

**Join the Yorktown Civic Association!**

Just \$10 per year from each household is needed to support the costs of the Civic Pride newsletter, management of the Yorktown Civic Association website, Facebook page and other outreach.

For those households that have already joined for 2016, the Executive Committee thanks you.

We now accept payment via PayPal, along with personal checks.

You may also take advantage of our new Lifetime Membership option, which removes the need to renew every year.

**YCA 2016 Annual Membership: \$10**

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If you'd like to pay by check, please complete the membership form below, make the check payable to

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Dustin Anderson, YCA Treasurer, 5104 23<sup>rd</sup> Road N., Arlington, VA 22207.

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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>

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**Our Next General Meeting: September 28 @ 7:30 pm**

at **Yorktown High School Patriot Room**

Enter through Door #8 on 28th Street N. 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](mailto:yorktowncivicasociation@gmail.com)

as we are updating the Civic Association Email List.

**Letter from the President**

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The Yorktown Civic Association Executive Board (YCA EC) has been busy tracking local issues and communicating with key stakeholders to promote positive change in our community. On July 21<sup>st</sup>, County Board agreed with the task force's recommendation and voted 4 - 1 to rebuild Fire Station 8 at its present location. Project planning for the new station will begin in 2017. Fire Station 8 will operate out of an interim station for approximately two years while the new station is being constructed. The new station will be ready for fire operations in the spring of 2021.

Progress continues to be made towards incorporating the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA). Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are being finalized and a Board will be selected soon. The LHA will spearhead efforts to revitalize the Lee Highway corridor from Rosslyn to East Falls Church Metro.

To help achieve the goal of increasing community engagement within the boundaries of the YCA, the YCA EC formed the Neighborhood Day Committee and the Communications Committee. The Neighborhood Day Committee (Chair - Amelia Frenkel) is organizing the Yorktown Civic Association Neighborhood Day which will be held at Chestnut Hills park on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fun activities include a live music, food trucks, moonbounce, face painting, fire trucks, political organizations, and community organizations. Please attend the Yorktown Civic Association General Membership Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> to hear how you can par-

ticipate. The Communications Committee (Chair - Corrtney Soroka) is committed to improving our online presence and increasing our community outreach efforts.

On a less positive note, I've sent and received dozens of e-mails from members of the County Board and the County Staff regarding the Garden City Shopping Center (GCSC). To my disappointment, they have been unable to provide me with an accurate list of names of owners, Certificate of Occupancy, and Use Permits for businesses within the GCSC. I strongly suspect that many of the businesses in the GCSC are out of compliance with county ordinances. I will continue to follow-up with local officials until these issues are resolved.

Finally, please consider sharing your talents with the Yorktown Civic Association. We need your help! Send me an e-mail with YCA in the subject line.

Sincerely,

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



### Letter from a Neighbor

Protecting quality of life in our Yorktown neighborhood  
By Anne Marie Thro

We have much to value in our Yorktown neighborhood: close-in to Washington, good schools, homes set in green spaces where we and our children enjoy calm streets and friendly backyards with songbirds and clean air. Thanks to our mature azaleas, trees, and ground covers, Yorktown and nearby neighborhoods are known far and wide for their beauty.

Unfortunately, our suburban sites and sounds, are being drowned out by the noise and pollution of leaf blowers.

All life begins tiny. Damage from leaf blowers happens at the microscopic level. The blasts kill tiny new bud tips before we can see them, destroy fine root hairs, and harm beneficial microbes that turn leaf litter into rich surface soil. Because we can't see the damage site, we're often unaware that what seems inevitable decline in our plantings and garden wildlife, is simply "death by forced air". We wonder about childhood-favorites like Luna moths and woolly-bear caterpillars, without knowing that we've diligently blasted away their winter homes.

Leaf blowers are louder than power lawn mowers and leaf blowers pose a greater risk to hearing. The World Health Organization recommends noise levels of 55 decibels or less. A leaf blower

generally measures at least 70-75 decibels at 50 feet away and far higher at close range. Leaf blowers also causes air pollution. Compared to an average car, one hour of operation of a leaf blower emits 498 times as much hydrocarbons, 49 times as much particulate matter and 26 times as much carbon monoxide.

In short, leaf blowers are polluting the air, destroying the peace, evicting the birds and other garden wildlife, and seriously putting enjoyment of our neighborhood on the endangered list.

A gentler way: How can we enjoy a birdsong, a breeze in the trees, quiet time with family and friends, or reading a book under a tree? In places where leaf removal makes sense, sweeping walkways and raking leaves can be healthy and pleasant outdoor activities that afford moderate exercise. Raking leaves is something we can do it with the whole family. Raking leaves is also a great way to start a conversation with your neighbor.

So, start the conversation. Ask your landscaper to discontinue the use of leaf blowers in your yard. If you do your own yard work, consider raking your leaves instead of using a leaf blower. What an accomplishment it would be if we could reduce the overall use of leaf blowers in our neighborhood!

*The opinion expressed by the author is their own and does not necessarily reflect those of the YCA.*

Arlington County #s:

Street Flooding, Water, Sewer emergencies: 703-228-6555

Traffic Signals/Street Light Outages: 703-228-6511

Fallen Trees: 703-228-6525

Signs, Potholes, Trash, Sidewalks: 703-228-6570

Retail Code Enforcement: 703-228-3232

Non-emergency Police #: 703-558-2222

Power Outages: Dominion Virginia Power 1-866-366-4357

Natural Gas Emergencies: Washington Gas 703-750-1400 or 800-752-752. If you smell gas, leave immediately and call 911.

Arlington Alert: A great way to stay informed. Sign up at: <https://www.arlingtonalert.com/index.php?CCheck=1>

Police reports can be made online: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/police/incident/new/start-report.html>

### Save the Date! Neighborhood Day October 22

Join the YCA on October 22 from 10AM to 2PM for a Neighborhood Day event in the Chestnut Hills Park on Harrison Street. The event will feature food trucks, musical entertainment (for both children and adults), a bounce house, arts and crafts, and a meet-and-greet with great Arlington community organizations! More details, will be posted to the Yorktown Civic Association Facebook page. Contact Amelia (amelia.i.frenkel@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



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### Greenbrier Park Update and Yorktown High School Football Schedule

Greenbrier Park Stadium and Track has reopened to all patrons and Yorktown High School Fall sports.

Greenbrier Park features 18 acres of outdoor enjoyment including a synthetic track, a lighted basketball court, tennis courts, three diamond fields (two of which are for use by permit only), and a new synthetic rectangular multiuse field (permit takes priority). The main diamond field has covered dugouts, a press box, a batting cage, and both home and visitor bleachers. There is also a high jump and shot put discus area.

This park is home to the Yorktown Patriots. Home games for the Varsity football team are on the following days:

- Thursday, September 1 @ 7:30 PM against Wilson HS
- Friday, September 23 @ 7:00 PM against Fairfax HS
- Friday, October 14 @ 7:00 PM against McLean HS
- Friday, October 28 @ 7:00 PM against Langley HS

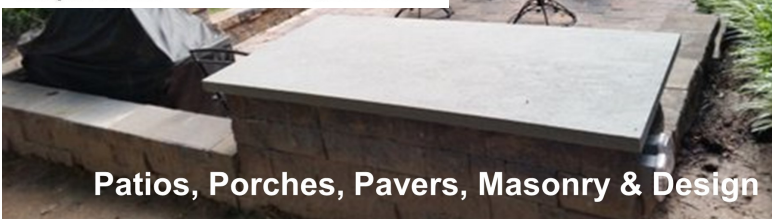
This year's Yorktown High School Homecoming parade starts at 4PM on Friday, October 14th and will go around the high school.



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