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Dustin Anderson, YCA Treasurer, 5104 23rd RD N, Arlington, VA 22207.

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Civic Pride

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. and Columbus St. to the east, Little Falls Rd. and Rock Spring Rd. on the north, and N. Jefferson St. to the west. <http://YorktownCivic.org>

Our Next General Meeting: June 16 @ 7:30 pm

at Yorktown High School Patriot Room

Enter through Door #8 on 28th Street N. by the basketball courts

We need your email address! Even if we have your email address from the past, please send your email address to yorktowncivicasociation@gmail.com as we are updating the Civic Association Email List.

Letter from the President

After nearly a month of continuous rain, I hope you are reading this newsletter on your front porch under balmy skies and temperatures in the '80s.

After six years of service, Andrew Schneider decided to step down from his role as President of the Yorktown Civic Association (YCA). If you see Andrew at Discovery Elementary School or on a baseball diamond or at Harris Teeter, please take a few moments to say, "Thank You." He really did a great job keeping the Yorktown Civic Association afloat and moving some key initiatives forward.

At the March YCA General Membership meeting I was elected to take over the reins of the Yorktown Civic Association. I am truly honored to lead the YCA and represent our community. I hope to keep up with all the e-mails and phone calls. Please indulge me with your patience.

The last few months have been busy. The Lee Highway Visioning study (see page 3) was completed and presented to the County Board. The Fire Station 8 Task Force completed their draft report and will present their findings and recommendations to the County Board in June. Fire Station 8 information can be found here: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/fire-station-8/>

Unfortunately, several crime incidents impacted our local area over the last few months (see local crime article). On May 17, I met with Captain Patrick Donohue, the

District I Police Captain. We discussed crime in general, crime prevention tips, and specific incidents in the local area. We also walked the entire length of the Garden City Shipping Center and talked about various code violations and the large number of vacant storefronts.

I strongly encourage your engagement with the Yorktown Community. Visit our Yorktown Civic Association Facebook page and the Nextdoor Yorktown portal. Join in on the lively discussion, ask your neighbors to help you find your lost cat, or just say "hi."

Finally, please consider sharing your talents with the Yorktown Civic Association. We need your help! Send me an e-mail with YCA in the subject line.

Sincerely,

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Local Crime

Unfortunately, crime hit our local area this spring including an armed robbery near the 7-11 on Lee Highway, an armed robbery at the Asia Halal Supermarket in the Garden City Shopping Center, and a child enticement incident near Yorktown High School. I received the following information from Sergeant Tabibi of the Arlington County Police Department:

4/18/16: (5030 Lee Hwy) Street Robbery involving a weapon – The victim was robbed by a lone black male who displayed a firearm. Multiple items were taken from the victim but he was not hurt. Before and after the incident we have not had anything similar in the area. Detectives do not have leads in regards to this incident and believe that the victim may be holding back specific information for unknown reasons.

4/18/16: Commercial Robbery of the Asian Halal Supermarket – This robbery also included a firearm however was reported to us two days after the incident. The suspect in this case had a mask on and wore gloves. The store owners threw several items at the suspect after he produced a weapon causing the suspect to flee. Detectives do not

believe the cases are related and have been in contact with Federal Law Enforcement because of a possible link to a larger series across the region.

4/19/16: The Arlington County Police Department is currently investigating an attempted enticement of three children, ages 8-11, while they were outside playing hide and seek. The incident occurred in the 5200 block of N. 30th Street around 7:00 p.m., when a male suspect driving an older model navy blue pickup truck approached the children and attempted to lure them into his vehicle. The children were all able to run away and seek immediate assistance. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 40-50 years old, with medium length hair and was wearing a blue tattered tank top. ACPD have increased the number of visible patrols and plain clothed officers in the mornings and afternoons around our schools and parks and stopped numerous people matching the multiple descriptions we have been provided. The investigation continues along with our increased patrols.

If anyone has information on any of these incidents, please contact the Arlington County Police Department at 703.558.2222. To report information anonymously, contact the Arlington County Crime Solvers at 866.411.TIPS (8477).

Arlington County #s:

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
Non-emergency Police #: 703-558-2222

Power Outages: Dominion Virginia Power 1-866-366-4357
 Natural Gas Emergencies: Washington Gas 703-750-1400 or 800-752-752. If you smell gas, leave immediately and call 911.

Arlington Alert: A great way to stay informed. Sign up at: <https://www.arlingtonalert.com/index.php?CCheck=1>

Police reports can be made online: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/police/incident/new/start-report.html>

Home Security Tips

- If you leave windows open while sleeping, don't leave any first floor windows open.
- Don't leave valuables in places visible from the street.
- Always lock your doors.
- Don't hide keys on your property. Instead, leave a key to a trusted neighbor.
- Maintain up-to-date serial number records for all laptops and tablets, appliances, radios and TVs, tools, firearms, cell phones and all other valuables. If possible, inscribe or label your valuables with your initials or numbers of your choice (don't use your Social Security Number).
- Alert your neighbors to suspicious people or activity.
- If you plan to be away from your home for some time, make sure your home looks lived in, not empty:
 - * Lock all windows and doors. Double check basement and garage doors before you leave.
 - * Stop mail and cancel all deliveries, or ask a friend to make daily collections.
 - * Hide empty garbage cans.

- * Leave shades and blinds in normal positions.
- * Put an automatic timer on several lights and the radio.
- * Have a neighbor keep your property maintained.
- * Store valuables in a safe deposit box.
- * Tell a trusted neighbor your departure and return dates. Supply an itinerary with phone numbers where you can be reached in an emergency.
- * Don't indicate on your voicemail or social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) that you will be away.
- * Ask police to make extra checks at your residence.
- * Consider installing a home security system



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Improvements Coming through Arlington's Neighborhood Conservation Program

The Yorktown Civic Association has continued its active participation in the county's Neighborhood Conservation program, which will soon result in additional improvements to Chestnut Hills Park. A new sidewalk was also approved on North Greenbrier Street just south of the Yorktown High football field.

The Chestnut Hills Park improvements will include new fencing and entrances, additional interior trails, and an updated porta-potty enclosure. Although the neighborhood was awarded funding for the park improvements back in December 2012, construction has been delayed twice, but the project delays have actually turned out to be good news since the planned fencing and entrances will now include the recently acquired adjacent properties with the construction work slated to start by the end of this year.

The county has set up a web page for the project at: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/chestnut-hills-frontage-improvements/>.

The neighborhood has also been busy with a sidewalk project on North Greenbrier Street, between 26th and 27th Streets North. The Civic Association, residents in the

immediate area, and county staff have held discussions about this project for more than a decade, but county engineering staff just recently put together detailed design plans that achieved the required 60% vote of affected homeowners.

The project will involve construction of a 6-foot sidewalk with no grass utility strip on the west side of, and curb-and-gutter on the east side of the street. Pedestrian safety improvements will also be made at the intersections, including nubs and crosswalks. On-street parking will only be available on the west side of North Greenbrier, consistent with the segment between the 27th Street intersection and Yorktown High School.

The project must still win approval by the county's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, which meets on June 9, and then by the County Board at its September meeting.

The county typically makes utility improvements when it installs new sidewalks, so while the approval process will be completed in September, construction would still be a year or more away.

Special thanks to Cassandra Hanley for serving the neighborhood as block captain for this sidewalk project.

Lee Highway Visioning Study

The final Lee Highway Visioning Study was published on May 11, 2016. The Lee Highway Alliance presented the community's vision and document to the County Board at their Recessed Meeting on May 17. To see the final report, please visit the Lee Highway Visioning page.

<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/lee-highway/updates/>

The purpose of Lee Highway Visioning Study is to create a shared vision with perspectives on land use, location of activity nodes, transportation, the public realm, and economic development. LHA is a coalition of 18 civic association leaders who have actively engaged communities along Lee Highway. Since 2012, the LHA conducted 3 walking tours and 20 educational forums to build knowledge and awareness of the issues confronting Lee Highway.

The Yorktown Civic Association Executive Committee has been involved with the Lee Highway Visioning initiative since its inception in 2012. We participated in several leadership meetings, walking tours and the Lee Highway Community Visioning Charrette. The Yorktown Civic Association Executive Committee encourages all members of the Yorktown community to stay engaged with this important issue.



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