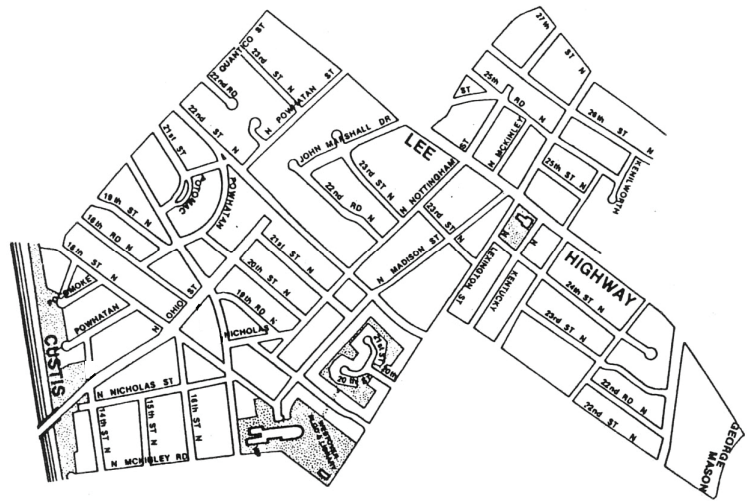


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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2012 -- 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room, Westover Library
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

Overlee Community Association Renovations

Featured Speaker

Chris Tai
Overlee Renovation Committee

Refreshments provided

Overlee to Upgrade For the 21st Century

The Overlee Community Association (6030 Lee Highway) was established in 1957 as a community membership club focused around summer swimming. The association has enjoyed decades of success in local competitive swimming and in creating a healthful 4-acre environment for local families to enjoy each year from Memorial Day to Labor Day. But the capital assets at Overlee have aged, and two of the major ones are slated for replacement.



These are the main L-shaped swimming and diving pool and the association's clubhouse—an old Arlington farmhouse built in the 1890s by a local family tilling the land where we now live.

Construction of the new facilities was scheduled to begin right after the Labor Day holiday. But that didn't happen. And as the fall months slipped by, no construction activity was seen. The Overlee board finally announced in late December by email to its members that construction would indeed begin soon. The main pool that most of the membership relies on is supposed to be rebuilt and ready for use by season's opening at the end of May. Some members are doubtful that this can be done in time.

Chris Tai has been heading Overlee's long-range redevelopment committee for several years. He can explain the upgraded features of the new pool that will

Overlee Community Assn. Begins Major Renovations

Big changes are underway at the Overlee swim club within our civic association. A new swimming pool and new clubhouse are slated to be built during 2012. The new pool should be ready by Memorial Day, but the clubhouse may still be under construction. Mr. Tai will update the community on what is planned and how construction is progressing. Even if you are not a member of Overlee, you will find the plans of interest. (More information can be found in the adjacent article.)

The meeting will also include selection of Leeway's second-priority project under the Neighborhood Conservation program. (See page 3, col. 2.)

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Leeway Overlee Discussion Listserv continues to grow

The association launched a discussion listserv last spring so that subscribers could share community items of interest and seek advice from others living nearby. A number of residents have asked about service providers (plumbers, carpenters, etc.) that their neighbors have been pleased with, and others have responded with recommendations. By June 76 individuals and couples had joined the discussion listserv.



That number is now up to 130.

The listserv, identified as LO-CA, is affiliated with yahoo groups and is moderated by a group of neighborhood volunteers. To sign up, send an email with your name and street address to the moderators. The address for the request is LO-CAAdmin@yahoogroups.com. Once approved by a moderator, you will be added to the subscriber list and notified by email. You can unsubscribe from the listserv at any time.

The use of the listserv for commercial purposes is not authorized.

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New Leeway Neighborhood Conservation Project to Be Selected

At the January 31st meeting residents will select a neighborhood capital improvement project for future funding by the County. At the civic association's October meeting several possible projects within the Leeway NC area were identified by supporters. They included a sidewalk for the block of N. 22nd Street between Lexington and Kentucky Streets; curb, gutter and sidewalk for N. 23rd Street between Nottingham and Madison Streets; and a sidewalk for Madison Street from Lee Highway to N. 22nd Street. Note: The Leeway NC area is that part of the association north of N. 22nd Street.

The project selected must wait until the area's first priority project—installation of sidewalk on N. 24th Street (N. Kensington St. to N. Illinois St.) is funded. Then County staff will work with the project block captain and local residents to help design and gain the necessary approvals for the work.

Residents supporting one candidate project or another are encouraged to attend to support their favorite – or support whichever one seems best for the neighborhood. The voting is not limited to the potential projects identified in October and described above. Residents of the NC area pitching a project should have arranged for someone to serve as the block captain to coordinate activities relating to the project. Anticipate that it will take several years from project identification to construction.

Westover Farmers Market Planning Continues

Dedicated local residents interested in establishment of a weekly market on Sundays have been meeting regularly and performing the many tasks needed to make the market a reality. A nonprofit company (Field to Table, Inc.) to operate the market has been incorporated



in Virginia. The company has applied to the IRS for recognition as a charitable organization. A draft use permit application has been sent to County staff, and discussions are also underway with Arlington school officials.

The planned market will be in front of the Westover Library and Reed School building and will likely also use the adjoining off-street parking lot in front of the ball field on N. 18th Street. Financial support has been provided from several local civic associations (including Leeway Overlee) and individual residents as well. A launch date of May 2012 has been identified by the supporters.

If you are interested in making a financial contribution to this effort, checks can be made out and mailed to Field to Table, Inc., P.O. Box 5948, Arlington, VA 22205-0948. Interested in volunteering in some capacity to help launch or sustain the market? Send an email to westoverfarmersmarket@hotmail.com and identify how you may be able to assist.

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make it a state-of-the-art facility. Even more significant changes are scheduled for the association's clubhouse.

The Overlee membership voted last year to replace its historic, iconic clubhouse with a new facility with much more space available for the kinds of activities that the members enjoy. The clubhouse is expected to be finished and opened some time during the summer but probably not by the Memorial Day opening of the pools.

At our meeting Mr. Tai will explain the features of the new pool and clubhouse and outline the association's plans for development/preservation of the remainder of its property at the corner of Lee Highway and N. John Marshall Drive. He will also address possible impacts of the construction work on nearby residents. Keep watching the property for signs of demolition and reconstruction.



Architectural drawing of the poolside elevation of the new clubhouse

Community Notes

N. 23rd Street Runoff Problem Resolved

The 6000 block of N. 23rd Street has been plagued for the past year by almost constant water running in the gutter due to new residential construction near N. Nottingham Street. Development of the property opened up an underground spring. The developer (Sagatov) simply routed the ground water to the street gutter and had it flow the length of the block to a storm sewer intake point at N. John Marshall Drive. After repeated complaints by existing homeowners along the block, the County during the fall came in and constructed an under-pavement pipe to carry the ground water down to the intake point.

Volunteer Snowmen Ready for Winter Snowfall

Despite the balmy weather at New Years, we run the risk of a major snowfall before spring arrives in March. A dozen adults in the Leeway Overlee area have volunteered and been trained by the County to use County-provided snow blowers to clean local sidewalks in the event of several inches or more of snow. The primary focus is on cleaning routes to the East Falls Church Metro station so people can get to and from work without needing to use their cars on icy streets. In the case of a big snowfall, residents should use N. 22nd Street as their east-west route to the Metro station. Snowplow activity on Lee Highway and Washington Boulevard makes the sidewalks along those wide arterial roads a dumping ground for street snow.



Community News Via E-Mail

Do you want a day-in-advance reminder of civic association meetings? How about prompt notice of other local community issues that arise between newsletters? Your address is not displayed to others when messages are sent. To be added to the addressee list, send your name and e-mail address to:



leewayoverlee@hotmail.com

N. Nottingham Street Pipestem Lot Controversy Continues

Local residents in the 2600 block of N. Nottingham Street have been battling for months against proposed infill development on a small pipestem lot. A developer recently purchased 2615 N. Nottingham and the adjacent pipestem lot which, under current County regulations, is too small to allow for construction of a home. The developer is now seeking a use permit allowing him to build a home on the lot by putting it much closer to the back lot lines of existing homes. Nearby residents fear both the size and close proximity of the proposed house and the additional storm water runoff which could threaten to flood their basements. In December the County Board, apparently worried about legal action from the developer, deferred action on the use permit request for two months to allow the parties to negotiate a compromise, if possible. The civic association has supported the homeowners on this matter. The Board is scheduled to take up the permit request again in February. This was the lead story in the December 29th issue of the Arlington Sun Gazette.

LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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