

These two photos show different perspectives of Jack and Mary Jo Perkins' home in 1972: one, an aerial view taken in early 1972 and the other taken in June 1972 shortly after the destructive force of flood waters from Tropical Storm Agnes caused the draining of the lake. Jack Perkins, a well known NBC national reporter and war correspondent, and his wife, owned the home sitting on the precipice (right view) from 1962 until 1974 (long enough to have their backyard recovered). What is the address for this home? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #1.

Clue #2





The family of Col. Louis G. Mendez, Jr., a 1940 West Point graduate, World War 2 hero, and education advocate, owned this property in Section 7 from 1954-2012. In 2018, Fairfax County renamed the local high school to honor Justice Thurgood Marshall, Barbara Rose Johns and Col. Mendez. Builders M. Pomponio and Sons constructed this house in 1954 and they may have employed architect Edward M. Pitt, a practitioner of Le Corbusier's school of design, for this home. What is the address for this house? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #2.



Two views of the same address



This lot, adjacent to two sections, has one of the more unusual histories in our Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District (WID). In 1951, Barcroft Lake Shores transferred ownership of 93 acres to newly incorporated Fairfax Beach and Tennis Club (FBTC) to develop homes and a complex for a club house, rec center, restaurant and beach. This land was part of the FBTC parcel, but by 1954 it had been designated as a restricted natural and storm water runoff area.

Charles E. Dockser, one of the key members of the Lake Barcroft development team, held the title of president of FBTC in the 1950s. By 1961, when FBTC dissolved, records list Albert Dockser, Charles' brother, as president. As part of its dissolution, FBTC transferred title of this lot to Albert, Samuel, another brother of Charles, and Arthur Wolff. Sometime after 1972, this parcel became part of the WID tax district. By court order, the Commonwealth of Virginia took over this land in 1987, which the state then sold in 1989 to a private party for \$60,000. What is the address for this lot? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #3.





This 1953 house in Section 4 won numerous architectural awards, as judged by panels that included Charles M. Goodman, Eero Saarinen, Max Abramovitz, and Hugh Stubbins, Jr.. The firm of Keyes, Smith, Satterlee & Lethbridge designed this house and Stirling Construction Company built it.

"Blowtorch Bob" Komer and his wife, Jane, became the first owners. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., gave Komer his descriptive nickname for Komer's work in South Vietnam in the 1960s.



Shown here are three different views of the same house. The two images below both show similar perspectives, but taken over 70 years apart.

In 1957, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) published a guide to "important and notable" buildings in the Washington D.C. area and included the Komer house for its contributions to the D.C. landscape. What is the address for this home? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #4.

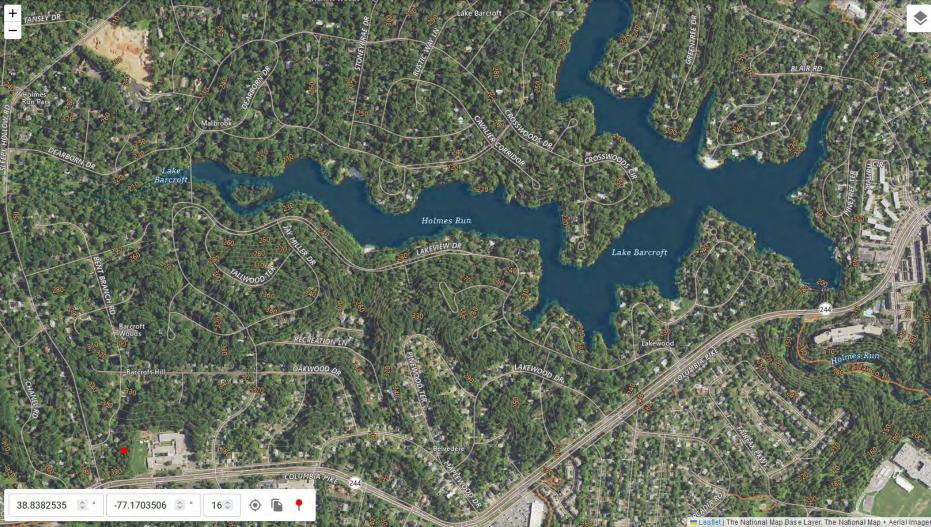


126 ROBERT W. KOMER HOUSE 1953 LAKE BARCROFT, FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA. architects: KEYES, SMITH, SATTERLEE & LETHBRIDGE





## Clue 5: Finding the highest point, part 1 of 2



Step 1: Use this map to help you locate one of the houses in Lake Barcroft with the highest elevation. The red pin and the box with coordinates in the lower left identifies the highest elevation in this view is at Belvedere Park at 390 ft. You can go to the US Geological Survey (USGS) website and play around with different views: https://apps.nationalmap.gov/viewer/



## Clue 5: Finding the highest point, part 2 of 2



In the previous step, the USGS topographic map showed contour lines, or lines of equal elevation. Every contour line represents a change of 10 feet in elevation of the land, either up or down.

The view to the left is one of the houses that might claim the title of "king of the hill" based upon its elevation of 380 ft above sea level as measured by the USGS.

Comparing nearby heights: The Lake: 210 ft This Lake Barcroft house: 380 ft Nearby Belvedere Park: 390 ft

So, the house on this high point is only 10 feet lower than the nearest high point at Belvedere Park.

What is the address for this home? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #5.



Clue #6



U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and his wife, Georgia, owned this house on Lakeview Drive from 1961-1973. Clark moved to the area to work in President John Kennedy's Justice Department and later became the U.S. Attorney General (AG) in President Lyndon Johnson's administration. With Ramsey's confirmation as AG, Associate Justice, Tom C. Clark, Ramsey's father, resigned from the U.S. Supreme Court to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest. That chess move allowed Johnson to nominate Thurgood Marshall to replace Justice Clark on the Supreme Court. Some believe that Ramsey Clark helped introduce the Marshall family to the existence of the Lake Barcroft neighborhood. Clark appeared periodically at community events like the July 4th parades. What is the address for this home? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #6.



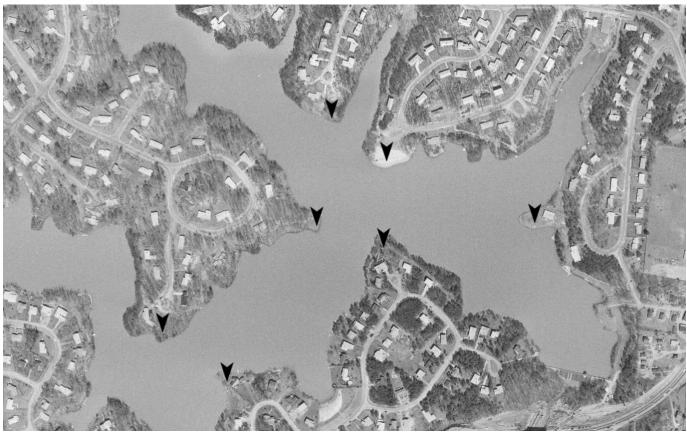


Our community is very lucky to have in its midst a cluster of architecturally significant midcentury modern homes by the same architects and builders responsible for nationally recognized nearby Holmes Run Acres. The developers, a Luria Bros. entity, Contemporary Homes, Inc. employed Keyes, Smith, Satterlee & Lethbridge to design 14 homesites here. Smith was one of the few working female architects at the time. These houses located on two streets in Section 7 retain much of their original exterior style. They appeared in 1950s newspapers and in a 1957 issue of the "Journal of the AIA" (above right).

The builders sold the house shown in the photo on the right in 1955 to Harry and Bonaro Overstreet. The couple spent many years teaching and lecturing together. Mrs. Overstreet continued her creative writing after the death of her husband in 1970. She authored many books and articles and is perhaps best remembered for her books of poetry. After one of her compilations of poetry appeared, the publisher commended it as "...a book of poetry by one who moves through the world with mind, heart and senses alert." While seeking the Overstreet home, take in all these residential gems. What is the address for this house? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #7.



Clue #8



The Lake Barcroft Community Association (LABARCA) started the annual tradition of fireworks for July 4th sometime in the 1950s. Bailey's Volunteer Fire Department handled the program for the community and detonated the fireworks from a location clearly visible from Beaches 1 and 4. Before 1962, this location was known as "Horton's Point," but the Horton family did not actually own the point — they owned the adjacent lot. In 1962, the fireworks show moved to the present day location after the Morrell's bought the lot. Shown here is an aerial photo from 1960. Seven pins mark seven potential points. What is the address for what was Horton's Point? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #8.









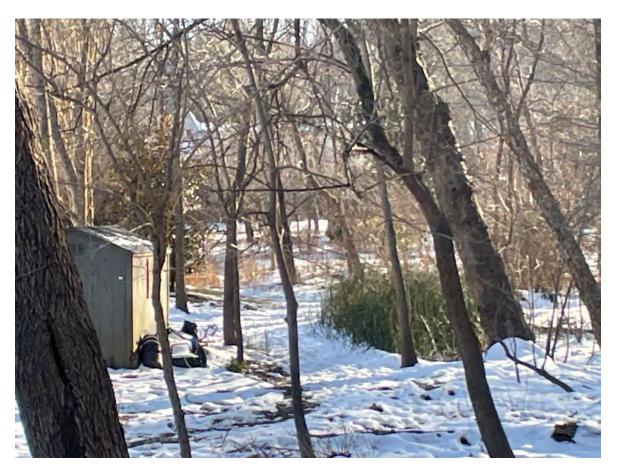
In 1952, architect Max E. Borges, Jr. designed an expansion to Havana Cuba's famous Tropicana Night Club using reinforced concrete parabolic "shells" combined with glass walls over an indoor stage as shown in a 1950s color postcard. Called Los Arcos de Crystal (the Crystal Arches), Borges' creative design for the Tropicana won many international awards. Max designed this house located in Section 5 for his family in 1962. What is the address for this home? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #9.



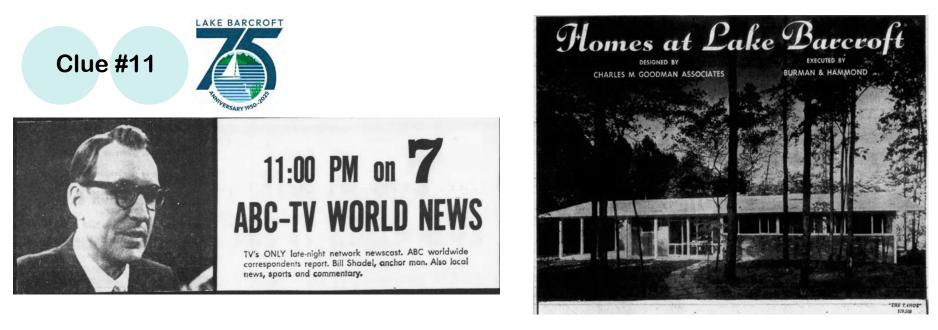
While this landscape may be familiar to many, the story behind it may be less known; and therein lies a forgotten history.

Charles Dockser and Joseph Barger, two of the original shareholders in the corporate entities that developed Lake Barcroft, died within 2 weeks of each other in 1969. The community bought all of their corporate stock from their estates in 1970 and took over control of the lake, dam, and all common areas. Or at least, the community thought they had.

In 1985, the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District went to court to gain legal title to this parcel, which still remained with the heirs of Dockser and Barger 15 years later! WID, and thus the community, ended up paying \$20,000 for these 2+ acres that should have been part of the original purchase price in 1970.



What is the address for this parcel? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #10.



This house on Lakeview Drive has several "claims to fame": Charles M. Goodman's Associates designed this Tahoe model and ABC news anchor, Bill Shadel and his model wife, Julie, bought this home in 1952. Bill covered the Normandy invasion, the Battle of the Bulge and reported with Edward R. Murrow on the opening of the Buchenwald concentration camp. He also moderated the 3rd Kennedy-Nixon debate in 1960. The house's original length was 66 feet and included a carport on the left side. What is the address for this home? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #11.





The home shown in the photo below belonged to the family of Lloyd W. Swift for many years. It is an excellent example of midcentury modern architecture and several models based upon the Scholz Mark 58 design can be found in Section 10. The Lakefront Builders ad (at left) in a June 1958 Evening Star edition may show a house built elsewhere, but records show they built the Swift's home in 1959.

Lloyd Swift served many years with the U.S. Forest Service as Director of Wildlife Management and volunteered many hours to our community. After his death in February 2001, the LBA Board named the man-made island at the Holmes Run end of the lake to honor his legacy as an advocate for our natural flora and fauna. What is the address for this house? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #12.







Front view of house (above) / Rear view (below)



It is easy to overlook this house and you may have difficulty seeing it on your travels around the neighborhood. One of this house's most unique features is its street address. Only one residence in Lake Barcroft uses this street's name. What is the address for this house? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #13.





What is the address for this house? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #14.

D.C. newspapers reported in mid-1950 that Lake Barcroft's developers had commissioned well-known architect Walter Gropius to design four models for the new subdivision and that he would personally supervise their construction. Only this model located in Section 1 appears to have been constructed from a Gropius plan. The Fairfax Herald reported approval of a Fairfax County building permit for this residence for Mr. and Mrs. George H. Day in November 1951. The house was completed sometime in 1952.

In a related matter, a Gropius colleague, Benjamin Thompson of The Architects Collaborative (TAC), completed the design for the entrance at Aqua Terrace in early 1951.





This 1976 aerial view shows the two-year-old Recreation Center. The Center opened for the 1974 season and closed before the 1996 season.



While many can guess the general location of the Lake Barcroft Recreation Center, can you identify the address for this residence that sits almost in the identical location as the Rec Center's building as seen in the view at left? The Center's lap pool fit almost entirely inside the boundary of this house's backyard. What is the address for this home? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #15.





This rambler appeared to be located in the "wilds" of Lake Barcroft in 1953. Use the pattern of roads shown above to help you locate the address for Clue #16.



Sales ads described the original house pictured at top as a "... superb custom rambler ... built of beige colored brick and is on a large level lot surrounded by beautiful shade trees ..." The "Sonnet House" listed for \$28,500 in the fall of 1953. What is the address for this house? Enter your answer in the box for Clue #16.