



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

The upcoming meeting of the Civic Federation will be held on the third Tuesday of **October(15)**. It will feature two presentations and the introduction of a resolution on flooding.

The first presentation will be a discussion of Arlington's Community Energy Plan. It will be presented by Rich Dooley, Community Energy Coordinator for Arlington County Government.

The second presentation will be a panel discussion of multi-family construction and upzoning moderated by John Vihstadt, a member of CivFed's Housing Committee. Panel participants will include senior planner Richard Tucker, the County staff lead on Housing Arlington, Peter Rousselot, ARLNow columnist, who has written extensively on the environmental and infrastructure impacts of accelerated development. The third panelist, Terry Clower, Director, Center for Regional Analysis, George Mason University, will provide an academic perspective and address the pros and cons of these multi-faceted issues.

Public Services Committee chair, Jackie Snelling, has been hard at work coordinating many meetings related to flooding issues and formulating a resolution addressing concerns about flooding and next steps. This is a huge issue and one that is not taken lightly. I have been fortunate to visit many Civic Association meetings this past month, and all have discussed the need for a comprehensive plan to alleviate flooding and its implications for their residents. On the positive side related to issues like water runoff, land use, and livability issues, many associations and member organizations have banded together for a stronger voice to solving shared problems. A draft resolution on flooding will be presented at the meeting.

Some Civic Associations and other member organizations do not have 4 delegates and 4 alternate delegates. For voting purposes, a full complement would give stronger expression of your group's wants and needs. Changing our meetings to engage parents of school age children who have had a conflict with

our meetings on the first Tuesday may help member associations improve their delegate representation. I would encourage delegates to report back to their associations after our CivFed meetings.

I want to welcome Burt Bostwick as our new treasurer and to thank Sarah Shorthall for her tireless work as treasurer. Sarah will be at our meetings as a delegate, but her health issues have caused her to step down as treasurer.

The Civic Federation has partnered with the County for the upcoming Census April 1, 2020. Only 11 Civic Associations have partnered and I would urge more to join. This involves publicizing the census and giving people the correct information regarding the census. The result of the census is used to plan and provide services and support for the Arlington Community. For more information go to <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/census-2020/>

I would be honored to attend any of your association or member organization meetings. Sometimes it is hard to ferret out meeting days and times. I would like to attend your meetings to get to know you, help if I can, hear issues of concern, but mostly to listen.

A Note on CivFed's History

Nearly 100 years ago Alexandria County, which included what is now Arlington, organized a large parade to celebrate the homecoming of soldiers from World War I, The Alexandria Civic Association (what we were known as before the County name was changed) suggested changing the name of the County. https://newsroom.arlingtonvaus/release/1919_rename_letter/

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. At the most recent meeting, we discussed our outreach to the community and ways of engaging a wider audience as well as keeping members up to date on events in the county. Facebook and twitter will be more active. Any other suggestions will be gratefully received. Thank you to Ron and Adam for their work implementing these actions.

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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.)

CIVIC FEDERATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

In 2018, Arlington County became the 250th community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Then-County Board Chair Katie Cristol said, “Arlington encourages people to stay healthy and active at every age and provides services and supports to those who may need assistance to remain safe and independent in their communities. We are proud to already be ranked one of the most age-friendly communities in the United States, and through the age-friendly initiative we will take active steps towards becoming more inclusive and age-friendly.”

As part of the planning to make Arlington even more age friendly, the Arlington County Commission on Aging is distributing a survey to collect citizen input. You can help us by completing this survey.

The survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T69SG9D>

AARP has a “livability index” <https://livabilityindex.aarp.org>

And that which is specific to Arlington

<https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Arlington+County+VA+USA>

Arts and Culture Committee-Tina Worden

Equity is a focus for the Arlington Arts Commission and with the recent adoption of an Equity Resolution, is now a formal commitment by County Board members. Challenging Racism is an Arlington based national organization with its beginnings in APS. Former county board chair, Mary Hynes is managing director of CR. They'll be having their annual reception **Nov 1 at the Mexican Cultural Institute, 7-9pm.**

"Challenging Racism: Learning How uses stories and conversations to help Learning How participants learn to work effectively in cross-cultural situations and develop a basic understanding of racism, institutional racism, and White privilege. Each of the 11 sessions builds concrete skills of listening and practicing difficult conversations related to race, second language and other forms of bias." <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07egl1k1rp848af5d8&llr=hnm6jbzab>

MEMBER ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Arlington Historical Society

The Arlington Historical Society will promote Urban Agriculture month. This past weekend Ball-Sellers House, located on S. Third Street in Glencarlyn, presented a fiber demonstration on flax and linen. This event took place on October 5th. The Ball family grew and processed flax for their clothing. Spinning, weaving, wheat grinding was demonstrated. Tours of the Ball-Sellers House (oldest in the County) were given from 1-4 pm. Urban Agriculture will run the entire month, so look for events in your area.

The Arlington Tree Action Group

The Arlington Tree Action Group asks you to please water your trees.

Trees add remarkable beauty and health to our neighborhoods. But our trees are stressed now from drought; even the mature ones need a deep soak with the hose.

Simply let a hose run near the base of the tree on low -medium flow.

- A mature tree in drought needs 100 gallons, which will take 60-90 minutes with the hose, depending on flow
- A young tree needs 25 gallons, which will take 20-30 minutes

Continue once a week until we get heavy, sustained rain.

This is not expensive; 100 gallons of water costs \$1.40. What is expensive is paying to remove a tree killed by drought.

For more information on watering, see the link below:

<https://environment.arlingtonva.us/trees/care-for-trees/watering/>

Crystal City, Aurora Highlands & Arlington Ridge Civic Associations

Recognizing that the pace of development in the 22202 area is expected to surge from mid-2019 onward, and that recent community forums have shown that livability is a primary concern in our neighborhoods, the leadership of Crystal City, Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge Civic Associations have coordinated to develop a "Livability Framework" ([click here to download](#)). This document articulates a vision for an integrated, holistic approach to achieving a highly livable community across our diverse neighborhoods and defines a set of livability themes and specific elements. The goal is to encourage a collaborative engagement among residents, the County, developers, property owners and businesses and other organizations to develop and implement an integrated holistic approach to achieving livability across our community.

Combined Meeting of Four Civic Associations on Storm Water Management in the Torreyson Run Watershed Area

County Board Chair Christian Dorsey and expert staff will update the community on the County's plans for storm water management in their shared watershed, Torreyson Run. **Thursday, 17 October, 7 pm** at the Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Blvd.

CPRO Presentation-Woman's Club of Arlington

On **Thursday, October 10th at 7 pm**, The Woman's Club of Arlington will host Kim Klingler, Executive Director of The Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO), for an update on this organizations work. This will be held at the Woman's Club located at 700 S. Buchanan St., Arlington, VA. 22204. There is ample parking available. All are welcome.

APS Update

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 retired 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.

More crossing guards are needed at all schools. If interested, please contact Arlington County at 703-228-3500 for more information. This is a paid position.

Here is an update from the Arlington County Police Department on Auto Theft Prevention: According to the FBI's Uniformed Crime Reporting Program, there was an estimated 773,139 thefts of motor vehicles nationwide in 2017. Vehicle theft is a multi-billion-dollar crime that costs victims time and money. By educating yourself on the common methods of theft and taking some simple precautions, motorists can help reduce the risk of having their vehicle become a target.

Most commonly, auto thefts are **crimes of opportunity** with thieves entering unlocked vehicles and locating a spare or valet key inside. Other common methods include:

- Keys left in unlocked vehicles - **A majority of Arlington cases stem from this method.**
- Keys left in locked vehicles and force used to enter the vehicle - Suspect forces entry into a vehicle, generally for an item of value, and locates the spare/valet key inside.
- Fleet vehicle theft: vehicles with no anti-theft mechanisms/technology - With some fleets of vehicles, ignition cylinder technology is simplistic and easy to defeat.
- Vehicles with no anti-theft mechanisms/technology - Traditional ignition punch of older vehicles.
- Unattended vehicles left running - Often seen during summer months with the air-conditioning on/in the winter with the heat on or quick errands into a business. Delivery vehicles have also been targeted in the past.
- Failure to return rentals - Suspect fails to return a rental vehicle back by the agreed upon date.
- Unauthorized use of vehicle - A known individual uses the victim's vehicle without permission.
- False reports - These are cases to avoid hit-and-run charges, eluding, or owners "abandoning" their vehicle to avoid payments (upside-down on loans), etc.
- Key swap thefts - After a test-drive, a dealership is given a fake key and the original is retained by the suspect.
- Motorcycles lack of anti-theft mechanisms/technology - Practically all newer motorcycles have no anti-theft mechanisms/technology.
- Motorcycles taken with other vehicles - Utilizing a van or other transport vehicle, motorcycles are being placed inside of other vehicles and stolen.
- Relay attack thefts - Higher end vehicles with transponder technology being "stolen" by relay technology. (At this time, no evidence of these cases within Arlington.)
- Professional technologies - Higher-end vehicles with transponder technology being entered and reprogrammed. (At this time, no evidence of these cases within Arlington.)

• Park in well-lit areas • Take your keys with you • Don't leave a spare key in your vehicle • Never leave your engine running while your vehicle is unattended • Close and lock all windows and doors when you park • Don't leave valuables in your vehicle, especially in plain sight • Utilize anti-theft systems • Audible and Visible Devices • Immobilizing-Type Devices •

Vehicle Recovery Systems Set a reminder and at 9 P.M. each evening, ensure the following tasks have been completed:

- Vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates, sheds have been locked
- Exterior lights, security cameras, alarm systems have been activated
- Valuables from vehicles (including keys), yards, patios have been brought inside.

LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS

[July-August 2019 Treasurer Report](#)
[September 2019 Treasurer's Report-Available at the meeting](#)
[September 2019 General Meeting Minutes](#)

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.

