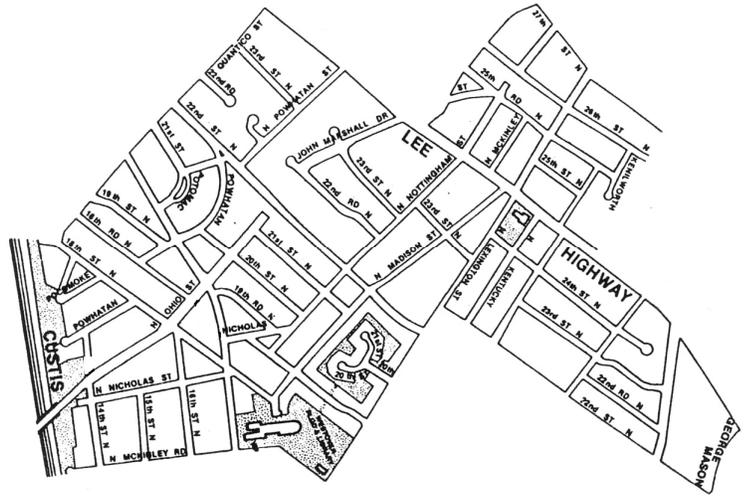


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Nominating Committee Seeks Officer Candidates

Pierre Boyer and Chips Johnson will serve as this year's Nominating Committee to recommend individuals to serve as Leeway Overlee Civic Association officers and to 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 our neighborhood, consider serving.

The election of officers will be held at the June meeting of the association. A list of officer positions is on this page of the newsletter. At the June 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 Pierre (703-532-1868) or Chips (703-532-5831).

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Leeway

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
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Highland Park/Overlee Knolls*

Representative:	Dennis McGarry	703-533-3698
Alternate:		

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

Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates: Ed Robinson, Jerry Auten, Pierre Boyer, Karla Brown
Alternates: Ladd Connell, Rob Swennes

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Reed Property Unlikely To Be Part of School Capacity Expansion

The Arlington School Board appeared to downplay the Reed property as an option for a new school construction in the first five years of its Capital Improvement Program at its March 22 work session. Reed had been included in two of the four development "option sets" that Arlington Public School (APS) staff prepared for the school board. The sets were combinations of possible renovation, additions, and new schools. Staff sought board guidance in refining and narrowing options for funding and construction to address school overcrowding. Further information on the APS initiative can be found on the APS homepage at the More Seats for Students discussion, or at: www.apsva.us/capacity.

At the work session, the board recommended that staff further study a single option, which didn't include Reed. The option includes a new neighborhood school at Williamsburg Middle School and a new choice school at Carlin Springs Elementary School/Kenmore Middle School. It also includes classroom additions at McKinley, Arlington Traditional, and Ashlawn Elementary Schools. Staff was also asked to develop a project at the Madison site as an addition to this option. The favored option is expected to offer flexibility for both short and long-term capacity gains and could better distribute additional classroom capacity county-wide. The School Board established \$125M as a maximum for the revised project.

The current Reed facility includes the Westover branch library, The Children's School (a non-profit preschool created to provide about 80% of its 100 child preschool enrollment to APS employees), Integration Station (an APS program for special needs preschoolers), and the Teen Parenting program (addresses the needs of high school parents with newborns).

Since last fall, APS staff has been considering three possible options for the Reed property. They were: 1) building a new, free-standing 600-student elementary school, apart from the present building; 2) relocating the non-library uses from the building and adding a second floor above the present Children's School and renovating the space for classroom use; and 3) expanding the second option into a new elementary school by further adding a gym, cafeteria, library and other program and support facilities to the rear of the present building.

Some area residents are relieved and others disappointed by the apparent removal of the Reed property from the likely options to solve the overcrowding issue in the schools over the next five years. The former Reed Elementary School closed in the early eighties because of declining school enrollment, and some saw the prospect of a new Reed neighborhood school as an attractive option. Others opposed a renovation of the popular, recently-completed facility. Concerns included potential negative impacts to open space, recreation, traffic, parking, and Westover businesses.



Tuckahoe School's Annual Home And Garden Tour Set for May 19

The 12th Annual Tuckahoe PTA Home & Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Come tour gorgeous and innovative renovations that exemplify the Arlington style. Proceeds benefit



the school's Discovery Schoolyard, a nationally recognized outdoor learning program that links the indoor classroom curricula to the outdoor world. Go to <http://tuckahoetour.org/> to download a ticket order form, and find out more about the tour and Tuckahoe's Discovery

Schoolyard. Advance tickets will go on sale on April 20th for \$20.00, purchased by mail or in person at Tuckahoe Elementary School, 6550 North 26th Street, Arlington, VA 22213, during school hours, 703-228-5288. Tickets on the day of the tour are \$25.00 and will be available at Tuckahoe School starting at 12 noon.



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Community Notes

Thanks to Volunteer Snowmen

We didn't have a crippling snowstorm this past winter, but a dozen volunteers were ready with County-supplied snow blowers to help clean neighborhood sidewalks within Leeway Overlee if a big storm had hit Arlington. Thank you!

Mulch for Sale

The Yorktown High School Boys Lacrosse Team is selling shredded hardwood mulch delivered to Arlington homes on April 14th. Mulch comes in 3-cubic-foot bags for \$4.95/ bag. Delivery is free and guaranteed for prepaid orders received by April 5th for 10 or more bags. Join forces with a neighbor if you need fewer bags. Team members will stack the bags on delivery. Order forms and additional details can be found on the Yorktown Lacrosse website www.yhspatriotlacrosse.com.

Westover Farmers Market Volunteers to Meet

Interested in helping launch and sustain the new farmers market in our neighborhood? Additional volunteer support is needed. A volunteer gathering will be held in the Westover Library meeting room on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:30 p.m. to discuss how people in the community can help. Have questions before then? Send them to westoverfarmersmarket@hotmail.com.

Backup Neighborhood Conservation Project Selected

At the January Leeway Overlee Civic Association meeting, a short but critical block on N. 22nd Street, between N. Lexington and N. Kentucky Streets, was selected by the neighborhood as a future project for capital improvement.

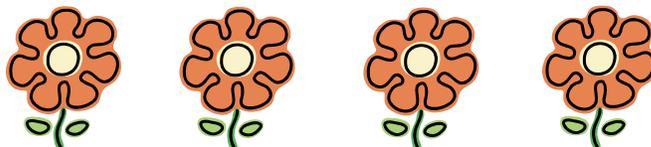
Free Gardening Advice

To learn how to grow great tomatoes, which tree is best for your home landscape, or what strange insect you have found, local Master Gardeners can help you find the answers at weekly Plant Clinics held in the following locations:

--Arlington County Farmer's Market, intersection of N. 14th Street and Courthouse Road, Saturdays, from 8 to 11 am, April 14 through September 29.

--Arlington Central Library Plant Clinic, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Thursdays, from 6:45 to 8:45 pm, April 19 through November 15.

Or you can call the Virginia Extension Service Master Gardener Help Desk (703-228-6414), which is staffed 9 am to noon weekdays, or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.



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◆ Join the association's discussion listserv by sending an email with your name and street address to the moderators at : LOCAAdmin@yahoogroups.com to share community items of interest, ask for and receive recommendations for service providers (plumbers, carpenters, etc.) from neighbors who have used them. You can unsubscribe from the listserv at any time. Commercial use of the listserv is not authorized.