



THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

The Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

September 2009

General Meeting Notice

NORMAL START TIME
Tuesday, September 1, 2009
 7:30 PM
 Hazel Conference Center
 Virginia Hospital Center – Arlington
 1701 North George Mason Drive

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Executive Committee News

At the June 8, 2009, Executive Committee meeting Mark Antell was elected Executive Committee Chair and Terri Prell was elected Executive Committee Vice-Chair. Mr. Antell, who is also the Civic Federation's vice president, and Ms. Prell join officers Mike Kerley, Sharon Rogers, and Eileen Williams who are serving as president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. Jerry Auten, Larry Finch, and Stan Karson continue their leadership on the Executive Committee, and Pete Olivere is already making significant contributions as a new member of the Executive Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact them and let them know how they can be helpful to you and your member organization (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

Executive Committee meetings are open to the public. The primary goals are to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting agendas and programs, and develop the next month's newsletter. Please check the Civic Federation's calendar (www.civfed.org/calendar.htm) for the Executive Committee meeting locations. Here is the schedule of planned Executive Committee meetings:

- September 8, 2009
- October 12, 2009
- November 12, 2009
- December 7, 2009
- January 11, 2010
- February 8, 2010
- March 8, 2010
- April 12, 2010
- May 10, 2010
- June 7, 2010

AGENDA

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve agenda
 Secretary's report
 Treasurer's report
 Announcements
- 7:40 Candidates' Night program
- 9:20 Old business
- 9:25 New business
- 9:30 Adjourn

Candidates' Night

Welcome back to the ninety-fourth year of the Arlington County Civic Federation. At 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, the Civic Federation's eighty-two member organizations will host eleven candidates running in the November 3, 2009, General Election for the offices of Virginia House of Delegates 45th, 47th, 48th, and 49th districts, Arlington County School Board, and Arlington County Board. All eleven eligible candidates intend to participate. The normal rules and format (detailed later in this newsletter) apply. The lobby opens at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

What programs do you want to see this year at the Civic Federation? Please review the tentative main program schedule listed below and let any Executive Committee member (www.civfed.org/officers.htm) know what additional programs would be of interest to you and your member organization.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Tentative Main Program</u>	<u>Moderator</u>
September 1, 2009	Candidates' Night	President
October 6, 2009	TBD 9/8/2009 @ ExCom. Mtg.	TBD
November 10, 2009	Legislative	Legislation Committee
December 1, 2009	Manager and Superintendent	R&E & Schools Committees
January 5, 2010	State Delegation	Legislation Committee
February 2, 2010	County Board	Public Services Committee
March 2, 2010	School Board	Schools Committee
April 6, 2010	Budget	R&E and Schools Committees
May 4, 2010	Department Heads (selected)	TBD
June 1, 2010	Advisory Chairs (selected)	TBD

2009 – 2010 Committees

Committee chairs will be introduced in the announcements portion of the September 1, 2009, meeting. The Civic Federation has six new and eleven returning committee chairs taking on leadership roles in our community. Every Civic Federation delegate and alternate delegate should serve on a committee. Please review committee jurisdictions and contact information (www.civfed.org/committe.htm) and decide where you would like to serve.

(In addition to delegates and alternate delegates, all members of Civic Federation member organizations may participate on committees.)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Audit	Wayne Kubicki
Bylaws	Jean Mostrom
Community Relations	Sharon Rogers
Cultural Affairs	Terri Prell
Environmental Affairs	Larry Finch
Housing	Kathryn Scruggs
Legislation	Peter Owen
Membership	Mileva Hartman
9/11 Scholarship	Jim Pebley
Parks and Recreation	Jay Jacob Wind
Planning and Zoning	Larry Mayer
	Martha Moore
Public Services	Portia Clark
Revenues and Expenditures	Wayne Kubicki
Schools	Cecelia Espenoza
Special Events	Pete Olivere
Transportation	Jerry Auten

Committee News

Community Relations Committee - Sharon Rogers, Chair

The Civic Federation web site (www.civfed.org) is ACCF's primary tool for communicating with members and the larger community. Please send your ideas for improving the presentation and organization of the web site to Sharon Rogers (sharon@civfed.org) as well as your alerts to inaccuracies, non-functioning links and other problems. We welcome Jeannette Wick (jeannette@civfed.org) who will organize the newsletter for us this year.

Peter Olivere (peterolivere@civfed.org) is reorganizing the ACCF list of news and community contacts. Please send him names of people you want to be notified of ACCF activities. Past President Randy Swart (randy@civfed.org) is working with Sharon to capture historical and operational materials about the Civic Federation from Frances Finta's archive of paper materials before they are deposited at the Virginia Room of the Arlington County Public Library.

Environmental Affairs Committee - Larry Finch, Chair

The committee is working with the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services to study the cost-benefit and environmental impact metrics for the new recycling program (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSwdRecycling.aspx>). Please contact Larry Finch (larryfinch@civfed.org) and look for more information on this at the October 12, 2009, Civic Federation meeting. The committee is also beginning a study of the environmental impact of stream erosion in Arlington and a cost-benefit analysis of stream restoration.

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Membership Committee - Mileva Hartman, Chair

Does the Civic Federation have your organization's current roster of president, treasurer, four delegates, and four alternate delegates? Changes should be reported as soon as possible following your organization's elections. Please ensure email addresses are provided for all...otherwise monthly newsletters will be missed. Please double check with the Civic Federation's Membership Chair at mileva@civfed.org or 703-841-9287.

Parks and Recreation Committee - Jay Jacob Wind, Chair

The Civic Federation's Parks and Recreation Committee met on August 24, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Alumni Room of Washington and Lee High School. As of the publication of this newsletter, four items were expected to be on the agenda: park bond funds used for non-park services, Gulf Branch update, the Wilson School site update, and the Rockwell site discussion. Please contact Jay Jacob Wind (jay@civfed.org) for up to date information.

Public Services Committee - Portia Clark, Chair

The Public Services Committee is working with Dr. Reuben Varghese, Arlington County Public Health Division Chief, to provide information about Swine flu preparedness. Please contact Portia Clark (portia@civfed.org) for more information and look for an update at the October 12, 2009, Civic Federation meeting.

Special Events Committee – Peter Olivere, Chair

Based on an Executive Committee decision made in April 2009, the Civic Federation did not purchase a booth at the County Fair last month. The deciding factors were the high cost of purchasing the booth space and the difficulty in scheduling delegates to staff it during vacation season. The Special Events Committee is researching options for next year. Please contact Peter Olivere at peterolivere@civfed.org.

Transportation Committee - Jerry Auten, Chair

On June 13, 2009, the County Board adopted an updated Transit Element (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/planning/mplan/mtp/images/file70882.pdf>) of the Master Transportation Plan. Further, the County Board is considering adopting an updated Parking and Curb Space Element (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/planning/mplan/mtp/images/file71125.pdf>) and an updated Streets Element (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/planning/mplan/mtp/images/file57969.pdf>) to the Master Transportation Plan. The County Board hearings for these elements are scheduled for October 24, 2009, and January 2010, respectively. Please contact Jerry Auten (jerry@civfed.org) for more information and look for an update at the October 6, 2009, Civic Federation meeting.

Candidates' Night Rules

These are the rules and format for the Arlington County Civic Federation Candidates' Night forum that will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 7:30 PM at the Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 North George Mason Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

1. Candidates running in the November 3, 2009, general election for the following offices are eligible to participate in the forum:
 - Virginia House Of Delegates 45th District
 - Virginia House Of Delegates 47th District
 - Virginia House Of Delegates 48th District
 - Virginia House Of Delegates 49th District
 - Arlington, Virginia School Board
 - Arlington, Virginia County Board
2. Each office will be a distinct panel of candidates.
3. When their panel is called, candidates will take their places at the table. Substitute speakers are not permitted. If a candidate does not participate, their panel will go on.
4. Candidates may make opening statements from the podium. Speaking order will be determined by a drawing at the start of each panel. All candidates on each panel will have an opportunity to answer all questions posed to their panel. Closing remarks will be allowed for contested races. Candidates may use notes.
5. Time will be organized as shown in the table on page 4.
6. The order of answering questions will rotate. Candidates will be informed by cue card when time is short and has run out.
7. Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates will be selected to ask questions through a drawing system.
8. Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates may register to be selected to ask questions 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 been selected to ask a question.
9. The forum moderator will draw a delegate or alternate delegate name and then call on the selected delegate or alternate delegate to ask their question. Questions may be directed to one or more candidates.

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10. Questions may be up to thirty seconds long and may not be position statements. Follow-up questions are not allowed.
11. Civic Federation rules will be observed at all times.
12. This forum is a nonpartisan, public event and takes place on the property of the Virginia Hospital Center. Customary rules apply. Cell phones may not be allowed.

13. Literature may be distributed only in the conference center lobby from 7:00 P.M. until 9:30 P.M. Signs, banners, demonstrations and electronic presentations are not allowed on the property (including outside the building and inside the lobby, hallway, and auditorium).

Candidates' Night					
Office	Candidate	Open (minutes)	Questions (0.5 minutes per question)	Responses (1.5 minutes per response)	Close (minutes)
HD45	Mr. Englin	3	(three questions) 1.5	4.5	1
	Ms. Vasques	3		4.5	1
HD47	Mr. Brescia	3	(three questions) 1.5	4.5	1
	Mr. Hope	3		4.5	1
	Mr. Ruebner	3		4.5	1
HD48	Mr. Brink	3	(three questions) 1.5	4.5	1
	Mr. Ringel	3		4.5	1
HD49	Mr. Ebbin	3	(two questions) 1.0	3.0	0
School Board	Mr. Lander	3	(two questions) 1.0	3.0	0
County Board	Mr. Fisette	3	(four questions) 2.0	6.0	1
	Mr. Reeder	3		6.0	1