



# Arlington County Civic Federation

## The Civic Voice

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### January General Membership Meeting

**Location:** Arlington County Board, [2100 Clarendon Blvd. Room 307](#)

**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2023 @ 7:30 PM (see arrival notes below)

**Invitation:** Delegates, Alternate Delegates, others associated with member organizations, and the public are invited to attend this meeting.

**Delegates:** All requests for delegate swaps with alternates must be submitted to the [secretary@civfed.org](mailto:secretary@civfed.org) by **Sunday December 31st at 12 noon**. No exceptions.

#### Options for attending the meeting:

1. **In-Person (Delegates, Other Guests):** No registration is needed to attend in-person.
2. **Facebook Live (Other Guests):** No registration is needed to watch the live stream which can be found on the [ArlCivFed Facebook page](#).
3. **Zoom (Delegates):** [Registration](#) is required by **Monday January 1 at 12 noon**. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The Zoom passcode is 123456, but if you use the links provided after you register you will not have to enter it.

### Meeting Agenda

- 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. **County Board Organizational Meeting** (prior to start of CivFed meeting)
- 7:15 - 7:30 **Break**
- 7:30 - 8:20 **Joint Meeting - CivFed and Arlington County Board** - This will be a Q&A format moderated by John Ford.
- 8:20 - 8:30 **CivFed Business** (vote on CivFed Legislative Priorities, vote on new member Arlington Artists Alliance)

#### Additional Details

Please review County Board meeting logistics at: [Arlington County Board Home Page \(granicus.com\)](#), which include additional details about viewing via the County's YouTube channel or broadcast on Arlington County's cable channel.

The Arlington County Board will be holding their yearly Organizational meeting which begins at 6 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. At the conclusion of the Organizational Meeting, there will be a short break before the joint CivFed/County Board meeting begins. It is highly recommended that you arrive prior to 7 p.m. to ensure you can find adequate seating.

## President's Message

The end of another calendar year is a time for reflection for many of us. Indeed, we are deluged with various retrospectives in the media. I'd prefer to look ahead.

On Tuesday January 2nd for instance, we at CivFed will have a unique opportunity for dialogue with the five people Arlington voters have chosen to lead our government for the next year. This chance comes from our traditional joint session with the incoming County Board, held in the Board chamber on the 3d floor at 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

I urge you to join in this session, either virtually or in person. In the County Board portion from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., each board member, including newly-elected Susan Cunningham and Maureen Coffey as well as likely incoming chair Libby Garvey, will offer their vision for 2024 and beyond. These aspirational statements are important for all of us. They offer insight on how our leaders plan to guide the county.

From 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., after a short social break, our CivFed meeting will convene, and its centerpiece will be a dialogue with the Board based upon the lengthy list of insightful questions many of you have provided. Thank you for those submissions.

We and the Board will try to get to as many of these as possible, but please bear in mind that precisely because your questions are good ones, it is likely that most or all of the Board members will have something to say in reply. That's a good thing, but it obviously limits the number of questions we can ask.

We'll also vote as a membership on our Legislative Committee's package for our Arlington County delegation to the state legislature in Richmond. I think it will be good for the Board to hear our priorities even as we have heeded theirs.

Looking ahead, our February 13 meeting will be devoted to Arlington schools. Superintendent Francisco Duran will be our guest for the first half of the program, and we are expecting several members of the elected School Board to join us for the second half of this evening. Whether or not you presently or will have children enrolled in APS, what happens in our schools is important for all of us.

The School Board, like the County Board, has experienced some recent turnover, including in leadership. I encourage you to submit questions and concerns to our Schools Committee beginning now, so our February session can best reflect the views of our membership.

That brings me to our Spring meetings. I urge our active members to treat these meetings as opportunities for thoughtful resolution ideas and proposals for CivFed consideration, debate and decisions. We've tried to arrange our annual schedule to accommodate several substantive resolutions in the months ahead. Please do let your CivFed board of directors hear from you.

There are so many pressing issues that face our county now. CivFed needs to lead the way in offering well-considered resolution thoughts on how to address them. We need your help and participation.

In closing, I do want to take note of our two successful [roundtable discussions](#) with the County Manager in October and November, in which many of our CivFed citizen-leaders participated. Those led to a highly participative December session with the manager, who has now joined me in announcing a couple of additional roundtables for the upcoming months.

Please watch for announcements of time and date, and especially for those who couldn't attend in the Fall, try to accommodate these additional roundtable sessions. They offer a great opportunity to get your concerns before the manager and his senior staff.

With all this in mind, please do enjoy this special time of the year with friends and especially with your families. And – please do so safely!

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## December General Membership Outbrief

### 1) Discussion With County Manager, Mark Schwartz

County Manager, Mark Schwartz, came for a Q&A session with CivFed. Six CivFed panelists came forward and discussed current County concerns with the manager. The panelists are identified below with a sampling of the topic areas discussed by the panelists and CivFed members during Q&A with the manager:

- **Alex Sakes**, President, Penrose CA
  - Vacancy rate and metro/bus train
- **Portia Clark**, President, Green Valley CA
  - Creative ways to support budget deficits (e.g., grants, park snack bars), youth initiatives, and ART busses
- **Brian Harner**, Co-Chair, Planning & Zoning Committee
  - Office vacancy, vision for Arlington placemaking, bringing county staff back into the office, rental cost increases
- **Sandi Chesrown**, President, Waverly Hills CA
  - Langston Arts Community center, pickleball, new developments not protecting views
- **Matt Hall**, Co-Chair, Housing Committee
  - Diversity and displacement, money provided to 501c4s, FOIA, land swap supporting VHC mental health facility on Carlin Springs
- **Mark Greenwood**, Delegate, Highland Park-Overlee Knolls CA
  - County role in climate change, role of private development sector/Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and contribution to climate change issues, preservation of trees, studies on keeping older homes instead of tearing them down, code enforcement

Meeting Video Link: [Arlington Cty Civic Fed \[ACCF\] \(vimeo.com\)](#)



From left to right above: Mark Schwarz (Arlington County Manager), Mark Greenwood (Highland Park-Overlee Knolls), John Ford (CivFed president)

## 2) Gazette-Leader Cup

Scott McCaffrey, Managing Editor of the Sun Gazette, presented Adam Henderson (CivFed Board Chair) with the GazetteLeader Cup for his effort in CivFed for the previous year. Scott also reiterated the other awardees described in the June 2023 General Membership meeting [minutes](#).



From left to right above: Scott McCaffrey (Sun Gazette Managing Editor), Adam

### 3) New Member - Arlington Chorale!

The General Membership voted to admit the Arlington Chorale as a CivFed member.

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### 4) CivFed Legislative Priorities

FY24 legislative priorities for CivFed were introduced. See article below for further information.

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## From the Board Chair

Over the past couple of months, your Board has reviewed and discussed the findings of our member survey and bounced around ideas about how we can better steer ACCF to meet the needs you've relayed to us. While the member input is broad and deep, there are some items that we are already implementing in various ways to see what works best. For example:

#### ***Allow more members to speak and ask questions directly at meetings.***

- We've been asking guests to limit the length of their presentations to allow more member input.
- We've invited members to lead short parts of the conversation with guests to set up areas for engagement.

#### ***Provide direct assistance to members for member communications technology.***

- We've re-started our Communications Committee. One of the first things we'll be looking at is how to help our member orgs reach *their* audiences. Look for some pilot projects in the coming months.

#### ***Increase the activity of the committees.***

- Starting with the re-launch of the Housing Committee in Spring 2023, the Board has had a strong focus on reinvigorating the committee structure. Committees are the lifeblood of CivFed and, like many things, suffered during the pandemic. We will continue to work to reinvigorate a strong committee structure to allow CivFed to influence the critical conversations ahead regarding Arlington's future.

These are just three examples of how we are endeavoring to implement your feedback. We ask that you keep providing suggestions in the months ahead.

My best wishes for all of you for a happy holiday season,  
Adam R Henderson  
ACCF Board Chair

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## Arlington Artists Alliance - Recommended for Membership

Having completed the requirements of Membership to the satisfaction of the ACCF Membership Committee and having had their application to join ACCF recommended to the General Membership by a vote of the ACCF Board of Directors taken 17 December 2023, there will be a motion to admit the Arlington Artists Alliance as a member of ACCF at the Jan 2 meeting.

The by-laws of ACCF includes membership by organizations who share the mission to improve Arlington. In recognition of the importance of arts and culture to the community, ACCF by-laws establish a Cultural Affairs Committee as one of the current 11 standing

Committees. The charter of the Committee is: “It shall be the duty of this committee to study, report, and make recommendations on all matters pertaining to cultural affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of facilities and the extension of public libraries facilities for higher education. The committee shall serve as liaison for the Federation with appropriate county officials and private bodies dealing with cultural affairs.” In order to serve the committee mission, the Cultural Affairs Committee is revitalizing the committee and seeking new members of ACCF to assist with this mission. The Arlington Artists Alliance will be an important addition for this goal.

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[Arlington Artists Alliance](#) is a non-profit organization that champions a vibrant visual arts community in Arlington, VA. The Alliance offers events, programming, classes, studio space, and monthly art shows to connect the community with local artists. Artists are supported through the Alliance’s membership program, which includes networking and opportunities to sell and exhibit their artwork at partnership venues, an online store, and at special events and projects. [Gallery Underground](#), in National Landing, is the full-time art gallery and headquarters for the Alliance.



#### Upcoming Events:

- An annual student exhibition partnership with Arlington Career Center public high school at Gallery Underground. Alliance volunteers work with over 70 students each year to develop a theme, curate, and install a professional art show.
- An annual partnership event with the veterans’ organization, [Uniting US](#), to showcase artwork by 30 military veterans and their family members. The collaboration includes an exhibition at Gallery Underground as well as a Community Day of art events for military veterans and the public including artist demonstrations and an interactive art project for civilians.
- An annual partnership with Crystal House Apartments, JBG Smith’s workforce housing, to host “Artsgiving,” a free raffle event of over 75 donated artworks by Alliance members to give to Crystal House residents on Giving Tuesday.
- Quarterly exhibitions at 10 partnership locations around Arlington including the Arlington County Board offices, District Biscuit Company, the Arlington Free Clinic, and Virginia Hospital Center.
- Monthly exhibitions and First Friday Opening Receptions at Gallery Underground in National Landing.
- Winter and Spring Artful Weekends at Fort C.F. Smith Park where local Arlingtonians can view and collect artwork by over 40 members of the Arlington Artists Alliance.

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## **Views from Membership – Results of the Fall Membership Survey**

*by Jackie Snelling, CivFed Board Vice Chair*

In October members from about 30 member organizations submitted their comments on what CivFed does best, what we need to do to improve services to member organizations, what topics and actions should be priorities, and areas where they would like to see more education or training.

The results, summarized in a report at the link below, give a good snapshot of our members’ interests. We have been working to address these member priorities and we hope that you will see that our focus for communications, meetings, committees, and member services reflects these priorities.

The three things that respondents collectively identified as what CivFed does best are summarized as:

- Features open discussion of county wide issues to raise awareness and work

- together to identify areas of consensus and advocacy through resolutions.
- Provide a forum for our concerns with the political and administrative systems of the County.
- Organize civic groups to converse and learn from one another.

Examples of things we could improve include strategies and suggestions to:

- Increase influence and advocacy,
- Do more to engage members at meetings and with each other,
- Provide direct support services to members.

For more about the suggested strategies, members' priorities for topics and actions, and members' interest in education and training, please see the survey report at: [LINK to REPORT](#).

Contact Jackie Snelling at [bod.vicechair@civfed.org](mailto:bod.vicechair@civfed.org) with any questions.

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## **FY2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) Now Posted**

*By Suzanne Smith Sundburg, R&E Committee Point of Contact*

If you are searching for information about county revenues and expenditures, the budget isn't the only place to look. Each year, in accordance with Section 15.2-2511 of the Code of Virginia, Arlington County publishes a complete set of audited financial statements.

Called the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report or ACFR (formerly the CAFR), the ACFR tells us where we've been while the County Manager's proposed budget tells us where we are headed. The ACFR for fiscal year (FY) 2023, which ended on June 30, is now available on the county website:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/budget/documents/accounting-reporting-and-control/final-fy23-acfr-12-15-2023-online-version.pdf>.

The ACFR contains required supplemental information on things like county employee pension and retirement-related costs, which typically aren't covered in the annual budget in detail.

In 2016, the Civic Federation passed a resolution asking the board and manager to provide more pension and retirement-related data (along with projections) in the annual budget to help residents better understand the budgetary impact of pension and retirement-related expenses: <https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2017-05/Retirement%20System%20Resolution%20FINAL%202017-05.pdf>.

However, there still seems to be little in the way of new information in the county's annual budget process to provide greater clarity on the impact of pension/retirement-related costs and their impact on the budget. It should be noted that county employee salary and benefits (total compensation) represent roughly one-third of expenditures in the county's annual budget.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Sundburg, ACCF Revenue and Expenditures Committee POC, at [rev.expend.chair@civfed.org](mailto:rev.expend.chair@civfed.org).

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## **CivFed Communications Committee**

*by Adam Henderson, Communication Committee Chair*

The re-initialized Communications Committee will conduct an organizational meeting via Zoom on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 10 am. If interested, please contact the Committee Chair, Adam Henderson, at [communications@civfed.org](mailto:communications@civfed.org).

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## **CivFed Housing Committee Committee**

*by Anne Bodine, Housing Committee Co-Chair*

The Housing Committee will discuss Fair Housing concerns and requirements with an expert from New York City. More details will be posted on Housing Committee page of the CivFed Website by January 1. Register to join us 6:30-8:00 pm on Thursday January 18 at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrceCqrz4uHtAaRrQ2vMothSt-6uIA-z8H>

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## **CivFed Environmental Affairs Committee**

*by Mary Glass, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair*

### **Climate Change and Heat Island Priorities Development Meeting Thursday February 15, 2024, 7-8 pm on Zoom**

The Environmental Affairs Committee welcomes all delegates, alternates, and interested parties to voice your opinions on climate change and heat island concerns. We will be shaping our strategy for addressing these critical issues for the next year. Join us in discussion of these consequential environmental topics. These could include the roles of transportation, densification, environmental equity, infrastructure, tree canopy and many more topics in controlling climate change locally.

**Topic:** ACCF climate change- heat island priorities development meeting

**When:** February 15, 2024, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Where:** Register for this Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9070190378?pwd=ZmpSQXFkaFZJcDBYYi8yMDR5Z1Bpdz09&omn=84216147753>

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### **ACCF Town Hall meeting on Deer Management in Arlington Tuesday, February 27, 2024 (Tentative), 7-8:30 pm on Zoom**

This program will address the history and future steps in Arlington County to address management of our deer population. The focus will be to provide a good overview of the issues emphasizing the best available scientific data. Speakers, including County representatives, will provide different perspectives on deer management in short presentations followed by a lengthy time for questions from the audience. Watch this space for more details on the meeting and timing in the ACCF newsletter in early February.

**PLEASE JOIN US!** As Arlington continues to grow, environmental awareness will be critical. We need your opinions and energy to address these topics. Delegates and Alternates are especially important to this work, but any members of ACCF member organizations are welcome to participate.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact the Committee Chair Mary Glass at [environmental.affairs.chair@civfed.org](mailto:environmental.affairs.chair@civfed.org).

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## **CivFed Cultural Affairs Committee**

*by Tina Worden, Cultural Affairs Committee Chair*

We are happy to recommend to the President the following Co-Chairs of the Cultural Affairs Committee: Tina Worden and Sandi Chesrown. Sandi will be a delegate from The Arlington Artists Alliance. She is an urban planner and the President of the Waverly Hills Civic Association. As a long-time resident of Arlington, she served as Vice-Chair of the Plan Langston Boulevard Community Forum and is currently a Board member of The Arlington Chorale, an organization that recently joined CivFed.

**December 13 Cultural Affairs Committee Social:** A diverse and energetic group of



28 attended December's meeting at MOCA. This is the beginning of a continued advocacy campaign in support of the arts and their critical role in placemaking and communities. There was a lot of discussion about the importance of the LAC (former Lee Community/Senior/Arts Center). Participants reminded us of the hard work that has paved the way, and that together we can build upon a foundation of wins and losses and learn from *Enriching Lives: Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy*, created by our community and adopted by the County Board in 2019.

With such a productive first meeting, more prep time is needed to develop an agenda for the next Cultural Affairs Committee meeting. The January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be postponed until February. More details will be in February's Civic Federation newsletter.

More details? Please contact Tina Worden: [cultural.affairs.chair@civfed.org](mailto:cultural.affairs.chair@civfed.org) or Sandi Chesrown, [sandracheshrown07@verizon.net](mailto:sandracheshrown07@verizon.net)

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## **CivFed DRAFT 2024 Virginia Legislative Priorities**

*by Paul Holland, Legislation Committee Chair and Dave Schutz Form of Government Subcommittee Chair*

A resolution by the Legislative Committee of the Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) to the Membership, was introduced at the December 12, 2023, General Membership Meeting. A vote on this resolution is planned to take place at the January 2024 Membership Meeting.

### **Governance**

- Whereas ACCF's TiGER Task Force has identified opportunities to increase citizen involvement in county affairs and improve the quality of County Board and School Board decision-making through election or representation reforms, including use of ranked choice voting and expanding the size of both bodies ([https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2022-06/2022-06%20ACCF%20TiGER%20Res\\_on\\_Recommendations\\_2022-06-08-REPORT.pdf](https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2022-06/2022-06%20ACCF%20TiGER%20Res_on_Recommendations_2022-06-08-REPORT.pdf); chrome-extension://[https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2022-11/2022-11%20ACCF%20TiGER%20Res\\_on\\_Recommendations\\_2022-06-08-APPROVED.pdf](https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2022-11/2022-11%20ACCF%20TiGER%20Res_on_Recommendations_2022-06-08-APPROVED.pdf))
- Whereas for the implementation of several of the TiGER recommendations statutory changes will be required (<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title15.2/chapter7/>)
- Whereas the draft County Board legislative priorities document includes the language  
“Respect for Local Authority,” Oppose any efforts that make changes to Arlington County's form of government without the County Board's explicit policy support.”  
and several of the changes sought here would permit the County Board, or the Arlington electorate, if either agreed to do so; to make changes in the Arlington County form of government.  
([https://meetings.arlingtonva.us/CountyBoard/Documents/ViewDocument/\\_3%20-%20Item%20Attachment%20-%202024%20LEGISLATIVE%20PACKAGE%20-%2026134007.pdf?meetingId=361&documentType=Agenda&itemId=32855&publishId=3007&isSection=false](https://meetings.arlingtonva.us/CountyBoard/Documents/ViewDocument/_3%20-%20Item%20Attachment%20-%202024%20LEGISLATIVE%20PACKAGE%20-%2026134007.pdf?meetingId=361&documentType=Agenda&itemId=32855&publishId=3007&isSection=false))
- Whereas Arlington has less authority to determine the form of its government of its own volition in a number of policy areas than do many other jurisdictions in Virginia (personal communication, Delegate Patrick Hope; <https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2023-05/2023-05-18%20Arlington%20Governance%20Presentation.pdf>)
- Whereas the ACCF has over a century of history as a forum enabling community-based organizations to join together to assess the conduct of Arlington's governance, including elections and representation, (<https://www.facebook.com/ArlCivFed/>)

- Whereas in 2020, laws (VA House of Delegates bills 1103 and 506) were enacted permitting Arlington County to use Ranked Choice Voting in its local elections and ranked choice voting has been used successfully in Arlington’s 2023 Democratic Party primary (<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1103>)

### Resiliency

- Whereas the ACCF has identified several areas of land use management to address resiliency for stormwater and environmental threats, and which would require statutory changes for implementation (<https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2022-02/2022-02%20ACCF%20PSCComm%20Res%20Stormwater%20APPROVED.pdf>)
- Whereas the authority of local jurisdictions in Virginia to regulate tree removal and replacement tree planting has not been sufficient for Arlington to avert substantial loss of tree canopy in recent decades. (<https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2021-03/2021-03%20EnvAff%20Resolution%20Collaboratives%20Preserving%20Tree%20Canopy%20WHITE%20PAPER.pdf> Attachments B and F)

### Therefore, the Arlington County Civic Federation requests that the Arlington County delegation in the legislature:

- **Governance.** Seek to enact legislation which will enable the Arlington County Board, at its discretion, or the citizens of Arlington by referendum, make specified changes in its form of government, to include: number of County and School Board members and their term of office, staggering of terms, level of compensation of School Board members, number and duties of staff to the County and School boards, election of the School Board by ranked choice vote. Enable the Board or citizens to choose whether Arlington will enable Arlington political parties to nominate Board members in partisan primaries.
- **Governance.** Seek to enact legislation which will grant to Arlington County parallel authorities to those held by peer jurisdictions across the Commonwealth.
- **Resilience Flooding.** Permit local governments to adopt building and/or land use codes and ordinances that are future-facing and reflect climate risk for each jurisdiction and each jurisdiction’s environmental and resiliency goals. This could include developing a “water disturbance” code for when it applies (disturbance to water tables, springs, stormwater capacities, etc.) and the technical retention requirements and testing.
- **Resilience Tree Canopy.** Advance actions that align with the Arlington County Board’s efforts to “Support legislation to provide local governments with greater authority in the reforestation, preservation, and management of urban forests in recognition of their ability to capture and store carbon, reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, lower energy use, mitigate invasive plant species effects, and mitigate urban heat islands and their health effects.”

For questions or interest in joining the Committee, please contact Paul at [legislation.chair@civfed.org](mailto:legislation.chair@civfed.org) or Dave at [formofgov.chair@civfed.org](mailto:formofgov.chair@civfed.org).

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## Planning And Zoning Committee Update

*by Brian Harner, Planning and Zoning Co-Chair*

The Planning and Zoning Committee will begin work in January 2024, with an organizing meeting for interested participants and discussion of a proposed committee work plan, including coordination with active Civic Federation standing committees. I invite those interested to join us as we begin to focus on how we can best help guide Arlington’s future development through the county’s comprehensive plan and zoning regulations. I believe we have the chance to make an important contribution to envisioning Arlington’s future in a way that balances the broad aspirations of our many residents. Please join!

**There will be a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee on Monday, January 8 at 7 pm.** Please register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrde-vpzosHNYdvUEj5SM8o4C4MLjHoB71> if you are interested in attending and joining the committee. Please join as we discuss our goals and work plan for 2024!

You can reach Brian Harner by email at [plan.zone.chair@civfed.org](mailto:plan.zone.chair@civfed.org).

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## **Introducing Rapid SOS and the Emergency Health Profile – How to give EMS responders a heads-up on your medical needs**

*by Jackie Snelling with content provided by Arlington County  
Department of Human Services*



The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking your support in sharing a resource that will help individuals in a crisis. Our Emergency Communications Center (911 Center) as part of **Rapid SOS** has a feature called the **Emergency Health Profile**. The Emergency Health Profile allows individuals to **voluntarily** create a free emergency health profile to provide first responders with their vital health and medical information (including behavioral health related information) when calling 9-1-1 during an emergency or crisis. Individuals over the age of 16 may sign-up for an Emergency Health Profile through the Emergency Health Profile Association. Legal guardians may sign up individuals under the age of 16.

Through community feedback, DHS has learned that there is an extreme need to increase communication among First Responders, services, and programs to limit the number of times clients have to reshare pertinent information regarding their mental health. Community members have asked the county to “have a more coordinated and less fragmented approach to care.” We have identified that this approach could help us address the provided feedback.

We are asking that you share this information and encourage community members to fill out the Emergency Health Profile to prepare for the event of a crisis. Flyer link: <http://www.civfed.org/newContent/2024-01/2024-01%20RapidSOS%20Flyer.pdf>

- This profile will ensure that the proper response is given in the event of an emergency.
- All information will be kept confidential and will only be used when an emergency call is placed from the registered phone number, and to operate, maintain and improve the system. ([Privacy Policy](#))

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## **Memorializing the Enslaved 1669 - 1865**

The Arlington Chapter of the American Association of University Women, a CivFed member, is presenting a program on Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington, 1669 - 1865.

**When:** Saturday, January 20th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Lubber Run Community Center, 300 N. Park Drive, Arlington

Presented by Arlington AAUW. Speaker is Jessica Kaplan, Arlington Historical Society, Member Board of Directors and Editor, Arlington Historical Magazine.

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## **2023-2024 Board of Directors**

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## **ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES**

- Cultural Affairs – Chair Tina Worden
- Diversity Committee – Chair TBD - if interested contact [bod.vicechair@civfed.org](mailto:bod.vicechair@civfed.org)
- Environmental Affairs – Chair Mary Glass
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- Parks and Recreation – Chair TBD - if interested contact [bod.vicechair@civfed.org](mailto:bod.vicechair@civfed.org)
- Planning and Zoning – Chair Brian Harner
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- Schools – Chair Todd Truitt
- Transportation – Chair TBD - if interested contact [bod.vicechair@civfed.org](mailto:bod.vicechair@civfed.org)

Any delegate, alternate delegate, or member of a member organization may participate on any public interest or support committee. Please contact the applicable committee chair, point-of-contact, or President John Ford if you are interested in participating on ACCF committees.

### **[Link to Committee Website](#)**

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## **Interested in being an Arlington County Civic Federation Delegate?**

The Arlington County Civic Federation was founded in 1916. Today, it has 80+ member organizations dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. The Federation membership reflects the broad array of interests and talents found in the County and is open and welcoming to all groups within Arlington, firmly believing that a broader range of groups creates better problem-solving outcomes for Arlington and its residents. Our purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and its vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

Arlington County Civic Federation delegates enjoy the full benefits of participation, voting, and serving in Civic Federation leadership positions. If your organization is a member of the Civic Federation, ask if it has open slots for delegates. If it is not a member organization of the Civic Federation, encourage it to join. Here is a link to our website for more details.

**[joinus@civfed.org](mailto:joinus@civfed.org)**

**[The Civic Federation's Website](#)**

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# ACCF Calendar FY2024

## January

- Tuesday, 1/2: General Membership Meeting with Arlington County Board
- Sunday, 1/7: Communications Committee Meeting
- Monday, 1/8: Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, 1/10: Legislative Committee Meeting
- Thursday, 1/18: Housing Committee Meeting
- Saturday, 1/20: AAUW presents "Memorializing the Enslaved"
- Sunday, 1/21: Board Meeting
- Monday, 1/29: Deadline for February Newsletter Input

## February

- Tuesday, 2/13: General Membership Meeting
- Thursday, 2/15: Environmental Affairs
- Wednesday, 2/21: Board Meeting
- Monday, 2/26: Deadline for March Newsletter Input
- Tuesday, 2/27 (TBR): ACCF Town Hall meeting on Deer Management in Arlington
- TBR: Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

## March

- Tuesday, 3/12: General Membership Meeting
- Sunday, 3/17: Board Meeting
- Monday, 3/25: Deadline for April Newsletter Input

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