

CIVIC PRIDE

NEWSLETTER OF THE
YORKTOWN
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Yorktown Civic Association General Membership meeting was held on May 1 st in Patriot Hall at Yorktown High School. I provided an update on the 25th Place N / N Emerson St / 25th Rd N sidewalk project. Unfortunately (my personal opinion), the project did not receive the required votes during the certified mail outreach. Therefore, the sidewalk project will not proceed. I met virtually with several of the sidewalk project proponents, and we are looking for ways to address some of the concerns of the sidewalk project opponents. More information will be shared at the next YCA meeting, which will be held on October 2.

For the October meeting, we have several important topics on our agenda. We will have a presentation on Vision Zero and discuss things you can do to make our community safe for pedestrians, scooters, cyclists, and drivers. We will also inspire more residents to get involved with the Yorktown Civic Association. We have empty seats on the Executive Committee and we are still looking for a volunteer to lead the next Yorktown Civic Association Neighborhood Day. If you are new to the community, joining the Executive Committee, leading a committee, or creating a task force is a great way to get to know your neighbors. I encourage members to join one of the many Arlington County Commission or Advisory Groups. Just Google the phrase, Arlington County Commission or Advisory Group and find a commission or group that aligns with your passions and values. The time commitment is minimal and many of the meetings are conducted via Zoom.

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

See ya around the neighborhood!

Mike Cantwell
President
Yorktown Civic Association

Arlington Yorktown Civic Association

Membership Form

Name of Applicant (one form per person)

Address in the Civic Association

Mailing Address (Enter only if not the same as your property address above)

Phone Number(s)

E-Mail Address



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YCA Treasurer
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JOIN THE YORKTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION!

Your Annual Membership for \$20 supports the cost of the Civic Pride newsletter, management of the website, and other outreach. Formal membership in the Yorktown Civic Association is open to all adults (18 years old or older) that live within our neighborhood boundaries. If you own residential property within our boundaries, but rent your home to someone else, you also can be a member. Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote. Several adults in one household may become a member. Use one form per person, and pay dues for each applicant.

Business owners within the neighborhood can also serve as non-voting members in the Association. Businesses are asked to name a specific representative for membership.

The Yorktown Civic Association covers the area of north Arlington, bound by Langston Boulevard (formerly Lee Highway) / Route 29 on the south, Old Dominion Drive to the east, Little Falls Road and Rock Spring Road on the north, and North Jefferson Street to the west.

There are three ways to make your membership official. Apply:

- Online at yorktowncivic.org/membership
- By Mail
- By Email

Apply by Mail and Pay by Check

- Fill out our Membership form, available online and on page 2 here.
- Write a check of \$20 to the Yorktown Civic Association for your annual membership.
- Mail form and check to our treasurer:

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

Apply by Email and Pay with PayPal
Email yorktowncivicassociation@gmail.com.

Be sure to include:

- Your Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email



Thank you!

TAP INTO YOUR INNER ARTIST AT ART HOUSE 7



Nestled in a complex of small businesses on Langston Boulevard, Art House 7 is a staple of the local arts scene and a hidden gem within the Yorktown Civic Association's footprint. Offering classes for anyone aged 2 or older in a comfortable two-story studio, Art House 7's array of teachers offer instruction in drawing, sculpture, painting, ceramics, photography, sewing, fiber arts, and jewelry making.

Art House 7 opened in the fall of 2015, co-founder and owner Ann Brown told the newsletter. Originally occupying just one townhouse in the complex, it expanded to an adjacent unit in 2019 and then added a third unit last year. The latest expansion houses Art House 7's ceramics courses, which are among its most popular courses among students.

Drawing is another favorite among students, as well as a new course—Combining Printmaking and Sewing. When asked which are among the most unique classes available, Ms. Brown identified Japanese Woodblock Printmaking and Suminagashi, or Japanese paper marbling. During a Suminagashi class that Ms. Brown describes as an "incredibly serene and meditative art," students use floating ink on water, creating art, wrapping paper, original stationery, and more—all while enjoying Japanese music and tea.

What if you have no artistic ability? "I believe everyone has artistic ability," Ms. Brown said. "Too often, people gauge their ability solely on their drawing skills. That said, certain classes are designed to alleviate the pressure associated with drawing." Among other classes, she described the ceramics wheel as especially satisfying and plain old engrossing. "Even first-time students can usually produce 4 or 5 pieces they want to keep."

Summer camps are especially popular with local school-aged children. Art House 7 has an "array of camps and classes tailored to artistic exploration," Ms. Brown explained. "Our

offerings include both 2 and 3-hour art camps, with the flexibility for campers to enroll in multiple sessions per day for a comprehensive day of creativity."

Most camps are for students ages 5 to 11, but Art House 7 has a specialized clay camp for 10 to 13-year-old students—a week-long course where campers learn various hand-building techniques like "pinch, coil, and slab construction, to create whimsical creatures, functional pottery, and/or three-dimensional sculptures," Ms. Brown told the newsletter. While the camps are geared toward young campers, Art House 7 maintains a full class roster for middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults throughout the year.

As Art House 7 continues as a fixture in the local arts community, Ms. Brown hopes to offer courses on cartooning, figure drawing, and etching. The Art House 7 community—"friendly people who love to create, and be around other creative individuals in a relaxed and welcome atmosphere"—will continue to grow and positively impact our community for years to come. If you are interested sampling the Art House 7 community, feel free to check out a "First Friday" event—a free event on the first Friday of every month.

Check out www.arthouseseven.com for current and future class, workshop, and camp offerings. And be sure to check out the "small but mighty" art supply store at the Art House 7 studios at 5537 Langston Boulevard. The store has a curated selection of fine art materials for painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, and fiber arts.

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UPCOMING JENNIFER BUSH-LAWSON 5K & FAMILY CARNIVAL RAISES FUNDS AND FUN



One of the community's most enjoyable and impactful annual events is the Jennifer Bush-Lawson 5K & Family Fun Day. Held every November since 2014, the upcoming 5k & Family Fun Day will be the 10th Annual event.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 23 — the Saturday before Thanksgiving — and get ready to head to the Knights of Columbus at 5115 Little Falls Road for the festivities. In addition to a 5K that circles around Nottingham Elementary where it all began, children can participate in a short fun run after the main event. That's not all – moon bounces, laser tag, a rock wall, face painting, face painting, community performances, food, and beverages (including a beer garden) will provide hours of delight.

The morning of activities carries on the legacy of Jennifer Bush-Lawson, a dedicated mother of three and runner who tragically lost her life in a traffic accident in February 2014. Jennifer was passionate about helping other mothers and babies, a dedication that grew from her own complicated pregnancies and her children's stays in the NICU. While she was fortunate to have medical care, Jennifer cared deeply for mothers who could not access the same quality care.

The Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that spearheads the 5K & Family Carnival, among other activities, celebrates and extends Jennifer's passion for maternal and infant health. Its impact has been keenly felt in the region. For instance, the Foundation funded a grant for a telemedicine program at Virginia Hospital Center. "They are no longer having to choose

between their job, which pays the bills, and going to their doctor's appointments," Kelly Garrity, the Foundation's executive director, explained to WUSA in 2020. The Foundation has also focused on providing basics for the moms they serve to include car seats and portable cribs.

Registration for the event opens August 15. For Frequently Asked Questions, especially concerning registration, logistics, and cost go to: <https://jb-lf.org/5k-fun-day/>. All 5K and Fun Day registrants will receive a complimentary T-Shirt and race bag.

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VOTING OPPORTUNITIES IN ARLINGTON COUNTY



When this newsletter hits your mailbox, Arlingtonians will soon be heading to the polls to vote in the 2024 general election. As this newsletter is called Civic Pride, the civic association supports you doing your most precious civic duty—casting a ballot for the candidate of your choice.

Arlington County offers a number of ways to vote. Voters can cast ballots on Election Day—Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The polls will be open from 6 AM to 7 PM. The Election Day polling place for many of the residents of this newsletter will be Yorktown High School, but confirm your polling location before Election Day.

Voters can also take advantage of early voting and mail ballot options. Early voting begins on Friday, September 20 and runs through Saturday, November 2. Early voting locations will be at Courthouse Plaza beginning in September, as well as Madison Community Center, Long Bridge Park aquatics center in Crystal City, and Walter Reed Community Center beginning in mid-October. Voters can also apply for a mail ballot. The deadline to do so is 5 PM on October 25. Mail ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before November 5 and received by 12 PM on November 8.

Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of identification at the polls. Voters arriving at the polls without an acceptable form of ID will be required to either sign an ID Confirmation Statement or vote a provisional ballot. If a voter votes a provisional ballot, they will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board or sign an ID Confirmation Statement in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. For a list of acceptable forms of ID for in-person voting, visit <https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Elections/ID-Requirements>.

To confirm your registration status, check your polling place, or apply for a mail ballot, visit <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>.

Do you have the time and interest to take your civic duty to the next level? Consider applying to be an election officer, essential positions that serve voters at polling places on Election Day and during early voting. High school students can also work at polling places or can assist with election-related activities. The positions pay by the day. Among other tasks, election officers set up the precinct (including ensuring the equipment is operating properly and signage is placed correctly), check in voters, distribute ballots, and provide assistance in using the voting machines. At the end of Election Day, election officers tabulate the results and clean up the polling place. For more information and to apply, check out <https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Elections/workatpolls>.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

7:30 pm

**Yorktown High School
Library**

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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Presentation on Vision Zero
- Sidewalk project update
- Getting involved
- Executive Committee position open
- Staying civically active
- Neighborhood day volunteer

ARLINGTON COUNTY ONLINE TOOL: REQUEST SERVICE OR REPORT PROBLEMS

For many services or problems, you can use Arlington County's online Request Service / Report a Problem tool:

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- Bus stops
- Public art conditions
- Graffiti

