



## Open Data—A Gateway to Governmental Transparency

*Duke Banks*

On Tuesday, November 10, the Arlington County Civic Federation will explore how Open Data can be used in municipal governments to get timely data to empower citizens and improve strategic planning. Tips will also be provided on what citizens can do to encourage their local governments to implement Open Data policies and programs .

Unfortunately, this panel does conflict with the Facilities Study final presentation to the County Board and School Board on the same evening.

Stephen Larrick, Sunlight Foundation, is part of the policy team to promote transparency and open government at the local level. His current efforts focus on facilitating the adopting of meaningful and sustainable open data policies in mid-sized American cities participating in the What Works Cities initiative. He 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. (<http://sunlightfoundation.com/>)

Victoria Lewis, dataMontgomery Project Manager for Montgomery County, is responsible for Montgomery County’s award winning open data program. She will cover the history of Montgomery County’s involvement with open data, including legislation and a description of Countywide dataset inventory. She will provide a tour of the website and initiatives which make use of open data to further engage with residents. She will provide a "lessons learned" overview of how Montgomery County is implementing Open Data. (<https://data.montgomerycountymd.gov/>)

Zaki Barzinji, Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Governor McAuliffe, represents the Governor’s Office to the federal government, Congress, and other states on portfolio of issues that include transportation, technology, homeland security and commerce.. Prior to joining the DC team, he served in Governor McAuliffe’s policy office as point person for technology. He helped lead the launch of Data.Virginia.gov, Virginia’s first open data portal, as well as a variety of events and programs aimed at increasing agency participation in open data initiatives. 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. (<https://data.virginia.gov/>)

As a reminder, only ACCF delegates or alternates may ask questions, so please check in with membership for a listing of your organization’s members. **Questions may be no longer than thirty seconds and may not be position statements.**

## GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, November 10, 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 - Open Data
- 9:10 Bylaws Vote
- 9:15 Unfinished Business
- 9:25 New Business
- 9:30 Adjourn

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## ACCF remains Non-Partisan

*Stef Pryor*

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.

Recent campaign materials appeared to endorse our immediate past president, Michael McMenamin. Mr. McMenamin received the Sun Gazette Cup at the ACCF banquet April 2015. The quote was a direct comment from the presentation and the award itself. The ACCF does not and will not endorse candidates for election.

The Awards Committee for 2016 will be selected from floor nominations at our December 2015 meeting. Please consider participating and helping for our 100th Anniversary Gala.

## Planning & Zoning Updates

*Martha Moore*

Many developers opt to enter into the Site Plan process where they may get additional height, density, and exceptions in exchange for community benefits. Review of the project by the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) is the main component of the process. SPRC includes members of the Planning Commission and staff, as well as a representative from other stakeholder groups such as the Civic Federation and the civic association where the project will be built.

In April 2013, the Planning Commission established a Site Plan Review Working Group "To improve site plan review efficiency and effectiveness and promote high-quality redevelopment of Arlington that advances county goals and plans while balancing stakeholders' diverse needs and expectations." Their work resulted in recommendations that were discussed at a County Board work session in September 2014 and adopted by the Planning Commission in April 2015.

In October 2015, an SPRC meeting was held to review an implementation plan for revising current SPRC materials and developing new training for SPRC participants—with a goal of full implementation by February 2016. See [http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2015/03/SPR\\_SPRWG-RECS-sc\\_Mar915.pdf](http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2015/03/SPR_SPRWG-RECS-sc_Mar915.pdf).

Questions and comments should be forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Committee Chair ([martha@civfed.org](mailto:martha@civfed.org))

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## Membership Chair Needed

*Stef Pryor*

Our Membership Chair, Kim Klingler, stepped down as of November 1, 2015. I thank her for her 3 years of being the welcoming face and voice behind the table at sign in. She also has served as part of our Executive Committee.

We are in search of another friendly, organized person to be the initial point of contact at meetings. ACCF has two open boundary adjustment requests still pending, and a new organization request underway. These actions happen periodically, with support from both the Executive Committee and our general membership body. We already have a fantastic support on the membership database via Dennis Gerrity. The new sign in method also helps greatly with keeping the database current. If interested in serving, please contact me ([Stefanie@civfed.org](mailto:Stefanie@civfed.org)) and [membership@civfed.org](mailto:membership@civfed.org).

## From the Executive Committee

*Jesse Boeding*

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, October 11, 2015 to plan the agenda for November 10, 2015 general meeting and discuss future meetings.

The Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, November 15, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate and plan future meeting programs.

The deadline for newsletter articles is Thursday, November 19, 2015 due to the meeting date of Tuesday, December 1. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

## ACCF Dues Reminder

*Pat Spann*

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

snail mail at PO Box 42091, Arlington, VA 22204; PayPal at <http://www.civfed.org/pay-dues/> ; or Via check at the November 10, 2015 meeting.

The following organizations still owe dues for 2015-2016 as of November 1:

American Association of University Women  
Arlington Coalition of Police  
Arlington East Falls Church  
Arlington Education Association  
Arlington Gay & Lesbian Association  
Arlington Heights  
Arlington Interfaith Council Inc  
Arlington Ridge Civic Association (CA)  
Arlington View CA  
Arlingwood Neighbor Association  
Ashton Heights CA  
Astoria Unit Owners Association  
Ballston-Virginia Square CA  
Barcroft School & Civic League  
Bellevue Forest CA  
Black Oak Cluster CA  
Boulevard Manor CA  
Buckingham Community CA  
Buyers & Renters Arlington Voice (BRAVO)  
Chatham Condo Unit Owners' Association  
Cathcart Springs Homeowners Association  
Center for Urban Education  
Cherrydale CA  
Civic Coalition for Minority Affairs  
Clarendon-Courthouse CA  
Colonial Village II  
Columbia Forest CA  
Columbia Heights CA  
Dominion Hills CA  
Douglas Park CA  
Dover-Crystal CA  
Forest Glen CA  
Foxcroft Heights Neighborhood Association  
Frederick Courts CA  
Friends of Arlington Parks  
GlebeWood CA  
Glencarlyn CA  
Gulf Branch CA  
Highland Park-Overlee Knolls CA  
John M. Langston CA  
League of Women Voters of Arlington, VA, Inc.  
Leeway Overlee CA  
Madison Manor CA  
Nauck CA  
North Highlands CA  
Penrose Neighborhood Association

Rivercrest CA  
Shirlington CA  
Spout Run Homeowners Association Inc.  
Westover Village  
Westwind Homeowners Association  
Williamsburg CA

For additional inquiries, please contact:  
[membership@civfed.org](mailto:membership@civfed.org) and [treasurer@civfed.org](mailto:treasurer@civfed.org).

## South Arlington Working Group (SAWG) Update

*Compiled by Lois Koontz, Emily Greco and Megan Haydasz*

The South Arlington Working Group had its penultimate meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Its final meeting is scheduled to review the final report on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The working group has gravitated to this plan:

1. Build a new elementary school on what is now the Thomas Jefferson Middle School parking lot.
2. Move Patrick Henry Elementary to the new TJ school.
3. Move the Montessori program out of Drew Elementary and establish a stand-alone Montessori school at what is now Patrick Henry Elementary.
4. Boundaries would change to accomplish filling the approximately 400 empty seats that would subsequently be available at Drew, filling the new School as Patrick Henry isn't currently at 725, and to fill Hoffman Boston if pre-school Montessori moves into the current Patrick Henry building with the Drew Montessori students. Many if not most, South Arlington boundaries could see some change.

The discussion was lively over the possibility of using land that across the street from TJ at Dominion Arms apartment complex. In exchange for land donation, the developer requests zoning change to allow for doubling the number of units.

The large working group did reach a strong consensus in rejecting the Dominion option, although not unanimous. The rationale was that this kind of process can be very drawn out in Arlington with no guaranteed outcome; the opening of a new school would be delayed by years; and the privately owned site was not clearly superior on balance to the one that belongs to APS/County at TJ.

The group also discussed whether the K-5 students now at Drew and Hoffman-Boston should be combined into one site at Drew, freeing up Hoffman Boston for other school needs. The Hoffman-Boston K-5 program has a STEM (science/technology/engineering/math) emphasis and a very popular and successful principal. The Nauck neighborhood called for a STEAM approach (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math and Arts).

## SAWG (cont.)

The group has also focused on the need for an additional new elementary school in the 22202/06 area currently served by Oakridge Elementary, projected to be 173% overcapacity by 2024. ([http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/Capacity\\_Utilization\\_Scenario2\\_Additions.pdf](http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/Capacity_Utilization_Scenario2_Additions.pdf)) SAWG members have expressed desire for the School and County Boards to begin planning for sites in the Pentagon City/Crystal City area for another school beyond 2019 and secure funding for it in the next CIP cycle.

APS aims to open the new school in the fall of 2019, two years behind the schedule the School Board approved in 2012, and one year behind the revised schedule the School Board approved in 2014. Another round of construction decision-making will be made in the spring 2016 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), with school bond vote November 2016.

**Nov. 5th** - SAWG Chair Greg Greeley presents the report to the School Board.

**Nov. 16th** - APS Staff presents its recommendation to the School Board; this will include staff's responses to items requested by the County Board regarding the TJ site at the conclusion of the TJ Working Group last year.

**Dec. 3rd** - School Board votes on the site for the new, neighborhood South Arlington Elementary School.

**Dec. 12th or Dec. 15th** (carryover mtg) - County Board votes on granting the land at TJ to APS.

(Note: There will be opportunities for Public Comment at the School Board & County Board meetings.)

**Spring 2016** construction plans for the next decade will be updated in the next APS CIP. Anticipated crowding and continuing use of elementary trailers in the North will likely mean another elementary school will be required, possibly at the former Reed elementary school. That site currently houses a library and daycare center. APS will also be seeking ways to address continuing growth at middle and high schools in the new CIP.

APS explained that, assuming that the new elementary school is on-track to open by Fall 2019, the school boundary adjustment process would begin in Spring 2017. It would be finalized by Fall 2018 so all affected school communities would have a one year time-period to make adjustments.

The County Board and School Board will need to come up with additional funds to cover the cost of building "structured" (underground and/or multi-level) parking at the TJ site. Garage parking is outside the construction budget for the new elementary school.

The size of the APS student population grew by nearly 3% this year.\* Last year's rate was 5.2% rate. The working group is alarmed by the possibility that there will not-

be any money or political will to build the next elementary school needed to address a seat deficit in South Arlington.

The SAWG reached consensus that it should serve the 22202 ZIP code (Pentagon City). Oakridge, the elementary school near Gunston, now serves that area, and will need major relief by 2024. Preferred sites for the next elementary school to be built after TJ would be either the River House apartment complex on a parcel the Vornado developer has offered in exchange for permission to build more housing on its parcel, or Virginia Highlands park.

### \*APS Data

On September 30, 2015 the total PreK-12 membership (the number of students enrolled in APS) was 25,238 students, a 2.9% increase in enrollment compared to September 30, 2014. Total enrollment for elementary schools rose 1.6% to 13,657. Enrollment as of September 30 at the middle schools rose 4.3% (5,137), and high schools rose 4.7% (6,444).

## Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA)

*Joe Pelton*

A new "Airport Noise" Working Group has been formed with a dozen communities adjacent to the Potomac River being represented with elected officials appointing two representatives from their jurisdictions. Steven Geiger and Joseph Pelton were the two representative from Arlington County that were appointed by the Arlington County Board.

Topics to be addressed by the Working Group between now and the end of 2016, when the final report is due, will include:

- Air safety requirements;
- Current operating conditions and potential changes to air traffic patterns (especially the LAZIK pattern that allow precise aircraft navigation to point along the Potomac);
- Jet noise performance by carrier fleet;
- Noise monitoring equipment and their results; and
- Experience of other airport communities in addressing noise.

These meetings will be approximately once a month with work being done in between meetings

In addition to this working group, there will be a meeting in the Fairington/Shirlington area in the Nov. 16 to Nov. 18th timeframe. For details contact: [joepelton@verizon.net](mailto:joepelton@verizon.net).

## 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.



## Essential Facilities Debate in 1950

“In response to a request from the County Civic Federation, the County Board on March 11, 1950, adopted a resolution directing the County Manager to obtain from the various Department heads preliminary estimates of essential facilities and services needed in the County for the next six years. The resolution contemplated that the Planning Commission would review, consolidate and adjust these estimates into a unified plan for the County. In the course of the work, active participation by business organizations and other groups within the County would be encouraged. To achieve this objective, the Commission appointed a thirty member Citizens’ Advisory Committee...Although the consensus was clearly for maintaining the predominant residential character, it was recognized that financing a high standard of public services and facilities was difficult in a community where the tax base was mostly residential property, partly because the cost per unit of servicing such property is greater than for commercial or industrial property. It was not considered desirable to encourage additional industrial use, certainly not by heavy industry. There remained then, the creation of a climate favorable to greater commercial development as a means of broadening the tax base....Actual developments have deviated in other respects from the conditions existing and the assumptions made in 1950. Then a 1960 population of 200,000 was forecast with 250,000 people in the County by 1980. The actual 1960 figure was 163,401. “

Arlington County Virginia: A History by C.B. Rose, Jr.. Arlington Historical Society: 1976, pages 225-228.

## Community Facilities Study Ready for Review

On November 10, the County and School Boards will have a Joint Work Session on the Community Facilities Study in the County Board room. The meeting will be open to the public for observation, unfortunately it is the same evening as our November general membership meeting.

Materials can be found at: <http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/community-facilities-study/documents/>

Principal challenges were identified as

1. A scarcity of land for public facilities
2. Dealing with changing demographics
3. A threatened commercial tax base
4. Strategic facility planning and priority setting, and
5. The need to revamp our community dialogue.

ACCF committees are requested to provide comments over the coming weeks. Tentative planning includes a Facilities Study overview in January with potential Resolution vote in February. Similar to Public Land for Public Good (PLPG), ACCF will endeavor to a joint resolution as there are many competing interests. If you are not yet a member of a committee and want to provide feedback, please see the listing of committee chairs on the last page of this newsletter.

Our committees provide in depth analysis which culminates in articles, such as yard-waste included in this newsletter from the Environment and the Revenues & Expenditures committees, and larger presentations such as the changes to the noise ordinance from our Planning & Zoning committee. Please reach out to our chairs to participate in working sessions for this latest far-reaching topic.

## 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 amendment was introduced at the October meeting and will be voted upon at the November 10, 2015 session. The proposed amendment was referred to the By-laws Committee for review and they will present a report at the November meeting.

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 July 1. The Treasurer shall notify organizations whose dues are at least six (6) months in arrears that they will be dropped from membership in the Federation if they do not pay their dues within thirty (30) days . Any organizations dropped from Federation membership by reason of unpaid annual dues may reapply for membership in accordance with this article . New organizations that join the Federation after January 1 shall pay one half the annual dues.

## Membership Request: NORML

### Membership Committee

The Northern Virginia chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) is requesting membership within the ACCF. Per their application letter, 86% of Virginians support medical usage of cannabis and Virginia NORML works for the benefit of this majority. They state they would be a great, public-health focused addition to our organization in promoting the general welfare of Arlington County. At our recent candidate's night, Delegate Ebbin discussed his and Delegate Patrick Hope's efforts in the legislature for legalization. Approximately 1/4 of the NOVA NORML membership lives in Arlington.

We have other regional organizations, such as Opera NOVA and American Association of University Women, with Arlington delegates to ACCF. ACCF bylaws Article II: The object of the Federation shall be to promote the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

## Report on Schools Committee's Resolution on Stratford

### Parks & Recreation Committee

The Parks & Recreation Committee is concerned about the potential loss of APS green space, including many healthy and mature trees, as a result of the expansion of the Stratford School. However, it does not appear to the Parks & Recreation Committee that these potential impacts are directly due to the potential historic designation of the Stratford School. Rather, they would result from other factors.

The Parks & Recreation Committee is also concerned that some potential plans for the expansion of the Stratford School involve building on land that is part of Stratford Park and notes that the Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) has given its concurrence to designs that do not involve building on Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) land.

The Parks & Recreation Committee recommends that the penultimate preambulatory clause of the draft resolution be deleted.

The clause reads as:

*"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."*

If that clause is deleted, the Parks & Recreation Committee takes no formal position on the resolution.

Refer to the October Civic Voice newsletter for the full text of the ACCF Schools Committee Resolution. The final clause of the resolution is:

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.

Note that as of newsletter publication date, the ACCF vote on the Schools Committee resolution on Stratford has been postponed to a future date.

## Status of Year Round Yard-Waste Collection

### *Environmental Affairs Committee*

On October 17, the County Board voted unanimously to advertise a November 14, 2015 hearing to consider the addition of year-round yard waste collection to Arlington's residential trash and recycling program. Currently, seasonal yard-waste is collected six weeks during the spring and the fall. During the remainder of the year, yard waste is collected as ordinary trash and incinerated at a waste-to-energy facility. If approved by the County Board, year-round yard waste collection will begin on April 1, 2016.

Arlington's Department of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Bureau, has long been a proponent of year-round yard waste collection to increase Arlington's waste recycling rate, reduce the generation of incinerator ash subject to disposal, and develop useful products such as soil amendments. Currently, yard waste constitutes more than 26% of Arlington's total waste stream. The addition of yard waste is expected to increase Arlington's recycling rate from approximately 47% to well over 60%.

Solid waste collection is funded by Arlington's Household Solid Waste Rate. To fund year-round yard-waste collection in fiscal year 2017, the annual rate will increase by an estimated \$35 per household, resulting in a rate of \$303. This new rate, if adopted, would remain considerably lower than those of neighboring jurisdictions that have all introduced year-round waste programs: Alexandria \$337; Falls Church \$345; and Fairfax County \$345.

To measure support for the program and the estimated rate increase, the Solid Waste Bureau conducted a survey of Arlington rate-payers in 2015. More than 4,000 residents responded to the survey and over 70% favored increasing Arlington's recycling rate and more than 60% approved year-round yard waste collection together with the estimated increased costs.

As many readers of the Civic Voice may recall, the County Board approved year-round yard waste collection in 2014, but a bid contest initiated by a disappointed waste contractor delayed adoption. That contest has now been resolved. During its 2014 consideration of the recycling proposal, the Civic Federation adopted a resolution noting that the new program "is expected to further Arlington County's goal of eliminating organic waste from the solid waste stream and improve the local environment." Because the program was new and required additional care and thought by Arlington residents, the Civic Federation requested representatives of the Bureau to report on the first anniversary of the program. That report would include a discussion of im-

plementation issues, recycling rates achieved, estimated environmental costs and benefits, and issues relating to the potential expansion of the program to include food wastes.

If year round yard-waste is again approved by the County Board and begins as planned in April 2016, representatives of the Solid Waste Bureau will be invited back to the Civic Federation in April 2017 to report on these issues. During last month's Board meeting, Board member Jay Fisette made note of the Civic Federation resolution, expressed his agreement with it, and suggested that the Bureau also make a similar "progress report" to the County Board. In light of the resolution previously adopted, the Civic Federation needs to carefully monitor this program, if adopted by the County Board, and ensure the requested detailed performance report covers all the requested information.

## Analysis of Yard-Waste Collection

### *Revenues & Expenditures Committee*

In October, the County Board voted to advertise a possible change in the household solid waste rate (HSWR), and it will make its decision on November 14. There are three options:

1. Keep the annual rate the same (\$271.04) and begin the year-round yard-waste collection in the 4th quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2016 (comprising April–June 2015).
2. Delay implementation of the year-round yard-waste collection and drop the annual rate to \$256.44 for FY2016 (which ends June 30, 2016).
3. Drop the rate to \$256.44 for the rest FY2016 and then begin the weekly, year-round yard-waste collection in FY2017 (July 1, 2016), when the annual rate would be raised to \$303.24.

The difference in annual cost between adding a year-round yard-waste collection or not is \$46.80. A review of yard-waste collections in other nearby jurisdictions revealed the following information:

- Arlington is the only inner suburb without a formal yard waste collection (not including our existing spring yard-waste and fall leaf collections).
- No other nearby jurisdiction provides (or charges for) a yard-waste cart. Residents must provide their own bags (usually compostable ones) or a reusable container that displays a yard-waste sticker (Falls Church City charges for the stickers).
- Most neighboring yard-waste collection programs are voluntary. However, their costs are likely to be passed along to all users whether or not they participate. Arlington will allow residents to refuse the yard-waste cart, but these residents will still be charged the full cost of the new service, including the cart.

## **R&E Committee Yard Waste (cont.)**

- Participation is mandatory only in Falls Church City and places like the City of Bowie, MD. (MD prohibits landfills in MD from accepting yard waste.) Montgomery County has its own waste-to-energy plant, solid waste transfer station, and composting facility; its yard-waste collection appears to be voluntary.

Based on answers to questions posed in January 2015, it appears that staff's calculation of the environmental ("carbon footprint") impact of adding a third collection for yard-waste did NOT include the impact of the trucks' making a third, separate pass to collect yard waste. Staff has claimed that it does not know the number of miles that garbage trucks travel countywide to collect the trash/recycling. Only the mileage (27 miles) between Arlington and the compost facility was input to calculate the environmental impact of the additional collection.

Fairfax County's yard-waste collection is limited to March 1 through December 24. From December 25 through the end of February, Fairfax's yard waste is disposed in the regular trash.

In Arlington, staff did not provide costs or the option for a part-year collection like Fairfax County's.

Staff also did not provide costs or the option for a bi-weekly (every other week) yard-waste collection, which could cut costs and reduce the environmental impact of a third collection.

Nor did staff provide costs or the option for delaying the yard-waste collection until food waste could also be collected simultaneously. Combined, food and yard waste account for over 50% of the trash carts' contents. So delaying the weekly, year-round yard waste collection until food waste could also be concurrently collected could then enable a reduction in the collection of trash carts to biweekly.

Staff estimates that the yard-waste collection will divert 9,000 tons of waste from the county's waste to energy (WTE) facility in Alexandria (jointly owned with Alexandria). Staff states that this diversion will not likely result in triggering any penalty for failure to deliver the required monthly minimum tonnage to the WTE facility. The minimum is based on the combined tonnage delivered by Arlington and Alexandria, which now has its own voluntary yard-waste collection.

Should the two jurisdictions together fail to deliver the minimum required tonnage, the WTE facility's operator, Covanta, may impose a penalty. Then, Arlington would be paying Covanta for waste not delivered as well as the cost of collecting and shipping the yard waste to the remote composting facility.

There are 33,000 households using the county's trash and recycling collection services. According to recent

billing statements (obtained via a FOIA request), Covanta charged \$43.16 per ton for trash sent to the WTE facility in FY2015. The cost for the collection and disposal of 9,000 tons of yard waste annually for composting will be \$46.80 x 33,000, or \$1,544,400 (including cart purchasing costs) a year.

Based on these figures, the cost per ton for the 9,000 tons of yard waste would be \$171.60 per ton. In FY2013, the cost per ton for Montgomery County's yard-waste disposal program and compost facility was \$38.90 per ton. [Note: Montgomery's costs are partly offset by the sale of compost.] Beginning in 2025, Arlington's disposal fee at the WTE plant will be \$0 per ton.

Staff reports that 60% of respondents to a recent online survey supported a year-round yard-waste collection and a separate yard waste cart. However, the survey was advertised to all Arlington residents, not just to households participating in the county's solid waste collection program.

It unclear how many survey respondents who approved of the yard-waste collection and cart would not be subject to those costs. R&E has been unable to confirm whether the survey included responses from those who do not participate in the county's collection.

## **100th Anniversary Gala**

*Joe Pelton*

These two design concepts on the following pages are under development for two transportable banners that are to be produced for the Arlington Central Library. Copyrighted materials are being addressed via library. We would appreciate additional photographs of any past ACCF volunteers or events, with copyright permission granted or not applicable. Also, there is to be an Arlington Map for citizens to put in a push pin showing where they live or organizations to which they belong.

Reservations for the Gala on April 8, 2016 for tables are now being taken at \$400 for a table or corporate sponsorships for \$500 up to \$2500.

Please contact Joseph N. Pelton at [joepelton@verizon.net](mailto:joepelton@verizon.net) for details.

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Historic Wilson School in 1916



Columbia Pike Traffic Jam



Ft. Myer Streetcar Terminal



Entrance to Luna Park-Now Crystal City

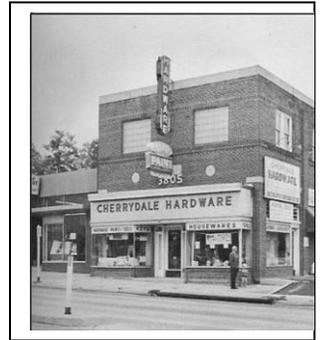


Historic Glebe House



Ft. Myer 1917

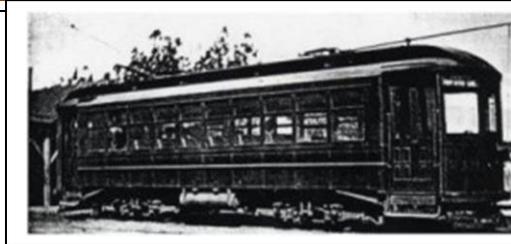
**The Arlington County Civic Federation**  
 was founded in 1916. Arlington then consisted of 7500 households & 16,000 people. The earliest members-- neighborhoods of Clarendon, Hume. Cherrydale, Bon Air, Lyon Park, Lyon Village plus the Jefferson District Woman's Club--voted in favor of a sewerage tax to create the first county wide sewerage system in the U.S. The Federation now 100 years young is why Arlington smells so good today!



Cherrydale Hardware



Seeley McIntyre House



Penrose Streetcar--Rosslyn to Nauck



Ballston founded ca 1900

# 2016



Arlington Historical Society



Potomac Overlook Regional Park



Crystal City Metro



Civic Federation in Arl. Parade



Wilson Boulevard Today



Discovery Elementary-Net Zero School



Upton Hill Regional Park

## Arlington County Civic Federation Turns 100

The Federation is over 80 civic and citizen's groups working to make Arlington better. Making Arlington's Future Brighter for the next 100 years.

Fair and Equitable Taxation--Better Planning--  
Better Parks and Recreation--Quality Education and  
Health Care--Efficient Government--Energy &  
Environment--Transportation--Public Safety--21<sup>st</sup>  
Century Broadband--Balanced Development--  
Concentrated Development around Metro--  
Commercial Revitalization--Vital Arts and Cultural  
Opportunities--Quality Libraries and Public  
Information Systems--Low Cost Housing--Healthy  
Tree Canopy--Community Input to Public Policy

### THE ARLINGTON WAY



Virginia Hospital Center



Crystal City Today



Candidates Night at ACCF



# LEE HIGHWAY

## COMMUNITY VISIONING CHARRETTE

We need  
your input!

### How do YOU envision the future of Lee Highway?

*Join us for the Lee Highway Visioning Charrette, a multi-day community planning effort to consider the future of the Lee Highway corridor. Share your thoughts on transportation, open space, architecture, housing, cultural resources, and streetscape design!*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6p-8p

### CHARRETTE KICK-OFF

*Introduction to the project and to the design team.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9a-1p

### COMMUNITY HANDS-ON DESIGN SESSION

*Work alongside your neighbors to draw your vision for the future of the Lee Highway corridor.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

3p-5p

### DESIGN STUDIO WALK-THROUGH

*Drop by the temporary design studio to check on the work-in-progress. If you missed the session on Saturday, this will also be a second chance to participate in the hands-on design exercise.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7p-9p

### WRAP-UP OPEN HOUSE

*See work completed during the previous few days and get an overview of the draft recommendations.*

*All events at the* **LANGSTON-BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE AT:  
<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/lee-highway>

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

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

**November 10** – Open Data—  
Governmental Transparency and Bylaws  
Amendment Vote

**December 1**– County Manager Invited  
and Election of Awards Committee from  
nominations from the floor

**January 5**—County Board invited and  
Facilities Study (Tentative)

**February 2** —School Board invited and  
NCAC Changes (Tentative)

**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)

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Jesse Boeding	<a href="mailto:jesse@civfed.org">jesse@civfed.org</a>
Awards	Elected at Dec 2015 Membership Mtg	
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Emergency	Jackie Snelling	<a href="mailto:jackie@civfed.org">jackie@civfed.org</a>
Environmental Affairs	John Seymour	<a href="mailto:john@civfed.org">john@civfed.org</a>
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Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
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