

# Civic Pride

Newsletter of the Yorktown Civic Association

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## County Manager Ron Carlee to be Guest Speaker at October 23 Meeting

County Manager Ron Carlee will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Yorktown Civic Association on Thursday, October 23, 2008.

Mr. Carlee was appointed County Manager in April 2001, culminating a career with Arlington County that began in 1980. Prior to becoming Manager, Mr. Carlee worked for the Department of Management and Finance and the Department of Community Affairs. After reorganization in the mid-1980s, Mr. Carlee served as interim director to create a new Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources. He then served briefly in the County Manager's Office before moving in 1987 to the Department of Human Services as its fourth director. And during 1999, Mr. Carlee left DHS on special assignment to lead the County's \$20-million Y2K effort as interim director of technology services.

Mr. Carlee has been a resident of Arlington since 1983. He is originally from Birmingham, Alabama, where he began his professional career as an Assistant to the Mayor in 1975. He earned a doctorate in public administration from George Mason University, a master's degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and bachelor's degree from the University of Montevallo. He is on the adjunct faculty at the George Washington University and a fellow in the Center of Excellence in Municipal Management.

Mr. Carlee will discuss the upcoming Yorktown High School rebuilding and Marymount University expansion projects and their impact on surrounding residents, as well as other recent county initiatives.

At the meeting, neighborhood residents will also hear from Arlington Public Schools Director of Design and Construction Services, William O'Connor, along with Director of Transportation, Greg Sutton, on the Yorktown High School renovation project.

The October 23 meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Yorktown High School (enter from the 28<sup>th</sup> Street side of the building). The final agenda for the meeting will be posted on the civic association website at <http://YorktownCivic.com>.

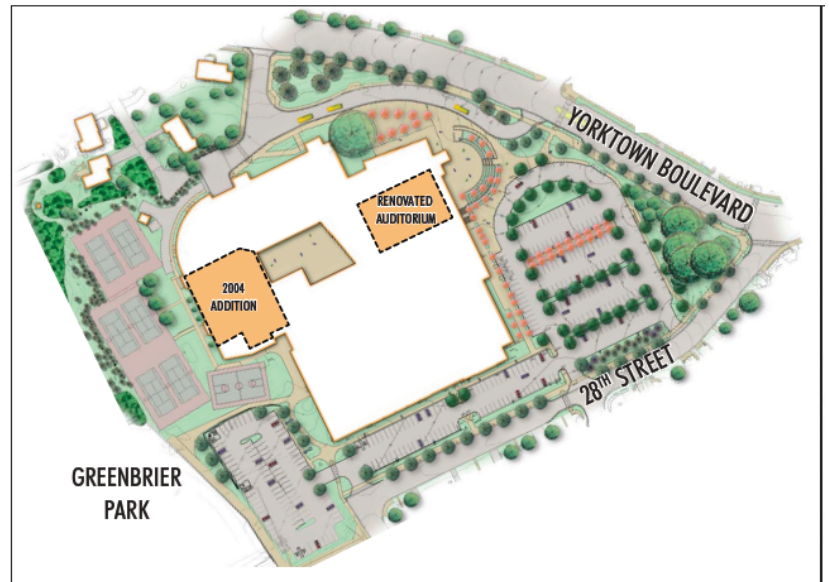
# Yorktown High Rebuilding to Begin in January 2009

The long-anticipated Yorktown High School rebuilding project is now expected to begin in January, assuming Arlington voters approve the \$99.4 million 2008 School Bond in the November election. The bond also contains funding to design a replacement building for Wakefield High School, with construction funding for that project to come later.

Construction on the YHS project was originally expected to begin in June 2008, but the school system decided in April not to start construction until the additional funding is approved by voters. The voters approved the first \$25 million for the project in 2006. Construction is currently expected to take about 55 months, and will be carried out in 3 major phases.

The first of these phases will take about 18 months and will involve work on the north side of the building, along Yorktown Boulevard, which will include a 3-story classroom structure, a new cafeteria and administrative offices. The existing auditorium will also be renovated.

SITE PLAN



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Even though the bus drop off lane is not being relocated under the building's new design, buses will not be able to use it during the first phase due to the construction on that side of the building. The school system has announced its intention to use the existing parking area on the south side of the building, along 28<sup>th</sup> Street N. for bus drop-offs and pick-ups. Consequently, all car drop-offs will occur on 28<sup>th</sup> Street itself. Given the severe negative impact of this traffic to residents living on the 28<sup>th</sup> Street side of the school, the civic association has requested that buses instead use the existing east parking area, exiting onto Yorktown Boulevard at 30<sup>th</sup> Street N.

Residents should also be aware that the tennis courts will not be available for use during construction, as that area will become home to temporary classrooms and construction staging equipment.

However, the existing swimming pool is scheduled to remain open until the new, larger pool is completed during the second phase of construction.

## Marymount University Construction to Begin in November

Construction is now expected to begin in late November or early December on the expansion of Marymount University, and a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for nearby residents on Monday, October 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All homeowners with questions about the project are encouraged to attend the meeting, which is being held in the Reinsch Library on the 26<sup>th</sup> Street side of the campus.

The project was approved by the County Board in July 2007 and involves replacing the existing 26<sup>th</sup> Street/Old Dominion surface parking lot with a new classroom, dormitory and underground parking structure.

The final plans include just under 240 beds in an apartment-style dormitory and 370 underground parking spaces, along with a 3-story 52,000 square foot classroom building.



Davis Construction has been selected as the general contractor for the project. Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. if work occurs on Saturday. Surrounding neighbors should be aware that there will be pile driving at the site during the first 45 to 60 days of construction. Trucks will enter the site from Yorktown Boulevard just east of the Glebe Road underpass. However, trucks are not expected to travel west along Yorktown Boulevard but instead will arrive from Glebe Road and 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

Marymount is also negotiating with the county to place construction trailers and a parking area for 10 vehicles on the county-owned "Harlan property" just west of the county's mulch site.

During the construction, Marymount has committed to providing off-site parking to replace the 169 existing parking spaces that will be displaced by the project.

Information on the project can be found on the civic association website, as well as on a webpage set up by the county that lists documentation on the project at:

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/Forums/Marymount/Marymountmain.aspx>

### 25<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Placed on County Construction Schedule

The county's Walk Arlington program has completed the detailed design work on a new sidewalk on 25<sup>th</sup> Street North between N. George Mason Dr. and N. Columbus Street, and construction on the project is expected to occur either late this year or early next year (depending on weather). The sidewalk was requested by residents as part of a traffic calming project approved by the county in 2004. Speed bumps were installed on both 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets in 2005 as part of the earlier traffic calming effort. In addition to the sidewalk, a traffic circle will be installed at 25<sup>th</sup> Street and N. Emerson St. and gateway treatments will be installed at George Mason and 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets. Brian Cobb and Christian Dinneen-Long have been serving as the block captains for the project.

### Approval of 27<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Expected in December

The county's Neighborhood Conservation program has worked off a large backlog of sidewalk and other projects and once again is forwarding new projects to the County Board for approval. Installation of a sidewalk on 27<sup>th</sup> Street west of George Mason Dr. to N. Florida Street has been the top-listed project for our neighborhood, and is finally expected to be recommended by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee in the program's fall funding round in early-December. Zeno Chaply is the block captain for the project. The Yorktown neighborhood also has submitted a proposal for a sidewalk on N. Greenbrier Street between 26<sup>th</sup> Street N. and 27<sup>th</sup> Street N.

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**Please attend the Civic Association Meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at Yorktown High School, Cafeteria.**

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

### **Civic Association Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, October 23 County Manager Ron Carlee will be Guest Speaker; Updates to be Provided on Upcoming Yorktown High and Marymount Construction Projects**

The quarterly meeting of the Yorktown Civic Association has been scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at Yorktown High School in the cafeteria. At the meeting, neighborhood residents will hear from Arlington County Manager Ron Carlee and receive updates on several major neighborhood projects.

Arlington Public Schools Director of Design and Construction Services, William O'Connor, along with Director of Transportation, Greg Sutton, will also attend the civic association meeting to discuss the upcoming Yorktown High School renovation project. Funding for the project is the major element of the \$99 million 2008 School Bond that Arlington voters are being asked to approve in November. Construction bids are scheduled to be approved for the project shortly after the election, and construction is scheduled to start on the Yorktown Boulevard side of the building in January. The project is expected to last nearly five years.

At the meeting, a brief update will also be provided on major expansion plans at Marymount University, where a new dormitory, classroom and parking structure are also planned for construction beginning before the end of this year. **A separate pre-construction meeting for surrounding neighborhoods has been scheduled on the Marymount expansion project on Monday, October 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Reinsch Library on the Marymount campus.**

The civic association meeting on October 23 is open to all residents of the neighborhood – please plan to attend! The final agenda for the meeting will be posted on the civic association website at <http://www.YorktownCivic.com>.