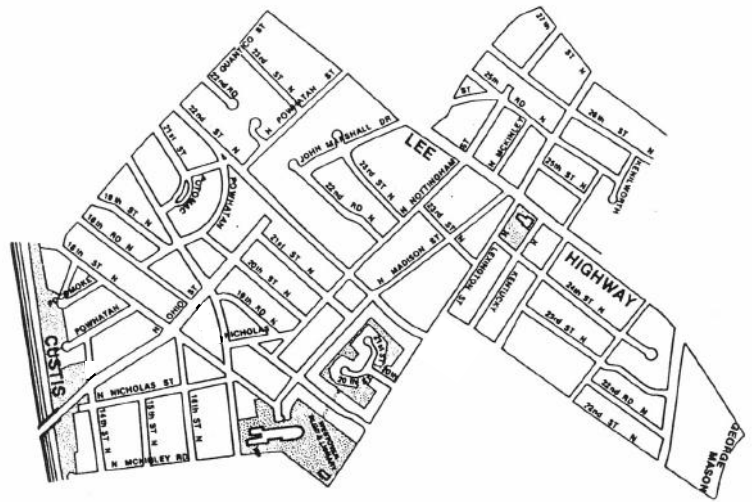


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General Membership Meeting

Thursday, June 28, 2007
7:30 p.m. - - Lee Recreation Center
5722 Lee Highway

Home Safety
and
Residential Construction on AT&T Site

Featured Speakers:

Detective Roger Estes, Arlington Police
Jimmy Audia, Crest Development

Refreshments provided

Two Topics Headline Upcoming Meeting

Election of officers is also on agenda

There will be two primary subjects at the June meeting of the Civic Association.

Detective Roger Estes, Arlington County Police, Burglary Unit will review how the burglary suspect apprehended recently in the neighborhood gained entrance to each house. Detective Estes will outline how we can make our homes and property as safe as possible to avoid any future property thefts.

Mr. Jimmy Audia of Crest Development in McLean will present his plans for the residential development of the former AT&T property on N. 22nd Street.

The civic association will also elect officers and representatives for the coming year. See page 2, column 1 for the proposed slate of officers. Please join us.

Burglary Wave Sweeps Over Neighborhood

Suspect Arrested

For over six weeks in May and June the Leeway Overlee community was troubled by a series of home break-ins and thefts of personal property. What started as a few seemingly unrelated burglaries mushroomed into a matter of much more concern as additional break-ins were reported from week to week.

The patterns of the burglaries were similar. They normally occurred during daylight hours when homes were unoccupied; the thief gained entrance to homes by breaking in through a back door or nearby window; the entry points were usually not visible from the public right of way, minimizing the thief's chance of being observed. Only very portable items, such as jewelry and prescription drugs, were taken from each home. This led the police to suspect that the perpetrator was an amateur.

Community concern and vigilance increased as the number of burglaries rose. Details regarding the latest incidents were flashed from home to home through email messages, neighborhood chats, and listservs like that operated by Leeway Overlee.

At a well-attended community meeting organized by Highland Park Overlee Knolls Civic Association and held at Resurrection Lutheran Church on June 9th, the Arlington police announced the arrest of a suspect in the case. He is a 27-year-old local resident of the 6000 block of N. 22nd Street who has reportedly been linked to at least 12 burglaries in the area. He is currently in detention.

The actions of local residents speak highly of the community's ability to come together when challenged.



Nominating Committee Suggests Slate of Officers

The Leeway Overlee Nominating Committee, led by Amy Appelbaum and Chips Johnson, has developed a slate of candidates to serve as officers of the civic association for the next year (June 2006 – May 2007). The new officers will be elected during the June 6 meeting. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee consists of the four current officers of the association:

- President – Suzanne Idziak (N. 19th Street)**
- Vice President – Jennifer Michener (N. Illinois Street)**
- Secretary – Ladd Connell (N. 22nd Street)**
- Treasurer – Carolyn Connell (N. 22nd Street)**

Other nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting.

At this 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 people currently serving would like to continue. However, there are always openings for interested residents. If you would like to serve in a particular position, contact a member of the Nominating Committee or just come to the meeting and volunteer.

Please Fill Out a Survey!

Leeway neighborhood surveys still being accepted. If you live north of N. 22nd Street, please submit your completed survey as soon as possible to one of the volunteers listed on p. 3 of the survey. Copies of the survey can be downloaded from the web by going to <http://www.leewayoverlee.org/> and clicking on the survey link in the right hand column of the main web page. Thanks!

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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:		

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

Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates: Vicki Howard, Jerry Auten, Suzanne Idziak, Jennifer Michener
 Alternates: Amy Appelbaum, Carolyn Connell, Rob Swennes

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LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2007 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Make check payable to:

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Westover Library/Reed School Project Moves Along

Final design is wrapping up on the Westover Library/ Reed School joint facility to be operated by the County and by the Arlington Public Schools. The latest drawings further develop the North McKinley Street plaza to improve it as a place for pedestrians. The vehicle turnaround area earlier planned for the front has been eliminated in favor of greener elements. The latest design also makes changes to the Washington Boulevard façade to improve its relationship to the street and sidewalk and make that side of the building more welcoming and enhance the pedestrian experience. The pedestrian and bicycle connectivity of the back of the facility to Washington Boulevard has been improved.



Pictured above is the current overall design for the Westover/Reed site.

The latest design development drawings have been posted online. Go to <http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/facilities/design/reed.shtml> to look at the slides posted on June 5. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select “Part 2” which is the current design rendition. Final design plans for the Westover/Reed facility are scheduled to go to the Transportation Commission and the Planning Commission this month and go to the County Board for final project approval on July 7.

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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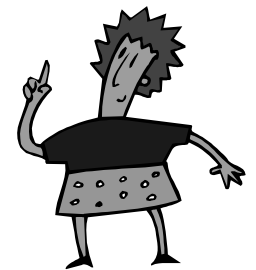
County Wants Residents to Suggest Neighborhood Improvements Projects

The County is trying to quantify the number and size of projects needed in local neighborhoods in order to improve the quality of life for residents. The Neighborhood Conservation staff has distributed to each neighborhood a comprehensive list of its public amenities and facilities. It is clear where certain missing elements, such as curb and gutter or sidewalk, are needed. But many other possible capital improvements must be identified by local residents personally familiar with neighborhood wants and needs.

Leeway Overlee will be developing its “wish list” over the next two months. If you have ideas about what local neighborhood enhancements to recommend, please give us your ideas.

Desired capital improvements north of N. 22nd Street should be reported to Cathy Mercil (703- 534-9730), Jenni Michener (703- 980-1140), or Rob Swennes (703-532-6101). Desired improvements south of N. 22nd Street should be reported to Cliff McCreedy (703-538-4568).

There is no set time period for the funding and construction of these suggested projects. However, they will help the County Manager and County Board “right size” neighborhood conservation bonds in 2008 and later.



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Community Notes

Community Day Event Successful

Over 100 local households and organizations such as local Scout troops set up tables and spread blankets to display their local "treasures" available for purchase or exchange at the annual Leeway Overlee Community Day and Yard sale in early June. There were throngs of buyers and some great music during the event. Local kids have become quite adept over the years at stocking and pushing items that they think the visiting crowds will want. Friends of local residents regularly drive in for this event from places like Maryland and Pennsylvania. It is a great community happening, and many disposable items from one family become the cherished purchases of other families. Now is not too soon to begin planning for the 2008 yard sale. Look with a critical eye at items in your house that it might be time to move along. Offering them at the annual community day event is an easy way to dispose of them and meet all your friends and neighbors to boot. See you next year!

N. Kensington Street Rebuild

Curb, gutter and sidewalk will be installed this summer on N. Kensington Street between Lee Highway and N. 25th Road. This will require a complete regrading of the street area to permit a positive flow of street rainwater to storm sewers and away from owners' lots. This is a neighborhood conservation project funded several years ago. Work was delayed for a year or more due to the need to relocate several utility poles.

AT&T Long Lines Building to Come Down

The large, white building visible from Lee Highway on the former AT&T property will be demolished in the near future. This will help make way for the residential development of the larger piece of property. The tall transmission tower on the property will remain, since its owners still have a long-term lease permitting that facility. This most easterly portion of the Leeway Overlee Civic Association is expected to change dramatically in appearance over the next two years.

New Business Opening on Harrison Street

This month a new business is opening in the Lee Harrison Shopping Center. The Perfect Pointe Dance Studio will offer tap, jazz, ballet, modern and "Mommy and Me" dance classes for ages 2 through adult. More information and registration for upcoming summer and fall classes can be found at <http://www.perfectpointe.com/> or by contacting Kendra Slatt at misskendra@perfectpointe.com.

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