

Nominating Committee Proposes Slate of Officers

The Leeway Overlee Nominating Committee has developed a slate of candidates willing to serve as officers of the civic association for the next year (June 2016 – June 2017). The new officers will be elected at the association's June 14th meeting.

The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

President – Kim Klingler (Lee Highway)
 Vice President – Stuart Nagurka (N. 22nd Road)
 Secretary – Ladd Connell (N. 22nd Street)
 Treasurer – Jennifer Michener (N. 23rd Street)

Other officer 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 County's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee. If interested in any of these positions, please attend or contact the Leeway Overlee president before the meeting.

Facts about Arlington from the County's website:

- Arlington's current population is 220,400 and is projected to reach more than 283,000 by 2040.
- 72.0 percent of Arlington adults have a bachelor's degree or higher.
- Arlington employs an estimated 211,000 people. The Pentagon Metro station has the most rider activity in Arlington.

To find out more, go to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/>, point your cursor on the banner topic of **Newsroom** and then click on **About Arlington** (left end of banner) and follow the links there.

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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.

LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Officers

President:	Chips Johnson	703-532-5831
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Vice-President:	Emily Costin	703-342-8805
Secretary:	Ladd Connell	703-241-2422
Treasurer:	Jennifer Michener	703-533-0754

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

Leeway

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
Alternate:	Jennifer Michener	703-533-0754

Highland Park Overlee Knolls*

Representative:	Dennis McGarry	703-533-3698
Alternate:	Michael Cornfield	703-532-1743

*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

The Leeway Overlee Leader is edited by Rob and Kathee Swennes (703-532-6101); distribution coordinators are Amy Appelbaum (703-241-8446) and Carolyn Connell (703-241-2422). The association webmaster is Greg Rusk. Articles and other news items can be mailed to the editors (6101 N. 22nd St. 22205) or sent by email (khswnnes@gmail.com).

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New Use for the Reed School Property under Consideration

The County's burgeoning school-aged population continues to challenge the School Board's efforts to find seats for all children. The Board's attention this spring has returned to the Reed School property as a possible new elementary school location in Arlington. A few years ago the School Board evaluated the site, which stretches up to N. Lexington Street, as the possible location for a new middle school. Many local resident concerns were raised regarding that proposal, and eventually another solution was found to address middle school crowding.

The idea of turning the Reed site into an elementary school has some attractions, but it has challenges as well. Reed indeed served as a local elementary school from the 1930's till its closure as a neighborhood school in the 1980's. The building has been used for other school-related programs ever since. Less than a decade ago the County and the Arlington County Public Schools (ACPS) undertook a major renovation of and additions to the facility. The Westover Library moved into what was the original school building. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westover,_Arlington,_Virginia#The_Reed_School.

Neighborhood discussion at the moment centers on whether Reed should be reopened as a neighborhood elementary school or as a choice elementary. As a local elementary school, Reed would help to enhance the already strong sense of community surrounding the Westover area in Arlington. As a choice school, Reed would serve students from around the county with a focus program yet to be determined.

One of the major concerns is traffic in the area. A large percentage of students attending a neighborhood school at Reed could walk to school. Most students attending a focus school would need to be bused in or dropped off by parents. The traffic congestion around the Reed and Westover commercial areas is difficult enough already. How much worse might it get with a new elementary school at Reed, particularly a choice school?

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A second major concern is maximizing greenspace on the property. The several fields currently on the Reed grounds are used heavily by children for various organized sports events after school and on weekends. The current ACPS standard size for an elementary school

is now over 700 students. Building an elementary school at Reed of only half that size without consuming most of this greenspace would be challenging. A multi-level parking facility is pretty much a given, as is at least a two-story school structure. But even with this space-saving construction, how much greenspace for sports and community enjoyment would remain?

The ACPS has a tight timeline for making decisions on matters like this. The School Board may make a preliminary decision regarding a new elementary school at Reed as early as June 16th. To get involved, join the discussion on the Leeway Overlee discussion listserv, talk to the officers of the civic association (and your local PTAs if you have children currently in school), start or join a discussion on the association's Facebook page, and/or talk to anyone in your neighborhood who appears to be more "clued in" about what's going on in the community. Instructions on how to sign up for the discussion listserv are provided separately in this issue.





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Second Vote on Changing Civic Association's Boundaries

At the Leeway Overlee general membership meeting on April 12, local residence addressed the issue of whether this civic association should pull back its southern boundary from I-66 to N. 22nd Street. This has been proposed to resolve a longstanding boundary overlap with the Highland Park-Overlee Knolls Civic Association. Representatives from both civic groups attended the meeting. By a vote of 52 to 3 those present approved a by-laws change to draw back Leeway Overlee's southern boundary. A number of other by-laws changes were also adopted. Under the civic association's by-laws, an amendment to the by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds majority at two successive general membership meetings. Thus the second vote on these amendments will take place on June 14th.

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- ◆ Join the association's discussion listserv by sending an email with your name and street address to the moderators at :

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