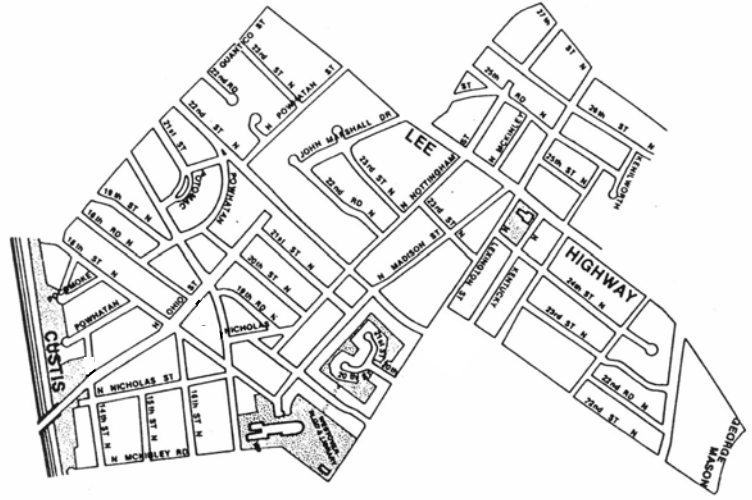


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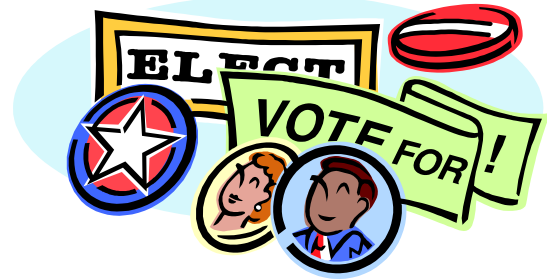
Thursday, November 6
7:30 p.m. - - Lee Center, Room 201
5722 Lee Highway

Making Arlington "Greener"

Featured Speakers

Elenor Hodges, Director
Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE)

Refreshments provided



Candidates Night Set For October 29

The civic association is joining with other northwest Arlington civic groups to sponsor a Candidates Night for the contested local political races due to be decided in the November 4th election. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 29th in the parish hall of Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 N. Washington Boulevard. Entrance will be off Washington Boulevard. The forum begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. The races, candidates, and times for that evening are as follows:

Arlington County Board – 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Favola (D) – John Reeder (G)

U. S. House of Representatives, 8th District – 8:50 p.m.

Mark Ellmore (R) – J. Ron Fisher (IG) –
James ("Jim") Moran (D)

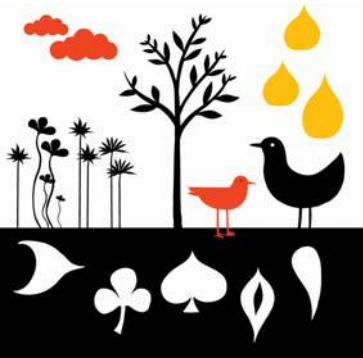
The November ballot will also include a referendum question regarding whether Arlington needs to establish a redevelopment and housing authority. Since this is somewhat of a "sleeper" issue for most voters, speakers supporting and opposing the referendum question have been invited to share their views at 8:10 p.m. that evening.

Come and engage your current elected officials and their challengers on the issues of importance to you! The questions asked of the candidates will come from the audience. Refreshments will be provided by the co-sponsoring civic associations.

How Can We Help Improve Arlington's Environment?

For 30 years Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) has served the County in many ways to protect and improve our green spaces and our quality of life. At our early November meeting we will hear from Elenor Hodges regarding the many volunteer programs and activities that ACE coordinates. These include invasive plant removal events, encouraging

environmental living techniques in the community, and a range of green social and educational activities. Come and learn what Arlington is doing and how you can become involved!



Snow is Coming: Volunteers Needed

Despite the balmy weather of early Fall, 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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*The HPOK NC representatives are elected by the HPOK Civic Association.

Arlington County Civic Federation

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The Early Absentee Voting Option

All predictions point to a record voter turnout on November 4th. This could mean long lines and frustration at polling stations around the County. The County's voter registration office has made a particular effort this fall to alert voters to the option for many of casting an absentee ballot in advance of November 4th. A wide range of people can qualify to vote absentee in Virginia. This includes the thousands of Arlington residents who work outside the County. The full list of grounds for voting absentee is available at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>.

Absentee voting in advance can be done either by mail or in person. Requests to vote by mail must be received by October 28th. In person absentee voting is now available weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., with extended hours available on most Thursdays and Saturdays through Nov 1. In person absentee ballots may be cast in the lobby of the County government building, Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. The process is quick and easy. The choice is yours.

Check Out the Online Green Living Challenge!

Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) is currently conducting a Green Living Challenge for County residents to encourage them to live in an environmentally sensitive way. To check out the challenge, go to the ACE web site: <http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/>. You can take the neighborhood challenge and find out how well your lifestyle rates (from an environmental standpoint) in a number of key areas (e.g., home, transportation). The challenge also suggests ways in which you might improve. Take the Green Living Pledge and score a point for the Leeway Overlee community! Arlington's many neighborhoods are currently competing to see which can win a party catered free by the Whole Foods Market.

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Does Arlington Need a Public Housing Authority?

Voters will be asked to decide on November 4th whether Arlington County should establish a public housing authority. This question is on the ballot because 104 qualified, registered voters in the County petitioned to have it added, and that number of signees meets the requirements of the Housing Authority Law for such a petition. Currently there are over 140,000 registered voters in Arlington County.

The Arlington government is prohibited by state law from advocating passage or defeat of any referendum. However, other groups are not so constrained. Both the Republican and Democratic Parties within the County have voted to oppose the call for a public housing authority. Currently the County partners with a wide range of non-profit and for-profit housing developers and organizations to leverage funds made available to maximize affordable housing in Arlington.

The County's Housing Division has prepared a set of questions and answers for the public relating to the referendum question. The Q&As can be found at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/housing/hpp/page66341.aspx>.

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 name and e-mail address to:

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Community Notes

I-66 Public Hearing, October 27th

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has scheduled a public hearing to gather local comments on the three “spot improvements” planned for westbound I-66 inside the Beltway. Neighborhood residents are invited to attend and participate. On October 27th, the hearing will be from 7 – 9 p.m. in the Washington-Lee High School cafeteria, 1301 N. Stafford Street in Arlington. Parking is available on level A of the parking garage over I-66 or on neighborhood streets. Enter the new school through Entrance 1. For more info, go to www.I-66spotimprovements.com or call 1-888-643-3266.

Community Yard Sale a Great Success

The 30th annual Leeway Overlee Community Day event in early June brought out residents en masse to shop and chat. Several thousand people shopped at 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. Be sure to set aside unneeded items in your house to prepare for the community day event next year!

N. 22nd Street Neighborhood Conservation Project under Construction

In early September County and contractor crews began work on street improvements for the 6100 block of N. 22nd Street between the Ohio Street greenway and the west end of the Powhatan Street triangle area. The roadway was narrowed by four feet to create a shade tree planting strip on the south side of the street. Carlyle street lights will be installed and replace most or all of the old cobra lights. Asphalt curb and gutter down by the greenway was replaced by concrete, thus improving storm drainage for some nearby home owners. Several new storm water intake points were installed along the street. Street repaving is scheduled for this fall. Funds to complete this project up to N. Quantico Street should become available in a year’s time.

Westover/Reed Update

Construction is well underway on the new Westover branch library and Reed School facility being built together on the site of the old Reed School. Demolition on the site began last April, and construction commenced not long after that. The official construction period is reportedly 16 months, though formal occupancy of the buildings will likely begin in the fall of 2009. This joint-use facility is sorely needed by the adjoining neighborhoods. Excitement will mount as completion draws closer. The current County project managers for this project are Steve Carr (Libraries), 703-228-3708, and Monica Szczepanec (Schools), 703-228-7738.



This is the final design for the Westover/Reed building.



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