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# CIVIC PRIDE

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## Standing Together & Speaking Up

by Mike Cantwell, President  
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The Yorktown community and our local schools have been busy over the last few months. Thousands of students walked out of their classrooms Wednesday, March 14 to raise awareness about the impact of gun violence on our schools. Many in our community also participated in spirited and mostly civil discussions on the social media app "Nextdoor."

County Board Member Libby Garvey was our guest speaker for our Yorktown Civic Association meeting on May 2. Ms. Garvey talked about issues related to the recently passed county budget and addressed various concerns. She also talked about the tough choices that had to be made to stay within the self-imposed county budget targets.

Fortunately, the county board decided to fully fund the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) and the Lee Highway planning initiative. Yorktown

area home owners and businesses are encouraged to stay engaged with the Lee Highway planning and revitalization process. Visit the LHA website [www.leehighwayalliance.com](http://www.leehighwayalliance.com) for more information.

The Arlington Public School Board proposed to change Nottingham Elementary School from a neighborhood school to a choice school.

After a sustained engagement from Nottingham parents, the YCA Traffic Safety Committee, and the Yorktown community, APS decided to keep Nottingham a neighborhood school. A big win for our community! A great example of the power of citizen engagement.

Also on our radar screen has been the continued student enrollment

growth at Yorktown High School. I sent a letter to the School Board and the County Board in October 2016 stating our opposition to the proposed "boundary refinement" plans. In the fall of 2017, APS implemented the boundary changes adding more students to the already crowded Yorktown High School. On May 6, 2018, I sent another letter to the County Board opposing the building modification use permit on the grounds that the increased enrollment would exacerbate an already unacceptable traffic and parking situation. I also voiced our concerns at the County Board meeting on May 22, 2018.



Finally, please pay your dues. Annual membership dues are \$20 and lifetime membership dues are \$100. Also, the Yorktown Civic Association newsletter reaches over 1000 local households. Support your local businesses. Have a safe and happy summer!

*Next General Meeting: Wednesday, June 13 • 7:30 pm Yorktown High School Patriot Hall  
Enter Door #8 on 28th St. N. (near basketball courts). Agenda Items: Rip Sullivan & Civic Association Business*

# Children's School Being Built Soon in Alpine Space ...

by Dustin Anderson,  
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On March 1st, YCA attended a community meeting facilitated by the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) with the GlebeWood Civic Association to give stakeholders an opportunity to discuss issues surrounding The Children's School's (TCS) move to a permanent site. TCS is a private day care facility, which provides day care for Arlington school teachers' children and is subsidized by Arlington Public Schools.

After a two-year search, TCS has agreed to a lease with the owners of the Alpine Restaurant site on Lee Highway. TCS is proposing a by-right redevelopment and requesting a use

permit for a 3-story day care facility with underground parking.

As an outcome of the meeting, a list of community concerns went to the applicant's land use attorney, to address at a subsequent meeting. They include: 1) traffic access and curb cuts, 2) building set back and design, 3) sidewalk width & streetscape, 4) trash location and collection, 5) lighting and signage design, 6) community pedestrian access through site to Lee, 7) use of facilities for community meetings or events, and 8) schedule of public approvals and construction. Additional items include details on the green / planter space and stormwater area.

YCA is attempting to obtain the use permit details and outcome of the subsequent meeting and will post those on the YCA website for comment. Feel free to contact the YCA Executive Committee with your thoughts and concerns as well so we can pass them onto the LHA for action.



NORTH-EAST AERIAL VIEW

# A Farmer's Market in Our Own Backyard!

by Mike Cantwell, President  
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The Marymount Farmers Market will open for business on Saturday, May 26, 2018. The Marymount Farmers Market features fresh, delicious, organic, and healthy foods at a nearby, convenient location. Each of our vendors grows, bakes,

roasts, cooks, or prepares all of their products within 125 miles of Arlington County. Produce is usually picked within a day or two of the market so it is as fresh as possible. The Marymount Farmers Market was created in partnership with the Lee Highway Alliance and local Civic Associations. It is hosted by Marymount University and managed by

Field to Table. The market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday between May 26 and the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The Marymount Farmers Market is volunteer-led and volunteer-driven organization. Neighbors who want to be part of the market can contact us through Facebook.

## 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 2018, you should see that on your address label. We accept payment via Paypal and personal check.

**2018 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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# About Rip Sullivan ... YCA's Speaker for June 13

Excerpted from [www.ripsullivan.com](http://www.ripsullivan.com)

Before being elected to the VA House of Delegates in 2014, Rip Sullivan served on numerous boards and commissions, and has extensive experience in a number of key policy areas that have directly translated to his work for his district. Last year, Sullivan was appointed the Democratic Caucus Campaign Chair, so he was closely involved in leading the Democratic Party's 2017 sizable gain of seats in the House.

He has been widely recognized as a leader, as reflected in his appointments to numerous boards and commissions. His appointments include the Fairfax Consumer Protection Commission, Transportation Advisory Commission, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and the Park Authority. He served as president of the Legal Services of Northern Virginia, a non-profit providing legal services to low-income residents. Rip is also a former member of the Board of Governors for the Virginia Bar Association.

His committee assignments include the Finance and Agriculture Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committees. Rip has been a leader in sponsoring legislation in a number of areas, particularly redistricting, elections, environment, and energy.



## Help Beautify Yorktown: Join the Garden Club!

by *Kate Abrahams, President*  
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The Rock Spring Garden Club is a group of plant loving men and women working to help Arlington thrive. Currently, we are working on a new beautification project at Yorktown High School. The area around the 40-year-old sign on Yorktown Boulevard needs some sprucing up so we are developing a plan to put in various shrubs, hosta and other

plants around the sign. It's a very shady spot surrounded by tall trees so sun-loving pollinator plants won't work there.

We have already started to prepare the site, and could always use more volunteers. The brick around the sign looks really dirty and mossy so a good power washing would really help its appearance. Perhaps you have a power washer to help clean off bricks? There's no faucet

nearby to run a hose so we may need to bring large water jugs over to keep everything alive when it gets baking hot. We could use help watering! Or you are an expert on shady plants? We'd love any donated shade-loving plants.

Be sure to stop by and see the work that has happened so far! For more information, contact Kate Abrahams, president, at [cnabythesea@gmail.com](mailto:cnabythesea@gmail.com).

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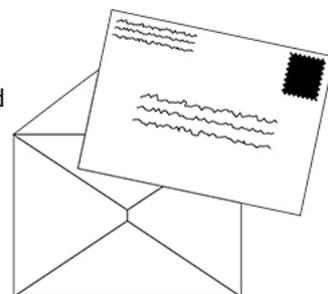
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## Let's Stay in Touch!

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:  
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# Where Does Yorktown Begin, and End? A Boundary Map ...

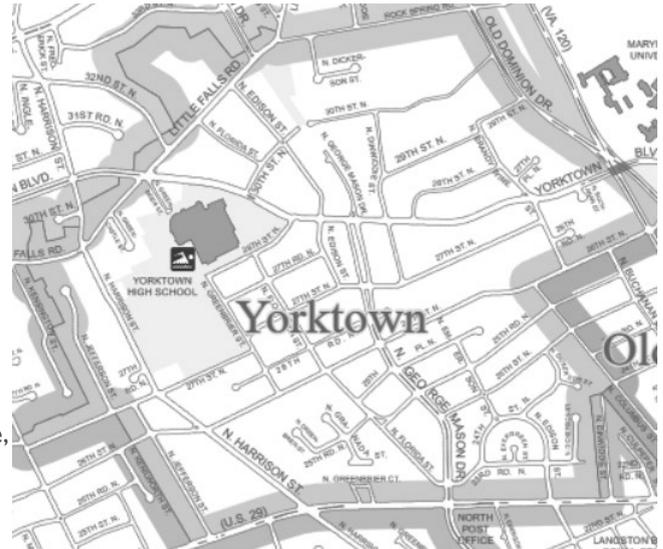
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The Yorktown Civic Association represents the community shown in the map at right — residents living in north Arlington, Virginia, bound by Lee Highway on the south, Old Dominion Dr./Columbus St. to the east, Little Falls Rd./Rock Spring Rd. on the north, and N. Jefferson St. to the west.

These boundaries are drawn and agreed upon by Arlington County, in conjunction with the civic associations, and have been in place for quite some time.

Meetings tend to focus on issues that affect residents inside the boundary lines, and where our boundaries intersect with other associations (especially around school boundary maps and transportation).

If you'd like to get involved, or learn more, come to our June 13 meeting at Yorktown High School Patriot Hall at 7:30 p.m.



## *Arlington County Numbers & Information*

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