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The Yorktown Civic Association (YCA) represents residents living in north Arlington, Virginia, bound by Lee Highway on the south, Old Dominion Dr./Columbus St. to the east, Little Falls Rd./Rock Spring Rd. on the north, and N. Jefferson St. to the west. www.YorktownCivic.org

A Report from the President's Desk...

by Mike Cantwell, President
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For our September 2019 Yorktown Civic Association (YCA) meeting we invited the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) to talk to the association about the uptick in car larcenies in our community. LT Sullivan and LT Rakowski from ACPD outlined what they were doing to catch and prosecute the perpetrators and encouraged Yorktown residents to regularly follow the "9 PM Routine" of locking their house and car doors. Unfortunately, after a drop in car larcenies in the fall, a rash of car break-ins occurred in the last few months and at least one car was stolen. I will continue to ask ACPD detailed questions about what they are doing to reduce crime in our community.

We collectively mourned the loss of one of our neighbors who was killed while crossing Little Falls Road near Nottingham Elementary School. We discussed what

we could do as a community to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. Grant Yoder talked about his "SeeMeFlags" product and explained how the flags are used to help pedestrians cross dangerous crosswalks. YCA members in attendance approved the purchase of three sets of "SeeMeFlags" and several sets of "SeeMeFlags" have been installed in our neighborhood and across the county.

Over the last few months, several "hot topics" appeared on the Nextdoor app including the use of loud, gasoline powered leaf blowers. All homeowners are reminded to review

and comply with the county noise ordinance. Another "hot topic" was the abnormally high water bills some residents received during the last quarter in 2019. The abnormal-



ly high bills were similar to the bills some Yorktown residents reported in 2019. A citizens committee, led by Tina Chancey from Cherrydale, continues to pressure the county board and county staff to provide more information about the water meters and the billing process.

Finally, in Lee Highway news, the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) and the county government continue to advance the Plan Lee Highway (PLH) process. PLH will hold community workshops on Friday, 1 February 1st and on Saturday, 2 February. We need to hear your voice. Please see the Plan Lee Highway website for more information.

The Yorktown Civic Association Executive Committee continues to move toward incorporating the civic association as a 501(C)4 non-profit corporation. The draft bylaws are almost done

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PLAN LEE HIGHWAY

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Friday, Jan. 31

6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Washington-Liberty High School
1301 N. Stafford St.

*How do you
imagine living,
working and
doing business
on Lee Highway
in 2050?*

Inclement weather? Visit
arlingtonva.us/leehighway for date
or time changes.

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and will be posted on the Yorktown Civic Association website soon. Please contact me if you are interested in being a "Director in Waiting."

Please pay your dues. Annual membership dues are \$20 and lifetime membership dues are \$100. The Yorktown Civic Association newsletter reaches over 2000 local households. If you own a local business, please consider purchasing an ad in the YCA newsletter. Contact Dustin Anderson for more information.

Follow all the Yorktown Civic Association news on our website, Facebook, and Nextdoor.

Join the Yorktown Civic Association!

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Records of Accidents at N Harrison + 26th Street N

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We have created a YCA webpage at: yorktowncivic.org/harrison-26th/ to document the accidents that we are aware of with dates and photographs.

The YCA has not been provided with any record of collisions or accidents by Arlington County after requests that span more than four years.

If there are additional accidents that you have a record of, please fill out the YCA accident report form at: yorktowncivic.org/harrison-26th-report/ to update the YCA's list of accidents.

We are also working to be able to collect feedback and opinions about the intersection, beyond accident reports, to reinforce the need for action to be taken by the County.

The YCA has requested action by the County since 2015. To date, the measures by Arlington County regarding this intersection consist of installing plastic bollards in 2017.

This measure is insufficient to improve the safety of drivers and pedestrians at this intersection. We will continue to work with Arlington County to get the attention and solutions that will reduce the hazardous conditions.

Arlington County Numbers & Resources

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 Va Power 866-366-4357

Natural Gas: Washington Gas 703-750-1400

Arlington Alert: A great way to stay informed:

www.arlingtonalert.com

Police reports can be made online:

<https://police.arlingtonva.us/online-police-reporting-system/>

Additional Resources are available at <https://yorktowncivic.org/resources/>

