## The Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service

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## Wayne Kubicki The Arlington Public's Budget Memory and Examiner

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The Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) Executive Board is authorized by our bylaws to present the Distinguished Meritorious Service award to individuals in recognition of sustained exceptional service. This award is not often presented, but we are pleased to present the award this year to Wayne Kubicki.

Wayne is one of a rare group: individuals who authoritatively understand the complexities of an important county process and who are willing to work with concerned citizens to analyze and make recommendations for public review and comment. Wayne's specific and long-term contribution has been to enable educated public debate on perhaps the most critical County function of all, the budget. We all know that ACCF, by informing the public, and by enabling educated debate on critical policy, makes for better community decisions and thus a better community.

And there's one more feature to what Wayne does, it's often controversial and often thankless. His contribution has required commitment, and the absolute best civic orientation, and ... a thick skin.

A little background on Wayne's long-term contribution to the Arlington community:

■ Wayne is a delegate to the Arlington County Civic Federation from the Arlington County Taxpayers Association.

■ During 1999 and 2000, he was a member of the Arlington County Affordable Housing Task Force, the citizens task forces that did some of the original work on the County's affordable housing situation. He chaired one of the Task Force's two subcommittees. () This subcommittee proposed the first major overhaul to the County's Housing Grants program in years. The proposed changes were ultimately adopted by the County Board.

■ Between 2000 and 2006, he was a member of the Arlington County Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission where he chaired panels for numerous FAAC reports to the County Board in the areas of storm water management, payas-

you-go and long-term capital spending, bonding and the biannual Capital Improvement Program.

■ In 2003, he was a member of the Water/Sewer Rate Study Group which reviewed, and ultimately rejected, changes to the County's billing methodology for water and sewer bills.

■ Wayne is a former Chair of the Civic Federation's Housing Committee. In 2007, he became a member of the Civic Federation's Revenue and Expenditures Committee. He currently chairs that Committee which sets the ground for the always important, and often controversial, annual ACCF recommendations on proposed budgets and bonds.

The Arlington County Civic Federation is pleased to add Wayne Kubicki to the Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service.