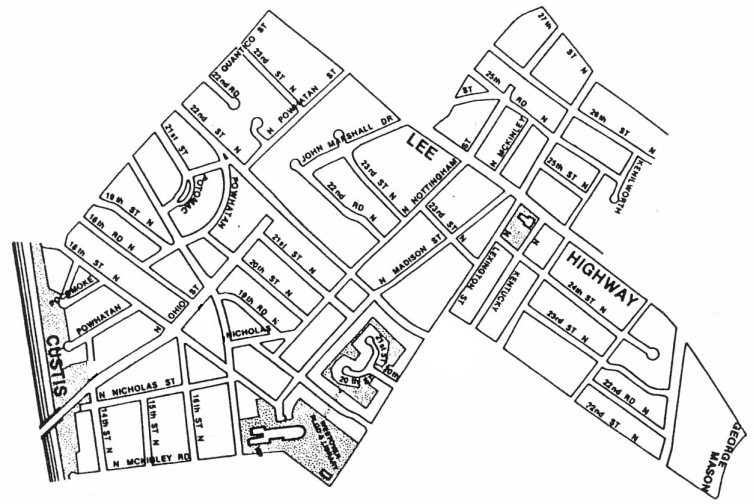


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## General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
7:30 p.m. -- Westover Library Meeting Room  
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

### School Capacity Shortfall

*Featured Speaker*

**Dr. Alison Denton**  
Facilities Planner, Arlington Public Schools

*Refreshments provided*

## How will Arlington Public Schools Handle the Expected Increase in School Populations?

The April meeting of the civic association will focus on the coming problems in accommodating school populations in the County. Dr. Alison Denton, Facilities Planner for Arlington Public Schools, will share more information about current enrollment, projections for the future, and strategies APS plans to use to address these capacity concerns. (See Dr. Denton's article on page 3.) One or two School Board members are expected to be present to comment as well.

The agenda will also include a report on data collected on vehicular traffic on N. Harrison St. See **Community Notes** on page 6 for information on this report.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Yard Sale June 4

The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Leeway Overlee Community Day and Yard Sale will take place along the John Marshall Drive/Ohio Street greenway on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The community will be out in force to exchange information and greetings, sell unneeded household items, and pick up a few bargains. The civic association plans to arrange live music for the event as in past years.

Over 100 families set up tables for the festivities, which take place along the six-block stretch of the greenway between Lee Highway and Washington Boulevard. Vehicle traffic will be restricted on the affected parts of N. Ohio Street during the greenway activities. Residents who have not sold in the past are encouraged to set up between Lee Highway and N. 22nd Road where it is less crowded. Please show consideration to nearby residents and do not set up before 7:00 a.m.

The sale will be advertised in *The Washington Post*. During the event a civic association representative will come by to collect \$5.00 from each seller to help defray the costs of the newspaper advertisement and the entertainment. Be considerate of neighborhood residents when parking for the yard sale. Ensure that all goods and rubbish are removed from the greenway by 1 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, June 11.

Please leave your dogs at home. The civic association has received complaints about situations that arise due to the presence of pets in the crowd. Make **THIS** your annual selling event. For more information on the yard sale event, call the Schneiders at 703-533-0748 or the Swenneses at 703-532-6101.

# Nominating Committee Seeks Officer Candidates

Pierre Boyer and Chips Johnson will serve as this year's Nominating Committee to recommend individuals to serve as Leeway Overlee Civic Association officers and to fill other key positions. If you are new to the community—or a long-time resident—and interested in maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhood, consider serving.

The election of officers will be held at the June meeting of the association. A list of officer positions is on this page of the newsletter. At the June meeting, the community will also select its representatives to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation. If interested in any of these positions, please contact Pierre (703-532-1868) or Chips (703-532-5831).

## LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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### Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

#### Leeway

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#### Highland Park/Overlee Knolls\*

Representative:	Dennis McGarry	703-533-3698
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\*The HPOK NC representatives are elected by the HPOK Civic Association.

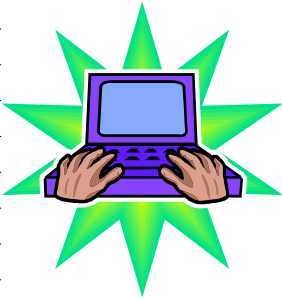
### Arlington County Civic Federation

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

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## 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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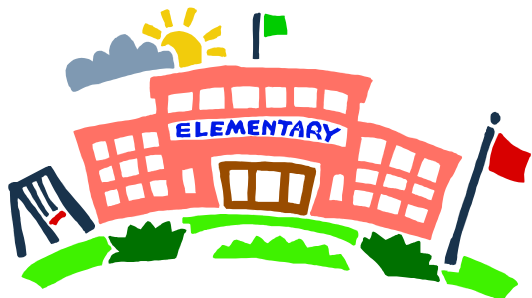
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# Arlington Public Schools Face Enrollment Upswing

by Dr. Alison Denton

Arlington Public Schools is increasing in its enrollment, and those increases are happening at a faster pace than we have seen before. Current projections show **the total system over capacity (more students than seats in buildings) by 2013**. Some elementary schools are already at 120% of capacity (Tuckahoe), and more are projected to be over 100%



capacity in the next few years. Most of our growth is not coming from increases in housing along the metro corridors but from an increase in population within our single-family home neighborhoods. Last year, APS saw the largest Kindergarten class in its history, and we expect larger cohorts for many years. APS is looking at a variety of options for both increasing capacity throughout the school system and tools for balancing enrollment between schools. Those options include raising class size, increasing enrollments at choice schools, building additions or new buildings, and using re-locatable or modular classrooms where possible.

## Leeway Overlee Begins Discussion Listserv

The Leeway Overlee Civic Association is launching a **discussion listserv**. This listserv will operate in addition to the existing Leeway Overlee **announcement listserv** ([leewayoverlee@hotmail.com](mailto:leewayoverlee@hotmail.com)). Membership for each listserv will be managed separately to give individuals as much flexibility as possible.

The new discussion listserv allows anyone, member of the civic association or not, to discuss and follow matters affecting our neighborhood. The use of the listserv for commercial purposes is not authorized. The listserv, identified as LO-CA, is affiliated with yahoo groups and is moderated by a group neighborhood volunteers.

Have breaking news to share? Want to get recommendations on good local painters from your neighbors? Want to know why street work is suddenly taking place on N. X Street? – These are the types of items that may be exchanged between residents who sign up for the discussion listserv. The volume of traffic should be light. Once signed up, you will get individual messages that are posted. Once subscribed, if you prefer a daily digest of messages instead, send an email to the list moderators. You can respond to a posting by writing back to the entire listserv, or you can limit your reply to the original poster. You can unsubscribe from the listserv at any time.

To sign up, send an email with your name and street address to the moderators. The address you send to is [LO-CAAdmin@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LO-CAAdmin@yahoogroups.com). Once approved by a moderator, you will be added to the subscriber list and notified by email.

## County Board Due To Act on Plan for East Falls Church Area

For four years efforts have been underway to help define the future character and shape of the East Falls Church neighborhood, which straddles the Arlington/Falls Church line near I-66 and Lee Highway. A community task force began work in 2007 and reported its recommendations to the County Board in 2010. The Board ordered additional study and neighborhood input.

Last month the Arlington County Board approved advertising a draft East Falls Church area plan. Action is likely to be taken by the Board at its meeting on April 16 or 19. The draft plan supports future redevelopment of several commercially-zoned properties in the area, including the large parking lot on the north side of the East Falls Church Metro station. No redevelopment changes are proposed for existing residential property, though intense redevelopment of commercial property could have an impact on nearby homes.

Changes in available parking near the Metro station could affect parking in neighborhoods blocks away. If adopted, the area plan will serve as policy guidance for future proposed development in this corner of the County.

To review the latest draft of the plan, go to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/eastfallschurch.aspx>. Richard Tucker (703-228-0069) is the County's senior staff planner overseeing this effort. Contact him for additional information.

# Proposal Made for Improving Former Westover Library Site

Arlington's Parks and Recreation staff met with local residents recently to present a modest proposal for improving the appearance and enjoyment of this park land near the corner of N. Lexington Street and N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street. The County's proposal was well received.

It includes a 5 ft. wide walkway through the level area of the site. This walkway will have benches on it looking over the lower area and ball field. The slope downhill to the ball field will be re-graded and trees planted to shade the benches and screen the Reed School parking lot. The existing trees on the site will be preserved and maintained. Drainage issues will also be addressed.

Much of the work should be done this spring, though tree planting may be deferred till the fall. It is presumed that the work will include replacement of the Lexington St. sidewalk portions that County trucks broke last spring. The proposed site plan and full information on this proposal are online at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/cpe/facilities/page80694.aspx>.



## Westover Beer Garden Permit Moves to County Board

Proponents and opponents of a *de facto* beer garden operating adjacent to the Westover Market this past year will soon air their arguments and grievances. The market's owner has filed a use permit request and is consulting with interested parties. A broad community meeting was held in March as a forum for people to comment, and many apparently did.



Particularly vocal were nearby residents who were concerned about hours of operation and the volume of music emanating from the courtyard between the market and the U.S. post office. The garden also has many supporters who are pleased with the quality beers on tap and the informal atmosphere.

A County Board hearing has been scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> but could be postponed in favor of additional meetings to try to bridge the gap between the two sides.



## Westover Farmers Market News

Supporters of the proposed farmers market will meet with County staff in early April for initial review of a draft use permit. A non-profit corporation, entitled Field to Table, Inc., has been created in Virginia to manage the market once it opens. It is too early yet to know when the market might begin operation. The plan is to have the farmers market take place on Sundays between probably 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The likely location would be near the new Westover Library/Reed School complex on N. McKinley Road and N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Community Day/Yard Sale is June 4!



A large crowd shops at a past Community Day/Yard Sale Event.

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# Tree Canopy Fund Grant Could Make Large Shade Trees Available to Neighborhood

Need a major shade tree on your property? The civic association is applying for a grant under the Tree Canopy Fund administered by Arlingtononians for a Clean Environment (ACE) and the County's Urban Forestry Commission (UFC). If approved, the funds will cover the cost of installation of good sized trees on some home lots within Leeway Overlee. Arlington is committed to increasing the tree cover within the County which has been reduced over the years by commercial redevelopment, larger homes on lots, and the natural demise of older trees. A larger number of mature large deciduous trees means more shade and lower daytime temperatures for neighborhoods in the summer months.

The Tree Canopy Fund effort is separate from the County's well known annual tree giveaway program of canopy and ornamental trees that the civic association has participated in for years. (See the following article on that giveaway.) The canopy fund effort will provide larger trees that will be installed by a County contractor in the yards of participating property owners. Waivers from the home owners granting permission to plant on private property, releasing the program from all liabilities, and agreeing to all future maintenance of the trees installed must be submitted for each property owner receiving trees. The applicant homeowner must commit to providing ongoing maintenance and watering of the planted tree stock.

It is likely that demand for these trees will exceed supply. If so, the County, ACE, UFC and/or the civic association will determine which residents will receive this year's trees. Trees will be planted in the fall.

The program guidelines are at <http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/treecanopy/>

[tcf\\_guidelines2011-2012Final.pdf](http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/treecanopy/AvailableTreesandPriceListforTreeCanopyFundGrants2011.pdf). The most recent list of available trees for this program can be found at [http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/treecanopy/AvailableTreesandPriceListforTreeCanopyFundGrants20](http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/treecanopy/AvailableTreesandPriceListforTreeCanopyFundGrants2011.pdf)

[11.pdf](http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/treecanopy/AvailableTreesandPriceListforTreeCanopyFundGrants2011.pdf). Please only request a single tree this year, not multiples.

If interested in applying, send the following information to [leewayoverlee@hotmail.com](mailto:leewayoverlee@hotmail.com): your name; address; phone number; your first preference of tree species based on the on-line list, plus second and third alternates; a paragraph outlining how the tree you want, and where you will place it on your property (be specific), meets one or more of the criteria listed on pages 2-3 of the program guidelines cited above. Finally, confirm that you are the owner of the property where the tree would be planted. Your email should be received by May 15<sup>th</sup> and will be acknowledged.



## Giveaway of Canopy and Ornamental Trees Postponed; Will Occur in time for Fall Planting

The County's annual giveaway program distributes a large number of potted canopy and ornamental trees through local civic associations to applying residents. That program is continuing this year but will launch later so that trees are received by residents in the fall so that they have a better chance of getting established before the next summer's heat. Information on this annual program will be distributed to residents through the association's announcement and discussion listservs when it is received.



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# Community Notes

## Update on Neighborhood Conservation Projects

Construction work on the final phase of the N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street project got underway the fourth week of March between N. Quantico Street and the triangle area near N. Powhatan Street. Final design review is awaited on the funded sidewalk project for N. Nottingham Street between Lee Highway and N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. The Leeway NC area's first priority project for future funding is street and sidewalk work on N. Illinois Street between Lee Highway and N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. That project has received first petition approval by the abutting property owners. The area's second priority project is sidewalk installation on the south side of N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, N. Illinois Street to N. Kensington Street. The Highland Park-Overlee Knolls NC area is seeking funds for improvements along the N. Ohio Street right of way, Washington Boulevard to N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. A second project under consideration is installation of curb and gutter on the N. 18th St. segment between Washington Boulevard and N. Ohio Street. All of these capital upgrades within the neighborhood are funded by the neighborhood conservation bonds approved each two years by County voters.

## Child Care Center Approved for the Former Whittman Walker Clinic Site

On March 12 the County Board approved the use permit application of Little Ambassador's Academy to operate a child care facility near N. George Mason Drive and Lee Highway in buildings formerly occupied by the Whittman Walker Clinic. The center at 5232 Lee Highway will operate weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and can accommodate up to 78 children. A staff of 14 people is anticipated. A six-month administration review is planned, plus review by the County Board after a year of operation. Drop off and pick up of all children will be done on site. The civic association submitted comments generally supporting the application.

## N. Harrison Street Traffic Study

A resident on or near N. Harrison Street requested the County to conduct a review of vehicular traffic on that roadway to determine whether additional traffic calming measures were needed. The County has collected this data and has asked to present the results at our April 13 meeting. If the data indicate a continued speed problem on that roadway, a range of measures may be undertaken to address the issue.

## Curbside Brush Pickup

Last winter's storms and needed spring cleaning have created numerous piles of tree limbs and brush on the street that need to be picked up. The County will do this only if contacted. Call 703-228-6570 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Alternatively you can arrange for a brush pickup on line at <http://egov.arlingtonva.us/SolidWasteRequests/>. Pickup normally occurs the same day as your trash collection. You need to provide the address where the brush is located. Some of the more "automated" ways to request a pickup do not always appear to work properly. If your first request does not get the brush removed, dial the number above and work the system to get a live customer service representative. That person can take your pickup request and it really happens!

## PETCO Coming

The former Blockbuster video store on Lee Highway at N. Harrison Street will reopen this spring as a PETCO store. PETCO, which caters to pets and their owners, has over 1000 stores around the United States. The current closest one is at Baileys Crossroads. The stores carry pet supplies, pet products and pet food.

### LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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