



## Civic Federation Candidate Night Forum

*Lois Koontz*

On Tuesday, September 8, the Arlington County Civic Federation hosted its annual election-season kickoff event. This year's candidate forum was well attended, and we heard from candidates in all the contested races for November. The evening began with the State Senate and House of Delegates candidates, including Adam Ebbin (D), James "Ron" Fisher (IG), Barbara Favola (D), Patrick Hope (D), and Janet Murphy (IG). We were delighted to have the opportunity to renew our acquaintance with the incumbents and meet the new candidates, as well.

Then we heard from School Board candidates Reid Goldstein and Brooklyn Kinlay and County Board candidates Audrey Clement (I), Katie Cristol (D), Christian Dorsey (D) and our own ACCF past president Mike McMenamain (I). We are fortunate indeed to have great candidates running for every office. We extend our best wishes to all of them.

I must also thank the many people who helped make the program a success, from the Federation's own executive officers and committees to Arlington Independent Media (AIM, who filmed the event) to the Virginia Hospital Center staff. The support of AIM and hospital staff made our job so much easier. Thank you also to the Federation members and interested citizens who were present and engaged.

We hope you will join us again for the second candidate forum on October 6, when we will host the candidates in the uncontested races for State Senator, House of Delegates and our local team of constitutional officers, including the Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer, Clerk of Circuit Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Sheriff. Come early at 7 pm for an opportunity to mingle with the candidates.

### Program Order

The confirmed candidates for each uncontested race will appear as a group in the following order:

- Virginia Senator
- Virginia House of Delegates
- Clerk of Circuit Court, Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff
- Commissioner of the Revenue and Treasurer

### Questions

Questions may be directed to one or more candidates. **Questions may be no longer than thirty seconds and may not be position statements.** Follow-up questions are not allowed. The Civic Federation's rules will be observed at all times.

## GENERAL MEETING NOTICE Tuesday, October 6, 2015

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 Program - Candidate Night Forum
- 8:45 Announcements
- 9:00 Unfinished Business
- 9:05 New Business:  
Resolutions
- 9:30 Adjourn

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## From the Executive Committee

*Jesse Boeding*

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, September 13, 2015 to plan the agenda for October 6, 2015 general meeting and discussed future meetings.

The Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, October 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate and plan future meeting programs.

## ACCF Dues Reminder

*Pat Spann, Kim Klingler, and Dennis Gerrity*

Annual membership fees for the 2015-2016 year are due. Cost is \$50.00 per organization. Multiple methods for payment including via

snail mail at PO Box 42091, Arlington, VA 22204;  
PayPal at <http://www.civfed.org/pay-dues/>; or  
Via check at the October 6, 2015 meeting.

A thank you to the following organizations for paying: Alcova Heights; Arlington County Taxpayers Association; Arlington Forest; Bluemont; Arlington Mill; Crystal City; Donaldson Run; Long Branch Creek; Lyon Park; Lyon Village; Maywood; North Rosslyn; Old Glebe; Opera Guild of Northern Virginia; Radnor-Ft. Myer Heights; Waverly Hills; and Yorktown.

The list of late organizations will be printed in the November newsletter. For additional inquiries, please contact [membership@civfed.org](mailto:membership@civfed.org) and [treasurer@civfed.org](mailto:treasurer@civfed.org).

## Lee Highway Alliance

Arlington County and the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) are hosting a planning and design charrette in mid-autumn. The County is hiring consultants to lead the charrette, which will enable the community—residents, landowners, businesses, and other stakeholders—to develop a vision for Lee Highway. The county will determine the exact dates and venue soon.

For more information, please visit the LHA website at [LeeHighwayAlliance.com](http://LeeHighwayAlliance.com) or contact Sandra Chesrown at [sandrachestrown07@verizon.net](mailto:sandrachestrown07@verizon.net) or 703-243-1144.

Community participation in the charrette is strongly encouraged. Please contact LHA to sign up for the listserv announcements.

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## OPEN DATA – A GATEWAY TO GOVERNMENTAL TRANSPARENCY

*Duke Banks*

ACCF is hosting a provocative program at our general membership meeting 7:30pm Tuesday, November 10, 2015 to explore what is Open Data, how it can be used in municipal governments to get timely data to empower citizens and improve strategic planning, plus what citizens can do to encourage their local governments to implement Open Data policies and programs.

Presenters will be:

**Emily Shaw, Deputy Policy Director – Sunlight Foundation.** She will provide an overview of the Sunlight Foundation and what is Open Data, how it promotes transparency, and efforts in the US to implement Open Data at the local government level.

For more information on the Sunlight Foundation, go to: <http://sunlightfoundation.com/>

**Victoria Lewis, dataMontgomery Project Manager – Montgomery County.** She will provide a "lessons learned" overview of how Montgomery County is implementing Open Data.

For more information go to: <https://data.montgomerycountymd.gov/>

**Zaki Barzinji – Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Gov. McAuliffe.** Mr. Barzinji will provide an overview of Gov. McAuliffe's efforts on promoting Open Data in the Commonwealth of Virginia, particularly at the City/County/Town level. Suggest ways that citizens could encourage their local officials to implement an Open Data initiative in their localities.

For more information go to: <https://data.virginia.gov/>

## Transportation

*Jerry Auten*

Public Meetings on I-66,  
Wednesday, October 7 at W&L

VDOT is holding public meetings on about the Transform 66 Inside the Beltway project, which involves converting I-66 to dynamically-priced toll lanes in both directions during morning and afternoon rush hours between I-495 (the Capital Beltway) and U.S. Route 29 in Rosslyn. In addition, the plan would include multimodal improvements, such as increased express bus service, that benefit the I-66 corridor.

The meeting in Arlington, is Wednesday, October 7 in the Washington and Lee High School Cafeteria from 7:00pm to 9:00pm (presentation at 7:30).

The plan would affect Arlington neighborhoods and residents in different ways. Some may face new tolls and extended HOV/HOT hours, while others may have additional spillover traffic from those formerly using I-66. Some neighborhoods close to I-66 may experience additional noise and air pollution if overall traffic increases, while other residents have a new option that may shorten their commutes.

### New Type of Transportation Option

In June, the County Board authorized a year-long study of a new type of carsharing, called "point-to-point", in partnership with car2go. This model of carsharing has operated throughout the District of Columbia since 2012, and will roll out here in Arlington this month. In the Arlington demonstration study of this point-to-point service, members can pick up a program vehicle in one location in Arlington and drop it off in another location in Arlington at the end of the trip. The company pays fees in advance for members' access to on-street metered areas and residential zones, and to cover program administration and evaluation costs. Car2go maintains the vehicles, ensures the vehicles do not stay in one place for too long, and reports data on program operation to the County on a monthly basis.

Arlington hopes to reap benefits from expanded carsharing opportunities: fewer vehicle miles traveled on our roads, more walking, bicycling, and carpooling, lower household transportation costs, and better options for those who don't own a car.

For more information about carsharing and this demonstration study, please go online to <http://arlingtonva.us> and search "car2go". For more information about car2go, including details about how the service works, where else they operate, and how to become a member, visit <https://www.car2go.com/en/arlington/>

## Community Facilities Study

*Jackie Snelling*

The Community Facilities Study Committee's Final Draft Facilities Study is now available at <http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/community-facilities-study/documents/>

This groups considers where Arlington is headed over the next 5, 10, and 20 years. It is a collaborative effort between the County, Arlington Public Schools (APS), and the community. The Study Committee is comprised of 23 core members and more than 250 members of a larger "Resident Forum". These groups have worked since January 2015 to evaluate County and School resources, to prioritize challenges and draft recommendations for the increased demands on public services, community facilities, and open space.

The documents pages list multiple appendices, past presentations and many other helpful materials. Per a review Thursday, September 24, initial feedback from committee members included adding footnotes and references.

A new website is available for comments on the study, with registration required:  
<https://arlingtonva.opencomment.us/> or  
via email at [ACGFacStudy@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ACGFacStudy@arlingtonva.us).

Next committee meeting with residents' forum will be 7pm Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at the Wakefield High School cafeteria. A presentation with Question and Answer session will be scheduled for the ACCF membership later this winter.

Committee #15 is October 28.

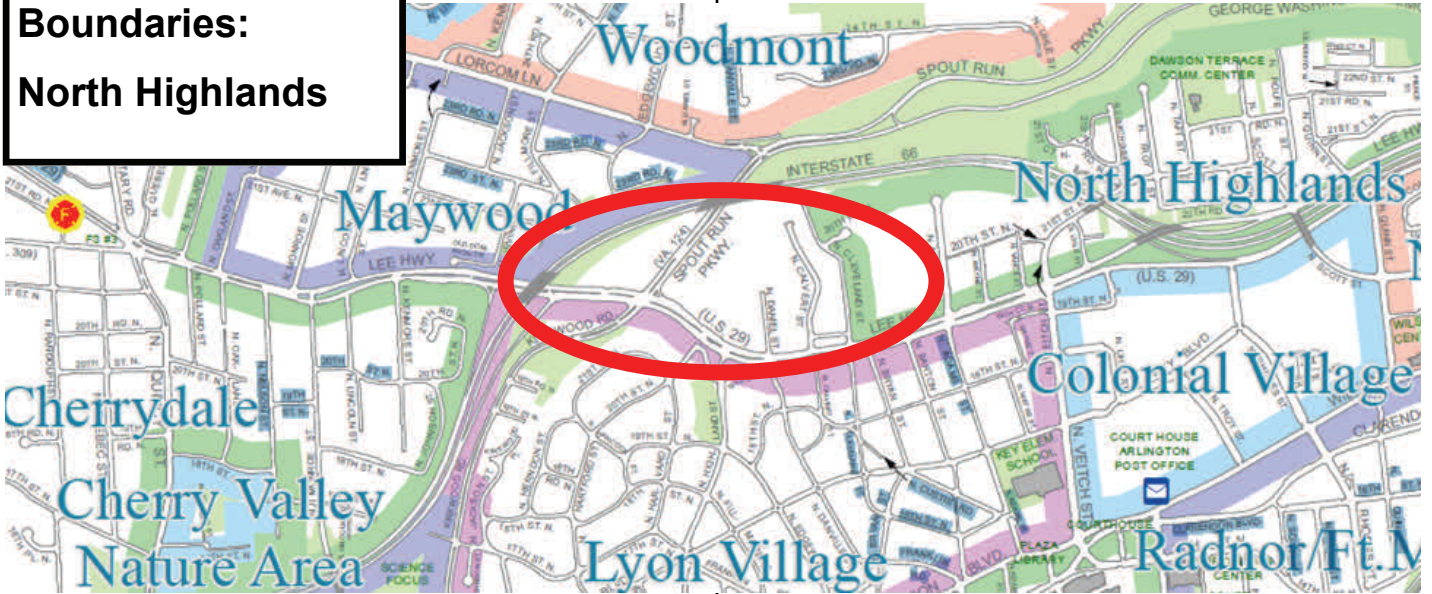
Joint Work Session with County and School Board is Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

## October is Urban Agriculture Month

Virginia Cooperative Extension's Urban Agriculture Symposium on Saturday, October 3, offers something for everyone interested in growing food in urban areas for personal use or for sale. Whether it's growing vegetables in small backyard spaces or community gardens, soilless production of mushrooms and microgreens, producing food for community food banks, or planting trees that provide both shade and fruit, participants will find topics to fit their interests and needs.

The symposium, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington, will help kick off October as Urban Agriculture Month in Arlington County.

**Boundaries:  
North Highlands**



**North Highlands: Request for Civic Association Input**

North Highlands Civic Association (NHCA) is in the upper northeast corner of county, bordering with North Rosslyn, Colonial Village, Lyon Village, Woodmont, Cherrydale, and Maywood and is requesting a boundary adjustment.

Currently, the NHCA extends from Spout Run Parkway to the North, Lee Highway to the South, North Oak Street to the East, and the East side of North Cleveland Street to the West. The area that is at issue is from the West side of North Cleveland Street to Route 66, which then forms both a North and West Border since Spout Run Parkway goes through this region on the far Western side (Lee Highway remains the Southern border). The expansion would extend NHCA neighborhood up Lee Highway through to the Lyon Village Shopping Center.

The area includes hundreds of residents and many key businesses, and is currently not represented by any civic association. NHCA have been approached by a few individuals from that area requesting to join the NHCA, believing that they already were, or should be, part of the NHCA. In addition, the NHCA is preparing its survey as part of the Neighborhood Conservation Program process and wants to include them in the neighborhood survey, and ultimately, in their Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

The Lee Highway Alliance is aware of the request. As of publication date, ACCF is awaiting letters of confirmation from Lee Highway Alliance and the neighboring civic associations before presenting to the general membership body for a formal vote of acceptance and support.

**Parking Reminder**

Remember to park in the GOLD LOT . On nights of the Civic Federation meeting, the gates of the GOLD Parking lot, which is located under the 1635 Medical Offices, will be open and there is no charge for parking. If you use another lot, you will have to pay the regular rate to exit.



## Bylaws Amendment

The Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) Executive Committee proposes to amend Article III, Section 7 of the ACCF By-laws on the annual dues for member organizations.

The proposed amendments revise the existing provision as shown in the following markup:

Annual dues. **The Executive Committee shall set annual dues for member organizations by June 1 each year or the current dues shall remain in effect for the next year. Dues shall be payable by** ~~The dues for each member organization shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars, due~~ July 1. **The Treasurer shall notify** ~~Organizations~~ whose dues are **at least** ~~more than~~ six (6) months in arrears **that they will** ~~shall~~ be dropped from membership in the Federation **if they do not pay their dues within** thirty (30) days ~~after written notification.~~ Any ~~Organizations~~ **dropped from Federation** ~~forfeiting~~ membership by reason of unpaid annual dues ~~for one year or more~~ may **re-apply** ~~new~~ for membership **in accordance with this article** ~~the Federation by the membership application procedures.~~ **New** ~~Organizations~~ **that joining** the Federation after January 1 shall pay **one** half the annual dues.

These amendments would give the Executive Committee authority to set the annual member dues each year, thereby replacing the existing set rate of \$50 for annual. The proposed amendment would require the Executive Committee to set the annual dues by June 1 each year (since dues are to be paid by July 1). If, however, the Executive Committee does not take action by that date, the proposed new language stipulates that the current annual dues shall carry over automatically to the next year.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to give the Executive Committee flexibility to change member dues if circumstances warrant. The primary benefit of the proposed amendment is that it eliminates the need to amend the by-laws whenever the Federation needs to change the annual dues. The current process takes several months because amending the by-laws requires prior notice at an ACCF meeting before the Federation can vote to amend them at a subsequent Civic Federation meeting (see Article IX).

The Executive Committee considers that Committee authority to set member dues is appropriate and consistent with the by-laws. The by-laws specify that the Executive Committee "has General supervision of the financial and business affairs of the Federation" (Article VI, Section 6).

## SCHOOLS COMMITTEE DRAFT RESOLUTION OPPOSING HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR STRATFORD

(Draft per Google Docs September 27, 2015 2pm pull)

Whereas in 1959 Stratford School was the first school in Arlington and Virginia to desegregate on the basis of race.

Whereas Arlington played a leading role to end segregated education;

Whereas the historic value of Stratford's bricks and mortar are modest and there are 14 other schools in the area built by the same architect;

Whereas there were already 3 major additions and modifications made to the building;

Whereas the school system is in urgent need of additional seats for students throughout Arlington;

Whereas APS may need the option to expand the school beyond 1,000 students to accommodate the number of students (1,300) housed in the 1960s;

Whereas the historic designations generally require additional maintenance expenditures and current funding for capital expenditures is in short supply;

Whereas the disappearance of green space is a disturbing trend in Arlington, and historic restrictions on the height of needed additions might lead to construction that impinges more on green space than would otherwise be the case;

Whereas a majority of the civic federation delegates are older than Stratford school;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT The Arlington County Civic Federation calls on the County Board and the Arlington County Board to reject a historic designation for the Stratford School Building. The ACCF further resolves that the Arlington County Board and School Board to use plaques, monuments, and/or art to both honor and ensure that all will remember the historic contribution of the people, and their rectitude, that contributed to desegregating the Stratford School.

## 100 Years of Activism

In 1943, during a period of great expansion in the county, the ACCF faced many similar issues as today regarding schools, open space, facilities, housing, and lack of day care.

Federation advised the County Board of desire to have playground sites purchased by the bond issue funds or by budgeted funds separate and apart from existing school playgrounds; and further, that the supervision of such playgrounds be not placed under jurisdiction of the School Department, but under a Director of Recreation for Arlington County. As part of the ACCF efforts, over 1600 signatures of qualified voters requested a vote in November 1943 for county bonds to be issued for parks, playgrounds and other recreational areas.

Report of Parks, Playgrounds, and Zoning Committee recommended that the Federation advise the County Board that it is in favor of requirement that all new housing developments provide adequate playground space for the children to be housed in the area, with an amendment "that the ground be dedicated to the County".

Resolutions later in the year raised by Westover, pushed for better serving civic interests by school buildings and grounds being made more available for community activities and that a county swimming pool be constructed as soon as feasible. The joint meeting of Legislative and Legal Action Committee and Public Welfare Committee requested that our State representatives introduce and support legislation which would make it mandatory upon school departments to make school facilities available without charge for civic, welfare programs whenever such facilities are not in use for school purposes. Recreation purposes was debated, but ultimately excluded.

Resolutions were presented to both the County Board and state elected officials for support of local and state contributions toward the support of nurseries and pre-school age facilities for children. The Federation provided statistics down to individual housing complexes for how many children needed care, providing concrete evidence for changes needed. "The [schools] committee further agreed to get additional information on the present crowded conditions at Kemper School which make it necessary for children up to and including the fifth grade to attend school only one half of each day."

Report on the Interfederation Conference included a survey into changed statistics on housing problem in the metropolitan areas, with particular reference to the present and probable need for smaller apartments and houses to house the ever increasing population.

The 100th Anniversary Gala is Friday, April 8, 2016. Contact Joe Pelton at [joepelton@verizon.net](mailto:joepelton@verizon.net) for more information.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERING MAJOR CHANGES

*Stefanie Pryor*

The NCAC is considering changes to its process for streets and parks which will impact our member organizations. Quotes are pulled from a recent draft sent to NCAC members on September 24, 2015 via email. As of newsletter publication, latest draft and meeting minutes have not been posted to the public NCAC website at <http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation-advisory-committee/>

Civic associations will be required to present a simple majority of 50% of Community Stakeholders to move forward priority projects. "Community stakeholders are defined as those, 18 years old or older, who live within the boundaries of the civic association. These include owners and renters, absentee owners, property managers or business owners of establishments within the civic association." "Every stakeholder should be welcome to attend the meeting and vote, regardless of official membership in the civic association." However, "The organization may choose to monitor the meeting to ensure that those voting actually LIVE within the civic association boundaries." (Emphasis added by author.)

"Primary Stakeholders Principal stakeholders are those whose properties would be directly impacted by a proposed project, particularly frontage owners in street enhancement projects." These "Primary Stakeholders" would be allowed to submit an absentee ballot to the Civic Association President, yet "There will be no proxy voting". "Parks projects have no principal stakeholders."

"If the civic association wishes to consider rejecting the project after the County completes its design work, it must hold another meeting and the vote for rejection must be greater than 70% of the stakeholders ATTENDING the meeting." Previous absentee votes now appear to be treated similar to proxy voting, in that they are not allowed. Alternatives for those without representation, such as requests of elected county officials or county staff via petition, are not addressed .

As evidenced by small pieces provided in this article, the topic is complicated. Additional work will be shifted onto 100% volunteer organizations for sufficient public notification and much more.

You are encouraged to speak with your NCAC representative regarding these changes.

# Celebrating 100 Years of History: The Arlington County Civic Federation 1916-2016

The Arlington County Civic Federation will celebrate 100 years of civic activism and “The Arlington Way” on April 8, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn Ballroom with speakers, live music, and more.. During the year, the Arlington County Library will be hosting a special traveling historical exhibit and forum on the Arlington County Civic Federation’s History and Future Role in Re-Inventing the Arlington Way for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

To help defray costs of banquet, historical exhibit and other events planned throughout the year, sponsorship levels include:

Platinum \$2500, includes table for 10 people

Golden Corporate \$1000, tickets for 4 people

Silver Corporate \$500, tickets for 2 people

Sapphire Individual \$250, tickets for 2 people

Emerald Individual \$100, ticket for 1 person

Additional funds to be raised for the 911 Scholarship Bund and the 100th Anniversary Tree Planting Program to provide shade and storm water management for the next 100 years!

Please e-mail: [joepelton@verizon.net](mailto:joepelton@verizon.net) for additional information and volunteer opportunities.

Please send checks and reservations to: Arlington County Civic Federation,  
100th Anniversary Gala, P.O. Box 42091, Arlington, VA 22204



1943 view of North Highlands Requested Area. I-66 Came much later. Published by Franklin Survey.

## Civic Federation Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2015 - 2016

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (except September and November)

**October 6**— Candidates Night Part 2, Uncontested Races

**November 10** — Open Data— Governmental Transparency

**December 1**— Election of Awards Committee from nominations from the floor

**January 5**

**February 2**

**March 1**

**April 5** Election of Nominating Committee

(Note - Friday, April 8 - Civic Federation Award Banquet 100th Anniversary)

**May 3**

**June 7** - Election of officers

## Arlington County Civic Federation Mission

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 Stefanie Pryor at [stefanie@civfed.org](mailto:stefanie@civfed.org)

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