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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>

A Report from the President's Desk...

by Mike Cantwell, President
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Although it has been a while since our last newsletter and Yorktown Civic Association meeting, rest assured ... the Yorktown Civic Association Executive Committee (YCA EC) has been hard at work behind the scenes. On January 9th, the Yorktown Civic Association hosted Noah Simon, the Chair of the 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive Task. Noah gave the Association an update on the progress of the 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive Task and provided YCA with the latest news from Representative Beyer's office where he is the District Director for constituent services and community outreach.

From November 2018 until April 2019, I represented YCA on the 26th Street and Old Dominion Task Force. The Task Force was charged with helping the county government decide what to do with the county-owned seven acre site. In March, I wrote a letter to the County Board asking them to modify the charge and remove the highly prescriptive language requiring the Task Force to

retain the one acre leaf storage site as part of the Task Force's planning efforts. The county board responded by letter and rejected my request. On April 15th, the Task Force approved the consensus report. I voted against the report. Unfortunately, I predict that very little will change at the site for at least a decade.

In other activities, YCA EC members continued to advocate for trees and park improvements. Please read the article by our newest YCA EC member, Amelia Frenkel.

In Lee Highway Alliance news, the County Board approved monies for the LHA, but at a significantly lower level than we requested. Several community forums have already been held and more are planned for this summer. Please participate. We need your input. Please Google "Lee Highway Alliance" for more information.



Another responsibility of the YCA EC is to review and support (or not support) "Use Permit" requests. In April, I reviewed two requests to re-purpose two banks (5222 Lee Hwy & 5322 Lee Hwy) and turn them into childcare businesses. Access to affordable childcare is a top concern for many Arlingtonians.

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.

Please pay your dues. Annual membership dues are \$20 and lifetime membership dues are \$100. The Yorktown Civic Association newsletter reaches over 2000 local households. If you own a local business, please consider purchasing an ad in the YCA newsletter. Contact Dustin Anderson for more information.

Next Meeting! Wednesday, June 12 • 7:30 pm Yorktown High School Cafeteria
Enter Door #8 on 28th St. N. (near basketball courts). Agenda: Roundtable discussion

New trees lining the median on N George Mason Drive

By Amelia Frenkel
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You may have noticed a row of new trees lining the median on N George Mason Drive, one of the most well-trafficked entrances to the Yorktown neighborhood. The trees are native Redbuds, and they are a product of several years of advocacy by YCA Board Member Amelia Frenkel.

The turning point of that advocacy came at the May 2018 meeting of the Yorktown Civic Association. County Board member Libby Garvey attended the meeting as a special guest and took questions from the audience,

including one from Ms. Frenkel about the stalled effort to secure plantings from the County. Garvey followed up with county staff, who have personally come to ensure that the new trees are thriving and have all the care and water they need to grow.

For those who may not be aware, the County maintains a program for planting trees along streets. To see if your street-way could be eligible for free trees, and for other details about the program, check this page: <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/trees/plant-trees/tree-planting-program/>.



Change your email?

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: yorktowncivicasociation@gmail.com.

Civic News

Follow all the Yorktown Civic Association news on our own yorktowncivic.org website, Facebook, and Nextdoor.

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

By PayPal, send with your name and address to yorktowncivicasociation@gmail.com. By check, make payable to Yorktown Civic Association and mail to:

Dustin Anderson, YCA Treasurer,
 5104 23rd Road N.,
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June 12th Civic Association Meeting

Please join the Yorktown Civic Association for a neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30PM in the Yorktown High School cafeteria. There will be no guest speaker at this meeting. Instead, we want to hear from YOU about why you think our neighborhood is great and what you think would make it better. The Yorktown

Civic Association last updated our Neighborhood Conservation Plan -- a document outlining a vision for the future of our neighborhood -- in 2006. After more than 10 years, we think its time to return to that vision and see where else we should invest our energy. To read the current plan, visit [\[content/uploads/sites/31/2014/02/NC_Yorktown_Plan.pdf\]\(https://projects.arlingtonva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2014/02/NC_Yorktown_Plan.pdf\). The neighborhood survey results included in that document are particularly interesting -- take a look starting at page 48 to see what really mattered to our neighbors then and to start thinking about what matters to you now.](https://projects.arlingtonva.us/wp-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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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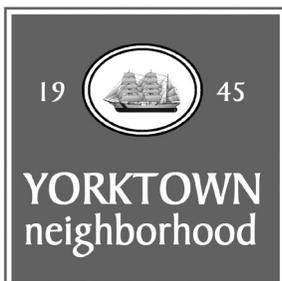
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Additional Resources are available at <https://yorktowncivic.org/resources/>



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