



The Civic Voice

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

!Important Notice!

The Civic Federation is changing the day on which it holds its monthly meetings. Effective October 2019, the Federation's General Membership Meetings will move to the third Tuesday of the month until further notice. The meetings will continue to start at 7 PM and will continue to be held in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center.

President's Corner

Dear Delegates, Alternates, and Presidents of member organizations, I enjoyed meeting some of you at the Arlington County fair. Many of your concerns will be addressed with upcoming programs.

It is with sadness that the board has accepted the resignation of Sarah Shortall. Sarah is dealing with health issues and does not feel she can do the detail work as treasurer. She will continue as a delegate. Burt Bostwick has offered to put his name forward as treasurer. In the meantime, per the bylaws, he is working as an assistant as there are some timely issues regarding audit and IRS filing. If others are interested in this position, please submit your name and we will vote on this at the September meeting.

On September 3rd, we resume our meetings with the traditional Candidates Forum which is Arlington's customary kickoff for the election season.

Arlington County Board

- Christian Dorsey
- Katie Cristol
- Audrey Clement
- Arron O'Dell

Senate-32nd District

- Janet Howell*
- Arthur Purvis

*After a fall and ankle surgery followed by a quadruple bypass, Sen. Howell issued this statement. "I am out of commission for the next several weeks but my crackerjack staff is not! Chief of Staff Karol Straub and Aide Edyta Wiesner will continue to solve your problems with state government. Campaign manager Anika Rahman will make sure we have a winning effort. And I will just recover and prepare for the 2020 session!"

House of Delegates-49th District

- Alfonso Lopez
- Terry Mogdlin

Before the forum, ACCF will host a reception with light refreshments to "meet and greet" the candidates at 6:30 pm, in the Hazel Auditorium Lobby and an adjacent meeting room. Both events are free and open to the public.

The forum will be divided into three panels, starting with the County Board. Candidates on each panel will be permitted to make two-minute opening statements before answering questions. Then Delegates, Alternates, and, time permitting, the public will be able to ask questions of the panel of candidates or an individual candidate. Each candidate will also have the opportunity to make a closing statement. Please review the Forum Rules for Delegates and Alternates.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 5.

Arlington County Civic Federation Forum Rules

1. This document details the rules for the ACCF Candidate Forum that will be held at 7 pm, Tuesday, September 3rd in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center, N. George Mason Drive and 16th Street North.
2. The order for the candidate panels will be Arlington County Board, Senate -32nd District, House of Delegate District 49.
3. When each candidate panel is called, candidates will take their places at the table in the front of the auditorium.
4. Candidates will have an opportunity to make 2-minute opening and a 1 minute closing statement from their seats. Speaking order will be determined by a coin toss at the start of the evening and will be the same for opening and closing statements. After opening statements, candidates will answer questions from the ACCF delegates/alternates. Candidates may use notes throughout their panel.
5. The order for answering questions will rotate. Candidate responses to questions will be strictly limited to 2 minutes. A timekeeper will use cue cards to inform candidates of their remaining time and when they must stop speaking. Time limits will be strictly enforced.
6. ACCF delegates/alternates who want to pose a question will form a line at the microphone at the front of the auditorium.
7. In order to maximize the number of delegates/alternates who have an opportunity to ask a question, the forum moderator will give first priority to delegates/alternates who have not yet asked a question. To the extent time permits, members of the public also may ask questions.
8. Delegate questions may be up to 30 seconds long and must not be positions statements. A timekeeper will use cards to inform delegates/alternates of their remaining time and when they must stop speaking. Follow-up questions are not allowed.
9. Questions may be directed to one or more candidates, but each candidate will have an opportunity to answer.
10. The forum is a non partisan event and takes place on the property of the Virginia Hospital Center. All rules of Virginia Hospital Center conduct apply. Furthermore, the debate will be confined to pertinent issues. High standards of decorum and civility are expected and any decision of exclusion on that basis will be at the sole discretion of the moderator.
11. Audience members will be directed to mute cell phones and refrain from

applause, cheering, jeering. or other verbal reply in response to candidate statements.

12. Literature may be distributed only in the conference center lobby from 6:30-9 p.m. Signs, banners, demonstrations and electronic presentations are not allowed on the hospital's property, including outside the building and in the lobby, hallway and auditorium.
13. The Candidate Forum will be recorded by Arlington Independent Media and a link to the film will be provided on the Civic Federation Website.

AGENDAS FOR UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

October 15 Program:

- Panel discussion of multi-family housing zoning moderated by John Vihstadt
- Community Environmental Program (CEP) with Rich Dooley

November 19 Program:

- Panel of uncontested Delegates and Senators
- Constitutional officers
- Storm water management

December 17 Program:

- County Manager and School Superintendent
- An update on Amazon from Arlington County officials

January (Date and location to be determined)

- County Board

September Board Meeting-September 8, 2019--Fire Station #2. 6:00pm

The Civic Federation's Website

A committee under the leadership of Burt Bostwick and Sarah Shortall has been working with Adam Henderson and Ron Haddox to revamp CivFed's website.

2019-2020 Board of Directors

Sandy Newton, President
Allan Gajadhar, Vice President
Allen Norton, Secretary
Sarah Shortall, Treasurer

Board of Directors Chair, Allan Gajadhar
Board of Directors Vice Chair, Eric Cassel
Member at Large, Chanda Choun
Member at Large, Dennis Gerrity
Member at Large, Mike McMenamin
Member at Large, Stacy Meyer

Here is a [link](#) to Board members bios to learn about their backgrounds.

2019-2020 ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES

Cultural Affairs – Chair Tina Worden – tina@civfed.org
Environmental Affairs – Vacant
Housing – Chair Eric Brescia – ericbrescia@civfed.org
Legislation – Chair Ron Haddox -- ron@civfed.org
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Planning and Zoning – Chair Ben Kenney – ben@civfed.org
Public Services - Chair Jackie Snelling – jackie@civfed.org
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Schools – Chair Michael Beer – michaelbeer@civfed.org
Transportation – Chair Jerry Auten - jerry@civfed.org

2019-2020 FEDERATION SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Audit -- Chair Jay Wind – jay@civfed.org
Awards – Chair – Tbd
Bylaws and Rules – Chair Allen Norton – allen.n@civfed.org
Banquet – Chair -- Tbd
Communications – Chanda Choun – chanda.choun@gmail.com
Membership – Chair Dennis Gerrity – membership@civfed.org
Any Delegate, Alternate or member of a Member Organization may participate on any Public Interest or Support Committee (Please contact the Committee chair or point of contact or President Sandy Newton if you are interested participating on ACCF Committees.)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CivFed Parks & Recreation Committee

The Arlington County Civic Federation Park and Recreation Committee will begin the year with a meeting on **Thursday, September 5th at 7PM at the Glebe Meeting Room at the Central Library**. The room is located on the first floor of the Library. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a yearly plan for the committee concerning:

- Approaches to consider for the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program that the County Board will be considering in 2020.
- Impact of Storm Water Management on the Park System because of the floods of July 8th.
- Follow on activities concerning Civic Federation Resolutions passed last year concerning park and recreation: Level of Service issue with the Public Spaces Master Plan, and public process issue with the Rosslyn boathouse site.

Cultural Affairs Committee

The Arlington Art Truck will be doing our fall activation in September and October once a week with an artist designed project where the public learns to sew on a button in an effort to be more aware of reducing waste. (by not throwing away your clothes with that missing button) The artist designed this project so that each Arlington civic association is in a sewing hoop and the public can choose their civic association to add their button. At the end of October the artist and his assistants will be at Central Library sewing the associations

together and making the map! *Tiesthatbind* is an Arlington Economic Development special project. [Cynthia Connelly](#) is the project leader.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

CERT programs, which exist in Arlington County and around the region, are made up of volunteers who have completed training programs that equips them to not only educate others in preparedness, but are a ready made team that can assist first-responders and citizens when disaster strikes.

The CERT training course gives you the initial training and skills that you will need for your role to operate as an auxiliary safety force volunteer. You will have the necessary skills and training to reach out to your family and neighbors to support them with their basic needs until the safety forces can arrive.

The basic CERT training course involves approximately 30 hours of in class coursework and concludes with a disaster simulation drill that ties everything together. In CERT Basic Training, you will learn:

Unit 1: Disaster Preparations:

Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations Part 1 Unit 4: Disaster Medical

Operations Part 2 Unit 5: Light Search and Rescue Operations Unit 6:

CERT Organization Unit 7: Disaster Psychology Unit 8: Terrorism

(Awareness) and CERT Unit 9: Course Review / Final Exam / Disaster > Simulation

So, what are you waiting for? Sign up for the Arlington Basic CERT class now! 3 Separate Classes, taught by First Responders and CERT Volunteers at the Arlington Fire Department Training Academy, are taught weekly starting Tuesday, September 3rd, and end on Saturday October 5th, with the final 1/2 day exercise/simulation.

Arlington CERT Offers the First TeenCERT (14 Oct - 7 Dec)

FOR TEENS AGED 14 TO 17

New this year is our TeenCERT. Any adult who wants to attend WITH THEIR TEEN, 14-17, can do so. If an adult wants to attend the Adult Class with their Teen, age 14 to 17, they can do so as well. To attend any ArlCERT Basic Training, minimum age is 14 years.

For more information about the Arlington CERT, please visit

<https://emergency.arlingtonva.us/get-involved/cert/>. If you are interested in joining, please email: CERTArlingtonVA.App.Registrar@gmail.com.

Member Association Announcements

Norml would like Federation membership to be aware of of an excellent movie on the unintended and cruel consequences of many laws against marijuana usage. Go to cruelconsequences.org.

Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance

The Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance is calling for nominations for its equality awards. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

Niche named Arlington Public Schools as the top ranked school district in Virginia. The 2020 Best School Districts ranking is based on rigorous analysis of key statistics and millions of reviews from students and parents using data from the U.S. Department of Education. [APS Superintendent Search Engage Page](#). The School Board is conducting a nationwide search for a new superintendent to replace Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, who will retire from APS on September 1, 2019. The goal is to find a highly-qualified leader who will sustain our positive culture of learning and promote excellence and equity for all students. The [Search for New APS Superintendent](#) page provides a timeline, links to important updates and resources, and ways to engage. In case you missed it, [Cintia Johnson was appointed Interim Superintendent](#) of APS, effective September 1, 2019.

LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS

[June 2019 Treasurer's Report](#)
[June 2019 General Meeting Minutes](#)
[June 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)
[July 2019 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
[August 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)
[Proposed Amendment to Section 2 of ACCF Bylaws](#)

Civic Federation Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

ACCF follows the decisions of the Arlington Public School System when cancelling its meetings due to bad weather. Here is a link to the APS [HOMEPAGE](#) for information when inclement weather is imminent.

Free Parking at the Virginia Hospital Center

Delegates, Alternates and others attending Arlington County Civic Federation meetings at Virginia Hospital Center can park for FREE in the B/GOLD garage under the 1635 Medical Office Building at Virginia Hospital Center. Although people may have to take a ticket to enter the B/GOLD garage, the exit gate will be raised when you leave. If the gate is down, press the speaker button and the security office will raise the gate remotely. The garage has abundant parking spaces. Please note, parking in any other lot on Virginia Hospital Center property is not free.

