



Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation  
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## March General Membership Meeting

**Location:** Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center

**Date:** March 14, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

**Format:** In-Person and Zoom. ACCF will also stream to the [ArlCivFed Facebook page](#).

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

**\*\*\*REVISED PROCESS\*\*\***

To help expedite vote validation during the meeting we are requiring Zoom registration to be completed by Monday March 13 at 12 noon. If you have not registered for Zoom by this time you will be requested to attend in person if you are eligible for voting or you can view the meeting through the Facebook live feed.

**Delegates:** All requests for delegate swaps with alternates must be submitted to the secretary@civfed.org by **Sunday March 12 at 12 noon**. No exceptions.

**In-Person Attendance:** No registration is needed to attend in-person or to watch the meeting via the Facebook live stream.

**Zoom Registration:** The [Zoom registration](#) cutoff is **Monday March 13 at 12 noon**. No exceptions. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please see the "Revised General Membership Meeting Process" article below.

## Meeting Agenda

- 7:00 - Welcome and Pledge
- 7:05 - Approve February [minutes](#)
- 7:10 - Arlington Crime Panel
- 8:30 - Public Confidence Resolution
- 9:00 - Approve Nominating and Awards Committee members
- 9:05 - First reading of bylaws change for dues and certification date
- 9:15 - Adjournment

## President's Message

We are reading reports of carjackings; muggings; repeated thefts from vehicles and front porches, and shots fired in unlikely places. All in Arlington, all this year. NextDoor and web-based news journals seem to be full of reports of crime almost every day. There seems to be a general sense of uneasiness intruding into our lives.

What's the story? Are we experiencing a crime wave? How are our county leaders responding?

Your Civic Federation Public Safety Committee aims to help us all understand what's going

on, and what it means for now and the future. Under the leadership of committee chair Mike McMenamin, the Public Safety Committee, with assistance of the Legislative Committee and their chair, Ron Haddox, has organized a strong panel to join us at our membership meeting on Tuesday March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

The panel will be asked to give answers to our questions. This panel includes Commonwealth's Attorney Parisa Dehghani-Tafti, Arlington County Police Chief Andy Penn and Department of Human Services Deputy Director Deborah Warren. We will lead with this panel presentation at 7:10 p.m. and the presentations and discussion will wrap up at 8:30 p.m. Mike McMenamin explains in greater detail below.

Each panelist will be asked to talk about how they are working to reduce crime and to provide data to support the effectiveness of the strategies.

At 8:30 p.m., we will resume discussion of and voting on a resolution to "restore public confidence in Arlington County governance," together with a proposed amendment offered by the local chapter of the NAACP, a CivFed member organization. We do have a hard stop at 9:30 p.m. per our agreement with the Virginia Hospital, however we will strive to complete by 9:15 p.m.

I can report to you that the sponsors of the two documents have engaged in discussions aimed at reducing or eliminating their differences. I will report further to the membership on those results and the plan for our March 14 meeting through a separate update to membership closer to that meeting date.

Looking further ahead, our April 11 meeting will feature a forum of all candidates who have announced their intention to run for one of the two County Board seats and a forum for the candidates who have announced that they will run for the School Board seat. So far there are a total of six Democrats who have announced for County Board candidates and three announced candidates for the School Board. We will invite all announced candidates of any party or independents as of April 7.

In May, we are planning for our annual visit by Arlington Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Francisco Durán, followed by candidates for the contested positions of Arlington County Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff. We are in a very busy period!

See you in ten days. Please do not miss the revised delegate and Zoom registration deadlines!

With best regards,

John Ford

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## **February Panel - Engagement with Arlington County**

A panel of community leaders was invited to the February General Membership meeting to discuss their views on engagement with Arlington County. Panelists included:

- Duke Banks (Former president of Civic Federation)
- Jane Green (YIMBYs of N. Virginia, President)
- Bryan Coleman (NAACP, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)
- Eric Berkey – (Douglas Park Civic Association, President)

Video Links:

Video Recording: <https://vimeo.com/user118812626>

Facebook: [\(20+\) Arlington County Civic Federation | Facebook](#)



*From Left to Right: Duke Banks, Jane Green, Bryan Coleman, Eric Berkey*

## **Is Arlington a Safe Community?**

*by Michael McMenamain, chair, CivFed Public Safety Committee*

With the uptick of crime in the community, come and hear from and discuss questions with our panel guests, Arlington County Police Chief Charles “Andy” Penn, Commonwealth’s Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, Parisa Dehghani-Tati, and Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services and the Executive Director of the Arlington Community Services Board, Deborah Warren. Please send your questions for the program in advance to Mike McMenamain at [public.safety.sc.chair@civfed.org](mailto:public.safety.sc.chair@civfed.org) and copy Jackie Snelling [jts@mtnzephyr.com](mailto:jts@mtnzephyr.com).

### **Panelists**

#### **Charles “Andy” Penn**

Andy was appointed as the Chief of the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) on June 4, 2021, following a nine-month period as the Acting Chief of Police. During his tenure as Acting Chief, Penn provided oversight, direction and strategic planning for all aspects of the Police Department. He is committed to advancing best practices in policing and identified and focused departmental efforts in several key areas including implementing a Body Worn Camera Program, establishing internal workgroups to review police practices, including creating a Bias-Free Policing policy, and legislative changes and joining area law enforcement agencies in the formation of the Northern Virginia Critical Incident Response Team. Penn will guide the agency during a transitional time in law enforcement while focusing on trust, transparency, accountability and communications.



Penn has served with the ACPD for over 30 years, beginning his career as a patrol officer in 1992. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police in July 2015. In this role, Penn led the Operations Division, overseeing the daily operations of two Patrol Sections, Community Resource Section, Tactical Operations Section, Operation Support Section and the Special Operations Section. He also led the Systems Management

Division, which oversees the Human Resources Management Section, Support Management Section, Training Unit, Tactical Training Unit, Property and Evidence Unit, Procurement and the Fiscal Management Unit. Penn has extensive investigative experience having previously held positions in the Auto Theft Unit, Homicide/Robbery Unit and the Internal Affairs Section.

Penn is committed to being actively engaged in the Arlington community. Throughout his tenure, he has worked in numerous collaborative partnerships with community organizations, advocacy groups, law enforcement partners and government agencies. As leader of the Second District Community Policing Team, he worked to develop strong partnerships with community members and businesses to address public safety concerns. He remains committed to working collaboratively with the Arlington community to build and maintain community trust and safety.

Penn holds a bachelor's degree from Radford University in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in Security Studies (Homeland Security) from the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense & Security. He has undertaken study in several educational programs, including the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP), as well as, the FBI National Academy.

When he is not actively engaged as a member of ACPD, Penn serves as an Adjunct Professor at Marymount University, a Board Member of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and periodically coaches youth baseball. He has been married to his wife for over 30 years and they have three adult children.

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### **Parisa Dehghani-Tafti**

Parisa is the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. Parisa was first elected to a four-year term in November 2019. She came to the office of Commonwealth's Attorney with a twenty-year record of criminal justice reform as an innocence protection attorney, a public defender, and a law professor. Parisa sought the Office because, in her own words, "I always knew what I hoped for in a justice system, and so I finally decided to live inside that hope."

As The Commonwealth's Attorney, Parisa's core philosophy is that safety and justice are not opposite but complementary values and that a prosecutor's primary responsibility is to treat crime as crime and people as people. Parisa has long recognized the impact of the criminal legal system on people of color and is committed to highlighting, addressing, and reversing these disparities. She has turned these values into policies of safety and justice for all, including providing fair discovery, eliminating preemptory strikes in juries, not requesting cash bail, not certifying children as adults, staffing the only Conviction Review Unit in Virginia, establishing a new mental health docket, expanding drug court, reducing the jail population to its lowest in history, securing indictments and convictions in all serious crimes, creating a novel restorative justice program for young people, helping to win criminal justice grants, and holding the first free Expungement Clinic.

Prior to being elected Commonwealth's Attorney, Parisa served as an innocence protection attorney representing innocent individuals in DC, Virginia, and Maryland incarcerated for crimes they did not commit, as a public defender litigating cases of constitutional magnitude, and as a law professor helping train the next generation of criminal law attorneys. Parisa earned her B.A. in Philosophy and Comparative Literature from the University of California, Berkeley, and her J.D. from New York University School of Law. She resides in Arlington with her family. She enjoys reading Jane Austen and James Baldwin and has an abiding attachment to Star Trek.



*photo by Alex Sakes*

## Deborah Warren

Deborah is the Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services and the Executive Director of the Arlington Community Services Board. She oversees the Behavioral Health, Child and Family, and Aging and Disability Service Divisions. She has a passion for ensuring that all persons, and particularly the most vulnerable, have the opportunity to thrive. Since coming to Arlington in 2017, she has worked to expand and strengthen services in support of the DHS mission.



Deborah spent 32 years working for the City of Alexandria where she retired as the first Director of the Center for Children and Families in the Department of Community and Human Services. Her accomplishments in Alexandria include the development of a geriatric mental health team, successful grant awards of \$20 million, cross-system integration resulting in superior community-based care for children while saving \$4 million annually, and development of the Children, Youth & Family Collaborative Commission which released the City's first Children & Youth Master Plan in 2014. Born and raised in Boston, MA, Deborah received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University and her master's in Science and Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University. Deborah has a Diplomate in Clinical Social Work and is licensed in Virginia. She loves to travel, cook and play with her 3-year-old granddaughter.

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## RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE BYLAWS

*by Adam Henderson, chair Bylaws and Rules Committee*

At the March 2023 General Meeting, the Bylaws and Rules Committee will present the first reading of a proposed amendment to the Bylaws to align the dates for annual recertification and dues payments for Member organizations.

Prior to incorporation, there was no requirement for Member organizations to recertify their qualifications. There was also no written deadline for annual dues payments, rather a general understanding that dues should be paid by the close of the calendar year. The 2018 Incorporation Bylaws formalized a 31 December dues deadline and set a 31 October deadline for completion of the annual recertification process.

In the five years since the adoption of the 2018 Bylaws, experience has shown that the existence of two separate deadline dates has been confusing for Member organizations and burdensome for the ACCF Secretary and Treasurer who administer compliance and payment. The ACCF Board referred the matter to the Bylaws and Rules Committee with a request to review the deadline dates and determine whether a single deadline date might be advisable.

The Bylaws and Rules Committee concurs and advises a 20 November cutoff for both Member recertification and dues payment. The committee chose this particular date to (a) provide a single date to Member organizations, (b) allow a roughly three-month window for dues collection after the publication ACCF's annual budget, which generally occurs in mid-August, (c) be timed for a date immediately after a General Meeting, and (d) occur in advance of the busy and distracting year-end holiday season commencing with Thanksgiving.

The draft resolution was presented to the ACCF Board on 26 Febr 2023. The Board voted unanimously to send the Resolution to the General Membership for consideration.

The text of the draft resolution is available [here](#).

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# Call for Student Volunteers

CivFed is seeking student volunteers who are looking for some school volunteering credit. Here are some of the current opportunities:

- **General Membership meeting set up and check-in** - we are looking for 1-2 students interested in setting up tables and chairs in the auditorium and then staffing the check-in booth. This is 1-2 hours of volunteer credit per meeting.
- **Zoom/Audio** - as many of you have noticed, we have some type of audio issue at each meeting. We are using a loosely coupled integration of Zoom and the Auditorium sound system via John's personal laptop/microphone. We are looking for one tech savvy student who knows Zoom and sound systems. The ideal candidate would support investigation of our setup, make recommendations, and then support the technology during the meetings. This could be 3-6 hours of credit for the investigation and then 2 hours of credit per general membership meeting period.

Please contact David R. Smith at [secretary@civfed.org](mailto:secretary@civfed.org).

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## Treasurer's Report

*by Jim Todd, CivFed Treasurer*

ACCF's financial situation continues to stabilize as we continue to receive dues payments from a number of member organizations for current fiscal year and even a few outstanding past dues for the last fiscal year. By the Treasurer's count, a total of 79 of the 81 organizations that submitted their annual recertifications have now paid their annual dues for this year, and 16 of 23 organizations have paid their outstanding past dues. Additionally, we have continued to receive a small number of generous donations from individuals and member organizations—thank you very much to everyone who has been able to contribute. For those who wish to make additional dues payments/donations, please click [here](#). For those who'd like to see more detail about our Budget and Treasurer Reports, please click [here](#).

A quick reminder on proposed reimbursements for paper copies and other proposed reimbursements for expenses: In light of ACCF's financial status, the ACCF Board has approved a measure requiring that all proposed expenses for which an individual or member may wish to seek reimbursement *must be approved in advance* of their expenditure. This year's approved budget authorized up to \$50 for printing/copying costs and authorized a contingency fund for all other unanticipated expenses of up to \$400. We have already received requests for reimbursement that would exceed our copying/printing budget, and we have already tapped into our contingency fund for unanticipated but necessary expenses. So please make sure to reach to our [Treasurer](#) and/or our [Board](#) *before* you incur any expenses for which you might want reimbursement. Thank you.

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## Nominating & Awards Committees

### Nominating Committee

In accordance with the CivFed by-laws, the following individuals are being nominated for a vote at the March 21st General Membership Meeting. We have targeted five members for the committee however our bylaws request between three (3) and seven (7). We will be making a call from the floor for additional committee members prior to a vote.

- Adam Henderson (Pike Presidents Group Chair)
- David Smith (ACCF Secretary, Bluemont CA Treasurer)
- Jim Todd (ACCF Treasurer, Cherrydale CA President)
- Kathleen Trainor (Highland Park-Overlee Knolls CA President)
- Ron Haddox (ACCF Vice-President)

## Awards Committee

Our CivFed procedures indicate that CivFed shall elect five (5) committee members from the delegates or alternates. There have been five individuals nominated by our CivFed President, John Ford:

- Dave Schutz (ACCF Parks & Recreation Committee Chair)
- Diane Kelly (Waycroft-Woodlawn CA former president)
- John Ford (ACCF President, Tara-Leeway Heights CA President)
- Lois Koontz (past chair, ACCF Executive Board)
- Todd Truitt (Schools Committee Chair)

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## Come Decide on Trees for Your Neighborhood's Health, Wealth & Climate Change Open Public Meeting at Lubber Run Community Center

*Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 – 11 am*

With increased community attention to the rapid loss of our urban forest, come and learn about the new Arlington urban tree canopy study and the many public benefits you can claim. Staff from the **Green Infrastructure Center (GIC)** (<http://www.gicinc.org/>) will provide participants with access to large maps showing the distribution of the ecosystem services by neighborhood with ample time to ask specific questions. Based on the assessment and participants' comments, recommendations for future activity will be collected. Participants will also be offered an extensive list of resources available for their personal use and organizing local campaigns.

This will be an in-person meeting in a large room at the Lubber Run Community Center. The room has good ventilation, and activities will be conducted in a manner to mitigate health concerns. Masks are welcomed but not required.

**Please register in advance to assure your place at the meeting,**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/549559526337>.

For background on Arlington trees see [Tree Benefits: Growing Arlington's Urban Forest](#) presented by GIC to the ACCF membership meeting on March 16, 2021 or the materials from a previous webinar available at <https://www.arlingtontreereactiongroup.org/take-action-today/new-tree-canopy-results-from-civic-federation-webinar>.

This meeting has been organized by the Environmental Affairs Committee which welcomes your attendance, questions, and/or support for planned future meetings. Please contact the Committee Chair Mary Glass, [bod.member3@civfed.org](mailto:bod.member3@civfed.org).

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## CivFed Housing Committee Meeting Notice

*March 16, 6:30-8:00 pm*

The CivFed Housing Committee invites you to a discussion of a "Middle Approach for Enhanced Housing Options" also titled "[Arlington's Missing Middle Housing guidebook](#)." For those curious about a "middle way" on "missing middle" as well as prospective members of CivFed Housing Committee **please register in advance**, [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocu-vrzspGNF3Kniu3PCkFX4MZ\\_J-FSbm](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocu-vrzspGNF3Kniu3PCkFX4MZ_J-FSbm).

The 21-page guidebook was released on January 21, 2023 in conjunction with the County Board's consideration of the Request to Advertise (RTA) the new [Arlington County Zoning Ordinance \(AZCO\)](#) and [General Land Use Plan \(GLUP\)](#) amendments to allow Enhanced Housing or Missing Middle Housing types to be built in Arlington's residential zones by-

right.

The new guidebook takes an alternate look at the problems and solutions - and provides opportunity to get beyond the polarization we've seen with parts of the debate on Missing Middle. It was drafted by Leo Sarli and Brian Harner of Laboratory for Architecture and Building (LAB), a local planning and architecture firm, and with the assistance of recent Arlington County Planning Commissioner Jane Siegel. Together the three have extensive experience in design, architecture, and planning. All three have served or are serving on the County's Planning Commission.

This will be the first in a series of information sessions about creative ideas for Arlington housing policy and challenges. It will be preceded by a short organizational meeting of the Housing Committee and introduction of new co-chairs Anne Bodine and Matt Hall.

The discussion is particularly timely in light of the expected vote by the County Board on March 18, 2023 on the County's own Missing Middle plan.

Please contact Anne Bodine at [housing.chair@civfed.org](mailto:housing.chair@civfed.org) with any questions.

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## **Request for Parks and Recreation Committee Members**

*by David Schutz, Parks and Recreation Committee Chair*

I think this will be an interesting year for Parks and Rec. Our predecessor committee issued several reports including how to think about equity in park/rec services provision, and our committee should follow up on how the County is doing. Also, there is considerable upset about pickleball at several sites in Arlington and we should see if we can be helpful in resolving these. We will coordinate on questions of tree canopy with the County and with the CivFed environmental committee. I hope we can have a fruitful year and improve Arlington's response to these issues, and to succeed we need additional members for whom these issues resonate.

Please contact Dave at [parks.rec.chair@civfed.org](mailto:parks.rec.chair@civfed.org) for further information.

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## **Donations for Burt Bostwick**

In honor of the late Burt Bostwick, our former CivFed secretary and longtime member, we would like to let everyone know that donations are being accepted to establish a park bench in honor of Burt's dedicated service to the community. If you are interested in donating, please send your contribution to Friends of Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington, VA 22207 and note on the check that the donation is for the Burt Bostwick Memorial Bench.

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## **First Meeting Coming for CivFed Celebration Picnic Committee -- Volunteers Still Needed**

Our CivFed Celebration Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 25, 2023 at Lyon Park Community Center and we are seeking more volunteers to make sure this first year for the picnic is a great success.

The Committee will be having its first meeting virtually on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Committee expects to have monthly meetings thereafter leading up to the picnic. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Todd Truitt at [bod.member8@civfed.org](mailto:bod.member8@civfed.org). Volunteers thus far:

- **Co-Chairs** – Todd Truitt, Nadia Conyers
- **Head of Facilities** – Dave Schutz
- **Awards** – John Ford



- **Potluck Food Website Coordinator** – Ron Haddox
  - **Fundraising Coordinator** – Mary Glass
  - **Entertainment** – Nicole Merlene
  - **Head of Alcohol** – *Volunteer Needed*
  - **Free Agent Volunteers** – Dixie Duncan, *More Volunteers Needed*
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## **Revised General Membership Meeting Process**

*by David R Smith, ACCF Secretary*

As many of you have rightly pointed out, it took a really long time to count votes at the February 21st general membership meeting. We also had issues with sound (again), and there were issues with Zoom users' ability to unmute themselves. While a process change will not necessarily fix our sound quality and muting issue, we are going to try a new registration/voting process for the March meeting. If the new process works well, we will stick with it, if it doesn't work well, we'll adjust for the April meeting.

For all of the votes prior to the February meetings we had overwhelming majority 'yes' responses which allowed us to say with a large degree of certainty that the vote passed. We then validated votes after the meeting. For close votes we need to validate the votes on the spot if the decision of the vote drives next steps in the meeting, which was our situation at the February meeting.

To validate votes for the online Zoom users we must compare the credentials they registered with to our master database. Unfortunately, people use credentials that do not always match what we have on file for them, and this necessitates a by-hand compare of voter to database. This is a time-consuming process. To expedite the process, we need to validate our Zoom delegates prior to the meeting. To that end, we will require Zoom registration to complete the day prior to the meeting. No exceptions will be granted. Anyone who misses the Zoom registration deadline is encouraged to attend the meeting in-person or watch via the Facebook live feed.

For comments or concerns, please contact David R Smith at [secretary@civfed.org](mailto:secretary@civfed.org).

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



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

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

- 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](http://capitalert.gov)

Special Note: On February 11th, Arlington County sent an alert indicating that they were having technical difficulties with the 9-1-1 system, and they requested that anyone needing 911 use text to 911 or that emergency calls be made to their non-emergency number (703-558-2222). A few hours later the issue was resolved. This is an example of the kind of important information that is provided by this service.

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## **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 were due by Dec 31, 2022.

If you have questions, please email [treasurer@civfed.org](mailto:treasurer@civfed.org) for payment information.

### **Annual Certification**

Our annual recertification ([ACCF FY23 Certification Form](#)) is now complete. We have updated our website with our membership. Please confirm your organization is listed on our website: [Member Organizations](#).

Please contact the [secretary@civfed.org](mailto:secretary@civfed.org) with questions.

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## **2022-2023 Board of Directors**

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Member at Large, [Todd Truitt](#)

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## **ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES**

- Cultural Affairs – Chair Tina Worden
- Diversity Committee – Chair TBD - if interested contact [president@civfed.org](mailto:president@civfed.org)
- Environmental Affairs – Chair Mary Glass
- Housing – Co-Chairs Anne Bodine and Matt Hall
- Legislation – Chair Ron Haddox
- Parks and Recreation – David Schutz
- Planning and Zoning – Chair TBD - if interested contact [president@civfed.org](mailto:president@civfed.org)
- Public Services – Chair John Ford,
- Revenues and Expenditures – Suzanne Sundburg
- Schools – Chair Todd Truitt
- Transportation – Chair TBD - if interested contact [president@civfed.org](mailto:president@civfed.org)

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](#)**

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## **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](#)

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## ACCF Calendar FY2023

### March

- Monday, 2/27: Deadline for March newsletter input
- Tuesday, 3/14: General Membership Meeting - Crime in Arlington
- Sunday, 3/19: Board Meeting

### April

- Monday, 3/27: Deadline for April newsletter input
- Tuesday, 4/11: General Membership Meeting - Candidates Debate (County Board, Sheriff)
- Sunday, 4/16: Board Meeting

### May

- Monday, 4/24: Deadline for May newsletter input
- Tuesday, 5/9: General Membership Meeting - APS Superintendent and Commonwealth's Attorney forum
- Sunday, 5/21: Board Meeting

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