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1600 Crestwood Drive Alexandria, Virginia 22302

The stately good looks of this traditional brick colonial start at the curb and never stop. Obviously well-loved, 1600 Crestwood Drive has had decades of care. Recent improvements have only added to its charm.

A recent front door, with new door assembly and hand rail, opens into a center foyer, from which arched doorways lead into the living and dining rooms. Freshly refinished golden hardwood floors extend throughout the rooms of the original house. The living room to the left features a fireplace with brick surround and handsome mantel, and contains a coat closet. To the right, a sizeable dining room with white wainscoting is given added formality by cornices and burnt velour roman shades. Crown molding lends a harmonious finish to these two rooms, which were re-plastered in December of 2006.

Off the living room, a den provides a cozy informal space, with champagne carpet and dual-paned casement windows. Built-in bookcases grace the brick wall, and a door leads to the rear terrace. Baseboard heat and a ceiling fan make this a comfortable year-round spot.

The kitchen was substantially enlarged with several updates over time. Most enjoyably, a bay window projects into the sunny back yard, drawing light and color into the room. Granite countertops in Toledo brown and a drop-in sink were installed in 2000, which is when the porcelain tile floor was introduced. This room has ample table space, with room to spare. Excellent cabinet storage with broom closet, a ceiling fan, and a side door to the driveway add to its overall charms. The refrigerator was installed in 2005, and the faucet was replaced in 2007.

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Price:	\$689,900
Subdivision:	Dyes Oakcrest
Age:	68
Type:	Detached
Style:	Colonial
Construction:	Brick
Basement:	Full, Partially Finished
Water:	Public
Sewer:	Public
Heat:	Gas Forced Air
CAC (Type):	Electric
Hot Water:	Gas
Fireplace:	Wood
Parking:	Driveway
Taxes:	\$5,736 (2007)
Elementary:	George Mason
Middle School:	G. Washington
High School:	T. C. Williams
Total Bedrooms	3
Total Full Baths	2
Total Half Baths	1
Living Room (MN)	22' x 11'
Dining Room (MN)	13' x 11'
Kitchen (MN)	19' x 11'
Den (MN)	14' x 7'
Master BR (U1)	17' x 11'
Bedroom 2 (U1)	11' x 11'
Bedroom 3 (U1)	11' x 7'
Rec Room (L1)	14' x 11'
Office (L1)	11' x 8'
Unfinished	22' x 11'





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A full bath was added on this level, with tile floor and a whirlpool tub with tiled sides. An oak vanity with cultured marble sink is accented by the oak mirror and light strip.

Carpeted stairs follow a paneled stairwell to the lower level. To the left, a comfortable, efficient office space with built-in shelving and cabinets receives light through a window dressed with mini-blinds; at the foot of the stairs a deep cabinet provides extra storage. Beyond the office, an inviting paneled rec room boasts wrap-around bookcases, with cupboard space and high shelves. Track lighting adds to the warmth and to the natural light. The rec room has its own powder room with oak vanity and cultured marble. Space beneath the stairs is for storage. All the finished space is carpeted and was painted in the spring of 2008.

The right side of the basement is unfinished space with a workbench and laundry area, natural lighting and loads of storage space. Shelves and cupboards line the walls. The A.O. Smith Promax 50 gallon gas hot water heater was new in the fall of 2003. The washer and dryer are both Kenmore Heavy Duty super capacity sized.

From the foyer entrance, a graceful staircase with decorative trim and an oriental runner leads up to a broad landing, where a nook before the window provides appealing space for a desk or dresser. The door to the linen closet, like all the doors on this level, has brass hardware and old-fashioned glass doorknobs. On this level, as throughout the house, all the doors are six-paneled.

The generously-sized windows make the top floor especially light and airy. Each of the three bedrooms has a ceiling fan and storage systems in the closets. A large master bedroom has room for a seating area. This room is fitted with honeycomb shades. The second bedroom features white wood blinds, and the small bedroom has honey-toned wood blinds. There is a partially floored attic with access from the second bedroom closet.

In May 2000, the owner had the upstairs bath completely gutted and remodeled. Pale porcelain ceramic tile covers the floor and the sides of the glass shower enclosure. A frosted glass window bearing a removable wallpaper floral vine pattern combines in a pretty harmony with bead board walls and a white pedestal sink. The toilet is by Kohler. All fittings are brass.

1600 Crestwood is as well-cared-for outside as within. Exterior shutters are new and trim was repainted in summer of 2007. A solid brick porch and stairs and brick-edged driveway add more curb appeal to that garnered by the carefully-tended landscaping. Mulched boxwoods, azaleas, rhododendron, dogwoods and holly contribute low-maintenance, year-round enhancements to the well-proportioned house.

Behind the house, a spacious brick terrace offers entertainment space for parties large or small. A board-on-board privacy fence at the rear of the house provides a backdrop to ivy, redbud, boxwoods, azalea, hydrangea, dwarf Japanese maple, iris and daffodils; the shorter side fences permit a sense of expansiveness. A tidy green lawn and an herb garden make this a yard that everyone can enjoy.

Recent improvements include a newer roof and two new attic fans in fall of 2007, and a new air conditioner in 2007. The chimney and gutters were cleaned in 2008. The windows are wood-framed, with storm panels and screens, except for those in the den.