

YCA Election at March 17 General Meeting

The Yorktown Civic Association (YCA) is looking for new members to join the Executive Board (EB). We will be holding an election for President as well as for At-Large EB members at our next general meeting on March 17.

The YCA-EB is only as strong as the people who choose to be a part of it. As a member of the Executive Board, you will help us to educate our fellow neighbors, elected officials, and the Arlington County Community as a whole on issues that affect the Yorktown Civic Association.

Whether you've lived here for years or have just recently moved in, we want you to join us in shaping our community voice. We are especially looking for any individuals interested in editing our newsletter and/or updating our website; but all are welcome and encouraged to join! The time commitment is minimal, at about one evening meeting per month.

If you're interested, please reach out to both our out-going and interim Presidents, Andrew Schneider and Mike Cantwell. Hope to see you on March 17!

Support your neighborhood civic association and help us better communicate the latest community news...

Join the Yorktown Civic Association!

Just \$10 per year is all that is needed to support the costs of the neighborhood newsletter, website and outreach. Please complete this membership form and mail to: Andrew Schneider, YCA President, 5104 24th St. N., Arlington, VA 22207. Make checks payable to: **Yorktown Civic Association**. Thank you for your support!

YCA Annual Membership (\$10) Applicable Year: 2016

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email(s): _____

Comments: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Yorktown Civic Association

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<http://YorktownCivic.Org>



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: **March 17 @ 7:30 pm**

at Yorktown High School

Enter through Door #8 on 28th Street 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

I hope this letter finds you well and ready for spring. After Snowzilla and the deluge of rain at the end of February – I am ready for some normal weather and warmer temperatures.

There has been a lot going on in our neighborhood related to the Civic Association. First, as many of you saw and participated in, there continues to be work to envision and plan for a revitalized Lee Highway. The Visioning Charrette in early November was well attended and resulted in great ideas and feedback from the community. The final report from the Charrette will be presented to the County Board and then, the County Board, County Staff, and engaged civic associations will hopefully form a Citizens Task Force that will ultimately lead to changes in zoning and the General Land Use Plan that drives development in the County. You can learn more and make comments on the report from the Charrette at the Lee Highway Alliance website, leehighwayalliance.com.

Additionally, the County has appointed to determine the future of Fire Station 8 (on Lee Highway near McDonald's) and whether to locate an additional fire station in North Arlington. To our disappointment, Yorktown was not selected to have a representative on the official task force, led by former school board member Noah Simon, but several of our neighboring Civic Associations were selected. A member of the Yorktown Civic Association has been meeting regularly with the Task Force and attending the meetings. Fire Station 8 is historically significant so there is concern and need to recognize that fact while at the same time ensuring

that residents in North Arlington have sufficient service in times of emergencies.

As you'll read elsewhere in our Newsletter, we continue to work with our neighbors in the Garden City Shopping Center to ensure that neighbors, landlords, and business owners have an open line of communication, an ability to solve grievances and to work together on behalf of the neighborhood. We also continue to plan for improvements to the Chestnut Hills Park including an upgrade on the fencing and the expansion of the park to incorporate another recently acquired parcel of land.

Our next General Meeting will be Thursday, March 17th at 7:30pm at Yorktown High School. We will be discussing Fire Station 8, an update from the schools, visits from the Police Department, and elections for YCA officers. After six years, I will be retiring from the position of President. In addition to election of President we will also be voting on members of the YCA Executive Committee. If you are interested in serving or getting involved in any capacity please contact me or other members of the Executive Committee. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve our community in this capacity.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Andrew Schneider
President,
Yorktown Civic Association



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for news, information and events and to connect with your neighbors!

Lee Highway Visioning

The Lee Highway visioning effort is currently underway. This partnership between Arlington County government and the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) provides support for a local, grassroots, community planning initiatives. The purpose of this effort 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 Lee Highway Community Visioning Charrette was held over four days, November 6 - 9. The multi-day workshop was held in a "charrette" style format with hands-on design participation and engaging

conversations. Outcomes from the charrette informed the content of the visioning report, which the LHA will present to the County Board in April 2016. The County Board will use the report to inform the future actions.

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. We encourage all members of the Yorktown community to read the draft report and add comments.

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

Please contact Mike Cantwell if you have any questions.

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Street Flooding, Water, Sewer emergencies: 703-228-6555
Traffic Signals/Street Light Outages: 703-228-6511
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Police reports can be made online: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/police/incident/new/start-report.html>

Synthetic Turf Replacement at Greenbrier Park Summer 2016

Parks Maintenance Capital Program FY 2016 Project:
 Synthetic Turf Replacement for Greenbrier Park.



Arlington County plans to replace the synthetic turf field, new underlayment pad, sub base repair and drainage at Greenbrier Park starting in June of 2016 with an anticipated completion date in August 2016 for the start of the fall sports season for Yorktown High School Athletics. The new field will have inlaid game field markings (including mid-field logo and end zone lettering).

The anticipated total cost of the project is \$1,625,000. It is funded by Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) with an anticipated cost sharing of

\$650,000 from Arlington Public Schools (APS).

Arlington DPR is formulating the bid package and anticipate releasing by the end of March. DPR is also investigating new forms of synthetic turf in-fill instead of the crumb rubber in-fill (used tires) used at most county sites. The new fields at Williamsburg Middle School are using Virgin EPDM crush rubber, not crumb rubber in-fill.

The use of the track will be closed and the gates locked during the 2-3 month construction phase of the synthetic turf replacement.

DPR planning contact is Josh Serck at 703-228-7141 or jserck@arlingtonva.us.



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The Arlington Civic Federation: One Level Up?

The structure for the public engagement process in Arlington provides that all civic associations may participate in the **Arlington Civic Federation** (<http://www.civfed.org/>). So, "neighborhood" or geographical civic associations (like the Yorktown Civic Association) are members of the Federation, as well as several special purpose organizations like the Alliance for Housing Solutions, Arlington Coalition of Police, Arlington County Taxpayers Association, Arlington Interfaith Council, and Organized Women Voters of Arlington, to name a few.

As indicated on its website, the Civic Federation's "... purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner." The Federation was founded in 1916 (so this is the 100th anniversary), and includes a dozen committees, ranging from Parks and Recreation to Schools to Planning and Zoning. These committees are often responsible for researching particular issues of interest across the County, and reporting back to the Federation as a whole, as part of the Federation's effort to ensure that civic associations remain well-informed. Often, these efforts may result in the development of a resolution for vote (YCA is a voting member), which if passed, is generally designed to be provided to the County Board (though

some may be for the School Board or other appropriate County organization).

Recent issues evaluated by the Civic Federation include plans for historic designation for Stratford (as part of its upcoming return to middle school service), school needs due to increasing student population, affordable housing, and plans for the Courthouse redesign. The Civic Federation has monthly meetings (first Tuesday of each month, except for November which is the second Tuesday and July/August when there are no meetings). Guest speakers may include local elected officials, the County Manager, the Schools Superintendent, other County decision-makers, and even state-level government representatives for various projects. The Civic Federation hosts an annual forum for candidates (September), as well as at least one meeting throughout the year with County Board and School Board members. Meetings are held at the Til Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center, starting at 7:30pm, and all are open to the public.

If you are interested in getting involved with CivFed, contact Dave Gelman, the Yorktown Civic Association Delegate to the Arlington Civic Federation.

Fire Station #8 Update

Fire Station #8 Task Force met again on Thursday, February 25th at Langston-Brown Community Center. The 12 member Task Force is trying to reach consensus on solution to replace the aging Fire Station #8. Noah Simon, the Chair of the Task Force and former School Board member, said the Task Force will be divided into sub-committees and will use various criteria to develop its recommendation to the County Board. The sub-committees will focus on response time, financial issues, and logistics of various sites and the historical significance of Fire Station#8. If no single recommendation can be agreed on, Simon said "we owe the Board two or three recommendations."

Although the Yorktown Civic Association does not have a seat on the Task Force, members of the Executive Committee and the community have attended several of the public meetings. Mike Cantwell also met privately with Noah Simon and expressed his concern about decisions being made before members of the community have been heard. Mike was assured that the final decision has yet to be made and that four more public meetings will be held before the Task Force makes its final



recommendation to the County Board.

Yorktown Civic Association members are encouraged to review the material on the Arlington County Board website and to participate in Task Force meetings and County Board meeting.

<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/fire-station-8/>