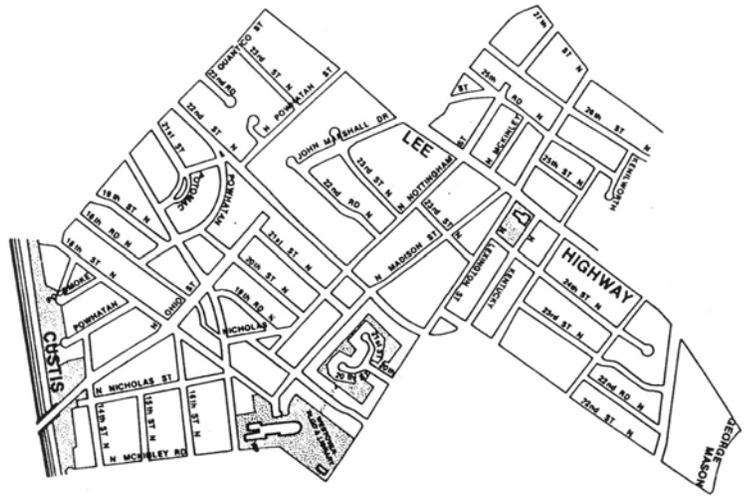


# The Leeway Overlee Leader

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## General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2005  
7:30 p.m. -- Lee Recreation Center  
5722 Lee Highway

### Interstate 66 Widening Proposal: Neighborhood Impact

*Featured Speakers:*

**Nicole Lewis, Arlington DOT**  
**Theresa DeFore, Virginia DOT**  
**Jason Rylander, Arlington Coalition for  
Sensible Transportation**

*Refreshments provided*



The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Leeway Overlee Community Day and Yard Sale will take place along the John Marshall Drive/Ohio Street greenway on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 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 is working to arrange live music for the event. A local resident has arranged a group of musicians for the past three years.

Over 100 families set up tables for the festivities, which take place along the six-block stretch of 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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## The Future of I-66

Ever since Interstate 66 opened in the 1980s, there has been tension regarding the size of the roadway and how it is operated. A feasibility study has just been completed that gives serious consideration to adding a westbound third lane to the highway. Acquisition of some additional right of way adjacent to the neighborhood may be needed to add the extra lane.

What will the long-term impact be on local residents of an additional lane on the highway? What is Arlington County's position on this, and how much authority does it have to influence what is decided? Is addition of an extra lane a "done deal", or are there other significant hurdles that must be overcome? How might such an extra lane be used? The civic association has gathered three speakers with different perspectives to address these issues. All are very familiar with the just-completed feasibility study and can address what future developments are likely to occur.

## Other Agenda Items for the Meeting

- *Election of Civic Association Officers, page 2*
- *Appointment of representatives to County Organizations, page 2*

# Nominating Committee Presents Slate of Officers for Consideration

The Leeway Overlee Nominating Committee, led by Amy Appelbaum and Chips Johnson, has developed a slate of candidates willing to serve as officers of the civic association for the next year (June 2005 – May 2006). The new officers will be elected during the June 1 meeting. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

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

Other nominations can 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 of the people currently serving in these positions would like to continue. But there are always some vacancies. If interested in a particular position, contact a member of the Nominating Committee and

## 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:	Cliff McCreedy	703-538-4568
Alternate:	Roger Morton	703-536-7233

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

### Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates:	Vicki Howard, Jerry Auten, Suzanne Idziak
Alternates:	Amy Appelbaum, Rob Swennes, Steve Compton, Ray Koch

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## LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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## Yard Sale....from page 1

entertainment. Be considerate of neighborhood residents when parking for the yard sale. Ensure that all goods and rubbish are removed at the end of the event. Rain date is Saturday, June 11.

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 Schneiders at 703-533-0748 or the Swenneses at 703-532-6101.

# Final Development Plans For AT&T Site Uncertain

At the March meeting of the civic association, a senior County staff member answered questions regarding the proposed by-right development of the wooded area between N. Harrison Street and N. George Mason Drive south of Lee Highway. Sixteen single-family homes are proposed. A new segment of street will be built into the development from N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Many local residents living near the project site would prefer the new houses to be clustered so as to maximize the retention of common land and existing shade trees. Those attending the Leeway Overlee meeting wanted the civic association to see if there was some flexibility in how the large piece of property might be developed. In the weeks that followed, the architect for the project was contacted, and the neighborhood's concerns were expressed. A good discussion also took place with a representative of the development company. Apparently other issues are at play because of the existing radio and telephone transmission towers on the block. Although some interest was expressed in the possibility of clustering either townhouses or single family homes, it is not certain that the planned developer has the time to begin a dialogue with the County and the neighborhood at this point. We are still awaiting word back from the developer.



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## Community Notes

### Neighborhood Conservation Projects Advance

The neighborhood has benefited from the construction of neighborhood conservation projects in the past, and several more are in the pipeline. Last June the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee endorsed funding for part of the proposed street improvements on N. Ohio Street (south of Washington Boulevard) and N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (greenway to N. Quantico Street). Both projects will require additional money for all elements to be funded. In the HPOK neighborhood conservation area, street improvement projects were funded within the past two years on N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street and on N. Quantico Street. Those capital projects are in the design phase. In the Leeway neighborhood conservation area a complete reconstruction of part of N. Kensington Street (north of Lee Highway) is expected to take place this year. A contractor crew is completing work on a full block of sidewalk on the north side of N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street that will enhance the walk of many residents to the nearby Metro station. Neighborhood conservation projects are funded by a bond approved by the County's voters each two years.

### Westover Library Replacement a Year Away

Ms. Ann Friedman, the County's Head Librarian, has confirmed that the long-awaited construction of the new Westover Branch Library will not take place until a year from now. As with many other bond-funded capital projects, the new Westover Library has encountered a substantial growth in cost, due in part to worldwide increases in the cost of building materials such as concrete. However, Ms. Friedman says that all the additional money needed for this project has been identified. Construction design documents are being prepared. The new library—about triple the square footage of the current branch library—will be built near the intersection of N. McKinley Road and Washington Boulevard. The oldest section of Reed School will be demolished (reportedly this coming fall) to make way for the new library facility. After the library is transferred to the new building, the old current library building will be demolished, and the land will be returned to open space.

### 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!

### Report Graffiti for Prompt Correction

An increase in the number of defaced traffic and street signs has been noted within the community. This is not a good sign. It may be the work of teenagers with a poor respect for public property. Or it could be a signal for increased gang activity in the area, which would be much worse. Arlington County has a policy calling for the cleaning or removal of defaced public signs within 48 hours after they have been reported. But the reporting falls on your shoulders as the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. To report one or more signs needing cleaning or replacement, call 703-558-2222. This is the County's police and fire non-emergency response line. If the problem is not addressed within a couple of days, call it in again. If the problem remains, contact the County Manager's office at 703-228-3120 to complain.

### N. Lexington Street Traffic Calming

Most of the work on the traffic calming features of N. Lexington Street have been completed. Corner curb nubs and improved storm drainage were major features installed. The street surface was recently repaved to undo the construction blemishes. Still to be installed are two raised crosswalks (at N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street) and a speed cushion (near N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street) to slow down vehicular traffic even further.



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