to help our young neighbors in the name of Justice Thurgood Marshall

By Ralph Smalley
Special to Barcroft News

Fifty years ago our country was a very different place. As a young black lawyer, Thurgood Marshall had joined the Legal Defense Fund of the NAACP, and he found himself arguing a case before the Supreme Court. A young Negro girl in Kansas was getting an education that was certainly separate from white children, but Thurgood Marshall argued, it certainly wasn't equal. In one of its most historic decisions, the Court supported the NAACP's position, and the rest was history: the career of future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall was launched.

Throughout his remarkable career, Justice Thurgood Marshall defended the voiceless against injustice, and he was often at the center of controversy. Even when he moved into our community of Lake Barcroft, the news of his purchasing a home on Lakeview Drive was a big news story in the Washington Post. Our Barcroft neighbor, Sandy Augliere, who at 90 years is probably the oldest practicing Realtor in our country, recalls the threats that if she sold a home to "that man" (Thurgood Marshall), she would never make another sale again.

For more than a decade we have been honoring the legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall, and doing something truly worthwhile in what may be a unique program in our nation. Our Lake Barcroft community, with strictly our own contributions, has established and maintained an endowment fund known as the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. This program provides scholarships to graduating seniors of our neighborhood high school, JEB Stuart.

As we all know, JEB Stuart is the most ethnically diverse high school in Fairfax County. Many of the students come from immigrant families and

many of these seniors are the first members of their families to go to college. So far the Scholarship Fund has helped more than 40 students launch their college careers. Any graduating senior is eligible to apply through the school. In the spirit of Justice Marshall, the criteria are somewhat unusual. Financial need receives consideration, and emphasis is also placed on scholastic merit and on participation in some kind of community service activity or program. In the last couple of years, four scholarships of \$3,000 each have been awarded. Starting this year, the committee plans to establish a one-on-one mentoring program whereby volunteers from the community will serve informally to help students make the most of their college opportunity.

Legally, the program is housed in the Lake Barcroft Foundation, which was specifically established as a nonprofit corporation so that contributions to the scholarship fund are eligible for tax deductions. Administratively, the program is managed by a committee of Lake Barcroft residents. Membership on the committee is open to residents who would like to volunteer their time and effort. Chairperson this year is Ralph Smalley, 703-658-4626.

Every year, when the LBA membership bills go out in January, there is an opportunity to make a contribution to the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. One of the goals of the fund has been to raise money solely from Lake Barcroft residents. This is uniquely our fund. Now that the program has proven itself for more than 12 years of operation, the committee is hopeful that there will emerge a broader base of support. While obviously the dollar amount counts, it is the community attitude and commitment to our own neighborhood that counts even more, and this year the fund hopes to raise more money through a broad base of contributions, no matter how modest the individual amounts may be.

Making contributions to the fund by Lake Barcroft residents is welcome at any time. In fact, having read this article, wouldn't this be the moment for you to contribute to a truly worthwhile charity? Every dollar goes to the cause it serves. Make the check out to the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund and send it to Chris Lawson, 6425 Lakeview Dr, Falls Church, Va. 22041.

Do it now, please, before you forget.



The Woodrow Wilson Library at the corner of Glen Carlyn Drive and Knollwood Drive celebrated its 40th year at that site on March 31. Library volunteers David Joseph of Beachway Drive, left, Suzanne Joseph, right, and LBA President Stuart Feldstein, second from right, chatted with Supervisor Penny Gross.



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