

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

November 2011

## **New Location for Nov. 4 Meeting**

# **Meeting Notice**

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 7:30 p.m. Auditorium **Swanson School** 5800 N. Washington Boulevard Arlington, VA 22205 <u>www.civfed.org</u>

### Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance Approve agenda Officer reports Member delegate announcements
- 7:40 Flu Preparedness program
- 7:55 Sign Ordinance program
- 9:10 Unfinished Business
- 9:25 New Business
- 9:30 Adjourn

#### **New Location for Meeting**

The Civic Federation will hold the November 1 meeting at the **Swanson Middle School Auditorium** due to renovation of the Hazel Conference Center at Virginia Hospital Center. Please find more information about our meeting times and locations at (<u>www.civfed.org</u>).

Swanson Middle School is located at 5800 N. Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22205. There is street parking available adjacent to the school.

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### Executive Committee News

Jim Lantelme, Chair <u>jim@civfed.org</u> Burt Bostwick, Vice-Chair <u>burt@civfed.org</u>

The Executive Committee met on October 10, 2011, to discuss the November 1 general meeting and for other purposes. (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

The Executive Committee will meet on November 7, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs, and organize the December Civic Voice newsletter.

#### Federation Still Needs Secretary

The Civic Federation is still looking for a delegate or alternate to serve as Secretary. The Secretary is an important role in the Civic Federation. The Secretary works with the President and Chair of the Executive Committee to send out all meeting notices and communications, in addition to taking the meeting minutes. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, or have a name to suggest, please contact James Schroll at james@civfed.org.

#### Reminder: ACCF 2011-2012 Dues

Your 2011-2012 membership dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00) are now due. Thanks for the 60+ member organizations who responded promptly with checks and updated delegate information. Dues notices were sent to all organizations on June 19, 2011, with a pre-addressed envelope. Also, as requested in original dues letter, an updated delegates and officers list shall be submitted annually along with the dues payment. Contact <u>Mileva@civfed.org</u> for questions.

Please send your overdue check to Mileva Hartman at 3123 Key Blvd, Arlington, 22201.

### **Meeting Program**

#### Proposed Change to County Sign Ordinance

Last May, staff described the County's planned approach for revising the sign ordinance and the Planning & Zoning Committee captured delegate support for a series of changes recommended by the Committee. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Committee will lead a program about currently proposed revisions to the sign ordinance, which will roll out in two phases. Phase I. Three revisions to the sign ordinance will be advertised by the County Board in November and acted on in December:

- A-frame, self-supporting signs (currently not allowed);
- Signs on outdoor café umbrellas (currently limited or not allowed); and
- Parking indication signs (currently only allowed in Rosslyn).

Phase II. Comprehensive revisions to the sign ordinance that will be completed sometime next year

The program agenda is as follows:

- 1. **Recap (15 minutes).** Committee presentations will re-cap the May recommendations and activities since May; will describe key aspects of the current comprehensive draft and the current plans and schedule; and will identify, but not discuss, some items being considered for the comprehensive revision.
- 2. **Phase I Recommendations (20 minutes).** Staff will provide detail about the three Phase I items being recommended. This will be followed by a Q/A on the A-frame sign recommendation from committee members (10 minutes) and delegates (5 minutes).
- 3. Phase II Recommendations Status (20 minutes). Staff will discuss key policy and organizational aspects of the Phase II revisions. This will be followed by a Q/A about these aspects from committee members (5 minutes) and delegates (7 minutes).
- 4. **Resolution (20 minutes).** Committee members will present a resolution for consideration by the delegates.

#### **Prepare for the Flu**

Robert Atkins, of Bluemont Civic Association, will give a brief presentation about how to stay healthy this Fall and Winter, in addition providing information about the services that County provides to address the seasonal flu. This will be a fifteen minute long program.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Sign Ordinance Resolution**

Larry Mayer, Co-Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee and a member delegate from Lyon Park, introduced a resolution at the October 4, 2011 meeting of the Civic Federation. The resolution was referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee for its consideration. The Federation will take up this resolution at the November meeting.

#### **Announcements**

#### Arlington Offers Free Civic Leadership Course

The Arlington County government is offering "a free, eight-week course -- open to all residents -- aimed at giving you the inside scoop on how County government works and helping you hone your civic leadership skills. Applications for the 25 slots open in the 2012 Civic Leadership Development Program are due January 30, 2012."

Please find more information about the program at the following link: http://news.arlingtonva.us/pr/ava/arlingtonoffers-residents-free-217864.aspx

Also, find the application for the Civic Leadership Program in the following link: http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/o ns/pdf/file80190.pdf.

#### **General and Executive Committee Meeting Dates**

Month	Primary Program Topic	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
November	Revision to Sign Ordinance (Swanson Middle School)	Tuesday 1	Monday 7
December	To be determined	Tuesday 6	Monday 12
January	State Legislator Delegation	Tuesday 3	Monday 9
February	County Board Members	Tuesday 7	Monday 13
March	School Board Members	Tuesday 6	Monday 12
April	Budget and Tax Rate	Tuesday 3	Monday 9
May	To be determined	Tuesday 1	Monday 7
June	To be determined & Civic Federation election	Tuesday 5	Monday 11

\*The November 1 meeting will be held at the Swanson Middle School Auditorium. The location of additional general meetings has not been determined at this time. Further information regarding the location of general meetings will be posted on the Civic Federation website (<u>www.civfed.org</u>) and included in the newsletter as it becomes available.

Executive Committee meetings will be held on the Monday following the General Meeting. They will be held at 7:30pm at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2).

#### **Civic Federation Committee Chairs**

Civic Federation committees study community-wide policy issues in their jurisdiction and report to the Civic Federation's member organization delegates. All Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates should serve on a committee. If you are not already serving on a committee, please review the jurisdictions (<u>www.civfed.org/committe.htm</u>) and email the committee chair to sign up.

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Chair Jim Lantelme; Vice Chair Burt Bostwick	jim@civfed.org; burt@civfed.org
Airport	Steve Geiger	steveg@civfed.org
Awards	Elected by membership December 7, 2010	to be determined
Audit	Chair(s) needed	to be determined
Bylaws	Jean Mostrom	703-532-0452
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Cultural Affairs	Barbara Olivere	barbara@civfed.org
Emergency Preparedness	Jackie Snelling	jackie@civfed.org
Environmental Affairs	Joe Pelton	joepelton@civfed.org
Housing	Kathryn Scruggs	kathryn@civfed.org
Legislation	Chair(s) needed	to be determined
Membership	Mileva Hartman	mileva@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Jim Pebley	jim@civfed.org
Nominating	Elected by membership April 5, 2011	to be determined
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore and Larry Mayer	martha@civfed.org, larrymayer@civfed.org
Public Services	Sal D'Itri	sal@civfed.org
Revenues and Expenditures	Wayne Kubicki	wayne@civfed.org
Schools	Michael Beer	michaelbeer@civfed.org
Special Events	Chair(s) needed	to be determined
Transportation	Jerry Auten	jerry@civfed.org