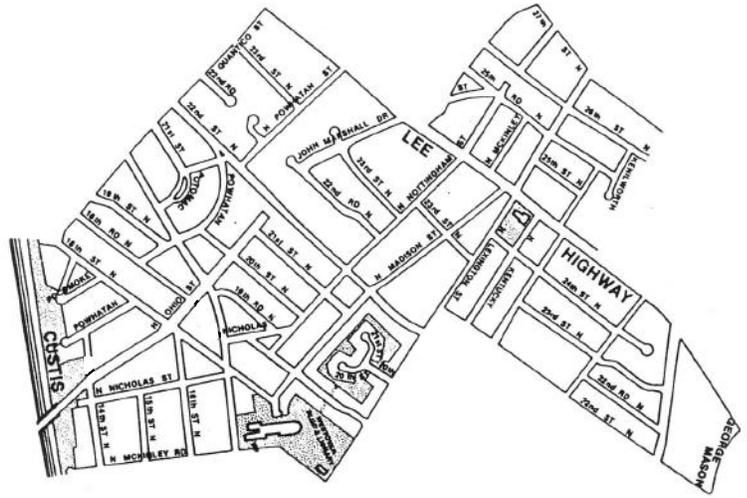


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## General Membership Meeting

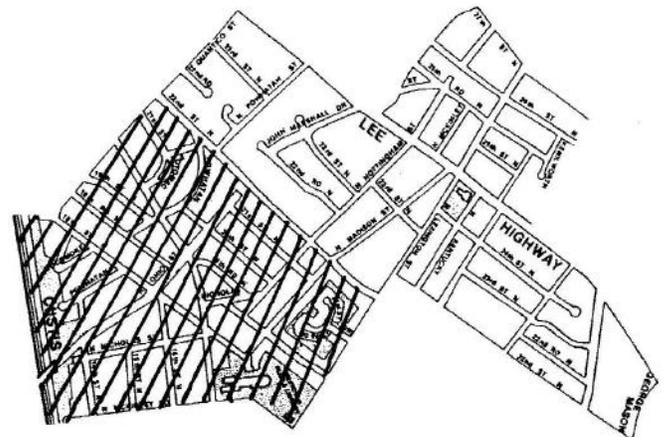
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 --7:30 p.m.  
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Parish Hall  
6201 Washington Boulevard

## Proposed Changes in Leeway Overlee By-Laws

*Refreshments provided*

## Leeway Overlee to Consider Boundary Reductions

At last December's general membership meeting of the civic association, there was broad discussion on several issues impacting the future of the association. The most time was spent on considering the association's geographic boundaries, which have



Lined portion indicates the possible reduction area.

remained fixed for over 30 years. They are shown in the map that is part of the masthead of this newsletter. Many of the attendees at the meeting expressed an interest in putting an end to a longstanding boundary conflict. The minutes can be found at the Leeway Overlee Civic Association website: <http://www.leewayoverlee.org>.

For much of the time since the late 1970s, Leeway Overlee has overlapped with the boundaries of the Highland Park-Overlee Knolls Civic Association (HP-OK). Efforts to address the boundary issue with the assistance of the Arlington County Civic Federation over a decade ago did not resolve the issue. For more than 30 years the boundary issue has been a challenge in forging

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## Meeting Topic: Proposed Boundary Change for Leeway Overlee Civic Association

The April 12 meeting of the civic association has a single focus. It is to consider a by-laws proposal to reduce the historic geographic boundaries of the civic association. Articles in this newsletter and the by-laws change insertion provide background for this proposal. Please read over the articles and the by-laws changes sheet. If you have strong feelings either pro or con regarding the proposed changes, then you need to attend the meeting to have your voice heard.

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\* **38th Annual Yard** \*  
\* **Sale and Community** \*  
\* **Day is set for June** \*  
\* **4th. See page 3 for** \*  
\* **further information.** \*  
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## Nominating Committee Seeks Officer Candidates

Jennifer Nardacci and Carol Mercil will serve as this year's Nominating Committee to recommend individuals to serve as Leeway Overlee Civic Association officers and to fill other key positions. If you are new to the community—or a long-time resident—and interested in maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhood, consider serving.

The election of officers will be held at the May/June meeting of the association. A list of officer positions is on this page of the newsletter. At that meeting the community will also select its representatives to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation. If interested in any of these positions, please contact Jenny (703-237-1143) or Carol (703-536-9132).

## Thanks to the Leeway Overlee Volunteer Snowmen!

Following the big snowstorm that hit the mid-Atlantic region in February, volunteer residents were out helping to clean neighborhood public sidewalks with County-provided snow blowers.

This County program, which has existed for over a decade, has enabled neighborhoods to regain walkability after debilitating winter storms. However, more adult volunteers are needed to extend the sidewalk cleaning program to other streets in the neighborhood. To volunteer for next winter's season, call Rob Swennes at 703-532-6101. Current policy requires that all volunteers under this program undergo a background check arranged by the County.



## 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](mailto:ContactKimK@gmail.com).

## LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Officers

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#### Leeway

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
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#### 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, Chips Johnson, Emily Costin
Alternates:	Julie Pandya, Rob Swennes, John Perry

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# Boundary Change Proposal... from page 1

a truly cooperative spirit between the two civic associations, although many residents may not even be aware or concerned with this boundary situation. A personal review of the background on the Leeway Overlee boundary issue can be found on the association's website.

If the motion is approved as it currently stands, residents living in the overlap area south of N. 22nd Street will no longer be members of Leeway Overlee. HP-OK will be their civic association representative. The graphic on page 1 shows the area that would be deleted from our civic association under the present motion. The Leeway and HP-OK neighborhood conservation plans would not be affected. This newsletter would no longer be delivered to residents living south of N. 22nd Street. However, Leeway Overlee newsletters, meeting minutes and other association information may still be viewed at <http://www.leewayoverlee.org>. To find links to our closest neighboring civic associations (HP-OK, Tara-Leeway Heights and Westover Village) and their forms of neighborhood communication, go to Arlington County government's website and search "civic associations."

Over the years the Leeway Overlee officers and other essential association participants have been proud to manage the association. They know that many of the approximate 1600 residences have noticed and appreciated their efforts. We've been aware, of course, that the HP-OK leadership has objected to the overlap and that the overlap situation continues to exist. Notwithstanding this unique overlap situation, our associations' relationships with the county and Arlington Public Schools are unaffected. Both association, though, are facing financial and volunteer recruitment issues, which are likely compounded to some extent by the overlap.

Why is the Leeway Overlee Civic Association bringing the boundary issue to a vote at this time? The association exists for the neighbors that it serves. Because neighbors within our boundary raised significant questions at our December meeting as to whether the boundary should be redrawn, the executive committee has responded with a proposal for altering the Leeway

Overlee boundaries for a more formal consideration and vote by the general membership on April 12. After all, we serve and function at the pleasure of our members.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a sheet listing the proposed by-laws changes to be presented at the meeting. The first is the most critical in terms of association boundaries. Some of the other by-laws changes would only be appropriate if the first provision is adopted. Other changes are timely edits and clarifications. The vote will be proposed to be taken by personal (secret) ballot for the convenience of attendees.

A final note. Under Leeway Overlee's by-laws, a change in the by-laws must be approved at two successive civic association general meetings to go into effect. Thus if a boundary change is approved by a two-thirds vote at the April meeting, it would not go into effect unless it is approved in the same manner at the following association meeting in the late spring.

Questions? Contact the Leeway Overlee president identified on page 2. HP-OK's president, Kathy Mumberg, may be contacted at [mumbergk@yahoo.com](mailto:mumbergk@yahoo.com).

## Community Day/Yard Sale June 4

The neighborhood will celebrate its 38<sup>th</sup> annual yard sale and community day along the John Marshall Drive/Ohio Street greenway on Saturday June 4. The event begins formally at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. The community will be out in force to exchange information and greetings, sell unneeded household items, and pick up a few bargains.

New to the neighborhood and never been to this event before? Go to the civic association website -- <http://www.leewayoverlee.org/> -- and click on Photo Archives on the top bar. The first few photos are of this event in recent years. Click on the Newsletters link on the same top bar and open the April 2015 newsletter to get more detailed info on this event and how you can participate to sell unneeded items in your home. You're guaranteed a crowd! Rain date is Saturday, June 11.



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# Community Notes

## Lee Highway Revisioning Charrette Results

Many citizens attended the Lee Highway charrette held on November 6 – 9 at the John M. Langston Community Center. The revisioning charrette was to help local residents recommend redevelopment changes that should take place along the Lee Highway corridor over the coming decades. A recap of the ideas expressed during the charrette was later presented by the consultants at Yorktown High School on Saturday, February 6. The Lee Highway Alliance is currently seeking public comment on the consultants' draft report by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The results are expected to be presented to the County Board in May. To provide comments, go to the Alliance website: <http://www.leehighwayalliance.com/>

## 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@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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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