



Potential Changes for Curbside Refuse and Recycling-Managing Solid Waste

Arlington County is planning changes in curbside refuse and recycling services starting next June and is seeking input from Civic Associations and residents. Proposals include adding yard waste and food waste to year round recycling or composting.

- What would food waste cover?
- What would you see as the primary barriers to recycling food waste?
- What methods would you prefer for collecting yard waste – bags? carts?
- How would proposals affect fees?
- Are Civic Associations taking positions on options?

Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County’s Solid Waste Bureau Chief, will provide an overview of the changes under consideration and will discuss the feedback they have received so far from residents through meetings and the online survey. Delegates are encouraged to talk with your civic organizations and come ready to ask questions. You can take the survey at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/SW>

Hens in Every Household?

Civic Federation to Feast on Urban Agriculture Report October Meeting

Whether to liberalize the current County ordinance governing backyard hens is just one of several fascinating and potentially controversial subjects to be aired at the Civic Federation’s October 1 meeting.

John Vihstadt, appointed by the County Board to Chair Arlington’s Urban Agriculture Task Force (UATF) in March 2012, will present an overview of the Task Force’s report of nearly 100 pages. The report, produced entirely by the volunteer group and unveiled at a June County Board work session, represents a cornucopia of information and recommendations developed over a year of study, field trips, forums, and community outreach. The Task Force was charged “to research best practices in sustainable urban agriculture policies and make recommendations to support, expand and integrate existing urban agriculture efforts consistent with [Arlington’s] community values and adopted Vision Statement [for]....a sustainable community...” (cont’d on page 3)

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

7:30 p.m.

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

Agenda

- 7:30 Meeting called to order
- 7:35 Curbside Refuse and Recycling
- 8:10 Hens in Every Household
- 8:55 Announcements
- 9:00 Old Business
- 9:30 New Business
- 9:35 Adjourn

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From the President

Mike McMenamin

Candidates night was a success and I appreciate all who turned out to see the candidates that we have in Arlington for County Board, School Board and House of Delegate races in the 45th, 47th, 48th, 49th Districts.

Filling vacancies of Committee Chairs is a still a top priority, as we currently have vacancies on the Cultural Affairs, Emergency and Revenues and Expenditures Committees. We also seek a Co-Chair for the Transportation Committee. Please contact me if you are interested in serving or know of someone who might be interested at: mike@civfed.org.

News From the Executive Committee

John Vihstadt, Chair john@civfed.org
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The Executive Committee met on September 8, 2013, to plan the agenda for the October 1, 2013 general meeting and discussed future meetings (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

The Executive Committee will meet on October 6, 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.

Articles for the Newsletter

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



A Special Event:

Arlington Public Schools

Arlington has great schools, in large part because many parents and other citizens volunteer with their local PTAs and on dozens of advisory committees and councils. If you're interested in helping us make our schools even more successful, consider one of these many volunteer opportunities!

Interested volunteers are cordially invited to attend APS 101 - Engaging with Arlington Public Schools, at 6:45, Monday, September 30 in the cafeteria of the new Wakefield HS. We'll provide a high level summary of how APS is organized administratively as well as a brief but very informative overview of the many opportunities available to you, including PTAs and Advisory Councils on Instruction, Facilities, Transportation and the Budget. Details available at <http://www.apsva.us//site/Default.aspx?PageID=23224>.

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Resolutions

Proposed Resolution: Establish an Independent Authority to Review the

Arlington County Budget and Selected Programs and Projects

WHEREAS,

- The Arlington County budget has grown to over \$1 billion, and the County has inadequate internal budget controls and review processes;
- Fairfax and Montgomery Counties have established budget and program/project review mechanisms that have resulted in substantial savings;
- The County has recently witnessed significant cost overruns in conjunction with Artisphere operations and the Columbia Pike Super Stop construction;
- The ACCF previously approved as part of its annual budget recommendations for FY 2012 and FY 2013, the study, funding and establishment of an independent budget review authority; and
- The County's own auditors in their FY 2012 audit letter accompanying the report on the County's finances recommended that the County "Establish an Independent Internal Audit Function" and further stated, "Establishment of an internal auditing function could result in substantial benefits to the County in terms of strengthened internal control and increased efficiency."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the County fund a study by independent advisors for the purpose of establishing an independent County budget review authority that will provide Arlington County residents and taxpayers with reasonable assurance that their taxes and fees are being effectively and efficiently spent.

MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Unable to grocery shop for yourself or prepare your meals at home? For those unfamiliar with a longstanding community service, MEALS ON WHEELS of Arlington for over 40 years has been providing reliable delivery of two meals a day (M-F) to hundred of residents, regardless of age or income, usually homebound because of a long-term disability or a short term convalescence. Volunteer drivers gather at the 1st Presbyterian Church parking lot to receive the day's meals that are prepared at a commercial kitchen. Then, according to assigned routes which cover all sections of the county, they deliver between 11am and 1pm. Clients with sufficient income pay in full the \$28 per week. For those with limited means, MOW can arrange for a subsidy to offset the

cost. You or a neighbor you know may benefit from this service, even on a short-term basis. We also welcome new volunteers to drive or be a teammate to deliver the meals. To learn more about the program, simply email: mowvolunteers@comcast.net or call the Coordinator at [703-528-0811](tel:703-528-0811) and leave your name and number for a returned call.

Hens in Every Household (cont'd)?

While there has been a great deal of community clucking about the pros and cons of expanding opportunities for County residents to raise chickens and other livestock, the report yielded nine priority recommendations, including:

- Expanding the availability of community gardens and urban farms throughout the county;
- Strengthening the already-robust Arlington Farmers' Markets network by facilitating the use of food stamp benefits at all market locations and supporting the creation of a permanent covered year-round Farmers' Market;
- Encouraging the establishment of a local food hub, including an online option to match food producers, distributors and consumers;
- Considering urban agriculture education focusing on Arlington school children in any adaptive reuse or repurposing of the historic Reeves farmhouse at Bluemont Park;
- Initiating a municipal composting system;
- Performing a comprehensive review of all County planning documents to give priority to sustainable food planning and
- Establishing a standing Commission on Urban Agriculture, structured similarly to other County advisory commissions.

The UATF, composed of nearly 20 individuals representing a variety of interest groups and perspectives, also included Civic Federation delegate Darnell Carpenter. Several Task Force members are expected to attend the October discussion. The UATF report may be accessed by visiting www.arlingtonva.us and searching urban agriculture.

Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2013 - 2014

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

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

December – TBD, In addition, 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

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.

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 McMenamain 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
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Cultural Affairs	Chair(s) needed	TBD
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Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
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Nominating	Elected at the April 2014 membership meeting	
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
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Revenues and Expenditures	Chair(s) needed, Burt Bostick (POC)	burt@civfed.org
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