



# Civic Pride

Newsletter of the Yorktown Civic Association

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## 405 Households Complete Neighborhood Survey

**O**n Wednesday, February 18, the Yorktown Civic Association meets at Yorktown High School to review the results of the neighborhood survey conducted in October and November and to continue the update of the Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

With nearly 40% of all households responding to the survey, the response rate is well in excess of the level required under the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program.

Completion of a neighborhood survey is a core requirement under the program prior to approval of funding for neighborhood projects. Neighborhood surveys are used as a primary tool for identifying neighborhood priorities.

At the winter meeting, executive committee members will review the results of the Yorktown neighborhood survey and discuss some of the possible project ideas and improvements identified by residents for the neighborhood.

The agenda for the meeting also includes two presentations by county staff on planned changes on Lee Highway. First, the latest designs for long-awaited improvements to the George Mason and Harrison Street intersections will be presented. Second, the association will be briefed on planned stop light changes east of the George Mason intersection.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. It begins at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, and will be held in room 1B at Yorktown High.

### Agenda for YCA Winter Meeting on Feb. 18:

- ❖ Review of Neighborhood Survey results and plan update process
- ❖ Presentations by Arlington County staff on Lee Highway intersection and traffic light changes
- ❖ Update on CVS building, traffic calming projects, and pending neighborhood conservation projects
- ❖ Discussion of new Marymount U. Master Plan
- ❖ Update on Greenbrier Park redevelopment plans
- ❖ Adoption of YCA Annual Budget

## Traffic Calming Effort Begins on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets but Stalls on Little Falls Road

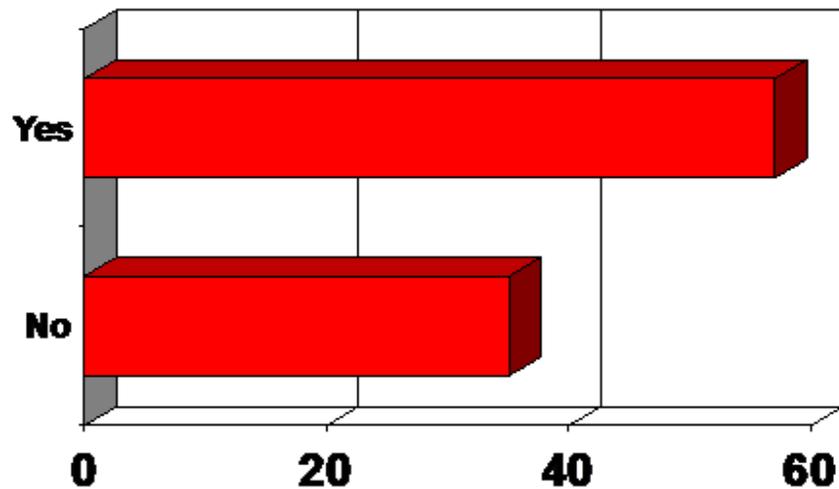
The Arlington County Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee (NTCC) has approved the consideration of traffic calming efforts for 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets between George Mason and Glebe Road. However, the Committee has ended its consideration of traffic calming on Little Falls Road between Harrison and Lexington Streets.

Traffic calming projects are only funded by the county if a super-majority of residents living in a project area sign petitions supporting the project.

The Little Falls project area included households from 3 different civic associations. While residents along the Yorktown Civic Association end supported the project, not enough of the residents outside of our area signed the petitions. Under program guidelines, the street segment will not be eligible for consideration again for 3 years.

The 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Street segments will be considered at the same time, but will be treated as separate projects for approval and funding purposes. If you are a resident of one of these streets, you will be notified directly by county staff regarding project planning meetings. An initial meeting with the residents that applied for traffic calming measures will be held soon to begin the process of identifying possible solutions, such as speed bumps, and to form a working group that will lead the petition process. It is expected that petitions will be circulated in late April.

### Would you consider traffic calming measures which might include flashing signs, traffic circles, etc.?



Source: Yorktown Neighborhood Survey (Nov. 2003)

## Marymount University Plans New Parking Garage

The Yorktown Civic Association has been notified by Marymount University that a recently-adopted master plan calls for a new 3-story parking garage at the corner of Old Dominion Drive and 26<sup>th</sup> Street (across from St. Mary's church). The plan's objective is to reduce or eliminate vehicular traffic within core areas of the campus and to open up more green space in front of the campus's historic buildings along Glebe Road.

The master plan also calls for remodeling and expansion of several other buildings on campus, although significant increases in enrollment are not expected as a result of the improvements. The university also has classroom facilities in Ballston and in Loudoun County.

The parking garage project will require approval by the Arlington County Board. The timetable for county review and approval has not yet been established.

### CVS Project Approval Delayed

It is back to the drawing board for the planned CVS building at the Friendly's restaurant site. The company has decided to modify its project plans before going forward with county approval. No additional details are available at this time.

## Residents Encouraged to Sign Up for Arlington Alert Service

Yorktown neighborhood residents – like other Arlington residents – have not yet discovered the Arlington Alert service established last year. Just 11% of the respondents to the Yorktown Neighborhood Survey have signed up for the digital emergency alert service. County-wide, 6,208 have subscribed.

It is easy to sign up. Just go to <http://www.ArlingtonAlert.com> and follow instructions.

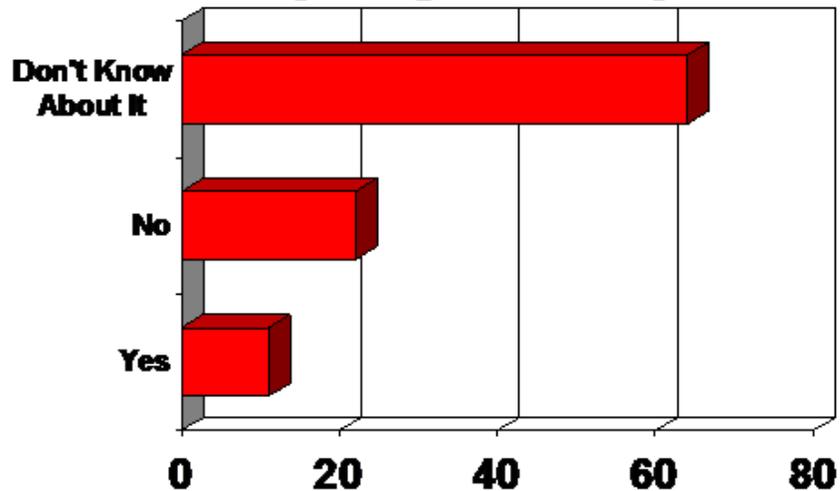
When an incident or emergency occurs, Arlington County emergency personnel will rapidly notify you using the alert system.

You can have alerts sent to multiple devices and/or accounts:

- Email
- Cell phone
- Pager
- PDA

During Hurricane Isabel last fall, Arlington Alert was able to deliver important safety messages, including weather warnings and messages about the safety of county's drinking water since even during power outages cell phone and pager service continued to function.

### Have you signed up for the County's digital alert system?



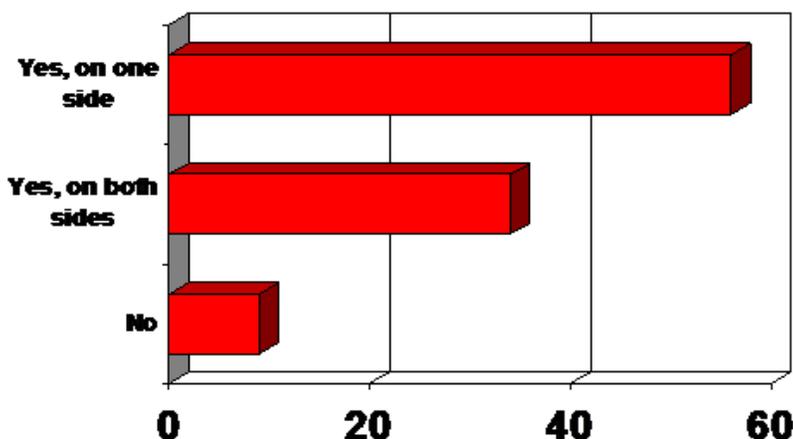
Source: Yorktown Neighborhood Survey (Nov. 2003)

## Don't Have a Sidewalk on Your Street?

Arlington County has consolidated the review of requests for new sidewalks within the Neighborhood Conservation program. Consequently, the civic association will now play a central role in prioritizing and pursuing requests for new sidewalks within the neighborhood.

Thirteen percent of neighborhood residents indicated they currently do not have a sidewalk, but would like to have one put in, when responding to the recent neighborhood survey.

### Do you favor having sidewalks on most streets in the neighborhood?



Source: Yorktown Neighborhood Survey (Nov. 2003)

Arlington County no longer applies special assessment charges to homeowners for sidewalk installation. However, a minimum of 60% of affected homeowners must sign a petition to have the sidewalk installed.

Please contact association president David Haring by email at [dharing@YorktownCivic.com](mailto:dharing@YorktownCivic.com) if you want to get on the list for a new sidewalk. Major projects need to be considered during the neighborhood plan update. However, smaller projects involving three or fewer properties can be considered under the recently-revamped "missing link" program.

## 2004 Membership Drive Underway

It's that time of year again when we must ask you to help the neighborhood by sending in the enclosed form with \$10 for your 2004 Yorktown Civic Association membership dues.

By sending in your membership form, you will receive future issues of the YCA Civic Pride newsletter throughout the year. You will also be entitled to voting privileges on issues that come before the Association at our general meetings. Plus, membership in the Association is a great way to get to know the people in your neighborhood!

The YCA is strictly a volunteer organization of people in the neighborhood. The dues are used to pay for printing and postage, to help fund Neighborhood Day activities at Chestnut Hills Park, and to pay for our new website.

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

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**Please Attend the YCA Winter Meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. at Yorktown High School, Room 1B.**

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**Please return the enclosed form with your 2004 dues!**