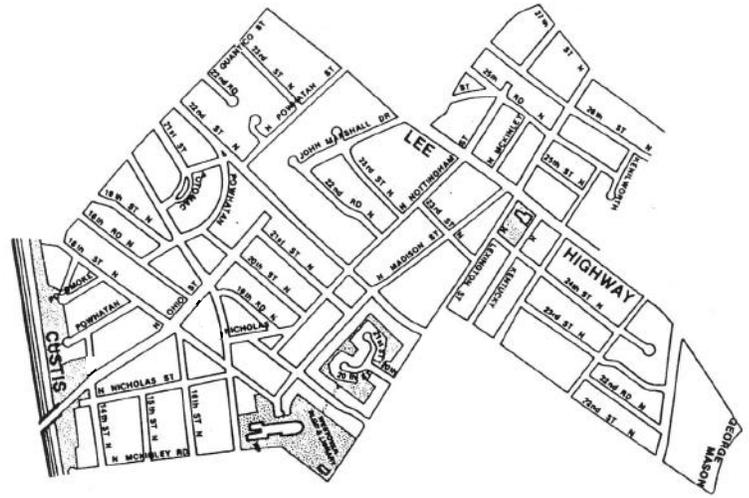


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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
Westover Library Meeting Room
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

Long Bridge Park Issues

Featured Speaker

Eric Beach

Arlington Parks and Recreation Department

Refreshments provided

Concerns Raised about Long Bridge Operating Costs

Questions and opinions abound regarding the virtues and future expense of Long Bridge Park in South Arlington. (See article in the next column and map on page 3.) The County has been developing the facility for over a decade. Erik Beach will provide the factual background for the park. A member of the park's Design Advisory Committee will address many of the public concerns and questions now circulating regarding this facility. How will Long Bridge Park be of use to you and your family? Come and find out.



Long Bridge Park: History and Amenities

Long Bridge is an 18 acre Arlington County park that stretches for a half mile parallel to the Potomac River north of Crystal City. Although most Arlingtonians think of the County's large new park just south of I-395 as beginning with a major land swap twenty years ago, the story of the area stretches back much farther. The full story of the land that makes up the park, plus an explanation for the park's name, can be found on line at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/ParksRecreation/forums/northtract/archive/ParksRecreationForumsNorthtractArchiveNorthTractHeritage.aspx>. It's a story that begins back in the 16th century!

The new park is being developed in stages. The first phase was completed and opened two years ago and emphasized outdoor recreation. The park has three rectangular, lighted, multiuse fields with synthetic infill turf surfaces. These fields can be used for intensive organized sports in all seasons. Sports enthusiasts can access the fields from Long Bridge Drive (formerly Old Jefferson Davis Highway). A series of small buildings placed along the edge of the fields provide comfort stations and storage facilities for maintenance and a vending alcove. Other first phase elements added to the park emphasize healthful walking and enjoyment of the visual sights of the area, including views across the river.

Phase Two of the park's development focuses on indoor recreation. The key facility to be added is an Aquatics, Health & Fitness Center to be constructed at the north end of the park. These will be two separate facilities under one roof. The Aquatics Center is to include a 50-meter x 25 yards competition pool, a large leisure pool, and several other specialized pools not available elsewhere within County facilities. The

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January-- A Time for Rest and Reflection

by Danylo Kosovych, Owner
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The shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere is December 21st, the winter solstice. From the advent of the solar calendar, cultures have been holding celebrations on this day in association with their religious beliefs. At this time of the year all of the season's agricultural work would have been finished and the days were dark and cold. People were indoors and free of the bulk of their chores. If you make your living as a landscaper like I do, then the agricultural ebb and flow of the seasons still largely applies. In reference to the suburban garden, the plants are in dormancy and the ground is frozen. Now is a good time to rest, relax and reflect.



While snow has to be removed from paved surfaces like the driveway, walkways and streets, it can be left alone on planted surfaces. Plants with marginal cold hardiness should have been mulched and protected from frost before the onset of winter. Late winter is the best time of the year for dormant pruning, but not until February or March. The year's gardening work is finished. Take some time off.

Many companies have realized that giving their employees time off of work can actually increase productivity and quality of work when their employees return. This is especially true in reference to creativity. Progressive companies like Google are known to give employees an entire month off in an effort to boost creativity. As a result of this policy they have produced some of their most creative innovations. Removing yourself from direct mental and physical engagement with your work allows you to return to your work refreshed and with a new perspective. Simply being able to rest and refresh the mind and body will lead to improved results when one returns. A change of scenery and a break from the ordinary routine can produce insights previously not thought of.

If you kept records of your garden, now is a good time to look them over and think about the next year. Walk the garden in winter and take note of the structure of trees and shrubs as they are bare of leaves. Pay attention to the garden beds and pathways. Their layout is easier to see without all the vegetative growth of the summer. But most importantly take a load off. Read a book next to the fire. Go on vacation. Meet with family and friends. Drink, eat and be merry!

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Health & Fitness Center will include both weight and fitness rooms and equipment plus a supervised drop-in child area.

A recent concern has been the growing estimated cost of operating the combined indoor recreation center. An earlier estimate of the County's annual subsidy for center operation was \$1 - \$1.3 million. That figure was revised upward to over \$4 million/year in December by the County Manager. The Sun Gazette newspaper reported on December 19th that the new operating cost estimates "could bring the taxpayer subsidy for the project to as much as \$10 million a year for the first decade or beyond."

A broad range of issues regarding this signature new County facility will be discussed at the civic association's January 14th meeting.



Overview of the master plan for Long Bridge Park

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Community Notes

Westover 7-Eleven Closes

The 7-Eleven convenience store that has been a fixture in the Westover commercial area for decades closed operations in mid December. Those mourning the loss of the store include students at the nearby Swanson Middle School who regularly made stops at the store following school for something to eat or drink. The 7-Eleven was also the go-to place for local residents needing a gallon of milk, loaf of bread, or other edibles and key household items especially at hours when other nearby businesses were closed. There is no close by convenience store with similar extended hours to meet the needs of local residents without driving some distance.

The Italian Store Coming to Westover

Replacing the 7-Eleven at 5839 Washington Boulevard will be a second location for The Italian Store, a popular Arlington business located for years at 3123 Lee Hwy in the Lyon Village Shopping Center. The Italian Store is known for its fresh-made sandwiches, pizza, imported wine and gourmet Italian grocery items. Robert Tramonte, whose family has owned and operated the store in Lyon Village since 1980, says that the new Westover store will be about 6,000 sq. ft. in size – over twice the size of the family’s current store. The new store will include all the items available at the Lyon Village store “plus a new Illy espresso coffee bar and other surprises.” The new store should open in late spring.

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