



# THE Civic Voice

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## Federation Priorities Survey Closes June 15th

The survey can be accessed directly at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ArlCivFed2014>.

The survey can also be accessed at the Federation website: [www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org).

Please fill out the survey, as we plan to use it for our forthcoming strategic plan and agenda for the remainder of 2014-15. This is your Federation and we want to represent the priorities of our members.

## Long Bridge Park Resolution-Parks & Recreation Committee

Whereas, in 2012, Arlington County's voters approved \$42,500,000 for completion of Long Bridge Park including an aquatics center; and

Whereas, Arlington's county manager has received bids for that construction significantly higher than expected,

Be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends that Arlington County stay within the amount approved by the voters in 2012 for the completion of Long Bridge Park.

## Organic Waste Management Program

Eric Grabowski, Chief of the Solid Waste Bureau of Arlington County, will speak on the new organic waste management program now slated to begin on July 1. The goal of the program is to increase significantly the recycling of Arlington's yard waste. The program is expected to divert up to an additional 9,000 tons of compostable material from the waste stream, further increasing the residential recycling rate by up to 13 per cent. In essence, the new program consists of year-round yard waste collection services. (continued on page 3)

## GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

7:30 p.m.

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

## Agenda

- 7:30 Meeting Called to Order
- 7:40 Envision Courthouse Square
- 8:00 New Solid Waste Collection Program
- 9:00 Resolution Long Bridge Park
- 9:30 Announcements
- 9:35 Old & New Business

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## From the President

*Mike McMenamin*

This month we have a Resolution on our agenda for containing costs at the Long Bridge Park development that has been in the news lately, as costs projections were greater than the county's proposed budgeted costs. So please come out to learn and vote on this highly debated project.

In addition, Eric Grabowski, Chief of the Solid Waste Bureau of Arlington County, will present on the county's new organic waste management program. We will then vote on the two competing resolutions from R&E and the Environmental Committees. In addition, County Board member Walter Tejada will present on the County's Envision Courthouse Square initiative. We have a very full and diverse program this month that are important to all our members and the community.

Finally, the filling of vacancies of Committee Chairs is a still a top priority, as we currently have vacancies on the Audit, and Revenues and Expenditures Committees. We also seek one executive committee member. If you are interested in serving or know of someone who might be interested, please contact me at: [mike@civfed.org](mailto:mike@civfed.org).

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## News From the Executive Committee

Terri Prell, Chair [terri@civfed.org](mailto:terri@civfed.org)

The Executive Committee met on May 11, 2014, to plan the agenda for the June 3, 2014 general meeting and discussed future meetings. ([www.civfed.org/officers.htm](http://www.civfed.org/officers.htm)). The Executive Committee will meet again on June 8, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at **4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2)**, to coordinate committee work and plan future meeting programs. **In addition to officers and Executive Committee members, we ask**

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**Committee Chairs with business to come before the Federation soon to attend this meeting .**

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## Committee Chairs Annual Report

Committee Chairs, your annual reports are due and they should include committee members, dates of meetings and a summary of the work your committee has done. Please send those reports to me and Terri Prell.

## Delegates or Alternates AIM Training

Arlington Independent Media (AIM) is willing to train delegates or alternates to film certain Civic Federation meetings, e.g. Candidates Night.. If interested, please contact me.

## Articles for the Newsletter

If you have information which should be included in the Civic Voice, sent it to [CivFed@gmail.com](mailto:CivFed@gmail.com).



## One Delegate One Vote!

At the May 11th Executive Committee meeting, the committee voted that each Civic Federation Delegate or Alternate may cast only one vote, regardless of the number of organizations they represent.

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Arlington homeowners will be provided with a separate yard waste cart (either a 64 gallon or 32 gallon container) so that grass clippings, leaves, branches, clippings and related organic debris—but not food products—can be collected and placed at the curb for recycling throughout the year.

**R&E New Solid Waste Collection Program**

Whereas, the FY2015 budget for solid waste collection proposes a new fee for collection of organic waste;

Whereas, adding the new fee would raise costs to residents to \$307.04 per household per year, and approximately \$1 million in the aggregate;

Whereas, Arlington County residents have already achieved a recycling level of 52%, exceeding both Virginia requirements and the Northern Virginia recycling rate;

Whereas the proposed new organic waste collection would minimally improve recycling levels while discouraging composting and leaving lawn clippings on the lawn;

Whereas, Arlington County already conducts three separate waste collections;

Whereas, the proposed new collection requires further separation of waste materials, plus use of a new collection container;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1) The County drop implementation of the proposed new collection, or
- 2) The County should offer the program as a voluntary, 'opt-in' program without penalty for those who choose to not participate."

**Substitute Resolution or Amendment From the Floor by the Environmental Affairs Committee on Arlington Solid Waste Management**

Whereas, a number of counties and municipalities across the United States (including many neighboring jurisdictions in Virginia and Maryland) have expanded or are expanding their solid waste

collection programs to include year-round yard waste collection; and  
Whereas those counties and municipalities have experienced, or are projected to experience, significant increases in residential recycling rates; and

Whereas respondents to a survey of Arlington residents conducted by the Office of Solid Waste expressed their support for year-round organic waste collection for recycling; and

Whereas, Arlington County has recently authorized the Office of Solid Waste to implement a year-round yard waste collection program and the Office recently represented that execution of a multi-year contract is imminent; and

Whereas the program will require a modest increase in the County's Household Solid Waste Rate (from \$293.76 per annum in FY 2013 to \$307.04 in FY 2015 – an increase of 4%); and

Whereas, this new program is projected to divert up to an additional 9,200 tons of material so that it can be composted or recycled (increasing the residential recycling rate by up to 13%); and

Whereas, application of EPA's Waste Reduction Model estimates that implementation of the program for organic yard waste will emit significantly lower rates of Greenhouse Gas Emissions compared to other solid waste management approaches;

**The Arlington County Civic Federation hereby notes** that the program is expected to further Arlington County's goal of eliminating organic waste from the solid waste stream and improve the local environment; and (continued next page)

**Further it resolves that** -- because the program is a new one necessitating the active participation of all residents of Arlington County, will result in an increase in the Household Solid Waste Rate, will require the storage and maintenance of a third solid waste container, may be expanded in the future to include food waste, and includes a number of untested projections about environmental costs and benefits – it will request that the Office of Solid Waste report to the Civic Federation at a meeting scheduled after the one-year anniversary of the program (July 1, 2015) to discuss implementation issues, recycling rates achieved, environmental costs and benefits, and issues relating to the potential expansion of the program to include food waste. implementation issues, recycling rates achieved, environmental costs and benefits, and issues relating to the potential expansion of the program to include food waste

#### **Envision Courthouse Square Program**

County Board Member Walter Tejada who is the County Board liaison to the Envision Courthouse Square initiative will present at the June meeting.

Envision Courthouse Square is a community planning effort to re-imagine the County's civic center and create a great public destination.

The goal is to update the vision outlined in the 1993 Courthouse Sector Plan Addendum, which identified a state-of-the-art government center and signature public space as critical to the area's development. The update will create a visionary plan, strategies, policies, development standards and implementation steps.

The project scope addresses:

**Open Space** - location and use of public open space, an integral component of the County's government center.

**Building Use** – the uses of public and private buildings in the study area, including types of public resources (if any) that would be best fit to the site.

**Building Location and Design** - the location, height, and density of buildings in the study area. The

study will incorporate the consideration of a future 300-400,000 square foot County office building.

**Circulation and Parking** - the overall pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular network, as well as connections to the surrounding neighborhood. Objectives to guide the future development of a detailed parking program will be defined with existing parking supply and demand considerations.

**Cultural Resources** - the treatment of cultural resources, including historic buildings, the "Memorial" and "Mother's" trees, public art, and a potential cultural facility.

**Sustainability** – the incorporation of building and landscape technologies, district energy, and an integrated energy master plan.

#### **Election of Officers & Executive Committee**

At the meeting, we will also elect officers and the executive committee. The nominating committee: Jim Pebley, Randy Swart, Larry Mayer, Tim Wise and Burt Bostwick will present the slate of candidates to be voted on.

## Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2014-2015

- **September 2, 2014** – Candidates Night. .

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### Arlington County Civic Federation

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

## Committees of the Civic Federation

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

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Terri Prell (Acting chair)	<a href="mailto:terri@civfed.org">terri@civfed.org</a>
Awards	Elected at the December 2013 membership meeting	
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