

The Arlington Heights Civic Association meeting held via Zoom on August 11, 2026 was opened by Brian Sigritz at 7:02 PM.

Attendees: Ami, Kortnee Anderson, Ted and Dora Sue Black, Cam, Chris, Mollie Calkin, KB, Kelly Davison, Mahender Dudani, Eileen Janas, Alisa Key, Stacia Kiraly, Steven Kleppin, Eric Lanman, Gail Massot, Carole Lieber, Andrew Martin, Marilyn Marton, Paula, Janet Presswood, Tia Scales, Carly Sfregola, Brian Sigritz, Tom Wacker, Veronica; two additional attendees via phone and ipad

Visitors:

Sheriff Jose Quiroz, Chief Deputy Juan Gelabert, Arlington County Sheriff's Office;
Lt. Kyle O'Keefe, Stephen Capizzi, Arlington County Police Department;
Matt Cochrane, Arlington County Fair Chair;
Emilee Riches, Jerusalem Solomon, Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation

Brian Sigritz asked our guests to make their reports about the Arlington County Fair at the beginning of the meeting.

Matt Cochrane, Arlington County Fair Board

- Parking passes were handed out Saturday; additional passes for residents with ID are available at the desk at Thomas Jefferson Community Center
- Volunteers will pick up trash in the neighborhood
- The opening ceremony will start at 5:30; a thank you to the neighborhood will be held at the beer garden following the ceremony

Jeri Solomon, Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation
Dedicated staff member from 8:30-5:30 Monday - Wednesday at TJ
More teen programming

Emille Riches, Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation
Atlantic Biofuels will pick up the used oil on Monday following the fair
The Metro A12 bus will be rerouted from 2nd St S to 7th St S during the fair

Lt. O'Keefe, Arlington County Police Department
Irving Street will remain open
He is pleased with the staffing levels this year; Community Affairs will have people on foot and on bicycles in the neighborhood

Emails about issues should be addressed to: countyfair@arlington.us

The minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: 66 households have paid dues of \$20 per household; \$3,410 in our account

President's Report:

Susannah Keefe, a long time resident of Arlington Heights, died August 4, 2026. She was a wonderful, kind-hearted person, who loved the community and worked for traffic safety. There will be a memorial service on Wednesday and funeral on Thursday.

Grace Hopper Center - on schedule to open for classes this month; 2027-2036 CIP, which includes the move of Montessori to the Career Center, was approved

Walter Reed Complete Streets - construction continues; light at 9th and Walter Reed is installed

Arlington Public Schools Thomas Jefferson Middle School - renovation plan calls for a three story addition behind the theater near the TJ community center and the garden space

Irving Street sidewalk - 2nd to 6th Streets - construction is anticipated to start in September

1st Road South - Construction of the curb bump out on Old S. Glebe was completed in July; the signs are expected before school starts; construction for the Glebe Road end should start late summer or early fall

New Dominion - no news; there will be a Site Plan Review Committee

Goodwill - old building demolition has started

Sunrise at 7th and Glebe - contractor asked for a site plan extension

Bank of America, 3401 Columbia Pike, in Alcova Heights - construction start scheduled for fall 2026

Fillmore Gardens Shopping Center, 2601 Columbia Pike - construction start scheduled for fall 2026

Elkins - no change, trying to rent the empty spaces

Brian asked if attendees had any updates to share or issues of concern. No issues were raised.

Presentation: Sheriff Quiroz, Arlington County Sheriff's Office:

239 deputy sheriff positions; 44 vacancies; 76 civilian staff

He has published the organization chart so the command structure is available to the community.

Medical services in the jail are now in-house, headed by Dr. Richard Malish; 16 clinicians from DHS are assigned to the jail. Sheriff Quiroz requested a review from the National Institute of Corrections; they are now using biometric sensors to monitor heart rate and movement; many people are in withdrawal.

The office sponsors many programs for inmates: on parenting skills, Alcoholics Anonymous, GED, Doula training program

The office participates in the Frederick Douglas Project for Justice, based out of Georgetown, which provides community members with a tour of the jail and structured conversations with the incarcerated. Those interested can learn more about the program and sign up to participate at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Sheriffs-Office>

Community Engagement - The Sheriff wants to build a trusting relationship between the office and the community. They publish a newsletter and have a community advisory group.

Juveniles - the jail has no juveniles unless the court has certified a person as an adult

The office requires a judicial warrant from ICE to turn over a prisoner.

They have two Arlington Public School employees assigned to the jail for GED and ESL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Janas

Secretary

Arlington Heights Civic Association