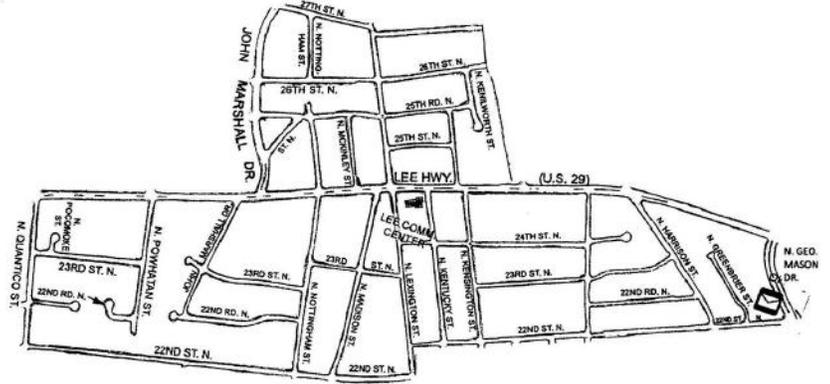


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General Membership Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2018, 6:45 p.m.
Meeting Room, Westover Library
1644 N. McKinley Road

The New Virginia

Delegate Patrick Hope 47th District

Refreshments provided

The Evolving Identity of the Old Dominion

Delegate Patrick Hope is a veteran delegate in the General Assembly, having represented this part of Arlington County for over a decade. His interest in community health care issues is well known. But there are many other aspects of the state he is deeply familiar with. These include the toppling of century-old statues honoring key leaders of the Confederacy and the renaming of buildings to expunge Virginia's history of slavery and racism. Both are markers of a shift of identity in much of the Commonwealth.

Where is this leading us? How do sections of the state differ in their views? What are Arlington's legislative priorities, and how have they fared in the General Assembly? Delegate Hope will discuss generally the upcoming election and the upcoming 2019 General Assembly session in Richmond. He will also take questions from those attending and outline the kind of constituent services that his office can provide to local residents.

The association meeting will also touch upon a number of active community issues currently evolving within or adjacent to the Leeway Overlee area. **Note the earlier start time.**

Redevelopment at Lee Highway/Lexington St.

Residents Express Traffic Concerns

For the past year there have been major changes afoot at this key intersection within the community. Three of the four parcels that abut this crossroads are in play. Only the County's Lee Community Center at 5722 Lee Highway remains untouched.



The planned arrival of the Little Ambassadors Academy at 5801 Lee Highway has caused major concerns for many residents on the north side of the highway. While the availability of day care and preschool instruction for young families in the county is a challenge, care must be taken to insert a facility like this that is safe and does not adversely impact traffic and parking in the area.

The County Board a year ago approved a use permit for the establishment of this business in the building formerly occupied by The Republic Group. The civic association at its general meeting in June 2017 gave general support to plans of The Little Ambassadors Academy. But between then and when the use permit was approved, the number of children that the applicant planned to handle at the facility went up significantly.

This September the County Board renewed the use permit, notwithstanding the concerns expressed by local residents over the large number of children to be cared for on a daily basis and uncertainty regarding the logistics of how children would be delivered and picked up on N. Lexington Street. The County Board declined several requests to have a traffic study done to determine likely traffic impacts of this development on the Lee Highway/Lexington Street intersection, particularly during the

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Election of Civic Association Vice President

At the Leeway Overlee Civic Association general meeting on June 11th, no individual present expressed interest in serving as Vice President of the association. Since then, Vanessa Guest, a local resident, has volunteered to do so. Vanessa has done yeoman's work this past year in keeping local residents up to date on the evolving design of the new Reed school. A formal vote to accept Vanessa to fill this officer position will be held at the October 15th meeting.

A Snowy Winter?

For more than a decade volunteers within Leeway Overlee and other civic associations around the county have stood ready to help unblock residential sidewalks in the event of a heavy snowfall. The County provided snow blowers under a formal volunteer program.

The largely snowless past two winters and the County's search to reduce costs in its annual budget have resulted in cancellation of the snow blower program for the coming winter. We will be on our own. So dust off your snow shovels or buy a new one well in advance of the first news report of a coming winter storm. We have not found a woolly caterpillar to check regarding the coming cold season, but the loss of this volunteer program may be a harbinger of a snowy winter to come.

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morning and afternoon rush hours. Refurbishment of the building on the site is underway. Occupancy is expected in mid-February.

On the northeast corner of the intersection, a new 7-Eleven store is rising. It replaces the Lee-Lex Service Center at 5747 Lee Highway that provided auto servicing. The new convenience store being built will be a plus, but concerns were expressed by some regarding the increased auto activity to be generated by this store. Civic association representatives inquired regarding the vehicle ingress and egress points and concluded that this aspect of the project was as good as could be expected. But how the 7-Eleven traffic during the rush hours and the new day care center's traffic will mesh is anyone's guess at this point. Finally, there is the property at 5800 Lee Highway. The long-time tenant, New Image Hair Design, moved out in the spring. The owner of the property is a local Arlington podiatrist. He has not yet leased this C-1 zoned property to a new tenant.

Below are pictures of the building renovation for the Little Ambassadors Academy (left) and construction of the 7 Eleven (right).





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Community Notes

Arlington Public Schools Seek Use Permit for Reed School Rebuild

The public school system (APS) is moving ahead on schedule to get a new elementary school built on the Reed School site for occupancy to begin September 2021. Concept and executable designs for the new elementary school have been approved by the Arlington School Board. APS is now in the process of seeking a use permit from the County for the construction and operation of the facility. Construction will begin in a year's time and finish two years later. The use permit is expected to be considered by the Planning Commission and County Board during their November 2018 public meetings. The use permit application and drawings are available at <https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/planning-commission/public-facilities-review-committee-pfrc/school-projects/walter-reed/>.

Infill Development along N. 23rd Street Likely

A local developer has purchased two adjacent homes on N. 23rd Street between Powhatan and Quantico Streets. His intention is to demolish the homes and construct five new ones on a new cul-de-sac. The homes are on the north side of the street. Each has an oversized lot that lends itself to resubdivision – especially when the lots are side by side. This will be a by right development, so the County will perform a purely administrative review rather than holding a public hearing. The developer is expected to file an amended plan with the County in October. When demolition and construction will take place is as yet unknown.

Free Paper Shredding and Inert Material Drop Off on Nov. 3

On Saturday, November 3, Arlington County will host a free paper shredding event as well as drop off of inert materials at its Earth Products Yard located at 4300 S. 29th Street. This location is close to Shirlington. Paper shredding is for residents only (sorry, no businesses), with a limit of two boxes or two paper bags of paper per customer. Inert materials include asphalt, ceramic tile, concrete, earth, masonry block, rock and sand. Hours of the event are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If interested in taking part, be sure to first check the other limitations outlined in the County's announcement at <https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/events/free-paper-shredding-inert-material-drop-off-2018-11-03/>. Otherwise you may be turned away if the items you bring do not meet the collection guidelines! The free paper shredding usually occurs on the first Saturday of each month.

Lee Highway Alliance Engages on Several Development Projects

The Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) has become involved in several property developments along Lee Highway during the past year. A main purpose of the alliance is to provide organized community input on upcoming projects so that the development once completed is compatible with the intended vision for the Lee Highway corridor in the 21st century. One project of some interest is the new Children's School to be built at 4770 Lee Highway – the site of the old Alpine Restaurant. LHA has reviewed the initial design plans for this expected three-story day care center and provided comments back. For photos of the planned school and more details, see

<https://wtop.com/arlington/2018/07/the-childrens-school-advances-plans-for-former-alpine-restaurant-site/slide/1/>.

For many years the Children's School operated in the Reed School facility.

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