



# BARCROFT NEWS

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING:

### Personal Safety

The return-from-summer-break meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League will focus on personal safety. Detective Altman of the Arlington Police Department will be there to discuss what to do, and not to do, if an incident occurs and how not to be a victim. She will then answer our questions.

If you are new to the neighborhood, please join us at 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 5, in the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St. Come meet your neighbors, chat for a bit, refresh yourself, and get involved in your community.

## Barcroft's 4th of July

Barcroft celebrated the 4th of July with its best parade ever. Even the weather cooperated, holding the temperature down and keeping the rain back till the last minute.

Each year the parade gets bigger and better, not just with more entries (especially in the bike and trike categories) but with what we really like to see—more people cheering us on from the sidewalks. Because of the construction at Barcroft School, we shortened the

parade route and circled one block. The shorter route didn't mean less fun, though.

Starting the parade off right were the Grand Marshalls and flag bearers: Chief Gene Gurganus, USN Ret., and Commander Tom Boothe, USN. Thanks so much to both of them for representing our nation's armed forces.

We were heartened by the groups participating this year, including those from Our Savior Lutheran Church, the Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool, and the Women's Club of Arlington. Many families merged to form their own marching and musical groups, such as prize winners "The Barcroft Colonials," the Shaffer and Whelan families, who entertained the judges with a rendition of "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "Pershing's Own" kazoo band, with the Cackley, Wilson, Kodis, Miller, Pascaleff, and Donner Brook families. The "Kerr Family Fiddlers" also stopped at the reviewing stand to serenade the crowd, and picked up a first place ribbon to boot.

Thanks to our judges—Bill Newman, Karen Darner, and Conchita Mitchell—who deftly handled a seemingly impossible task! How they could pick winners in the sea of red, white, and blue that streamed by them

on bikes and trikes was beyond me, but somehow they managed to narrow it down to Leslie Williams, Ryan Walsh, Robin Halberstein, and Ken Leinbach for best bikes and Megan Metzger and Julie Schroll for best trikes. Chloe Greenburg's "Boston Tea Party" stroller was as adorable as its rider, and the Handy family won in this category as well with its interpretation of "Stormin' Norman." Of course all of the Barcroft kids were winners, and everyone received a prize or coupon for a treat at Hardee's.

The ideas we saw marching down the street were endlessly wonderful. They showed real effort on the part of a lot of kids (and their parents). Heather Jones's "All-American Fireworks" wagon won as well as the Anderson family wagon, featuring a good-natured dad disguised as a horse pulling the family

along, and Niles Barnhart in his "Teddy Bear" wagon.

The prize for best float was won by another joint family group, as the Sarcone-Roach, Cohen-McKeon, and Stall families teamed up to make the "Keep America Clean" float. The Marvin L. Davis family came all the way from Pakistan and won the best costume prize for their beautiful native costumes. And last, but certainly not least, Mrs. Francis Kennedy won for her beautiful flowered hat, which she proudly displayed to everyone on the parade route. Mrs. Kennedy could be considered a double winner this year. Since she moved to Barcroft in 1933, she was also Longest Time Resident in the parade.

As we reassembled back at the Community House, people lined up for hot dogs and

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cole slaw. Feeding 400 people is no easy task, but Susan Christopher made it all work.

Then came the games. Led by Jim and Nancy Schroll, people lined up for tug-of-war, water balloon games, and potato sack races. I think the most fun was had when all of the adults took their turn to race. You've never seen children laugh so hard.

The fence surrounding the Community House was decorated with more than 100 4th of July pictures drawn by Barcroft Elementary School children. Dr. Ellen Kahan, principal of the school, was also on hand to show her students how to win a potato sack race.

The parade went so well this year because of the work of an awful lot of our neighbors. From preregistration to cleanup, things flowed smoothly because the committee members did their jobs. It's impossible to thank them enough, and everyone else who pitched in, for all their kindness and generosity. I want to put in a special thank you to Annette Osso, who, as a Discovery Toys dealer, donated a beautiful ring-toss toy as a prize. Her name was accidentally omitted from the program.

Tom Floyd, as parade director, was responsible for organizing the 250-some people who marched in the parade. With his gentle southern drawl, he slowly but surely got everyone where they should be and marched them out on the street. This was Tom's second year working with the parade committee, typically giving his time and effort for his community. Tom and his wife, Torill's, tragic deaths have shocked and saddened all of us. We will miss them very much.

Committee members included Mary Anne O'Rourke, chair; Deborah Wood, advisor; Anne Noll, advisor; Tom Floyd, parade director; Talmadge Williams, publications; Randy Swart, BSCL representative; Barbara

Swart, t-shirts; Susan Christopher, refreshments; Ethel Shafer, decorations; Jim and Mary Schroll, games; Joyce Hutchins, cleanup; Jack Turner, signs; Laurie Kelsch, desserts; Ken MacKnight, photography.

Individual contributors included (in no particular order) Cara DeMik, Stephen Nightengale, Maureen Lock, Sara Leigh Merrey, Laurie Kelsch, Phyllis Kinsey, Judy Kusack, Rick and Cathy Tittmann, Sally Robertson, Claudia Uyehara, Natalia Lord, Bonnie Barbar, Peggy Floyd, Maria Salazar, Phil and Alicia Cackley, Randy Swart, Deborah Rimkus, James and Patricia Davis, Jim Wilson, Keara Depenbrock, Tom Boothe, Jim Casey, Mary Metzger, Jim Hogan, Scott Allard, Col. C.C. Roder, Chris Monek, and Marsha Oresky.

I also want to thank our sponsors from the business community: Blockbuster Video, Brenner's Bakery, Burger King, Columbia Pike Cleaners, Domino's Pizza, Duke Film Express, Giant, Ed Boling and Joel Tabler of Re/Max Realty, McDonald's, Hardee's, Safeway, Seven-Eleven, Tanzman's Shoes, VEPCO, Pizza Hut, and George Mason Shell.

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# Neighborhood Conservation Plan

## Projects Approved

On June 13 the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee approved three BSCL projects for funding under the Neighborhood Conservation program. One is a new sidewalk along Pershing/Buchanan from 4th St. to 6th St., including the old VEPCO substation site. The second is the missing sidewalk on Abingdon between 5th and 6th Sts. The third is a curb and gutter project to control erosion on 8th Rd. at Four Mile Run Park. The projects will be funded from neighborhood conservation bond funds approved by the voters in November 1990. The first project approved under the Plan, the rehabilitation of the park at Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run, may get under way this fall.

## Representative Needed

The BSCL needs a representative for the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, which meets once a month at the Courthouse. If you are interested in serving, please call Larry Goldschmidt at 521-3746. The most exciting part of the job is qualifying our projects for funding, but the Committee also discusses other aspects of neighborhood conservation, including traffic control, zoning, and housing issues.

## Plan Published

The Barcroft Neighborhood Conservation Plan was finally published in late July. The Plan had been approved last summer by the County Board—and has not been changed since—but it had not been officially published. We are grateful to Sara Leigh Merrey, our newsletter editor, who designed the cover and then volunteered to do the graphics and

typesetting. The County agreed, so the published Plan is a neighborhood effort from beginning to end.

All those who worked on the Plan's committees and all households who are members of the BSCL received a copy of the Plan during August. If you would like a copy but did not receive one, call Randy Swart at 521-2080.

The Plan is now being implemented project by project.

## Parade Welcome

Welcome, fellow residents, to the annual Barcroft 4th of July Parade. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this celebration with you today—but I did not want to miss this opportunity to thank you for voting unanimously to dedicate this event in my late husband, Warren Stambaugh's, honor.

Warren was very proud to be asked to be the Grand Marshall of the parade two years ago—and discharged his duty with great joy. A wonderful picture taken of him that day—waving his straw hat while dressed from head to toe in red, white, and blue—was proudly displayed in our home. (To be perfectly honest, he made sure that all who visited were shown the picture of Grand Marshall Stambaugh.)

As you may know, Warren was born in a small town in Kentucky—the kind of community that, like Barcroft, values great American traditions; the kind of community that comes together in the happy times and in the difficult times.

Our family thanks you for acknowledging Warren's devotion to this community and to the Commonwealth. God bless you all and a happy Fourth of July.

*Rosemary Stambaugh*

## Register to Vote!

This is the year we vote for local officials 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. If you will be away on business or vacation or if you are ill, you can vote by absentee ballot. Call the Office of Voter Registration for information.

## Join Scouting Night

All boys six years and older are invited to come with their parents to Barcroft Elementary School on Thursday evening, September 19, to learn about scouting and to join the local Tiger Cub Group, Cub Scout Pack, or Boy Scout Troop. Tom Boothe, Cubmaster for Pack 648, will be at the school from 7:30 to 8:30 PM to provide information about scouting and register interested boys. Since 1910 Boy Scouting has helped boys learn new skills, make new friends, and have a lot of fun. We have a great scouting program in our neighborhood, and all boys are welcome to join. For more information, call Tom or Betty Boothe at 892-1415.

## Wanted: Donations and Volunteers for Pediatric AIDS Day Care Center

Pediatric AIDS/HIV, Inc., a nonprofit, faith-based organization operating in Washington, is opening a respite care/day care facility for families with children infected with the AIDS virus. The families are in desperate need of so much: children's clothing and equipment, reliable day care, counseling, support, and a place where they can feel a part of a community. This facility is a response, but donations are needed to make it a reality.

Most needed are family room furniture, baby furniture, toys, clothing, baby equipment, a TV, and a VCR. Transportation for the families and children can probably be arranged, but the center can use some help there too. Volunteers are also needed to assist the paid staff at the center and to cook for various group events. If you can help or have something to donate, please call Nora Myers Rumpf at 521-8634 anytime.

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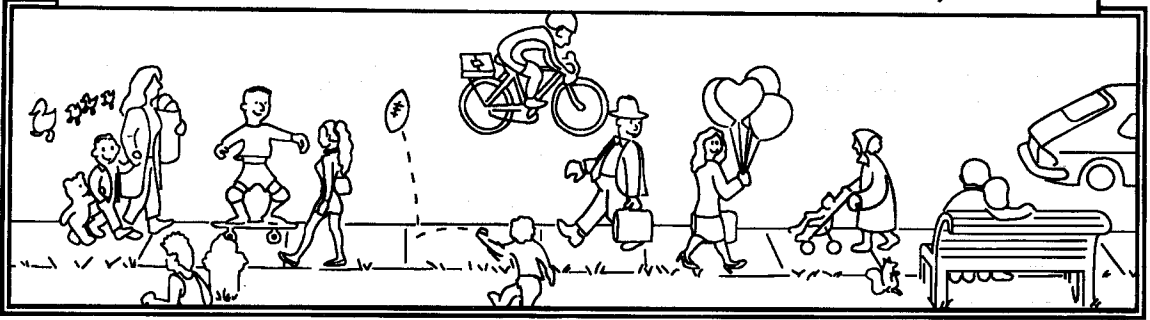
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# Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



About 10 years ago, when Dick and Nora Trodden moved into their home on 3rd St., Nora's father gave them an unusual housewarming gift—a flagpole. Not just any flagpole, but a really big, solid one for Dick to display his flag collection, representing at least 15 countries. Dick says he's not making any particular statement with them; he simply enjoys their beauty.

You may notice that periodically the flag being displayed varies. Dick enjoys flying flags on the days particular countries celebrate national holidays. For instance, he hung out the French flag on Bastille Day, celebrated on July 14 in France. Special favorites are the flags of Sweden and Norway, along with the Union Jack of England and a Fleur de Lis flag of France with a royal purple background.

Barcrofters out for a walk (thanks for cleaning up after your dogs) may enjoy the challenge of identifying the different flags and figuring out what holiday is being celebrated on a particular day. But remember, an unusual flag may also be waving at you just for fun.

Dick and Nora are both Arlington natives who love living in Barcroft. By coincidence, their neighbors across the street are also named Dick and Nora—Rumpf, that is.

## **Babies—Lots of Babies**

If you look up and down your block, you will probably see more babies and small children than last year, or even five years ago. Everybody knows that the “boomers” are having

children now, and when you look around our neighborhood, it really hits home. Scarcely a block of Barcroft has not been touched. What will that mean in years to come? Well, it certainly provides plenty of kids for the Fourth of July parade. It also means plenty of moms looking for child care while they work. It means more people at home in the daytime, instead of empty houses while everybody is at work.

Will we have more BSCL activities for kids and families? That depends on someone being willing to organize them, which is tough to do if you have kids and a job. What will happen when today's toddlers are old enough to drive? Imagine Barcroft with dozens of teenagers bombing around. One thing is certain, we will have changes.



Congratulations to Kathy and Bob Byers of 6th St. on the birth of their first child, Christin Marie. Christin was born in Arlington Hospital and arrived almost three weeks late! An advocate of natural childbirth, Kathy delivered her baby without anesthetic.

Kathy will stay at home with Christin for a few months before resuming her job as a communications analyst. Bob is a computer programmer at the Pentagon. They both hail from Ann Arbor, MI, where they met in a coed physical education class. Kathy is pleased that the increase in babies in Barcroft will make it easy to find playmates close by for Christin.

# September Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> LABOR DAY	<b>3</b> First Day of School Civic Federation Mtg., 7:45 PM, Arlington Hosp.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> BSCL, 7:30 PM, sCommunity House. Call 521-3746 for info.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Columbia Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> ROSH HOSHANA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Crime Resistance Committee, 7:30 PM, Community House. Call 521-5976	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> YOM KIPPUR	<b>19</b> Join Scouting Night, 7:30 PM, Barcroft Elementary School	<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>					

Farmer's Market, Saturdays, near the Courthouse. Closes at noon.

## Dues Time Is Here

It's that time of year again—BSCL membership renewal. We won't be haranguing you during your television programs every night, or during your preschooler's *Sesame Street* program in the morning, to remind you that the BSCL is made possible by your funding. We just ask that you complete and return the

coupon on the dues notice enclosed. The dues are \$2 per person. Remember, only paid members can vote for officers and on issues and resolutions affecting the community.

You are welcome to attend any meeting, even if you don't pay your dues. And you get this dynamite newsletter too. But only paid members get a copy of the directory.

## Obituaries

### Floyds Killed in Tragic Accident

While visiting Norway in July, Tom and Torill Floyd were killed when their car was involved in a head-on collision. Bystanders said that Tom Floyd was wrestling with their rental car in apparent mechanical difficulty.

Torill and Tom were active in Arlington civic affairs. Tom was on the Board of the Culpeper Gardens seniors home and Chairman of the Advance Transit Association, among other service. He had served on the Planning Commission and as Chairman of Arlingtonians for a Better County. Torill had been on the School Board and was a past president of the League of Women Voters. Both were active in the BSCL, Tom having just served his second year as Parade Director for our 4th of July Parade. On that occasion Tom recounted how he had courted Torill when she visited the U.S. and then followed her to Norway in 1950 to win her away from a Norwegian competitor!

The Floyds' five children, seven grandchildren, friends, and fellow Friendship Club members all mourn their loss. The *Washington Post* of July 21 carried their obituary.

### Elsbeth Blankenhorn

Elsbeth Blankenhorn, a resident of 7th St. since 1935, died in her sleep at the end of July after a severe stroke and long illness. She was 91. Her daughter Brigi was caring for her mother. Seventh Street will miss one of its distinguished elder citizens.

### Eunice Smith

Eunice Smith of Wakefield St. was discovered dead in her home shortly after the 4th of July. She was 83 and had apparently suffered a stroke or heart attack. Until her death she worked in a government job, commuting to the Maryland suburbs every day.

## Arlington Community Swimming Pools

The fall•winter•spring pool hours go into effect the Tuesday after Labor Day. General swim hours at Wakefield High School are 6:30–8:30 PM Monday–Friday, 1–7 PM Saturdays, and 1–6 PM Sundays. Special swim hours are as follows: Early Bird Swim—6–7:30 AM Monday–Friday, adults only; Free Swim for Youth—1–3 PM Saturdays; Adult Nights—7–8:30 PM Tuesday and Thursday; Midday Lap Swim—Monday–Friday, schedule posted monthly, adults only.

The pool closes early when there is a home football game; the schedule is posted by the pool. Remember, locker rooms must be cleared 10 minutes after closing for Early Bird, Midday Laps, and General Swimming.

Single admission fees for county residents are \$2.25 (adults), \$1.50 (senior adults), and \$1.25 (youths). Swim tickets good for 20 swims are available for \$35 (adults), \$25 (senior adults), and \$18 (youths). Annual memberships are \$115 (adults), \$80 (senior adults), \$58 (youths), and \$250 (family of three; \$32.50 for each additional family member); call 358-6262 Monday–Friday for additional information. Locker rentals are \$.75 each.

## Publisher Needed!

Suzie Taylor has taken up new postgrad courses and will not be able to serve as publisher of the *Barcroft News* this year. We all thank Suzie for her work over the past year.

We need a volunteer to take the newsletter to the printer and pick it up, then spend one evening a month folding it, affixing labels, putting it in mailing sacks, and delivering it to Eileen Woods and Paul Metzler for mailing. If you would like to help, please call Sara Leigh Merrey, editor, at 521-0527.



## Arlington's Best Kept Secrets

### Where Do You Get a Map of Arlington's Bike Trails?

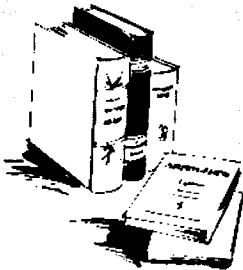
Did you know that our bike trail runs 43 miles from Barcroft to Purcellville, beyond Leesburg? Do you know how to avoid being lost at Shirlington? Or where to find the newest, least crowded, widest trail in Arlington? You need the Arlington County Bicycle Trail Map. This four-color map has all of Arlington's streets and bike trails, along with useful addresses and helpful tips. Flip it over and there are six loops for weekend rides of 5-18 miles. The map is free. Best of all, there are two Barcrofters in the cover photo!

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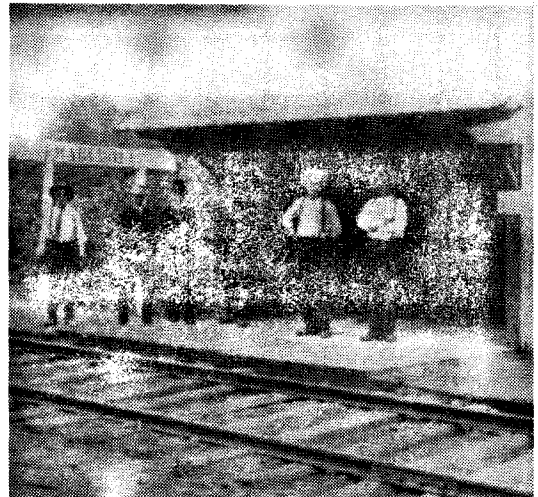
# Barcroft's Best Kept Secrets

## How Did Doctor's Run Get Its Name?

Running along George Mason Drive on the other side from Barcroft is a stream named Doctor's Run or Doctor's Branch. The name actually appears on a playground sign just below Columbia Pike. Where did that name come from?

For a short time in the 1720s a doctor, presumably of medicine, rented land from a John Todd and lived in a cabin near that stream. His name was Dr. Michael Dangill (also spelled "Dunghill"). He stayed in the area

just a short time, according to the old records, and then "absconded." But in the meantime the branch had acquired the name, and it has stuck for 250 years. We do not know when it became a Run instead of a Branch, but branch is more accurate for this type of stream. Look for the Doctor's Run Playground sign on George Mason south of the Pike, just past the Seven-Eleven.



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# Barcroft Crime Report

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- 5/1 **Unit Block S. Abingdon** Items stolen from car
- 5/7 **4600 S. 2nd** Car window broken  
**4700 S. 6th** Stereo stolen from car
- 5/8 **4400 S. 1st Rd.** Attempted burglary; 2 ground floor window screens removed; no entry
- 5/9 **4700 Arlington Blvd.** Stereo stolen from car
- 5/10 **700 S. George Mason** Car cover stolen
- 5/11 **4300 S. 6th '89 Dodge** stolen
- 5/14 **900 S. George Mason** TV/VCR stolen from business employee lounge area
- 5/15 **900 S. Buchanan** Car tires stolen
- 5/18 **700 S. George Mason** Car window broken  
**900 S. Buchanan** Subject arrested; drunk in public  
**900 S. Buchanan** Stereo stolen from car
- 5/20 **900 S. Buchanan** Bike stolen from storage room  
**4400 S. 4th** Car window broken
- 5/21 **4600 S. 3rd** Soliciting funds by phone when not authorized to do so
- 5/22 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting
- 5/25 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting  
**4800 S. Columbia Pike** Destruction to property at business
- 5/26 **200 S. Pershing** Car window broken
- 5/28 **Unit Block S. Pershing** Stereo stolen from car
- 5/29 **4200 S. Columbia Pike** '84 Ford stolen
- 5/30 **4700 S. 6th** Exposure on bike path
- 6/2 **4800 S. 9th** Barking dog  
**900 S. George Mason** Car window broken
- 6/4 **900 S. Utah** Slide mount stereo stolen from car
- 6/6 **900 S. George Mason** Prescription fraud
- 6/7 **900 S. Buchanan** Rim, wheel, & beeper stolen from car
- 6/8 **900 S. Buchanan** Rear louvers stolen from car
- 6/10 **4400 S. 9th** Car mirror broken  
**600 S. Wakefield** Classroom trailer burglarized; closets and drawers gone through
- 6/12 **900 S. Buchanan** Stereo stolen from car  
**4300 S. 4th** Construction accident
- 6/17 **900 S. Buchanan** Burglary; TV and portable stereo stolen  
**Unit Block S. Abingdon** Car window broken; battery stolen
- 6/19 **4300 Columbia Pike** Car paint scratched
- 6/20 **4200 Columbia Pike** Subject arrested; drunk in public
- 6/22 **4300 Columbia Pike** Car window broken, top slit, tapes stolen
- 6/24 **900 S. George Mason** Shoplifting
- 6/25 **900 S. George Mason** 2 incidents of shoplifting  
**900 S. George Mason** Subject arrested; drunk in public
- 6/26 **900 S. George Mason** 2 incidents of shoplifting
- 6/27 **900 S. George Mason** 2 incidents of shoplifting  
**4700 Columbia Pike** Exposure  
**400 S. Taylor** County trash can stolen
- 6/28 **900 S. George Mason** 2 incidents of shoplifting

## Crime Resistance Committee Meeting

The Crime Resistance Committee will meet at 7:30 PM on Monday, September 16, at the Community House. Chairman Dick Carter will update the committee on recent events over the summer. For more information, call Dick at 521-5976.

# 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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