



# Tara-Leeway Heights Community News

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## TLHCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Where:** Hazel Conference Center  
Auditorium  
The Arlington Hospital

**Date:** Thursday, May 17

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Guest speaker:**  
Senator Mary Margaret Whipple  
Virginia Senate, 31st District

**Revisions to Civic Association By-Laws:**  
Change in Civic Association Boundaries.  
Annexation of Taratowne neighborhood.

**Election for Slate of Officers:**  
(one-year term: 2001-2002)

President: John Vihstadt  
Vice President: Frank Foote  
Treasurer: Ted Stump  
Secretary: Laurie Hayden

**Board of Directors Up for Election:**  
(two-year term: 2001-2003):

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Roberta Fox David Calabrese  
Bill Sample John Deni (Taratowne)  
Jim Meditz Emily Cunningham

**Board of Directors**  
(expires 2002):

Willis Braswell Jonathan Newman  
Richard Strasser

## Lee Highway Intersection Plans



Last fall Virginia DOT and Arlington's Dept. of Public Works (DPW) launched a study of the Lee Highway corridor. In January, community representatives were invited into the planning process through a series of Charettes. The objective has been to develop a plan to make the Lee Highway corridor at the intersections of Harrison St. and George Mason Drive safe for the neighboring communities and pedestrian friendly.

DPW's Traffic Engineering (DPW-TED) was tasked with analyzing several sources of data to model the current situation and to develop recommendations. DPW-TED captured daily traffic volumes, peak volumes and hours, developed a capacity analysis, and travel time delay. They have reviewed accident history at these two intersections. The Charettes offered the community opportunities to give DPW-TED feedback on project objectives and design features. TLHCA members have actively participated throughout this process, submitting several issues and suggestions to help encourage safe traffic flow and stem cut-through traffic into our neighborhood.

The final Charette is scheduled for May 14 at the George Mason Center from 5 p.m. though 8 p.m. This will be an open forum. Look on [www.co.arlington.va.us/dpw/traffic/Leehigh.htm](http://www.co.arlington.va.us/dpw/traffic/Leehigh.htm) for in-depth information on the issues raised in these public meetings.

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## Neighborhood Spotlight



### The Women's Home Annual Yard Sale—May 5 & 6

The Women's Home, Inc., located right in our neighborhood, is a nonprofit residential treatment facility providing low-cost, quality treatment and rehabilitation for women recovering from the devastating effects of alcoholism and/or drug dependency. The Home facilitates recovery from addiction and serves as a substitute home and family for the recovering women, aged 18-65. Located near Arlington Hospital, it houses up to 12 women who stay from 3 months to a year. Since 1963 the Home has helped hundreds of women become productive members of society.

The Women's Home is not funded by any federal, state or local agency, and like many other small non-profit organizations, it struggles to keep ahead financially. Its revenue comes from minimal fees the women pay, donations, occasional grants, and our annual yard sale fundraiser.

This year's yard sale is Saturday and Sunday, May 5th and 6th. We seek donations for the sale (kitchenware, toys, books, appliances, furniture, clothing, etc.). Donations are tax deductible.

The Women's Home is a 501(c)(3) organization, United Way Number 8991. Call us at 237-2822 to arrange for a drop off and pick up your tax letter or call Tanya Harvey at 534-4543 for more information. Thank you for your support for this very worthwhile local organization!

### Safety Upgrades to Big Walnut Park

Look for some new upgrades to Big Walnut Park playground in the next few months.

The County will be replacing the existing surfacing with engineered wood fiber. In addition, an accessible pathway connection will be added from the playground to the street and to the new shelter on site.



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### Westover/Reed School Update—by Jon Newman

The Westover/Reed School Development Task Force held its final meeting on April 23 and finalized its report to the County Board. The core issue was whether the new library should be built (1) at the location of the current library, on the uphill portion of the site; or (2) on the downhill part of the site, closer to Washington Boulevard. The uphill option amounts to separate redevelopment of the Library and School facilities, and the downhill option involves co-location and coordinated construction of new Library and School facilities.

As reflected in its final vote of 7 to 6 in favor of co-location of the library and school facilities at the downhill location, the Task Force split between the two options. The new library will be approximately 15,000 square feet -- 3 times the size of the current Westover facility. Those favoring the downhill (co-location) option, including our TLHCA representative, felt that the new library will be too big for the uphill neighborhood location and preferred the resulting "urban village" land use. Those favoring the uphill (build-facilities-separately) option stated that they preferred a separate identity for the library in a neighborhood setting, that traffic would be dispersed across the site, and that coordination between the County and the Schools would be simpler.

The Task Force was, however, unanimous in its belief that the entire site should be master planned before construction begins on any building. There was an equally strong belief that the master planning should proceed promptly and that construction of the new Westover Library should commence sooner rather than later. The Task Force's report should be available on the County's web site.

*Arlington celebrates its fifth annual **Neighborhood Day 2001** Saturday, May 12 with its theme "200 Years of Community."*

*A favorite highlight will be the parade starting at 2 pm down Wilson Boulevard from Clarendon Metro to Courthouse Metro. The parade will feature marching groups, dancers, clowns, horses, and shriners, as well as school and community floats and lawnmower drill teams!*

*Other special events include the Lyon Village Book Exchange, the Barcroft Barbecue, the sixth annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival, the Tuckahoe Elementary School Family Fitness Day, Arlington United Methodist Church Blood Mobile, the Fort Myer Twilight Tattoo Ceremony, and many others.*

*Come celebrate the diversity and richness of Arlington's many communities. For more information, see [www.civfed.org/ndevents.htm](http://www.civfed.org/ndevents.htm).*

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Make your check payable to the Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association. Complete and return this form today to the Treasurer, Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association, Box 50022, Arlington, VA 22205.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Take time to help! Call the Arlington County Volunteer Office at 703-228-1760 for more information on more opportunities.

- The Arlington Historical Society is recruiting docents to work at the Arlington Historical Museum. Help is needed one day/month on Saturday or Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at the museum located on Arlington Ridge Road. An 11-month commitment is requested.
- The Residential Program Center needs assistance at its Live/Silent Auction fundraiser on May 12th.

## Find TLHCA on the Web!

Don't forget to check the Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association web site. The web site has electronic versions of past newsletters, civic association by-laws, meeting minutes, and important up-to-date information.

The web site communicates important information between newsletters and provide a two-way communication tool between residents and the board. The web site address is: <http://www.geocities.com/tlhca>.

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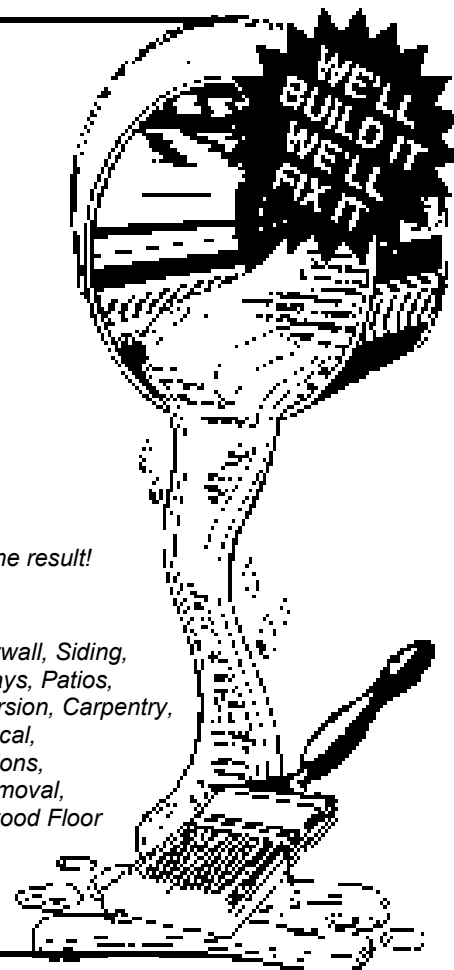
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