



# Civic Pride

Newsletter of the Yorktown Civic Association

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## County Board Approves \$10.4 million Contract for Greenbrier Park Renovations

**A**fter five years of planning, the County Board gave the final go-ahead to major renovations at Greenbrier Park with the award of the construction contract to Corinthian Contractors, Inc., of Arlington. Corinthian is expected to begin preliminary work at the site in January. The project is to be completed by June 2007.

The County Board voted 5-0 to approve the \$10.4 million contract, which includes \$9.5 million for construction, plus a \$900,000 contingency for possible change orders. Funding of \$8.6 million for the project was included in the county's \$75 million 2004 Parks and Recreation Bond. Corinthian was the only construction firm to bid on the project.

The project will include installation of a new synthetic turf football field and new concrete bleachers. A new track will be built around the football field, and the existing lower park tier will be replaced with 2 new tiers containing two dedicated softball diamonds and a new baseball diamond with its own seating. The project also involves the replacement of the press box, concession stand, and rest rooms.

Construction will initially focus on the football field and bleachers with work on that element to be completed by October 2006.

The master plan for the 17.5 acre park was approved by the County Board in 2002. That planning process got off to a very rocky start in late 2000 when consultants for the county's Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources presented plans at a public forum that would have involved the demolition of several homes for park expansion. While the final master plan restricted the renovation effort to the existing park boundaries, the civic association's Greenbrier Park committee has continued efforts to minimize any potential for negative impacts of the project on the neighborhood.

As a result of these neighborhood efforts, the project will include state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems, wider sidewalks for the park, improved fencing, and complete renovation of the park's drainage system. Plans to reduce the size of the parking lot to just 16 spaces have also been postponed until after completion of the upcoming Yorktown High School renovation (see article on page 3).

While the Parks Department sought to use the synthetic turf field for adult league games until 11 p.m. seven days per week, an agreement was also struck by the civic association to limit play to 10 p.m. four nights per week, with lights out by 10:30 p.m. on no more than 3 nights per week during the busy spring and fall seasons. The neighborhood will also be represented on a new oversight committee established by the county to monitor park use.



# Planning Begins on Yorktown High School Renovations

## Planning Committee to Meet November 30

While the School Board won't decide for a few months whether funding for a major renovation of Yorktown High School will be included in next fall's school bond election, the formal planning effort for the project finally gets underway with the first meeting of the project's Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) on November 30.

The 2004 School Bond included \$2.2 million for the planning and design effort. While the school system's most recent long-term capital improvement plan (CIP) projected an expenditure of \$54 million on the renovation effort, costs are now expected to be higher.

Overcrowding at Yorktown High was addressed by completion of a \$9.6 million, 31 classroom addition in 2004. Enrollment is expected to remain constant at the 1600 level.

For each major capital construction/renewal project the School Board appoints a BLPC to assist the Facilities and Operations staff and advise the School Board. The BLPC is the principal group to provide communication with the various constituent groups to assure effective community engagement in the design and construction of the project. BLPC's consists of parents, school administrative staff, teachers, Facilities staff, neighbors, and local community associations. The neighborhood will be represented by Cate Mueller, Asmita Bhat and Seth Verry. Yorktown resident Ted Weihe will also serve on the BLPC as a representative of the Planning Commission.

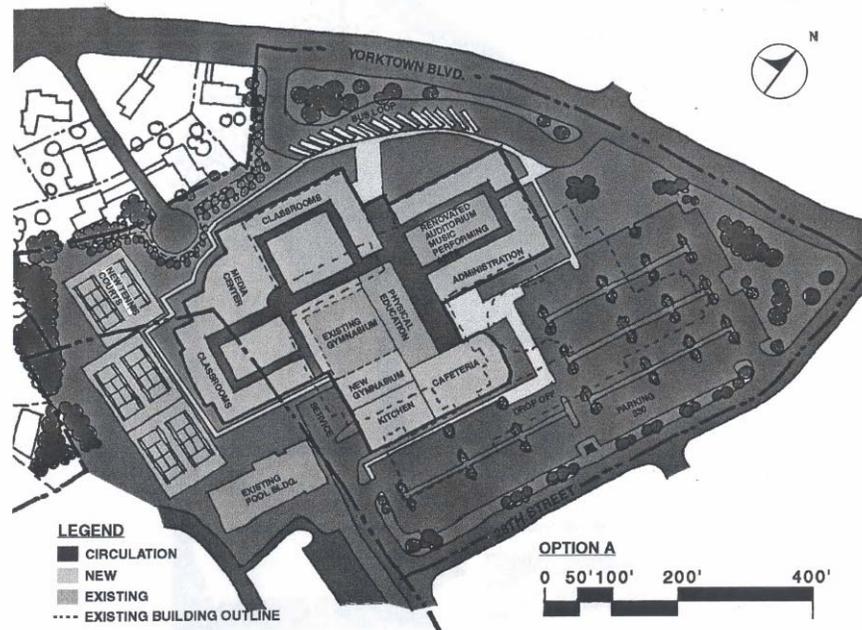
### Meetings Planned on Garden City Shopping Center

A neighborhood meeting has tentatively been scheduled for January 9, 2006, with Arlington Planning Director Susan Bell on zoning enforcement and use permit issues at the Garden City Shopping Center.

The County Board was scheduled to hear the renewal of the live music permit for the Palladium nightclub at the Board's November meeting. However, the nightclub has recently changed hands and that review has been postponed for 2 months to give the new owner time to come into compliance with existing use permit conditions.

The Planning Department is also organizing a meeting with several landlords that own properties in the Garden City center to discuss their responsibilities for proper maintenance and improvement of the facility.

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2002 Master Plan

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**Please attend the YCA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 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>.

**County Parking Manager to Meet with Civic Association at Dec. 7 Meeting**

Sarah Stott, parking manager for Arlington County, will discuss the county's Residential Permit Parking Program at the civic association's annual meeting on Wednesday, December 7, at Yorktown High School. She will also discuss options for addressing the increased demand for on-street parking that will result from the upcoming renovation of Greenbrier Park and the potential parking problems that are likely during the eventual renovation of Yorktown High School.

The Residential Permit Parking Program is already used to limit parking on several streets in the area surrounding Yorktown High School, and is used on a limited basis on a few other streets in the neighborhood.

Arlington's on-street permit program was established in 1973, and now includes 22 separate zones in 42 neighborhoods. The program's permit requirements and other provisions were updated by the County Board in July. The program changes can be found at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CountyBoard/meetings/2005/jul/0709/37.pdf>

Beginning next summer, as a result of major renovations at Greenbrier Park (see cover story), parking shortages in the neighborhood are expected to grow worse. During construction, the Greenbrier Park parking lot will be closed, and when the park reopens the new lot will be about 30 spaces smaller.

The civic association meeting on December 7 starts at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in room 1B of Yorktown High School. Check the website at <http://www.YorktownCivic.com> for the final agenda.

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