



Tara-Leeway Heights Community News

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Taratown Neighborhood Joins TLHCA

At the Annual General Membership Meeting held this past May, residents of the Tara-Leeway Heights unanimously voted to change the by-laws to welcome the Taratown neighborhood into the association. Taratown includes twelve townhouses and is located along George Mason Drive across from Arlington Hospital. John Deni, a resident of Taratown, has joined the Civic Association Executive Board representing the new members.

County Approves \$2.1M in Neighborhood Projects

Arlington County Board approved the largest funding round in the history of the program. A total of 41 projects were submitted for consideration, but the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee recommended just 16 to the Board. TLHCA made the list with a curb-and-gutter project at N. Greenbriar St. and Washington Blvd. to N. 15th St. valued at \$196,000. A special thanks goes to Jay Eiche for his hard work and persistence on this project. Westover also made the list with substantial park improvements for N. Westover Park.

Lee Highway Left Turn Lane Proposals

In June, the Arlington County Transportation Commission provided its final recommendation to the County Board concerning left turn lanes on Lee Highway at Harrison Street and George Mason Drive. Key to the recommendation included raised crosswalks traversing the streets, with pedestrian count-down signals and signage to enhance pedestrian safety at both intersections. In addition, the design recommended raised medians on the Lee Highway crosswalk to serve as a pedestrian refuge, with sidewalks adjacent to both locations, meeting County width and design standards for medium-density areas.

At this time, the scope of the project is well developed, and plans are to use an outside engineering firm to conduct the preliminary design to address the recommendations by the Transportation Commission. More specific timetables will be established in 30-45 days.

Reed Recommendations

The School Board agreed in July to allow the County to construct a new Westover Library. A memo of understanding between the School and County Boards includes a recommendation of use for the second story and for the future use of the Reed property. As a part of the 2002 Bond, the second floor build-out will include the accommodation of instructional support functions occupying approximately 15,000 square feet to accommodate the professional library, a Staff Development Center, demo lab, bathroom facilities and custodial storage, offices, and archival storage. Demolition costs will be County provided.

The County's schedule is currently in development. As this schedule is defined additional detail will be forthcoming. The timeline for completion of this MOU is September 2001.

Candidates Night

Thursday, October 18, 2001

Tuckahoe School Multipurpose Room

(6550 N. 26th St. – off N. Sycamore St.)

Time	Office	Candidates
7:00 pm	Arlington County Board	Michael Clancy (I) Jay Fisetta (D)
7:45 pm	School Board	Elaine Furlow
8:00 pm	House of Delegates 47 th District & 48 th District	James Almand (D) Christine Austen (L) Michael Peck (R) Robert Brink (D) Victor Williams (R)
8:30 pm	Panel discussion on the future of I-66 in Arlington	
9:30 pm	Conclusion	

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Lexington St. Traffic Calming Effort Underway

Over the summer, County staff and local residents have been considering what can be done to N. Lexington St. between Lee Highway and N. 18th St. to reduce speeding. Meetings held in July and on August 27 made residents in the affected area more aware of this initiative. About 20 people attended the second information session at the Lee Center.

This stretch of N. Lexington St. has a documented speeding problem. In 2000 when the County measured the speed of cars on this neighborhood street near N. 22nd Street, the 85th percentile speed of traffic was 32 miles per hour. The 85th percentile figure is a nationally recognized measurement standard for determining vehicle speeds on roadways. The County did a second speed check in 2001 after neighborhood-approved speed humps were installed on N. 16th St. between N. Patrick Henry Dr. and N. George Mason Dr. Since then, the traffic volume has gone down slightly, but the 85th percentile speed had risen to 36 miles per hour. The posted speed limit is 25.

Most residents in the affected area were contacted either in person or by flyer prior to the August 27 meeting. The affected area is defined as the homes along N. Lexington Street between N. 18th Street and Lee Highway, plus the residences on the cross streets within a certain distance from Lexington.

A working group has been established to create a traffic calming proposal that can be supported by a clear majority (60%) of the households in the affected area. The County Board's approved neighborhood traffic calming program has a wide range of available tools that local residents can use to correct specific problems. There are also limitations on the use of some tools that the working group must factor into its deliberations. Proponents of the traffic calming effort have already received substantial feedback from many of the residents contacted prior to the information meetings.

Approval by the local civic association is not a requirement for implementation of traffic calming measures endorsed by the affected area residents but is advisable. And local civic association approval helps the approved project to qualify for funding through the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee (NTCC). This traffic-calming project affects two civic associations. N. Lexington St. is in part a boundary street between the Leeway Overlee and the Tara-Leeway Heights associations.

The Lexington St. working group will be assisted by a County staff specialist (Susan Finotti, 703-228-3735) and two citizen members of the NTCC, Ron Haddox and Taylor Caswell, who have dealt with traffic calming issues in their own neighborhoods. The working group is expected to meet on Wednesday evenings at the Lee Center. The sessions are public meetings.

For more information on this effort, contact Susan Finotti in the Arlington Department of Public Works, or John Vihstadt, (703-237-6734).

County Board Approves Clarendon Open-air Market

The Clarendon Antiques and Collectibles Market, at 2900 Wilson Blvd. began operating year-round on Saturdays, starting Sept. 15, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. About 50 vendors are expected to participate. The site for the market is located on the south side of Wilson Boulevard and is bounded to the south by Clarendon Boulevard, to the east by North Fillmore Street and to the west by North Garfield Street.

Free parking for market patrons will be available at 3033 Wilson Blvd., the building housing the Warren G. Stambaugh Human Services Center, beginning at 8 a.m.

WETA Honors Commitments

After over two years and stepped-up pressure from the civic association, WETA has finally met the conditions established pursuant to receiving approval for an amendment to the use permit covering the antenna tower located at N. 19th Road. WETA requested the amendment in order to increase the number of antenna located on the tower beyond the previously agreed to limit of 32.

The first condition set forth was that WETA would hire a Virginia company to do the monitoring "around the neighborhood" and that, in addition to filing the results with the County, copies are sent to the neighborhood associations. The second condition involves the commitment made by WETA regarding the replacement of older tower antennas and other devices by smaller, more technologically advanced devices as leases come up for renewal. WETA was to provide to the County Zoning Administrator (to be made available to the Civic Association) a list of permit (lease) renewal dates for the devices on the tower, coded by number rather than listed by name of the lessee so as to avoid the disclosure of proprietary information.

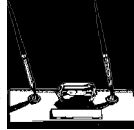
Early this summer, the civic association received the results from emission tests conducted on behalf of WETA. The report indicated that the WETA tower met FCC emission standards. WETA fulfilled its second commitment by sending a list of lease renewal dates for existing devices on the tower.



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From the President's Desk

-- John Vihstadt



Dear Neighbors:

As we begin the 2001-2002 school year and civic association season, let me first begin by thanking immediate past President Ted Stump for his fine leadership over the past two years. Fortunately, Ted is staying on as Treasurer, so we have both a strong crop of seasoned officers and many fresh faces as new Board members.

We track many issues directly impacting our neighborhood, including traffic calming/pedestrian safety, the future of the Westover Library/Reed School site, WETA Tower developments, Virginia Hospital Center (f/k/a Arlington Hospital) expansion, Westover business improvements, and county services generally. Each of our Board members is directly responsible for being our "eyes and ears" on one or more issues, but we can't do it alone. **PLEASE BE IN TOUCH IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR HEAR SOMETHING WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT!**

While the School Board seat is uncontested this fall, Mike Clancy is challenging County Board Chairman Jay Fisette, and Virginia House of Delegates Member Jim Almand (a neighborhood resident) is opposed by Michael Peck. Be sure to attend the Candidates Night, Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m. at Tuckahoe Elementary to see these folks debate in person. A lively discussion on whether to widen I-66 is also on the docket that evening! Thanks for your support--and dues.

Halloween Festivities for TLHCA!



Kids! Come out, come out, wherever you are!

It's that time again, for the young-at-heart to don costumes and celebrate our most ghoulish holiday. And, the best place to do it? Tara-Leeway's 2nd Annual Halloween Block Party! On **October 27, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** streets will be blocked off from Washington Blvd. to 16th, and Illinois to Greenbrier.

Festivities will get kicked off at 2:45 p.m. with the Children's Costume Parade. (Kids are encouraged to bring a noise maker or instrument.) To further the fun, a moon bounce, organized games, apple bobbing, a haunted station, face painting, and goblin treats will fill the streets. All are encouraged to attend. What a great way to make a neighbor a friend!

Volunteers are needed to head-up games, make posters, help with parade, bake, etc. If interested, please attend an organizational meeting hosted by Noelle Logan on Oct. 1, 8pm at 1512 N. Harrison (the corner of Harrison and 16th).

For RSVP or if you are interested in helping but cannot attend, please contact Noelle at 534-8877, or Marjorie Dannenfelser at 534-3830. No entrance fee will be charged, but donations are more than welcome before the event or on the day of.



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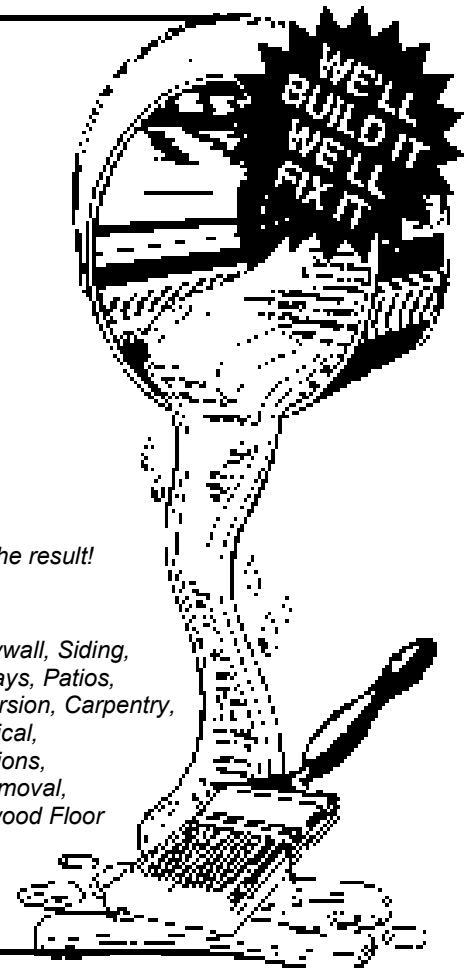
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