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now walk to school but would need to take a bus under the new plan. About 108 other students would be moved due to program changes. Dr. Smith also recommended “grandfathering” all rising fourth and fifth graders and their younger siblings who would otherwise be scheduled to transfer schools if the boundary changes are adopted. The school system would continue to provide transportation until the grandfathered students age out of their present schools.

The Arlington School Board earlier established an Elementary Crowding and Capacity Committee (ECCC) to examine the crowding issue. In December 2007 the committee announced its recommendations and sent them to Dr. Smith. The ECCC’s proposal called for significantly less change in school boundaries than those now recommended by the Superintendent.

Dr. Smith presented his recommendations to the Board on January 17. A public hearing, Tuckahoe information night, and School Board working meeting are scheduled for the last week of January. The Board meets on January 31st and February 14th, and final action could be taken at either of those meetings.

To express your opinion about the proposed changes, you can email letters to the School Board at schoolbd@arlington.k12.va.us or to boundary@arlington.k12.va.us or to the Superintendent at rgsmith@arlington.k12.va.us. To arrange an in-person meeting, call the Arlington Education Center at (703) 228-6015.



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**The Virginia
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is Tuesday, February
12. All registered
voters are urged to
participate.**

Special Note:
**Voters in the Overlee Knolls precinct
will vote at Resurrection Evangelical
Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington
Boulevard. This venue change is
due to the closure of Reed School
pending construction of the new
Westover/Reed**



Emergency *Be Prepared*

Arlington County takes an “all hazards” approach to emergency preparedness as it builds a community that is more resilient to disasters. Knowing how to get information in an emergency situation and being prepared to take the appropriate action during an emergency may make a life saving difference.

Residents should develop a personal preparedness plan and practice that plan in advance. Doing so takes much of the guess work out of any emergency situation that may occur.

At our meeting on February 13th, Ms. Powers will discuss ways citizens can get information during an emergency (1700 AM Radio, web site, outdoor warning system, Arlington Alert) and what a personal preparedness plan looks like.

She can also discuss shelter in place and evacuation procedures, the way to determine whether to evacuate or shelter in place, pandemic flu concerns, and what Arlington is doing with businesses to help them become better prepared.

Getting involved in community preparedness activities is also a part of becoming a resilient community, and there are several opportunities for citizens to become more involved here. For comprehensive information on many of these topics, check out the following County web site:

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/portals/topics/TopicsEmergencyPreparedness.aspx>.

Community Notes

Future Density and Development Possible for East Falls Church Area

On January 23, 2008 a public hearing was held at Tuckahoe School regarding possible future redevelopment options for areas surrounding the East Falls Church Metro station. The County Board established a task force last summer to examine what might be done in the area to generate a vision for transit-oriented development. The task force is headed by Mike Nardolili, the current president of the Arlington-East Falls Church Civic Association. The January hearing received comment from individuals regarding their vision for the area 10 to 20 years from now, suggested land use and transportation improvements, and public concerns about the area. Beginning on February 27, 2008, the Task Force will be holding monthly public meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at Fire Station #6, which is located on Lee Highway at the Falls Church line. Additional information on the Task Force and background materials can found at the following website:
<http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/forums/columbia/current/CPHDForumsEastFallsChurch.aspx>. Or contact Richard Tucker, an Arlington County planner, at 703-228-0069.

Leeway Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update Progressing

At least 151 (16%) of the households in the Leeway neighborhood conservation area have submitted surveys in the first big step toward rewriting the local conservation plan. The current plan was accepted by the County Board in 1993. The survey results are being tabulated and will help to guide the updating of several section of the plan. One growing concern is whether some long-range future planning should be done for the Lee Highway commercial corridor west of Glebe Road. Most of this area consists of buildings built up to 50 years ago with surface parking and little or no landscaping or pedestrian amenities. If interested in helping shape the new neighborhood plan draft, contact Cathy Mercil (cathymercil@comcast.net), who is chairing the plan update effort. Once sections are prepared, they will be advertised to the broader community and reviewed at future general membership meetings.

Westover Library and Reed School Updates

The final project drawings and specifications for the new Reed School/Westover Library facilities have been completed. They are available to seven pre-qualified contractors to prepare and submit bids. A contract may be awarded by March with on-site work to begin soon thereafter. A meeting was held in late January to update the Building Level Planning Committee and local neighbors regarding the project. The principal point of contact is Ms. Vaughan Olbrys, senior project manager for the Public Schools who can be reached at 703-228-6622.

Volunteer Snowmen Set for Winter Storms

Trained volunteers in the Leeway Overlee area are ready to respond to any significant neighborhood snowfall before the end of winter. The civic association in conjunction with the County launched this program some years ago to ensure that sidewalks remain open between Leeway Overlee and the East Falls Church Metro station. Though local residents have primary responsibility for clearing their sidewalks, the Volunteer Snowmen use snow blowers to ensure that routes are opened if people are out of town when a snowstorm hits or are not physically able to handle the job themselves. Additional volunteers are needed from Nottingham Street eastward to extend this network of support. If willing to help, contact Rob Swennes at 703-532-6101.

Parkhurst Park to Be Upgraded

The County will install new play equipment and significant landscaping improvements at Parkhurst Park during this year. The park (locally referred to as Horseshoe Park because of its shape) is located between N. Madison St. and N. Lexington St. a block north of the Westover Library and Reed School. New residents may never have visited there, since the three entrances, off N. 19th St., off N. 20th Rd. and through a narrow path off N. Madison St., are somewhat hidden. This "secret" park offers some delightful walking and will be even more appealing once the improvements are in place. Funding for this project was obtained by the HPOK Civic Association through a parks grant and the Neighborhood Conservation program. For more information, contact Jan McQueary at 703-533-0959.

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