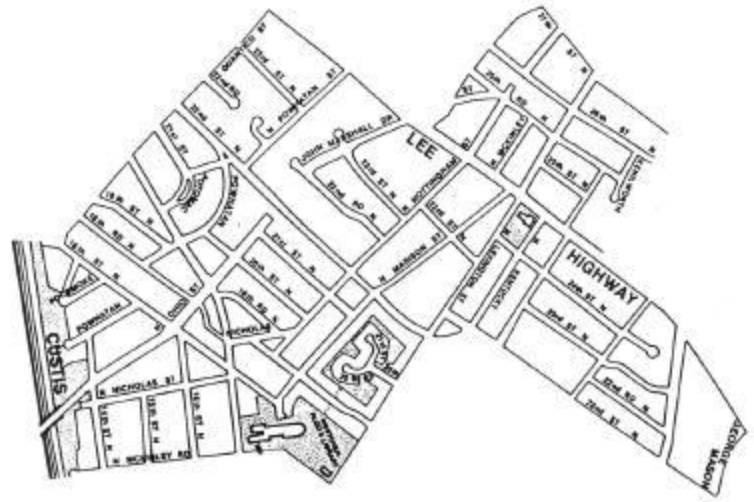


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## General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2002  
7:30 p.m. - - Rivendell School  
5700 Lee Highway  
(enter from Kensington St.)

### Westover Library Update

*Featured Speakers:*

**Mr. Dave Alberts, Arlington County Staff**  
**Mr. Greg Lukmire, Project Architect**

*Refreshments provided*

## Westover Library/Schools Plan Continues to Advance *Community Review Coming*

The plans for the new Westover Library-Arlington Public Schools (APS) Staff Development Center continue to advance. By the time this newsletter is delivered, the major elements of the building such as its shape, location, architectural treatment, and parking should be ready for community review. The Project Planning Team (PPT), consisting of representative from the community, Reed School and library staff, and other individuals met twice in November with County staff and the architect to bring the plans to this point.

The planners have considered various problems and made progress on them. Currently, County library planners and APS are working on interior functional details for the first floor library and the second story APS Staff Development Center. Last summer the School Board approved the site master plan subject to the County picking up the cost for any underground parking. County staff later determined that the School Board's position on the funding of the underground parking will not delay the project. Another concern was whether the shared use facility could be placed so as to save the four mature trees near the corner of Washington Blvd. and McKinley Street. The PPT discussed underground parking and other site considerations and determined that saving the four trees



## Westover /Reed Project Highlights Meeting Agenda

The community's long wait for a new, larger Westover Library will soon show results. At the December meeting of the civic association the County's chief planner of this facility and the architect who has worked with him will present for community comment a firm design for the library.

The new facility, which will replace part of the existing Reed School building, will also include needed training space for the Arlington school system (see accompanying article). The featured speakers, Mr. Dave Alberts from the County and Mr. Greg Lukmire, project architect, will begin their presentation at 8 p.m. Local residents who are regular Westover Library users are encouraged to attend and learn what improvements the new library building will offer to patrons.




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was not possible given the minimum required dimensions of the underground parking facility.

After this newsletter goes to press, the PPT is to consider and render recommendations on building placement, general shape, elevations/perspectives, exterior materials, and plan for the public plaza area. These recommendations will be discussed at one or more community meetings on the project planned for early December.


Following the community meetings, County staff intends to start the formal review process for the facility with various County offices, agencies and commissions. An important consideration in the design, construction, and operation of the new facility will be the inclusion of environmental and energy conservation practices that will contribute to the County's "Green" initiative. (See the related article on page 3.) By next summer it is expected that public review will be completed, County Board approval will have been obtained, and the contracting process will be underway. Construction is anticipated to



## Volunteer Snowmen Are Ready



Three sidewalk snow blowers were delivered to the neighborhood on November 23 for use in this winter's Volunteer Snowman program. About 15 adults in the community have been trained by the County on the operation of this equipment. In the event of a significant snowfall, these volunteers will work to reopen much of the neighborhood's sidewalk network to the Westover shopping center and the East Falls Church Metro station. To volunteer for the program, contact Rob Swennes at 703-532-6101 or robertswennes@hotmail.com .



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## Executive Committee Meetings Are Open to All

The Leeway Overlee Civic Association holds four general membership meetings each year, usually in September/October, December, March and May. However, a month before each of those meetings the association's Executive Committee meets to plan the meeting and review issues in the community. Those meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in attending, please notify the association President (see officer list on this page) so he can give you advanced notice of the time and place.

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# Area Projects Demonstrate Arlington County's Dedication to Environmental and Energy Conservation

Two area projects, one under construction and the other well into the planning process, demonstrate Arlington County's dedication to environmental and energy conservation. The projects, both joint County-Arlington Public Schools facilities, are the Langston-Brown facility under construction on Lee Highway near McDonalds and the future Westover Branch Library-APS Staff Development Center.

In 1999, Arlington County joined the United States Green Buildings Council, which sponsors the "LEED™" (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program. Arlington has adopted LEED™ as a guideline for both public and private developments in the county.

Planning for all County development projects begins with a LEED™ Scorecard to establish a target to be achieved by the architect/engineering team. That target is discussed within the community to achieve "buy-in". The scorecard consists of functional areas and measures for achieving environmental and energy conservation. The functional areas are: Sustainable Sites (i. e., site attributes), Water Energy, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality. Additional points are attainable for Innovation and Design Process. As an example, points may be awarded under the Materials and Resources category for use of recycled content, local/regional materials, and rapidly renewable resources.

The Langston Brown facility, which incorporates county recreation activities, senior citizen and teen program, Head Start, and the High School Continuation Program, achieved a Silver LEED™ rating for initiatives such as rainwater reclamation tanks for on-site irrigation, solar shaded windows, waterless urinals, and a shower facility to encourage bicycle transportation. In addition, the general contractor is responsible for producing and

implementing a construction waste management plan, which will divert 75% of all construction waste from landfills.


Other LEED™ developments in Arlington include the future Navy League Office Building near Courthouse Metro, the Washington Capitals/Ballston Ice Center to be built above the Ballston Common garage, and the Pentagon's new Metro bus shelter and entrance.



## Community News Via E-Mail

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## Community Notes

### Parking for Commercial Vehicles and Motor Homes

The County Board has advertised for possible adoption changes to the Zoning Ordinance that would broadly prohibit the parking of commercial vehicles on streets in residential neighborhoods and adjacent to parks. The ordinance proposal would also prohibit the parking of motor homes on the same streets for periods longer than four days. The ordinance changes are scheduled to be considered by the County Board at its meeting beginning on December 7, 2002. To access the text of the proposed ordinance, check out Item 45 on the Board's agenda for its November 16, 2002 meeting (<http://www.co.arlington.va.us/cbo/meetings/2002/nov/1116/index.htm>). The date for consideration could change, so contact the County Board office (703-228-3130) several days in advance if interested in this item.

### New Sidewalk on N. 22nd Road

The County expects to install sidewalk within the next 6 months in front of several homes on N. 22nd Road just west of N. Nottingham Street. Residents have been requesting sidewalk on the south side of the street to complete the walkway between the John Marshall greenway and Nottingham. The project will be one of the last funded through the popular Missing Links Program. That program allowed short gaps in existing sidewalk on a block to be completed with a minimum of paperwork. The County Manager has since folded that program into the larger Neighborhood Conservation Program.

### Candidates Night a Success

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, about 75 people converged on the Reed School multipurpose room to hear the candidates running for Congress and for the County Board and School Board in Arlington. This northwest Arlington Candidates Night was one of the last public forums held before the November elections. Several civic associations in the area cosponsored the event. This year's event also included a panel discussion on the proposed half-cent transportation tax for Northern Virginia. During the early part of the evening some special guests attending were a delegation of elected officials from the People's Republic of China. They were interested in observing the U.S. political system at work at the grass roots level.

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