

The James B. Hunter III Arlington Community Hero Award

On May 10, 2008, Arlingtonians will celebrate the 12th annual Neighborhood Day. On that day, the Arlington Sun Gazette, Arlington United Way, E*Trade Bank and Ballston Common Mall (with support of the Arlington County government's volunteer office) will honor "Community Heroes": People who made – and continue to make – exceptional contributions to our local community.

You can be a part of this event by nominating those you feel are worthy of this honor. Here is how:

Who Can Be Nominated?

You may nominate any individual, group (including couples and families) or agency/business for their extraordinary contribution to the community or to individuals, families or community programs in Arlington that have taken place over the past two years. You can also nominate individuals for the "lifetime achievement" award to salute commitment to Arlington that has stood the test of time.

Nominees do not need to live in Arlington, but the impact of their work must focus on Arlington residents. Self-nominations will not be accepted, and to be eligible, community service must not be connected to political parties or activities, or work for which the nominee is financially compensated. Winners from previous years are not eligible for nomination, but finalists from previous years are.

How Can I Nominate?

Nomination forms will be printed in the Arlington Sun Gazette during March. Forms also are available by calling Ballston Common Mall at (703) 243-6346. You may also nominate by creating the form on your computer and answering the questions. Forms may be duplicated.

All entry forms must be postmarked no later than March 28. Mail nomination forms to "Community Hero Awards," Marketing Department, Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., #106, Arlington, Va. 22203.

As part of the nomination, you will be asked to provide two references familiar with the accomplishments of the nominee. Names of the references can be attached on a separate page; no additional attachments should be included.

How Will Nominations Be Judged?

A judging panel will be selected to review and score the nominations using the following criteria: need addressed, action, initiative, achievement, impact and challenges. The judging panel will consist of community and business leaders from throughout the county, who will carefully review each nomination.

Awards will be presented at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2008, at Ballston Common Mall. Please join us for this community celebration!

The awards are named in memory of longtime civic leader and County Board member James Hunter III, whose life exemplified the concept of community service.

Arlington Community Hero Nomination form

CATEGORY OF NOMINATION:

Individual Agency Agency/business Lifetime Achievement

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of person making nomination: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail (optional) _____

Please describe the actions or volunteer activities performed by the nominee(s):

1. NEED: What is the issue/problem/need being addressed, or what were the circumstances surrounding the involvement of the nominee?

2. ACTIONS: What action was taken/what activity was carried out or accomplished to address this problem/need?

3. INITIATIVE: What role did the nominee play in implementing the activity?

4. ACHIEVEMENT: What was achieved by the nominee's actions (number of hours worked, pounds of food collected, etc.)?

5. IMPACT: What was the impact of the nominee's achievements. Quantify if possible.

6. CHALLENGES: What unusual problems or challenges did the nominee face?

7. SUMMARY: Why do you think this nominee should be a Community Hero?
