



THE Civic Voice

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Civic Federation Candidate Night Forum

The September 3 meeting, our annual Candidate Night Forum, is the start of the fall campaign season for those seeking public office in November. This is always one of the most popular meetings of the Civic Federation with a large number of non-members attending. It provides an opportunity for members of the Civic Federation to be able to interact with candidates. Because of the stature of the Civic Federation, we always have excellent turnout from the candidates.

Although only delegates and alternates may ask questions, the public is invited to see how the candidates respond to often very pointed questions. Be sure to invite members of your association to join us.

Program Order

The confirmed candidates for each race will appear as a group in the following order:

- Uncontested School Board race
- County Board race
- Delegate races in the order of 45th, 47th, 48th, 49th

Questions

Audience questions from Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates will be entertained through a drawing system.

Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates may register to have their name drawn by signing up in the lobby at 7:00 p.m. Delegates and alternate delegates may register to ask a question for multiple panels.

In order for more delegates and alternate delegates to have an opportunity to ask a question, the forum moderator will give first priority to delegates and alternate delegates who have not yet had a turn. The forum moderator will draw a delegate or alternate delegate name and then call on them to ask their question.

Questions may be directed to one or more candidates. **Questions may be no longer than thirty-seconds and may not be position statements.** Follow-up questions are not allowed. The Civic Federation's rules will be observed at all times.

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Hazel Auditorium
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N George Mason Drive
Arlington VA 22205

Agenda

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| 7:30 | Meeting called to order |
| 7:35 | Program - Candidate Night Forum |
| 9:10 | Announcements |
| 9:10 | Old Business |
| 9:30 | New Business |
| 9:35 | Adjourn |

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From the President

Mike McMenamin

Members of the Arlington County Civic Federation—thank you for electing me to serve as President. Vacancies of Committee Chairs is a top priority, as we currently have vacancies on the Cultural Affairs, Emergency Preparedness, Legislation, and Revenues and Expenditures Committees. Please contact me if you are interested in serving or know of someone who might be interested at: mike@civfed.org.

I look forward to working with all members of the Federation during my term as President.

News From the Executive Committee

John Vihstadt, Chair john@civfed.org

Terri Prell, Vice-Chair terri@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on June 9, 2013, and on July 28, 2013 to plan the agenda for the September 3, 2013 general meeting and discussed future meetings (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

The Executive Committee will meet on September 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs. Both current and newly elected officers and Executive Committee Members should attend. In addition, we would like for Committee Chairs to attend this meeting.

ACCF Dues Reminder

As of this newsletter going to press, a significant number of our member organizations have not paid their annual dues for July 2013 - June 2014. Please check with your Treasurer to determine if your organization has both paid and included the information to update our membership list. If you have questions, contact ACCF Treasurer Peter Olivere peterolivere@civfed.org.

Help Wanted

The president seeks a Federation member to assist in marketing materials and writing of the newsletter. The goal is to define the Federation's agenda, priorities and community activities in materials to be sent to member organizations to attract new members and allow for broader participation from its membership. Please contact Michael McMenamin at: mike@civfed.org.

Articles for the Newsletter

If you have information which should be included in the Civic Voice, sent it to CivFed@gmail.com.



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Emergency Preparedness

Regional Blackout Community Exercise September 24, 7:00 p.m.

Exercise-Exercise-Exercise. As a part of the County's September Emergency Preparedness Month activities, the Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with the **Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission**, (EPAC), will be hosting a Community Table Top Exercise for residents and other community stakeholders to be held on **September 24, 7:00 PM, Arlington Central Library**. The exercise will use a regional blackout scenario as an opportunity for community members to learn more about what to expect during a regional blackout. The scenario will focus on the roles of the County, utility providers and residents and include discussions with representatives from County departments of Fire, Police, Public Health, Human Services and representatives from Dominion Power and Verizon. All participants will be able to ask questions, and participate in discussions about community issues associated with a long term power outage. Participants will also learn about available resources to assist them in preparing for and responding to this type of event.

Prior to the September 24th Exercise, on Friday, September 20th, from Noon - 12:30pm, there will be a webinar presented by EPAC, entitled "**Virtual Blackout Training for the Whole Community**". Attendance is easy: Using Internet Explorer only, Go to: <https://connect.hsin.gov/arlington> (Registration not required. Login as guest.

There will be several experts who will provide information about the potential impacts of a Countywide power outage and what the community can do to prepare for this type of event. Participants will be able to ask questions and join the discussion.

Note: You may need to download the [Adobe Flash Player plug-in](#) to access the webinar. You can test whether or not you currently can access the webinar by going to the [webinar test site](#). Sign in as a guest and you should be able to enter the test site.

If you have questions contact

Jacqueline Snelling jackie@civfed.org or
703-243-0905.

Solid Waste Collection Program Enhancements

The current residential refuse collection contracts will expire on June 30, 2014. The awarding of new contracts presents the County with the opportunity to enhance our services. In 2004, the County Board adopted the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP), which lays the foundation for continued enhancement of the County's solid waste management system. The plan outlines the introduction of year round yard waste and food waste collection to the already comprehensive list of services provided.

Through the continued development of the solid waste management program, the residential community achieved a recycling rate of 50.3%. Quarterly waste audits performed by the Solid Waste Bureau (SWB) indicate that approximately 50% of what residents throw away is either yard waste or food waste. Both these materials could be diverted from disposal to composting, a more beneficial disposal option on the recycling pyramid. Recycling these added materials could raise Arlington's residential recycling rate to 79%. The SWB has worked with the County's Citizen advisory committee and reached out to various stakeholders on this topic.

To let us know your thoughts on this topic, please fill out this survey :

<http://www.peakdemocracy.com/1421>

Please feel free to share this survey link with others in your community.

(The County is also conducting focus groups on August 27 and 29 and have requested civic associations to designate representatives to attend them.)

Arlington County Civic Federation

The ACCF is dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. Its purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2013 - 2014

Meeting are the 1st Tuesday of each month (except November)

September – Candidates Night. A resolution calling for an Arlington Inspector General is expected to be introduced and referred to committee.

October – Urban Agriculture Task Force report and Inspector General Resolution. Planning and Zoning will work up a poll for delegates to sound out their civic association members before the meeting on the options related to backyard hens in the Task Force report.

November 12 – Emergency Preparedness (One week later than usual to avoid the November 5 election date.)

December – Budget Priorities. This meeting will sound out members' budget priorities to feed into the County budget process. At this meeting Bylaws state that the Awards Committee must be elected from nominations from the floor.

January - County Manager and School Superintendent

February - County Board

March - School Board

April - Budget or other topic. Election of Nominating Committee.

(Note - Friday, April 4 - Civic Federation Award Banquet)

May - State Delegation

June - Election of officers

Committees of the Civic Federation

The committees provide the basis for most actions of the Federation. We strongly encourage every delegate and alternate to serve on at least one committee. If you have an interest in any topic please contact the chair. If a chair is not listed, contact our President Mike McMenamin at mike@civfed.org

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	John Vihstadt (chair), Terri Prell (interim vice chair)	john@civfed.org terri@civfed.org
Awards	Elected at the December 2013 membership meeting	
Audit	Bob Atkins	luddite2003@yahoo.com
Bylaws	Jean Mostrom	703-532-0452
Community Relations	James Schroll (POC)	james@civfed.org
Cultural Affairs	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Emergency Preparedness	Jackie Snelling	jackie@civfed.org
Environmental Affairs	Joe Pelton	joepelton@civfed.org
Housing	Kathryn Scruggs	kathryn@civfed.org
Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Membership	Kim Klingler	kim@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Jim Pebley	jim@civfed.org
Nominating	Elected at the April 2014 membership meeting	
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore, Larry Mayer	martha@civfed.org larrymayer@civfed.org
Public Services	Jackie Snelling (POC)	jackie@civfed.org
Revenues and Expenditures	Chair(s) needed, Burt Bostick (POC)	burt@civfed.org
Schools	Michael Beer, Sandy Munnell	michaelbeer@civfed.org smunnell@gmail.com
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