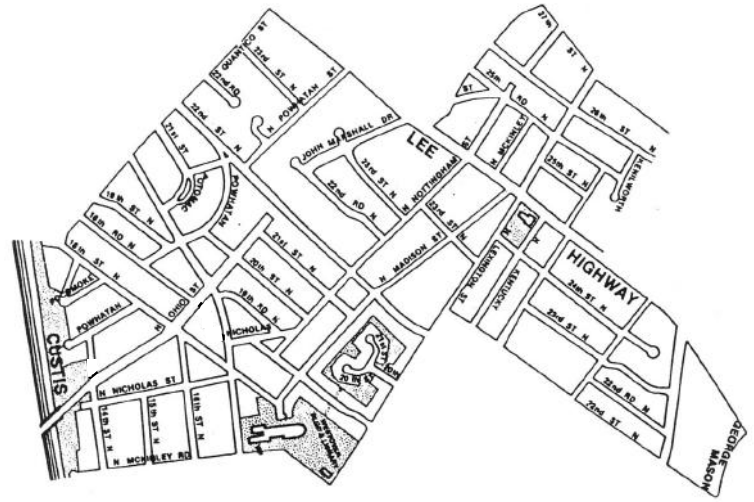


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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 --7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room, Westover Library
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

Proposed Changes to I-66

Featured Speaker

Amanda Baxter
Virginia Department of Transportation

Refreshments provided

What is the latest plan for I-66?

The September 22nd meeting of the civic association will focus on major changes to travel on I-66 that VDOT is considering. If adopted and implemented, they may have a significant impact on how and when you use the interstate adjacent to our neighborhood. The changes may also impact future traffic on Washington Boulevard and Lee Highway. Amanda Baxter, the scheduled speaker, is the project manager for VDOT's I-66 within the Beltway initiative. See article in adjoining column. Please join us at the meeting to ask questions and make comments.



Transforming I-66 Inside the Beltway

Last March the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) announced a plan to ease congestion on the traffic-clogged Interstate 66, with multimodal improvements expected to begin in 2017. **The major element of the proposal is to install a toll system on I-**



66 inside the Beltway in both directions during peak hours. Vehicles with three or more people would travel the lanes for free during peak periods, while other drivers would pay a toll to use the lanes. The lanes would remain free to all traffic during off-peak periods.

Not surprisingly, the state's initiative may be triggering as many issues and citizen opinions as the number vehicles VDOT is trying to manage.

By converting the current HOV lanes into tolled express lanes during peak periods, VDOT expects that traffic would move more efficiently, thus providing more reliable trips for carpoolers, buses, and toll-paying drivers. Critical multimodal improvements would also be implemented within the I-66 corridor or on surrounding roadways. VDOT would manage the tolling. Toll revenues would be used to design, build, operate and maintain the toll facility, and also to support multimodal improvements that benefit users of I-66 inside the Beltway.

The solutions being considered are a result of recommendations from VDOT's Final Report of the I-66 Multimodal Study Inside the Beltway, completed in June 2012, as well as refinements in the August 2013 Supplemental Report. These reports and other information can be found at VDOT's site: <http://inside.transform66.org/>.

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 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@yahoogroups.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.

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Residential Redevelopment Underway in Westover Area

The Westover community is a popular mix of single family homes and garden-style apartments along with a modestly sized but vibrant commercial area. Most of the housing stock was built in the 1940s and 1950s, especially the apartment buildings which stretch over many acres in the community. The apartments are on land zoned RA 14-26, while the single-family homes are on land zoned R-6.

On N. Kensington Street between N. Fairfax Drive and 11th Street N. a new cluster of 20 townhouses is being completed. The area is a block east of the Westover Park. Two or three mid-century garden-style apartment buildings on the east side of the street were demolished to make room for this development. The new four-story townhouses are selling well, priced at between \$850K and \$900K. The new homeowners association, called Westover Place, may be an early look at the future face of Westover.



New condos on Kensington Street

About 50 other garden-style apartment buildings on RA 14-26 zoned land lie on the south side of Washington Boulevard. At least two dozen similar apartment buildings are on the north side of that arterial street. Many of these multi-family residential complexes are reportedly the property of companies owned by some long-time Arlington families. Half a dozen buildings are owned by AHC, Inc. (formerly the Arlington Housing Corporation), which is dedicated to preserving and managing affordable housing in the community. That leaves

plenty of this affordable housing stock potentially available for repurposing as new townhouse communities if developers and the current owners can reach agreements in the years to come. By redeveloping this land within its existing RA 14-26 zoning, builders could proceed with demolition and new construction with little public notice or input required.

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Community Notes

Upgrades on N. Illinois Street and N. 24th Street

Street crews have been working in recent months on N. Illinois Street to install new water main lines. Similar below street improvements are scheduled for N. 24th Street. These efforts are preparatory to more visible streetscape improvements to both neighborhood roadways under the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program. Curb, gutter and sidewalk additions are scheduled for construction in 2016. Due to the size of the projects, both streets may be combined into a single project that will be bid out through Arlington's contracting process. These infrastructure improvements will particularly enhance pedestrian safety on these neighborhood streets.

Coordination among Local Civic Associations

The four Westover area civic associations have formed an umbrella organization. Its purpose is to promote our broader community and put in place a means to get out time-sensitive alerts, such as short-notice County and school initiatives and other important information. The four associations are Westover Village, Highland Park-Overlee Knolls, Tara-Leeway Heights, and Leeway Overlee. This summer the organization hosted a lively and well-attended picnic with local entertainment on the Reed School property. Stay tuned for an attractive community website, additional events, and other activities hosted by the hard charging, but as yet untitled, organization.

Donation of Household Items to the ReStore

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia operates a ReStore at 869 S. Pickett Street in Alexandria. The store accepts reusable appliances, cabinets, décor, fixtures, furniture and home improvement supplies. This non-profit resale store is open to the public for shopping. Net profits support the mission of

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia to provide affordable home ownership opportunities to lower-income first-time buyers.

Call 703-360-6700 to schedule a pick-up of the items you wish to donate. If you are uncertain about which items are sought, ask when you call. You can also arrange appropriate donations by emailing to donations@habitatnova.org. Or you can visit www.restorenova.org. All donated items must be placed curbside or in a driveway, carport or front garage. Pick up personnel may not enter your home. Alternatively, you may drop off items at the ReStore on Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. or Sundays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. But be sure to call in advance and identify what you intend to bring to ensure you are offering items that the store can accept.



Arlington E-CARE event October 3

The Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) is an event where Arlington residents can safely dispose of household hazardous materials and recycle bikes, small metal items, shoes and clothing, among other things. This Fall the event will be held Saturday, October 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Middle School (125 S. Old Glebe Road). Before you come to E-CARE, talk to your neighbors! Combine your items and save a trip to the collection site. Business or commercial wastes won't be accepted. **New this year!** Exchange your old CFL lightbulb for a new LED bulb (one per household) with AIRE (Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy). While supplies last. This event is held rain or shine. For further information call 703-228-6570 or go to:

<http://recycling.arlingtonva.us/events/e-care-fall-2015/>

Westover Merchants Act on Parking Concerns

Private parking signs and new pavement markings have appeared in the parking lot behind the Westover business area between The Italian Store and the Westover Library. The Rucker Company, which owns that commercial property, and its merchant tenants are concerned that the increased periods of capacity parking are driving some prospective customers away. The landlord and its tenants are asking patrons to limit their parking to spaces near the stores they are visiting (Note: The recently opened Italian Store on Washington Boulevard and its parking lot to the right of the store are owned separately). A row of 30 Minute parking spots has been marked in the rear lot near Ayres Variety and Hardware Store to further free up parking for customers with short shopping lists. Though the newly posted private parking signs with their threat of towing are raising some concern, the increasingly crowded parking lot behind these stores is also real.



Newly posted sign regarding the Westover parking lot