

# BARCROFT NEWS

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## JUNE MEETING: Barcroft School Renovation

Construction will begin in about two weeks on the full-blown renovation of Barcroft Elementary School. There will be dust, traffic, and noise—some of it very late at night to permit the school to continue to operate. The payoff, however, will be a fully functional school that will be an asset and source of pride to our neighborhood for many years to come. Principal Ellen Kahan will be the featured speaker at the June meeting. See for yourself why she gets rave reviews from teachers and parents. You may even hear a little more about President Bush's recent visit to the school. This program is relevant to anyone who has small children, is pregnant, or is planning to have children. It will also be interesting to those who live near the school and want to know what to expect.

## BSCL Adopts New Articles and Bylaws

In a historic moment at the May 5 meeting, a full quorum (57) of members voted to adopt new Articles of Incorporation and By-

laws for the BSCL. The Articles, unchanged from the copy included in the April *Barcroft News*, are now safely deposited in Richmond. The Bylaws were modified from the version read at the April meeting to eliminate the use of proxies and to reduce the necessary number for a quorum to a more manageable 25 members. Be sure to thank Pat Roach for the pro bono legal work he and his law firm, Bell, Boyd and Lloyd, did to bring both documents up to date. And special thanks to everyone who turned out to make sure we had our quorum!

## 1991-1992 BSCL Officers Elected

The May Annual Meeting included the election of officers for the coming year:

<i>President</i>	Larry Goldschmidt
<i>Vice President</i>	Scott Allard
<i>Treasurer</i>	Deborah Wood
<i>Secretary</i>	Sharon Tope
<i>Board Member</i>	Randy Swart (term ends 1995)

In addition, three Board Members will continue to serve their four-year terms: Phyl

Kinsey (1992), Susan Christopher (1993), and Pat Roach (1994).

Congratulations to those elected, and many thanks for the service of the retiring officers. Come to the parade on July 4 and meet all of the new and old officers.

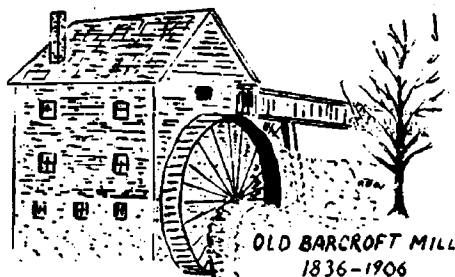
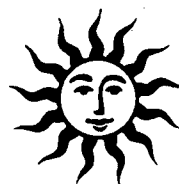
## Arlington Hall Park Progress Report

The BSCL's Arlington Hall Committee met April 24 to hear from both the National Guard and the Department of State on the status of their construction on the Arlington Hall site, followed by a discussion with county staff on the park renovation on the Barcroft side of George Mason Drive.

The National Guard is still using the old cinderblock building on the park site, and it

must be razed before the renovation can begin. Consequently, it will be many months before you see any activity. The county has studied the BSCL proposal for the site and hopes to have a fully developed plan by the time the property is actually ready for renovation. The park will include a tot's playground, a picnic area, and the bicycle trail passing under George Mason. In the meantime, the baseball field is in use by Arlington Little Leaguers.

Call Pat Roach, Chairman of the Arlington Hall Committee, at 920-8131 for further information.



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### BSCL Officers for 1991-1992

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## Parade to Be Held on 4th of July

The third annual Barcroft 4th of July Parade will soon be here, and this year we have special reasons to celebrate. The war in the Persian Gulf reminded us, once again, of the sacrifices made for our country by the men and women of the Armed Forces. The Parade Committee has decided to honor all Barcroft service men and women, both active and retired, by inviting them to serve as the Grand Marshalls of the parade. So all you vets need to get out those uniforms, bring a friend or neighbor, and help make this a great patriotic event. (Anyone who would rather ride than walk, please call Mary Anne, 920-5619.)

We've changed a few procedures to make things easier and more fun for everyone participating. To avoid long, hot lines, a preregistration form is included in this issue of *Barcroft News*. Please take a moment to fill it out and mail it to Mary Anne O'Rourke, 4516 8th St. S., Arlington, VA 22204.

As an added incentive, anyone preregistering will receive an American flag to carry in the parade. Once you've preregistered, simply show up at the Community House on the 4th and we'll issue your "marching orders."

To provide transportation for those who prefer (or may need) to ride in the parade, we are asking any Barcrofter with a vintage car (or cars) to participate. There seem to be a few collectors around, so come along and share those beautiful cars with all of us.

This year we will have games and races at the Community House after the parade. There are great prizes for everyone. Jim and Nancy Schroll (685-1652) will be organizing this event for young and not-so-young Barcrofters.

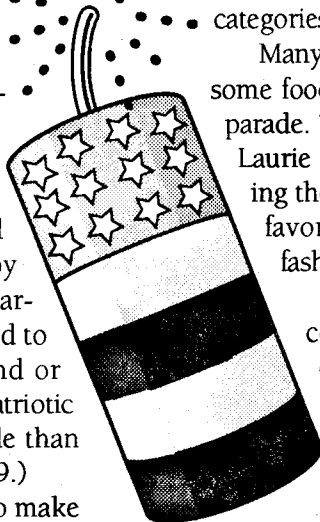
Call them with ideas or to lend a hand.

As before, we will award prizes to parade participants. (Word has it that some families have already begun working on their floats.) Please check the registration form for the categories you'd like to enter.

Many people asked if they could bring some food to share at the picnic after the parade. The answer is a resounding YES! Laurie Kelsch (920-9429) is coordinating the dessert table. Bring along your favorite goodies or just a good old-fashioned watermelon.

We hope a huge crowd will come out and share in the Barcroft community spirit at this fun event. See you at the parade!

Mary Anne O'Rourke  
Parade Chairman



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# Arlington Public Schools Extended Day Program

The Extended Day Program is now enrolling students for the 1991-92 school year. The program is offered at all Arlington Public Elementary Schools on weekdays when school is in session, but not on vacation days, teacher conference days, and days when schools are closed because of weather. It provides supervised activities for elementary school students of working parents from 7 AM to 6 PM during the regular school year.

Extended Day is divided into before school, after school, and before/after kindergarten sessions. Parents or guardians pay a fee for this service, based on family income, the number of sessions selected, and the number of children the family enrolls. Parents should contact the elementary school the child(ren) will be attending.

Extended Day registration forms must be returned to the neighborhood school along with payment of the first month's tuition no later than August 15 to guarantee the child's place in the program on the first day of school. For more information, call 358-6069.



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## Community House Maintenance Progresses



The fence is indeed fixed at 8th and Buchanan—except for the shininess of the new posts, you might not know the drunk driver had ever visited. The St. George's Bulgarian Orthodox Church congregation also did a nice job of spring cleaning for St. George's Day on May 5.

Progress on finding a painter is continuing slowly. The 4th of July is still the target for completion of the new paint job.

Call Randy Swart at 521-2080 if you are interested in the Building and Grounds Committee.

## Barcroft Sign Design

At the May meeting, Barbara Swart presented the proposed sites and design for two community signs to be erected as part of the Neighborhood Conservation Plan. One would be placed at Henderson/Abingdon Rds. & Arlington Blvd., between Rt. 50 and the service road, and the other would be on 8th St. at George Mason Dr., in the triangular median.

The signs are to be constructed of quarry stone similar to that used for retaining walls throughout the community. The name, "Barcroft," and the words "Since 1903" are to be carved into a solid slab insert of complementary color and characteristics. The committee felt that this type of construction (combined with the date) would be attractive, convey the stability and strength of Barcroft, and be relatively maintenance-free.

The BSCL approved the design and sites. Now the proposal has to go through the county's approval process.

## Are You a Registered Voter?

This is the year we vote for our local officials—two members of the County Board, the Sheriff, the Commissioner of the Revenue, the Treasurer, the Commonwealth's Attorney, and the Clerk of the Court—as well as Virginia General Assembly members. Only registered voters can participate in this selection process. Barcrofters will be voting at the Unitarian Church this November.

If you are not already registered in Virginia, you must register in person. Call the Office of Voter Registration, 358-3456, for details. If you are registered in another part of Virginia, call to request a transfer form.

If you are registered in Arlington but have moved, you must update your address for voter registration. The back cover of this issue of *Barcroft News* has a Change of Address Form that you can fill out and mail to the Office of Voter Registration, #1 Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, Arlington, VA 22201. To qualify to vote in the next election, your voter registration must show the address where you actually live.

If you will be away on business or vacation or if you are ill, you can vote by absentee ballot. You need to file an Application for Absentee Ballot, which must be received by the Registrar at least five days before the election if done by mail, or completed at least three days before the election if done in person. Call the Office of Voter Registration for an application.

Remember, voting is every citizen's right and responsibility. And if you want to vote, you've got to be registered here as a Barcroft resident. Make sure you can take part in an important democratic process, and let your voice be heard by our elected officials.

## County Restores Support for CPRO

The Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization's county funding has been restored for the upcoming fiscal year. Arlington County's recent budget shortfalls and cutbacks had initially threatened to cut this vital support. In light of CPRO's success in upgrading Columbia Pike, however, county officials decided to return its funding.

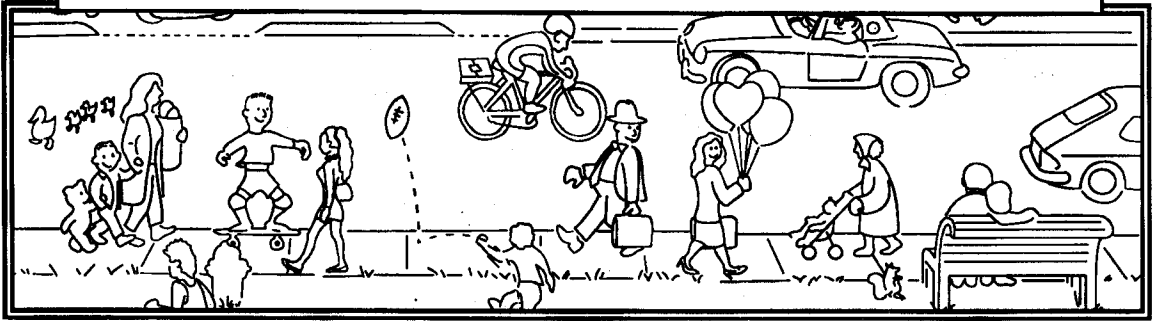
CPRO is a coalition of residents, property owners, and merchants working with Arlington County to revitalize the Pike. It

- ♣ works with merchants to upgrade buildings, clean the areas in front of stores, and control traffic problems
- ♣ helps recruit new businesses
- ♣ sponsors special events to bring the community together, such as Like the Pike Week this month
- ♣ publishes the Directory of Businesses and Services and a restaurant guide (coming soon) for Barcrofters and other Pike residents

CPRO exists because of the residents' and merchants' commitment to increase the quality of the neighborhood shopping district. A membership drive is under way to raise funds to match the proposed County funds. You can show your support of the ongoing revitalization effort by joining CPRO. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and member discounts at special events and promotions and strengthen their civic association's voice in CPRO. To join CPRO, send your tax-deductible dues of \$10 to CPRO, 3717 Columbia Pike, #311, Arlington, VA 22204.

For more information about Like the Pike Week, coming in mid-June, and other special events, call 892-CPRO.

## Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



Paula and Tom Junker of S. Abingdon were expecting a baby toward the end of May, but little Jessica didn't want to wait that long and was born May 5. She has an older sister, Janey, age 2 years 7 months. Paula is a mother-at-home, and Tom is a litigation attorney with Hazel and Thomas in their Old Town office. Tom was a member of the transportation committee for the Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

Baby Jessica will be a prime contender for "Youngest Participant" at the 4th of July Parade.



Volunteers are still trickling in to help with the Lazarus at the Gate food distribution. Our neighborhood is currently committed to distributing food on the first and third Mondays of the month and every Friday. Yes, 5:30–7:30 PM is a difficult time of day to get out for volunteer work. It may mean leaving work early or preparing dinner ahead of time. But not only are you helping others, you are helping neighbors in need.

If people weren't hungry they wouldn't be standing in line, sometimes in the rain, to collect a bag of dented cans of soup, days-old bread, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. On a lucky day, there is fruit to give out and sometimes a box of clothing. Just one evening a month will probably be the most re-

warding evening you'll spend. Work with other Barcrofters to feed hungry, struggling Barcrofters.

Heavy lifting is not required, nor is a car. Bring the kids. This is an ideal opportunity for children to learn about volunteering, giving their time to help other people, particularly other children—to find out that giving can feel just as good as receiving.

Volunteers are especially needed for the Friday slots, and substitutes are needed as back-ups. They also need people to prepare sandwiches and simple meals for homeless men. All food and supplies are provided, and you make the food in your own home.

Get involved in improving the quality of life for some of your own neighbors. Try coming just once; you will see how much this service is needed. If you'd like to join the 14 or so Barcrofters who have already volunteered, call Laurie Kelsch at 920-9429.

**Call the  
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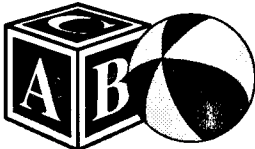
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# June Events

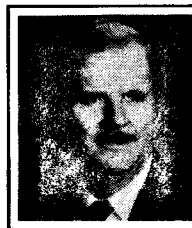
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Columbia Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> MATCH Meeting, 7:30 PM, Dunn Loring United Methodist Ch.; call 425-1948.	<b>4</b> Civic Federation Mtg., 7:45 PM, Arlington Hosp. PTA, Barcroft School, daVinci Fair & Dessert Night	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BSCL, Community House, 7:30 PM. Call 521-3746 for info.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> FLAG DAY LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30 PM; picnic at Lubber Run	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> FATHER'S DAY	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

## Daycare/Babysitting

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**Martha Howard,**  
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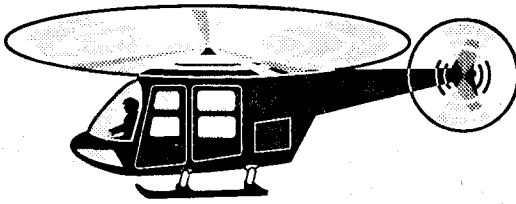
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## Green

Green feels like a nice day.  
Green feels like trees that grow in the ground.  
Green feels so nice.  
Green feels like a beautiful day.  
Green tastes like a lemon slurpee.  
Green smells like a beautiful tree.  
Green sounds like a big bloom.

*Adam Metcalf, Grade 2, Miss Storosh  
Barcroft Elementary School*



## Helicopter Hotline: 557-5360

Use this number between 8 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday–Friday, to report helicopters flying over your home. Helicopters are required to fly directly over either I-395 (Shirley Highway) or Route 7 (Leesburg Pike/King St.) at an altitude of 1,300 feet, weather permitting. In Barcroft, we should not have any flying directly over our neighborhood, but we have all heard them from time to time.

When filing a complaint, state that you are reporting a helicopter flying off-route and at a low altitude. Give the following information: date, time, location (nearest street intersection), type of helicopter—military (usually green or another dark color) or commercial, direction headed (e.g., north toward Washington or east toward Alexandria), and altitude (less than 1,300 feet; if you can hear it, it's not at 1,300 feet).

## Summer Lights

There are lights in the summer. I like to catch the lightning bugs in the summer.

I like to see the sun in summer because we get to go to the beach. I see the moon in the summer. It is bright.

I see the stars at night and they are bright and shining.

The beautiful flowers grow in the summer.

In the summer the sun lights are hot.

*Chantha Kry, Grade 2, Miss Hardman  
Barcroft Elementary School*

## Land Use Planning and Development Process

For the third consecutive year, Arlington County will offer its award-winning short course on Arlington's land use planning, to encourage informed public awareness and involvement. The two-part course will be given on June 6 and 13, 7:30–10:00 PM in Room 307, #1 Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about Arlington's planning process or who is already involved in it should sign up. Preregistration is required. There is a nominal charge of \$10, which covers the course materials. To register, call Kim Phan, Dept. of Community Planning, Housing and Development, 358-3805.

## Cub Scout Pack Meeting

The June 7 meeting will be a family picnic. It will be held at Lubber Run, starting at 6:30 PM. This will be the last pack meeting of the school year.





## Doesn't Anyone Know What "Stop" or a Red Light Means Anymore?

Every time I approach the intersection of the Arlington Blvd. service road and Pershing Drive, I get nervous. Will the car rushing up to the stop sign actually stop, or will the driver simply slow down and pull out, assuming that I will have seen that he or she is in a hurry and can't be bothered to obey the law? If I blow my horn to signal that I am going to keep on going and not stop where I don't have to, is the driver going to swear and gesticulate at me like I've done something wrong? Does anybody obey stop signs and traffic lights anymore? From my experience, it seems that fewer and fewer people do.

Kathy Kerr recently wrote of a narrow escape she had when crossing Rt. 50 at Henderson/Abingdon. I too had a near-miss; but I also got hit once by someone running the light on Rt. 50. What upset me most was the police officer's reluctance to file any charges against the driver. He asked me a couple of times, "Do you want to press charges?" I said, "Of course." His comment was, "That means you'll have to go to court." He didn't add that it meant that he too would have to go to court. Has it gotten to be too much trouble to make people do something as crucial as stopping at a red light?

Because of that accident, I avoid using this intersection unless I am heading out Rt. 50, even though there is a traffic light. Instead, I take the service road east to cross 50

at George Mason Dr. and risk getting rammed by someone running the stop sign at Pershing Dr. At least they are usually not speeding along at 50 miles an hour or more. If I do get rammed, it shouldn't be too damaging, right? What's wrong with this picture?

Sara Leigh Merrey

## Barcroft Exchange

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## Second Measles Vaccination Required

Virginia law now requires a second dose of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine for all children entering kindergarten for the first time. This law also affects new first graders who did not attend kindergarten. The law is effective for the school year 1991-92.

Shots may be obtained from a private physician or from the Arlington County Division of Health Services at the Fenwick Center, 800 S. Walter Reed Dr., 4-6 PM Tuesdays and 9-11 AM Fridays. Parents are advised to bring a snack and activities for their child, as there may be a long wait. Delays will be longer after the middle of August. Expanded hours may be provided, so call 358-5600 for up-to-date information about immunization hours.

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## Pre-K Summer School

Arlington Public Schools is offering a pre-kindergarten summer school for children who need extra help preparing for next fall's kindergarten. The targeted age group includes youngsters who are five now or will be five years old by September 30. The program is designed to help youngsters with limited English skills and those who have little or no preschool experience become familiar with the school setting, learn to use school materials (such as clay, paint, scissors, and crayons), and improve their language skills.

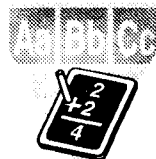
The four-week program runs from July 8 to August 2. It is being offered at Drew Model School, Key Elementary School, and Taylor Elementary School. Bus transportation will be provided.

Parents or guardians need the following to enroll their children:

- ☞ approval from the school principal
- ☞ proof of the child's age
- ☞ the child's immunization record
- ☞ proof of the parent or guardian's Arlington residency

He or she will also need to pay tuition in the amount of \$150. Some tuition assistance is available, based on need.

Call the Barcroft Elementary School, 358-5838, or the Arlington Schools' Early Childhood Office, 358-6152, for more information. Parents who do not speak English should call the Arlington Schools' Intake Center at 358-6767.



# Barcroft Crime Report

Crimes reported during April. If you have information about an incident, please call the police at 558-2222.

- 4/1 900 S. **George Mason** Purse taken from locked car
- 4/2 4800 **Columbia Pike** Employer/employee dispute  
600 S. **Buchanan** Louvers stolen from car window
- 4/4 800 S. **George Mason** Vandalism to auto
- 4/5 800 S. **Taylor** Vandalism to auto  
800 S. **Taylor** Vandalism to auto  
900 S. **George Mason** Prescription fraud  
900 S. **Wakefield** Vandalism to auto
- 4/6 800 S. **Wakefield** Vandalism to auto
- 4/13 4300 S. **Columbia Pike** Stereo stolen from car  
4600 S. **4th** Vandalism to auto
- 4/14 900 S. **Wakefield** CD player & speakers stolen from auto
- 4/15 4300 S. **Columbia Pike** Items stolen from auto
- 4/17 300 S. **Pershing Dr.** Unlawful entry; 2 subjects sleeping in vacant apartment arrested
- 4/18 200 S. **Abingdon** '86 Dodge stolen  
4200 S. **8th** Vandalism to auto  
600 S. **Wakefield** Resident received suspicious letters
- 4/19 4400 **Arlington Blvd.** '87 Chevy stolen  
4400 **Arlington Blvd.** Items stolen from car
- 4/20 200 S. **Pershing Dr.** Attempt made to steal '84 Toyota  
900 S. **Buchanan** Arrest for public drunkenness  
4800 S. **Columbia Pike** DWI arrest
- 4/21 900 S. **George Mason** Attempted robbery; subjects demanded money; when denied, they sprayed the victim with mace
- 4/22 900 S. **Buchanan** License plate stolen
- 4/25 900 S. **Utah** Unsecured bike stolen from backyard
- 4/26 900 S. **Buchanan** Arrest for public drunkenness  
4300 S. **Columbia Pike** Lug nuts stolen from car
- 4/27 4300 S. **Columbia Pike** '86 Chevy stolen
- 4/28 900 S. **Buchanan** Burglary; VCR stolen; entry through open window

## Crime Resistance Committee Special Meeting

So many Barcrofters turned out for the meeting on April 17 that the Community House was filled to overflowing!

Lt. Haas, who commands the Evening Patrol, outlined the actions taken to increase surveillance of the pool hall and Restaurante El Salvador, including having officers park in the pool hall parking lot while preparing their reports. He listened carefully and took notes on the comments of the assembled residents, promising some neighborhood squad car patrols and radar speed checks on Buchanan and Wakefield. Lorraine Bartleson of the Crime Resistance Unit, who provides the monthly crime report, gave more information on recent activity in Barcroft.

Dick Trodden, Barcrofter and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, described the place of the prosecutor in the criminal justice system. He noted that although an increase in the staff in his office has permitted the prosecution of more cases, each attorney is still responsible for a very large case load.

County Board Vice Chairman Al Eisenberg wrapped up the session with some thoughts on the crime problem from the County Board's viewpoint. Responding to questions about the resources for fighting crime, he noted that the Board approved the County Manager's modest requests for more officers, better weapons, and improved communications. Noting the concern of the Barcrofters in attendance, Eisenberg said the County would respond to the BSCL with some proposals for dealing with the increased crime rate in the neighborhood.

Subsequent to this meeting the *Journal* has reported countywide crime increases, up by about 20% over last year.

# Voter Registration Change of Address Form

If you wish to vote in the next election, you must be registered to vote using the address where you actually live. If you have moved and not yet updated your voter registration, complete this form and mail it to the Office of Voter Registration, #1 Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, Arlington, VA 22201.

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Date of Move: \_\_\_\_\_

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