

# Arlington County Civic Federation

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## Newsletter

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### *September Meeting:*

#### **Candidates Night: We're Starting Early!**

**7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 7th**  
**John T. Hazel Conference Center**  
**Arlington Hospital**  
**1701 N. George Mason Drive**

We begin our fall season with Candidates Night. Due to the large number of races we will begin early at 7 PM, introducing candidates in non-contested races at 7:05, followed by panels for the State Senate race-30th District, State Senate race- 32nd District, House of Delegates race-47th District, House of Delegates race-48th District, Arlington County Board, and Arlington County School Board. We plan to finish the panels and adjourn at 9:40. The Rules are on page 2, with the usual drawings of names to ask questions and the always-popular requirement that questions be limited to 30 seconds and phrased as questions rather than statements. The public is invited to observe. We expect a large turnout, so arrive early if you can.

#### **Committees Gear Up**

The real work of the Federation is done in its committees, and fall is a busy season. The Legislation Committee will complete its work on our Year 2000 Legislation Package on September 13. That committee works hard to develop a broad-based package that fairly represents a balanced Arlington consensus on new legislation. In recent years we have found that adopting its carefully crafted package whole produces better results than floor debate and on-the-fly drafting. So if your organization has views on legislation to include in the package we consider in November, call Legislation Committee chair Nancy Graham today. And please note that three committees have new chairs: Parks and Recreation is now chaired by Eric Buehlmann. Our Special Events Committee is co-chaired by Dan Krasnegor and Tommye Morton, who are already working on banquet plans for next April. And the new Transportation Committee chair is Randy Swart. Please take a look at our committee list and see if you are inspired to take on a little more for the good of our community. You can be in the thick of the Federation's good work.

# Candidates Night 1999 Rules

1. Contested candidates for State Senate, House of Delegates, Arlington County Board and Arlington School Board will appear as separate panels in that order. When called, each panel of candidates will take its place at the front table in the auditorium. Uncontested candidates are invited to attend and will be introduced at the beginning of the program, but we regret that time constraints will not permit us to afford them time to speak this year. Surrogates for candidates are not permitted. If a candidate is unable to attend in person the panel will be presented without them.

2. Each candidate will have an opportunity to make an opening statement standing at the podium. The order of opening statements will be determined by a drawing by the candidates to be held at the podium at the start of the panel. After opening statements, the candidates will be seated at the front table next to the podium and have the opportunity to field questions from the audience. Candidates are permitted to use prepared remarks or notes during their presentations. The Federation President will serve as Moderator.

3. Each candidate will have **three** minutes for an opening statement and **one** minute to answer each question posed to any member of their panel. The order of answering questions will rotate with each new question unless the question is posed directly to one member of the panel, in which case that candidate will answer first. Following questions each candidate will have **one** minute to make a summation statement. Candidates will be informed by cue card when one minute remains, when thirty seconds remain, and when time has expired, upon which the Moderator will ask the candidate to conclude his or her remarks. There will be no one-minute-remaining cue card for question responses because they are limited to one minute.

4. During the question and answer period, questions from Federation delegates and alternates will be entertained through a random drawing system. Delegates and alternates will have the opportunity to register for the drawing by noting their name and the civic organization they represent on a name card. Registration will be conducted in the Hospital Conference Center lobby between 6:45 p.m. and the conclusion of opening statements by candidates on the respective candidate

panel to which the question is to be directed. The name card is to be placed in the applicable public office box located at the registration desk. Delegates and alternates whose names are drawn at random by the moderator will approach the floor microphone when recognized to pose their question. Questions may be directed to one or more candidates, in which case they will answer first, but each candidate will have an opportunity to address the subject matter of the question posed to the respective panel.

5. Questions must be concise, no more than thirty seconds in length, and not statements of position. Argumentative, multi-part, and follow-up questions will not be permitted. Time is available for at least three questions per panel of candidates. In the interest of allowing as many persons as possible to ask questions, each delegate or alternate will be allowed to pose only one question to one panel of candidates. If their name is subsequently drawn for a second panel it will be disqualified unless all who registered for that panel have already asked a question of a previous panel.

6. Candidate's Night is a nonpartisan public forum, open to the public, and is conducted on the property of our host, Arlington Hospital. Customary hospital noise limits apply. Signs, banners, demonstrations and audio-visual presentations are not allowed in the Conference Center lobby, hallway, auditorium, or on the outside of the Hospital building. Only authorized press and ACCF representatives may tape or photograph the proceedings. Literature may be distributed only in the lobby of the Conference Center, from 6:45 p.m. until the close of the meeting. Candidates and their supporters are expected to respect the Hospital's rules as well as the sensitivities of patients and visitors during the evening.

7. The candidate's written acceptance of the invitation to appear at Candidates' Night indicates that he or she has read, understands, and will adhere to the format and rules herein, and will instruct campaign workers attending the event also to adhere.

## Neighborhood Day is Coming!

Arlington's Neighborhood Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd this year. We are again encouraging joint civic association-PTA events for that morning, and neighborhood floats for the big afternoon parade.

## **Parks Committee Meets 27th**

The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet on Monday, Sept. 27th at 4 PM at the Madison Community Center Seniors Library, 3829 N. Stafford St. Arlington's new Chief of Parks and Natural Resources, Steve Temmerman, will meet with the committee. We thank outgoing Parks chair Bob Nester for his good service chairing the committee. Bob is helping with the transition as Eric Buehlmann takes over the chair. Please contact Eric if you need info on the meeting.

## **Schools Committee Co-Chairs To Meet with School Board Members**

Our two Schools Committee co-Chairs, Roger Meyer and Terri Prell, will be meeting September 7th with School Board members Elaine Furlow and Mary Hynes to discuss a broad range of schools topics. This is not a committee meeting, but Roger and Terri would be pleased to have your input on questions they should be asking.

## **Transportation Committee to Meet on September 29th**

The Federation's Transportation Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:30 PM at Randy Swart's home, 4611 Seventh Street South. Among the topics on the agenda are the proposed Route 66 widening, national airport problems and Arlington's traffic calming program. Please contact Randy if you are interested in this meeting.

## **Glebe Road Neighborhood Pedestrian Initiative**

On September 28 the Federation is co-sponsoring a program developed by five neighborhood civic associations to present the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on North Glebe Road Pedestrian Safety. The group has developed ways to make Glebe Road in the Ballston area safer for pedestrians, with some innovative ideas you may find interesting. NRECA conference room, N. Taylor and Wilson, Tuesday, September 28th, 7:30 PM. For detailed information please call Gerry Procanick at 524-3764 or DeAndra Beck at 528-5126.

## **Citizens' Police Academy**

The Arlington County Police Department has opened registration for the fall session of the Citizen's Police Academy. The course starts September 15 and runs for 12 three-hour sessions covering all aspects of police work, including "frank and candid explanations of how the Police Department functions." For additional information contact your District Commander or Sergeant Regina Heising at 228-4247 for an application form.

### **Coming Up**

- September 7** - ACCF Candidates Night
- September 8** - Committee of 100 program on infill houses and pipestems, pros and cons. Reserve by Sept. 5th at 921-1124
- September 27** - Parks and Rec Meeting
- September 28** - Pedestrian-Friendly Glebe Road/Ballston forum
- September 29** - Transportation Committee
- October 5** - ACCF Meeting
- October 23rd** - Neighborhood Day, with neighborhood events and parade

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