



# Williamsburg Civic Association Newsletter

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## WCA President's Message

Dear Neighbors:

It's been an incredibly busy past several months for the WCA. As those of you who attended our January 11 meeting on a wintry snowy night might remember, our members voted to oppose Bishop O'Connell's proposal for a special use permit to install lights on its athletic fields. This vote came after a presentation by representatives from O'Connell, followed by a presentation from a group of neighbors who live near the school.

Over the next several months, residents spent a great deal of time making a case to Arlington County that lights would adversely affect the neighborhood. At the March 15 County Board hearing, those concerns were taken into account when the Board sided with the community, denying O'Connell its permit to install lights. No matter what side of this controversial issue you were on, I think we can all agree that the level of civic participation demonstrated was quite admirable.

In other news, I'm pleased to report that the WCA executive committee is now fully staffed. The Committee looks forward to representing you before the County on the issues that matter to you most, including traffic and pedestrian safety. Please take the time to complete the survey on Pages 5 and 6 in order for us to gauge which projects to focus on first. We hope to share the preliminary findings of the survey with you at our April 14 general membership meeting. Those, along with the latest on the East Falls Church development project and the proposed median on Sycamore Street, are what we have on our agenda.

Finally, I want to put in another plug for the WCA listserv. If you're not on it, you're missing all kinds of important and helpful information. It's currently the No. 1 way we have to keep each other informed about breaking news. Visit [www.wca-arlington.org](http://www.wca-arlington.org) to learn how to subscribe to the Yahoo group. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you on April 14!

## General Membership Meeting

**Thursday, April 14**

**7:30 – 9:00 PM**

(Please arrive by 7:00 to pay your membership dues)

**Nottingham Elementary School**

**In the Library**

**5900 Little Falls Road**

**Arlington, VA 22207**

**Topics:**

**Update on EFC Metro**

**Proposed Median on Sycamore Street**

**Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Report**

## County Board Denies Bishop O'Connell's Proposal to Light its Sports Fields

*By Bill Adair and John Seymour*

After hearing more than 3 hours of presentation from more than 75 speakers, the Arlington County Board voted on March 15 to deny Bishop O'Connell's request for a special use permit to light its sports fields. On its own motion, the Board rejected the County Manager's request to grant O'Connell yet another deferral (its 5<sup>th</sup>) and instead pronounced O'Connell's proposal "half-baked" (Board Member Jay Fisette).

Community residents, including many members of the Williamsburg Civic Association, testified at length about the very significant adverse effects likely to result from the proposal – including effects on traffic safety, parking, noise, and light pollution. John Seymour summarized the conclusions of a lighting consultant, hired by the neighbors, to evaluate the likely effects of the proposal on light spill and glare. The consultant had concluded the proposal will result

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## WCA Executive Committee Fully Staffed

All positions on the WCA Executive Committee have now been filled, thanks to several volunteers stepping forward. Here's who you have representing you:

### President: Sonia McCormick

Seven-year resident of the community. Lives on W'burg with husband, Bob, and Basset Hound, Lexi. Is VP of Corp Comm for PNC Bank. Also serves on the boards of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Leadership Greater Washington.



### Vice President: Ruth Shearer

Marathon runner who has lived at N. 26th & Trinidad for 13 years. Works with several dog rescues and is dog-mom to Dobermans, Manfred & Nikki. Engineer by day with federal gov't. Has worked with Arlington Co. on pedestrian safety & traffic calming measures for 10 years.



### Secretary: Jim Lunson

Has lived on John Marshall Drive with wife, Ann, since 1974. Grew up in nearby Crescent Hills and attended N'ham, W'burg & Yorktown. Is currently retired after a career as a civil engineer. Helped to create WCA's original neighborhood conservation plan.



### Treasurer: Jim Toronto

A realtor who has lived in community for 30 years, Jim first got involved with WCA when a proposal to put a skateboard park on Minor Hill was introduced (He helped to kill it!) Has been a WCA officer since 1996.



### NCAC Rep: Paul Cullen

An attorney who has lived with his family on John Marshall Drive for 11 years, Paul looks forward to leading efforts to install a median on Sycamore Street.



### At-Large Rep: Ellen Jones

A former WCA president who lives on Little Falls when not at her summer home in the Adirondacks, Ellen has led numerous traffic calming and pedestrian safety projects for WCA, and is excited to re-engage.



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in light spill and glare far in excess of professional standards and those adopted by neighboring jurisdictions. Light spill and glare at the expected levels, the consultant emphasized, will greatly affect the health, safety, and quality of life of nearby neighbors. Jayne Bultena summarized a survey of experienced Arlington real estate agents, sponsored by the neighbors, attesting to the very significant negative effect of the proposal on neighborhood property values. Other neighbors testified about the very significant adverse effects of the proposal on noise levels, traffic safety, parking, and child safety at nearby Tuckahoe Elementary School.

Members of the O'Connell community spoke in favor of the proposal, arguing that students need lighted fields for athletic competitiveness and deserve the same amenities as the Arlington public schools. Anne Collins, a neighbor and parent of a former O'Connell student, summarized the results of a neighborhood study that showed that only 2 of 8 schools in O'Connell's own athletic conference had lighted athletic fields, yet were able to develop and maintain well-respected and highly competitive athletic programs. Julie Bruns, another neighbor, presented yet another neighborhood study showing that, although some Arlington public schools had installed lighting, those schools were markedly different than O'Connell in virtually every respect (zoning, distance from fields to residences, size of acreage for fields, hosting of collegiate events, light intensity, and siting and landscaping to mitigate effects).

At the end of a very long evening, WCA President Sonia McCormick repeated the Association's strong opposition to the proposal, reflected most clearly in the recent resolution (approved by a vote of 57-2) concluding that the proposal will have a "substantial adverse impact" on neighborhood quality of life. Ms. McCormick also responded to complaints, by O'Connell proponents, that the neighbors were acting in a typically NIMBY fashion. She said that the neighbors were not putting their private interests above a public good but rather were asking that their reasonable expectations for neighborhood peace and quiet be weighed against the private interests of non-Arlington students in a modestly enriched sports experience.

After hearing the testimony, Jay Fisetete asked the County staff whether they had fully examined the likely impacts of the proposal or ways to mitigate those impacts. Barbara Donnellan, County Manager, said that they had not done so and that many issues remained outstanding.

Neither O'Connell nor the County had generated studies and reports examining many of the issues raised by the community, even though O'Connell had applied for its permit more than 7 months earlier.

Noting that O'Connell's "process has been flawed from the

beginning," Board Member Fisetete first proposed that the lighting issue be deferred for 2 years. During this period of deferral, O'Connell and the community would jointly evaluate the effects of O'Connell's field renovation project on community life and approach the lighting issue anew once those effects are better understood. None of the other Board members felt such an approach would be productive or fair to the community. Mary Hynes expressed concern that O'Connell's proposal had changed significantly, and that she "can't get her arms around it." Walter Tejada expressed the same frustration, asking "How long is this thing going to go on?"

Board Members Hynes, Tejada and Zimmerman also expressed grave concerns about the merits of the proposal generally. Mary Hynes, stated that the profoundly "changed conditions" likely to arise from the lighting of sports fields after 55 years of peace and quiet was "too much to ask neighbors to accept." Board Chairman Zimmerman emphasized that O'Connell had no "inherent" right to a special use permit and that a permit could only be granted if the adverse effects are sufficiently mitigated. Mr. Zimmerman noted that the overall issue was whether the proposed use "could be harmonized with the neighborhood," that "not every location is equal," and that the new lighting would have "an inherently intrusive" effect on neighbors' reasonable expectations of neighborhood peace and quiet. It was O'Connell's obligation to show that effects could be mitigated, Mr. Zimmerman cautioned, and asked whether "it was fair to drag this out" where O'Connell had not made that showing after 7 months. Board Member Walter Tejada agreed, first identifying the many adverse effects documented by the neighbors (lights, noise, traffic, parking, property values) and stating emphatically that he "cannot support" O'Connell's application.

The Board voted 3-1 to deny the permit, with Jay Fisetete voting against the motion. Mr. Fisetete made plain, however, that he was not voting in favor of the permit application. He said that he would have voted against a motion to approve the lights as well. He felt that the proposal was simply not ready for Board review.

The Board expressed their understanding that O'Connell could proceed with its field renovation project (replacing turf with synthetic fields, replacing its bleachers) absent the lights.

While gratified by the Board's decision, and believing it to be fully consistent with Arlington zoning law, the neighbors also understand the need for vigilance – because O'Connell can seek an identical permit in the years to come.

## Why Civic Associations Matter: A First-Person Account

By Jenny Menna

Like many other Arlingtonians, I must confess that I've never really paid much attention to my civic association. Sure, my family had received newsletters from time to time, but I wasn't entirely knowledgeable about what the group did, and most of the issues raised seemed far away (at least 5-6 blocks!). For all I knew, these were the people you hear about on TV vetoing the color of their neighbors' shutters.

That all changed this past September when I learned about Bishop O'Connell's application to install lights on its sports fields from a Williamsburg Civic Association member at a block party. Like many of my neighbors near the school, we would be directly affected by the lights, noise, parking issues, commotion and decline in real estate values. We turned to the Williamsburg Civic Association to hear our concerns.

And hear our concerns they did. Not only did they organize several meetings where O'Connell representatives updated us on their plans, but officers also attended a number of neighborhood meetings on the weekends and in the evenings, where they advised us on how to engage effectively with the County.

Once civic association members voted overwhelmingly to oppose the lights, WCA took that message directly to the Arlington County Board, which, I've now learned, gives tremendous weight to the perspective of civic associations – far beyond that of individual homeowners, or even small groups of affected neighbors.

Having won the battle on the lights (at least for now), I'm grateful to all who brought their energy and expertise to the table to provide a substantial voice to this issue. And I'm extremely appreciative to the WCA for sticking with us over the past several months. The association could have brushed this issue aside as "not its problem," but it did not. Instead, its leadership demonstrated that the WCA truly is the channel for getting one's voice heard in the decision making process.

To my fellow WCA members – even those miles away – please know that should an important issue arise in your backyard, you can count on those of us who live on the boundaries of the WCA to support you in protecting your interests and your rights.

## New Traffic, Pedestrian Safety Committee Seeks Input, Additional Members

The WCA Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee was established in February 2011 to provide a forum for the residents of the WCA to identify, discuss, and resolve traffic and pedestrian safety concerns and issues. The committee thus far is comprised of WCA members Ellen Jones, Eleanor Smith, and Ruth Shearer, but is seeking additional WCA members to participate in the committee to help kick off several important efforts.

The Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee is dedicated to addressing the concerns and issues of the residents, working both within the WCA and with Arlington County. The WCA has historically participated in several key County committees, task forces and working groups. The committee will continue to represent the residents in these important activities, ensuring the community viewpoints are heard. The committee will represent the WCA views for future County projects that will impact our community, such as the East Falls Church Metro development.

The Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee will also identify beneficial projects and coordinate these projects with the residents of the WCA. The committee will aggressively pursue the requisite funding opportunities within the various committees and departments of the County government---the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee is committed to making these projects a reality for our community.

The committee needs to hear from you, the residents of the community. The WCA Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Survey is the tool by which the committee will collect these inputs. **This survey is provided in this newsletter on pages 5 and 6.** It is the first step to the compilation of neighborhood-wide input. Many of these questions were on our Neighborhood Conservation Plan survey in the late 1990's, and we have historical data on how residents perceived the issues back then. But things have changed, and we need a better sense of neighborhood views and concerns. **We ask that you take a few moments to complete the survey—a few minutes of your time now will have invaluable benefit to our community.**

*Please consider participating in the Williamsburg Civic Association Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee. Contact Eleanor Smith at 703.237.9363 or email [el@smithtyler.com](mailto:el@smithtyler.com)*



## Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Survey

1. What is your address? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have trouble crossing the following streets and, if so, why?

Sycamore: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Where & why \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Little Falls: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Where & why \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Williamsburg: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Where & why \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Which Street? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Is commuter traffic a problem in the neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is excessive speed a problem in the neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are stop and yield signs obeyed in the neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

If no, where is the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you or members of your household have trouble walking/biking to the following destinations?

Nottingham Elementary: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Tuckahoe Elementary: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no Why? \_\_\_\_\_

East Falls Church Metro: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Williamsburg Shopping Center: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Williamsburg Middle School: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Yorktown High School: \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you favor changing the traffic patterns in the neighborhood through:

- Four way stops?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Traffic lights  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Narrowing streets (i.e., enlarging median strips)  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Marking parking lanes?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Turn restrictions?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Traffic circles?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Speed humps  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Curb extensions to reduce crossing distances?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Rumble strips?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Lowering speed limits to 25 MPH?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Installing yield to pedestrian signs in crosswalks?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Reconfiguring intersections to reduce turn speed?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Installing additional speed limit signs?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Speed cameras  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Stop light cameras?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Decreasing speed limit in school zones?  yes  no  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are there any other pedestrian safety problems which degrade walkability (such as inadequate lighting, damaged or missing sidewalks, missing curb cuts for handicapped persons, overhanging trees/shrubs)?  
 yes  no What/where?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name/email/phone (optional)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the survey & return it **by 18 April 2011**, in one of two ways:

- Preferred method: download the survey from the web site ([www.wca-arlington.org](http://www.wca-arlington.org)), complete it electronically, and email it to [el@smithtyler.com](mailto:el@smithtyler.com).
- Or: fill in the hardcopy survey and mail it to:  
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Questions? Call Eleanor Smith @ 703-237-9363. Want to help? Join the WCA Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee. Email [el@smithtyler.com](mailto:el@smithtyler.com) or call Eleanor @ 703-237-9363

## AT&T Proposes to Install 3 New Antennas on Roof of W'burg Shopping Center

AT&T has applied with Arlington County to add three antennas to the ones already on the roof of the Williamsburg Shopping Center (the one where the CVS is) in order to provide its customers with better reception. If approved, the antennas will be mounted within the existing stealth monopole located on the building's rooftop. According to the proposal, the antennas will be mounted at a 31-foot RAD Center.

Arlington County is tentatively scheduled to vote on this proposal at its Saturday, April 16, board meeting.

Of the approximately 125 subscribers to the WCA listserv, only one expressed significant concern about this when it was posted in mid March.

If you have questions or would like to express your concerns to Arlington County about this issue (No. U-3279-11-1), please contact the Planning Division at 703-228-3525.



**If approved, AT&T's three cell phone antennas will be placed within the existing stealth monopole on the roof of the Williamsburg Shopping Center.**

Peter Schulz is the assigned staff member to the project. Be sure to submit your comments by the date of the County Board meeting in order to have your input reflected in the staff recommendations.

## 2011 Garden of the Year Award

Rock Spring Garden Club is launching its "2011 Garden of the Year" competition to all homes in Arlington County. Last year, over 40 homeowners submitted their gardens for judging by a certified panel of experts from the Capital Area's Landscape Design Council.

For more information and to download the application, go to the Rock Spring Garden Club site:

[www.rockspringgardenclub.org](http://www.rockspringgardenclub.org)



Applications must be submitted no later than May 31st. Judging will take place the last two weeks of June. The winner will be announced at the Rock Spring Garden Club's September meeting. If your application is accepted you will receive a sign to put in your front yard that reads: "Nominated Garden, Rock Spring Garden Club, Garden of the Year Award."

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# Update on East Falls Church Area Planning Process

By Mark Moran

WCA representative to the now-defunct East Falls Church Planning Study Task Force

*This article is a sequel to the article I wrote on the same subject in the September 2010 Williamsburg Civic Association Newsletter.*

As many of you are aware, there is currently an ongoing effort to develop a long-range plan to help guide development in the East Falls Church area of Arlington County. The purpose of the land use and transportation plan is “to generate a vision for transit-oriented development near the East Falls Church Metrorail station.” The impetus behind the planning effort came from the Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association (AEFCCA), the civic association whose boundaries actually include the Metrorail station. The AEFCCA wanted to come up with a plan for future development in the area, so that, as land was redeveloped, the process would be guided by a cohesive plan developed with citizen input, and not simply in an ad-hoc manner that is dominated by the interests of the developers.

There have been a number of planning studies done over the last 25 years, starting with the 1986 East Falls Church Land Use Study, but the most recent planning effort can be divided into two phases: Phase 1 consisted of an effort led by an 18-person citizen task force, known as the East Falls Church Planning Study Task Force (EFCPSTF), which included four representatives from AEFCCA and one each from the two neighboring civic associations: Madison Manor Civic Association and Williamsburg Civic Association. This first phase was facilitated by Arlington County staff, in coordination with the City of Falls Church. This phase, which lasted over two and a half years, began with the task force’s first meeting in September 2007 and ended with the task force’s final meeting on June 9, 2010, when the task force voted to adopt the plan it had been developing, and send it to the County Board for its consideration. There was not unanimous agreement amongst the task force members (the final task force vote was 14 for the plan and 4 against the plan), but the draft plan represented the consensus view of the task force. This first phase resulted in a report authored by the task force (facilitated and drafted by Arlington County staff): *East Falls Church Planning Study Task Force, 2010 East Falls Church Area Plan, Draft* (Arlington, Virginia: Arlington County, June 30, 2010), <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/columbia/pdf/file77453.pdf>. During the two-and-a-half-year effort, I was the WCA representative on the task force and did my best to represent the interests of our civic

association. The task force was dissolved on June 9, 2010, having fulfilled its original purpose, so I am no longer officially involved in the planning effort.

The second phase of the study, which began in July 2010 and is now ongoing, is led completely by Arlington County staff. The lead Arlington County planner for this phase of the study (as well as the first phase) is Richard Tucker. Under this second phase, the task force draft plan was delivered to the County Board at its July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The board voted unanimously to “accept” the task force plan. The board also voted to “adopt” a set of “policy determinations” that were derived from the task force’s plan, and directed the County Manager to incorporate the policy determinations into a revised EFC Area Plan that would be brought forward for adoption by the County Board within six months. This second phase resulted in a draft plan written by the county staff: *Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development, 2010 East Falls Church Area Plan, Draft* (Arlington, VA: Arlington Co., 2011), <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/columbia/current/pdf/file79458.pdf>. *Continued on Page 9*

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Arlington County staff has put together a document that describes the key differences between the draft plans developed by the task force and the county staff, which can be found on the EFC website. The county's draft plan went before the Planning Commission on January 18 and was presented to the community at a community meeting held on February 9 at Resurrection Lutheran Church. The community meeting was a follow-up to two EFC Area Plan open houses, which were held on November 15 and November 20, 2010.

Recent/next steps for this second phase of the planning effort include the following:

- Sat., March 12, 2011: County Board meeting: Advertised the East Falls Church Area Plan
- Mon., April 4 or Wed., April 6: Planning Commission to make final recommendations on the advertised plan.
- Sat., April 16 or Tue., April 19: Anticipated final action on the advertised plan by the County Board.

Further details about upcoming meetings (and an FAQ) can be found at:

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/eastfallschurch.aspx>.

### Join the Arlington County Auxiliary Police Unit

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## Arlington County Enhances Curbside Recycling Program

Arlington County recently passed a new code for recycling that aligns Arlington recycling with surrounding jurisdictions and moves the County forward in meeting its recycling goals while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and being fiscally responsible. The new code increases the amount of materials that must be recycled and bans television and computer monitors that contain a traditional picture tube (cathode ray tube—CRTs) and thermostats containing mercury from being thrown away as trash.

### Required Recyclable Materials:

- Mixed paper (magazines, newspapers, office paper, junk mail, and miscellaneous papers)
- Cardboard
- Aluminum cans
- Glass (bottles and jars)
- Plastic (bottles, jars, plastic tables, chairs, and buckets)

All of these items go in the blue recycling cart.

You also should recycle metal household items (e.g. large household appliances, bicycles, cabinets, doors, grills, iron furniture, and miscellaneous metals), but those require a special pickup request.

Cathode ray tubes (CRTs) found in traditional TVs and computer monitors along with thermostats containing mercury can no longer be thrown away as trash. Arlington County will pick these up for a fee (\$15 for CRTs and \$20 for TVs).

Call 703.228.6570 for a pickup, or request a pickup online at the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services website.

You also can dispose of the CRTs (or any other items containing mercury) at the Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) facility located on the grounds of the Water Pollution Control Plant on South Glebe Road. The entrance is at 530 South 31<sup>st</sup> Street. The same fees apply there.

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It's yard waste recycling time. Place yard waste in biodegradable bags only. Do not use plastic bags. Yard waste bags will be collected on the next business day after your regular trash collection day starting Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 29, Mon. - Fri. Note: If your trash is collected Friday, your last yard waste collection day will be Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. No collection on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Free yard waste bags are available now through April 22 at several locations around the county, while supplies last.

Visit [www.arlingtonva.us/des](http://www.arlingtonva.us/des) to check bag pickup locations.

Plan accordingly with your contract lawn service to have yard waste placed in biodegradable bags before scheduled pick up. All plastic bags will go to the incinerator and not be recycled. Sorry, no grass clippings are accepted.

Visit [www.arlingtonva.us/des](http://www.arlingtonva.us/des) and search "grasscycling" to learn how you can save time & money by recycling grass clippings. Or discover the many benefits of [backyard composting](#) to recycle yard waste by visiting [www.arlingtonva.us/des](http://www.arlingtonva.us/des) and searching "backyard composting."

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## WCA to Pursue Sycamore Street Median

As we reported in last quarter's newsletter, WCA is proceeding with plans to submit the Sycamore Street median project for Arlington County funding in the next (fall) funding cycle. Installing a median on Sycamore between the Williamsburg Circle and N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street was the No. 1 traffic calming measure that residents cited in a survey last year. We do still need a resident who lives on Sycamore Street to serve as the captain for this effort. If you are interested, please contact NCAC Rep Paul Cullen at [pxc@cullenlaw.com](mailto:pxc@cullenlaw.com).

## Still Missing 7-11?

If you're like most of the nearby neighbors, you're probably missing 7-11 at the W'burg Shopping Center. Even if you didn't go there on a regular basis, it was just one of those conveniences that was nice to have around. Local realtor Coral Gundlach contacted Nick Kalis, the landlord of the shopping center, to find out what his plans were for the space. According to her blog, he told her that he would like to have a "high end" convenience store move in, but that his broker, Renaud Consulting, was still actively looking for a permanent tenant. Evidently, the talks with Dunkin' Donuts have not progressed. Mr. Kalis also told Coral that he is open to any ideas residents might have about what type of retailer they'd like to take over the space. If you have feedback you'd like to share with him, please contact Mr. Kalis at 703-917-6632.

## Deli Italiano, Backyard BBQ Capitalize on our Sweet Cravings

7-11 may be gone, and you may not be able to get a Slurpee at the Williamsburg Shopping Center anymore, but you can get an "Icee" at the Deli Italiano (whose New York style pizza is the best, by the way), or a Good Humor ice cream bar or cone at Backyard BBQ (love the pulled pork!). That's right: It didn't take those eateries long to figure out that they could capitalize on the void left by 7-11's departure when it came to our cravings for sweets. The Icee character standing outside the pizza parlor just beckons you in. Oh, and if you want healthy, be sure to try one of the smoothies at the Williamsburg Deli.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR WILLIAMSBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Williamsburg Civic Association is to promote the welfare of our community and its residents. We do this by holding meetings, issuing this newsletter, and interacting with the Arlington County Civic Federation, Arlington County Board, and a variety of local and regional organizations. You can support our efforts by paying your annual dues of only \$10 per household. Please tear off this sheet and mail it along with your check (made payable to Williamsburg Civic Association) to our treasurer, Jim Toronto, at 3577 Powhatan St., N., Arlington, VA 22213. You also can pay at the general membership meeting. **(Note: You must be current on your dues to vote.)**

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