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WESTOVER VILLAGE VOICE

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**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 30
at 7:30pm in the Swanson Library**

Agenda:

- Neighborhood Conservation Plan
- Westover Library Opening Ceremony Plans
- I-66 Developments
- Westover Market
- New projects and other business

Westover Market Beer Garden Petition

Be sure to stop by Westover Market to sign the petition to allow the market to have a Beer & Wine patio area. Make your voice heard and play a part in making Westover an even more vibrant neighborhood.

Westover Market goes in front of the Arlington County Zoning Board May 13th at 7pm. If you have the time, be sure to attend and physically show the county your support.

The next first Friday Westover Market celebration is May 1, 4-8pm. Don't miss this chance to see your neighbors.

Film/Discussion: "Arlington's Smart Growth Journey" (2009)

Monday, May 11, 7pm, Arlington Central Library Auditorium

When you look at Arlington's combination of hip urban villages, towering office buildings and quiet residential neighborhoods, do you ever wonder how it got to be this way? Come find out at a free public viewing of "Arlington's Smart Growth Journey." Produced by AVN, the County's cable channel, the documentary traces the dramatic history of the past half-century of change and development in our community. Political wheeling and dealing, visionary planning, missteps, challenges and more are revealed in a 53-minute documentary filled with the lively recollections of some of the key decision-makers. Learn how the County fought to survive the threat of being carved up by highways and leveraged Metro to launch the rebirth of a declining inner suburb. See how the Greatest Generation took risks and stayed the course in a decades-long effort to transform a bedroom community serving Washington D.C. into a national model of transit-oriented development. See how citizen activists shaped and transformed the vision and preserved single-family neighborhoods. A panel discussion will follow.

Arlington Emergency Needs-Homelessness Prevention Fund

Introducing a new way for you to help make a difference in the community!

How the Emergency Needs – Homelessness Prevention Fund works

- **We need your help!** Monetary contributions to the Emergency Needs – Homelessness Prevention Fund are requested from the public, business community, civic and faith organizations – anyone interested in helping Arlington's efforts to prevent homelessness and lend a hand to our most vulnerable residents.
- Money from the fund will reach those in need through **non-profit organizations** whose primary mission is to provide **safety net services**.
- The fund will help provide **temporary, emergency assistance** such as rent, food and services to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Individuals and families benefiting from the Emergency Needs – Homelessness Prevention Fund must be receiving case management services from Arlington County or a non-profit in Arlington County.
- The fund is administered by the non-profit Arlington Community Foundation and contributions are tax deductible. Oversight for the Emergency Needs – Homelessness Prevention Fund will be provided by a specially selected advisory committee.

The economic downturn is placing unprecedented demands on County and non-profit safety net service partners

- On average, **more than 1,000 families need supplemental food from the community's food pantry each week**. In comparison, from Oct-Dec 2007, the average was 740 a week.
- 1,224 families were served the week of Feb. 13.
- The line to get food often extends outside the building and around the block.
- In Jan. 2009, 1,207 people seeking jobs visited the County's Employment Center, compared to an average of 664 per month before the economic downturn
- There has been a **33 percent rise** in the number of people seeking **emergency assistance** for rental payments, utility bills and medical services.

Fund made possible through donation by The Shooshan Company

- County Board Chair Barbara Favola and John Shooshan, founder of The Shooshan Company, are the driving forces behind this new resource that will strengthen the safety net protecting the most vulnerable members of the community in these trying economic times. They are the co-chairs of the Leadership Consortium for Arlington's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- By establishing the **Emergency Needs – Homelessness Prevention Fund**, they have provided a **new way for Arlingtonians to help other Arlingtonians** who have been hit hard by the economic crisis and are at risk of becoming homeless.
- County Board Chair Barbara Favola was inspired to create the fund as a way to **connect those who have the means and the desire to help with non-profit organizations providing safety net services** to Arlingtonians facing economic hardship.
- **The Shooshan Company**, an Arlington-based real estate development firm that has planned and developed over 2 million square feet of real estate in the Washington metropolitan area, **has made a \$50,000 opening donation to the fund**.
- **The firm's founder, John G. Shooshan**, has long been active in community affairs, lending his energy and expertise to a variety of local public and private organizations.

How to contribute

- Make your donation to the Emergency Needs – Homelessness Prevention Fund through the [Arlington Community Foundation](#) by mail, phone or online using a check or credit card.
- Online: Go to <http://www.arlcf.org/> and select the Network for Good icon and designate your contribution to the Homelessness Prevention Fund.
- Mail: Make check payable to Arlington Community Foundation—Homelessness Prevention Fund and mail to: Arlington Community Foundation--Homelessness Prevention Fund
2525 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington VA, 22201
- Phone: Call Arlington Community Foundation at 703-243-4785 (fax 703-243-4796)
- The [Arlington Community Foundation](#) is an independent charitable organization that actively promotes, protects and improves the quality of life for those who live or work in Arlington. The Foundation provides philanthropic leadership and raises capital for grants and scholarships to address community needs now and in the future.

For more information Go to www.arlingtonva.us/dhs or <http://www.arlcf.org/>

Book Talk: City of Trees

May 20, 6:30-8:30pm. Shirlington Library

Join the author of "City of Trees: The Complete Field Guide to the Trees of Washington, DC" for a slide lecture on the history and botanic diversity of the capital city's trees.

Author Melanie Choukas-Bradley will highlight the history of Washington's trees from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson's time to the present day. Learn how Washington, DC came to be known as the 'City of Trees' and why our historic canopy is more essential than ever in the 21st century.

Some of the original botanical art work from the book will also be shared. Books will be available for sale (\$20 check or exact cash only) and signing at the event.

The lecture is free. The program is being co-sponsored by Arlington County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension and the City of Alexandria Urban Forestry Department. Donations to the Arlington Remove Invasive Plants (RiP) program will be accepted.

Pre-registration is required by calling 703-228-6400.

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www.westovervillage.org

Exercise classes held daily
at Westover Baptist Church.
Cardio, body sculpting,
step classes, and more.

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Current class schedule:
<http://groups.msn.com/westovervillage>



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Westover Village Civic Association Membership Form – 2009

Annual Dues \$15

Payable to WVCA

*Membership dues pay for newsletter costs and fund many of the community activities and projects
Sponsored by WVCA throughout the year.*

New Member Membership Renewal Information Update

Number of people in household _____ E-mail address: _____

Names _____

Address: _____

Mail form with payment to: WVCA, PO Box 5604, Arlington, VA 22205