



The Civic Voice

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Please join us at 6:30 pm in the Hazel Auditorium's lobby to enjoy light refreshments.



[Click here to read the November President's letter.](#)

Nov. 13 Membership Meeting: Arlington Legislative Delegation

The Arlington General Assembly delegation will discuss and answer questions about their priorities and legislative proposals for the 2019 General Session at the Arlington County Civic Federation meeting 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13 in the Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive. Before the meeting, ACCF will host a “meet and greet” reception for the Arlington delegation at 6:30 p.m., in the Hazel Auditorium Lobby.

“The Civic Federation thinks we can have a greater impact meeting with the Arlington delegation ahead of the General Session rather than after it ends,” said Duke Banks, ACCF President. “This program is a two-way process -- it will allow the delegation to share information that members need to be involved on legislative issues and will give our members an opportunity to discuss the priorities they believe the delegation should pursue during the upcoming session.”

After the Arlington legislative delegation completes their presentation, ACCF Delegates and Alternates will have an opportunity to ask questions and make recommendations about the issues they want the delegation to address in the 2019 General Assembly, which begins Jan. 9. If time permits, members of the public also may ask questions.

In addition to the legislative panel, the Nov. 13 ACCF meeting also will vote on two nominees for the Board of Directors, will include a recap of the October “Energize Arlington” workshops, consideration of a resolution urging the Arlington legislative delegation to support revision of Virginia’s civil forfeiture laws, and continuation of the Civic Federation’s “open mike” initiative.

IF IT’S NOVEMBER – IT’S TIME TO VOTE

Civic Federation Delegates will vote at the Nov. 13 membership meeting to fill two

vacancies on the Board of Directors. Nominees for those two positions are Mike McMenamin and Sandy Newton.

Mike, a delegate from the Maywood Citizens Association, is former President of ACCF. Sandy is a delegate from the Women's Club of Arlington and former President of that Member Organization.

CivFed Bylaws specify that Delegates shall fill any Board vacancy by majority vote at a regular, special or annual membership meeting (Sections 3.03(a) and 3.07 (a)). As the Bylaws require, the Secretary received nominations for Mike and Sandy at least 14 days in advance of the Nov. 13 meeting (section 3.07(b)). At the Nov. 13 meeting nomination of additional Delegates and Alternates to fill the Board vacancies may be made (Section 3.03(a)). Directors elected to fill Board vacancies Board will hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term (Section 3.07(b)).

ACCF BOARD ESTABLISHES NEW COMMITTEE AND STRUCTURE

Taking advantage of the increased flexibility regarding committees in the new ACCF Bylaws, the Civic Federation Board has reauthorized the former standing committees, established a new Public Relations Committee and restructured the approach to committees. [Read the full resolution to establish committees here.](#)

Article IV of the new ACCF Bylaws provides for the establishment of Board and Member committees (Section 3.02 and 3.03). Pursuant to the new Bylaws, the Board unanimously approved grandfathering standing committees from the old Bylaws. The Board approved reestablishing the following former standing committees as Member Public Interest committees:

- Cultural Affairs,
- Environmental Affairs,
- Housing.
- Legislation,
- Parks and Recreation,
- Planning and Zoning,
- Public Services,
- Revenues and Expenditures,
- Schools, and
- Transportation.

The Board also established the following former standing committees as Member Federation Support committees:

- Bylaws,
- Membership
- Awards, and
- Banquets (formerly the Special Events committee).

Finally, the Board established a new Public Relations Committee as a Member Federation Support committee. The charge of the Public Relations committee includes regularly informing the media and others of Civic Federation news and events, organizing and producing the Civic Federation Newsletter (Civic Voice), and keeping abreast of developments in technology.

Pursuant to the new Bylaws, any ACCF Delegate (Voting Member), Alternate or member of a Member Organization is entitled to be on any Member committee (Section 3.03). The President, with approval of the Board, appoints committee chairs (Section 3.03). If you are interested in participating on or chairing a Member Committee, please contact duke@civfed.org or maureenc@civfed.org.

[Read the full resolution to establish committees here.](#)

[Click here to view the committee structure, committee chairs, and contact information.](#)

THERE'S MORE CHANGE IN THE AIR, SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS

In keeping with the November Civic Federation meeting, the dates of both the December and January membership meetings have been changed from the normal first-Tuesday-of-the-month spots. So, be sure to mark your calendars.

- On **Tuesday, Dec. 11**, ACCF will host question and answer programs with County Manager Mark Schwartz and Arlington Public Schools Superintendent Patrick Murphy Dec. 11. Among the issues expected to be addressed include the county and school budget, construction of a new high school and school boundaries.
- On **Wednesday, Jan. 2**, following the Arlington County Board meeting earlier that evening, they will host the Civic Federation's annual meeting with the County Board. The meeting will be held in the County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300.

As a result of the change in the December Civic Federation meeting date, the CivFed Board meeting will be moved to 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, at Fire Station 2, 4805 Wilson Blvd.

THE ACCF DEVOTES ENERGIES ON STATE AND LOCAL POLICY

By Juliet Hiznay, Vice Chair, ACCF Legislation Committee

The Arlington County Civic Federation Legislation Committee was revived under the leadership of former President Stefanie Pryor in 2016. Since that time, the Committee has been devoting a lot of energy to a number of pressing policy issues at the state and local level. The Committee has been pleased to help deliver educational programs around resolutions, and has held a number of panels on issues of concern.

On November 13, 2018, ACCF is hosting a panel of state elected officials representing Arlington. This presents an excellent opportunity to highlight the work of the Committee over the past two years. To that end, the Board of Directors asked me to provide a summary and status update for the work that we have been doing.

2017 Medical Marijuana (ACCF passed the resolution 50-1-4)

- Supports legalization of medical marijuana under Virginia law. Legislation passed.

2017 Grounds For Driver's License Suspension (ACCF passed the resolution 36-0-0)

- Supports repeal of all laws suspend or revoke driver's licenses that have no relationship to driving offenses or competency to drive a motor vehicle. (No legislation has been passed.)

2017 Criminal Justice (ACCF passed the resolution 32-1-1)

- Supports raising felony threshold from \$200 to \$1000. Legislation raised to \$500.
- Supports revision of disorderly conduct statute at school to require same standard at schools (no legislation has been passed).
- Supports opportunity to expunge felony juvenile record (no legislation has been passed).

2018 Fair Redistricting (ACCF passed the resolution 44-1-6)

- Supports Virginia Constitutional Amendment to transfer authority for redistricting to an independent commission to ensure proportional redistricting based on districts that are not racially or politically gerrymandered (no legislation has been passed)

2018 Renewable Energy – Arlington County (ACCF passed the resolution 44-0-6)

- Supports transitioning Arlington to 100% renewable electricity by 2035.

2018 Emergency Resolution on HB 1204 (ACCF passed the resolution 27-13-5)

- Requests veto of HB 1204 (Golf Course Bill) Legislation vetoed.

- 2018 Equal Rights Amendment** (ACCF passed the resolution 44-0-3)
▪ Supports Virginia ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

2018 Civil Forfeiture PROPOSED RESOLUTION

- Supports reform of state civil forfeiture law, including requiring a charge before seizing cash and other property, and a finding of guilt before property is forfeited.

In addition to the work laid out above, a draft resolution on decriminalization of possession of small amounts of marijuana is ready to be introduced. Moving forward, the Legislation Committee has identified a number of educational programs that members view as a high priority over the coming year or two, including funding election security efforts in Arlington County, a program on detention in Arlington and best practices, and providing personal property tax relief to 100% service-connected disabled veterans, and government transparency, among others.

We look forward to hosting our state elected officials at the Arlington County Civic Federation meeting on November 13, and will encourage them to support changes to law in response to resolutions that ACCF has passed.

Proposed Resolution on Civil Forfeiture

To view the resolution as a PDF and with footnotes, [click here](#).

This resolution will be considered and voted on at the Nov. 13 ACCF Meeting.

WHEREAS, asset forfeiture involves a civil lawsuit brought *in rem* against the property, and no criminal charge against the owner is required;
WHEREAS, Virginia asset forfeiture permits law enforcement to summarily seize assets such as currency, motor vehicles, and other items of value from persons in Virginia;
WHEREAS, Virginia law allows lawsuits against the property to proceed and assets to be transferred to government agencies without requiring a criminal charge or a finding of guilt against the owner;
WHEREAS, civil forfeiture is authorized under state and federal law for a broad range of alleged offenses, and is not limited to drug trafficking or organized crime;
WHEREAS, Virginia civil forfeiture law places a burden on individuals to prove in a court of law that they own the seized assets, before they can recover them;
WHEREAS, Virginia civil forfeiture law requires an owner to prove their “innocence” in court in order to recover assets.
WHEREAS, the cost of valuing and maintaining assets seized is deducted from any sale proceeds, resulting in a loss of asset value to owners if their asset is eventually returned or cash proceeds reimbursed following the sale of property at auction;
WHEREAS, challenging a seizure in court is stressful and typically would be more expensive than the value of the assets seized;
WHEREAS, bills that reform civil asset forfeiture by requiring a criminal conviction have been brought repeatedly, and have twice passed the Virginia House of Delegates with bipartisan support only to fail in the Virginia Senate Finance Committee;
WHEREAS, civil forfeiture law creates an improper financial dependence on the part of federal, state, and local government on the seizing of property belonging to individuals;
WHEREAS, there is strong bipartisan support for the reform of civil asset forfeiture;

NOW THEREFORE, THE ARLINGTON CIVIC FEDERATION requests the support of all members of our state delegation for the following reforms during the 2019 General Assembly:

Require a criminal charge be brought in association with any seizure of property under VA Code § 19.2-386.1 *et seq.* alleging the property is associated with criminal activity. Otherwise, the property must be returned to its owner within 21 days of being seized.

Require a finding of guilt of a criminal offense before property can be deemed forfeited under VA Code § 19.2-386.1 *et seq.*

To ensure that ownership of seized property is documented, require an inventory of assets to be provided to the person from whom items are seized *at the time of seizure*, with a copy to be included in any associated criminal case file maintained by the

Clerk of Court;

1. Improve transparency and accountability by law enforcement to report in a timely manner all assets seized in the Commonwealth of Virginia to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice, regardless of estimated worth, or whether it is part of the state or federal asset sharing program.
2. Require the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice to make public their reports on civil asset forfeiture, based upon annual certification reports and other reported data for each locality regarding the value and disposition of assets seized (i.e., forfeited post-conviction, returned, or abandoned).
3. Ensure that those from whom items are seized receive notice of their rights, including any deadlines to claim their seized property. If proof of notice cannot be shown, no waiver of ownership rights should apply.
4. If no finding of guilt is made, ensure that owners have an automatic right to claim their property without the burden of defending or filing a lawsuit, and without imposing upon them the burden of proof other than providing positive identification at the time the property is returned.
5. Ensure that co-owners and lienholders have standing to challenge seizure of property subject to forfeiture.
6. Consider what steps should be taken if a law enforcement agency fails to file reports required by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice, such as losing the benefit of related asset disposition or requiring an internal affairs investigation.

Click for More Background Information:

1. [Resolution with report](#)
2. [FOIA Response from ACPD](#)
3. [Civil Forfeiture Revenue Data](#)

Proposed Resolution on the Decriminalization of Marijuana Possession

Read the full resolution as a PDF with footnotes [here](#).

The legislative committee will introduce this resolution at the Nov. 13 ACCF meeting. It will then be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for consideration. The resolution will be considered and voted on at the Dec. ACCF meeting.

Whereas cannabis, commonly known as marijuana, can address pain, nausea and lack of appetite for those under treatment for cancer and HIV, and may also ease symptoms of epilepsy, multiple sclerosis and other conditions

Whereas the 31 states plus DC have adopted “medical marijuana” programs, including Virginia

Whereas 76% of Virginians support decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana

Whereas arrests for marijuana possession continue to increase in Virginia, in contrast with a large decrease nationally and 436 arrests were made in Arlington in 2017 – on average, more than one per day

Whereas those arrested for marijuana possession may lose their driver’s license, employment, housing, parental rights, access to financial aid/loans, face job discrimination and will spend dozens of hours and thousands of dollars as a consequence of this arrest and/or probation plea deal

Whereas black Arlington residents are almost 8 times more likely to be arrested than their white counterparts

Be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the General Assembly to:

- Update the laws related to marijuana possession, decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana by adults so that, at a maximum, reasonable fines are assessed rather than criminal charges.
- Expand Virginia’s medical cannabis program to allow for full-strength cannabis oils to be safely dispensed by pharmaceutical processors, reducing illegal sales in our communities and interstate trafficking.

Furthermore the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the Arlington Police Chief to:

- De-prioritize the enforcement of small scale marijuana possession to the lowest level possible, so that resources are focused on violent crimes and Arlington’s residents of color are no longer disproportionately searched, arrested and

prosecuted for marijuana possession.

Read the full resolution as a PDF with footnotes [here](#).

Arlington Tree Action Group Legislative Recommendation

The Arlington Tree Action Group recommends that the Civic Federation include in its priorities for Virginia State legislative agenda measures that will allow Arlington County to better support the urban forest and open space that is critical to the County. Trees are essential basic assets that support the public health, economy, infrastructure, environment, and recreational and aesthetics. Recent events have demonstrated the critical role of trees in stormwater management as well as air quality.

While commercial and residential development in Arlington will continue at a rapid pace, the County must have more tools available to reasonably control the secondary impacts on the citizens. Trees and open space are being removed at an alarming pace in Arlington. The Civic Federation must encourage any legislation that will assist in the protection of the irreplaceable urban forest and open space before it is gone.

Proposed Resolution to Stop the Destruction of 66 Trees & Halt Expansion of Unnecessary Parking at Upton Hill Regional Park

To read to resolution as a PDF with footnotes and supporting background information, [click here](#).

Submitted by Bluemont Civic Association. The Bluemont Civic Association will introduce this resolution at the Nov. 13 ACCF meeting. It will then be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for consideration. The resolution will be considered and voted on at the Dec. ACCF meeting.

Whereas, trees purify our air by filtering pollutants and producing oxygen;

Whereas, asthma rates among Arlington County children have risen 44% in the last 5 years, fueled in part by massive loss of trees (the equivalent footprint of the Pentagon every few years), increased asphalt and concrete with relentless new construction (which excrete toxins), and rising pollution from idling trucks and increased vehicles on our roads;

Whereas, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's plan to remove 66 mature trees is inconsistent with federal and state laws protecting the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and Arlington's own 2007 Nature Resource Management recommendations, which documented through field observations that large trees at Upton Hill should be protected from future park development or redevelopment, including the construction of facilities and trails;

Whereas, the expansion of the upper parking is unwarranted and unnecessary, and no justification has been offered by the Park Authority for why more parking is needed, with its attendant erosion and pollution;

Whereas, the parking lot expansion is a waste of Arlington County funds to NOVA Parks because Upton Hill swimming pool is only open three months a year, and for the remaining nine months parking is plentiful for the mini golf and batting cages;

Whereas, 45% of Arlington County is already covered with impervious surfaces, increasing pavement on parkland, contradicts Arlington County's own policies of trying to minimize or eliminate surface parking;

Whereas, Upton Hill provides the last remaining forest between Bluemont and the extensively paved area known as Seven Corners, and U.S. metropolitan areas lose 36 million trees annually;

Whereas, the beautiful forest at Upton Hill is frequented by families, hikers, bikers, bird watchers and wild life,

Therefore, be it resolved that Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's plans be halted until they are revised to prevent the removal of high-value trees and expansion of the parking lot; that permits issued ensure the preservation of these mature trees; and there be sufficient supervision and oversight to ensure that the construction at Upton Hill preserves these mature trees.

To read to resolution as a PDF with footnotes and supporting background information, [click here](#).

October Membership Meeting Minutes

Secretary Maureen Coffey noted that we reached a quorum, and President Duke Banks gave a brief introduction, thanking Virginia Hospital Center and calling the meeting to order. President Banks recognized the 18 All-Star organizations from the September meeting, and noted that we had attendance from 68 delegates and 43 organizations at that meeting. President Banks also thanked the career center and its students for filming the October meeting. The agenda and the consent agenda were both approved unanimously, with no amendments.

Treasurer Sarah Shortall reminded those in attendance that membership verification forms must be submitted by October 31. Organizations that do not submit their membership forms, including a verification of 20 members and their list of delegates and alternates, will not be able to vote.

President Duke Banks asked new delegates in attendance if they would introduce themselves. He also announced that for personal reasons, two board members needed to resign and that nominations to fill their places should be sent to the Federation's secretary, Maureen Coffey.

President Banks reminded attendees that ART is planning route changes and there will be a public comment period concluding October 31, and that the Federation is looking for chairs for several committees.

Vice-President's Report: Vice President Nicole Merlene gave an overview of the strategic planning process that the Board of Directors undertook at our August meeting. She introduced one of the results of this process, which is the addition of an open mic session to the end of meetings. Each delegate or alternate will get 30 seconds to provide productive comments.

Bond Initiative Panel: Vice President Nicole Merlene guided the panel on the bond initiatives. The panel topics and speakers included:

- Overview of County Bonds and Finance - John Touhy
- Arlington Public Schools Bond, Lida Anestidou
- Metro/Transportation Bond, Katie Cristol
- Community Infrastructure Bond, Peter Russelot
- Parks and Recreation Bond, Bill Ross

Questions for the panelists included requesting background information on what the funds would be used for, the longevity of the investments, and whether we were prioritizing the correct things to fund through the bond initiatives.

County Budget Listening Session with Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board:

Katie Cristol, chair of the Arlington County Board, explained the budget gap that the county is facing for the upcoming budget process, and went over the timeline of how the budget process works. She then took public comment on budget priorities, which included: ensuring accessibility of public comment on the budget; making the content more approachable to the general public; including underrepresented communities in the process; hosting more than one town hall; working closely with APS; increasing income and not just cutting services; developing the Lee Highway corridor; expanding our

definition of transit beyond the metro; needing to talk about the Dillon Rule; actually listening to residents when they provide feedback; paying teachers more; avoiding flashy but not functional projects; and looking beyond one year to ensure stability over time.

Parks and Recreation Bond Resolution: Jay Wind presented a resolution in support of the Parks and Recreation Bond measure at the September 2018 meeting. Debate on the resolution was robust, and many voiced concerns about passing a resolution on one bond measure without passing a resolution on all of the bond measures. Votes taken were:

- Motion to table the resolution by Suzanne Sunburg (19 in favor, 19 opposed - motion failed)
- Motion to amend the resolution to end after the text "...encourages all voters to vote yes." without adding any caveats by Sarah Shortall, Treasurer (21 in favor, 15 opposed - motion passes)
- Motion to amend the resolution to add text to indicate that the Federation supports all of the bond measures by Juliet Hiznay (11 in favor, 23 opposed - motion fails)
- Motion to amend the resolution to add text to indicate the the Federation's passage of this resolution has no bearing on the opinion on the other bond measures (11 in favor, 17 opposed - motion fails)
- Motion to pass the resolution, as amended (18 in favor, 15 opposed, 1 abstention - motion passes)

Resolution on Civil Forfeiture: Juliet Hiznay presented a resolution on reforming the civil forfeiture laws. The resolution was accepted and President Duke Banks referred it to the legislative committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

October Treasurer's Report

ACCF Treasurer's Report October 1-31, 2018

<u>Checking</u>			
Beginning Balance (10/1/2018)			\$ 7,150.37
Deposits			
Checks received – 2018-19 Dues	\$ 450.00		
Transfer from PayPal – 2018-19 Dues	\$ 241.25		
	\$ 691.25	\$ 691.25	
Expenditures			
Checks paid			
Administrative			
Constant Contact	\$ 66.50		
	\$ 66.50	\$ 66.50	
Ending balance (10/31/2018)			<u>\$ 7,775.12</u>
<u>Savings</u>			
Beginning balance (10/1/2018)			\$ 14,425.42
Deposits			
Revenues - Interest	\$.37	\$.37	
Expenditures	\$.00	\$.00	
Ending balance (10/31/2018)			<u>\$ 14,425.79</u>
<u>PayPal</u>			
Beginning balance (10/1/2018)			\$ 0.00
Deposits			
Dues	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Expenditure150.s			
Expenses – PayPal Fees	\$ 8.75		
Transfer to checking	\$ 241.25		
	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Ending balance (10/31/2018)			<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>			<u>\$ 22,200.91</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>			\$ 0.00
<u>Fund balance</u>			<u>\$ 22,200.91</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>			<u>\$ 22,200.91</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Shortall

The Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation has finalized its "Plan for Our Places and Spaces" or POPS. As a topic of interest to many of our members, the Civic Federation would like to provide, from the county, an overview of the plan.

The December 9 deadline to submit feedback on the final draft Public Spaces Master Plan is rapidly approaching. *For more information about the plan and to submit your comments go to parks.arlingtonva.us, search POPS.* Better yet, come by Arlington Mill Community Center (909 S. Dinwiddie St.) on Nov. 15 between 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. to chat with staff about the plan. Please spread the word throughout your neighborhoods and organizations about this opportunity for review and feedback.

Read the POPS Overview



Nov. 13: General Membership Meeting, Virginia Hospital Center, 6:30 pm

- Agenda:

- Reception and Check-in (6:30-7)
- Introduction and ACCF business items
- Arlington Legislative Delegation presentation on upcoming General Assembly Session
- Consideration and vote on proposed resolution on Civil Forfeiture
- Introduction of proposed resolutions
- Recap on "Energize Arlington"
- Continuation of open "mike" initiative

Nov. 18: ACCF Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, Fire Department 2, 6:30 pm

Nov. 21: Newsletter Submission Deadline, 9:00 pm

Dec. 11: General Membership Meeting, Virginia Hospital Center, 6:30 pm

Dec. 16: ACCF BOD Meeting, Fire Department 2, 6:30 pm

Dec. 31: Deadline for Membership Organizations to Pay Dues

Jan 2: General Membership Meeting, Arlington County Board Room, 7:30 pm

Jan. 6: ACCF BOD Meeting, Fire Department 2, 6:30 pm

Feb. 5: General Membership Meeting, Virginia Hospital Center, 6:30 pm

Feb. 10: ACCF BOD Meeting, Fire Department 2, 6:30 pm

Does your organization have events to advertise? Email ACCFMembership@gmail.com before the next newsletter deadline for inclusion in the December Civic Voice!

Tenant-Landlord Commission: The Tenant-Landlord Commission meets at 7:00 PM on **November 14** in the Azalea Room at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Comprised of tenant, landlord and public interest representatives the commission hears grievances and facilitates disputes between tenants and landlords and advises the County Board on policy and programs. Public comment is welcome.

NCAC: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory will meet from 7:30 pm on **November 8** in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Blvd.

Transportation Commission: The Transportation Commission's September meeting will be held on **November 13**, starting 7:30 p.m. at the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission's June meeting will be held on **December 3**, starting 7:00 pm at the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

Housing Commission: The Housing Commission's September meeting will be held on Monday, **November 13** starting 7:00 p.m. at the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

Arlington County Board: The County Board's September meeting will be held on Saturday, **November 17**, starting 8:30 a.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission: The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a meeting starting at 7:00 pm on **November 27**, in the Azalea Room in 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

Officers and Committees

2018-2019 Officers and Executive Committee Members

President Duke Banks (duke@civfed.org)

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Executive Committee Member Alexandra Bocian (alexandrab@civfed.org)

[Click here to view the committee structure, committee chairs, and contact information.](#)

Parking at the Virginia Hospital Center

Remember to park in the **B/Gold** Garage. On Civic Federation meeting nights, the gates of the **B/Gold** Parking Garage, will be open, and there will be no charge for parking there. When you arrive you will still need to take a ticket, however the exit gate will be open upon exit so you do not need to pay for parking. The **B/Gold** Parking Garage is located under the 1635 Medical Office Building. If you use another lot, you will have to pay the regular rate to exit.

