

Highland Park Overlee Knolls



Neighborhood News

Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association

October 2001

Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association recognizes the heroic performance of Arlington's finest firefighters, paramedics and police who risked their lives to save and help the victims of the September 11 tragedy.

HP-OK MEETING AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PROJECTS VOTING

Wednesday, October 24 | 7:30 - 9:30 PM | Reed School, 1644 N McKinley Rd.

At this meeting, HP-OK residents will have the opportunity to vote on Neighborhood Conservation Program projects for the coming year, nominate candidates for the HP-OK Civic Association Board, and general announcements and businesses

August Meeting Notes

Our main guest, Mr. Bellamy of the Arlington County Public Works Department and his colleagues, Mr. Rich Viola and Mr. Steven Bridgett, had the opportunity to hear residents' concerns and suggestions around long-standing Washington Blvd. traffic problems. They agreed to complete the traffic study and help us resolve problems in question. A follow up was done with Mr. Bellamy reiterating our request that:

- 1) Traffic speeds be reduced and enforced along Washington Blvd.
- 2) truck traffic and truck gross weight be reduced.
- 3) "No right on red" for the east bound Washington Blvd. traffic at Ohio St. be implemented.
- 4) Maintain one lane each way along Washington Blvd.
- 5) Eliminate additional right lane eastbound at the corner of Washington Blvd. and Sycamore St.

As many have noticed, shortly after the meeting, a speed display was placed on the eastbound side of Washington Blvd., near Quintana St. This was followed with traffic counting equipment on Washington Blvd. and many side streets. The tragic events of September 11th have resulted in delays. A follow-up meeting with Mr. Bellamy and his staff will be scheduled after the county has had time to complete the study. 🏠

HP-OK Residents

If you received the August HP-OK Newsletter, you live within the official boundaries of the HP-OK Civic association. The Sept. Leeway Newsletter recently delivered to your door is NOT a product of HP-OK. Leeway continues to include HP-OK Neighborhood Conservation delegates on its masthead although it has been asked repeatedly to remove them. Leeway's territory begins on the North side of 22nd Street. If you have any questions please call: 703-538-2496 or 703-532-2580.



If you would like to see the official boundaries, please visit the Arlington County's civic association web page at <http://www.co.arlington.va.us/census/civic.htm> and then click on Highland Park – Overlee Knolls. A demographics page will load for the HP-OK subdivision with a link to a map showing the official HP-OK boundaries. 🏠

COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATES' NIGHT MEETING

Thursday, October 18 | 7:00 P.M. | Tuckahoe School, 6550 N. 26th Street

HP-OK is participating, with ten other civic associations, in the Candidates' Night which will be held at Tuckahoe School. Please note the beginning 7 PM time. The Arlington County Board candidates will be first on the agenda, at 7:00 PM.

County Board Candidates — Jay Fissette, (D) incumbent; Michael Clanc (Independent); 47th District (Va. Assembly) James Almand, (D) incumbent, Michael Peck, (R) and Christine Austen, Libertarian. HP-OK votes for the 47th district candidate. There is a choice

of candidates this election, come to the meeting to hear them speak.

If you have not been in Tuckahoe School since its renewal, you can see it on October 18!

A "Must Attend" Event

Proposed Zoning Changes

The Civic Federation special meeting of Sept. 19 was devoted to the controversial new zoning proposals. Material from this meeting, attended by a HP-OK delegate, will be available for reading at the October 24th meeting. It is a complex issue with which every homeowner should become familiar.

Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling - October 20th

The County will be holding another Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling program on October 20th at the Arlington Traditional School between 9 and 3. Bicycles will be recycled and computer monitor recycled (small fee). Contact 703-228-6832 for further information.

Neighborhood Conservation

Do you have ideas for needed improvements in the Highland Park-Overlee Knolls area? If so, share your ideas and assist in the preparation of the updated plan. Interested individuals can contact Cliff McCreedy at 703-538-4568.

The Highland Park-Overlee Knolls (HP-OK) Civic Association consists of the area bounded by Route 66 on the south between McKinley and Quantico and 22nd Street on the north between Lexington and Quantico Streets. HP-OK developed the Neighborhood Conservation Plan, which was subsequently adopted by the county in December 1982. A short history of the area can be found at www.co.arlington.va.us/cphd/housing/Neighborhood_Histories.htm

Officers:

President	Roger Morton
Vice President	Sofie Vogel
Treasurer	Steve Rentner
Secretary	Nan Ryan
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Welcome	Thanna Schemmel & Theresa DeFore

Neighborhood Conservation

Representatives: Cliff McCreedy, Roger Morton

Arlington County Civic Federation

Representatives: Sofie Vogel, Cliff McCreedy, Mildred Forkois, & Roger Morton

Alternates: Doris Thomas, Thanna Schemmel, & Hung Nguyen

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Reed School/Westover Library Project

A Sept. 21, 2001 Memorandum between Arlington Co. and Arlington Schools begins: "Both the School Board and County Board have passed resolutions selecting the 'downhill' option of placing the library near Washington Boulevard on the eastern side of the site. It is currently envisioned that a 2-story joint use facility that will house a Community Library and School educational support facility, each consisting of about 15,000 square feet of building area will be constructed there. It is expected that only the older two-story portion of the existing Reed School facility will be demolished." This is Phase I of this document. This memorandum of understanding is predicated on placing the library in the 'downhill' location and will need to be reconsidered if site conditions or subsequent plans change the location of the library, the extent of required demolition or other factors not contemplated in this document.

1. The School Board and County Board shall each direct their respective staffs to jointly develop a Master Site Plan for the Westover library/Reed School project to be presented to the Boards for their consideration and adoption in the Spring/Summer 2002

2. The School Board and County Board shall jointly appoint a Project Planning Team (PPT) fairly representing the various stakeholders in the project. The PPT shall be comprised of staff and citizens and shall use as guidelines the Building Level Planning Committee, etc. At the September 27 meeting, the School Board was still deliberating on what to put over the library.

The full document is available on the School Board website: www.arlington.k12.va.us

The Task Force that made the recommendations to the County and the School Board had very little representation from the neighborhood that will be most impacted by this "Master Plan." Further developments on this project will be presented at the HP-OK October meeting. 

Neighborhood Conservation Update

The Neighborhood Conservation projects listed below will need to be prioritized at the next HP-OK meeting in order to be considered for funding by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee. The Neighborhood Conservation meeting held in June allocated approximately \$ 1,300,000 of County bond funding. None of the Highland Park-Overlee Knolls projects were sufficiently high enough on the priority list to receive funding. It is hoped that some of these projects will be prioritized high enough to get funding this time around. Several of these projects had been prioritized for the previous funding session so they may have a better chance of getting funded if no large project decreases points for having exceeded funding levels in the HP-OK area.

Neighborhood Conservation Projects up for voting

- *18th Street (between Madison and Washington Blvd)* \$ 135 K

The project places missing curb and gutter on 18th Street (32 foot wide with parking on both sides) to solve a drainage problem particularly noticeable in the wintertime. Carlyle streetlights are also to be installed.

- *N. Potomac St and Pocomoke St (between 18th)* \$ 168 K

The project places missing curb and gutter on Pocomoke Street (32 foot wide with parking on both sides) to solve a drainage problem and permit street paving. Carlyle streetlights are also to be installed.

- *19th Street at Nottingham*

This project places missing curb and gutter on 19th Street between Nottingham and Madison and on Nottingham between 19th Rd and Washington Blvd. This is the first placement of curb and gutter and will allow street paving. The project has satisfied the first petition and will need to have cleared the second petition to be voted upon.

- *22nd Street (between Nottingham and Quantico)* \$ 645 K

This project places curb and gutter on both sides of 22nd between Powhatan and Quantico Streets. It also installs missing sidewalk sections on both sides of the street between Quantico and Nottingham. Another portion replaces existing curb and gutter between Ohio and Powhatan to narrow the street (32 foot wide with parking on both sides) and provide for a 6-7 foot planting strip on the south side. 