

Civic Pride

Newsletter of the Yorktown Civic Association

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School Board Vice-Chair Libby Garvey to Speak at Fall Meeting

On Wednesday, October 18, the Yorktown Civic Association holds its fall meeting at Yorktown High School, with School Board

Vice-Chair Libby Garvey as the guest speaker. Ms. Garvey will be prepared to answer residents' questions about the upcoming redevelopment of Yorktown High School and other projects that have been included in this fall's county bond election. \$24.8 million has been included for the Yorktown High project in the 2006 bond election, with an additional \$75 million to be included as part of the 2008 bond election.

Libby Garvey joined the School Board in 1997, and served as Chair from 1999 to 2001 and 2004 to 2005. Her current term ends at the end of 2008. She is currently serving as the School Board liaison to Yorktown High, Jefferson Middle School and 3 of the elementary schools.

Ms. Garvey has served as the Vice President of the County Council of PTAs, Vice President of the Fairlington Civic Association and Vice Chair of the Advisory Council on Instruction and has been involved in the PTAs of Abingdon Elementary, Drew Model School and the H-B Woodlawn program. She has served as the President of the Abingdon Elementary



PTA and as Secretary of the H-B Woodlawn Program Parent Advisory Committee. She was appointed by the Governor to serve on the P-16 Education Council, and also is a member of the Council of Governments Emergency Preparedness Council.

Ms. Garvey earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Holyoke College (Massachusetts) and has lived in Arlington since 1977. She and her husband, Kennan, have two daughters who graduated from Arlington Public Schools, and one grandson, an APS student.

The civic association meeting on October 18 begins at 7:30 p.m. in room 1B at Yorktown High School.

Candidate Forum on October 26

Please attend the 2006 Candidates Night at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Reed

School, N. 18th & N. Madison Streets. YCA sponsors this event along with several other northwest Arlington civic associations. Candidates for Congress, School Board, and County Board participate.

\$24.8 Million Included for Yorktown High School Renovations in November Bond Election

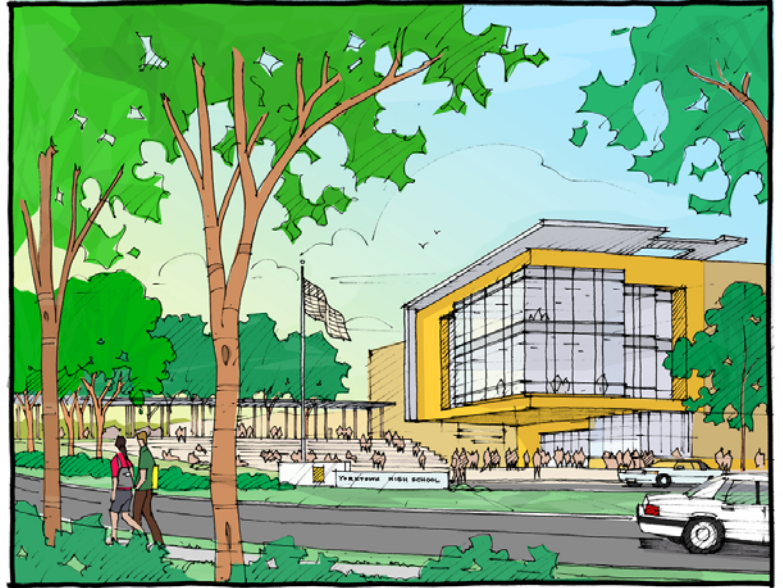
Arlington voters will be asked to approve the first installment of the \$100 million cost of rebuilding Yorktown High School when they go to the polls on November 7. \$24.8 million has been included for the project in the 2006 bond election, with an additional \$75 million included as part of the 2008 bond election. The approved plan calls for construction to begin around July 2008.

The 2006 bond election also includes funding for preliminary design work on improvements to Jefferson Middle School, Wakefield High School and the Career Center.

The Yorktown High project is phase II of a plan that included a 30 classroom addition that was completed in September 2004. During phase II, all of the older portions of the building, except for the phase I addition, will be replaced or rebuilt, including the swimming pool building. Much of the existing building started out as an elementary school building.

Students are not expected to be moved off-site during the construction. The construction is expected to take place in 3 or 4 major phases, and may take as long as five years. The expected height of the new building is expected to be 3 stories.

While the School Board is going ahead with the funding request to voters, project architects are continuing to work on design details. At its September 21, 2006, meeting, the School Board adopted revised high school space guidelines that provide direction on the number of classrooms and size of other spaces to be included in high school renovation projects in the county. Yorktown



High will be rebuilt to accommodate 1600 students, roughly the current level of enrollment. School enrollments are beginning to decline in Arlington, although several North Arlington schools remain at or above capacity.

The major issues for the neighborhood include the provision of adequate parking and necessary traffic and pedestrian safety improvements. Fifty off-street parking spaces were eliminated to make room for the phase I school addition, and another 30 parking spaces have disappeared to make room for the current athletic field expansion. While some of these spaces were added back elsewhere on the school grounds, most of those cars have ended up on adjacent neighborhood streets.

Marymount University Project Expected to Go to County Board in November

Marymount University's plans to construct a dormitory, classroom and auditorium building and an underground parking garage on the site of the current surface parking lot at the Old Dominion Drive and 26th Street intersection has moved forward to review by the county's Planning Commission and is now expected to go to the County Board for approval as early as the board's November meeting. The Planning Commission held a Site Plan Review Committee meeting on the project on September 18.

The latest plans for the project include greater building setbacks from the streets, with wider sidewalks and more space for landscaping. The plans for a pedestrian bridge across Yorktown Boulevard to the main campus area have also been enhanced since the project plans were first presented earlier this year.

The latest building plans call for the following: dormitory bed count of 250; a 265 seat theater/lecture hall; 47,000 square feet of academic (classroom and office space); and a 374 space parking garage. The current surface parking lot accommodates 169 spaces, for a net increase of 205 spaces.

The average height of the building does not exceed the county's limit of 45 feet. The height will be comparable to that of the neighboring St. Mary's church. However, on Yorktown Boulevard, where the full height of the building will be exposed, the project will be seven stories tall, as can be seen in the below drawing. The entrance to the new parking garage will be directly across from the existing Yorktown Boulevard parking garage.



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Please attend the YCA Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. at Yorktown High School, Room 1B.

For additional information about the Civic Association and the issues covered in this newsletter, check out our website at <http://www.YorktownCivic.com>.

Harrison Street to Receive Sidewalk and Stoplights Improvements

Improvements through two separate County programs are planned this fall on Harrison street to address ongoing traffic and pedestrian safety concerns. Arlington's Transportation Engineering staff has released plans for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Yorktown Blvd. and N. Harrison Street. While the intersection falls within the boundaries of the Rock Spring Civic Association, Yorktown neighborhood residents have long expressed interest in safety improvements at the intersection. The plans call for stop lights on pedestals with modern count-down crosswalk signals. Nubs will also be installed at each of the crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety.

The County has also selected the block of North Harrison Street between Little Falls Road and Yorktown Boulevard for the expedited "Missing Link" sidewalk installation program. This block is currently the only segment of North Harrison from Patrick Henry Drive to the McLean border that does not have a sidewalk on both sides of the street.

Installation of a sidewalk on this block was recommended by the neighborhood in its recently approved Neighborhood Conservation Plan update. However, the Missing Link application required review by both the Yorktown and Rock Springs neighborhoods since the segment straddles the boundary between the two neighborhoods.

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