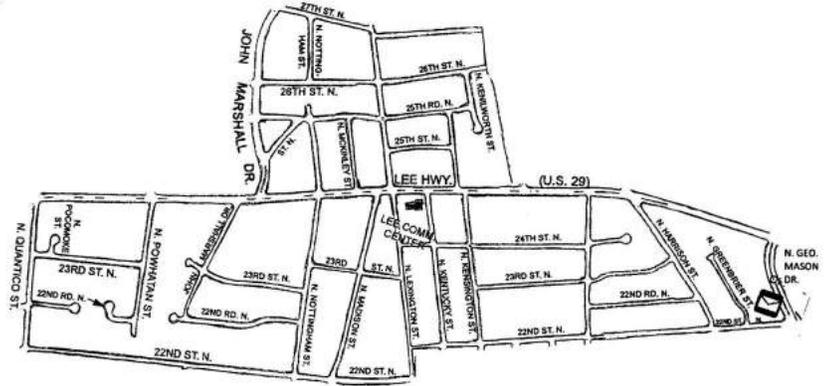


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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 2019-- 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room, Westover Library
1644 N. McKinley Road

Reconstruction of Rivendell School

Featured speaker

Ms. Chris McBride
Rivendell Neighborhood Liaison

Refreshments provided

Meeting Highlights

The June meeting of the civic association will cover several items. First is the major rebuilding effort underway on the Rivendell School site at 5700 Lee Highway (page 3, column 2). Second is an update on the residential redevelopment proposed for two large lots on the 6200 block of N. 23rd Street. Third, the civic association will elect new officers for the upcoming 2019-20 year (see proposed slate on page 2). Fourth, our annual community day event along the greenway on June 1.

Attention will be given to other matters as well, such as the upcoming new Reed Elementary School rebuild and another early child daycare proposed for Lee Highway at N. Harrison Street. Neighborhood feedback on the opening of the Little Ambassadors Academy at the corner of Lee Highway and N. Lexington Street will also be solicited. A busy time!

Join us and bring your questions. If you have other topics you want addressed, please contact the Leeway Overlee President before the meeting.



41st Annual Yard Sale June 1st

Rain date is June 8th

The 41st annual Leeway Overlee Community Day and Yard Sale will take place along the John Marshall Drive/Ohio Street greenway on Saturday, June 1st from 9 a.m. until 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. The civic association may arrange live music for the event as in past years.

About 100 families set up tables for the festivities, which take place along the six-block stretch of the greenway from near Lee Highway to Washington Boulevard. Vehicle traffic during the greenway activities will be restricted only on the short segment of N. Ohio Street north of N. 20th Street. Space is available along the greenway on a first come, first served basis. Please show consideration to nearby residents and do not set up before 7:00 a.m.

The sale will be advertised in *The Washington Post*. During the event a civic association representative will come by to collect \$10.00 from each seller to help defray the costs of the newspaper advertisement and the entertainment. (The cost went up this year after 30 years.) Be considerate of neighborhood residents when parking for the yard sale. Ensure that all goods and rubbish are removed from the greenway by 1 p.m. Prepared food may be sold at the event only if the preparer has met all the requirements of the Arlington County Health Department. To find out what these requirements are, call 703-228-5675 well in advance of the event. A County health inspector may circulate during the event.

Please leave your dogs at home. Problems can arise with pets in crowded places. For more information on the sale, call the Schneiders at 703-533-0748 or the Swenneses at 703-532-6101.

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 2019 – June 2020). The new officers will be elected at the association's June 19th meeting.

The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

- President – Mike Weinstein (N. Lexington St.)**
- Vice President – Vanessa Guest (N. Lexington St.)**
- Secretary – Ladd Connell (N. 22nd St.)**
- Treasurer – Jennifer Michener (N. 23rd St.)**

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 (ACCF) and its representatives to serve on the County's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee. There are several LOCA alternate spots currently available for the ACCF. If interested in any of these positions, please attend or contact the Leeway Overlee president before the meeting.

LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Officers

President:	Jack Grimaldi	703-967-3519
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Vice-President:	Vanessa Guest	202-510-1105
Secretary:	Ladd Connell	703-241-2422
Treasurer:	Jennifer Michener	703-533-0754

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

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

Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates: Jack Grimaldi, Vanessa Guest, Jerry Auten, Tom Wolfe
 Alternates: Rob Swennes

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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, Nextdoor, and now our Facebook group. To request permission to join the latter group, please go to

Facebook and search for "Leeway Overlee Civic Association". Currently **265 residents** have joined.

As we continue to grow and change, our communication methods will also evolve. Questions or recommendations? Please contact Rob Swennes via email at:

robertswennes@hotmail.com

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Resolution regarding proposed redevelopment on N. 23rd Street

Whereas, significant new infill development continues to occur “by-right” within the boundaries of our civic association;

Whereas, such infill development often negatively impacts the existing homes by reducing the mature tree canopy, creating storm water management and runoff problems, and creating shade canyons due to much higher vertical construction as compared to the surrounding existing homes;

Whereas, such infill development may not fully meet all of the requirements of the Arlington County zoning ordinances and other ordinances designed to maintain the character and spacing of single family homes; and

Whereas, home owners within the civic association boundaries who renovate their homes report being held to fully meeting the letter of applicable ordinances by Arlington County staff and are often not given waivers or favorable interpretations of such ordinances;

Now, therefore, the members of the Leeway Overlee Civic Association resolve that:

They object to any “by-right” infill development within the civic association boundaries that increases the number of existing homes by demolition and reconstruction;

They object to any such infill development that does not fully meet the letter of all aspects of all applicable Arlington County ordinances; and further,

They object to any favorable interpretations of existing Arlington County zoning and development ordinances that result in an increase in the number of existing homes by demolition and reconstruction.

What’s Going on at Rivendell School?

by Chris McBride

As a neighbor and Rivendell parent, I’m pleased to update you on the construction currently underway at our school. The north side of our property is being cleared to make way for redesigned classrooms, a basketball gym, school offices and assembly space. During construction, the school continues to operate in the 3-story classroom wing. Once the new classrooms are occupied, the 3-story wing will be taken down and converted to an outdoor courtyard and green space. The staging area on Kensington is being rented from the gas station during the 18-24 month construction project.

Enrollment in our K-8 school averages 16 students per grade and is not expected to increase. Rivendell School began in Arlington 30 years ago and is a Christ-centered school whose motto is, “Helping children explore God’s world and discover their place in it.” Rivendell’s website is:

<http://www.rivendellschool.net/>.



School demolition in April

Summer is nearly here!





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Community Notes

ROCK-n-RECYCLE Open House event on June 8th

Arlington's first annual "Rock-n-Recycle Open House" brings the County's Earth Products Yard to life Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Address: Arlington County Trades Center, 2700 S. Taylor St. Arlington, VA 22206. Go behind the scenes with the County's Solid Waste Bureau to explore the world of recycling, trash-to-energy and other key environmental services. Get up close with:



- Big trucks and machines – including the Rock Crusher, Tub Grinder and Food Composter
- More than 30 hands-on learning stations
- The Arlington Art Truck and creative fun for kids
- Music, food trucks, more than 30 hands-on learning stations

Bring food waste for composting and clean, dry glass bottles for recycling.

Goddard School Coming to Lee Highway?

The Goddard School For Early Childhood Development has proposed establishing a facility on Lee Highway at two locations. One would be in the colonial-style bank building on the SE corner of the Lee/Harrison intersection. That is within Leeway Overlee. The second would be in the former Capital One bank building on the SE corner of the Lee/George Mason intersection. That is just outside Leeway Overlee. The Goddard School is a franchise operation with over 450 schools around the country. There are currently 26 Goddard Schools in the greater Washington metro area but none in Arlington. This school network focuses on children from six weeks to six years old with age-appropriate opportunities to explore and discover.



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LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form and mail it with a check for \$10.00 per adult to Jennifer Michener, 5605 N. 23rd St., Arlington, VA 22205.
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LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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