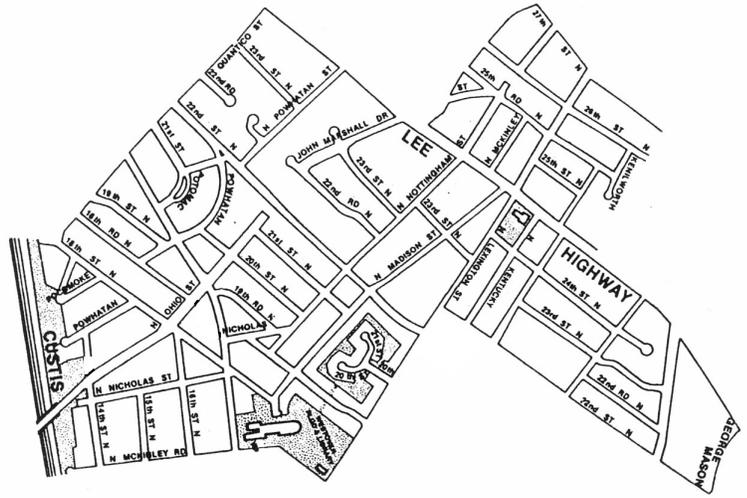


# The Leeway Overlee Leader

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## General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2010  
7:30 p.m. -- Reed School Main Floor Classroom  
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

### I-66 Westbound Widening

*Featured Speakers*

**Larry Tomlinson & Bud Siegel**  
VDOT Project Engineers

*Refreshments provided*

## What Impact Will the I-66 Spot Widening Have on the Leeway Overlee Area?

Construction is underway on the “spot improvements” to I-66 between Glebe Road and N. Sycamore Street adjacent to our neighborhood. An extra lane is being added to speed up the westbound flow of traffic between these points.

Construction work is slowing traffic through this area on weekday evenings. How long will construction delays continue? What will be the long-term impact on our neighborhood, especially on residents living close to I-66? Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Siegel will speak and address questions at 8 p.m. See separate article on I-66 on page 3.

Please join us.



## Candidates Night Set for 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 which are on the November 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. The forum will be held on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall of Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 N. Washington Boulevard. Use the church entrance on Washington Boulevard. The presentation begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. The races, candidates, and times for that evening are as follows:

### Arlington School Board

**7:00 p.m.**

Sally Baird – Miriam Gennari

### House of Representatives (VA 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional Dist.)

**7:45 p.m.**

Ron Fisher – Jim Moran – Patrick Murray

### Arlington County Board

**8:30 p.m.**

Kevin Chisholm – Mark Kelly – Chris Zimmerman

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. This is a rare opportunity to see the candidates for local and national office up close and not have to rely on just their campaign literature, media articles, Facebook and blog postings, and tweets to learn their views.

Refreshments will be provided by the cosponsoring civic associations

## Listserv Monitor Sought

Neighbors have suggested that Leeway Overlee host a discussion listserv. A volunteer is needed to serve as monitor to accept people's subscription requests and to enforce certain basic rules of conduct. A discussion listserv would be separate from the announcement listserv the association has sponsored for years. A good idea? Then contact the association president and offer your services!

### LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form and mail it with a check for \$5.00 per adult to Jennifer Michener, 5605 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Arlington, VA 22205.

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

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# Changes to I-66: A Benefit or a Burden?

The debate in Northern Virginia about whether to widen I-66 within the Beltway raged for years. This civic association, like many other groups, expressed grave concerns about the prospective widening. But the community was not all of one mind on the matter. In the end, those forces pushing for the interstate's widening in many respects prevailed.

The so-called "spot improvements" now under construction affect the west-bound lanes only. Only time will tell whether pressure will grow for widening the eastbound lanes.

The construction supervisors for VDOT have been invited to give us a clearer picture of how the construction will progress next to our neighborhood and when the remaining two spot improvements are to be built east of the Glebe Road interchange. But the longer-term impacts of the road widening are still unclear. The VDOT web site states that the purpose of the spot work is to "help reduce congestion and increase safety along westbound I-66." The construction now underway is intended to "extend the existing acceleration lane from the Fairfax Drive on-ramp (just west of George Mason Drive) to the existing deceleration lane at the Sycamore Street off-ramp (almost 2 miles)."

What does this mean in traffic terms? Will the traffic backup that often develops on westbound I-66 when the HOV restrictions are not in effect simply move further west to the Sycamore Street exit? Will we here in Leeway Overlee have much more idled traffic on this westbound highway and for more hours each day?

The VDOT web site also notes "A new 12-foot-wide shoulder will be constructed with full-strength pavement capable of carrying traffic during emergencies." Isn't this, in effect, a **fourth westbound lane** that can be turned on or off at will once it is built? One only has to look at how westbound I-66 operates just outside the Beltway with its daily shoulder lane traffic to see what might happen. Some may question whether these changes will actually "increase safety along westbound I-66."



## Snow is Coming: Volunteers Needed

Despite the balmy weather of early Fall, winter is not far away. If Arlington is hit by a snowstorm, or a series of major snowstorms like last year, 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 coordinates neighborhood volunteers willing to use County-provided snow blowers to help open pedestrian routes to the Metro station and the Westover shopping area. More volunteers are needed. If you would like to lend a hand, contact Rob Swennes (703-532-6101). Training for new volunteers is easy and will take place in November.

## Development Options for Land At East Falls Church Metro Station

The County Manager in late September released an analysis of development options for the East Falls Church Metro station area. The County Board in June had directed staff to delve deeper into the impact on the surrounding neighborhood of a proposed plan presented by a citizen task force to add mixed-use development to the station area.

The analysis and the earlier task force plan will form the basis for a staff-produced, 30-year, detailed East Falls Church sector plan. This location is Arlington's only Metro station that is a Park-and-Ride station with a suburban, auto-oriented character.

The Manager projected a six-month timeline for producing the staff plan. Broad public participation is planned for its development, including a series of open houses and Long Range Planning Committee meetings to review the draft. The plan may be before the Board for action in early 2011.

For history on this project and the newly released analysis, go to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/columbia/current/CPHDForumsEastFallsChurch.aspx>.

# Community Notes

## Bonds and Virginia Constitution on November Ballot

The November ballot will include four Arlington bond proposals for voter approval as well as three proposed amendments to the Virginia constitution. For a synopsis of both, go on line to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationElectionInformation.aspx>.

Voters are often faced with state constitution change proposals they know nothing about. To be a wise voter, read the Virginia Board of Elections' analysis of the amendments at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/ElectionInformation/CidateListsBallotIssues/ProposedAmendments.html>.

## Report Graffiti for Prompt Correction

Graffiti on public signs in our neighborhood is a persistent problem. Some of the defacement may be gang tagging, which is not a good development. Arlington County tries to clean or replace defaced public signs within 48 hours after they have been reported. But the reporting falls on your shoulders as the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. To report one or more signs needing cleaning or replacement, call 703-558-2222. This is the County's police and fire non-emergency response line. If the graffiti is not addressed within a couple of days, call it in again. If the problem remains, contact the County Manager's office at 703-228-3120 to complain.

## N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvements

Street reconstruction is imminent on the 6200 block of N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street east of N. Quantico Street. Neighborhood conservation funds will be used to regrade and repave the street, build both concrete curb and guttering on both sides and new widened sidewalks. Tree plantings on both sides of the street are also planned, as are new Carlyle streetlights on the south side. Storm water intake points will be added as part of the street work.

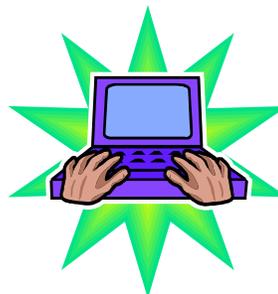
## Election Day is Coming Up



Please remember to vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 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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