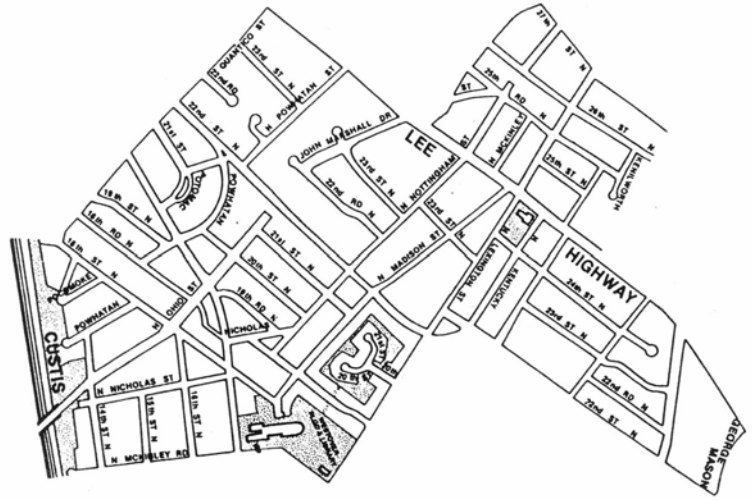


# The Leeway Overlee Leader

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## General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2006  
7:30 p.m. - - Lee Recreation Center  
5722 Lee Highway

## Historic Preservation in Leeway Overlee

*Featured Speakers:*

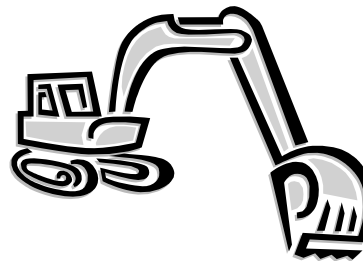
**Mr. Michael Leventhal**  
Arlington County Historic Preservation  
Coordinator

*Refreshments provided*

## Proposed Capital Budget Favors Local Projects

*Westover Library, Lee Center Would Benefit*

The Arlington County Manager announced a capital improvements budget in late April in which he proposed that no new capital projects be added to the County's



inventory over the next two years. The effort during that period will be to complete design and construction of the facilities promised in the past that have not been delivered. The new Westover Library and the

final work on the Lee Center renovation are among those incomplete projects.

The Manager's approach is driven in part by the significant increase in the cost of capital projects in recent years. Another factor is the long delay between initial funding and actual construction. Cutting the backlog of unbuilt projects will help to reduce the impact of both of these factors.

Construction of the promised new Westover Library has been delayed due to the lack of adequate funds. The bond funds approved by voters several years ago for this project simply do not stretch far enough today, and so

(See **Capital Budget**, page 3, col. 2)

## Historic Preservation Options in Our Area to be Discussed

This is a return visit by Mr. Leventhal to the neighborhood. He first spoke to local residents in December 2004 regarding the County's efforts to document its historic and varied housing stock. He was asked to undertake a more detailed analysis of the older homes in this neighborhood and to make recommendations on how they might be protected.

At the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting Mr. Rosenthal will provide some preliminary survey results for Leeway Overlee. He will particularly focus on collections of older homes in the neighborhood that could qualify for historic designation. He can discuss the pluses and minuses of such a designation. Ask him about tax credits/deductions that may be available to home owners for the preservation of historic facades and for the dedication of conservation easements on undeveloped land.

**Other business: Election of new officers and representatives.** (See page 2, col. 1.)

**Yard Sale June 3**

**Rain Date is June 10. See picture on page 3.**

# Nominating Committee Offers Slate of Candidates

The Leeway Overlee Nominating Committee, led by Amy Appelbaum and Chips Johnson, has developed a slate of candidates to serve as officers of the civic association for the next year (June 2006 – May 2007). The new officers will be elected during the June 6 meeting. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

- President – Suzanne Idziak (N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street)**
- Vice President – Jennifer Michener (N. Illinois Street)**
- Secretary – Ladd Connell (N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street)**
- Treasurer – Carolyn Connell (N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street)**

Other nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting.

The community will also select its delegates and alternates to the Arlington County Civic Federation and its representatives to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee for the Leeway neighborhood conservation area. Several people currently serving would like to continue. But there are always some vacancies. If interested in a particular position, contact a member of the Nominating Committee or come to the meeting and volunteer.

## LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Officers

President:	Vicki Howard	703-304-4487
Vice-President:	Suzanne Idziak	703-538-5288
Secretary:	Ladd Connell	703-241-2422
Treasurer:	Carolyn Connell	703-241-2422

### Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

#### Leeway

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
Alternate:	Michael O'Connor	703-237-5432

#### Highland Park/Overlee Knolls\*

Representative:	Ed Weiler	703-241-8798
Alternate:	Cliff McCreedy	703-538-4568

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

### Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates:	Vicki Howard, Jerry Auten, Suzanne Idziak, Rob Swennes
Alternates:	Amy Appelbaum, Carolyn Connell, Donald Masters

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## Issues Raised Concerning Lee Highway Service Station

Civic association officers and residents from N. Illinois Street met with the current operators of the Pure gas station on Illinois and Lee Highway in late April. County zoning enforcement personnel were present also.

The civic association had raised questions regarding some of the business activities that have taken place on that lot in years past. Neighbors close to the station were also concerned about what use would be made of the narrow strip of noncommercial property that separates the station from the single-family neighborhood.

The current station operator noted that he was not responsible for the cutting down of the many trees and other vegetation on the strip over a year ago. That removal of the green screening by the owner was seen by many as a snub to the neighborhood. Neighbors had opposed a development plan to have part of the site rezoned so a small apartment building could be built behind the station.

The new station operator has expressed an interest in replanting the strip if a formal agreement can be negotiated with the community. He has promised to prohibit any secondary commercial activities at the station that do not meet County zoning rules.

## Annual Community Day, Yard Sale is June 3



Last year's yard sale drew large crowds. Join us for the event on June 3. Rain date is June 10. If you will be a new seller, call 703-532-6101 for details.

## Capital Budget....from page 1

supplemental funding for this branch library is proposed for the November bond package. Likewise, needed landscaping and parking improvements for the Lee Center have been fully designed but cannot be placed under contract until more bond funds are approved by Arlington's voters.

The Manager's proposal—if approved by the County Board in June—will defer the funding of new capital projects for two years. The bond issue will also provide funds to complete neighborhood conservation projects that have already received initial County funding. There will be no funds for new commitments in the areas of neighborhood conservation, neighborhood traffic calming, commercial area revitalization, North Tract recreational development, and community art. The hope is that in two years the list of approved but unbuilt projects will be substantially reduced, thus allowing the County to begin making new project commitments in 2008.



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# Community Notes

## Stop for School Bus Loading or Unloading

Arlington police have cited several drivers in the neighborhood who failed to stop when approaching school buses which were discharging or loading students. The students' parents were unsuccessful in convincing some drivers to adhere to the state law. Thus the police were called in. State law requires vehicles to stop in all directions when a school bus is stopped to load or unload pupils. The penalties for a violation in Virginia are high. They reportedly include a fine up to \$2500, up to a year in jail, possible suspension of driving privileges, and six points on the driving record. Please protect the neighborhood's school children!

## Protect our Trees in the Summer Heat

Hot summer weather will soon be upon us. If you have trees in your yard or on public property nearby, remember to provide lots of water to them in the event of a summer drought. Trees planted within the past two years are particularly susceptible to drought. But even well established trees can succumb to a long lack of water. Large shade trees are the neighborhood's primary line of defense against summer heat and high air conditioning bills. It takes 30 years or more to grow a healthy tree that gives canopy shade. Do your part to protect these living community assets!

## Westover Library/Reed School Project Update

By the end of May the School Board and County Board are expected to formally agree to combine the future new Westover library and Reed School buildings into a single project led by Arlington Public Schools. The present stakeholder Building Level Planning Committee will be expanded to reflect the broader project. The timeline for design completion and construction is still being set. Extensive information and opportunity to comment on the projects is available at the following websites: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Libraries/forums/westover/LibrariesForumsWestoverWestoverReedMain.aspx> and <http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/facilities/design/reed.shtml>

If you have questions, contact Leeway Overlee's representative on the BLPC, Chips Johnson, at 703-532-5831 or [cpekjohnson@msn.com](mailto:cpekjohnson@msn.com).

## Eighteen Families Receive Free Trees

Arlington has in recent weeks distributed to County residents native trees for planting on private property. Tree recipients were solicited through civic associations. Leeway Overlee publicized this tree offer through a message on its listserv. Eighteen people responded. If you are not currently subscribed to the listserv, subscribe to avoid missing future offers and late-breaking community news. See instructions in box below.



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