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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>

Helping Out and Celebrating Together

by Mike Cantwell, President
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Another busy quarter for the Yorktown Civic Association (YCA). On October 1, the YCA hosted a debate between County Board candidates John Vihstadt and Matt de Ferranti. Over 75 local residents and the local press attended the debate. Many of the residents participated in the spirited question and answer period at the end of the debate. Questions ranged from bicycle and pedestrian safety to tax policy for local small businesses. Photos and candidate quotes were featured in the *Arlington Sun Gazette*. On election day, many Yorktown residents worked at polling stations, while others worked outside of the polls and greeted voters. The 2018 election saw the highest percentage of voter participation for a non-presidential election. In all, 107,406 voters, or 71 percent of those registered, cast ballots in this election.

On Dec. 1, the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) held its "Winter Festival of Lights" event at various locations

along Lee Highway. At the Lee Arts Center, parents and kids participated in art and crafts activities. At the corner of Lee Highway and Harrison Street, local residents were entertained by Steve Kish's magic show and a dog show. At the Langston-Brown community center, John Vihstadt unveiled the John M. Langston portrait and kids participated in face painting and learned how to operate a basic printing press. At the Cherrydale Historic Volunteer Fire Station residents shopped at the Holiday Market and kids got to dress up like firefighters.

The Yorktown Civic Association Executive Committee continues to move toward incorporating the civic association as a 501(C)4 non-profit corporation. The draft bylaws are almost done and will be posted on the Yorktown Civic Association website soon. If you have any

expertise in bylaws for non-profit organizations, please contact me.

At the next YCA meeting on January 9, Noah Simon, the Chair of the 26th and OD Task Force will provide the community with an update on the Task Force activities and discuss what to expect in the next few months.

Please pay your dues. Annual membership dues are \$20 and lifetime membership dues are \$100. As of December 24, only 26 residents have paid their annual dues and 47 residents have paid their lifetime dues. The Yorktown Civic Association newsletter reaches more than 1,000 local households. If you own a local business, please consider purchasing an ad in the YCA newsletter. Contact Dustin Anderson for more info.

Finally, in winter, consider helping your elderly and disabled neighbors. If you need help shoveling, please post your request in Nextdoor.



Next Meeting! Wednesday, January 9 • 7:30 pm Yorktown High School Patriot Hall
Enter Door #8 on 28th St. N. (near basketball courts). Meeting is hosted by Yorktown Civic Association

Salt Storage Facility to Be Replaced, Rebuilt

By Mike Cantwell
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In July, the County Staff notified the County Board that the salt storage facility located on 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive had deteriorated beyond repair and was unsafe to use during the FY19 winter season. The County Staff also notified the County Board that the zoning of the 7.6 county owned parcel would need to be changed before a temporary salt storage facility could be constructed.

After several public hearings, the County Board voted to change the zoning of the county owned parcel to "Public Service" (P-S) and to construct a temporary salt storage

facility to replace the old structure. The temporary structure had to be large enough to store 6,000 tons of salt and sand and needed to be finished before the onset of winter. The County Board also directed the establishment of a community task force that would collaborate with staff to develop a master plan for the 7.6 acres of County-owned land the task force will conclude with the submission of a final report to the County Board prior to the end of the second quarter of calendar year 2019.

The Task Force is chaired by Noah Simon and includes representatives from all adjacent civic associations as well as representatives from the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission

(JFAC), the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission, the Environment and Energy Conservation Commission, and the Urban Forestry Commission. The Task Force held their first meeting on November 1st and will continue to meet bi-weekly until they submit their final report to the County Board in April 2019.

Mike Cantwell represents the Yorktown Civic Association on the Task Force. All Task Force meetings are open to the public. For more information, please visit the Task Force website <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/26th-street-north-old-dominion-drive-site-master-planning-task-force/>

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 2019, you should see that on your address label. We accept payment via Paypal and personal check.

2019 Annual Membership: \$20
YCA Lifetime Membership: \$100

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!

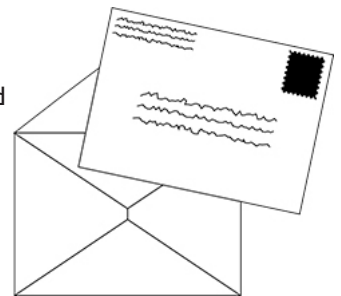
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Let's Stay in Touch!

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.



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Treasurer's Report: An Update on Yorktown Civic Association

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Balance (as of 24 Dec, 2018) \$4,365.04
INCOME (July 2017-now) (dues, ads) \$3,185
(dues, lifetime dues, newsletter ads)
Active members: 26 annual, 47 lifetime.

EXPENSES (July 2017 - now) \$5,942
(Civic Fed Dues (\$50/year); website \$285; Newsletters,
\$5,407, Lee Highway Alliance Dues \$150.

Trees, Trees, Trees

By Mike Cantwell
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Over the last few months, several Yorktown residents participated in the Tree Planting Program administered by EcoAction Arlington. The Tree Canopy Fund (TCF) pays for planting locally native trees that, at maturity, will be large canopy trees. The purpose of the TCF is to arrest

the decrease in tree cover in Arlington in recent decades and to assist in increasing the tree canopy.

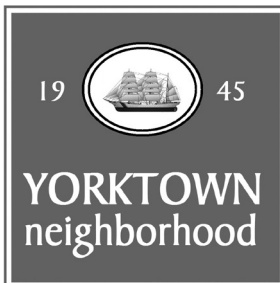
To participate in the program, Arlington County homeowners, churches, and business owners fill out an online application at www.ecoactionarlington.org. The owner selects the type of tree and signs a waiver. Condo and homeown-

ers' associations must also indicate that the association leadership has approved the planting of trees. Each property owner must commit to providing maintenance and watering. Tree planting projects are evaluated by representatives of EcoAction Arlington, UFC and Arlington Department of Parks & Recreation. Online applications must be completed by midnight on January 7, 2019.

Arlington County Numbers & Information

Street Flooding, Water, Sewer emergencies: 703-228-6555
Traffic Signals/Street Light Outages: 703-228-6511
Fallen Trees: 703-228-6525
Signs, Potholes, Trash, Sidewalks: 703-228-6570
Retail Code Enforcement: 703-228-3232
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Power Outages: Dominion Va Power 1-866-366-4357
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