

Lake



Barcroft

October 2004

Newsletter

Fast clean-up of a potentially awful oil spill

By Charles de Seve
Chair, WID Trustees

More than 250 gallons of oil poured into Tripps Run on Oct. 7. County officials have begun legal action against Japanese Auto Service Station of 3039 Annandale Rd.

Fast action by a former Lake resident, WID and the county's HAZMAT unit contained the oil by the use of booms and absorbent pads along the stream and near

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Photo by Charles de Seve

Oil coming down a culvert into the Lake put the WID into high gear. (The white material in the photo is not part of the oil spill.) Story on Page 5.

LBA Civic Affairs Meeting

Oct. 20

7:30 p.m.

Stuart H.S.



Lake Barcroft Woman's Club presents

Annual Halloween Parade

Oct. 31 – 2 p.m.

Costumed kids and adults parade from Beach 5 to Beach 3

Treats at Beach 3!

To help contact
Jeannie Meyer,
703-941-6910



LBA President's Report

In praise of Architectural Review

By David Goslin

Of all of the volunteer jobs in our community, none is more difficult, time-consuming, or thankless than serving as a member of or, especially, chair of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). During both my current and previous terms as President and member of the LBA Board, a disproportionate share of the most vexing matters to come before the Board have been the result of ARC decisions. I am sure that other past LBA Presidents have had similar experiences.

From the perspective of some members of the community, the architectural review process is viewed, at best, as a necessary annoyance. For others, it is seen as irrelevant, simply one more obstacle to be overcome. For conscientious

committee members it is often frustrating, occasionally infuriating.

Despite these perceptions, I am impressed by the evidence that the ARC plays and has played in the past an extraordinarily important, indeed essential, role in our community. In both its policies and procedures, the ARC, perhaps more than any other group, reflects and promotes the most enduring values and principles of the Lake Barcroft community.

- ▶ Unlike many communities that have established architectural rules, our guidelines in most instances are not overly rigid or highly specific with respect to particular styles or physical requirements. This fact places an

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Milestones

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.

Mauricio and Micaela Vivero of Jay Miller Drive are very happy to announce the birth of their son **Andres** on Aug. 7. He is already over 7 pounds and 20.5 inches.



Andres Vivero

Liz, Bill, and Zachary Reicherts of Stoneybrae Drive are very proud to let you know that their newest addition, **Nathan William**, was born on June 25.

Janet and Clifford Hall of Cavalier Corridor update us on their son, Brian:



Photo by Carol Donlan

Lt. Brian Hall

Brian Hall is stationed in Kirkuk, about 100 miles north of Baghdad. He was a platoon leader; he is now scheduled to be an XO of an infantry unit. Since Brian's picture appeared in the September Newsletter, we have received a number of calls of support and questions about what he needs.

Clifford and I thank you all for your prayers and good wishes. As for what he needs. I don't think he really needs anything, but it would be wonderful if you could send holiday cards and/or books (used and paperback books are great). One of the things I found out, when he was home, is that everyone is reading more. They all share their books with each other. Brian took back a stack of books, but I know he would appreciate getting more. I'm sure he and his troops would like any type of book, including the classics, that you send.

His address is: Lt. Brian W. Hall, HHC, 1-21 IN BN 25th ID(L), APO AE 09347-9998. With APO addresses, you don't pay postage to Iraq, just to New York. Also the lowest cost postage gets there as fast as the higher cost postage. Again, thanks for your support. It helps make this unbearable situation tolerable.

Sam Rothman of Grass Hill Terrace tells us: Peter Chapola, long time Barcroft resident who moved to Grand Junction, Colo., a year ago, died there on Sept. 23 at age 90. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery on Oct. 6. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; sons Robert and Peter; and daughter JoAnn.

From Dominique Phung: Wendy Cline, who lived next door to me at the end of Greentree Drive, died in early October. She was one of the Lake's original owners. She had moved last November to Magnolia Manor in Warsaw, Va., to be closer to her daughter, Langley, and her family. Langley is presently writing to Wendy's many friends. She told me that there was to be a funeral service for Wendy at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Bailey's Crossroads) on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Burma Klein writes: A memorial was scheduled for Paul Treagy, Julia Treagy's husband, on Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. at Fort Meyer. He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Interment was to be followed by a gathering to celebrate Paul's life at Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church.

Help our troops call home



A committee of Lake Barcroft women is accepting donations to purchase holiday phone cards to be sent to the troops in Iraq. The troops have to pay for their calls home. Deadline for sending the cards to Iraq is Dec. 4.

This is a nonprofit venture done in cooperation with the American Legion.

A check for \$50 will buy 14 phone cards (120 minutes each). Any contribution will be appreciated.

Checks should be made payable to "1,000 Calls for the Holidays" and sent to Naomi Zeavin, 3415 Blair Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041.

— Rosemary Mack, *Special to Barcroft News*

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 Paula Rothenberg.

Diane & Ralph Smalley



Photo by Paula Rothenberg

Ralph and Diane Smalley

HOME STORY: Diane grew up on the New Jersey shore and always wanted to live near the water. After 10 years of living in Alexandria, Ralph, who has a doctorate in urban planning, pulled out his maps and made a list of communities built around lakes. Lake Barcroft was on the list. They bought a house on Lakeview Drive and spent 4-1/2 months renovating it before moving into their new home in January 1990.

A RENAISSANCE COUPLE: A multi-talented, entrepreneurial couple, Diane and Ralph founded Creative Play School in Alexandria 25 years ago. Today, it is the largest childcare provider in Alexandria, with three facilities, serving more than 200 children a year. Ralph, who holds a Master's degree in public administration with his Ph.D. in urban planning, took over as general contractor for his Lake Barcroft home renovation, served as general contractor when they doubled the size of one of their Creative Play School facilities, and just bought and rebuilt a 100-slip marina in Westbrook, Conn. He also designs and builds furniture, and builds and flies model airplanes.

ART APPRECIATION: A diverse collection of art warms their home, so it is no surprise that daughter Claire, a senior at George Mason HS, is an accomplished painter who plans to major in art in college. Claire is also a vocalist, Diane enjoys flower arranging and gardening, and Ralph plays the piano and guitar.

FAMILY: Son David, 32, is a computer network security specialist and lives in Alexandria. Daughter Claire is beginning the college tour circuit.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Ralph was the President of Newcomers in 1991 and Diane was Hospitality Chair. Ralph served on the Lake Barcroft Board of Directors for six years, and served as Secretary. Ralph also conceived of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund and is grateful to those in the community who helped him to make it a reality, as well as everyone who financially supports the Fund when paying their LBA dues. Diane has been active in our schools, serving as Treasurer of the Belvedere Elementary School PTA and as Fundraising Chair of the Board of the Glasgow Middle School PTA. Diane also served on the Alexandria Early Childhood Commission.

WHAT MAKES LAKE BARCROFT SPECIAL: "What sold us on Lake Barcroft was, when we first moved here and attended a Newcomers' event, people talked about their families, their hobbies, and our community. No one was talking about work or getting ahead. People seemed to have their priorities straight. It was so refreshing. That, coupled with the Lake and the sounds of the birds singing, makes this our own little utopia."



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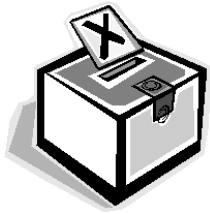
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— Paula Rothenberg, *Barcroft News Staff*



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If you believe that you may be out of town on Election Day whether for business or vacation, working and commuting for 11 hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., have a physical disability or illness, or are the primary care giver for a family member, have a religious obligation, are member of the uniformed services, or temporarily residing outside the U.S., you may vote absentee either in-person (up to Saturday Oct. 30) or by mail.

In-Person at the Mason District Government Center (Small Conference Room): The Mason District Government Center, 6507 is a Satellite Voting Office: You may come and vote Monday-Friday, Oct 13 - 29, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays Oct. 16, 23 and 30 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

By Mail: You may request an application by calling the Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776, or picking up an application from the Mason District Government Center, or by going to the Electoral Board's web page and downloading an application at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/eb/absentee.htm>. Please note that your absentee ballot application must be received by close of business on Thursday, Oct. 28. To be counted, your voted ballot must be received at the Electoral Board Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Reminder: Parents may wish to get absentee ballot applications for their college students.

In praise of the ARC

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especially heavy burden on the good judgment of members of the ARC, but the result is a community that is notable for its architectural diversity, while retaining its essential character.

- ▶ One of the most important functions of the ARC is to make neighbors aware of planned construction or other changes that may have an impact on them and to help mediate disputes between and among neighbors. By nature, such disputes are always difficult and often time-consuming for everyone involved, but in my experience the ARC has done a remarkable job in helping members of the community find common ground and mutually acceptable compromises when disagreements have occurred.
- ▶ In virtually all instances, the ARC depends upon voluntary compliance to enforce the community's architectural guidelines. The Association ultimately has the power to go to court to enforce its rules, but to my knowledge it has never done so. Confidence in the desire of members of the community to be good neighbors has been well founded over the years and is part of what makes Lake Barcroft such a special place.

The community is deeply in debt to the current members of the ARC: Kevin Howe (Chair), Eunice Murray, Carl Neuberger, and Nancy Firestone, as well as the many past members of the ARC, for all of the time and effort they have invested over the years in helping to keep Lake Barcroft the community that it is. Continued success of our joint enterprise depends importantly on continued respect for the ARC, the community's architectural guidelines, and, most important, our neighbors.



Verizon installs fiber optic cable — where to go with complaints

By Penny Gross
Mason District Supervisor

Kathy and Ray Green of Oakwood Drive walk their dog Java past a phone pole where Verizon has been working to install fiber-optic phone cables.

Over the past few weeks Verizon has been installing its fiber optic cable in Fairfax County. The Board of Supervisors responded to my initiative to ensure that Verizon better coordinate with Fairfax County Government by responding to resident concerns. Verizon will be making every effort to better notify area residents of impending digging in their neighborhoods by placing door hangers 3-5 days before the work starts.

In case you have underground sprinkler systems that may be damaged, or in the event of unintentional damage to your utility cables or sewage lines, or if you have any other questions, please contact the subcontractor: Ivy Smith Corporation, customer relations hotline at 800-768-8831, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are unable to get the company to address your concerns, contact my office at mason@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-256-7717.

Photo by Tom Donlan

Our hero: Jack Risque (and Davis Grant) saved us from a bad spill

By Carol Donlan
Barcroft News Staff

Jack Risque lives on Barrett Road, 50 feet from Tripps Run. He was raised at Lake Barcroft on Wentworth Drive — moved here in 1965 at age 8 — so he knows that Tripps Run empties into the Lake. His fast action on Thursday, Oct. 7, probably saved the Lake from a disaster. Here's his story:

"I had a young kid cutting my grass. I was working in the yard. (At about 4 in the afternoon) he came over to me and said, 'The creek looks dirty.' I looked down there and saw a mass of oil and said, 'That's not right.'

"I went in and called the non-emergency police number, and they gave me a Fairfax number to call. I got one of those recordings: Push one for this or two for that. I was getting frustrated. So I called my mother (Chris Patton) and left a message asking who to talk to about this at Lake Barcroft.

"I took a jar, filled it with some of the oily Tripps Run water and drove to the Fire Station on Sleepy Hollow Road. They said they'd come down and take a look. By the time I got back home, there was a message from my mother and the phone number for WID. I called it and in five minutes time the Fire Department showed up, and very quickly after them Davis Grant from the WID came with booms to stop the oil flow. They set them up by Sleepy Hollow."

Hazmat teams arrived and pumped out much of the oil. Fire trucks were sent to an auto service company on Annandale Road and, Jack said, Hazmat teams were there the next day and a storage tank was upside down. Jack was told they pumped out almost as much oil as that storage tank could hold.

Very little oil made it to the Lake.

Jack Risque runs his own business, Risque Custom Cabinetry, and does cabinets, tile work, kitchens and bathrooms. He's done work for many Lake Barcroft families.



Photos by Charles de Seve
Jack Risque leaning over the site of the oil spill at Tripps Run.



Oil-absorbent pads were spread around Tripps Run wherever oil collected.



Foam booms and oil-absorbent tubing helped contain the oil spill.

Fairfax County filing charges of negligence

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WID's Potterton debris boom. Since then, the oil and its residue have been removed by a Fairfax County contractor, AA Environmental Services, which continues to work in the stream.

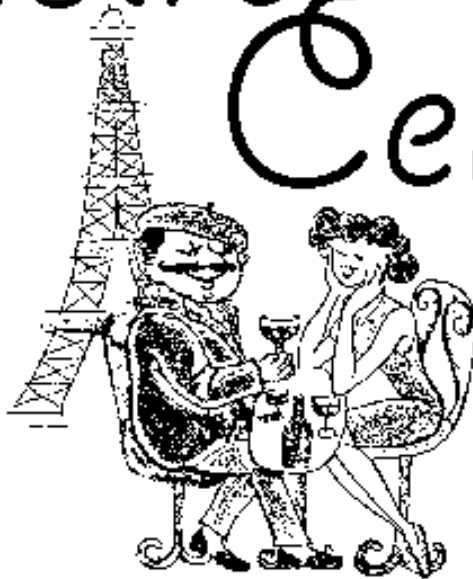
The Lake has been protected, and there is nothing to worry about. Absorbent pads remained in the stream for about a week just to be certain all the oil has been removed.

The county is filing charges of negligence against three individuals associated with Japanese Auto Service Station.

We all owe thanks to Jack Risque, who spotted the spill and got things moving. His parents, Thomas and Chris Patton, live in Lake Barcroft. Hats off to them all.

Our hats off also to Davis Grant, WID's acting director of operations, whose quick action deployed the first of the booms upstream with the Fire Department's help.

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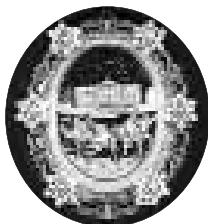
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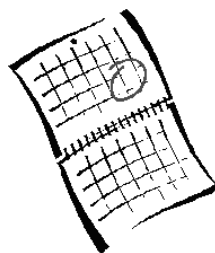
2004 White House Ornament

White House Historical Assn. Photo

Kari and Diane are selling a variety of nuts as well as the 2004 White House Ornament. This year's White House Ornament is a re-creation of a snowy sleigh ride on the North lawn of the White House. The oval ornament sets a nostalgic holiday mood within a 24-carat, gold-finished brass frame. Price: \$17.

To purchase nuts, review the form below and contact Kari Kelley at 703-642-3989. To purchase ornaments, call Diane Kilbourne at 703-256-7382.

Checks for both fundraisers should be made payable to: "ANP" and sent to JEB Stuart High School, 3301 Peace Valley Lane, Falls Church, VA 22044. Attention: All Night Party.



Lake Barcroft Calendar

Compiled by Ellen Feldstein,
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- Oct. 20 7:30 p.m. LBA Civic Affairs Meeting
JEB Stuart High School
- Oct. 29 10 a.m. Morning Book Group
6223 Beachway Dr.
The 9/11 Commission Report
- Oct. 30 10 a.m. Annandale Fall Festival Parade
Theme: Fall for the Redskins
- Oct. 30 8 p.m. Newcomers' Halloween Costume Party
Home of Alison and Shane Oleson
3409 Barger Dr.
- Oct. 31 2 p.m. Annual Halloween Parade
Beach 5 to Beach 3
- Nov. 6 9 a.m. Culmore Cleanup Day
Woodrow Wilson Library
- Nov. 6 7 p.m. Barcrofters Party
6305 Waterway Dr.

Go Nuts for Stuart's Class of 2005

The Stuart PTSA is selling nuts to raise funds for the Class of 2005 All Night Party. All nuts come in 1-pound bags and can be stored in the freezer for later use.

NUTS	# OF BAGS	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
Pecan Halves	_____	\$7	_____
Chocolate Amaretto Pecans	_____	\$7	_____
Praline Pecan Halves	_____	\$7	_____
Chocolate Almonds	_____	\$6	_____
Chocolate Raisins	_____	\$5	_____
Chocolate Peanuts	_____	\$5	_____
Jumbo Cashews (Whole)	_____	\$7	_____
Mixed Nuts	_____	\$6	_____
Pistachios	_____	\$6	_____
Walnut Halves & Pieces	_____	\$6	_____
Honey Roasted Peanuts	_____	\$5	_____
Home Delivery Available for additional:		\$3	_____
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Send order form and payment (check payable to All Night Party) to JEB Stuart High School, 3301 Peace Valley Lane, Falls Church, VA 22044 by Oct 22. For questions call Diane Kilbourne 703-256-7382.

Name _____

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*He was 14 and we loved him
He was dear to us and part of our family
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remember him
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patiently for me to finish
He was faithful and true all his life
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He didn't like thunder
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In a shelter in the foothills of the Blue Ridge
Mountains
I'm sure he had to survive many thunderstorms
during that time
But then we came and he jumped straight into the
air over and over
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Lake Barcroft WOMAN'S CLUB

By Burma Klein and Cindy Waters
Woman's Club Co-Presidents

Helen Thomas will speak at JEB Stuart on Oct. 27

The Woman's Club proudly invites Lake Barcroft community members to attend our evening meeting Wednesday, Oct. 27 at JEB Stuart's Little Theatre to hear a presentation by Helen Thomas, the former Dean of the Washington Press Corps. The Club will hold its business meeting from 7-7:30 p.m. Ms. Thomas will speak at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Morning Book Club — Oct. 29

Join us for a lively discussion of *The 9/11 Commission Report* on October 29th at 10 a.m. at the home of Colette Convisser, 6223 Beachway Dr. Unlike most government reports, this one reads like a novel!

Halloween Parade — Oct. 31

Starts at 2 p.m. on Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 31. Led by the JEB Stuart Band, all costumed kids and adults will parade from Beach 5 to Beach 3, where there will be treats, not tricks. For more information, call Jeannie Meyer, 703-941-6910.

Let's Party!

Celebrate the holiday season — Dec. 10

We cordially invite Lake Barcroft community members to join the Woman's Club for a traditional Holiday Party on Friday evening, Dec. 10 at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. Please mark your calendar for the celebration. More details will follow.

Lake Barcroft Woman's Club welcomes new members

Liz Argyle, Sandy Chiong, Carol Donlan, Margie Doherty, Katy Douglas, Renee Gholz, Janice Hammer, Kaye Kory, Carol Leventhal, Rosemary Mack, Sue Morse, Donna Pica, Brenda Poole, and Ilona Szemzo

Oct. 2nd Wine & Hors D'oeuvres Party — a smash hit!

More than 60 community members attended the Woman's Club Wine and Hors D'oeuvres party held at the gorgeous home of Rick Malone and Jaime Bowerman. Club members prepared their best hors d'oeuvres. The buffet table was magnificent.



Photos by Sam Cori

At the Woman's Club Party are (from left) Debbie McManis, Paula Rothenberg, Denise Patton Pace and Carol Leventhal.



Amon Nixon (from left), Eva Kosztarab, Egon Weck enjoy the many delicious hors d'oeuvres at the buffet table.



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By Carolyn Coldren
Special to Barcroft News

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Send \$15, payable to LB Newcomers, for your 2004-2005 family membership to Carolyn Coldren, 3428 Greentree Dr., Falls Church, VA 22041. Feel free to contact Christy Herz 703-256-5533 or cfherz@cox.net with questions. For a membership form, go to: www.lakebarcroft.org/cm/clubs/newcomers.shtml.

Remember the Newcomers' Club is not just for newcomers. We are open to everyone, and we have members who practically opened the Lake.



Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Barge Party

By Lisa Levine
Special to Barcroft News

The Newcomers' Barge Party on Oct. 3 was an overwhelming success with more than 120 friends and neighbors attending. Our hosts, Sam and Todd West, ensured we had a lovely venue for the party.

The weather was beautiful as people enjoyed a sunset cruise around the Lake. Ten "Captains" piloted their barges of partygoers around the Lake and shared some of the community's stories.

Many people helped make this event successful especially Donna Tamas and Alison Oleson both of Barger Drive, Carolyn Coldren of Greentree Drive and Sam West of Waterway Drive. Their enthusiasm and follow-through was critical to the success of the party.



Photo by Matt Friedman

Loading up for the Newcomers' Barge Party at the Aukofers' dock.



Photo by Dave Garrison

A fully loaded barge departs the Aukofers' dock at the start of the voyage in the Newcomers' Barge Party.

September Morn



Photos by Tom Donlan

A mist rises from the Lake near the Woman's Club Bridge.

Music On The Lake



Steven Beck (left) and Michael Mizrahi played individually and as a duet on piano Oct. 10 at Music on the Lake at the home of Bill and Julie Roberts on Boat Dock Drive. **Next Program: Medieval and Renaissance Music — Dec. 5.**



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Rusticway Chamber Music Series opened on Sept. 26

By Carol Donlan
Barcroft News Staff



Photo by Carol Donlan

Talented musicians from Stuart, Glasgow and Belvedere opened the Rusticway Chamber Music Series on Sept. 26. Cello and violin compositions by Vivaldi, Handel, Bach, Mozart and others filled the home of Kristin Gilbert. This special young musicians program raised \$450 for the Lake's Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. John Martin, former principal cellist of the National Symphony Orchestra, was ill and could not perform.

Musicians included:

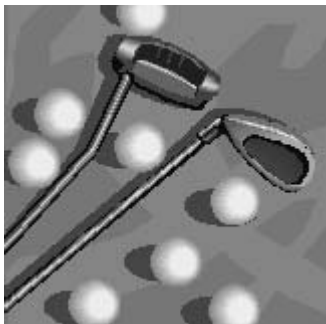
- ▶ Cellists Schuyler Slack, 11th grade, Stuart High School; Mikas Kupreas and Asher

Rubin, 8th graders from Glasgow; Alix Glaubitz, 7th grade, Glasgow and Nicholas Pisciotta, 5th grade, Belvedere.

- ▶ Violist Philip Maroun, 9th grade, Stuart.
- ▶ Violinists Catherine Prosser, Glasgow strings teacher and Cassandra Haynes, Stuart strings teacher.
- ▶ Piano Accompaniment: Kristin Gilbert

The second Rusticway concert will be Sunday Nov. 28. It will feature the Isis Duo — harpist James Pinkerton and flutist Amy Thomas.

Photo: Alex Glaubitz, 12, of Rusticway Lane (left), and Nick Pisciotta, 10, of Crosswoods Circle were in the ensemble at the premier of the Rusticway Chamber Music Series.



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Our musicians and faculty can now set goals for what they want to accomplish this year and it's all because of you. I can only hope you know what this means to the Music Department. Your donations help pay for things from those as basic as violin strings to competition transportation to loaner instruments for students unable to afford their own.

If your mail-in donations equal previous years, we will surpass our 2003 record high of more than \$25,000. And for that, each and every one of you has our sincerest gratitude. "Thank you" is an understatement.

Al Snyder
JEB. Stuart High School Music Department
Tag Day Coordinator

**Nov.
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articles due
Oct. 20**

Wonder why the plantings look so beautiful on Glen Carlyn?

Come help with Culmore Clean up Day on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bring gloves and rakes and wear comfortable clothes to the base station at Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Dr. Volunteers will be divided into teams and given instruction sheets, safety vests, trash bags and water. To students and others who need community service hours, certificates of service will be issued.

Culmore Cleanup Day is sponsored by a group of community service organizations, civic associations, government organizations and businesses in the Culmore area.

Please register with Mohammed Esslami, 703-820-8776 messla@fairfaxcounty.gov or Gina Fajardo, 703-820-9039 ginafajardo@hotmail.com.



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Volunteers from Capital One and the Morning Star Program at the Woodrow Wilson Library on Culmore Clean up Day in 2003.

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Lake Barcroft Movies Under the Stars



Nicole Snyder, 13 of Beachway Drive and Cricket Clayton, 13 of Lakeview Drive, help Cricket's mom Holly Hazard put up the screen for the premiere presentation of Lake Barcroft Movies Under the Stars, which just might become a regular Sunday night event. "The Princess Bride" was the first show.



Holly Hazard rigged up an outdoor video projector with a very long extension cord plugged into a house across Lakeview Drive from Beach One.



Gary Jewell of Tollgate Terrace, Kira Bowman of Lakeview Drive (in foreground) and (from left) George Waters, Vincent Martinelli and Roye Weeks, all of Lakeview Drive, at the Beach One barbeque.



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Dinner and a movie at Beach One may well become a new Lake Barcroft tradition.

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Lake Barcroft Kazoo Band wowed the crowd at the Labor Day Games again this year

By Marie Glass
Special to Barcroft News

Once again the Lake Barcroft Kazoo Band wowed the crowd at the Labor Day Games. Members are Holly Hazard, Signe Merz, Susie Hall, Carol Moody, Diane Davidson, Marie Glass, Sarah Trott DeSeve, Ann Cullather, Barbara Bassuener, Trippi Penland and Megan North. The Kazoo Band Banner was elegantly held by Christina and Andrea Print. Shear North appropriately entered with the Olympic flame at the finale as the band tooted the NBC Olympic theme song. It was Shear's 8th birthday, so she worked on her birthday! (Well it was Labor Day.) For the encore, it was kazoos all around as all children were invited to join in *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* and *The Farmer in the Dell*.

The Kazoo band wishes to thank David Goldstein for serving as the official photographer.

This was the Kazoo Band's first performance with accompanying choreographed chorus line dancing.



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The fabulous Lake Barcroft Kazoo Band invited children to join in the encore on Labor Day.

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Neighbors on the beach



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Chuck Haberlein of Farm Hill Drive has a water's-edge conversation with Ken Leventhal of Rusticway Lane.

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What a difference a year makes. A year ago on Sept. 18, Hurricane Isabel was charging through our neighborhood, taking down trees and power lines. Winds hit 41 mph. This year on the same day, Hurricane Ivan slipped to our south. Winds here only reached 30 mph.

Remnants of three hurricanes – Frances, Ivan and Jeanne – passed Virginia last month. Only Jeanne set a 24-year record at this station for the most rain for the date (Sept. 28), close to 2 inches.

September was warmer and more humid than average, but the highest maximum temperature only hit 82°F. September usually has at least one day in the upper 80s, low 90s.

Of course, the most exciting weather event in August was the big hail storm on Aug. 11. I have never observed such large hail in my life. These were conglomerates, not spherical hailstones. Some were as large as 2.5 x 3 inches. Average was around 2 inches. I put that hailstone in my freezer. The large hail only came down for a minute or two but it put dents in the top of our car. We were lucky there wasn't much of it and it didn't last long.

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A big hailstone from the Aug. 11 storm.

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Good neighbor policies

Ernie Carpenter (left) and Bill Peters of Jay Miller Drive, walking with their dogs Butch (left) and Brit. They are doing their part to keep the Lake clean.



Photos by Tom Donlan

Three things you can do this fall to be a good neighbor:

- 1) No early morning leaf blowing. If you think it might be too early to run your leaf blower, it probably is.
- 2) When you pile up leaves, keep them to the side of the street. It's especially dangerous on curves to have leaf piles in the roadway. If you have a company rake your leaves, make sure the workers know they should pile them on the shoulder, not in the street.
- 3) Pick up after pets. Bring a plastic bag when you walk — and use it! Fairfax County requires owners to pick up after dogs, even in public areas.



Make sure your leaves are off the street.



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