

CIVIC PRIDE

NEWSLETTER OF THE
YORKTOWN
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I hope your 2026 is off to a great start! A new year is a great time to re-up your annual dues. With thanks to board members Campbell Maloney, Cort Weber, and Dustin Anderson, we now have the ability to pay dues online through our website: yorktowncivic.org. Your dues go a long way to help support neighborhood programs and this newsletter's printing and distribution.

The year 2025 was a busy one for the Yorktown Civic Association. In October, we heard from County Board Member Susan Cunningham in a wide-ranging question and answer session that touched on leaf blowers, housing, and everything in between. This followed a successful summer general membership meeting with Delegate Patrick Hope and Leeway Overlee Civic Association president Jean Henceroth who discussed the future of the LAC.

Last year, the civic association board sent two letters to the county board to advocate for certain issues that affect our neighborhood. First, we asked the county board to authorize county staff to analyze whether ownership of Langston Boulevard would be better served under the status quo under VDOT or under county ownership.

The letter did not take a position on ownership itself, but instead we asked the county to examine the costs and benefits of county ownership versus VDOT ownership. This letter was one of several from civic associations along Langston Boulevard as well as the Langston Boulevard Alliance. Second, we asked the county board to ensure that the former Lee Arts Center (or LAC) space on Langston Boulevard remains a public space. Importantly, we asked that the process for determining its next use be citizen-led.

The civic association was also thrilled to co-sponsor two neighborhood events in the fall and winter. One was a neighborhood-wide garage sale that our neighbors Margaret Navarro and Marianela Clow spearheaded. To read more about this event, check out their article in this newsletter. Another was a neighborhood block party that ended up being on one of the coldest days of the year! Despite the freezing temperatures, turnout was fantastic and it was great to celebrate the winter holidays with so many neighbors.

On that note, the civic association won a mini-grant from the county for a neighborhood day. We last held one in 2021 and we intend to renew this tradition later this spring. Please stay tuned on our social media (Facebook, Nextdoor) and our email distribution list for when we finalize a date. Please reach out to yorktowncivic@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer in any way.

In September, the county board approved the funding request for the Spring 2025 Funding Round ArNAC-recommended projects. This includes the long-advocated-for sidewalk project on 25th Place N. & N. Emerson Street. While the next steps are still tentative, the design is currently underway, and a neighborhood final design meeting will need to be held later this year. Construction will likely not commence until the spring of next year at the earliest. Many thanks to our ArNAC representative, Dave Haring, and many neighbors who spearheaded this project.

Thank you to all who responded to our supplemental neighborhood survey in the last newsletter. Your answers will help inform our next neighborhood plan. Before my term on the civic association board is up, it is a top goal of mine to get a draft neighborhood plan complete.

Please join us on Wednesday, February 25 at the Yorktown High School library for our next meeting. We will be hearing from Sheriff Jose Quiroz.

See you around the neighborhood!

Zach Newkirk
President, Yorktown Civic Association

ARLINGTON KABOB



**Celebrating a decade
in the Arlington Community!**

Organic selection, lightly marinated in-house cut meats with fresh ground spices are cooked to perfection over an open flame. We give priority to any special dietary or allergen needs. Dining in, takeout, catering or fundraising.

5046 Langston Blvd Arlington, Virginia 22207
703-531-1498
ArlingtonKabobVA.com

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



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

Please include:
\$20 Membership Fee for an Annual Membership
Make check payable to: Yorktown Civic Association

LITTLE AMBASSADORS'
SUMMER CAMP

WEEKLY FULL DAY **SUMMER 2026** CAMPS K-6TH

SUMMER@LITTLEACADEMY.COM

The graphic features a vibrant yellow and red background. On the left, there are two circular images: the top one shows a group of children in green shirts standing in a field with an airplane in the sky; the bottom one shows a Ferris wheel. A globe is integrated into the design, with a pair of sunglasses and a butterfly resting on it. The text 'LITTLE AMBASSADORS' is at the top, followed by 'SUMMER CAMP' in large, bold, 3D letters. At the bottom, it says 'WEEKLY FULL DAY SUMMER 2026 CAMPS K-6TH' and provides the email address 'SUMMER@LITTLEACADEMY.COM'.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

FALL YARD SALE RAISES MORE THAN \$1,000 FOR WILLIAMSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

By Mari Clow and Margaret Navarro

On October 25th, 2025, we held our first ever Yorktown community yard sale. Inspired by similar neighboring communities' events, we used a QR code to highlight the addresses and wares of the 13 participating households. Around 300 flyers were hand-delivered to homes by kids on bikes to announce the event and recruit households. Participants used their own yards to empty their closets for a fall cleaning. Some sold crafts, others snacks, and beverages ranging from lemonade to hot cocoa. Others promoted businesses and/or raised money for good causes such as Type 1 Diabetes. Admirably, the community rallied and raised more than \$1,000 for a Williamsburg Middle School teacher to help pay for her treatment with stage 4 breast cancer.

Another notable highlight was that neighbors came around to socialize with one another and make new connections. Kids tried out their price negotiation skills and many were thrilled to find some bargains.

We hope that you can join us for the next one, which will be Sat. June 6th (rain day June 7th). If you would like to participate, \$5 will get your house on the map that will be distributed and advertised on various websites.

Please connect with:

Margaret Navarro or Mari Clow

(margnavarro@gmail.com and marianela777@gmail.com)

for questions and to join.

This is a fun event with lots of ways to participate and get to know your neighbors.

THE YCA WOULD LOVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

If you have any ideas for articles, features, or interviews, please contact:

Zach Newkirk at ZJAnewkirk@gmail.com and/or Caryn Wagner at carynnewagner@icloud.com

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 yorktowncivic@gmail.com.

Be sure to include:

- Your Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email



Thank you!

STAY INFORMED!

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:
yorktowncivic@gmail.com.

Civic News

Follow all the Yorktown Civic Association news on our own yorktowncivic.org website, facebook.com/groups/YorktownCivic, and Nextdoor.

Our Neighbors

Consider helping your elderly and disabled neighbors. Consider helping water their garden in the heat, and help shovel a driveway in the winter.

If you need help, please post your request on Nextdoor.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

7:30 pm, Yorktown High School Library

Enter through the Main Entrance
off of Yorktown Boulevard

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Hear from Sheriff Jose Quiroz
- Neighborhood Updates
- Neighborhood Day this Spring! Call for volunteers.
- What else is on the neighborhood's mind?

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:

arlingtonva.us/Government/Topics/Report-Problem

Or download the app My Arlington

For Traffic Light Outages:

Call Police non-emergency Number at 703-558-2222

For Water and Sewer Emergencies, call 703-228-6555 (24 hrs)

INTEGRITY
DIVERSITY



POSITIVITY
COMMUNITY



- Check out our:
• Young Children's Program
- Leveled Program (Recreational & Competitive)
- Teen/Adult Classes
- Adaptive Dance Program

Lee Harrison Shopping Center, Lower Level

(703) 533-8830 perfectpointe.com/arlington Ages 18 months +

- YOUR BUSINESS HERE -

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS ADVERTISERS

**For ad info, contact Dustin Anderson at:
yorktowncivic@gmail.com**

While the YCA EC enjoys frequenting the many wonderful businesses in our neighborhood, newsletter ads should not be considered an endorsement.

What you can report or request online includes:

- Trash/recycling and Litter
- Street lights/park lights
- Streets (potholes, concrete, gutter)
- Parks (dog park, facility, field, playground, trails)
- Water repair (utility cover)
- Signs (traffic, stop, parking)
- Parking meters
- Trees & mowing
- Bus stops
- Public art conditions
- Graffiti



Volunteers deliver over 90,000 meals

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVER CRITICAL SERVICE IN ARLINGTON

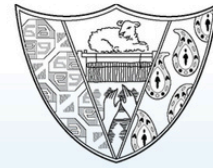
By Caryn Wagner

As you drive around Arlington, have you ever noticed a car with a Meals on Wheels "On Delivery" sign in the windshield? You may not have noticed them, and you may even be thinking, "well, they probably don't deliver in our neighborhood." But surprise, we do! We deliver all over Arlington, including to some of your neighbors. We currently have 14 deliveries in the 22207 zip code.

Meals on Wheels has been operating in Arlington since 1971. It started at the First Presbyterian Church in Ballston, serving 3 homebound neighbors. It grew and became incorporated as Meals on Wheels in 1974. Although MOW Arlington is affiliated with Meals on Wheels America, we are a separate organization and do not receive any financial support from the national organization. So, where does the money come from?

Part of President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society initiative, the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965 was aimed at helping older adults live independently with dignity. It established the Agency on Aging, which works through a network of state and local agencies on aging to support a range of programs, including Meals on Wheels. Our local Area Agency on Aging provides funds for clients who qualify for support under the OAA. The federal government provided additional funding through the end of 2024 to meet increased demand during COVID. Of course, the additional funding ended but the demand did not. To cover the approximately \$100,000 shortfall in 2025, Arlington County provided funding in its budget for the first time to maintain coverage for the approximately 30-35 clients who could have lost access to meals. The County does not currently intend to continue this funding for 2026, and we have been working to make up the difference through fundraising.

MOW Arlington serves a few additional categories of clients as well. Our target population includes homebound individuals over the age of 60, or those who are living with disabilities that prevent them from preparing meals although they are otherwise able to live independently. We have clients who are able to and do pay for their meals. We also have clients who cannot pay but who do not meet the federal funding criteria.



Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs

Family Owned & Operated Since 1922



4756 Langston Blvd Suite B
Arlington, VA 22207
manoukianbrothers.com
202-882-7847 (RUGS)

Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs

Family Owned & Operated Since 1922

WE ARE HIRING - JOB OPENING

Part-time employee with the potential
of becoming full-time.

Both physical requirements as well as
good computer skills are required.

Please drop us an email at
jobs@manoukianbrothers.com

MOW Arlington covers the cost of these meals, and this historically has been the primary focus of our fundraising—now combined with the task of making up the shortfall caused by the discontinuation of COVID funding.

MOW Arlington still operates out of the First Presbyterian Church, which kindly provides office and refrigerator space and allows the use of their large parking lot for staging the deliveries. We serve approximately 200 clients a week, most with once-weekly deliveries of meals from our vendor, Jeffrey's. All meals are reviewed and approved by the country nutritionist to ensure they meet established dietary standards. Jeffrey's delivers the food to the Church parking lot, where volunteers unload it and reload it into the volunteer drivers' vehicles for delivery. The food gets pretty good reviews by the clients, although by far the favorite meals are the Thanksgiving meals provided every year by the Knights of Columbus.

Continued on page 7

Community Announcements

FROM THE CIVIC FEDERATION'S ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS EXCHANGE

Climate and Cuisine: Climate Action Plan Launch Event

Wednesday, February 25, 5:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Barbara M. Donnellan Auditorium, Central Library

Be part of an inspiring evening as we officially introduce Arlington's Climate Action Plan and explore how our everyday food choices shape a sustainable future. Enjoy a dynamic panel discussion featuring Mark Easter, author of "Blue Plate: A Food Lover's Guide to Climate Chaos," along with local experts who will unpack the connection between climate, community and the food system. Before the panel begins, visit Climate & Cuisine: Open House, to speak with local climate-focused organizations to learn about community programs, resources and ways to get involved. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, engage, eat (sustainably!) and help build a healthier, more resilient Arlington. See the full agenda and register here:

<https://arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/15637443>

Woman's Club of Arlington, Colonial Skills and Trades discussion

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
700 S Buchanan St, Arlington, Virginia 22204

Come join the Woman's Club of Arlington as we celebrate the Country's 250th anniversary and learn about the skills and trades employed at Mount Vernon and Arlington House during the Colonial period. All are welcome. There is no cost to attend.

We are fortunate to have Ms. Sandy Newton, a docent from both Mount Vernon and Arlington House, lead this session. Sandy will talk about the methods the Colonial-era population used to produce food and clothing. She will show how cotton, wool and flax were gathered and woven into clothing. She will also demonstrate how wheat was ground, apples cored and string beans strung for use in family meals. These tasks were performed primarily by the enslaved and indentured but free people also had to learn and practice them to sustain households.

Attendees will have an opportunity to try their hand at these tasks to see how they would have fared in the late 1700s!

Please come join us. Families are most welcome.
RSVP: womansclubarlington@gmail.com

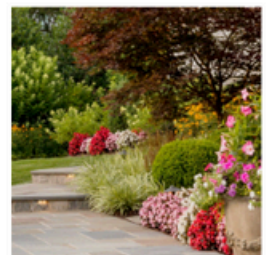


Design | Build | Maintain | Enhance

Family-owned and locally operated since 1978, Wheat's Landscape brings decades of experience to every property. From lawn care and drainage improvements to seasonal plantings and outdoor features like pools, patios, and walkways, Wheat's handles it all.



703.570.1879



"Everything always exceeds our expectations. Everything was done perfectly. Everyone was happy to be there. You have an excellent crew and business." -M.L.

Free consultation & 10% off services when you mention the Civic Pride newsletter!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continued from page 6

Rain Garden Workshop (virtual and in-person options available)

Saturday, February 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Lubber Run Community Center
300 N Park Drive, Arlington VA

This workshop is a partnership between the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District and Arlington County.

<https://www.novaregion.org/1641/2026-Rain-Garden-Workshop>

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVER CRITICAL SERVICE IN ARLINGTON

Continued from page 5

Another fabulous group of volunteers makes these meals, and our clients can order however many they want in advance. Our MOW volunteers team with volunteers from Knights of Columbus to deliver the meals. This is a highlight of the year, and a great example of volunteer synergy at work in Arlington.

In 2024 (last full year of data), over 130 MOW volunteers devoted 7000 hours to delivering 93,000 meals to 290 individual clients. The MOW Arlington Board of Managers is also volunteer-based, and the organization operates with an administrative overhead of less than 1%. We have an excellent relationship with the Area Agency on Aging and work together to meet the goals of the Older Americans Act.

I have been volunteering with Meals on Wheels since COVID. I was looking for volunteer work that wouldn't require working indoors in close quarters with other people, and being a Meals on Wheels Volunteer fit the bill perfectly. As I did my weekly deliveries, I came to really appreciate all the other benefits of the work: being outside in all seasons, discovering many hidden corners of Arlington, and interacting with the clients, bringing both food and human contact into their lives. Our mission is not just to deliver the food, but also to be a friendly face and provide a little social interaction to homebound seniors. I will add that the other MOW volunteers are amazing and it is great to work with such fun and dedicated people from all over Arlington. I jumped at the opportunity to tell our story in this newsletter. If any of you are interested in donating or volunteering, go to our website at: <https://mealsonwheelsarlington.com>.

Or, if you see the "On Delivery" placard in a car windshield or someone carrying large grocery bags into a building on a Wednesday, just smile and wave at one of your local MOW volunteers. Happy New Year!

YORKTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Zach Newkirk
President
zjanewkirk@gmail.com

Mike Cantwell
Vice President
Civic Federation Delegate
mtcantwell@msn.com

David Haring
Neighborhood Conservation
dharing@outlook.com

Brian Young
Secretary
brianyoung78@aol.com

Dustin Anderson
Treasurer
dustinanderson@mac.com

AT LARGE

Debi Cain
brandtdc@gmail.com

James Churbuck
churbuck@mac.com

Terry Costello
bgbtjc@verizon.net

David Friedman
jacmatt@verizon.net

Campbell Maloney
Webmaster
Newsletter Editor
campbell@blueunderground.com

Mehul Vora
mehulpvora@gmail.com

Cortney Weber
localfocusdmv@gmail.com

Frank White
fwhite04@comcast.net

WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

yorktowncivic@gmail.com

YORKTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Yorktown Civic Association

Send Address changes to:
5104 23rd Road N
Arlington, VA 22207

YorktownCivic.org

NEXT

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday

February 25, 2026

See details on page 4

Still the #1 Remodeling Contractor in Arlington

Pulling more permits in Arlington than any other contractor



Specializing in Arlington Homes

**GET A FREE QUOTE TODAY
703-536-0900 | CookBros.org**