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*Newsletter of the Yorktown Civic Association*

The Yorktown Civic Association (YCA) represents residents living in north Arlington, Virginia, bound by Lee Highway on the south, Old Dominion Dr./Columbus St. to the east, Little Falls Rd./Rock Spring Rd. on the north, and N. Jefferson St. to the west. <http://YorktownCivic.org>

## From Winter Storms to Spring Flowers ...

by Mike Cantwell, President  
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March came in like a lion with Winter Storm Riley. The Cantwell family finally has power, but still no Fios. I am writing the President's letter on Saturday, March 3rd and hope that Fios will be working by Sunday so I can hit send and avoid missing yet another Yorktown Civic Association newsletter deadline. A big thank you for all of you who helped your neighbors during and after the storm.

Yorktown Civic Association held a general membership meeting on Wednesday, December 13, in the Yorktown High School Cafeteria. At the meeting, those in attendance elected the slate of candidates including myself (President), David Friedman (Vice President), James Churbuck (Secretary), Dustin Anderson (Treasurer), and the At-Large members of the Executive Committee: Terry Costello, David Gelman, David Haring, Elizabeth Kiker, Craig Mastangelo, Brian O'

Flaherty, and Frank White. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Executive Committee. Thank You!

We also announced the launching of our new website at [yorktowncivic.org](http://yorktowncivic.org). A big shout out to Campbell Maloney of BlueUnderground for designing and developing our new website. Nice work Campbell! The Executive Committee also provided updates on the Chestnut Hill Park expansion, information on elementary and middle school boundary changes, and the progress of the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA). Finally, we shared our vision for incorporating the Yorktown Civic Association as a 501(c)(4).



By incorporating YCA, we will be able to provide greater transparency and record-keeping and limited liability protection for the officers of the Yorktown Civic Association.

The Yorktown Community was busy again between December and March. The LHA continues to make progress towards making Lee Highway a better place. The LHA

Board of Directors held their annual meeting on January 11, 2018 at their new home at 4620 Lee Highway, Suite 208.

During the meeting we reviewed and approved the budget. For more information about LHA, please visit the LHA website at <https://www.leehighwayalliance.com/>. Dustin Anderson (YCA

Treasurer) attended a meeting to discuss a proposal to replace the Alpine with a new three or four story *continued on page 2*

*Next General Meeting: Wednesday, March 21 • 7:30 pm Yorktown HS Cafeteria*  
Enter Door #8 on 28th St. N. (near basketball courts). Agenda Items: Libby Garvey & Civic Association Business

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(43') building. The building would house the new Children's School with approximately 230 students. The YCA EC supports schools and child care facilities, but has some concerns about traffic.

On March 2nd, I joined more than 20 civic association Presidents at a round table discussion with Mark Schwarz, the Arlington County Manager. It was a productive discussion

with many good ideas shared between the Presidents, County Staff, and the County Manager

Unfortunately, we also had a series of car break-ins in our community. I spoke with CAPT Giroux and he encouraged everyone to lock their car doors, remain vigilant, and call the police if you see something out of the ordinary. Video surveillance systems were also discussed and I proposed inviting a few vendors

to a future YCA meeting. I also expressed my concerns regarding school safety and drug use in our community.

The YCA EC invited Arlington County Board Member Libby Garvey to our next meeting. Please attend!

Have a safe and happy spring.

## I-66 HOV Hours Change & Tolling Explanation

by James Churbuck  
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VDOT has activated tolling on I-66 during HOV restricted hours, and there are several other important changes, such as new hours. HOV/ tolling is now in effect Monday-Friday from 5:30-9:30 AM Eastbound and Westbound from 3:00-7:00 PM.

All vehicles using I-66 during HOV/ tolling hours need an EZ Pass. This requirement started with tolling.

Carpoolers need the Flex Pass version to avoid paying a toll during HOV hours. The change to tolling allows single occupant vehicles with an EZ Pass to opt in to I-66 during HOV hours. Prior to this change, single occupant vehicles were prohibited from I-66 when HOV restrictions were in effect.

VDOT's intent is to achieve full utilization of I-66 without burdening alternate routes. VDOT has also kept I-66 toll free outside HOV

hours, something many Arlingtonians will likely appreciate. This is unlike the I-495 toll lanes, which always require an EZ Pass and always require a toll from non-HOV-3 vehicles. The intentions behind the tolling effort and the implementation seem positive and pragmatic. Only time will tell whether effects of tolling achieve the desired outcomes, a topic which surely will be talked about and studied over the next few years.

### Join the Yorktown Civic Association!

Your Annual or Lifetime Membership supports the cost of the *Civic Pride* newsletter, management of the website, and other outreach. If you have already joined in 2017, you should see that on your address label. We accept payment via Paypal and personal check.

**2017 Annual Membership: \$10**  
**YCA Lifetime Membership: \$80**

By PayPal, send with your name and address to yorktowncivicassociation@gmail.com. By check, make the payable to Yorktown Civic Association and mail to: Dustin An-

derson, YCA Treasurer, 5104 23rd Road N., Arlington, VA 22207.

Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email and if you are buying an annual or lifetime membership when you renew. Thank you!



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# Crime & Safety

by Brian O'Flaherty  
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As Yorktown is again experiencing a rash of thefts from cars, the YCA would like to remind residents of the importance of reporting all such incidents to the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD), even if the vehicle was left unlocked or nothing of value was obtained by the criminals.

While posting your experience on Facebook or Nextdoor alerts your neighbors to what happened afterwards, if an incident isn't reported, ACPD will have no record of the trespassing and therefore may not

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realize the need for increased patrols in our neighborhood.

Craig Mastrangelo, resident and YCA executive member, was a recent victim who commented, "What is unsettling to us, in Milburn Terrace, during the recent rash of theft is how much time the thieves must have spent in our vehicle as it was literally turned 'inside out' with cash being the only thing taken. After posting it on Nextdoor and our Yorktown Facebook page we learned that nine other cars, on our block, were broken into on the same night: that is quite a bit of activity without anyone seeing anything suspicious. A reminder to us all, 'see something, say something.'"

Residents should report any suspicious behavior they see, day or night, to ACPD for appropriate follow up. No doubt during this most recent rash of thefts, someone saw something that appeared out of the ordinary to them, such as late night walker slowly make their way up the street peering into cars, but didn't feel it warranted contacting the police as the activity observed wasn't illegal itself.

If for any reason you observe suspicious or unusual behavior, and there is no immediate risk of danger, call the Arlington County Police Non-Emergency number (703) 558-2222.

We all live in this neighborhood and know the normal occurrences of people and activity. If you see something, say something by calling the ACPD Non Emergency line, explain to them what you saw and why it seems unusual or suspicious to you.

Give as many details as you can about the person, direction of travel, vehicle, etc. ACPD will send an available officer to investigate and even ask if you'd like the officer to contact you when they are done. Trust your instinct if you have a bad feeling about someone and let ACPD keep doing a great job of keeping us safe.

## *Let's Stay in Touch ...*

We are updating the Civic Association Email List, so even if we have had your email in the past, please send it once again to: [yorktowncivicassociation@gmail.com](mailto:yorktowncivicassociation@gmail.com).

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# Libby Garvey to Speak at Next YCA Meeting on March 21

by Elizabeth Kiker  
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Libby Garvey will address Yorktown and the next Civic Association meeting on March 21. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at Yorktown High School. Civic association business will be on the agenda first, and then we will hear from Ms. Garvey. She will discuss crime, school safety and other issues, starting at 8 p.m., with a Q&A following.

Garvey was elected to the Arlington County Board in 2012, after serving on the Arlington County School Board for 15 years.

She began her career as a teacher in the Peace Corps. She worked as a legislative aide to Congressman Lee Hamilton and as an associate director of the Mount Holyoke College Washington Internship Program. She is a member of the Council of Governments Emergency Preparedness Council. Virginia Governor Mark Warner appointed Ms. Garvey to serve on the P-16 Education Council, a position she continued under Governor Tim Kaine.

Throughout her career, Ms. Garvey has been involved in many community organizations, including vice president of the County Council of PTAs; vice president of the Fairling-

ton Civic Association; and vice chair of the Advisory Council on Instruction. She was a member

of the Abingdon and Drew elementary school PTAs and the H-B Woodlawn Program's Parent Advisory Committee. She established the Kennan Garvey Memorial Fund for Phoenix Bikes in memory of her husband, and is serving on its board.



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Traffic Signals/Street Light Outages: 703-228-6511

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