



# THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

Volume 100, Issue 1 September 2015

## Civic Federation Candidate Night Forum

The September 8 meeting, our annual Candidate Night Forum, is the start of the fall campaign season for those seeking public office in November. This is always one of the most popular meetings of the Civic Federation with a large number of non-members attending. It provides an opportunity for delegates and alternates of the Civic Federation to be able to interact with candidates.

Although only delegates and alternates may ask questions, the public is invited to see how the candidates respond to often very pointed questions. Be sure to invite members of your association to join us.

### Program Order

The confirmed candidates for each contested race will appear as a group in the following order:

- Virginia Senate, 30th District
- Virginia Senate, 31st District
- Virginia House of Delegates, 47th District
- Arlington School Board
- Arlington County Board

A forum for the uncontested races will be held at the October 6, 2015 membership meeting.

### Questions

Audience questions from Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates will be selected via lottery.

Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates may register to have their name drawn by signing up in the lobby beginning at 7:00 p.m. Delegates and alternate delegates may register to ask a question for multiple panels.

In order for more delegates and alternate delegates to have an opportunity to ask a question, the forum moderator will give first priority to delegates and alternate delegates who have not yet had a turn. The forum moderator will draw a delegate or alternate delegate name and then call on them to ask their question.

Questions may be directed to one or more candidates.

**Questions may be no longer than thirty seconds and may not be position statements.** Follow-up questions are not allowed. The Civic Federation's rules will be observed at all times.

### GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, September 8, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Hazel Auditorium  
Virginia Hospital Center  
1701 N George Mason Drive  
Arlington VA 22205

### Agenda

- |      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 7:30 | Meeting called to order         |
| 7:40 | Program - Candidate Night Forum |
| 9:25 | Announcements                   |
| 9:30 | Unfinished Business             |
| 9:35 | New Business                    |
| 9:40 | Adjourn                         |

### Inside this issue:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Meeting Program .....  | 1 |
| From the President .....                                       | 2 |
| ACCF Dues Reminder .....                                       | 2 |
| Executive Committee News .....                                 | 2 |
| Shirlington Civic Association .....                            | 2 |
| Columbia Heights West / Arlington Mill Civic Association ..... | 3 |
| Affordable Housing Study .....                                 | 5 |
| Banquet .....  | 6 |
| Committee Contacts .....                                       | 7 |

## From the President

*Stefanie Pryor*

We are kicking off our 100th year of civic activism with our popular Candidate Forum. There will be 2 separate meetings to ensure sufficient time for questions from our delegates and alternates. Contested races will be held Tuesday, September 8 and uncontested races on October 6.

General membership meetings later in the year will focus on looking ahead to the next 100 years. Many communities across the region, country and world have surpassed Arlington with innovative programs, whether based on technology or novel ways of looking at common problems.

In addition to our big picture concepts, work continues for modernizing our own technology and updating our website. We will be utilizing a new sign-in process to speed check-in and confirm delegate or alternate status. Please come a little early to the September meeting to assist, as well as meet the candidates one-on-one.

## From the Executive Committee

*Jesse Boeding*

The Executive Committee met on June 7, 2015 and July 12, 2015 to plan the agenda for the September 8, 2015 general meeting and discussed future meetings. The Executive Committee will meet on September 13, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate and plan future meeting programs.

## ACCF Dues Reminder

*Pat Spann, Kim Klinger, and Dennis Gerrity*

As his newsletter goes to press, a significant number of our member organizations have not paid their annual dues for July 2015 - June 2016. Please check with your Treasurer to determine if your organization has both paid and included the information to update our membership list. If you have questions, contact ACCF Treasurer, Pat Spann ([pat@civfed.org](mailto:pat@civfed.org)); Membership Chair, Kim Klinger ([kim@civfed.org](mailto:kim@civfed.org)); and Secretary, Dennis Gerrity ([dennis@civfed.org](mailto:dennis@civfed.org)).

Now available: Dues via PayPal!  
<http://www.civfed.org/pay-dues/>

## ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

ACCF  
PO Box 42091  
Arlington, VA 22204  
[www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org)

Now Accepting PayPal!

<http://www.civfed.org/pay-dues/>

## Membership and Boundaries #1: New Shirlington Civic Association

The Shirlington Civic Association formed earlier this summer and is requesting membership within the Civic Federation. They have well over 30 members, completed organizational tasks for a non-profit, and negotiated boundaries with their neighboring associations of Fairlington and Nauck. At press time, Claremont was still pending.

No boundaries touch Barcroft or Douglas Park as they end at Four Mile Run Drive, instead of Four Mile Stream like Columbia Forest, Nauck, and Shirlington.

Their next meeting will be 6:30pm, Tuesday, September 29th at the Shirlington Public Library.

Entities within the SCA (from SCA By-Laws):

"This area includes the property owners, residents, and businesses in the "Village at Shirlington" but also the eight homeowners' associations within the larger described area. These comprise The Arlington, Courtbridge I and Courtbridge II, Windgate Village of Arlington I, Windgate Village of Arlington II and Windgate Village of Arlington III, The Heatherlea, and Shirlington Village Condominiums. Residents of the apartment complexes within this area are also included: currently these are the Io Piazza, the Windsor, and the Delancey. The Arlington Trades Center, the Shirlington Public Library, the Shirlington Bus Station, and the Animal Welfare League, all county-owned properties, are also included, as well as the Signature Theater."

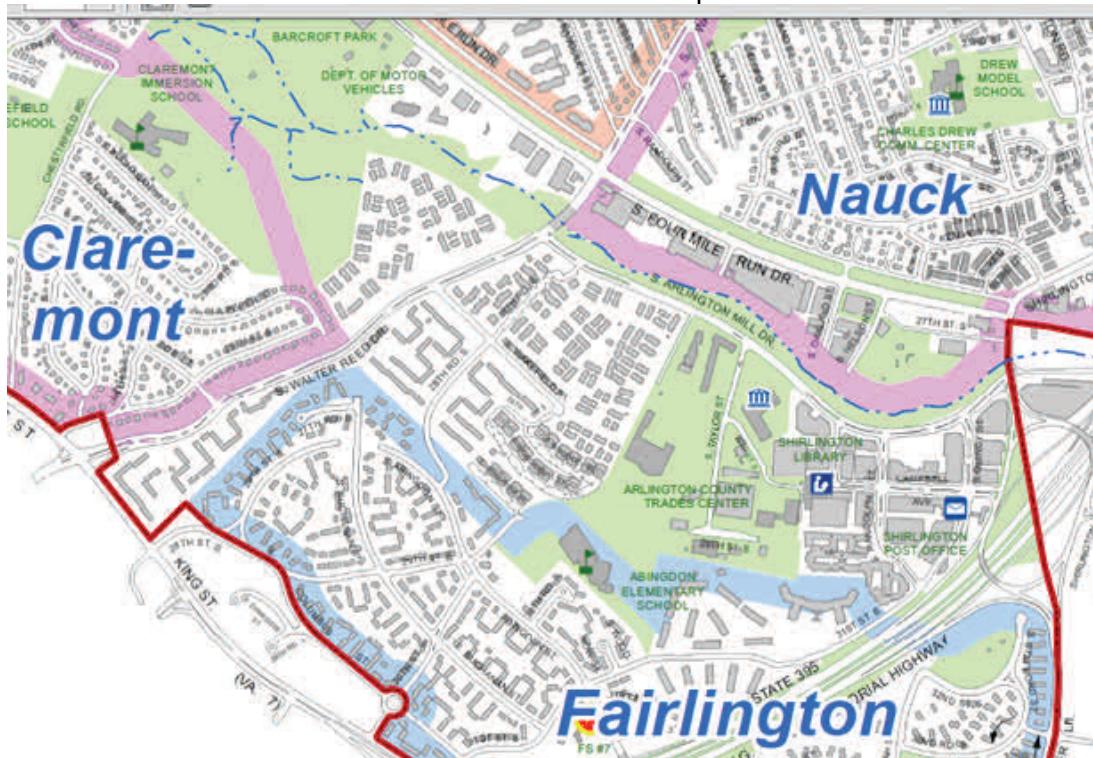
Geographical Description of Shirlington Civic Association borders (from the County Map office):

"The boundary would start at the intersection of the County Boundary and the centerline of S Walter Reed Dr, and follow the County Boundary to the south and east to the point where it intersects with the boundary of the

## Shirlington cont.

existing Fairlington Civic Association, along the boundary of The Arlington (RPC 29005PCC). Then it follows the western and northern boundaries of Fairlington, to a point in the western boundary of RPC 29019026, the vacated ROW of S Randolph St., and then to the south along the boundary of this RPC to 31st ST S.. The boundary then continues straight, crossing 31st ST S, and then northeast along the limited access line of Interstate 395 to the southern edge of the Shirlington Bus Depot, and then along the centerline of the interstate on-ramp from Shirlington, continuing along the centerline of southbound Shirlington Circle and Shirlington Road to the centerline of Four Mile Run. The boundary then continues westward along the centerline of Four Mile Run stream, also being the boundary of Nauck Civic Association, to its intersection with the centerline of S Walter Reed Dr. Then it follows the Walter Reed centerline to the southwest to an intersection with the extension of the northeastern property line of Windgate of Arlington, RPC 28002PCA, then along the northeast, west and southwest boundary lines of this RPC, to an extension of the boundary line to the centerline of Walter Reed, then southwest along this centerline, which is also the boundary of Claremont Civic Association, to the County Boundary and place of origin."

For additional information, refer to the Arlington County Civic Associations map website: <http://gis.arlingtonva.us/gallery/index.html>



## Community Facilities Study

*Jackie Snelling*

The Arlington Community Facilities Study has multiple events coming up this fall. Meeting locations vary, so refer to their main website for additional information: <http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/community-facilities-study/>

Meetings are held 7—10 pm:

- September 9
- September 24
- October 14
- October 28

A presentation of the work from the Siting Subcommittee will be presented at the September 9 meeting to be held at Parks and Natural Resources Operations Building, 2700 S Taylor Street.

The Joint County Board and School Board work session to discuss the siting process will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 7 - 9 p.m. The Joint session for presentation of the final report will be in November.

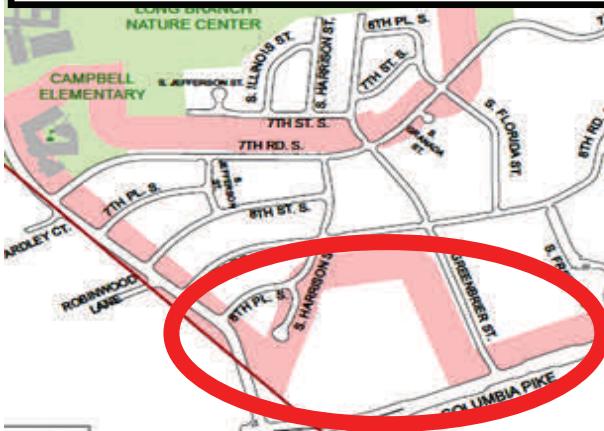
A wealth of materials are available on the website for studies, meeting notes, draft report outline, and more. A Civic Engagement Toolkit is available on the website for study members and county staff to present to external groups. Timing for a Civic Federation general membership presentation will be determined soon.

The County's Department of Community Planning,

Housing & Development (CPHD) is planning a Development Forum on Thursday, September 10, 8:30-11 a.m., Courthouse Plaza, County Board Room. The purpose of the event is to let the public know what the County (CPHD) is doing to improve the business process for planning and permitting and the changes that are coming soon.

Refer to <http://departments.arlingtonva.us/planning-housing-development/cphd-development-forum/>

# **Membership and Boundaries #2: Columbia Heights West with Name Change to Arlington Mill**



The Columbia Heights West Civic Association (CHWCA) has been in existence for over 25 years. Located on the west end of Columbia Pike, they are requesting to rejoin the Civic Federation.

Columbia is a popular name for civic associations along Columbia Pike. However, Arlington County has both Columba Heights West, as well as Columbia Heights on the east end of the Pike causing confusion. CHWCA residents were instrumental in the design and approval of

# Membership Process

Per our bylaws, organizations joining ACCF must meet multiple requirements:

- Be an organization whose primary object and principal work promotes, safety, beautification, general welfare of its community or the development of civic spirit,
  - Have at least 20 members,
  - Have approved by-laws, and
  - Pay annual dues (ACCF By-laws, Article III).

In particular, if an organization is a neighborhood association, the association's boundaries must not overlap those with any other civic association. Both Shirlington and CHWCA/AMCA submitted information to the Membership Committee over the summer. They worked with various county, neighboring associations, and CivFed members to address questions and clarifications.

The membership committee recommends both of these groups. The ACCF delegates must approve applications for membership by 2/3 vote.

the new Arlington Mill Community Center (AMCC). Therefore, they are changing to the "Arlington Mill Civic Association" (AMCA).

In addition, AMCA are changing their southwest boundary to add a small section of land not claimed by any other civic association. The unclaimed section is north of Columbia Pike and extends west to the East Falls Church and Arlington County boundary (see circled area on the civic association map shown above). The Columbia Forest Civic Association (CFCA), which borders to the south of the unclaimed area, has confirmed no ownership to the area. The CHWCA/AMCA proposed boundary change does not conflict with CFCA's north border of Columbia Pike.

# Parking Reminder

Remember to park in the GOLD LOT . On nights of the Civic Federation meeting, the gates of the GOLD Parking lot, which is located under the 1635 Medical Offices, will be open and there is no charge for parking. If you use another lot, you will have to pay the regular rate to exit.



## CivFed Influence Over 100 Years

The Arlington County Civic Federation was instrumental in our street naming and structure. Before 1935, the Post Office Department refused to deliver packages until there was a coherent system. We had eleven Washington Streets or Avenues, nine Virginia Streets or Avenues, ten Arlington Streets or Avenues, and none were related. The CivFed and the Chamber of Commerce led the charge for the 1932 new County Board to appoint a committee of citizens from across the County to determine a manageable system. Granted, we borrowed heavily from Washington, DC with a basic grid pattern with numbered streets running parallel to Arlington Boulevard, aka Route 50 and named streets crossing at right angles with increasing syllable count.

The concept received overwhelming approval, but no one wanted their particular name changed. Between August 30, 1934 and July 1, 1935, new street markers were placed at intersections and all houses received new numbers. Nearly 2 years later, December 1937, a new central post office designated "Arlington" began delivery.

Source: Arlington County Virginia: A History. C.B. Rose, Jr. Published by Arlington Historical Society, 1976, pages 202-203.

## Affordable Housing Study

*Excerpts from Message sent to Community by Mary Hynes, County Board Chair*

The Board will be considering this Comprehensive Plan element at its Saturday, September 19 meeting, culminating many years of community work. A link to the proposed plan can be found on the County website (<http://housing.arlingtonva.us/affordable-housing-study/>).

The Board heard from many in the community on this topic at its June public hearing and directed staff to continue refining the plan with the Working Group over the summer. If you provided additional feedback at one of three

community meetings in July, talked with County staffers at the Fair, or used our online survey tool, thank you very much!

On Tuesday, September 1, the County Board will hold a work session at 7pm in the County Board Room (2100 Clarendon Blvd) to be briefed by staff about changes incorporated into the document as a result of the community conversations. No public testimony will be taken, but the public is welcome to attend the meeting.

In addition to asking County staff to continue working on the Plan, the County Board also sent questions to the School Board seeking factual information regarding student performance and mobility at both the elementary school and student group level. The questions are posted on the Affordable Housing Study webpage. When we receive the answers, we will post them in that same location. Members of the public will be able to testify at the Saturday, September 19th, County Board public hearing. If you wish to convey your thoughts to us in advance of the meeting, emails sent to [countyboard@arlingtonva.us](mailto:countyboard@arlingtonva.us) will be shared with all Board members.

Thank you for your attention to this important topic. Affordable housing is important for a vibrant sustainable community; it stabilizes families and neighborhoods and ensures that our business sector has access to workers with a variety of skills and talents. Save the Dates: September 22 and October 11

A forum to present the findings of the housing needs analysis will be held Monday, September 22 at Washington-Lee High School. This will be an opportunity to hear the values and priorities identified by the Working Group, obtain the results of the intensive research efforts carried out by the consulting team and the staff, and provide input to help set priorities for affordable housing in Arlington.

A more in depth workshop will take place Saturday, October 11 at the Fairlington Community Center from 9am to noon. The workshop will provide an opportunity for shaping the affordable housing policy.



## Celebrating 100 Years of History: The Arlington County Civic Federation 1916-2016

**Luna Park near  
Crystal City**



**Historic Wilson School**

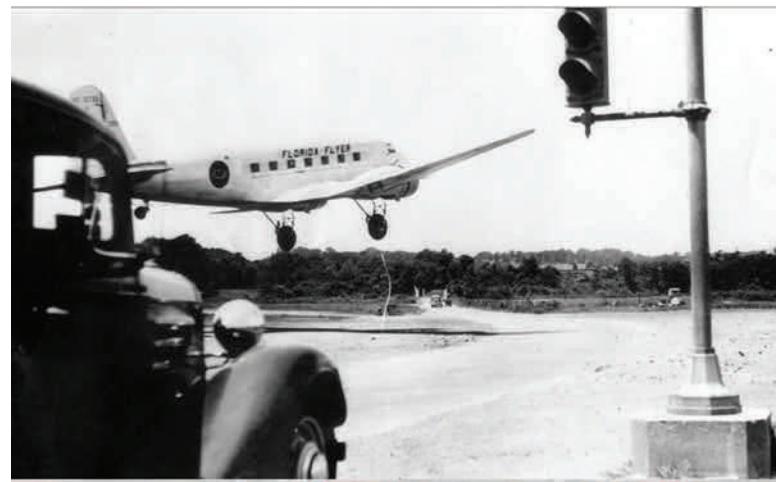
The Arlington County Civic Federation will celebrate 100 years of civic activism and “The Arlington Way” on April 8, 2016. We hope your organization reserves a table for this gala. Space is limited so act now. Be recognized in the Souvenir booklet that recounts 100 years of Arlington history. Individual sponsorships are also available for \$250.00. Much of our history has changed in 100 years, but not a committed citizenry devoted to making the community a more caring, better educated, and more just and inviting place to live. Come celebrate our centennial year at our Centennial Gala.

We are asking key organizations to sponsor a table of ten by committing in your budget for 2016 a \$400 per table allocation to support the Gala so that your organization is well represented with a table sign and in the program book. Fully allocated cost of tickets will be \$40 person. It would be wonderful if your organization signs up with the Gala Committee Chair. Please e-mail: [joepelton@verizon.net](mailto:joepelton@verizon.net) to ensure you have a table reserved. Checks should be made out to Arlington County Civic Federation and sent to Pat Spann, Treasurer Arlington County Civic Federation, 100th Anniversary Gala, P.O. Box 42091, Arlington, VA 22204



Towers for U.S. Navy radio station NAA, Arlington, Virginia.

Credit: D.C. Public Library



A 1935 photo (courtesy of Helen Marler) of a Florida Flyer DC-2 departing from Hoover Field, showing the traffic light which blocked cars on adjacent Washington Boulevard during takeoffs & landings.

Different kind of traffic jam on Washington Boulevard. Source: [http://www.airfields-freeman.com/VA/Airfields\\_VA\\_Arlington.htm](http://www.airfields-freeman.com/VA/Airfields_VA_Arlington.htm)

## Civic Federation Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2015 - 2016

**Meeting are the 1st Tuesday of each month** (except September and November)

**September 8** – Candidates Night Part 1, Contested Races

**October 6** – Candidates Night Part 2, Uncontested Races

**November 10** – Open Government Panel

**December 1** – Election of Awards Committee from nominations from the floor

**January 5**

**February 2**

**March 1**

**April 5** Election of Nominating Committee

(Note - Friday, April 8 - Civic Federation Award Banquet 100th Anniversary)

**May 3**

**June 7** - Election of officers

## Arlington County Civic Federation Mission

The ACCF is dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. Its purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

## Committees of the Civic Federation

The committees provide the basis for most actions of the Federation. We strongly encourage every delegate and alternate to serve on at least one committee. If you have an interest in any topic please contact the chair. If a chair is not listed, contact our President Stefanie Pryor at [stefanie@civfed.org](mailto:stefanie@civfed.org)

| Committee                 | Chair(s)                               | Email Address  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Executive                 | Jesse Boeding                          | <a href="mailto:jesse@civfed.org">jesse@civfed.org</a>                 |
| Awards                    | Elected at Dec 2015 Membership Mtg     |  |
| Audit                     | Chair Needed                           |  |
| Bylaws                    | Sarah Shortall                         | <a href="mailto:sarah@civfed.org">sarah@civfed.org</a>                 |
| Community Relations       | Duke Banks                             | <a href="mailto:duke.banks@gmail.com">duke.banks@gmail.com</a>         |
| Cultural Affairs          | Chair(s) needed                        | TBD  |
| Emergency                 | Jackie Snelling                        | <a href="mailto:jackie@civfed.org">jackie@civfed.org</a>               |
| Environmental Affairs     | John Seymour                           | <a href="mailto:john@civfed.org">john@civfed.org</a>                   |
| Housing                   | Chair(s) needed                        | TBD  |
| Legislation               | Chair(s) needed                        | TBD  |
| Membership                | Kim Klingler                           | <a href="mailto:kim@civfed.org">kim@civfed.org</a>                     |
| 911 Scholarships          | Chair(s) needed                        | TBD  |
| Nominating                | Elected at April 2016 Membership       |  |
| Parks and Recreation      | Michael Thomas                         | <a href="mailto:michaelthomas@civfed.org">michaelthomas@civfed.org</a> |
| Planning and Zoning       | Martha Moore                           | <a href="mailto:martha@civfed.org">martha@civfed.org</a>               |
| Public Services           | Jackie Snelling                        | <a href="mailto:jackie@civfed.org">jackie@civfed.org</a>               |
| Revenues and Expenditures | Chair(s) needed, Burt Bostick (Acting) | <a href="mailto:burt@civfed.org">burt@civfed.org</a>                   |
| Schools                   | Michael Beer                           | <a href="mailto:michaelbeer@civfed.org">michaelbeer@civfed.org</a>     |
| Special Events            | Joe Pelton                             | <a href="mailto:joepelton@civfed.org">joepelton@civfed.org</a>         |
| Transportation            | Jerry Auten                            | <a href="mailto:jerry@civfed.org">jerry@civfed.org</a>                 |