



Please join us at **6:30 pm** in the Hazel Auditorium's lobby to enjoy light refreshments.

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## !Important Notice!

The Civic Federation has changed the day on which it holds its monthly meetings. Effective October 2019, the Federation's General Membership Meetings are being held on the third Tuesday of the month until further notice. The meetings will continue to start at 7 PM and will continue to be held in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center.

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## President's Corner

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our next regular meeting will be held on December 17th at the Virginia Hospital Center's Hazel Auditorium at 7 pm with social time at 6:30. This meeting will showcase the County Manager's Annual Update and the Civic Federation's ad hoc Livability Committee's framework for development in the National Landing area: "Beyond Amazon: Livability"

## County Manager Update

Richard Stephenson, Budget Director, Office of the County Manager, will summarize the County Manager's priorities for 2020. Following Mr. Stephenson's presentation, there will be a Q&A session moderated by Arlington Civic Federation past president, Duke Banks.

## Beyond Amazon: Livability

Matt Mattauszek, the Arlington County Crystal City / Pentagon City Planning Coordinator, will provide an update on the status of proposed development in the National Landing area, which has the potential to exceed 20 million square feet of building within the next five years.

The three civic associations primarily impacted by approved and proposed National Landing development within or close to their borders are the Arlington Ridge Civic Association, the Aurora Highlands Civic Association and the Crystal City Civic Association. In early 2019, they formed the Livability Working Group that eventually became the Federation's ad hoc Livability Committee. The purpose of the group was to study the impacts of development in the National Landing area on their neighborhoods.

Mike Dowell of the Livability Working Group will present "Livability22202", a summary of the Livability Committee's study of the benefits the new development as well as the impacts that will need to be mitigated.

Following presentations on development in the National Landing area, there will be a Q&A session moderated by Eric Cassel, Vice Chair of the Arlington

Civic Federation Board of Directors.

For more information regarding the "Livability" issue look under committee announcements. We have several resolutions to vote on and those can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

## **Flood Mitigation**

Our Flood Mitigation work group under the direction of Public Services chair, Jackie Snelling, has sent the unanimously endorsed resolution to the County Board. This is an ongoing document with milestones to be achieved. [Flood Mitigation Resolution](#).

## **Up-Zoning in Single-Family Residential Neighborhoods**

Following up on issues raised by the Housing Panel at our October meeting, I wrote a letter to the County Board asking for clarification on the County's plans for up-zoning in single family residential neighborhood's . I have received a response from Christian Dorsey. Here are links to my letter and Mr. Dorsey's response to it: [Letter to County Board](#) and a [Response from County Board](#)

## **Chanda Choun has left CivFed's Board of Directors**

Chanda Choun has stepped down as a member Of CivFed's Board of Directors because he is running for a seat on the County Board. Chanda is an amazing young man., and it will be difficult to replace him. We are organizing a nominating committee to look for candidates. If you know of someone who would be a good fit in this position, please let me know.

## **What are your issues?**

Our board is interested in learning more about the issues that each Civic Associations and member organizations has. I have been attending many member organization meetings, but there are too many to do an adequate job. It would be helpful to know when and where your association meets. If you would email this information, it would be appreciated since not all associations have a website.

## **Civic Federation Membership Dues for 2019-2020**

Please ask your president and treasurer to make sure they have paid your association's Civic Federation Membership Dues for 2019-2020 . Delegates and alternate delegates for organizations that have not paid their 2019-2020 membership dues by December 31st will not be able to vote or ask questions at General Meetings in 2020. Please ask the appropriate person to take care of this issue.

## **Upcoming CivFed Meetings**

Our first meeting in 2020 will feature members of the Arlington County Board. It will be held on January 2nd in the County Board Room on the third floor of 2100 Clarendon Blvd. It will follow the County Board's annual organizational meeting. We were planning to have a second meeting in January with the School Board, but due to scheduling conflicts that meeting will take place in February. More details will follow in the January newsletter.

## **2020 Banquet**

A tentative date has been set for CivFed's annual banquet in 2020. It will be on Friday, April 17th, at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. This date does not conflict with spring break or Easter.

### **Something New!!**

When you sign in for the regular meeting, be sure to get a ticket to win a door prize. We will have this at each meeting.

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### **The Civic Federation's Website**

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#### **2019-2020 Board of Directors**

Sandy Newton, President  
Allan Gajadhar, Vice President  
Allen Norton, Secretary  
Burt Bostwick, Treasurer

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Board of Directors Vice Chair, Eric Cassel  
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Member at Large, Dennis Gerrity  
Member at Large, Mike McMenamin  
Member at Large, Stacy Meyer

Here is a [link](#) to Board members bios to learn about their backgrounds.

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#### **2019-2020 ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES**

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Audit -- Chair Jay Wind – [jay@civfed.org](mailto:jay@civfed.org)  
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Banquet – Chair -- **President Sandy Newton**  
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Any Delegate, Alternate or member of a Member Organization may participate on any Public Interest or Support Committee (Please contact the Committee chair or point of contact or [President Sandy Newton](#) if you are interested participating on ACCF Committees.)

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Public Affairs Committee**  
**[Flood Mitigation Resolution](#)**  
**[Transmittal letter](#)**

**Ad Hoc Livability Committee**  
**[Livability](#)**  
**[Extensive livability](#)**

**Housing Committee**  
**[Resolution on proposed density and heights](#)**

**Legislative Committee**

**[Resolution on Juvenile Detention Center](#)**

Juliet Hiznay (Delegate, Columbia Heights) of the Legislation Committee introduced a draft resolution on the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center at the General Membership Meeting on November 19, 2019. There is limited public awareness of the relationship between Arlington County and the jail since the jail is physically located in the Landmark area of Alexandria. The Arlington County Board appoints two of the five commissioners to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission that oversees the jail, including the current chair. Background information for the resolution has been extensively researched, including a jail tour, a public records review and outreach to court services unit, the chair of the commission, and the executive director of the jail. The jail has been under capacity since 2005 and was used for more than a decade for youth immigration detention. The draft resolution focuses on concerns relating to transparency and oversight. The resolution has been referred to the Legislation Committee, Public Services Committee, and Revenues and Expenditures. The Moss Group, a consulting group that focuses on criminal justice and corrections has been contracted by participating localities Arlington County, City of Alexandria and City of Falls Church to study whether the detention center should remain open, be converted another purpose or closed altogether. The results of the Moss Group study are due in January of 2020.

The Legislation Committee met on November 26, 2019, to discuss the draft resolution and determined that the committee should seek additional assistance from county staff to obtain commission and county records. This is needed since records provided to date do not afford a complete picture of the financial situation, the Commission's internal controls or oversight mechanisms. The Arlington County Board recently appointed Earl Conklin, Director of the Court Services Unit for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission. This appointment might signal an interest in exercising more oversight on the activities of the commission.

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**Announcement by the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation**

**TJ Upper Field Turf Conversion Community Meeting**

It's time to plan the conversion of TJ's Upper Rectangular field to synthetic turf. Based on the recommendation in the [Public Spaces Master Plan](#) and approved by the County Board in the [Adopted FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan](#), the goal of this project is to convert the existing natural grass field to synthetic turf; add spectator seating, signage, site furnishings, athletic equipment, pathways, landscaping; remove invasive plants, and make ADA and stormwater management improvements. Come learn about the project on Wed., Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at [Thomas Jefferson Community Center](#). Can't make it? Sign up for updates and learn more [here](#).

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**APS Update**

[Upcoming Events](#)

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**LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS**

[December 2019 Treasurer's Report](#)  
[November 2019 General Meeting Minutes](#)

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**Civic Federation Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy**

ACCF follows the decisions of the Arlington Public School System when cancelling its meetings due to bad weather. Here is a link to the APS [HOMEPAGE](#) for information when inclement weather is imminent.

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**Free Parking at the Virginia Hospital Center**

Delegates, Alternates and others attending Arlington County Civic Federation meetings at Virginia Hospital Center can park for FREE in the B/GOLD garage under the 1635 Medical Office Building at Virginia Hospital Center. Although people may have to take a ticket to enter the B/GOLD garage, the exit gate will be raised when you leave. If the gate is down, press the speaker button and the security office will raise the gate remotely. The garage has abundant parking spaces. Please note, parking in any other lot on Virginia Hospital Center property is not free.

