



## December and January Events

*Stefanie Pryor*

The Arlington County Civic Federation welcomes Arlington County Manager, Mark Schwartz, and Arlington County Public Schools Superintendent, Patrick Murphy, to our meeting Tuesday, December 6.

Delegates and alternates are asked to consult with their member organization prior to the vote on the Medical Marijuana Resolution. As a reminder, up to 4 votes may be cast per member organization in good standing. Each organization has up to 4 delegates with 4 alternates named. Submit any corrections for delegates or alternates to [membership@civfed.org](mailto:membership@civfed.org).

Our short-term rentals survey closed Sunday, November 27. A report on this survey will be presented at our December 6 meeting. Initial results show a deep divide in the county for and against this complicated topic.

Our [November's meeting video](#) is available now. It includes an overview on short-term rentals given by Debbie Alpert of Arlington County's Planning Division. Sarah McKinley and Ron Haddox of the Columbia Heights Civic Association give a presentation on Predatory Towing, which begins at the 1:07 mark of the video. Ron Haddox, Andy Ludwig, and Eric Olsen give a presentation on medical marijuana and introduce a resolution on medical marijuana scheduled for a vote at our December meeting. The medical marijuana discussion starts at the 1:33 mark. Thank you to Rudy Henriquez and Christian Porter for filming, Alex Pageotte for editing, and Tom O'Day, student advisor and producer.

Our January 3, 2017 meeting will be held in the Arlington County Boardroom, not at the Virginia Hospital Center. Its starting time shifts to 7:30 pm, immediately following the County Board's 2017 Organizational Meeting. The County Board and our Civic Federation meeting will be live-streamed. Free parking is available in 2100 Clarendon's garage after 6pm.

## GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

**7:00 p.m.**

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

## Agenda

- 7:00 Meeting called to order  
Awards Committee
- 7:10 County Manager
- 7:50 APS Superintendent
- 8:30 P&Z Short-Term Rentals
- 8:45 Medical Marijuana Resolution
- 8:55 Unfinished Business and Announcements
- 9:00 New Business
- 9:05 Adjourn

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## Treasurer's Report

*Pat Spann*

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

Alcova Heights Civic Association (CA)  
American Assoc. of University Women (AAUW)  
Arlington Coalition of Police  
Arlington County Taxpayers Assoc.  
Arlington East Falls Church CA  
Arlington Education Association  
Arlington Forest CA  
Arlington Heights CA  
Arlington Mill CA  
Arlington Ridge CA  
Arlingwood Neighborhood Assoc.  
Ashton Heights CA  
Aurora Highlands CA  
Ballston-VA Square CA  
Barcroft School and Civic League  
Bellevue Forest CA  
Bluemont CA  
Boulevard Manor CA  
Crystal City CA  
Center for Urban Education  
Chain Bridge Forest Homeowners Assoc.  
Cherrydale CA  
Clarendon-Courthouse CA  
Colonial Village I  
Colonial Village II  
Colonial Village III  
Columbia Heights CA  
Dominion Hills CA  
Douglas Park CA  
Dover-Crystal Citizens Assoc.  
Fairlington Citizens Assoc.  
Forest Glen CA  
Friends of Arlington Parks  
Glebewood CA  
Glencarlyn 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  
Lyon Park CA  
Lyon Village CA  
Maywood Community Association

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NoVa NORML  
Old Dominion Citizens Association  
Old Glebe CA  
Organized Women Voters of Arlington  
Penrose CA  
Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights CA  
Rock Spring CA  
Tara-Leeway Heights CA  
Waverly Hills CA  
Waycroft-Woodlawn CA  
Westover Village CA  
Williamsburg CA  
Women's Club of Arlington  
Woodmont CA  
Yorktown CA

If you have questions, please contact [treasurer@civfed.org](mailto:treasurer@civfed.org) and [membership@civfed.org](mailto:membership@civfed.org)

## Executive Committee

*Jesse Boeding*

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, November 13, 2016 to plan the agenda for December 6, 2016 general meeting and discuss future meetings.

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

The deadline for newsletter articles is Thursday, December 22, 2016 due to the meeting date of Tuesday, January 3. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

## Revised Resolution: Medical Marijuana

Whereas the medical benefits of cannabis, commonly known as marijuana, are well established, to treat such maladies as cancer, Alzheimer's, seizures and diabetes (1);

Whereas the US Government has even recognized the medical value of cannabis to fight cancer through the Department of Health's National Cancer Institute (2);

Whereas 29 states and the District of Columbia (DC) have adopted "medical marijuana" and/or recreational usage programs without any major catastrophe or public health epidemic (3);

Whereas 86% of Virginians support a medical marijuana program (4);

Whereas objectively more addictive, socially damaging drugs like alcohol and tobacco are legal for adults to use (5,6,7);

Whereas current law mandates the suspension of a driver's license for the simple possession of marijuana for six months;

Whereas Virginia prohibits all forms of usage or possession of this medicine, even when prescribed for medicinal purposes (8);

Whereas the Virginia General Assembly has already passed laws that recognize the potential medical use of cannabis, but without a legal, fully-functioning path to acquire the medicine (9);

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the General Assembly consider updating the laws related to marijuana to:

- Immediately remove criminal penalties for the possession and use of cannabis (or "marijuana" as it is commonly known) so that it is treated like a parking ticket;
- Eliminate penalties related to driver's license suspension for marijuana possession; and
- Compare the existing medical marijuana programs in 29 states & DC for "best practices" in setting up a system in Virginia that gives patients the option to access cannabis to treat

the many conditions for which it has been shown to provide therapeutic benefit.

1. National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Accessed 12/20/15. "[Recent Research on Medical Marijuana](#)."
2. National Cancer Institute. "[Cannabis and Cannabinoids \(PDQ\)-Patient Version](#)."
3. National Cancer Institute. "[Questions and Answers about Cannabis](#)."
4. Quinnipiac University. Quinnipiac University Poll. 4/4/15. "[With Big Age, Party Gaps, Iowa Voters Split On Marijuana, Quinnipiac University Swing State Poll Finds; Colorado, Virginia Voters Back Recreational Pot](#)"
5. Scientific Reports. 1/30/15. "[Comparative risk assessment of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis and other illicit drugs using the margin of exposure approach](#)."
6. IFLscience.com. Accessed 9/20/16. "[New Study Finds Marijuana Safer Than Alcohol or Tobacco](#)."
7. Washington Post. 2/23/15. "[Marijuana may be even safer than previously thought, researchers say](#)." Discusses the results of the study mentioned in (5) to a non-scientific audience.
8. NORML.org. Accessed 9/20/16. "[Virginia Laws & Penalties](#)."
9. Americans for Safe Access. 2/17/16 "[Virginia Senate Passes Medical Marijuana Program Improvement Bill](#)"

## Redline Version of Resolution to Identify Changes

Whereas the medical benefits of cannabis, commonly known as marijuana, are well established, to treat such maladies as cancer, Alzheimer's, ~~PTSD, chronic pain,~~ seizures and diabetes (1);

Whereas the US Government has even recognized the medical value of cannabis **to fight cancer** through the Department of Health's National Cancer Institute (2);

Whereas ~~the majority of US-29 states and the District of Columbia (DC)~~ have adopted "medical marijuana" and/or recreational usage programs without any major catastrophe or public health epidemic (3);

Whereas ~~the vast majority of 86%~~ of Virginians support a medical marijuana program (4);

Whereas objectively more addictive, socially damaging drugs like alcohol and tobacco are legal for adults to use (5,6,7);

Whereas current law mandates the suspension of a driver's license for the simple possession of marijuana for six months;

Whereas Virginia prohibits all forms of usage or possession of this medicine, even when prescribed for medicinal purposes (8);

Whereas the Virginia General Assembly has already passed laws that recognize the potential medical use of cannabis, but without a legal, fully-functioning path to acquire the medicine (9);

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the General Assembly consider updating the laws related to marijuana to:

- Immediately ~~decriminalize-remove criminal penalties~~ for the possession and use of cannabis (or "marijuana" as it is commonly known) so that it is treated like a parking ticket;
- ~~Abolish the unjustifiable use/possession~~ **Eliminate** penalties related to driver's license suspension for marijuana possession; and
- ~~Direct police agencies to de-prioritize its enforcement and no longer use it as a gateway to otherwise illegal searches of private property;~~
- Compare the existing medical marijuana programs in ~~25-29~~ states & DC for "best practices" in setting up a ~~Virginia medical~~ system in Virginia that gives patients the option to access cannabis to treat the many conditions for which it has been shown to provide therapeutic benefit.

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## December Four Mile Run Events

The [Four Mile Run Visioning \(4MRV\)](#) project continues with multiple public sessions.

### KICK-OFF EVENT

Learn about the project and meet the planning team.

From 7 to 9 pm on Friday, December 2, in the WETA Conference Room on the 6th Floor of 3939 Campbell Ave.

### LET'S DESIGN TOGETHER

Bring your ideas to the design table and work with your neighbors to shape the future of Four Mile Run Valley.

From 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, December 3, at the Drew Model School at 3500 23rd St South

### OPEN PLANNING STUDIO

Visit the studio to talk with the planning team and see the work-in-progress.

From 10 am to 6 pm on Sunday, December 4, and Tuesday, December 6, on the 2nd Floor of 2700 S. Quincy St.

### OPEN HOUSE

See the work completed to date and learn about the draft concepts and recommendations. Share. Plan. Grow.

From 7 pm to 9 pm on Tuesday, December 6, at the Drew Model School at 3500 23rd St South

## I-66 Inside the Beltway

Design Public Hearings - December 2016

Public hearings for the Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Eastbound Widening Project are scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, December 5, 2016 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)  
Washington-Lee High School Cafeteria  
1301 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22201

If the above meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, the alternate date will be Monday, December 12, 2016 at Arlington County, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Room 307; Arlington, VA 22201

Thursday, December 8, 2016 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)  
Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Cafeteria  
7130 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

If the above meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, the alternate date will be Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 1st Floor, 4975 Alliance Drive; Fairfax, VA 22030.

<http://inside.transform66.org/meetings/default.asp>

## ACCF Volunteer Reaches Beyond, Far Beyond Arlington County

Arlington County Civic Federation volunteers lead and educate others on many different topics. Check out Dr. Joe Pelton's latest book just released this month: [The New Gold Rush: The Riches of Space Beckon!](#)

An overview of the book says that innovative space industries are vital to the survival of modern human life, and the author demonstrates what can be done to encourage the growing of the "New Space" frontier. From lassoing and then mining asteroids to developing new methods of defending the planet from space hazards and setting up new hotels and adventures for tourists in space, this new industry will have profound effects on Earth, especially on its economy.

This book is based on a study by international experts commissioned in anticipation of the UNISPACE+50 meeting in 2018. The book distills the results of this comprehensive fact-finding process into a compact and very readable form. It can serve as an excellent starting point for understanding all the activities underway or planned to make space truly our next frontier.

### January 3, 2017 Meeting Location and Time Change:

**7:30 p.m.**

**Arlington County Board Room  
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201  
(at the Courthouse Metro station)**

## 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.

**December 6:** Arlington County Superintendent and Arlington County Manager, Awards Committee Election, Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Committee Accessory Dwellings and Short Term Rental Presentation, Medical Marijuana Resolution Vote

**7:30 pm, January 3 at the County Board Room, NOT the Virginia Hospital Auditorium:** 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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