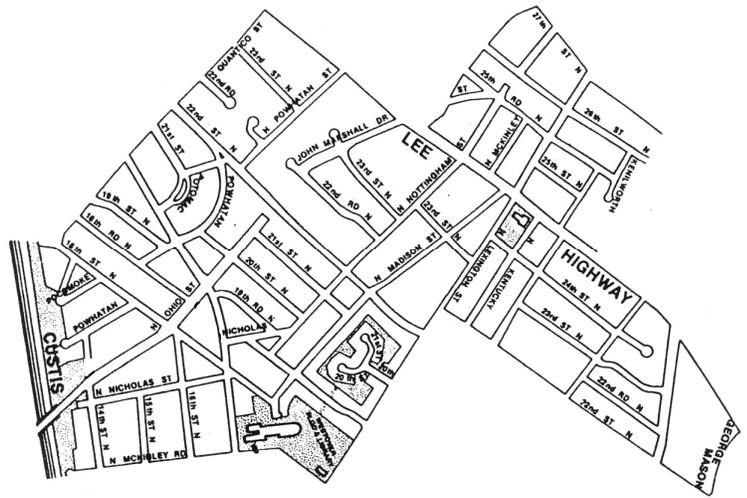


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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.
Westover Library Meeting Room
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

Envisioning Redevelopment along Lee Highway

Featured Speaker

**Ginger Brown, President
Waverly Hills Civic Association**

Refreshments provided

Time to Rethink Lee Highway?

The subject of the Leeway Overlee June 11th meeting will be a just-launched effort to reexamine what Lee Highway in this section of North Arlington should look like in the decades to come. Much of the impetus for this inquiry has come from the communities that border Lee Highway. County planning staff is coordinating the effort. The main speaker, Ginger Brown, is president of one of the associations bordering Lee Highway.

Comments will also be made by other civic association leaders and, possibly, a representative of the County.

Come join the discussion about what uses this important arterial within the community should provide in the next 10, 25 or 50 years in order to best serve County residents.

The meeting will also include election of civic association officers.

The Lee Highway Arterial Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow



Lee Highway (U.S Highway 29) has been an important major arterial in Arlington County for over a century. Should its reincarnation in the 21st century happen bit by bit, unplanned, or by a County designed master plan?

In the 19th century this roadway was known simply as the Georgetown and Fairfax Road since it connected those points to the east and west through largely rural Arlington County. By the 1930s the road had been renamed Lee Highway. Much of the commercial development along the roadway – at least in the Leeway Overlee area – took place in the 1940s and 1950s. But development has really never stopped since then.

The Cherrydale community reexamined some years ago what its segment of Lee Highway should look like in the future, and the County amended its General Land Use Plan accordingly. Little advanced planning for Lee Highway west of Cherrydale and to the Falls Church line has been done. An overall vision of what this changing corridor should look like in the future may help to ensure that it meets residents' needs in the decades to come. What mix of commercial and residential properties would be appropriate in the future? Should increased density be allowed? How much? How could future redevelopment make the corridor truly pedestrian friendly and walkable? These and other questions need neighborhood discussion.

Nominating Committee Proposes Slate of Officers

The Leeway Overlee Nominating Committee, led by Pierre Boyer and Chips Johnson, has developed a slate of candidates willing to serve as officers of the civic association for the next year (June 2013 – June 2014).

The new officers will be elected at the June 19th meeting. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

- President – Kimberly Klingler (Lee Highway)**
- Vice President – Brian Pandya (N. Powhatan Street)**
- Secretary – Ladd Connell (N. 22nd Street)**
- Treasurer – Jennifer Michener (N. 23rd Street)**

All four of these individuals are incumbents. Other nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting.

The community will also select its delegates and alternates to the Arlington County Civic Federation and its representatives for the Leeway neighborhood conservation area to the County's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee.

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Leeway

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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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Long-Term Care Residences in Arlington

By John Kozar

As a current member of the Arlington Commission on Long-term Care Residences and a 40-year resident of this area, I want to share some information with the community about long-term care facilities in the Arlington area. This, the first of a series of articles, relates to the four **Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers** in Arlington.

These nursing and rehabilitation centers are licensed and regulated by the Virginia Department of Health and are evaluated at least every two years for licensing issues and at least annually against Federal standards as a result of receiving Federal Medicare/Medicaid funding. (When problem areas are detected, the facility is evaluated more often.) A five category (Stars) Federal rating, based on levels of staffing, facilities and environment, quality of patient care, treatment, record keeping, etc., is used and published by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare Office to summarize their effectiveness. At this time only one facility in Arlington has received a Five-Star rating, and much needs to be accomplished to bring the other facilities up to the Five-Star caliber we all expect.



Celebrate National Pollinator Week at the Lee Center on June 22nd

by Vicki Howard

A two-hour presentation on pollinators (bees and butterflies) and habitat is scheduled for June 22nd from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lee Center. This talk and tour of the butterfly garden at the center has been arranged by the Friends of the Lee Center and will give attendees a clear understanding of the increasing environmental threats to bees and butterflies.

The program will include practical tips for creating backyard habitats that use less water; require few, if any, herbicides and pesticides; and involve use of more native species adapted to this area. Arlington County naturalists and habitat experts will be the main speakers. A Leeway Overlee resident will also relate his methods for creating a lush lawn without harming the environment.

Pollinators are vital to ensuring production of our fruits and vegetables – and plant life in general. So please attend this free and informative event. Children are welcomed.

Here are some of the major nursing center concerns **reported throughout Virginia in 2012**: patient bed sores, incidents of unsanitary food preparation; inadequate implementation of infection (flu) control

procedures; presence of accident hazards; poor implementation of patient assessment plans; and patient discharge issues.

In addition, because of Medicare/Medicaid cutbacks and related issues, many of these same facilities have or are considering reducing the number of beds available to patients because costs for care are more than Medicare/Medicaid

reimbursements. So if you don't have private pay or long-term care insurance capabilities, your options for long-term nursing and rehabilitation care may be limited.

In spite of this current situation, there is hope for the future. Arlington County staff and many volunteers are looking into these matters, and you as a resident of this community can also be of assistance. I will try to relate more information about all of this, and also information about Arlington's Assisted Living and Continuing Care Facilities, in future articles.

I would be interested in your anecdotal comments and experiences (good or bad) related to nursing and rehabilitation centers in Arlington. Please email them to me at johnsuds@aol.com. Thanks.

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Over the years, our communication methods have grown and changed. Today, we continue to maintain our: quarterly meetings, paper newsletter, website, electronic newsletter, announcement listserv, discussion listserv, and now our Facebook group. To request permission to join our group, please go to Facebook and search for "Leeway Overlee Civic Association". As we continue to grow and change our communication methods will also evolve. If have any questions, concerns, or recommendations please contact Kim Klingler via email at: ContactKimK@gmail.com.





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Friends of the Lee Center

Local residents who are interested in preserving and improving the grounds of the Lee Center at Lee Highway and N. Lexington Street are encouraged to work with Friends of the Lee Center. This informal group will work with County staff to maintain the Butterfly Garden behind the building, take care of other vegetation and trees, and do an educational outreach to children and adults who use the facility. If interested, text Vicki Howard at 703-975-3743 and provide your phone number so she can contact you.

Subdivision on N. 23rd Street at the John Marshall Greenway

Suburban Builders has purchased the Binford family lot at 6046 N. 23rd Street. The 24,000 square foot lot was years ago beautifully landscaped and maintained by the late Dr. Binford and his wife. The developer is requesting that the lot be subdivided into three building lots. Nearby neighbors are greatly concerned about adverse impacts of the development. The two primary concerns are protection of the adjacent greenway from any encroachment and dealing with the significant surface water issues in the area. Adding three large homes with substantial impervious surface coverage is expected to increase water problems like flooded basements. The developer has requested two variances regarding nearby storm and sewer easements. Neighbors are working with County staff to have the developer make changes that will address the greenway and surface water concerns.

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- ◆ Join the association's discussion listserv by sending an email with your name and street address to the moderators at : LO-CAAdmin@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.