



## Meeting Notice

Tuesday, January 5, 2010  
7:30 p.m.  
Hazel Conference Center  
Virginia Hospital Center  
1701 N. George Mason Drive  
Arlington, VA 22205  
[www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org)

## Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve Agenda  
Officer Reports  
Announcements
- 7:40 State Legislative Delegation Program:
- Legislator Opening Remarks (25 minutes)
  - Civic Federation Legislation Committee Prepared Questions (25 minutes)
  - Civic Federation Delegate Questions (25 minutes) (drawing system selection)
- 8:55 Helicopter Motion
- 9:20 New Business
- 9:30 Adjourn

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## Executive Committee

Mark Antell, Chair [mark@civfed.org](mailto:mark@civfed.org)  
Terri Prell, Vice-Chair [terri@civfed.org](mailto:terri@civfed.org)

Civic Federation delegates will be selected to ask questions at the January 5, 2010, state legislative delegation program through a drawing system. Delegates may register to be selected to ask a question by signing up in the lobby from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The helicopter motion listed in resolution format on page four that was introduced at the November 10, 2009, general meeting and initially discussed at the December 1, 2009, general meeting is scheduled to be put to a Civic Federation vote at the January 5, 2010, general meeting after an Airport Committee report and thorough delegate discussion.

The Executive Committee will meet on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at 2300 Wilson Boulevard (Navy League building) to plan future programs.

# Meeting Program

## State Legislative Delegation

Peter Owen ([peterowen@civfed.org](mailto:peterowen@civfed.org))

The Legislation Committee will present a program with guest speakers:

- Delegate Robert Brink
- Delegate Adam Ebbin
- Delegate David Englin
- Delegate-Elect Patrick Hope
- Senator Patricia Ticer
- Senator Mary Margaret Whipple

The program will be organized in three twenty-five minute sections:

1. The legislators will each have four minutes to make their opening remarks and incorporate the neighborhood-focused theme that the Legislation Committee has asked them to cover. The neighborhood-focused themes are:
  - State support for transit and roads in Northern Virginia
  - State support for Arlington education
  - The overall state budget process and prospects for the next fiscal year and its effect on Arlington
  - Virginia public higher education as it affects young people from Arlington
  - Health care in Virginia as it affects Arlington
  - Criminal justice, prisons and community rehabilitation
2. Questions that have been prepared by the Civic Federation Legislation Committee. The legislator panel will have four minutes to jointly respond to each question.
3. Questions from Civic Federation member delegates. The legislator panel will have two minutes to jointly respond to each question. Questions should be limited to thirty-seconds and may not be position statements. Civic Federation delegates will be selected to ask questions through a drawing system. Civic Federation delegates may register to be selected by signing up in the lobby from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

# Committee News

## Airport

Steve Geiger ([steveg@civfed.org](mailto:steveg@civfed.org))

The committee is studying the new Airscene flight tracking and noise monitoring tool that the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is now operating (<http://tinyurl.com/airscene>). The system is used to monitor flight paths and noise levels for flights into and out of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Contact Mr. Geiger to provide comment from your neighborhood or community group.

## Awards

Stan Karson ([stan@civfed.org](mailto:stan@civfed.org))

Portia Clark, Stan Karson, Martha Moore, Randy Swart, and Tim Wise were elected to the Civic Federation Awards Committee at the December 1, 2009, general meeting. The committee will consider recipients for the Sun Gazette Cup and Certificate of Appreciation awards.

## Community Relations

Sharon Rogers ([sharon@civfed.org](mailto:sharon@civfed.org))

I am saddened to let you know that longtime Civic Federation Delegate Nancy Graham passed away on December 8, 2009. Her husband Bill, a former Civic Federation President, passed away last summer.

Mrs. Graham was elected a Lifetime Honorary Civic Federation Delegate in 2005, and was awarded the Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service in 2002. Through her many years of steady, dedicated leadership in our community, Mrs. Graham served as Chairman of the Civic Federation Legislation Committee.

The funeral was held at St. George's Episcopal Church on Friday, December 18, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. A reception followed in the Parish Hall.

## Environmental Affairs

Larry Finch [larryfinch@civfed.org](mailto:larryfinch@civfed.org)

In January and February 2010, the committee will investigate the state of Arlington's streams, including stream pollution and its implications for children playing in the water, erosion of streams because of stormwater runoff, implications of erosion for water quality and aquatic life, measures for containing stormwater to reduce runoff into streams, stream restoration as a tool for improving the stability of stream channels, lessons learned from completed stream restoration projects, and plans for future stream restoration.

## Housing

Kathryn Scruggs [kathryn@civfed.org](mailto:kathryn@civfed.org)

The committee will meet on January 18, 2010, or January 25, 2010, to further discuss housing related code enforcement issues. Topics of discussion will be transparency related to the mission, management reporting, metrics of Arlington County's code enforcement efforts, and initial planning of a possible future Civic Federation program that would include senior staff from the Arlington County Code Enforcement and Zoning departments.

## Legislation

Peter Owen [peterowen@civfed.org](mailto:peterowen@civfed.org)

The committee has reviewed the past (2009, 2008, and 2007) Civic Federation legislative packages with Arlington's state legislators.

- [www.civfed.org/leg09final.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/leg09final.pdf)
- [www.civfed.org/leg08final.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/leg08final.pdf)
- [www.civfed.org/leg07final.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/leg07final.pdf)

## Membership

Mileva Hartman [mileva@civfed.org](mailto:mileva@civfed.org)

This is the anniversary of the electronic version of the Civic Voice newsletter. Thanks to all of you who provided email

addresses. Are all your delegates and alternates receiving the monthly newsletter? The monthly distribution list includes 600 email contacts and 30 mail contacts. Delegates who specifically request paper copies receive them by mail. Please send email updates and special requests to Ms. Hartman to ensure all eight of your Civic Federation representatives are included in the communication system.

## Parks and Recreation

Jay Wind [jay@civfed.org](mailto:jay@civfed.org)

Nominations for the Bill Thomas Park Service Award are due by January 31, 2010. The award is given to acknowledge outstanding service in support of parks, recreation and natural areas of Arlington County ([www.arlingtonva.us/departments/parksrecreation/documents/file73417.pdf](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/parksrecreation/documents/file73417.pdf)).

## Public Services

Portia Clark [portia@civfed.org](mailto:portia@civfed.org)

The committee is preparing to host Arlington County Board Members as guest speakers at the February 2, 2010, Civic Federation general meeting.

## Revenues and Expenditures

Wayne Kubicki [wayne@civfed.org](mailto:wayne@civfed.org)

The presentation that Acting Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan presented to the Civic Federation about the 2011 budget is available here ([www.civfed.org/presarlcobudg0912.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/presarlcobudg0912.pdf)).

## Schools

Cecelia Espenoza [cecelia@civfed.org](mailto:cecelia@civfed.org)

The Arlington County School Board appointed two Civic Federation delegates nominated by the Civic Federation to serve on the Advisory Council on Instruction. DeShay Williams (AAUW - American Association of University Women) and Julie

Gugino (Cherrydale) will serve as primary and alternate Civic Federation representatives, respectively.

The presentation that Patrick Murphy, Ed.D., Superintendent Arlington County Public Schools, presented to the Civic Federation about achievement levels, system capacity and the 2011 budget is available here ([www.civfed.org/pressschsup0912.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/pressschsup0912.pdf)).

## Special Events

Peter Olivere [peterolivere@civfed.org](mailto:peterolivere@civfed.org)

The Civic Federation banquet will be held on April 16, 2010, at the Rosslyn Holiday Inn at 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive. The committee is accepting speaker nominations through January 8, 2010. Contact Mr. Olivere if you have suggestions for a speaker you would like to hear.

## Transportation

Jerry Auten [jerry@civfed.org](mailto:jerry@civfed.org)

The committee will represent the Civic Federation at a January 27, 2010, briefing and workshop about an updated Arlington County Transit Development Plan. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at 2300 Wilson Boulevard (Navy League) in the first floor conference room. The Transit Development Plan will be a comprehensive six-year plan that will guide the growth of transit and para-transit services

## Unfinished Business

### Helicopter Motion (*Fresh Start*)

Steve Geiger ([steveg@civfed.org](mailto:steveg@civfed.org)), chair of the Airport Committee, will present the committee's updated report of its continued study of the helicopter issue and lead a Civic Federation discussion about the helicopter motion listed in resolution format that Mr. Geiger (Lyon Park) introduced at the November 10, 2009, Civic Federation

general meeting. The motion was initially discussed at the December 1, 2009, general meeting and was referred back to the Airport committee for further study at that meeting. Civic Federation delegates should come prepared on January 5, 2010, to represent their member organization, thoroughly discuss the issue and updated motion, and vote on the helicopter motion:

***Whereas***, low flying helicopters make excessive noise and inconvenience Arlington residents, and

***Whereas***, helicopters are flown over Arlington by the federal government, military, public agencies, and private companies to perform a variety of important missions including business, law enforcement, medical, national security, news, and public safety, and

***Whereas***, helicopters are a vital, intermodal form of transportation, and

***Whereas***, there are eight main existing helicopter routes within the Metropolitan Washington area with prescribed altitude rules designed to minimize impact on residential areas, and

***Whereas***, helicopter noise effects on residential areas are very pronounced at low altitudes and have less effect at altitudes over 1,000 feet, and

***Whereas***, commercial helicopters are generally required to follow the prescribed helicopter routes and fly at higher altitudes, and

***Therefore, Be It Resolved*** that the Arlington County Civic Federation calls on the Arlington County Board to work on its own and through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to require helicopter operators to find ways to reduce the noise impact on residential areas by following the existing main routes and flying towards the upper end of the allowable altitude window when they can safely do so for routine flights and without unduly affecting emergency situations or national security.