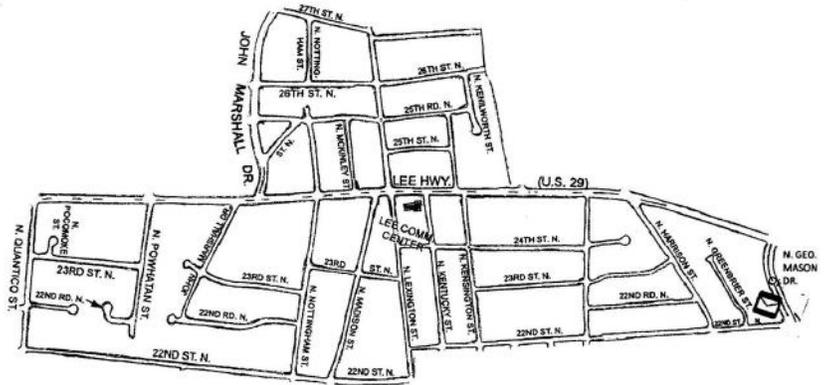


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## General Membership Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2016 -- 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room, Westover Library  
1644 N. McKinley Road

## Upcoming County Board Issues

*Featured Speaker:*

**Katie Cristol, Arlington County Board  
Member**

*Refreshments provided*

## Tackling Current Needs in Arlington

At our December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Leeway Overlee neighborhood has the pleasure of meeting Katie Cristol, one of the newest members of the Arlington County Board. She brings a fresh perspective to a host of issues impacting local residents, in part because she represents a younger generation of leaders. Upcoming issues include the topic of short term rentals highlighted in the front page story to the right.

Ms. Cristol was elected in November 2015 to a four-year term on the Arlington County Board, where she works for Arlingtonians on issues of land use and zoning, budget and spending, transportation, public safety, parks and recreation, and civic engagement. She represents Arlington on the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Legislative Committee of the Virginia Municipal League. Ms. Cristol has been an advocate for women's issues for over a decade. She was appointed to the Arlington Commission on the Status of Women by the County Board in 2012 and supported the Commission's efforts to gain attention for critical women's issues in the community.

## How Should Arlington Handle Short-Term Rentals?

Like to rent out one or more of the bedrooms in your home to short-term visitors to the D.C. area? O.K. with your neighbors lodging a steady stream of daily renters? These are some of the questions now under consideration by the Arlington County Board.

In recent years the internet has triggered a wide range of decentralized commercial practices largely unknown a decade ago. Uber, craigslist, and homeaway.com are just a few of the new business models that are challenging the social norms in the community we live in.

The County Board has decided it is time to consider how 21<sup>st</sup> century short-term rentals, such as those popularized by Airbnb, should be regulated in Arlington. At its October 15 meeting, the County Board approved a County staff recommendation to advertise draft regulations relating to Airbnb and other short-term housing rentals. Staff has proposed regulations that would permit these rentals while imposing some restrictions.

Twenty one proposed regulations are under consideration, including mundane safety regulations like requiring working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Several of the proposed rules are "optional" at present. Community input, especially at the formal meetings when the regulations will be voted on, may determine how broadly these living arrangements may be permitted in the county.

Should the residence owner be required to provide at least one off-street parking spot if he wants to offer a short-term rental? How many Airbnb-style short-term units should be permitted in a multi-family building? Will permitting these types of short-term living accommodations degrade the overall quality of our residential neighborhoods? How enforceable are the



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anticipated regulations under discussion, and who will do the enforcing?

Public meetings on the draft regulations are being held now. The County Board is scheduled to consider approving (and possibly modifying) the regulations at its meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

How serious is this problem? Almost a thousand properties in Arlington were listed for rental on Airbnb in September. The number listed over the summer was closer to 1600. So the issue is here and now.

The draft regulations on short-term rentals approved for advertising at the Board's October meeting were item # 31 on the Board's agenda. To read them and the related staff reports, go to <https://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/> and click on Meetings and then Meetings and Agendas. Click on the link to the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and agenda, and go to item #31.

Useful information, including FAQs, on short-term residential rentals is available on the County website at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/zoning-studies/short-term-residential-rentals/>. Learn more about Airbnb at <https://www.airbnb.com/>

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# Community Notes

## Lee Highway Community Open House on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

The County is preparing to kick-off a community planning process for Lee Highway in 2017. Drop in at one of the two upcoming open house events on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, to learn more about the project scope and share your thoughts on expectations, participation opportunities, boundaries and more. The same information will be shared at both events. The daytime open house is from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Lyon Village Community House at 1920 N. Highland St. The evening open house is from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Lee Community & Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Weigle at [eweigle@arlingtonva.us](mailto:eweigle@arlingtonva.us) or 703-228-3525.

## Snow is Coming: Volunteers Needed



Winter is about here. If Arlington is hit by a snowstorm—or a series of major snowstorms—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. Volunteers must be trained and fulfil the county mandate for a background check. If you would like to lend a hand, contact Rob Swennes (703-532-6101).

## Westover Farmers Market Shifts to Winter Hours

On December 4<sup>th</sup> our local community farmers market will change its operating hours on Sunday mornings. It will leave behind its 8 a.m. to noon hours used during the summer market season. Instead, it will be open from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. to get more light and warmth from December through April. Most of the summer market vendors will also participate in the winter market. Apples, winter squash, lettuce, spinach, kale, and root crops are just some of the seasonal farm produce to be offered each week. The participating local bakers and meat providers sell many of the same products year around. Meet your friends and neighbors at the market in front of the Westover Library on N. McKinley Rd. Check out the current vendors at <http://westoverfarmersmarket.org/>

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