Arlington County Civic Federation

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President's Message

Our November General Meeting gave us a timely look at what lies ahead in Richmond. Delegate Dan Helmer joined us for an informative conversation about how the General Assembly works and some of the issues we can expect to see during the upcoming 2027 legislative session. I want to thank Delegate Helmer for taking the time to join us and for helping make the workings of Richmond a little more understandable.

We also completed an important piece of CivFed's annual work by approving our 2027 Legislative Agenda. Following the meeting, we sent the adopted agenda to both our General Assembly delegation in Richmond and the Arlington County Board, ensuring that our elected representatives know where CivFed's member organizations stand on the issues we believe deserve attention in the coming legislative session.

Looking ahead to December, I am pleased to welcome County Manager Mark Schwartz back to CivFed for a session moderated by Vice President Jean Henceroth. Our annual conversation with the County Manager is always a good opportunity to step back and get a broader view of what is happening across Arlington. Mark will update us on some of the issues facing the County and, just as importantly, take questions from our members.

We will also hear from Dave Schutz on the continuing form of government process. This is an issue CivFed has followed closely, and Dave will bring us up to date on where things stand and what we can expect the County Board to discuss at its December meeting.

Finally, Awards Committee Chair John Ford will present the proposed slate of committee members for review by the membership. The committee will soon begin the important work of identifying and recognizing individuals and organizations whose contributions make Arlington a better community.

As we come to the end of another busy year, I want to thank all of our delegates, member organizations, committee members and volunteers for the time and energy you continue to give to CivFed and to Arlington. I hope you will join us for our December 8 meeting, and I wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Nick Giacobbe
President, Arlington County Civic Federation

December General Membership Meeting
Meeting Agenda

- 7:00 – 7:10 Open and November minutes approval
- 7:10 – 8:25 Arlington County Manager Mark Schwartz
- 8:25 – 8:35 Dave Schutz on Form of Government
- 8:35 – 8:45 John Ford on Award Committee Nominations
- 8:45 – 9:00 New business and adjourn

Date: Tuesday, December 8th 2026 @ 7:00 PM

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

Delegates: All requests for delegate swaps with alternates must be submitted to the secretary@civfed.org by **Sunday December 6th** at 12 noon. No exceptions.

Options for attending the meeting:

1. **In-Person (Delegates, Other Guests):** No registration is needed to attend in-person. See parking instructions below in this newsletter.
2. **Facebook Live (Other Guests):** No registration is needed to watch the live stream which can be found on the ArlCivFed **Facebook page.**
3. **Zoom (Delegates):** Registration is required (link) by Monday, December 7th at 12 noon. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The Zoom passcode is 123456, but if you use the links provided after you register you will not have to enter it.

Legislation Committee Update:
CivFed Legislative Agenda, and Form of Government

Submitted by Dave Schutz and Francine Friedman, Legislation Committee Co-chairs
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This has been the biggest month of the year for the Legislation Committee. We have drafted CivFed's Legislative Agenda for the 2027 Session, presented it to the CivFed general membership for approval (yes 37 no 0 abstain 1) and President Giacobbe has sent it both to the County Board and the Arlington Delegation. As well, CoChair Francine Friedman brought Delegate Dan Helmer (D-FFX) (chair of the Committee on Cities and Towns in the House of Delegates) to our October meeting for a fireside chat where they discussed likely initiatives in the coming year and the process by which citizen interests can seek to be reflected in legislative actions.

As usual, the Agenda, which can be reviewed online: 2026-11 ACCF LegisComm Res 2027 Priorities FINAL 20261110.pdf, generally comprises positions taken by CivFed committees on proposed state legislation as well as positions/legislation CivFed would like to see, there are several requests for additional authority to regulate driver/bike rider behavior requested by the Transportation Committee. Notably, the e-bike and general trail behavior request elicited more interest and discussion than anything else in the Agenda!

The Agenda is broadly consistent (shorter!) with the Agenda developed and sent to the Legislature by the County Board itself, however we also reminded the Delegation of positions CivFed has taken seeking better safeguards for citizens on property forfeiture and seeking better protection of the rights of juveniles when they get into police involvement. We take a different position from the County on legislation enlarging Arlington's authorities to make changes in its Form of Government on its own motion – the Board last year opposed Delegate Hope's bill which would have given Arlington more latitude than it has today to

decide, for example, how many Board members, the length of their terms, whether those terms will be staggered or not. CivFed with this and last year's Agenda took the position that we should seek maximum authority to enact, for example, the TiGER proposed reforms to enable us to move quickly if community consensus is developed for change.

In other news on form of government, the County has received a near-final draft for a report on the history and representiveness of Arlington's government, which can provide a basis for discussion in the task force on form of government likely to be set up in the near future. The reader can view the discussion in the Board meeting on Arlington County Board Recessed Meeting | November 17, 2026. The document does not identify alternative mechanisms for reform going forward, but it is very useful in discussion where we are and how we got here, and its final draft is expected for the December Board meeting.



Navigating Richmond: An Arlingtonian's Guide to the General Assembly

Submitted by Francine Friedman, legislation committee co-chair
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Our fireside chat with Delegate Dan Helmer was a reminder that decisions made in Richmond shape daily life in Arlington, from housing and transportation to schools and local authority. With the 2027 General Assembly session opening on Wednesday, January 13, 2027, here is a quick guide to who represents Arlington, how to reach them, and how to find, track, and follow legislation in Richmond.

Start here: Arlington County maintains an excellent one-stop resource for residents, Vote Arlington: Elected Officials, with up-to-date contact information for all of Arlington's local, state, and federal elected officials. Our thanks to the County for making it so easy for Arlingtonians to find and connect with the people who represent them

Arlington's General Assembly Delegation

Office	Member	Area Served	Contact
Senate District 39	Sen. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker (D)	Southeastern Arlington (including Pentagon City and Crystal City), most of Alexandria, and part of Fairfax	senatorbennett-parker@senate.virginia.gov
Senate District 40	Sen. Barbara Favola (D)	Most of Arlington	senatorfavola@senate.virginia.gov
House District 1	Del. Patrick Hope (D)	Part of Arlington	DelPHope@house.virginia.gov
House District 2	Del. Adele McClure (D)	Part of Arlington	DelAMcClure@house.virginia.gov
House District 3	Del. Alfonso Lopez (D)	Part of Arlington and part of Alexandria	DelALopez@house.virginia.gov

Note: Sen. Bennett-Parker succeeded longtime Sen. Adam Ebbin in 2026. All five seats are on the ballot in November 2027. For full contact details, see Arlington County's Elected Officials page.

Find Your Legislators

- Who's My Legislator: Enter your home address to see your state delegate and senator, plus your members of Congress and U.S. senators. District lines in Arlington don't follow neighborhood boundaries, so this is the best way to confirm who represents you.

- House of Delegates Member Directory: Contact information, committee assignments, and district descriptions for every delegate.

- LIS Member Listing: Every delegate and senator, with links to the bills they've introduced and how they've voted.

How to Find and Track Legislation

- Legislative Information System (LIS), 2027 Session: The General Assembly's official source for legislation. Search bills by number, keyword, subject, or patron; read bill text, summaries, and fiscal impact statements; and view committee dockets, floor calendars, vote tallies, and the state budget. Bills are numbered by chamber (for example, HB for House Bills and SB for Senate Bills).

- Lobbyist-in-a-Box (on LIS): A free LIS tool that lets you create a personal list of bills and receive email updates as they move through committee and floor votes. Look for the "LOBBYIST in a BOX" link on the LIS session page.

- Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) Bill Search: A nonpartisan site to look up legislation by issue, see bill status and voting records, and follow close votes and lobbying activity.

- Meeting schedules and live video: All House and Senate committee and subcommittee meetings are streamed and archived. The LIS session page lists upcoming meetings, including interim commissions meeting now before session.



Awards Committee Update

Submitted by John Ford, bod.member3@civfed.org

Civic Federation bylaws call for election of our annual awards committee at our December 8th membership meeting.

Please remember that while nominations from the floor are always welcome, your Board of Directors offers the following nominees:

- Sandi Chesrown, Waverly Hills CA and Langston Blvd Alliance

- John Ford, Tara-Leeway Hts CA, former Civ Fed president - committee chair

- Jean Henceroth, Leeway-Overlee CA and current Civ Fed Vice President

- Alex Sakes, Penrose CA and Pike Presidents Group chair

- David Smith, Bluemont CA and current Civ Fed Board chair - committee vice chair

Civ Fed's 2027 awards will be presented at our annual banquet Saturday, April 2 2027. Watch for exciting details soon, including a new venue!

ACCF in the News

Submitted by Francine Friedman

As the 2027 General Assembly session approaches, recent news coverage has highlighted the Arlington County Civic Federation's role in advancing community priorities in Richmond and here at home.

Seeking local authority over e-scooters and e-bikes.
A November 17 ARLnow story reported on ACCF delegates' November 10 vote to adopt the Federation's 2027 legislative priorities, including a request—added from the floor—that state legislators give localities more authority to regulate e-scooters, e-bikes and e-motorcycles. Delegates also called for stronger enforcement of existing local rules, citing pedestrian safety concerns, and the article noted that ACCF's Public Safety and Transportation Committees are developing recommendations for the County Board.

2027 legislative priorities headed to Richmond. The legislative package, adopted 37-0 with one abstention, also asks the General Assembly for greater local authority on tree preservation and governance reform. The vote followed a fireside chat with Delegate Dan Helmer, Chair of the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. ACCF is transmitting the adopted package to Arlington's General Assembly delegation and the County Board ahead of the session, which convenes January 13.

Governance reform back on the County Board's agenda. A November 19 ARLnow story reported that County Board members reviewed a 17-page interim National Civic League report on the history of Arlington's governance at their November 17 meeting. The report offers no recommendations, and a final version is due by December 7. The article noted that ACCF has promoted governance-change proposals in recent years, which could require General Assembly action, and that Board members expect a lengthier discussion in December, potentially including a community task force.

Annual Dues and Recertification

Submitted by Dixie Duncan, ACCF Secretary
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It is that time of year again for each member organization to recertify it has an active membership of at least 20 members, update officer and delegate information, and pay annual ACCF membership dues.

MEMBER DUES
Annual dues are for FY2027 increased to $70 per member organization. We have not raised dues for 5 years, but unfortunately our operating costs have increased. Dues may be paid via Zelle, PayPal, or by Check.

RECERTIFICATION
Per our bylaws, all member organizations must complete an annual recertification and pay member dues by 20 November each year.

DONATIONS
Donations in any amount in addition to member dues are greatly appreciated.

We will be sending notices to all known member officers, but the link to our dues/recert page is listed below for your convenience. Before you start you will want to gather up all the names and email addresses of your officers and your delegates. As in the past, we recommend that you include an organizational email address which we can provide to the County.

Online link: Annual Dues and Recertification - Arlington County Civic Federation

Address if mailing a check:

Arlington County Civic Federation
Attn: Treasurer
PO Box 42091
Arlington, Virginia 22204-9091

Contact treasurer@civfed.org with any questions or concern.

Is My Bike User-Appropriate?

Submitted by Jackie Snelling
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Arlington has seen a recent increase in the use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and e-motos. While we're happy to see more biking in the community, we're also seeing an uptick in crashes involving these faster devices.

In the recently approved CivFed legislative priorities resolution, "ACCF recommends legislation to increase local authority to effectively manage the use of micromobility devices like e-scooters, e-bikes, and e-motorcycles", noting that "the reckless operation of these e-devices is a fast-growing safety risk to other users of roads, sidewalks, and paths."

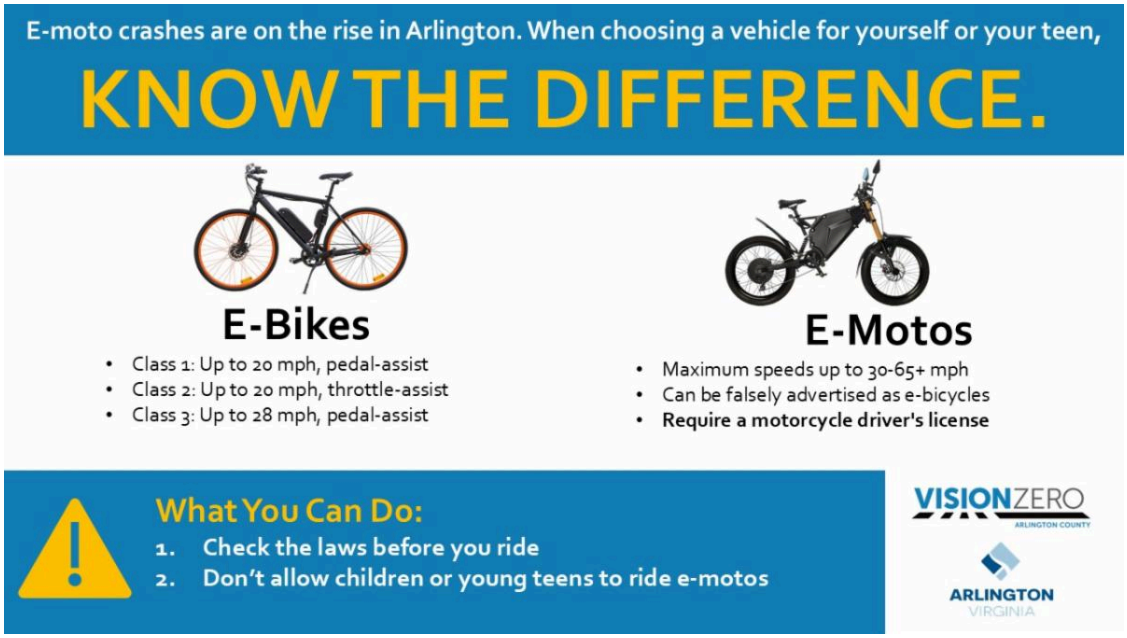
Since the approval of that resolution, several types of high-powered electric vehicles have been banned from the W&OD Trail. See this article in ArlNow.

Arlington County is also conducting an awareness campaign regarding these devices.

From the Arlington County website, Take a second to learn the laws before you ride.

Know the Law Before You Ride

E-Bikes, e- scooters, mopeds and e-motorcycles may look similar but they have different speeds, power levels and legal requirements. Before purchasing a device, it’s important to research the device, know the laws and understand the risks associated with its operation.



Arlington Faces $30–$43 Million FY2028 Budget Shortfall Despite $13.6 Million in Leftover Funds

Submitted by Suzanne Sundberg,
Principal Analyst Revenues and Expenditures Committee
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After subtracting out the revenue-sharing amount for schools ($3.7 million, with APS contributing $0.3 million of that amount for its own reserves), the "total discretionary funding" in one-time funds left over is $13.6 million for FY2026. This amount is far larger than last-year's $1.8 million in one-time funds left over at the end of FY2025.

County Manager Schwartz recommended that $9.7–$9.8 million of that $13.6 million in yet-to-be-allocated one-time funds be used to help close a projected budget gap for the FY2028 budget of $30 to $43 million (not including schools' own budget shortfall).

The projected budget shortfall for FY2028 roughly equals a 3- to 4-cent INCREASE in the real estate tax rate — the estimated increase in the tax rate that would be needed to balance the budget if no spending cuts are made, no increase in future revenues are projected, and no fees are increased.

Even after real estate tax rate hikes and fee increases in FY2026 and FY2027, the county continues to spend more than the revenue it takes in. Budgetary cost drivers include employee collective bargaining requirements, employee compensation/healthcare costs, and higher borrowing costs.

One-time funds will not cover ongoing spending increases beyond a single fiscal year. They function as a temporary plug to fill the gap, unless these funds are used **only** for one-time, nonrecurring expenses. So structural adjustments to Arlington's budget to reduce increasing costs/spending are necessary and prudent, if we want to avoid a serious budget crisis.

On the Nov. 14, 2026, County Board's meeting agenda was a presentation and report covering the close-out of fiscal year (FY) 2026 as well as a preview of the FY2028 budget process.

Close-out occurs on June 30 — the end of Arlington's fiscal year. Money the County Board has previously appropriated or committed for spending that continues beyond June 30 is rolled over into the next fiscal year's budget (i.e., FY2027, which began on July 1, 2026).

Also rolled over are any other legally restricted/committed funds, reserves, and Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) funds (AHIF=$71.8 million in unallocated funds + $18.5 million in allocated funds).

Here is a link to the close-out report, its related attachments, and the presentation (click on the link for agenda item 23, and the individual document links will appear on the right-hand side of the page): https://meetings.arlingtonva.us/CountyBoard/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=2778&doctype=1.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Submitted by Mike Mcmenanin, Public Safety Committee Chair
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The Public Safety Committee will meet on **Wednesday, December 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** During this meeting, we will continue our discussion of the Flock camera issue as we work on a comprehensive project plan focused on privacy and cybersecurity to support broader understanding and discussions about possible county implementation. The meeting will take place via Zoom, and registration is required at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6Mjlu8FxTwaADnUop69aHA

Legislation Committee Meeting

Submitted by Dave Schutz and Francine Friedman, legislation committee co-chairs
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The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for **Dec 10 at 7:00 PM**, with a registration link of https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/oWA1x64kSAqiGf-Iv7EBcw. Committee chairs and members should bring to our attention issues which did not make it into the recent Agenda passed by CivFed and forwarded to the Delegation and to the Board. We have Zoom time reserved until 8:30, but expect the meeting may well be shorter.

As well, the meeting will shortly follow the December 8th meeting of the Arlington County Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance Committee (ZOCO), which will have discussed County implementation of Code of Virginia Updates on Faith In Housing and tentatively Residential Parking Requirements.

The Board process for considering changes in our Form of Government continues, at about minute 42 of the November 17 recessed meeting Arlington County Board Recessed Meeting | November 17, 2026 Board members discussed the draft it has received from its contractor discussing the history of Arlington's Form of Government.

Meeting can consider plans for advocacy between now and session and tracking and advocacy during session.

Planning and Zoning Committee Update

Submitted by Chair Brian Harner, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair
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The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet **Thursday, December 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.** Please register at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/sUGGDYFmTs-CB-lnWDP7Tg
The Committee will continue discussion on the following topics:

Arlington County Low Residential Study

The Low Residential Study (LRS) is expected to have a county board work session in January 2027, based on the options for potential impervious area (IA) limits staff has developed to date. P&Z will continue to review the options developed by Arlington County CPHD and DES staff, and compare potential outcomes based on CivFed data analysis. Discussion will continue on proposed Civic Federation engagement on the LRS in line with approved Civic Federation resolutions.

Arlington County Comprehensive Plan Update
Arlington County Community Planning, Housing, and Development staff are expected to release the text of the full, proposed new introductory chapter to the Arlington County Comprehensive Plan on December 1, and are scheduled to present this new chapter to the planning commission's Long Range Planning Committee on December 7. This important new direction for the of the Arlington County Comprehensive Plan will be a focus of discussion at our meeting on December 10, with consideration of appropriate input to the county review process.

Please join us at 6:30 to 8:00 pm on December 17 to continue our work on these important issues. Please register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/sUGGDYFmTs-CB-lnWDP7Tg

For question contact the chair at plan.zone.chair@civfed.org.

Housing Committee Update

Submitted by Anne Bodine, Matt Hall co-chairs, housing.chair@civfed.org

The Housing Committee will continue its discussion of the "Ballston Park and Buckingham Commercial District" Redevelopment Options and Continue Reviewing New Development Allowances at Old Key Bridge Site in Rosslyn.

Please join us for our **December 28 Housing Committee meeting, at 6:30-8:00 pm. The meeting will be virtual, please use this link to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/86SLYVJ_TuGyX00YOeSl7g.**

We have a standing invitation for Arlington County to present on historic preservation or possible redevelopment of the Ballston Park section of Buckingham historic district and community, which is in Ashton Heights and in Buckingham Civic Associations, and we will continue a review of possible options for this site with members of Ashton Heights and Buckingham communities. The parcel of approximately 25 acres is an early example of "Garden City" or garden apartment and community development in the U.S., it is protected by a local Historic District. The County is studying ways to approach the expiration of Committed Affordable Housing, which is precipitating this review of options.

The second half of the meeting will update our efforts to quantify and clearly lay out all the bonus density, additional land use, site plan conditions and contributions, and any other exceptions being sought via this site plan process for 1401 Langston Blvd., site of the old **Key Bridge Marriott redevelopment by KBLH, LLC.** The new site plan will be preceded by a Special GLUP study that would integrate the site into the Rosslyn Coordinated Redevelopment District of 2015 (RCRD).

Transportation Committee Update

Submitted by Jackie Snelling, bod.orgdev@civfed.org

The Dec Transportation Committee is canceled and will be rescheduled for early January.

November work has focused on developing and sending a CivFed letter to the County Board on the proposed Multimodal Transportation Plan based on the adopted ACCF Transportation resolution as well as several other resolutions on related topics. The Transportation resolution is available on the CivFed website at https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2026-04/2026-04 ACCF TranspComm Res SEAT Transport Plan FINAL.pdf

Please read the CivFed letter on the Multimodal plan at https://www.civfed.org/2026/11/23/comm-202610-revised-draft-mtp/

The County Board will hear and consider this important plan at its meeting Dec 12. This sets the vision, policy, and implementation for years to come. We encourage all civic organizations to read the proposal, and our letter and write to the Board with your comments and speak at the meeting.

In January the ACCF Committee will meet to discuss next steps based in part on the outcome of the plan adopted by the Board Dec 12.

Arlington Historical Society Update

Submitted by Duke Banks and Peter Vaselopulos
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Celebrating 70 Years of Preserving Arlington's History



Seventy years ago, in November 1956, the newly established Arlington Historical Society held its first countywide meeting, highlighted by an evening candlelight tour of the Custis-Lee Mansion, now known as Arlington House. To commemorate this milestone, AHS Board and Advisory Council members, friends, and family returned to Arlington House on November 21, 2026, for a special anniversary tour led by National Park Service Ranger Scott Hill. The highlight was an effort to recreate the historic photograph taken during the Society's original 1956 visit.

What's Happening at the Museum in December



Join the Arlington Historical Museum on Saturday, December 5, at 1 p.m. for the opening reception of the traveling exhibit Virginia & the Vietnam War.
At 2 p.m., writer and longtime Arlingtonian Kim O'Connell will share how growing up as the daughter of an American soldier and a Vietnamese educator shaped her work documenting Arlington's Little Saigon. Her talk will explore the war's lasting impact on families and the healing that comes with time. Virginia & the Vietnam War is organized by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture and presented by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.

Bethany Baker
AHS Museum Director

Help Tell Arlington's Story: Become an AHS Volunteer





The Arlington Historical Society is looking for people who share an interest in local history and community engagement. Whether you are a historian, educator, researcher, photographer, or simply enjoy Arlington's past, there are many ways to contribute.

Volunteers help organize programs, recruit speakers, coordinate events, welcome visitors, and assist presenters. At the Arlington Historical Museum and Ball-Sellers House, opportunities include serving as docents and tour guides, assisting with exhibits, researching collections, and maintaining the historic garden.

Help preserve and share Arlington's history through research, writing, oral history interviews, photograph identification, archival projects, and editing. Volunteers can also contribute to the Arlington Stories oral history project, website, social media, photography, videography, and digital outreach.

Interested in Volunteering?
Share your interests, skills, historical knowledge, and availability by filling out our Volunteer Application form or contact AHS Volunteer Coordinators:
Peter Vaselopulos and Lori Jonas at info@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org

Virginia Hospital Center Hazel Auditorium Parking and Access Instructions for General Membership Meetings

Reminder: Parking passes will be provided. Meetings are held in the 'Conference Center' depicted on the map below.

The VHC Director of Security has advised CivFed that we should begin to park in Parking Garage C (map below). You can then walk across to the Oncology entrance and gain admittance until 8 p.m. **After the meeting, you MUST EXIT via the Women's and Infant lobby.**

ENTER (until 8 p.m.): Zone C Ground floor Oncology entrance (only open until 8 pm, Monday-Friday)

- Sign into the visitor kiosks (**need driver's license each time**)
- Get visitor sticker and wear at all times when inside the hospital
- Take a right at the double doors by the visitor kiosks
- Take a right at the single door
- Go to elevators and take to lobby floor
- Exit elevators and go left to hall directly behind welcome desk in lobby
- Take a left at the single door and continue down the hall toward a set of double doors
- Go through double doors and go right
- Conference center auditorium is directly ahead

ENTER or EXIT (24/7): Zone C first floor Women's and Infant lobby entrance (please use this entrance to exit after 8 pm, open 24/7):

- Sign into the visitor kiosks (**need driver's license each time**)
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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 Nick Giacobbe 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.

joinus@Civfed.org

The Civic Federation's Website

CivFed Calendar FY2027

Looking Ahead:

- 12/08/26 - General Meeting
- 12/09/26 - Public Safety Committee Meeting
- 12/10/26 - Legislation Committee Meeting
- 12/17/26 - Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting
- 12/28/26 - Housing Committee Meeting

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