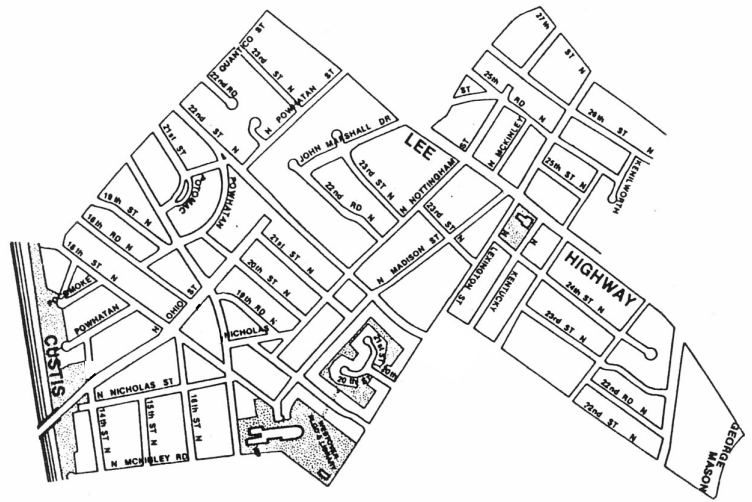


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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2011
7:30 p.m. -- Reed School Main Floor Classroom
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

Renovation of the Overlee Pool Complex

Featured Speaker

**Pat Shapiro, Member
Overlee Board of Directors**

Refreshments provided

How Will Planned Changes at Overlee Pool Affect the Surrounding Neighborhood?

The Overlee Community Association, Inc. (Overlee) has been an institution in our neighborhood for the past half century. Many local residents belong to this private swimming pool club, particularly families with young children. Replacement of the remaining original pools at Overlee and possible enlargement or even replacement of the historic clubhouse will bring significant changes to this key facility in our midst. We appreciate Overlee reaching out to the civic association to explain its plans and address questions. See the adjacent article by Pat Shapiro.

Also on the meeting agenda will be discussion of a possible Westover Farmers Market. Please see the article on page 3 for further information.

Overlee Pool Construction Set for 2011-12 Off-Season

By Pat Shapiro, Overlee Board of Directors

The Overlee Pool plans to undertake a major construction project starting in September 2011. This project will include the replacement of its main pool and renovation or replacement of its current clubhouse.



The main pool is over 50 years old and at the end of its useful life. The Overlee Board has decided to take a proactive approach and plan for the construction of a replacement pool during the 2011-12 off season before major problems arise.

In planning for a replacement main pool, the Board decided to take advantage of this "once in 50+ year" event and commissioned a complete review of the Overlee property and the location of its major features to ensure that the Overlee of the future meets the evolving needs of its members.

Overlee has retained the services of an architectural design firm that specializes in the design and planning of pool facilities, recreation centers and historic preservation projects, to develop a comprehensive master site plan for the Overlee property.

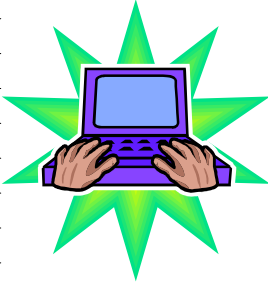
The final master site plan will incorporate the priorities established at the start of the planning process. These priorities include:

- Enhance main pool capacity to accommodate competitive team and swim lesson needs while improving the overall social pool experience, particularly for

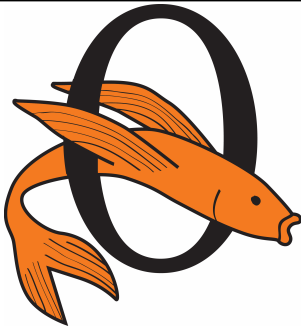
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leewayoverlee@hotmail.com



Overlee Community Association

Join your neighborhood pool!

Overlee Pool has reopened its waitlist for new members starting in January 2011. The waitlist is now shorter than it has been for many years, so now is the best time to get on the list. Go to OVERLEE.ORG for the online application

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Plans Underway for Possible Westover Farmers Market

John Reeder, a previous Green Party candidate for Arlington County Board, has been doing his homework in laying the groundwork for a proposed farmers market in the Westover area. He has reached out to local civic groups, spoken with many County officials, received tips from existing farmers market managers, and talked to a number of the merchants in the existing Westover commercial area along Washington Boulevard.

The most recent local meeting of market supporters was held at the Westover Library on January 3. Some tentative features of any future market have begun to emerge. Late Sunday morning and early afternoon may be the best time for such a market. That time period would minimize conflict with the existing businesses in the Westover area and also with some existing farmers markets in the region, especially the popular Falls Church market on Saturday mornings.

The most likely location for such a market may be the public plaza area created in front of the new Westover Branch Library and Reed School complex on N. McKinley Road. Mr. Reeder has had positive discussions with school officials regarding Sunday use of the property a local market.

Any such market would be managed by a nonprofit organization created for that purpose. It is hoped that several adjacent civic associations could work together to form the nucleus for that organization and perhaps provide some of its initial funding. Research has indicated that a number of farmers in the region, some of whom raise organic produce, would be interested in participating. Part of the art in establishing a successful weekly market is creating one that

offers a broad variety of items of interest to the community.

Anyone interested in helping with this initiative is encouraged to contact Mr. Reeder. His email address is jreeder123@msn.com.

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younger children, new swimmers, and members with physical handicaps and limited mobility.

- Develop a low-maintenance landscape plan that capitalizes on the Overlee property's existing mature trees and topography and that enhances the decorative plantings and visual buffering from adjacent streets and neighboring properties.
- Incorporate sustainable site and building design strategies and energy efficient technologies to reduce the environmental impact of the construction and of Overlee's operation.
- Capitalize on the unique character and history of the clubhouse, whether the decision is made to upgrade and improve its functionality to meet the association's current and future needs or to replace the clubhouse with a new structure.

For more information on Overlee's construction project, contact us at <http://www.overlee.org> and then click New Pool information on the right.

Discussion Listserv

Volunteers have stepped forward to help with establishing a discussion listserv for the Leeway Overlee community. Stay tuned for word of its launch in the near future!

Let It Snow, Let It Snow . . .

While our children may be wishing for snow, the reality for neighborhood adults is somewhat harsher. Arlington County enacted a snow removal ordinance after the major storms of last winter. It requires all property owners and occupants to clear public sidewalks adjacent to their property of ice and snow within a set time period. It is now unlawful to deposit snow and ice from private property (such as your driveway) onto a County street, public sidewalk, or trail. In the event of snow, the elderly and the handicapped are encouraged to contact their immediate able-bodied neighbors for assistance in clearing their sections of public sidewalk. (See <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Communications/PressReleases/page77111.aspx> for text of ordinance.)

Some sidewalk-clearing support will also be provided by the civic association's Volunteer Snowman brigade. This group of adults has been trained by the County to use County-provided snow blowers sized for the cleaning of public walkways. The main goal of the Snowmen is to open up pedestrian routes to the East Falls Church Metro station. Other areas can be cleared only if the association has enough equipment and volunteers. This year the County has provided our Snowmen with three snow blowers for clearing sidewalks in the Leeway, HPOK and Arlington East Falls Church areas. If you see a volunteer clearing a sidewalk, give him thanks and consider taking part in the future.

Community Notes

Neighborhood Conservation

Plans are progressing on several projects within our community. The final street and sidewalk construction scheduled on N. 22nd Street near N. Quantico Street has been delayed till March due to winter weather. Construction plans from County staff are still awaited by residents on N. Nottingham for the funded sidewalk project to run from Lee Highway down to N. 22nd Street. Initial petitioning will begin soon for sidewalk and street work needed on N. Illinois Street (Lee Highway to N. 22nd Street) . The same will be done for sidewalk on N. 24th Street (N. Illinois to N. Kensington Streets). The HPOK Civic Association has asked for upgrades to the N. Ohio Street greenway between N. 22nd Street and Washington Boulevard.

Arlington News Blog

Arlington County now has its own up-to-the-minute news blog. ARLnow.com (<http://www.arlnow.com>) posts a broad array of news items several times a day on Monday – Friday about goings on in our community. It's enlightening, entertaining, and at times a touch racy. Just hit your browser refresh button periodically to get the latest story on restaurant openings and closings, local crimes, and other special interest items. Just the thing to keep you in the know and help your feel part of the fast-moving 21st century.

Arlington Planetarium News

According to the website of Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium, Mr. Preston Caruthers, Arlington builder and philanthropist, has committed to a \$100,000 matching challenge to help meet the fundraising target set by Arlington's Public School Superintendent. New donations this year up to \$100,000 for refurbishment of the Planetarium will be matched by the challenge. The total amount needed to keep the Planetarium open and operating is \$402,800. The deadline set for reaching this amount is June 30, 2011. For more information and to contribute, go to: <http://www.saveplanetarium.org/2010/08>.

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