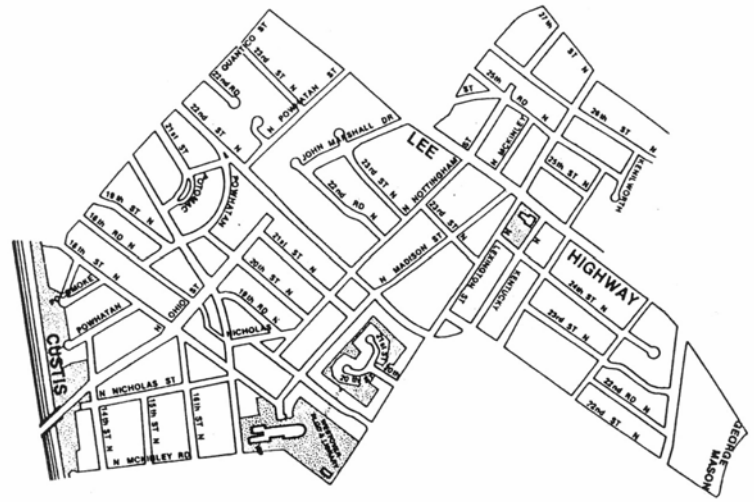


# The Leeway Overlee Leader

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## General Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2006  
7:30 p.m. -- Lee Recreation Center  
5722 Lee Highway

### Public Spaces Master Plan

*Featured Speakers:*

**Eric Sildon, Public Spaces Task Force Chair**  
**David Miller, County Parks and Recreation Staff**

*Refreshments provided*

## New Plan Addresses Open Space Issue in County

The County has just issued a new master plan inventory of public space within Arlington. In such a densely populated area, new open space is not easy to come by. Many neighborhoods lack local parks and playing fields, and the cost to acquire any new property is high. Some recent developments have made the effort to identify and acquire land for public use a bit easier.

At the April 6 meeting the speakers will discuss property available for public use in or near the Leeway Overlee area. They will outline the process followed in developing the new public spaces plan. The plan contains some short-term action items that should make the future identification of needed property easier. If you find Arlington deficient in space for certain activities, come and make your case! Compliments regarding Arlington's open space inventory would be appreciated also. To review the new Public Spaces Master Plan, go to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/openspace/publicspaces/PublicSpaceMain.aspx>.



The 28<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 3<sup>rd</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, as has been the custom for several years.

Over 100 families set up tables for the festivities, which take place along the 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 for nearby residents by not setting up before 7 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 entertainment. Be considerate of neighborhood residents when parking for the yard sale and be sure to remove all goods and rubbish at the end of the event. **Rain date is Saturday, June 10.**

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.

# Nominating Committee Seeks Officer Candidates

Amy Appelbaum and Chips Johnson will serve as this year's Nominating Committee to recommend individuals to serve as Leeway Overlee Civic Association officers and fill other key positions. If you are new to the community—or a long-time resident—and interested in maintaining the quality of life in the neighborhood, consider serving. The election of officers will be held at the late May general membership meeting. A list of officer positions is on this page of the newsletter. At the May meeting the community will also select its representatives to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation. If interested in any of these positions, please contact Amy (703-241-8446) or Chips (703-532-5831).

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### Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

#### Leeway

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
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#### Highland Park/Overlee Knolls\*

Representative:	Cliff McCreedy	703-538-4568
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\*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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## LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form and mail it with a check for \$2.00 per adult to Carolyn Connell, 6113 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Arlington, VA 22205.

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# Westover Library Reconstruction On Hold Due to Cost Increases on County Capital Projects

*Design of New Schools Facility at Reed Is Moving Quickly*

The schedule for the new Westover Branch Library has ground to a halt due to the crunch of cost increases on other County capital projects under construction. Though design of the one-story facility has been completed, no effort to contract will begin until the November 2006 bond has been passed by Arlington voters. Local civic leaders are working to ensure that the bond will contain specific funds for the library's reconstruction. Residents with long memories will recall that the 1998 County bond included funds for the construction of new libraries at Westover and Shirlington. The new Shirlington branch is being built—while library patrons here in northwest Arlington are still waiting.

In contrast, work on designing a new schools facility on the Reed site is moving rapidly. Architects hired by the school system have met with the representatives of local civic associations and other groups several times. They have shared conceptual drawings of the proposed Reed facility. The first set of sketches was a disaster, since the designs presumed construction over large segments of the open space in Ayres Park. All the community groups were vocal in their opposition to this approach. At the most recent meeting the architects came back with several designs that were much more in line with the guidelines adopted by the community almost a decade ago. These guidelines are available on the Leeway Overlee web site. It is unknown whether the speedy design effort will carry over into an expedited construction effort, or whether the facility, once designed, will languish for some years awaiting funds to build.

## Community Must Prioritize Neighborhood Conservation Projects

At its April meeting, the Leeway community will select its first priority project under the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program. At present only one project has been developed to the point where it can be funded. It is the final (western) phase of the N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street beautification project. However, it is unknown at this time whether there will even be a conservation funding round in June due to the cost increases affecting earlier-adopted projects. Those increases are expected to absorb all remaining funds from the 2004 NC bond. New money will next become available this fall when voters decide whether to approve new County-proposed bonds. The size and scope of those bonds are still under discussion within County government.



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# Community Notes

## Emergency Alert System

Much of the County lost water pressure for a day in early March—thus confounding residents and visitors when they turned on the tap. The only people who knew right away what was happening were those who had signed up with Arlington Alert, the County's free emergency notification service. Timely notices of major problems in the County can be sent via email, cell phone, text pager, wireless PDA, and XM satellite radio—whatever the subscriber prefers. You choose some of the types of alerts to receive. Go to <http://www.arlingtonalert.com/myhome.php> to register. Don't be the last on your block to know what's going on!

## Arlington Insider and County Press Releases

The County likewise makes news-breaking, non-emergency information available to County residents who wish it. The premier publication is Arlington Insider, a biweekly electronic newsletter sent by email to subscribers. It provides much more information than the hard copy quarterly newsletter (The Citizen) delivered by mail to all homes. And the info is much more timely. The Insider is a great resource for upcoming major local events. It's easy to subscribe. Go to <http://www.co.arlington.va.us/subscriptions/subscribe.htm>. The same site also gives one the option to get by email Arlington's periodic press releases on topics of community interest.

## Changes in Residential Permit Parking Program

For local residents who live in zoned parking areas, changes are coming. This principally concerns homes near the East Falls Church Metro station. These changes affect the number of vehicle permits a household may obtain. New visitor pass procedures and a user fee will become effective July 1, 2006. If you live in a zoned-parking neighborhood, go to [www.ParkArlington.com](http://www.ParkArlington.com) to learn the full details of the program.

## HPOK Neighborhood Conservation Plan Advances

Congratulations to the hard-working members of the Highland Park/Overlee Knolls Civic Association who have prepared a major update of that area's Neighborhood Conservation Plan. Such an update takes a lot of time and effort. The plan update will be endorsed by the County Board within the next several months. The plan covers the neighborhood area from N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

own to I-66.

## RResidential Brush Pickup

The County will pick up tree and bush trimmings that you collect this spring—but only if you request a specific pickup. Place the brush curbside and call the Solid Waste Division at (703) 228-6570 on weekdays 8 am - 5 pm. Pickups occur every two weeks. To arrange for a pickup 24/7, go to the County web site (<http://www.co.arlington.va.us/>) and check under Environment in the topics list. Be sure to follow County guidelines for preparing brush for pickup. If someone else's pile of brush has been "decorating" your street for several weeks, take the initiative to call it in for pickup!

## Thanks to the Volunteer Snowmen

The community has once again made it through the winter without a crippling snowfall—in large measure due to the vigilance and quick action of our Volunteer Snowmen. They responded promptly to the one significant snowfall in February and cleaned many of the public sidewalks running to the East Falls Church Metro station and to Westover. The Snowmen had five County-provided snowblowers available to them this winter season. They supplement the efforts of local residents in cleaning the walks in front of their homes—thus keeping pedestrians from having to compete with cars on narrowed, slippery streets. Be sure to thank your local Snowman when you see him. If interested in volunteering for the program for next winter, write to



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