



## October is Urban Agriculture and Affordable Housing Month

*Stefanie Pryor*

Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) will highlight Urban Agriculture month at its general membership meeting on Tuesday, October 4. Kim Haun, Urban Agriculture Coordinator for the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation and representatives of other non-profit organizations will present an overview and answer questions about activities in our neighborhoods. Urban Ag is far more than just backyard chickens. Refer to the [Arlington County Urban Agriculture site](#) for a listing of all special events and ongoing programs.

The policy goals for middle-income households in the Arlington County [Affordable Housing Master Plan](#) will be highlighted in October 2016. Arlington county and its partners will offer [multiple events during October](#) that will try to answer the question. How can we meet the needs of this population through greater diversity of housing types in the County – including the so-called “Missing Middle Housing” that falls between single-family homes and mid-rise buildings?

The ACCF Planning & Zoning Committee met in September to begin its focus in 2016-2017 to kick off on Accessory Dwellings. There was an overview of the current status of accessory dwellings in the county and the range of problems which providing more accessory dwellings presents. Even in a small group, well-versed in the subject, we found many differences of opinion, interpretations and concerns. Please contact [Martha Moore](#), our ACCF P&Z chair for additional information.

Election Day rapidly approaches. Arlington County is asking voters to approve bond referenda on schools, transportation, infrastructure, and parks and recreation. Peter Fallon and Monique O’Grady will review the Schools Bond at our meeting in October. 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.

## GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, October 4, 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 Schools Bond
- 7:45 Urban Agriculture
- 8:30 911 Scholarships
- 8:50 Unfinished Business and Announcements
- 8:55 New Business
- 9:00 Adjourn

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## Treasurer's Report

Pat Spann

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

Alcova Heights Civic Association (CA)  
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Arlington Heights CA  
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Boulevard Manor CA  
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Columbia Heights CA  
Douglas Park CA  
Dover-Crystal Citizens Assoc.  
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If you need an invoice, please contact [treasurer@civfed.org](mailto:treasurer@civfed.org) and [membership@civfed.org](mailto:membership@civfed.org).

### **From Public Service to Public Office: the Role of Gender in Politics Monday, October 24**

The Arlington County Commission on Women will host a non-partisan workshop to target women interested in careers and opportunities in public service and (potential transition to) public office.

6:30-8:30 p.m. at NRECA Building, 4301 Wilson Blvd

**Speakers:** Jennifer Lawless, Political Commentator and Lead Author of "It Takes a Candidate: Why Women Run from Office"; Senator Barbara Favola (VA-31); County Board Member Katie Cristol; and Arlington County Civic Federation President Stefanie Pryor

**Sponsoring Organizations:** The Arlington County Commission for the Status of Women; The American Association of University Women (AAUW) - Arlington Chapter; The League of Women Voters - Arlington Chapter; The Virginia Leadership Institute

## Candidate Forum Recap

*Lois Koontz*

The Civic Federation hosted a successful Candidate Forum at its opening meeting in September. The forum's three panels included candidates for County Board (Audrey Clement and Libby Garvey), School Board (Tannia Talento and Nancy Van Doren) and the Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> District U.S. House of Representatives race (Don Beyer, Julio Gracia, and Charles Hernick). As noted during the evening, only candidates who formally are listed on the published ballot receive invitations to speak and present. President Stefanie Pryor moderated, which started at the new earlier hour at 7 pm.

The evening was characterized by a collegial tone and substantive discussion exploring everything from legislative priorities to challenges facing elected officials in their respective offices to world peace. Delegates were able to learn distinctions between candidates and to get to know some new leaders in Arlington. We were delighted to hear from strong candidates at every level.

Delegates took advantage of the opportunity to speak informally with the candidates before the event at our regular half-hour of light refreshments preceding meetings. We encourage all-comers to join us before meetings from 6:30 pm outside the Hazel auditorium.

We are grateful to the Virginia Hospital Center and Arlington independent Media who support the Civic Federation Candidate Forum. The Federation volunteers who collaborate to bring together a program like this are especially appreciative of the good humor and civil comportment of the candidates. If you were unable to attend, we hope you will take the opportunity to watch the program at the Civic Federation website.

See the [Arlington Independent Media \(AIM\)](#) full video. Thank you to Michael Shea, Producer; Kimberly Phillip, Director; Antonio Villaronga, Camera Operator. The event can be seen on Comcast channel 69 and Verizon channel 38, or streaming on the [AIM website](#).

## Executive Committee

*Jesse Boeding*

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, September 11, 2016 to plan the agenda for October 4, 2016 general meeting and discuss future meetings.

The Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, October 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2).

The deadline for newsletter articles is Thursday, October 20, 2016 due to the meeting date of Tuesday, November 1. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

### **By-laws Workshop: October 17**

ACCF By-laws Committee Chair Sarah Shortall presents another workshop to help organizations develop open, transparent and accountable by-laws that are easier to understand, promote effective management of meetings, and avert internal disputes. 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).

### **Say It Ain't Snow! Deadline October 15**

Arlington County offers a limited number of snow blowers available to civic organizations and community groups willing to plow public areas. Examples include sidewalks to schools, public transportation, medical facilities and stores to obtain items necessary for daily living; bus stops; school crossing guard sites; neighbors in need; and trails, walkways over bridges, etc. Refer to [website](#) for full information.

## Public Feedback for DCA Noise and Flight Path Ends October 15

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) presented options at Washington-Lee High School on September 13. A large group of citizens attended from across the county and Alexandria, including multiple ACCF delegates. At the meeting, the FAA described new approach and departure routes for Ronald Reagan National Airport being considered that would keep airliners more closely following the Potomac River. The new flight routes are intended to more evenly distribute noise between Arlington and DC and utilized GPs technology to guide aircraft along the river boundary. A [County Aircraft Noise Webpage](#) currently provides residents with summary information, updates and links to other webpages of interest. Comments from participants included concerns for large numbers of flights turning hard left, which was validated by materials available on-line. FAA staff confirmed a quarter-mile flexibility. Additional comments ranged from disallowing MD-80 types of older aircraft models due to higher noise levels to cybersecurity and One-Engine Inoperable (OEI). Please refer to the compilation of materials from past ACCF [committee work](#) and the [resolution](#) passed regarding building heights and OEI in 2008.

Comments about the new routes can be submitted on line at [www.faa.gov/nextgen/metroplex\\_public\\_engagement/](http://www.faa.gov/nextgen/metroplex_public_engagement/)

[The County Aircraft Noise Webpage](#) is designed to provide all residents with summary information, updates and links to other webpages of interest. Review also the [DCA Community Working Group](#) and the [FAA's DC Metroplex Community Engagement](#) sites.

Submit comments [online](#) or via [email](#) by October 15, 2016.

### Free Tree Distribution

Receive your free tree at this annual event on Sat., Oct. 15 at the County Nursery and Wed., Oct. 19 at Lubber Run Community Center. [One free tree per residential property.](#)

## Affordable Housing Events in October

Saturday, October 8 [Affordable Housing Bus Tour](#), 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 13, 9:00 a.m. - noon, Leckey Forum – [“Finding the Missing Middle – Expanding Middle-Income Housing Options”](#). Presented by the Alliance for Housing Solutions with [expert Daniel Parolek](#) as the keynote speaker. Is it time to focus on how Arlington’s housing market works for its middle-income population? What design, financial, and regulatory initiatives could help us better serve downsizing seniors, young families growing out of their condos, newcomers to the community experiencing sticker shock?

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. [Live In Arlington Info Fair](#), featuring “Missing Middle” Design Examples Gallery Exhibit.

On September 24, the Arlington County Board moved to preserve 68 affordable apartments in the Westover neighborhood, approving a \$10.9 million Affordable Housing Investment Fund allocation to the non-profit Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH). The loan and associated documents will be considered by the Board in December.

## Habitat for Humanity Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia ([Habitat NOVA](#)) serves Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church to build decent, affordable housing for ownership, rather than rental. Habitat NOVA provides a “hand up” to homeownership through sweat equity, donor generosity, volunteer labor and interest-free mortgages.

Perry Hall, Arlington, VA (12 condominium conversion and the 75th home completed by Habitat NOVA)

Kenmore/Glebe Road, Arlington, VA (8 new town homes)

## Douglas Park Boundary Adjustment

Douglas Parks Civic Association (DPCA) requested a boundary adjustment over the summer to support the [Four Mile Run Valley Initiative \(4MRVi\)](#). Since geographically neighboring civic associations agreed with the change and seeing no potential conflicts, the ACCF Executive Committee unanimously accepted the revised DPCA boundaries at its Sunday, July 10, 2016 meeting. In interest of public awareness, the boundary changes are shown below.

The areas annexed to Douglas Park were:

- Beginning at the current southernmost corner of the Douglas Park Civic Association at the intersection of the median of South Walter Reed Drive and the centerline of the median between South Four Mile Run Drive (Major) and South Four Mile Run Drive (Minor);
- Continuing southwestward along the centerline of South Walter Reed Drive to the northern boundary of the Shirlington Civic Association;
- Continuing northwestward along the northern boundary of the Shirlington Civic As-

sociation to its northwesternmost tip;

- Continuing northwestward along the centerline of Four Mile Run Trail to the centerline of South George Mason Drive;
- Continuing eastward along the centerline of South George Mason Drive to the centerline of South Four Mile Run Drive (Major);
- Continuing northwestward along the centerline of South Four Mile Run Drive (Major) to the centerline of Columbia Pike;
- Continuing northwestward along the centerline of Columbia Pike to the current westernmost corner of Douglas Park Civic Association at the centerline of the median between South Four Mile Run Drive (Major) and South Four Mile Run Drive (Minor);
- Continuing generally southeastward along the current southwestern boundary of Douglas Park Civic Association to the point of the beginning.

Refer to the Arlington County website for [current geographic civic association boundaries](#).



## 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.



### 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.

### Urban Agriculture Symposium Saturday, October 1

Carlin Rafie, Virginia Tech assistant professor and VCE adult nutrition specialist, will discuss the relationship between nutrition and health as keynote speaker at the Urban Agriculture Symposium Saturday, October 1 at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street, Arlington. In breakout sessions, Virginia Tech researchers and other experts will focus on perennial and tree crops for the urban gardener; research on growing food with biosolids; growing low-maintenance vegetables; small-space gardening of the future; aeroponic containerized farming; teaching the next generation of gardeners; and growing microgreens. Registration fee of \$25 covers the cost of supplies and lunch.

Contact Kirsten Buhls at [kbuhls@vt.edu](mailto:kbuhls@vt.edu) or 703-228-6423 for more information.

### 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.

### Arlington Art's Center Saturday, October 15 Opening

The Fall 2016 Solos Exhibit opens at the Arlington Art's Center, Saturday, October 15, 6—9pm at 3550 Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Bridging the community with contemporary art is key to AAC's mission. See the latest selection of 14 regional contemporary artists and their work.

Don't miss the work of teen students from the summer [Photography Institute](#), developed in partnership with Capitol Hill Arts Workshop. Students in this intensive program study historic and contemporary photographic practices from film to digital. Group exhibition closes October 23.

## 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.

**October 4:** Schools Bond, Urban Agriculture, 911 Scholarships, Douglas Park Boundaries Update

**November 1:** Transportation Updates (Tentative)

**Tuesday, November 8:** Presidential Elections

**December 6:** Arlington County Superintendent and Arlington County Manager, Awards Committee Election, Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Committee Accessory Dwellings (AD) Presentation

**January 3:** County Board

**January TBD:** Special Saturday meeting for P&Z AD

**February 7:** P&Z AD Survey Results and Resolution Introduction

**March 7:** P&Z Resolution Vote

**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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