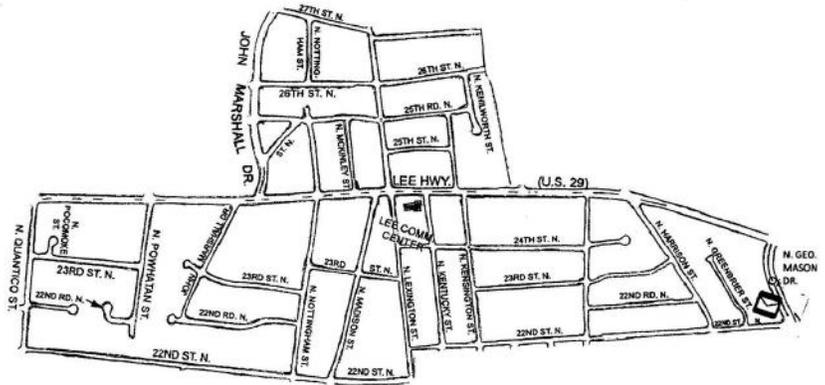


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## General Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2016 -- 7:30 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room, Rivendell School  
5700 Lee Highway  
(enter on N. Kensington Street side)

## Upgrade of Neighborhood Water Supply System

*Featured Speaker:*

**Amani Eisa, Engineer Program Manager  
Water, Sewer, Streets Bureau, Arlington Co.**

*Refreshments provided*

## September Meeting Topic: Why Those Pipes Are on Our Streets

The September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the civic association will examine what has been going on for the past several months on some neighborhood streets in Leeway Overlee and elsewhere around the County. What's with all the visible piping run in the gutters and the crews digging big holes in the asphalt, particularly at intersections?

Turns out this is an ongoing effort to improve Arlington's fresh water supply system. Will your street be next to experience this major infrastructure overhaul, and if so, what should you expect and how long will it take? How is it funded? See the accompanying article and attend the meeting to ask any questions you may have.

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## Relined Pipes Protect Neighborhood Water Supply

Many of Arlington County's drinking water pipes date back to the 1940s and 1950s. Every year, County crews monitor, rehabilitate and/or replace portions of the 500 miles of drinking water pipes and 465 miles of sanitary sewer lines. The challenge with the older drinking water



Pipes are in place on a neighborhood street

pipes is that, while in good condition, they do not have an anticorrosive coating found in newer pipes. Without the coating, buildup accumulates and reduces their overall effectiveness and ability to carry water.

The good news is that many of these pipes can be rehabilitated — or relined — for about half the cost of replacing them. This process is less disruptive, more environmentally friendly and increases their lifespan by decades. When relining of potable water pipes begins in a neighborhood, crews run temporary water services to each house and install temporary fire hydrants to

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## Relined Pipes...from page 1

maintain public safety. The underground pipes are scraped clean, then residual water is removed, and a thin layer of cement mortar is applied to the inside of each pipe by machinery designed to do so. Once the mortar cures, the pipe is disinfected, tested and then returned to service.

Pits are dug in the street for water main relining, which is less invasive than open-cut replacement of the entire supply line. In many cases these pits are dug in front of fire hydrants since the lines running to fire



Temporary pipes are protected at driveway entries

hydrants from the main supply line need relining as well. But the relining machinery cannot make turns. Thus the need for pits also in street intersections where supply lines meet.

What determines whether a street's water supply line pipe will be relined rather than replaced? The County's historic records of supply line breakage. If the particular supply line has ruptured more than twice, that section will be scheduled for replacement rather than in-place rehabilitation.

If you receive a notice from the County in the future announcing that supply pipe relining will take place on your street, recognize that this type of neighborhood infrastructure upgrade is necessary to maintain the quality water services we have enjoyed to date.

### 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).

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# Reed Selected as Site for Future Elementary School

Arlington Public Schools (APS) is planning to modify and enlarge its Reed facility to create a 725-student elementary school that would open in 2021. The Westover Library, which is sited in the old Reed School building, will remain in place. The Children's School and other APS functions in the remainder of the Reed building will relocate.

The school board announced its Reed decision in June as part of its updated 10-year Capital Improvements Plan. The Walter Reed Elementary School operated on the site from 1938 until 1984. The school had a peak enrollment of 720 neighborhood students in 1952.

While many in the neighborhood welcome the return of an elementary school, questions and concerns remain. Will the new school be a neighborhood school or a focus school? Will the mass of a full size 21<sup>st</sup> century school spill over onto the remaining green space that extends up to N. Lexington Street? Might a multi-story elementary school overshadow nearby neighbors' homes? How damaging might the traffic and parking impacts be on adjacent neighbors and Westover merchants?

APS will seek surrounding neighborhood input on these issues. But it is not known how much weight will ultimately be given to addressing local concerns. The committees that make many of the decisions regarding

new school facilities contain a broad range of stakeholders.

Prior to the decision reached in June, there was discussion about perhaps having the School Board approve only a smaller elementary school at Reed, with the potential for it to be enlarged to a full-sized school at

some future date if the number of children in the county continues to increase. That two-phase concept was ultimately dropped. Building design of the new school may begin next year.

Based on the facility designs APS has adopted in the recent past, the new Reed school is expected to be multi story. The enlargement being completed at the nearby McKinley elementary school illustrates this tendency.



APS is well into designing its new four-story elementary school on the Jefferson Middle School property. For insight on the process and what a future Arlington urban, multi-story school may look like, check out <http://www.apsva.us/wpcontent/uploads/2016/04/DC-NES-Jefferson-160822-BLPC-FINAL.pdf>. Find additional background on the elementary school issue in Leeway Overlee's June newsletter. It is available on the civic association's website:

<http://www.leewayoverlee.org/>.

## 9/11/01 and Where We Are Today



Arlington will host an exclusive event commemorating the 15th year since the 9/11 attacks.

Doug Kammerer from NBC 4 News will moderate discussions with the two crisis

managers who jointly commanded our response to the Pentagon attack: retired US Army Major General James Jackson and former Arlington County Fire Chief, Jim Schwartz.

This is a unique opportunity to hear in person their experiences that day and about the monumental challenges they faced. These guests will address the continuing need to be prepared for a range of emergencies and how our community is stronger since 9/11.

This public event will be held on September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. For more information: <https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/events/fifteen-years-later-remembering-911/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/109159632869880/>



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# Community Notes

## New Leeway Overlee Bylaws Adopted

The new masthead on the newsletter's front page says it all. The civic association membership at its June 14 meeting completed amendment of the association's bylaws to draw back the southern boundary line of Leeway Overlee to N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Thus residents living south of that street should now look to the Highland Park-Overlee Knolls Civic Association to represent them on all community-related matters. Our association looks forward to cordial relations with HPOK and close coordination on local issues of mutual interest to both neighborhoods.

## Fall E-CARE

Arlington County holds its next community-wide recycling collection on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. The collection location is at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School at 125 S. Old Glebe Road. This is your best opportunity to recycle household hazardous materials and also recycle bikes, small metal items, shoes and clothing, among other things. Before you come to E-CARE, talk to your neighbors! Combine your items and save a trip to the collection site. This collection event is not for business or commercial waste. For more information, go to <https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/events/e-care-fall-2016/>.

## Coyotes in Arlington

Coyote sightings have been confirmed within the county. See <https://www.arlnow.com/tag/coyote/>. To learn more about these critters and what you should do and NOT do if you see one, check out <http://www.coyotesmarts.org/what-to-do/>.

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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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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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