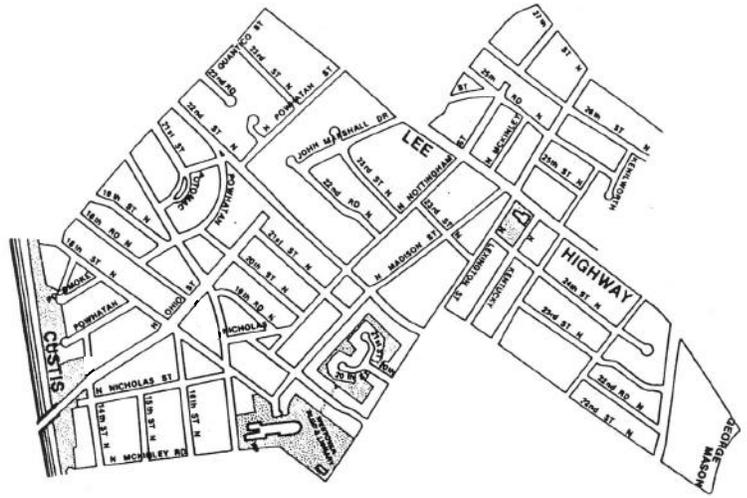


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General Membership Meeting

Monday, June 23, 2014 -- 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room, Westover Library
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

New Arlington School Facilities

Featured Speaker

**Scott Prisco, Director
Design and Construction, APS**

Refreshments provided

Arlington School Board's Plan for Addressing School Population Issues

The June 23rd meeting of the civic association will focus on continuing efforts by the Arlington School Board to update and enlarge educational facilities in the County. By our meeting date, the School Board will have approved funding for several key school projects to address future overcrowding. What will the impacts be on our neighborhood? Mr. Prisco of the Arlington Public Schools (APS) will address these issues.



Will Reed School Have A New Future?

The Walter Reed School has played an important role in this part of Arlington since the late 1930s when it was constructed on remaining farmland in the County. This neighborhood elementary school served the needs of the Westover and surrounding neighborhoods for almost 50 years until 1984. Since then the building has housed a number of school-related programs. In 2008-09 the County replaced large sections of the old school but retained core elements of the original school building to serve as the new home of the Westover Branch Library.

The efforts of the Arlington Public Schools (APS) in recent years to plan for a rapidly expanding school-age population have led to a reexamination of the Reed School site and its potential future use. A few years ago the School Board made some facility decisions to accommodate the uptick in elementary school students. Though reopening Reed as an elementary school was discussed, the School Board ultimately approved construction of a new elementary school adjacent to the Williamsburg Middle School. That construction project is underway. Other construction projects were approved for other parts of the County.

This year the APS staff and the School Board have been focused on a second wave of needed classroom space, this time looking at all grade levels 1 – 12. One of the many options examined by staff was reestablishing Reed School as an elementary school. But that option was apparently put aside some months ago. What bubbled to the surface instead was a notion that might help to address the school system's current middle school crunch. Student population numbers indicate that the County needs a new middle school. One option seriously discussed would be to move the HB Woodlawn

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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 2014 – June 2015). The new officers will be elected at the June 23rd meeting. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

- President – Greg Rusk (N. Madison Street)**
- Vice President – Lala Matties (N. Nottingham Street)**
- Secretary – Ladd Connell (N. 22nd Street)**
- Treasurer – Jennifer Michener (N. 23rd Street)**

The nominees for President and Vice President have not served before. Other nominations can 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 serve on the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee.

Leeway Overlee Newsletter Distribution

The Leeway Overlee Leader is delivered free to all residences within the Leeway Overlee Civic Association boundaries as established by its by-laws dating back to the 1970s. These boundaries overlap those of the Highland Park- Overlee Knolls Civic Association, which is the association recognized by the Arlington County Civic Federation for the area from N. 22nd St. southward. Leeway Overlee welcomes residents of this area to join in all its activities, including serving as leaders, and enjoy the benefits that both associations offer to the community.

Find Leeway Overlee on Facebook!



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 you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations, please contact Kim Klingler via email at: ContactKimK@gmail.com.

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Leeway

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
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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: Jerry Auten, Pierre Boyer, Kim Klingler, Brian Pandya
- Alternates: Ladd Connell, Rob Swennes, Ed Robinson

The Leeway Overlee Leader is edited by Rob and Kathee Swennes (703-532-6101); distribution coordinator is Amy Appelbaum (703-241-8446). The association webmaster is Jim Mountain (703-536-4082). Articles and other news items can be mailed to the editors (6101 N. 22nd St. 22205) or sent by email (khswnnes@gmail.com).



Webmaster Needed

No, not that kind of webmaster. We need a new webmaster to oversee the Leeway Overlee Civic Association web site -- <http://www.leewayoverlee.org/>. Jim Mountain, who has served as the association's webmaster for over a decade, will be moving from the neighborhood. The duties of the webmaster are not onerous and require little time each year. But the web site is of great value to the community. If you have some web mastery skills, please call Jim and volunteer! His home phone is 703-536-4082. Thanks!

Sunday Mornings — N. McKinley Rd. at Washington Blvd.



From field to table in 125 miles or less!

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alternative high school program to an enlarged facility on the Reed site and then reconfigure the HB Woodlawn location as a new middle school.

On May 8th School Superintendent Patrick Murphy made his recommendations to the School Board regarding the next APS capital improvement plan (CIP). As regards a new middle school, Superintendent Murphy recommended building the new school on the Wilson School site in Rosslyn (the M-1 option) rather than placing the new middle school on the current HB Woodlawn site (the M-5 option). See pages 42 and 53 in this PowerPoint presentation by the Superintendent:

http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/Recommended_CIP_Presentation_final.pdf

The School Board will make its decision on each of the facility options at its meeting on June 17th. Should the School Board decide to adopt the M-5 option, Mr. Prisco will be able to discuss the practical consequences and time line of that decision at our meeting on June 23rd. If the School Board chooses the M-1 option or some other solution to middle school overcrowding, Mr. Prisco can lend some clarity to the situation. A question on many people's mind is whether, if untouched under the pending CIP, Reed School may be a candidate for redevelopment under CIP adjustments in the years to come.



Front of the Reed School building on N. McKinley Road

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Area residents can choose one or both of the options below to keep informed on community news.



- ◆ Sign up at leewayoverlee@hotmail.com and receive day-in-advance reminders of civic association meetings and prompt notice of other local community issues that arise between newsletters. Your address is not displayed to others when messages are sent.

- ◆ Join the association's discussion listserv by sending an email with your name and street address to the moderators at : LO-CAAdmin@yahoo.com to share community items of interest and 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.

Community Notes

Musical Instruments Sought

WANTED: Instruments of any type or size – from a piano to a piccolo to donate to schools through Opera NOVA, the people's opera company. Schools in this area need instruments for their students to learn to play and perform on. In the past, we have received requests for charangos, mandolins trombones, violins, and flutes among many other instruments. Opera NOVA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, so your donation is tax-deductible. Please get that instrument out of the attic and start its life all over again. For more information, contact Opera NOVA Miriam Miller at (703) 536-7557 or email mcdm1@verizon.net.

Tree Canopy Fund Program Reminder!

The deadline for applying to the Tree Canopy Fund program, managed by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) is June 20th, which is fast approaching. This program provides grants for groups who want to add large canopy trees to their environment on private property. Program guidelines, applications, the tree list, and FAQs are available online: <http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/community-action/trees/> and look under 2014 Tree Canopy Fund Materials. For more information, please contact Liz Mendez at 703-298-6158 or Lizmendez81@gmail.com right away!



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Dealing with English Ivy and Other Invasive Plant Species

The Revolutionary War over 200 years ago led to the sudden departure of many Tories in the American colonies. But the English ivy that the early settlers brought with them still remains. It can be seen climbing and killing trees along the Potomac River basin and elsewhere in the mid-Atlantic region. Many trees in our neighborhood also suffer from English ivy climbing them. The ivy also climbs up the side of houses.



Removing ivy and its cement-like adhesive from homes is difficult and expensive. It's a sure way to degrade the value of your home. If you and/or your neighbors are plagued with English ivy, take aggressive and coordinated action to remove this pest from your property. And repeat next year. Having an ivy-free home requires hard work and diligence. The same applies to the removal of other invasive and damaging plant species such as bamboo.

LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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