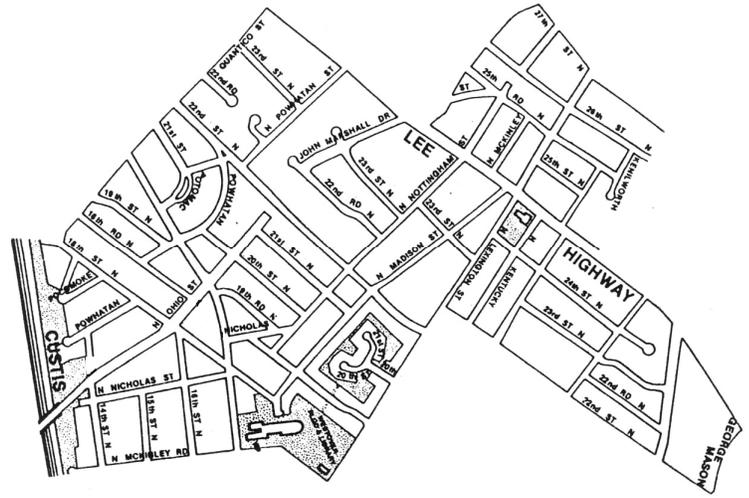


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## General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2012 — 7:30 p.m.  
Parish Hall, Resurrection Lutheran Church  
6201 Washington Blvd. (enter from N. Potomac St.)

## Arlington County Initiatives in 2012

*Featured Speaker*

**Mary Hynes, County Board Chairman**

*Refreshments provided*



## Candidates Night Set for October 30<sup>th</sup>

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 by the November 6<sup>th</sup> election. The forum will be held on Tuesday, October 30<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 debate times for that evening are as follows:

### Arlington School Board

7:00 p.m.

Noah Simon – Emma Violand-Sanchez

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

7:45 p.m.

Jason Howell – James “Jim” Moran – Janet Murphy –  
Patrick Murray

### Arlington County Board

8:45 p.m.

Audrey Clement – Libby Garvey – Matthew Wavro

(See **Candidates Night**, page 3, column 2)

## County's 2012 Initiatives will be Discussed at Meeting

Mary Hynes, Chairman of the Arlington County Board, will discuss several initiatives undertaken this year by local government. The signature program spearheaded by Ms. Hynes is the PLACE initiative. PLACE stands for Participation, Leadership and Civic Engagement. It is an effort to heighten civic engagement by all groups within Arlington's diverse population. She will also speak about the bond initiatives to be on the November ballot and other matters of broad community interest. She looks forward to addressing your questions.



## Register and Vote!

Registration Deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day is Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

# 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.

## LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2012 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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### Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

#### Leeway

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
Alternate:	Michael O'Connor	703-237-5432

#### Highland Park/Overlee Knolls\*

Representative:	Dennis McGarry	703-533-3698
Alternate:		

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

### Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates: Jerry Auten, Pierre Boyer, Kim Klingler, Brian Pandya  
 Alternates: Ladd Connell, Rob Swennes, Ed Robinson

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# Westover Farmers Market May Extend through Winter

The Westover Farmers Market launched this past May is enjoying a successful first year. Notwithstanding the heat of July, families and singles living in the area faithfully rolled out on Sunday mornings to enjoy the market and pick up the freshest fruit and vegetables around. Now that we are into the temperate fall months, market activity has increased.



Shoppers check out a variety of offerings at the market.

Based upon recent polling done at the market, most customers and vendors would like to have the weekly market continue year around. Field to Table, Inc., the nonprofit organization managing the market, has thus filed an application with the County for a winter market. If approved, the winter market would likely operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday mornings from December through April, with a break for the holiday season. Many of the summer vendors would participate in the winter market. Vendors whose fruits and vegetables are dictated by the seasons will have for sale what the current season allows—plus fall produce that stores well. Vendors with prepared products that are not season sensitive work well in a winter market. For current market activity and vendors, check out <http://westoverfarmersmarket.org/>.



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# Neighbors Report Rat Problems



The Leeway Overlee discussion and announcement listservs have been buzzing this fall with word that many residents are dealing with rat problems. There have been occasional sightings of rats in the past, but nothing like this year.

It is unclear why rats are more of a problem now. Many residents were concerned that the rats were coming from local storm sewer inflow points. County staff claims that the storm sewers have been baited, but it is not clear how long ago this occurred. Once rats have dug dens on private property, it is the responsibility of the property owner to secure professional assistance for removal of this public health problem. Some extermination companies may offer discounts when nearby homeowners join up to address a common rat problem. Unfortunately many attractants draw rats: active bird feeders, vegetable gardens, mulch piles, storage sheds w/o foundations, and new building construction on a near-by lot.

If there are unexplained holes in your yard (roughly 3” in diameter) and you suspect your property may have rats, call the Arlington County Community Health Protection Bureau (703-228-7400) and ask to have your yard inspected. If rats are confirmed, you will need to contact a commercial extermination company experienced in dealing with rodent issues.



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## Candidates Night...from page 1

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.

# Community Notes

## N. Nottingham Street Improvements

Residents along N. Nottingham Street between Lee Highway and N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street are pleased that the County's neighborhood conservation project is largely completed. A 5-foot wide sidewalk has been added to the west side of the street, and the roadway has been narrowed to the point that most vehicles must slow and yield to oncoming traffic. As a result, the speed of vehicles on the street has declined. However, due to apparent errors in measurements taken by the County's traffic engineers, the sight line distance between vehicles approaching each other north of N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street is inadequate if each is traveling at 25 mph. Signs have been installed recommending a travel speed of only 15 mph in this area. At this point it is unclear whether the County will reduce further the crown height of the road to eliminate this safety issue.

## Absentee Voting for Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> election

Citizens who will be absent from Arlington on Election Day, or who are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disabilities, may apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them or vote early by absentee ballot in person at the Office of Voter Registration in Arlington. Virginia law requires a reason to vote absentee. Reasons for voting absentee are listed at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistrationVoterRegistrationAbsenteeVoting.aspx#WhoAB>. In-person absentee balloting began September 21<sup>st</sup> and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Absentee voting is available at three locations during the hours listed on the above web site. For further information, call 703-228-3456.

## Arlington Bonds and Virginia Constitution Amendments

The November ballot will include four Arlington bond proposals for voter approval as well as two proposed amendments to the Virginia constitution. The online site for further information is <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departmentsVoterRegistrationVoterRegistrationElectionInformation.aspx>. That site also has links to web pages that provide detailed explanations of the individual Arlington bond proposals and the two proposed Virginia constitutional amendments.

## Hazardous Materials Collection

Arlington County's fall 2012 E-CARE event will be held Saturday, October 13, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. The Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) gives residents a chance to safely get rid of hazardous materials like paint, solvents, garden chemicals and items containing mercury. They can also recycle electronics, bikes, small metal items, shoes, eyeglasses, and durable medical equipment. A \$5 gift card will be given to all residents who drop off household devices containing mercury (e.g., thermostats, thermometers). There is a \$20 fee for recycling old televisions and \$15 for old computer monitors, but newer LED or LCD monitors and TVs may be dropped off free of charge. For further information, go to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/SW/page83939.aspx>.



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- ◆ Join the association's discussion listserv by sending an email with your name and street address to the moderators at : [LOCAAdmin@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LOCAAdmin@yahoogroups.com) to share community items of interest, ask for and receive recommendations for service providers (plumbers, carpenters, etc.) from neighbors who have used them. You can unsubscribe from the listserv at any time. Commercial use of the listserv is not authorized.