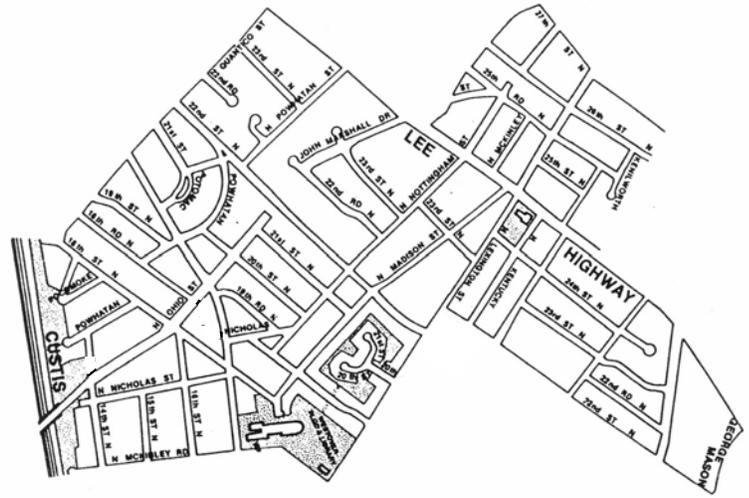


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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2007
7:30 p.m. - - Lee Recreation Center
5722 Lee Highway

Neighborhood Conservation Planning and Status on Widening of I-66

Featured Speakers:

Tim McIntosh, County NC Planner
Allen Muchnick, President, ACST

Refreshments provided

Two Neighborhood Items To Be Discussed at Meeting

There will be a double-header presentation at the civic association's April 24th meeting. The County has initiated an inventory of needed/desired neighborhood capital improvements. This will help local officials size the biannual bond approved by the voters for projects to improve their local neighborhoods. Tim McIntosh will explain to local residents how they can help identify needed improvements to streets and other public property within the Leeway Overlee area.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is pushing ahead with its plans for so-called spot improvements to I-66 in Arlington. Arlington Citizens for Sensible Transportation (ACST) has long opposed VDOT's plan as a backdoor effort to widen I-66 to six lanes of traffic. Allen Muchnick will explain how a "wiser not wider" interstate adjacent to our neighborhood is the correct solution. Learn what you can do to influence what ultimately happens in the I-66 corridor.



The 29th annual Leeway Overlee Community Day and Yard Sale will take place along the John Marshall Drive/Ohio Street greenway on Saturday, June 2nd from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The community will be out in force to exchange information and greetings, sell unneeded household items, and pick up a few bargains. The civic association will again work to arrange live music for this community gathering.

Over 100 families set up tables for the festivities, which take place along the greenway between Lee Highway and Washington Boulevard. Vehicle traffic will be restricted on the affected parts of N. Ohio Street during the event. Residents who have not sold in the past are encouraged to set up between Lee Highway and N. 22nd Road. Please show consideration to nearby residents and do not set up before 7:00 a.m. The sale will be advertised in *The Washington Post*.

During the event a civic association representative will come by to collect \$5.00 from each seller to help defray the costs of the newspaper advertisement and the entertainment. Be considerate of neighborhood residents when parking for the yard sale. Ensure that all goods and rubbish are removed by 1 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, June 9.

Please leave your dogs at home. The civic association has received complaints about situations that arise due to the presence of pets in the crowd.

Make THIS your annual selling event and thus avoid personal yard sales that take so much more time and effort. For more information on the yard sale event, call the Swenneses at 703-532-6101 or the Schneiders at 703-533-0748.

Nominating Committee Seeks Officer Candidates

Amy Appelbaum and Chips Johnson will serve as this year's Nominating Committee to recommend individuals to serve as Leeway Overlee Civic Association officers and fill other key positions. If you are new to the community—or a long-time resident—and interested in maintaining the quality of life in the neighborhood, consider serving.

The election of officers will be held at the early summer general membership meeting. A list of officer positions is on this page of the newsletter. At that meeting the community will also select its representatives to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation. If interested in any of these positions, please contact Amy (703-241-8446) or Chips (703-532-5831).

Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update Needs Input from Residents

If you are a resident living in the northern half of the civic association (beginning at N. 22nd Street), you should be receiving with this newsletter a survey to complete



and return. This is the initial step in our effort to update the area's existing neighborhood conservation plan which was approved by the County Board in March 1993.

A high return rate would be appreciated. The survey notes several ways you can return it once completed. The survey is

also available for download and printing on the Leeway Overlee web site (<http://www.leewayoverlee.org/>). Let your voice be heard!

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*The HPOK NC representatives are elected by the HPOK Civic Association.

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LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2007 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form and mail it with a check for \$5.00 per adult to Carolyn Connell, 6113 N. 22nd St., Arlington, VA 22205.

Make check payable to:

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WAVA Tower Is Coming Down

The controversial transmission tower close to the Post Office on N. George Mason Drive will soon come down. Civic association officers and local residents have met several times with the tower's owners. The owners wished to replace the current tall, thin tower with a new structure and keep their broadcasting clients. Irate neighbors (and the civic association) made it clear that they would strenuously oppose the use permit request



unless the owners solved the signal interference problems that have existed for years. People complained of getting unwanted radio broadcasts on their stereo systems and TVs. Others living near the tower found that their garage openers and other home

electronics would not function properly.

The tower owners drafted a mitigation plan to address these problems, but they recently cancelled the next planned meeting with civic representatives. A court order has been issued in a separate suit that requires the tower to come down within 60 days. The tower owners have since withdrawn their use permit request for a new tower. That request was scheduled to be heard by the County Board later this month.

The client radio stations, which include WAVA FM and AM, are expected to migrate to other existing towers in Arlington.

School Board Approves New Westover Library, Reed School

The Arlington School Board endorsed the design for construction of a new Westover Branch Library and a new Reed School on school property near the corner of N. McKinley Road and Washington Boulevard at its March meeting. The façade of the old Reed School will be retained as the front of the new library.

The new library will be triple the size of the existing facility a block away. The School Board added additional funds to the project to ensure that the new school building would be "green" and could support the addition of an extra floor in the future should the Board wish to reestablish Reed as an elementary school.

Demolition and construction should begin

Community News Via E-Mail

Do you want a day-in-advance reminder of civic association meetings? How about prompt notice of other local community issues that arise between newsletters? Your address is not displayed to others when messages are sent. To be added to the addressee list, send your e-mail address to:



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Community Notes

Thanks to the Volunteer Snowmen

The community has once again made it through the winter without a crippling snowfall—in large measure due to the vigilance and quick action of our Volunteer Snowmen. They responded promptly to the one significant snowfall in February and cleaned many of the public sidewalks, especially those running to the East Falls Church Metro station. The Snowmen had five County-provided snowblowers available to them this winter season. They supplement the efforts of local residents in cleaning the walks in front of their homes—thus keeping pedestrians from having to compete with cars on narrowed, ice and snow-covered streets. Be sure to thank your local Snowman when you see him. To volunteer for the program for next winter, send a note to robertswennes@hotmail.com.

Residential Brush Pickup

The County will pick up tree and bush trimmings that you collect this spring—but **only if you request a specific pickup**. Place the brush curbside and call the Solid Waste Division at (703) 228-6570 on weekdays 8 am - 5 pm or request a pickup online by going to the County web site (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/>) and click “Recycling” under Environment in the topics list. Follow County guidelines for preparing brush for pickup. If someone else’s pile of brush has been “decorating” your street for several weeks, take the initiative to call it in for pickup!



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County Tree Give-Away

Did you get in your order this spring for a County-provided shade or ornamental tree? Again this year the County offered local residents a limited number of trees for planting on private property to help increase local tree cover and reduce summertime heat. The County’s offer was announced through the Leeway Overlee listserv due to the short turnaround time. The understory and large shade tree species offered this year were American fringe tree and black gum. If you missed out on the offer this year, why not subscribe now to the listserv at leewayoverlee@hotmail.com and get the notice next year.

Arlington Insider and County Press Releases

The County likewise makes news-breaking, non-emergency information available to County residents who wish it. The premier publication is *Arlington Insider*, a biweekly electronic newsletter sent by email to subscribers. It provides much more information than the hard copy quarterly newsletter (The Citizen) delivered by mail to all homes. And the info is much more timely. The Insider is a great resource for upcoming major local events. It’s easy to subscribe. Go to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/subscriptions/subscribe.htm>.

Westover High Rise Building Plan Abandoned

The effort of AHC, Inc. to replace some of the World War II era garden apartments near the Westover shopping center with a high rise building has come to naught. The developer was unable to secure favorable financing for the project. Several local civic associations including Leeway Overlee held meetings with the developer to express the concerns of the community. While the number of “affordable” dwelling units would have increased, there would have been more vehicle traffic and changes to neighborhood appearance. AHC will instead refurbish its existing 152 apartments on the block.



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