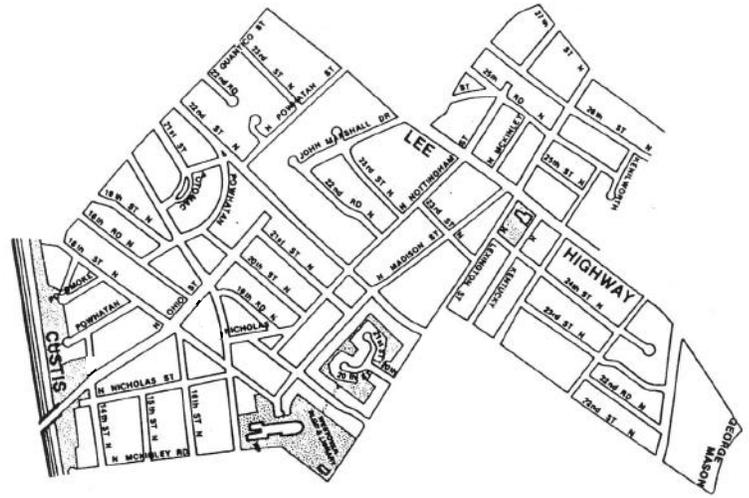


# The Leeway Overlee Leader

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## General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2014—7:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room, Westover Library  
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

## Arlington's Community Energy Plan

*Featured Speaker*

**Richard Dooley**  
Community Energy Coordinator

*Refreshments provided*

## Community Energy Plan Looks to the Future

Over the past several years Arlington County has developed and is now executing a plan intended to address the community's long-term energy usage. There were multiple reasons for this effort. One is the fact that energy-saving changes can yield substantial benefits over time, notwithstanding the fact that there may be some higher costs initially. Another is that an energy-efficient community draws to it like-minded individuals and businesses who want to be part of it. Another motivator is concerns regarding global warming and what could be done locally to help reduce our carbon footprint.



In addition, the energy plan aims to increase the community's energy security and resiliency. A local energy plan can also increase the amount of clean energy generated within the local jurisdiction, thus reducing our dependence on distant energy plants and the inefficiency involved with being dependent on those faraway plants.

Developing a good local energy plan requires thinking outside the box and being willing to adopt practices which are not familiar to the personal experience of many residents. It is a challenge to adopt practices that are cutting edge without investing funds in ideas that may yield lower returns than projected.

The efforts required to achieve the energy goals envisioned for the County can be challenging. For example, in the area of renewable energy, Arlington has

## Arlington County Commits To Reducing Energy Use

Few local residents are aware of the substantial commitment that County leaders have made to reduce our community's energy consumption in the coming years. This is not an easy task. If successful, it will have an impact on all our lives. Mr. Dooley will address the County's new energy usage goals and the means by which local businesses, government, and residents can help achieve them.

Other business includes consideration of a second-priority project for the Leeway area under the County's neighborhood conservation program. For more information on this topic, see related article on page 2.

Please join us.

See **Energy Plan**, page 3, column 1

# Snow is Coming: Volunteers Needed

Despite the balmy weather of early fall, winter is not far away. If Arlington is hit by a snowstorm—or a series of major snowstorms



like happened a few years ago—the cleaning of our sidewalks must be done by local residents. The County concentrates on plowing to get streets reopened; it does not have the manpower to address public sidewalks. To fill this gap, the civic

association coordinates neighborhood volunteers willing to use County-provided snow blowers to help open pedestrian routes to the Metro station and the Westover shopping area. More volunteers are needed. If you would like to lend a hand, contact Rob Swennes (703-532-6101).

## LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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

### Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates:	Jerry Auten, Kim Klingler, Greg Rusk, Lala Matties
Alternates:	Julie Pandya, Rob Swennes, Ed Robinson, John Perry

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## Ideas for New Neighborhood Conservation Project Should be submitted before October Meeting

The Leeway NC area north of N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street should select a new neighborhood capital improvement project for future funding and build out by the County. This would be our “second priority” project since a small earlier-selected project on N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between N. Kentucky St. and N. Lexington St. is first in line for funding. NC projects normally involve street or park improvements within the neighborhood. Street projects often focus on the installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk and streetlight elements that may be missing from a block. It will take several years for whichever project is selected by the neighborhood to be funded, but the end results are well worth the wait.

Anyone interested in advocating for a project should contact the Leeway Neighborhood Conservation representative identified above as soon as possible, and prior to the civic association meeting, since the new project is likely to be selected at the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Not that familiar with the neighborhood

conservation program? The County has produced an excellent short video of the program and what it does for local neighborhoods. You can view the video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VILGRq6ZeE&feature=youtu.be>

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this neighborhood-based program.



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## Keep in touch with the Community in Two Ways



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

- ◆ Sign up at [leewayoverlee@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Energy Plan...from page 1

committed to annual generation of 160 megawatts of solar photovoltaics (PV) power by 2050. This was one of many County energy policies put in place in June of last year when the County Board adopted the CEP as a new element to the County's Comprehensive Plan. This amount of solar power generation is equivalent to the peak power needs of about 40,000 households.

The text of the 26-page CEP is available on line at <http://freshaireva.us/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Arlingtons-Community-Energy-Plan.pdf>. Broader program information is available on the County website detailing the Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE): <http://freshaireva.us/2012/04/energyplan/>.



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## Revitalizing Lee Highway

The ongoing effort to re-envision the future of Lee Highway is advancing. Lee Highway is a major thruway in Arlington County, bordered by piecemeal commercial development. Since 2012, the Lee Highway Alliance has taken the initiative to guide this vision. The process has been led by a coalition of leaders from the civic associations abutting Lee Highway. Monthly educational forums included topics like economic development, transportation, sustainability and walking tours of key intersections and historic landmarks near the highway. The goal is to engage the neighbors and Arlington County leaders in helping create a community-based vision for the corridor.

A partnering strategy report was submitted to the County at the end of the summer to help pave the way for a more engaged collaboration with Arlington County's Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development. The next step in the process is to inform and engage the neighboring civic associations prior to a formal charrette - a collaborative discussion and community-driven design forum. In preparation for the charrette, the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) will meet with all adjacent civic associations for their input on the process and methodology.

Wednesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, the LHA will meet with residents and officers of Leeway Overlee and several other nearby civic associations. Mark the date on your calendars and watch for news on place and time.

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# Community Notes

## The Italian Store Still Awaited in Westover

Community Notes in last January's newsletter issue reported that The Italian Store would be opening in late spring in the Westover shopping center, replacing the former 7-Eleven. We are still waiting. (*forse domani!*) Robert Tramonte, the owner of The Italian Store, reports that the building renovations are now well underway. Unless some other unanticipated delays arise, the store will open early in 2015. It will include an outdoor café, Italian pastries made on site, and gelato made from scratch just like in Italy!

## Vote November 4<sup>th</sup> – or Earlier by Absentee Ballot if Needed; Photo ID Required!

New regulations require each voting adult to present a photo ID, such as a Virginia drivers license or passport. Absentee ballots for those unable to vote on election day due to travel, illness, or disability may be obtained by mail, fax, or email. Absentee voting in person will be available at the Office of Voter Registration in Arlington beginning September 19 and ending Nov. 1 at the Office of Voter Registration, Suite 320, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. For absentee in-person voting hours and valid reasons for voting absentee go to: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationAbsenteeVoting.aspx#WhoAB>.

## Arlington Bonds and Virginia Constitution Amendments

The November ballot will include four Arlington bond proposals for voter approval as well as one proposed amendment to the Virginia constitution. For descriptions of both, go on line to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationElectionInformation.aspx> and click on the Sample Ballot hot link.

## Hazardous Materials Collection

Arlington County's fall 2014 E-CARE event will be held Saturday, October 11, 2014, 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. Show up early to avoid waiting in line! For a list of accepted items go to: <http://recycling.arlingtonva.us/household-hazmat/e-care/>.

## LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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