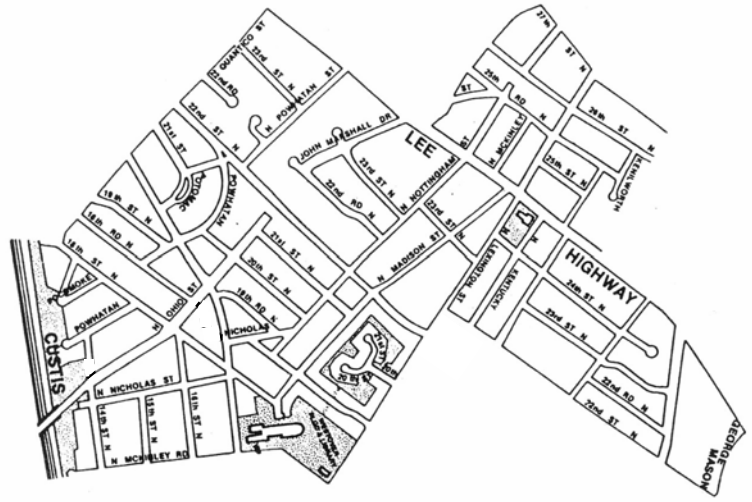


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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2009
7:30 p.m. -- Reed School Multipurpose Room
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

New Westover Library

Featured Speaker

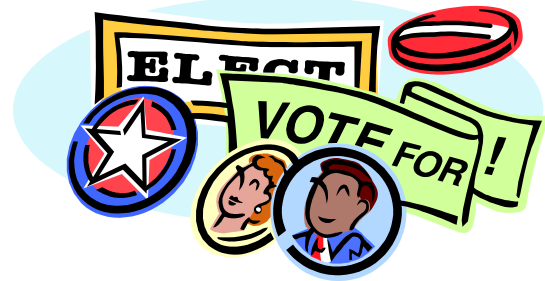
Christy Jemtegaard
Westover Librarian

Refreshments provided

New Westover Library To Open October 31

The new Westover Branch Library is scheduled to open Saturday, October 31. The community has been long awaiting this new, state-of-the-art library with triple the space of the old Westover facility. We have asked Ms. Christy Jemtegaard, the branch librarian, to give local residents an advanced preview of all that the library will offer when its doors open. This meeting will be held in the multipurpose room of the new Reed School facility which opened this fall. The school and library now share a common site at the corner of N. McKinley Road and Washington Boulevard. To reach the meeting room, enter through the corridor on the right side of the courtyard facing McKinley.

Other business at the meeting; Review of several chapters for an update to the Leeway Neighborhood Conservation Plan. See separate article on page 3.



Annual Candidates Night To Be Held October 28

The civic association will be joining with other northwest Arlington civic groups to sponsor a Candidates Night for the three contested local political races due to be decided in the November 3rd election. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 28th in the parish hall of Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Boulevard. Use the church entrance on Washington Boulevard. The forum begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. The races, candidates, and times for that evening are as follows:

Virginia House of Delegates, 47th & 48th Districts 7:30 p.m.

47th: Eric Brescia – Patrick Hope – Josh Ruebner
48th: Bob Brink – Aaron Ringel

Arlington County Board 8:30 p.m.

Jay Fisette – John Reeder

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.

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

Delegates:	Ed Robinson, Jerry Auten, Pierre Boyer, Jennifer Michener
Alternates:	Vicki Howard, Carolyn Connell, Rob Swennes, Suzanne Idziak

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I-66 West "Spot Improvement" Contract To Be Awarded in Spring 2010

VDOT has completed its design of its first "spot improvement" planned for the westbound lanes of I-66. The segment will add a third lane to the roadway starting just west of George Mason Drive and extending to Sycamore Street. All work is to be done in the existing right of way. VDOT is preparing to advertise the work in January 2010 and award a construction contract next spring. Work will likely begin in the summer of 2010 and take about 18 months to complete.



Although few residents in this part of the County support this project, the County Board and staff have apparently determined that no good legal case can be made to prevent the interstate widening. Two other "spot" improvements along westbound I-66 would be constructed by VDOT at a later date.

East Falls Church Land Use Study

In September the civic association sent out a short questionnaire regarding proposed land use changes for commercially zoned land in the East Falls Church area. The area includes the Metro parking lots adjacent to the Metro station. The questionnaire was sent electronically to residents subscribed to the Leeway Overlee listserv, and about 60 residents responded. The survey included two concept images of the bulk of development that might result on the Metro property. Of those surveys analyzed:

- ◆ **6% favored more development on the site than proposed**
- ◆ **12% favored the amount of development described**
- ◆ **65% opposed to varying degrees any redevelopment of the parking lot sites**
- ◆ **17% favored development with less bulk than shown on the concept images**

The County-appointed task force that has been studying this issue for a year or more is still meeting monthly and is expected to make recommendations to the County Board within the next several months.

Chapters of New Leeway Plan To Be Discussed at Meeting

The community will review and take an initial vote on several chapters of the upcoming new Leeway Neighborhood Conservation (NC) plan at the October meeting. The current plan was approved by the community and adopted in general principle by the County Board in March 1993. Many of the recommendations stated in that plan have been carried out. These include design and construction of several street improvements in the Leeway area with neighborhood conservation bond funds.

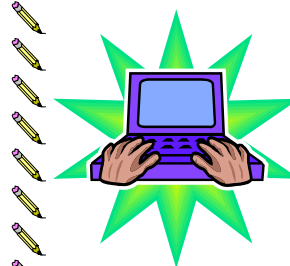
The chapters to be reviewed at the meeting cover history; historic preservation; parks, recreation and beautification; urban forestry; and area demographics.

The 1993 plan and the draft chapters are available for review in advance on the civic association's web site (<http://www.leewayoverlee.org/>). Click on the "Conservation Plans" link on the top bar of the web page. Also posted at that site are the results of the 2007 questionnaire survey of residents in the Leeway area.

For some years the Leeway Overlee Civic Association has held NC oversight only over the Leeway NC area, which extends from N. 22nd Street northward within the civic association's geographic area. The civic association's area south of N. 22nd Street is for NC purposes under the oversight of the Highland Park-Overlee Knolls Civic Association (HPOK). A few years ago HPOK won approval of an update in its NC plan.

If you live in the Leeway NC area, please review the draft chapters before the meeting!

Community News Via E-Mail



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sent. To be added to the addressee list, send your name and e-mail address to:

leewayoverlee@hotmail.com

Community Notes

N. 22nd Street Improvements

The County Board has approved neighborhood conservation funds for the reconstruction of N. 22nd Street east of N. Quantico Street. This section of the street will gain concrete curb and guttering on both sides, new widened sidewalks, tree planting areas on both sides of the street, and new Carlyle streetlights on the south side. Storm water drains will also be added as part of the street work. Construction is anticipated next summer.

Vote November 3 or earlier by Absentee Ballot

Voters in Virginia will elect both statewide and local officials on November 3. Citizens are urged to vote either that day or earlier by absentee ballot. Polling places are open election day from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. Main phone number for Voter Registration is 703-228-3456. A wide range of people can qualify to vote absentee in Virginia. Included are the thousands of Arlington residents who work outside the County, who will be traveling, who are away at school, who are ill or disabled, who have business outside the county that day. For more information on how to vote absentee, see the County's voter registration website section on absentee voting at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/>



Newsletter Deliverers Needed

Volunteers are need to help distribute the civic association newsletter four times each year. We have a dedicated group now, but they could use some additional help. If you are able to help out, please contact Amy Appelbaum at 703-241-8446. We'd also like someone to look at the current routes and see if they can be adjusted so that their sizes are fairly even. Contact Amy if you are interested in taking on this task. Thanks.



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