



# THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

March 2010

## Meeting Notice

Tuesday, March 2, 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)

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## Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve Agenda  
Officer Reports  
Member Delegate Announcements
- 7:40 Arlington County School Board Program:
  - School Board Member Opening Remarks (20 minutes)
  - Civic Federation Schools Committee Prepared Questions (25 minutes)
  - Civic Federation Delegate Questions (35 minutes) (drawing system)
- 9:00 Unfinished Business
- 9:05 New Business
- 9:15 Adjourn

## 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 March 2, 2010, Arlington County School Board 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 Executive Committee will meet on March 8, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at Carlin Hall (5711 4th Street, South) to plan future Civic Federation general meeting programs.

All committee chairs should attend the Revenues and Expenditures Committee meeting on March 14, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center (2909 16th Street, South). The Acting Arlington County Manager's proposed 2011 budget overview is listed here ([www.arlingtonva.us/departments/ManagementAndFinance/budget/file74644.pdf](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/ManagementAndFinance/budget/file74644.pdf)).

# Meeting Program

## Members of the Arlington County School Board

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

The Civic Federation Schools Committee will present a program with guest speakers from the Arlington County School Board.

- Sally Baird, Chair
- Libby Garvey, Vice-Chair
- James Lander, Member
- Abby Raphael, Member
- Emma Violand-Sanchez, Member

The program will be organized in three sections:

1. Opening remarks where the guest panel will have up to 20 minutes to make opening remarks.
2. Questions prepared by the Civic Federation Schools Committee. The guest panel will have up to four minutes to jointly respond to each question.
3. Questions from Civic Federation member delegates. The guest panel will have up to three minutes to jointly respond to each question. Questions should be limited to 30 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 to ask a question 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)

Committee members attended a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Airport Policy Committee meeting to discuss a future forum in conjunction with the National League of Cities to discuss aviation issues including interactions with military aircraft operators. The forum will take place on March 15, 2010, (location and time to be determined). Helicopter noise was discussed with the result that a Council of Governments representative will contact a senior military official to open channels for discussing military helicopter operations that result in excess noise.

## Community Relations

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

The Snow Removal resolution that was adopted by the Civic Federation in December 2007 is listed on the Civic Federation web site ([www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org)).

## Cultural Affairs

Terry Prell [terri@civfed.org](mailto:terri@civfed.org)

The Acting Arlington County Manager's proposed 2011 budget would reduce Central Library by one hour each day of the week and four hours on Sunday and reduce every branch library by one full service day per week except for Glencarlyn and Cherrydale.

## Environmental Affairs

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

The committee is investigating the state of Arlington's streams, including stream pollution, erosion of streams from stormwater runoff, implications of erosion for water quality and aquatic life, measures

for reducing runoff into streams, and stream restoration as a tool for improving the stream stability and water quality.

## Housing

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

The committee will meet on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scruggs residence (935 N. Liberty Street) to prepare for the the May 4, 2010, Civic Federation general meeting program that will cover housing and code enforcement issues.

## Public Services

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

Members of the Arlington County Board were guest speakers at the February 2, 2010, Civic Federation meeting.



The Acting Arlington County Manager's proposed 2011 budget would eliminate a heavy rescue unit from the Fire Department (12 employees) and reduce community policing from the Police Department (11 employees).

## Revenues and Expenditures

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

The committee will meet on February 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, and April 3, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Community

Center (2909 16th Street, South) in the conference room.

All Civic Federation committee chairs should attend the March 14, 2010, meeting to present their committee's position on budget items in their committee's jurisdiction. The Revenues and Expenditures Committee report about the 2011 budget and tax rate will be presented at the April 6, 2010, Civic Federation general meeting. Last year's report is listed here ([www.civfed.org/budgFY10reptcomb.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/budgFY10reptcomb.pdf)).

## Schools

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

The Schools Committee report about the 2011 budget will be presented at the April 6, 2010, Civic Federation general meeting. Last year's report is listed here ([www.civfed.org/budgFY10reptcomb.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/budgFY10reptcomb.pdf)).

## Special Events

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

Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer and Associate Director for Technology in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, will be the guest speaker at the April 16, 2010, Civic Federation Annual Banquet. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m followed by dinner at 7:30.

Civic Federation member delegates should look for their formal banquet invitation in the mail the first week of March. Community members not on the mailing list are welcome to RSVP for the banquet using this form ([www.civfed.org/baninvvite10.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/baninvvite10.pdf)).

## Transportation

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

Civic Federation delegates Jerry Auten (Leeway Overlee) and Sal D'Itri (Arlington Forest) have been selected by the Arlington County Board to serve on a working group to identify new, low-cost strategies to slow traffic on neighborhood streets.

# **Unfinished Business**

No motions are under consideration to be brought before Civic Federation member delegates.