



## September 6 Overview: Candidates' Forum

Lois Koontz

The Civic Federation is delighted to host its annual Candidate Forum at its opening meeting 2016-2017 at 7.p.m. (NEW TIME) on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia Hospital Center. We have invited the candidates who will be on the ballots for County Board, School Board and the Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> District U.S. House of Representatives race. We will present three panels for Q&A.

We will begin with two candidates well known to Arlingtonians: incumbent Libby Garvey and Independent Audrey Clement, both running for County Board. With two familiar candidates, we look forward to questions that focus on broad issues facing the county moving forward.

The second panel will include incumbent Nancy Van Doren and newcomer Tannia Talento. The school board candidates face no opposition for the two available seats, and I'm sure we can expect some good discussion around school board priorities for 2016-2017 and current challenges they face.

The final race will welcome back incumbent Democrat Don Beyer, as well as provide the opportunity to get to know better his two opponents, Republican Charles Hernick and Independent Julio Gracia.

As planned, the forum will be a packed 90 minutes, allowing each candidate the opportunity to respond to at least three questions. Delegates may pose questions to just one candidate or all three, but each candidate will have the opportunity to speak to any question.

Delegates will be kept to 30 seconds to pose their questions to give the candidates the maximum time to respond. Given the possibility of only a few questions per panel, we also invite you to come at 6:30 to enjoy time for informal discussion directly with candidates. Light refreshments will be provided.

See the Arlington County elections site for additional information on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia, County Bond Referenda, and links to the candidates' websites:

<https://vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/>

## GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

7:00 p.m. (NEW TIME)

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

## Agenda

- 7:00 Meeting called to order
- 7:10 County Board Candidates
- 7:40 School Board Candidates
- 8:10 Congressional Candidates
- 9:00 Unfinished Business and Announcements
- 9:05 New Business
- 9:10 Adjourn

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## President's Update

*Stefanie Pryor*

Our final session of June 2016 closed with a fitting panel from Arlington County on water, sewage, and recycling. One hundred years after ACCF started to bring public water and sewage to Arlington County, we wrap up 100 years later with an update for how far we have come. Jerry Auten, Transportation Committee chair, presented the Master Transportation Plan highlights. Ginger Brown presented an update on the Lee Highway Visioning project. For copies of presentations, refer to our archived meeting site:

<http://www.civfed.org/meeting-archive/>

Please view the video at:

<https://vimeo.com/174658529>

Thank you to Arlington County Career Center (ACCC) students Alex Pageotte for Directing and Editing, Christian Porter and Garren Rusk for Cameras, and engineering support by Duane Lomis, and student advisor Tom O'Day.

On June 14, Jim Pebley and I presented Civic Federation 911 Scholarships at the Arlington Community Foundation Scholarship Awards Reception. Up to 5 scholarship are awarded for \$1,000, with continuation for up to 4 years for a total of \$4,000 per student. We have distributed over \$300,000 since the scholarship fund was founded in November 2011. Applicants must have a parent who has been an Arlington County uniformed public safety employee or dispatcher for not fewer than 10 years, retired from one of the respective departments, been permanently disabled on the job, or killed in the line of duty.

New recipients for 2016: Jordan N. Beer (Martinsburg HS) will attend West Virginia University, Gabriella S. Cano (Hayfield Secondary School) will attend James Madison University, Isabella E. Cano (Hayfield Secondary School) also will attend James Madison University, Caroline Larson (Yorktown) will attend The College of William and Mary, and Brady Ryan (Chantilly HS) will attend Virginia Polytechnic

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Institute and State University.

Recurring 2016 scholarship recipients: Connor Babcock (George Mason University), Elijah Costello (Hampton University), John Douglas Feden, Jr. (James Madison University), Margaret Gough (The College of William & Mary), Patrick Gough (United States Naval Academy), Harley Guenther (Christopher Newport University), Miranda Hanson (Frostburg State University), Mary Hanula (Christopher Newport University), Emily Larson (Bucknell University), Katie Penn (James Madison University), Shelby Stevens (University of Virginia), and Tori Tredwell (Virginia Commonwealth University).

For a full listing of Arlington Community Foundation (ACF) scholarships and donations: <http://www.arlcf.org/scholarships/>

See the original resolution:

<http://www.civfed.org/res911fd.htm>

ACCF will be looking forward to our next 100 years of service and civic activism for our 2016-2017 calendar. Instead of history articles in our newsletter, we will be highlighting our next generation from our 911 scholarship program and our Career Center students who record our meetings.

We also have accessory dwellings as a major new/old topic. If interested in participating in policy, zoning, housing and other issues for this complex topic, contact

[Martha@civfed.org](mailto:Martha@civfed.org)

## Executive Committee

*Jesse Boeding*

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, July 10, 2016 to plan the agenda for September 6, 2016 general meeting and discuss future meetings. The Executive Committee unanimously approved Douglas Park Civic Association boundary adjustments. Neighboring civic associations concurred with the changes prior to our vote. The issue was resolved over the summer to assist Douglas Park and the 4 Mile Run Valley Project (4MRV). See the full briefings and upcoming schedule at:

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/four-mile-run-valley/4mrv-about-the-area/>

The Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2).

The deadline for newsletter articles is Thursday, September 22, 2016 due to the meeting date of Tuesday, October 4. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

## Arlington Woman's Club 85th Anniversary: October 1

The Arlington Woman's Club celebrates its 85th Anniversary on Saturday, October 1. In support of the 2016-2018 General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Virginia State Project: "Dare to Dream of No Hunger", they are partnering with the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) and collecting nutritious non-perishable canned goods and cereal at our Celebration Party on Oct 1st. Your donation to AFAC to combat hunger in Arlington is greatly appreciated.

Contact Pat Fisher, Anniversary Chair, Woman's Club of Arlington, 703-751-3442, for additional information.

## 9/11 15 Years Later

The Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC) will be hosting Arlington County Deputy County Manager James Schwartz and Major General James Jackson will discuss and reflect on the events of 9/11. Mr. Schwartz will then discuss where the County has come since then. Event moderated by NBC 4 Chief Meteorologist Doug Kammerer.

Thursday, September 8, 7:00—8:30 pm  
Kenmore Middle School, Black Box Theater  
200 South Carlin Springs Road

## By-laws Workshop August 23 and October 17

ACCF By-laws Committee Chair Sarah Shortall presented a workshop on effective by-laws for civic organizations on August 23. Participants ranged from Arlington Heights to Yorktown, with Barcroft School and Civic League, Arlington Mill, Colonial Villages, and many other participants in the last few days of summer.

The goal of the workshop was to help organizations develop open, transparent and accountable by-laws that are easier to understand, promote effective management of meetings, and avert internal disputes. The workshop will be repeated at 7 p.m., Monday, October 17 in the Second Floor Meeting Room at the Central Library. [Click here to register](#).. ACCF also will present a workshop on parliamentary procedure for civic organizations later this fall. For more information, please contact [Sarah@civfed.org](mailto:Sarah@civfed.org).

## Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference: Sept 30 and Oct 1

Arlington County hosts the [Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference](#) Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. Attendance fees are \$75, which includes a Potomac cruise.

## ACCF's Centennial Tree Planting Program

*Joe Pelton*

As part of Arlington County Civic Federation's 100th anniversary celebration this year, over \$4,000 was raised at the April gala to make contributions to the ACCF's 911 scholarship fund and to Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) for planting trees to mark our centennial year.

Delegates and their member organizations also can help us celebrate the ACCF's centennial by participating in a county tree-planting program. Newly planted trees will serve as living legacies that provide increasing amounts of environmental benefits as they grow and mature.

In April 2016, the ACCF sponsored the planting of a "centennial tree" at Arlington Central Library in conjunction with its centennial symposium. We encourage civic associations and individual members to also plant trees that will help see us through our next 100 years by taking advantage of one or all three programs described below.

### **FREE TREES are available for planting on private property:**

- ACE's Tree Canopy Fund (TCF) provides a limited number of grants to individual and communities to plant large trees (8–10 ft). TCF trees are planted by a contractor and come with a one-year warranty (if watered). Please contact ACE Executive Director Elenor Hodges at [elenor@arlingtonenvironment.org](mailto:elenor@arlingtonenvironment.org) to apply.
- Arlington County's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) sponsors an annual Tree Distribution Program each fall that provides small trees (whips) for residents to pick up and plant themselves. During the first week of September, residents can reserve a tree through DPR's website at <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/trees/plant-trees/tree-distribution-program/>. Trees will be ready for pickup in October.

### **PURCHASE A TREE to be planted on County property through DPR's Commemorative Tree Program.**

- DPR's Commemorative Tree Program is a great way for associations and individuals to have a tree planted on county property in celebration of the ACCF's 100th anniversary or as a memorial tree in honor of someone special in your neighborhood. Donors work with county staff to select an appropriate location, and these trees are planted by DPR. To learn more and apply, visit <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/trees/plant-trees/550-commemorative-trees-application/>. A shade tree costs \$200, and an understory or flowering tree costs \$150.

Please consider planting a tree to help us celebrate our 100th anniversary. Contact Joseph N. Pelton, ACCF Centennial Celebration Chair, at [joepelton@verizon.net](mailto:joepelton@verizon.net).

## Planning & Zoning (P&Z) to Consider Accessory Dwellings

*Martha Moore*

The Affordable Housing Master Plan, which the ACCF supported several months ago, includes the use of Accessory Dwellings (ADs) in single-family detached homes as one method to increase Arlington's stock of affordable housing. The Planning & Zoning Committee will meet to review the current zoning rules that allow *interior* ADs and will consider a possible expansion of the rules that would allow *exterior* ADs in accessory structures, such as detached garages. The committee will work in three phases. Phase 1 will develop a summary of what is currently legal. Phase 2 will identify areas of interest and concern. Phase 3 will develop a survey to measure support for various approaches, as we did in 2008 when ADs were first considered.

Please email [martha@civfed.org](mailto:martha@civfed.org) to join P&Z's AD working group. First AD meeting tentatively scheduled 4 pm Sunday, September 18. Location TBD.

## Arlington Public Schools Budget Advisory Council Gears Up for New School Year

*Michael Shea*

The Budget Advisory Council (BAC) is a citizen advisory group, appointed by and reporting to the APS School Board. The BAC meets monthly during the school year, typically on the second Wednesday of the month, at the Education Center (1426 N Quincy Street). Meetings start at 7:30 PM and all interested members of the public are invited to attend. In deference to Back to School Nights, in September the BAC will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month on Wednesday, September 28.

The primary purpose of the BAC is to review the Superintendent's proposed budget for APS each year and any budget-related topics. The BAC conveys its views and recommendations to the School Board through reports and presentations. For the new school year, there is likely to be an ongoing discussion on efforts by APS to meet its strategic goals and to address rising enrollment. This fall APS is completing a compensation study and the BAC is looking forward to reviewing that report and sorting out any budgetary implications.

More information about the BAC can be found at [www.apsva.us/budget-finance/budget-advisory-council/](http://www.apsva.us/budget-finance/budget-advisory-council/)

## Update from Airport Noise Working Group

*Joe Pelton*

The Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) Regan National Community Noise Working Group has completed its initial term and will extend its activities into 2017. Stephen Geiger and Joe Pelton are Arlington's two working group representatives. To mitigate noise at Reagan National, the working group has asked the FAA to explore a revised departure flight path to the north that would send aircraft over the midpoint of the Potomac River known as LAZIR B alternative.

The upcoming meeting on September 13 will

focus on the outcome of the LAZIR B flight path study and on obtaining citizen input. Purportedly, this revised flight path would offer some relief to Georgetown resident by keeping aircraft over the middle of the river 80% of the time as opposed to the current flight path in which aircraft follow the river less than 50% of the time.

At its August meeting, the Noise Working Group adopted a recommendation to study a revised southbound departure flight path that also would follow the middle of the river, which would be neutral for South Arlington but could give Old Town some relief. For safety reasons there is apparently revised departure flight path that could help Crystal City with respect to noise reduction.

The Noise Working Group has asked the MWAA to undertake a new noise study based on aircraft noise not only at the 65-decibel (dB) level but also at 50 dB, 55 dB and 60 dB.

Though MWAA and FAA officials are constrained in their ability to revise departure flight paths to reduce noise on the ground under current legislation, it does not mean other mitigation factors are not being considered. Local congressman, our state legislative delegation and Arlington's working group representatives are attempting to see whether any of these three mitigation alternatives might help:

- Encourage airlines to use quieter jets and to phase out MD-80 aircraft and other noisy jets.
- Seek legislation to increase fines for late-night excessive noise violations.
- Seek ways to encourage a shift of traffic to Dulles.

It is important to note that the upcoming September 13 workshop's focus—revising flight paths and other noise mitigation efforts—is something that neither the FAA nor MWAA can currently control. And rather than simply receiving information, those who attend this meeting will have an opportunity to provide individual feedback and to discuss the issues face to face with experts. We encourage the public to attend.

## FAA Public Workshop on DCA Noise and Flight Path: Sept. 13

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is working with the DCA Working Group, which was established in October 2015 to engage broad-based community participation to identify practical aircraft noise solutions and recommendations to the FAA. The DCA Working Group includes community members, appointed by elected officials from local jurisdictions, and two airline representatives.

In January 2015, the FAA, National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA), industry and the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) began initial discussions regarding how the LAZIR FIVE Standard Instrument Departure (SID) system could be revised in order to satisfy two goals: increase flight time over the Potomac River to mitigate noise complaints and increase the distance between aircraft and the area prohibited to planes.

### Proposed Procedure Changes

In November 2015, the FAA and NATCA representatives presented three notional alternatives for the LAZIR FIVE SID system to the DCA Working Group. In December 2015, MWAA facilitated a DCA Working Group vote to endorse one of the three LAZIR FIVE SID alternatives. Subsequently, MWAA and the DCA Working Group endorsed LAZIR alternative "B." The FAA committed to publishing the noise abatement procedures within a year and has continued to provide the DCA Working Group with monthly updates. On January 27, 2016, the SID designs were finalized and ready for further development and are tentatively scheduled to be republished on January 5, 2017.

The FAA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact and Record of Decision for the Washington D.C. Optimization of the Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex (DC OAPM) in December 2015, which was based on a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) that included a detailed noise analysis. The DC OAPM will establish 41 new and modified flight procedures in the Washington, DC, metro area.

The FAA then evaluated nine proposed departure procedures in a noise screening analysis. The noise modeling preliminarily determined there would be no significant noise impact associated with the new procedures.

### Environmental Actions Needed

After completing the Initial Environmental Review form, the FAA determined that a more thorough review of the proposed procedures should be completed. The FAA will next contact the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to relay its "No Effect" determination and request the SHPO's comments, feedback and concurrence within 30 days.

### Upcoming Public Workshops

The FAA will hold a public workshop in Arlington to provide more information about the proposed procedures changes and receive comments about the proposed procedure changes.

Washington Lee High School  
September 13, 2016, 6:30–9:30pm  
1301 N. Stafford Street  
Arlington, VA 22201  
(703) 228-6200

Attendees will be able to speak one-on-one with experts to learn how these proposed air traffic procedure changes may affect their communities. The FAA will review all public comments before it makes a final determination, scheduled for the fall of 2016.

[www.faa.gov/nextgen/metroplex\\_public\\_engagement/](http://www.faa.gov/nextgen/metroplex_public_engagement/)

## Nauck Civic and Community Pride Day: September 17

Live music and dance, local vendors, health fair, fish fry and bbq, kids pavilion for a great combination of history & heritage, health & wellness, and food & fun.

Noon to 5 p.m.

Drew Model School & Community Center  
3500 South 23rd Street

For more information: [www.ncaarlington.org](http://www.ncaarlington.org)  
or email [ncaarlington@gmail.com](mailto:ncaarlington@gmail.com) or call 703-486-0058

## 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.



## Treasurer's Report

*Pat Spann*

Thank you to the following membership organizations for paying the 2016-2017 dues this summer:

- Arlington Heights Civic Association (CA)
- Arlington Mill CA
- Arlington Ridge CA
- Arlingwood Neighborhood Assoc.
- Aurora Highlands CA
- Ballston-VA Square CA
- Barcroft School and Civic League
- Bluemont CA
- Boulevard Manor CA
- Crystal City CA
- Center for Urban Education
- Cherrydale CA
- Douglas Park CA
- Fairlington Citizens Assoc.
- Forest Glen CA
- Friends of Arlington Parks
- Glebewood CA
- Highland Park-Overlee Knolls CA
- Hyde Park Condo. Assoc.
- John M. Langston CA
- League of Women Voters of Arl. VA
- Leeway Overlee CA
- Long Branch Creek CA
- Maywood Community Association
- National Active & Retired Federal Employees Chapter 7 (NARFE)
- North Rosslyn CA
- NoVa NORML

- Old Dominion Citizens Association
- Old Glebe CA
- Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights CA
- Tara-Leeway Heights CA
- Waverly Hills CA
- Waycroft-Woodlawn CA
- Women's Club of Arlington

Membership dues support the myriad of AC-CF's activities including recording Civic Federation meetings; communicating with membership organizations, delegates and alternates via Constant Contact, maintaining our website; printing documents for Civic Federation meetings and much more. Membership organizations that have paid their dues are entitled to have four delegates and four alternates and cast four votes on all issues brought before the Civic Federation. Why multiple votes? Not every resolution results in unanimous decisions.

Our yearly financial review is wrapping up by our Audit Committee Chair, Jay Wind. A report will be available soon.

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## Civic Federation Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2016 - 2017

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month at the NEW TIME of 7 p.m.

**September 6:** Candidates' Night with Arlington County School Board, Arlington County Board and Congressional 8th District candidates

**October 4:** Urban Agriculture, 911 Scholarships

**November 1:** TBD

**Tuesday, November 8:** Elections

**December 6:** Awards Committee Election

**January 3:** County Board

**February 7:** TBD

**March 7:** TBD

**Friday, April 7:** Banquet

**April 4:** Nominating Committee Election

**May 2:** Legislative Panel (tentative)

**June 6:** ACCF Elections

**June 30/July 1:** Fiscal Year Closeout and Officer transition

## 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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Executive	Jesse Boeding	<a href="mailto:jesse@civfed.org">jesse@civfed.org</a>
Awards	Elected at Dec 2016 Membership Mtg	See listing in newsletter
Audit	Jay Wind	<a href="mailto:Jay@civfed.org">Jay@civfed.org</a>
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Housing	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
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911 Scholarships	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Nominating	Elected at April 2017 Membership Mtg	
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