



Civic Pride

Newsletter of the Yorktown Civic Association

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School Board V. Chairman Mary Hynes to Speak at Quarterly Meeting

On Monday, September 26, the Yorktown Civic Association will hold its quarterly meeting at Yorktown High School, with Arlington School Board Vice Chairman Mary Hynes as the guest speaker. Ms. Hynes has served on the School Board since 1995, and served as its chair from January 1997 until June 1998 and again from July 2001 to June 2002. Her current term on the School Board expires in December, 2006.

Ms. Hynes is expected to discuss the current timetable for phase II renovations at Yorktown High School. She will also answer questions about a joint County/School task force that she chairs with County Board member Chris Zimmerman on planning and permitting processes for new school construction. The task force's recommendations will impact the processes that will be applied to the Yorktown phase II project.

Another topic that is likely to come up is a new study being performed regarding school system student parking policies in Arlington.

An Arlington resident since 1977, Ms. Hynes and her husband, Patrick, are the parents of five children who are graduates of Arlington Public Schools. Before joining the Board, she chaired the Futures Planning Steering Team and the Advisory Council on Instruction, was a member of the parent-teacher organizations at five Arlington schools and served on numerous Arlington Public Schools advisory committees, including Early Childhood and Minority Achievement. Ms. Hynes is a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Arlington Committee of 100 and the Arlington Kiwanis. She also serves on the boards of the Arlington YMCA and Vanguard Services.



Final Greenbrier Park Design to be Presented at Meeting

After several years of meetings and planning, major renovations at Greenbrier Park are about to become a reality.

Final design details for the park, which houses Yorktown High's athletic fields, will also be presented at the September 26 civic association meeting. Additional information on the park renovations can be found on page 3 of the newsletter.

The meeting on September 26 begins at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1B at Yorktown High School. Ms. Hynes is scheduled to speak at 8:15 p.m. Check www.YorktownCivic.com for last-minute details on the meeting.

Advances Made in Neighborhood Traffic Calming and Sidewalk Projects

The Yorktown neighborhood has been involved in several projects recently as part of Arlington County's Traffic Calming and Neighborhood Conservation programs, with additional work planned in the future.

Recently completed projects include:

- Installation of curb and gutter and Carlisle-style street lights on N. 27th Street between N. Harrison and N. Greenbrier (along football field). The sidewalk along the football field is scheduled to be replaced this fall.
- Installation of speed humps on N. 27th Street between N. Lexington and N. Harrison.
- Clean-up of the public property, including installation of a bench and trash receptacle, at the Yorktown Boulevard underpass under Glebe Road.

Partially completed projects include:

- Traffic calming improvements on N. 25th and N. 26th Streets between George Mason and Glebe Road. Funding for installation of a sidewalk on N. 25th Street is expected to be approved this fall.
- Traffic calming measures on Little Falls Road between N. Harrison Street and Yorktown Boulevard, including a speed cushion and nubs at the intersections. Installation expected in early 2006.
- Traffic calming measures on Rock Spring Road from Little Falls to Old Dominion, including speed humps and intersection improvements. This project is on the border with Rock Spring Civic Assoc., which has taken the lead on the project, and is expected to be completed this fall.
- Safety improvements on N. Harrison Street from Lee Highway to Little Falls Road, including installation of bicycle lanes, mid-block crosswalks, and an automatic traffic speed signal (located at the south end of Chestnut Hills Park). The crosswalk at the Safeway will have a user-activated crossing signal.

Fall Cleanup Day Scheduled

A neighborhood cleanup day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at the flower garden on N. Florida Street and N. 25th Road. Contact Cate Mueller at 703/237-4706 for more information.

Projects in early stages of planning and design include:

- Installation of a sidewalk N. 27th Street between N. Greenbrier Street and George Mason Drive.
- Installation of a curb and gutter on N. Greenbrier Street between N. 26th and N. 28th Streets.

While no new traffic calming projects are being considered for the Yorktown neighborhood during the County's current funding cycle, three projects are under consideration in neighboring civic associations: N. Harrison Street from Williamsburg Blvd to 37th Street North, Little Falls Road from Rock Spring Rd. to Old Dominion, and N. Rochester Street from Williamsburg Blvd. to the County Line.

County Board Acts on Live Entertainment at Garden City

At its May 7 meeting, the County Board considered the renewal of the live entertainment use permit for Garden City's Palladium nightclub and a new use permit for the Tacos Dona Mary restaurant. While the Board did vote to approve these permits, they did so with fairly restrictive conditions. At the meeting, the Board also imposed a timetable with a 3-month administrative review and a 6-month County Board review of the permits.

Tacos Dona Mary has since decided to leave Garden City, with its space being taken over by the neighboring Saran Foods.

In August, Planning Department staff performed its first formal administrative review of the additional conditions imposed on the Palladium, and identified two significant issues that may jeopardize the renewal of the use permits by the Board when it conducts its scheduled review at its November meeting. The Palladium had not yet completed its Police Department TIPS training, nor had it formalized arrangements with other businesses for additional parking.

County Board chairman Jay Fissette discussed the situation at Garden City and the Board's decision to approve the use permits at the civic association's spring meeting in May.

Neighborhood Residents Needed for CERT Training

If you are interested in becoming a member of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for the neighborhood, please contact the County at ArlingtonCERT@aol.com. Program staff are currently preparing schedules for fall CERT training classes. The County would like each neighborhood to have at least 8 people on its CERT team. For additional information see: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EmergencyManagement/EmergencyManagementCert.aspx>.

Greenbrier Park Renovations to Begin this Fall

Final Design and Operational Plans to be Presented at Sept. 26 Meeting

After years of meetings and debate, the final plans for renovation of Greenbrier Park have been completed and construction is scheduled to start late this year. Neighborhood residents will be given a final look at the plans at the September 26 civic association meeting. Residents will also be given an opportunity to comment on post-renovation operational plans for the park at the meeting.

Greenbrier Park contains the athletic fields for Yorktown High School, but the property itself is under county jurisdiction and not school system jurisdiction. \$8.6-million was included in the 2004 Park Bond for the project.

Construction plans will be open for bidding during October, and the final contract is currently expected to go to the County Board at its November 15 meeting. Once work begins, construction is expected to last for about 12 months, although there is a chance the football field will be completed earlier.

The renovated park will be built on three levels instead of the current two. It will include a new synthetic turf field for football and other rectangular-field sports, a new track, two softball diamonds (1 fenced), and a full-sized, dedicated baseball diamond. New dark-sky lighting, sound systems, bleachers and ticket/concession buildings are also planned for the park. There will also be a walking/jogging path around the softball diamonds.

To make room for the improved facilities, the number of parking spaces drops to fifty-one. However, parking arrangements will be further modified during the planned Yorktown High phase II renovations.

Extra steps are being taken to protect several mature trees that buffer the park along North 27th Street. The new bleachers will be constructed using concrete piers, and will providing seating for 1400 home-team fans. Additional seating for 630 will be provided for visiting fans. Seating for 200 fans will be provided for the baseball diamond and one of the softball diamonds.

The southern perimeter of the park will be surrounded by a new metal estate fence.

YHS Plans for Off-Site Field Use During Greenbrier Construction

During renovation of the fields, Yorktown High's PE classes will utilize indoor spaces during the winter. In the spring, they will use the tennis courts for several units and will continue with walking and biking units. Those outdoor activities will be complemented by use of the gym, weight room and cardio room.

All spring athletic teams will obviously be effected. Yorktown High has already begun discussions with Parks and Recreation to find alternative locations for games for all teams and practices for baseball and softball. The other sports currently practice off-site and will remain at their same locations for the spring season. Baseball and softball will practice at Barcroft Park.

Game locations are yet to be finalized. Precise locations for games may not be available until mid-January. YHS does, however, plan to play home games in Arlington at various sites. No team will be required to play all their games away.



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Please attend the YCA Quarterly Meeting on Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. at Yorktown High School Room 1B.

For additional information about the Civic Association and the issues covered in this newsletter, check out our website at <http://www.YorktownCivic.com>.

Missing Link Sidewalk Applications Due September 30

After a lengthy hibernation, the county is once again accepting applications for sidewalk installation under the popular "Missing Link" sidewalk program. This program offers quicker sidewalk and curb and gutter installation than the regular Neighborhood Conservation process used for longer projects. However, only \$100,000 per year has been budgeted for all Arlington neighborhoods, so program rules are fairly restrictive. And anyone who has submitted a missing link request during the program hibernation must re-apply

Under the program's new rules, only sidewalks involving 3 or fewer properties will be considered. The project cannot involve tree removal, retaining walls or utility relocation. Preference will be given to locations near schools and bus stops. And each neighborhood will only be allowed one Missing Link project per year. The application can be downloaded at http://www.co.arlington.va.us/Departments/CPHD/ons/pdf/Missing_Links_Application.pdf. If you intend to apply, also please contact the civic association at dHaring@YorktownCivic.com before the deadline.

Zoning Debate Delayed Until November

On June 18, the County Board voted to delay its consideration of modifications to zoning rules governing residential lot coverage. Under the proposal, the current coverage limit of 56% would be replaced with a sliding scale based on the zoning and lot size. The Planning Commission is now scheduled to take up the proposal on November 7, followed by County Board consideration on November 15. Details on the proposal can be found at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/forums/lotcoverage/CPHDForumsLotcoverageLotCoverageMain.aspx>.

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