



Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation
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November General Membership Meeting November 15, 2022 @ 7:00PM

HYBRID: via Zoom, **and in-person** at Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center.

Delegates, Alternate Delegates, others associated with member organizations, and the public are invited to attend this meeting.

No registration is needed to attend in-person, please arrive early for check-in as the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Please [register in advance](#) by noon on Nov 14 if you intend to join by Zoom.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

***The secretary@civfed.org must be notified of voting member substitutions by 12 PM on the day of the meeting.*

***The annual certification request has been sent out and needs to be completed in order to ensure we have the correct delegates identified. If you have not already, please update your organizations certification at: [ACCF FY23 Certification Form](#).*

Meeting Agenda

- 7:00 - Welcome and Pledge
- 7:05 - Approve [Minutes](#)
- 7:10 - TiGER Presentation and Resolution Vote
- 8:25 - Discussion of Resolution "To Restore Public Confidence in Arlington County's Governance"
- 8:45 - Annual Certification and Dues Reminder
- 9:00 - Adjournment

President's Message

I want to strongly encourage our Civic Federation members to make every effort to attend – either in person or virtually via Zoom – our next three membership meetings, which are all scheduled during the upcoming seven weeks.

As you will have noticed, we are trying to set our meeting agendas so as to permit as much time as possible for one “headline” issue each month. In September, our annual Candidates’ Forum provided an opportunity for the community to interact meaningfully with the eight candidates for three offices up for election now in three days’ time. In October, our panelists worked together before the meeting to carefully plan a civic discourse that illuminated key issues around the Missing Middle proposals by the County Board.

This month, the primary topic will be one of the Civic Federation’s most significant initiatives in several years – the TiGER (Task Force in Governance and Election Reform). Formed three years ago, this group drew its members from within and without Civ Fed in a successful effort to achieve the broadest possible range of views represented. While the

committee's advocacy of ranked choice voting has attracted the most publicity so far, the task force addressed many other issues central to Arlington's government. See [TiGER website](#).

A panel of task force members led by immediate past ACCF president Allan Gajadhar will review for us its processes and recommendations, and offer for a membership vote a resolution encompassing those conclusions.

This month, we will also hear a brief presentation of a [resolution](#) "To Restore Public Confidence in Arlington County's Governance." This ambitious resolution was first introduced at the September membership meeting by former Fed president Duke Banks. Our presentation this month will be led by another former Civ Fed president and prominent community leader and advocate, Stef Pryor. No vote is scheduled for this month, but members who review the resolution and its comprehensive appendix will appreciate the depth of dedication, passion and commitment of its authors and facilitators.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for the December 13 meeting, when our special guest will be County Manager Mark Schwartz. At his specific request, our December conversation will take place before the intensity of the county's annual budget process threatens to overwhelm thoughtful discourse. The manager wants to hear our thoughts and exchange views across the broad range of topics that are prompting greatly intensified civic engagement in our community. Please feel free to send me your questions at president@civfed.org ahead of our December meeting.

On January 3, we will join the County Board's traditional annual organizational meeting. In less than three weeks at the end of this year, we will have the unique opportunity to engage with both our top elected and appointed officials. As with our meeting with the County Manager, this session can showcase our ability to synthesize our members' views. I am eager to hear your thoughts at any time prior to the January meeting, at president@civfed.org.

With best wishes,

John Ford
President

A Civic Conversation on Missing Middle - Outbrief

At the October 11 General Membership meeting, ACCF hosted a 'Civic Conversation on Missing Middle'. The conversation was widely reviewed, including an in-depth article in [ARLnow](#).

The panel briefed the presentations below (click hyperlinks):

- [Intro by Jackie Snelling and Nadia Greene](#)
- [Michael Spotts](#)
- [Anne Bodine](#)
- [Eric Berkey](#)
- [Julie Lee](#)

Video recording of the conversation can be found at:

- **Facebook:** [\(20+\) Arlington County Civic Federation | Facebook](#)
- **Vimeo:** [Arlington Cty Civic Fed \[ACCF\] \(vimeo.com\)](#)



Arlington County School Bond Assessment

Arlington County Civic Association reached out to community members Antony Maderal and Chip Goyete for a 'vote Yes' and 'vote No' viewpoint of the upcoming \$165M Arlington County Public School bond that is on the 2022 ballot. The Arlington County webpage for this topic is embedded in this [link](#).

- **'vote YES' - Antony Maderal** is a long time Arlington resident (20 years) and has children who attended Drew Model School, Washington Liberty, and Gunston. Antony actively supports the Maywood Civic Association (6 years as president, 6 years as vice president), was a founding member of the Langston Boulevard Alliance, and represents Maywood on the Arlington Neighborhoods Committee.
- **'vote NO' - Chip Goyete** is a long time Arlington resident (20 years) currently living in Douglas Park. Chip has a child in middle school and has served on a variety of APS advisory groups including the Career Center BLPC, School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC), and the School Health Advisory Board (SHAB).

Task Force in Governance and Election Reform (TiGER)

The November 15 General Membership meeting will feature a discussion panel, led by Allan Gajadhar (former ACCF President), which will examine Arlington's governing bodies and electoral system. The discussion will include:

- The size of the County Board and the School Board
- Alternatives to at-large elections and first-past-the-post voting systems, including:
 - District representation (utilizing either single or multi-member districts)
 - Proportional representation (via multi-member, synchronous elections)
- Remuneration of County Board and School Board members
- Length of Board terms (including the term of Board Chair) and frequency of elections
- The role of primaries and caucuses

- The role and design of community engagement mechanisms

For additional information and the TiGER draft resolution, please see the [ACCF TiGER webpage](#). You may also contact Allan Gajadhar at bod.member1@civfed.org.

Resolution to Restore the Public's Confidence in Arlington County Governance

Updated resolution to *Restore the Public's Confidence in Arlington County Governance* and its appendix are available at: <https://www.civfed.org/archives/resolutions/>

The November meeting will provide status update. Due to size of documents and allowing time for member organizations to review with their groups, vote is targeted for December meeting.

The resolution urges restoration of Arlington governance which provides genuine inclusive community engagement, thoughtful and respectful decision-making, transparency, and data-driven decisions with analysis. It also provides "Arlington Way" history and sample awards won using the related engagement processes. The appendix includes extensive references and help capture the depth and breadth of community efforts for each whereas statement.

Comments may be directed to president@civfed.org.

CivFed Celebration Picnic

CivFed Celebration Picnic Scheduled for Sunday, June 25, 2023.

We are pleased to announce that CivFed will be having its celebratory picnic (in place of a banquet) on Sunday, June 25th from 11 am to 2 pm at Lyon Park Community Center. At this picnic, we will be celebrating the end of the fiscal year for CivFed and our president will provide CivFed's awards for the year.

The picnic will be a potluck picnic, and open to all members of our CivFed members. Please let the members of your civic association/organization know about this upcoming great Arlington community event.

As for picnic planning, we have the following board members assisting and are looking to get volunteers as noted below:

- Co-Chairs - Todd Truitt, Nadia Conyers
- Head of Facilities - Dave Schutz
- Awards - John Ford
- Potluck Food Website Coordinator – Ron Haddox
- Head of Alcohol - *Volunteer Needed*
- Raffles Coordinator - *Volunteer Needed*
- Entertainment - *Volunteer Needed* (one idea is to have Animal Welfare League of Arlington bring out rescue dogs)

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Todd Truitt at bod.member8@civfed.org.

Reveal Your Ideas on New Funding Resources to Ensure ACCF's Financial Future

At the 10/16 ACCF Board meeting, a special six-month Funding Resource Development Committee (FRD) was approved to research and make recommendations on options to

augment the current membership dues. CivFed wishes to continue to be able to carry out current and anticipated activities that make the organization effective in service to the membership and implementing its policies. We currently face the possibility of an operating deficit in FY22-23 and future years. While steps have already been taken to address the situation, the Committee hopes to identify a method to provide sustainable, supplemental resources. Participation on the committee by Voting and Alternate Delegates is welcomed, and other sources of information will be mined. If you have an idea or resource you would like to suggest, please contact Jim Todd (treasurer@civfed.org) or Mary Glass (mglassmail1@gmail.com). The Committee will be providing updates on its work to the Board and Members monthly for rest of the fiscal year.

Prepare Now for Emergencies to Help You, Your Family, and Your Neighbors Stay Safe

The Arlington County Manager has appointed a new advisory committee, the Community Advancing Resilience and Readiness Together--or CARRT. This is a community-led committee to help build resilience and preparedness in Arlington County. This month, the committee is asking everyone to sign up to get Arlington Emergency Alerts.



<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Emergency/Arlington-Alert>

Sign up for free, real-time emergency alerts via text, email, and voice mail.

- Get Information about major emergencies, weather, severe traffic disruptions, and more.
- Delivery methods include Text, Push notifications, Home Phone, Email, and Pager.
- Choose the types of alerts, and set “quiet times” when you won’t receive messages.
- Sign up for multiple jurisdictions at capitalert.gov

2022-2023 ACCF Certification and Dues Information

Membership Dues for 2022 – 2023 are \$65 per member organization

Please visit our dues webpage: [Pay Member Dues - Arlington County Civic Federation \(civfed.org\)](http://Pay Member Dues - Arlington County Civic Federation (civfed.org)). Dues are requested by Dec 31.

If you have questions, please email treasurer@civfed.org for payment information.

Annual Certification

Our annual recertification ([ACCF FY23 Certification Form](#)) is now complete. Please see our FY23 voting members below.

Please contact the secretary@civfed.org with questions.

FY2023 Voting Members

-Alcova Heights Citizens Association
-Alliance for Housing Solutions
-American Association of University Women
-Arlington East Falls Church Civic - Association
-Arlington Forest Citizens Association
-Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance

-Forest Glen Civic Association
-Foxcroft Heights Civic Association
-Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks
-Gaslight Square Condominium Association
-GlebeWood Civic Association
-Glencarlyn Civic Association
-Green Valley Civic Association

- Arlington Heights Civic Association (pending)
- Arlington Historical Society
- Arlington House Chapter - Daughters of the American Revolution
- Arlington Little League (pending)
- Arlington Mill Civic Association
- Arlington Parents for Education
- Arlington Ridge Civic Association
- Arlington Rotary Club
- Arlington Tree Action Group
- Arlington View Civic Association
- Arlingwood Civic Association
- Ashton Heights Civic Association
- Aurora Highlands Civic Association
- Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association
- Barcroft School and Civic League
- Bellevue Forest Citizens Association
- Black Oak Cluster Community Association
- Bluemont Civic Association
- Boulevard Manor Civic Association
- Buckingham Community Civic Association
- Chain Bridge Forest Civic Association
- Cherrydale Citizens Association
- Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association
- Colonial Village (pending)
- Columbia Heights Civic Association
- Columbia Pike Partnership
- Crystal City Civic Association
- Dominion Hills Civic Association
- Donaldson Run Civic Association
- Douglas Park Civic Association
- Dover-Crystal Citizens Association
- Encore Stage & Studio
- Fairlington Citizens Association

- Gulf Branch Civic Association
- Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association
- John M Langston Citizens Association
- League of Women Voters of Arlington & Alexandria
- Leeway Overlee Civic Association
- Lyon Park Civic Association
- Lyon Village Citizens Association
- Madison Manor Civic Association
- Maywood Community Association
- NAACP -Arlington Branch #7047-B
- National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 7, Arlington
- North Highlands Citizens Association
- North Rosslyn Civic Association
- North Rosslyn Civic Association
- Old Glebe Civic Association
- Penrose Neighborhood Association
- Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights Civic Association
- Rivercrest Civic Association
- Rock Spring Civic Association
- Shirlington Civic Association
- Shirlington Dogs II
- Spout Run Homeowners Association
- Spout Run Terrace Condominium Association
- Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association
- Waverly Hills Civic Association
- Waycroft-Woodlawn Civic Association
- Westover Village Civic Association
- Williamsburg Civic Association
- Woman's Club of Arlington
- Woodmont Civic Association
- Yorktown Civic Association

Please Donate to the Arlington County Civic Federation

We need your financial support, in any amount your organization can afford.

In the last two years, the Arlington County Civic Federation has, at considerable expense, taken a number of steps to expand access to its member meetings in order to allow you and your organization to continue to safely participate.

We have decided to continue all meetings in hybrid in-person and online format to continue to allow flexibility for all delegates in how they want to participate. While we have raised dues in the past, we have done our best to hold off on further increases in dues, at least for now.

But part of our decision to keep our dues at the same amount is based on our ability to raise additional funds from our new donation campaign. Please, if your organization can afford it, consider donating today. *Your donations help us to keep our dues the same as last year and to limit the burden on smaller organizations that might not be able to afford higher dues.*

Visit civfed.org and click on the [donate](#) button. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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- Cultural Affairs – Chair Tina Worden
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Any Delegate, Alternate Delegate, or member of a Member Organization may participate on any Public Interest or Support Committee. Please contact the applicable Committee chair, point-of-contact, or President John Ford if you are interested in participating on ACCF Committees.

[Link to Committee Website](#)

Interested in being an Arlington County Civic Federation Delegate?

The Arlington County Civic Federation was founded in 1916. Today, it has 80+ member organizations dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. The Federation membership reflects the broad array of interests and talents found in the County and is open and welcoming to all groups within Arlington, firmly believing that a broader range of groups creates better problem-solving outcomes for Arlington and its residents. Our purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and its vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

Arlington County Civic Federation Delegates enjoy the full benefits of participation, voting, and serving in Civic Federation leadership positions. If your organization is a member of the Civic Federation, ask if it has open slots for delegates. If it is not a member organization of the Civic Federation, encourage it to join. Here is a link to our website for more details.

[The Civic Federation's Website](#)

ACCF Calendar FY2023

-Tuesday, November 15, 2022 General Membership Meeting -TiGER

-Sunday, November 20, 2022 Board Meeting

-Tuesday, December 13, 2022 General Membership Meeting - County Manager Mark Schwartz

-Sunday, December 18, 2022 Board Meeting

-Tuesday, January 10, 2023 General Membership Meeting

-Sunday, January 15, 2023 Board Meeting

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