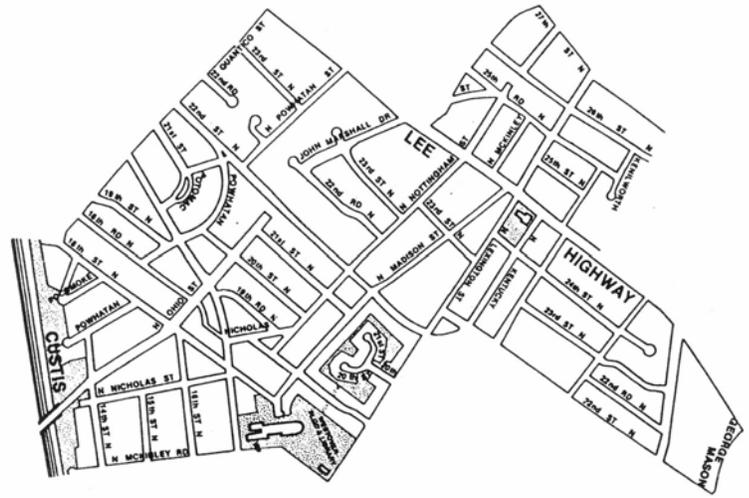


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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2005
7:30 p.m. -- Lee Recreation Center
5722 Lee Highway

Community Issues in Arlington

Featured Speakers:

Barbara Favola
Member, Arlington County Board

Refreshments provided

Meeting Will Highlight County Initiatives, Questions

Ms. Barbara Favola will be the major speaker at the civic association meeting on October 12. She will outline a number of the initiatives that the Board and the County Manager are working on at the present time. She looks forward to addressing specific questions that local residents may have about Arlington County government and the services that it provides.

Ms. Favola has served on the County Board for seven years. First elected in 1997, she has twice led as Chairman of the Board. During her last chairmanship in 2004, her special emphasis areas were Economic Sustainability, Creating a Walkable Arlington, Achieving Community Milestones in Affordable Housing, Investing in Children, and Expanding Civic Involvement.

Other Agenda Items for the Meeting

- Update on plans for AT&T property
- Prioritization of unfunded neighborhood conservation projects, p. 2

Plans for 16 Homes On AT&T Property On Track

Development representative will be at Oct. meeting

The proposed single-family home subdivision planned for the AT&T property is proceeding through the Arlington approval process. Although the County has given preliminary approval for the 16-home development, outstanding questions remain regarding the adjacent transmission towers and other issues. The proposed new access road to the lots will likely be shifted a bit toward the east and away from the existing N. Harrison Street homes.

At our October meeting the contract developer and his attorney will brief the neighborhood on the current status of the project. They will address any specific concerns of local residents.

Register and Vote!



Residents wishing to vote in the November 8, 2005 general election must register by October 11, 2005. To check on your registration or to ask for a registration form, call 703-228-3456 or get information online at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationRegistertoVote.aspx>.

General information about who's on the ballot can be found at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationElectionInformation.aspx>.

Neighborhood Conservation Projects Must be Prioritized at Meeting

Twice each year the civic association must prioritize its unfunded neighborhood conservation (NC) projects. Due to evolving changes in the NC program, that process has become somewhat easier in most neighborhoods. Only one or two projects per neighborhood are likely to have been worked through the needed petitions and preliminary scoping in order to be eligible for funding.

At the moment only one project in the Leeway NC area qualifies for funding. It involves streetscape improvements for the 6200 block of N. 22nd Street. The related streetscape improvements for the 6100 block of that street (up through the triangle area) were funded by the County Board earlier this year. Due to the popularity of the NC program and the number of waiting projects county wide, it is unclear when money will be obligated for this final phase of the N. 22nd Street work.

Several projects in the neighborhood have been funded (in whole or part) and are awaiting design and construction:

- ◆ N. Kensington Street (Lee Hwy. to N. 25th Rd.) – curb, gutter, sidewalk, street lights
- ◆ N. 18th Street (Washington Blvd. to N. Madison St.) – curb, gutter, sidewalk
- ◆ N. Quantico Street (Washington Blvd. to N. 19th St.) – curb, gutter, sidewalk
- ◆ N. Ohio Street (Washington Blvd. to I-66) – curbed and planted center median

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

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LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Arlington Hears Call of the Wild

Though many argue that Arlington is becoming too urban a community, the recent infusion of foxes and even coyotes into the metropolitan area suggests otherwise. Foxes have been seen in many parts of the Leeway Overlee neighborhood, especially by dog owners out walking their pets. Some owners have taken to carrying sticks to help ward off the critters in case they get too close. One resident came upon two young foxes playing in the middle of the street when he drove home one night. Coyotes have reportedly been seen in the front and back yards on N. 19th Street. If your cats and small dogs seem suddenly hesitant to go outside on their own, this may be the reason why. They have deep-seated instincts about these things.

Arlington County does not have a policy calling for the capture or elimination of these four-legged raptors. However, if a coyote or fox is sick or injured, the Humane Society (703-931-9241) can be called to retrieve the animal. Both animals can contract rabies, so they should not be approached. If you have had these or other wild creatures in your yard and want to discourage their return, a couple of pans of ammonia placed around the yard is reportedly a great deterrent. They hate the smell. For other information on these wild creatures, check out the Humane Society web site (<http://www.hsus.org>).

Snow is Coming: Volunteers Needed



Despite the balmy weather of September, winter is not far away. If Arlington is hit by a snowstorm, the cleaning of local sidewalks must be done by local residents. The County concentrates on

plowing to get streets reopened; it does not have the manpower to address sidewalks.

To fill this gap, the civic association has for some years sponsored neighborhood volunteers willing to use County-provided snow blowers to help open pedestrian routes to the Metro station and the Westover shopping area.

If you would like to join this group of volunteers and provide snow relief on your street, contact Rob Swennes (703-532-6101). Training will take place in November.



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Community Notes

Report Graffiti for Prompt Correction

Graffiti on public signs in our neighborhood continues to be a problem. Some of the defacement is clearly gang tagging, which is not a good sign. Arlington County tries to clean or replace 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 graffiti 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 Work Completed

The County has finished the installation of capital improvements along N. Lexington Street (N. 18th St. to Lee Highway) intended to moderate the speed of cars and trucks. The project was funded under the County's neighborhood traffic calming program. It was selected based on the volume of traffic and the high incidence of speeding. The project was triggered by residents on and near the street who viewed the vehicles speeding through daily not only as a safety hazard but also as a quality of life issue along Lexington. The series of curb nubs, raised crosswalks, speed cushions, and brick-textured crossings are intended to slow people down so they can enjoy the area more. Although the civic association did not initiate the program, it has been very supportive of its goals.

Community Yard Sale a Great Success

The 27th annual Leeway Overlee Community Day event in early June brought out residents en masse to shop and chat. Several thousand people took part in the sale, and over 100 families and organizations set up tables or blankets to display their wares. The civic association arranged for live music along the John Marshall/Ohio bike path, which is the area where the annual event takes place. Start now to set aside household items for next year's event.

Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event

The twice yearly County-sponsored environmental event, now called **E-Care**, will take place Saturday, October 22nd from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. The entrance will be marked. Residents can dispose of household hazardous wastes and recycle items such as bikes and computers. For information on disposal guidelines and associated fees, call the Solid Waste Division at 703-228-6570 or go online to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/EnvironmentalServicesEnvex.aspx>.

Replace Worn-Out Recycling Bins and Get Eagle Carts Repaired

Arlington has an active residential recycling program, particularly in its single-family neighborhoods. Each home is expected to have and utilize yellow recycling bins for recyclable items such as newspapers, flattened cardboard, cans, glass bottles and jars, and some plastic containers. But over time, the recycling bins wear out. To obtain a new bin, request one on line at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/newbin.asp>. Or you can request one through the Customer Service Center in the Solid Waste Division at (703) 228-6570. Once a new bin is received, you can dispose of the broken one as part of your regular trash.

The large black Eagle carts for nonrecyclable garbage and refuse can break down too. Normally they are repaired rather than replaced. To request repair of a cart on line, go to https://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/cart_repair.asp or call 703-228-6570.

Arlington Offers Many Seniors Programs

The County abounds in programs geared specifically to its senior citizens. This keeps seniors active and contributing members of the community. A sampling of the programs and their locations includes: Senior Singers Chorale (Langston-Brown Senior Center (LB)), New Horizons Band (Levine School of Music), Coping with Hearing Loss (Culpepper Garden Senior Center), free computer classes (Lee, Culpepper & Carver centers), line dancing classes (TJ Community Center and Lee Center), and October flu shots (various centers). There will be a Senior Information Fair on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road (info. 703-228-1700). For more information on programs offered, call the Office of Adult Programs at 703-228-4744.

Community News Via E-Mail

Do you want a day-in-advance reminder of civic association meetings? How about prompt notice of other local community issues that arise between newsletters? Your address is not displayed to others when messages are sent. To be added to the addressee list, send your e-mail address to:

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