



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Consent Agenda Item
Meeting of November 13, 2007**

DATE: November 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Tentative Dates for Calendar Year 2008 County Board Meetings

RECOMMENDATION:

Tentatively adopt the Calendar Year 2008 County Board Meeting Schedule attached to this report, for a total number of 22 prescheduled Regular Meetings, including 11 Regular Meetings held on Saturday and 11 Recessed Meetings held on Tuesday (except for the month of October 2008 which is proposed for Wednesday).

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to State law, governing bodies are required to adopt a calendar year schedule on an annual basis at its Organizational Meeting. In Arlington County, that meeting is held each year on January 1st. For staff planning purposes, before the end of each year it is necessary to determine dates in advance for the first few months of the upcoming year in order to schedule and legally advertise for public hearing land use applications and other matters. The proposed 2008 schedule is consistent with the schedule format first adopted by the County Board in 2005 as part of the completed charge of the Working Group on County Board Meeting Reforms.

SUMMARY: The proposed schedule includes 11 Regular Meetings, one held each month on Saturday (excluding summer recess in August), and 11 corresponding Recessed Meetings held on Tuesday evenings within a week or two of the initial Regular Meeting (with the exception of October 2008 when the recessed meeting is proposed for a Wednesday). Any carryover sessions from Tuesday may be scheduled for Wednesday evening, or such other date and time as the Board may decide at the time of recess.

Attachment

Staff: Toni Copeland, Clerk to the County Board

**PROPOSED
2008 COUNTY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE
9/21/07**

DATE	TYPE	RECESSED	HOLIDAYS / CONFERENCES (Bold=County & Schools Closed)
Tues., January 1	Organizational Meeting, 11 a.m.		- Tues., Jan. 1, New Year's Day -Mon., Jan. 7, Orthodox Christmas -Thurs., Jan. 10, Islamic New Year -Mon., Jan. 14, Orthodox New Year - Mon. January 21, MLK Day
Saturday, January 26	Regular Meeting	Tues., January 29	
Saturday, February 23	Regular Meeting	Tues., February 26	-Wed., Feb. 6, Ash Wednesday -Thurs., Feb. 7, Chinese New Year Begins -Thurs., Feb. 7, VACo/VML Leg Day, Richmond -Thurs., Feb. 7-9, Smart Growth Conf, Wash, DC -Tues., Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday -Thurs., Feb. 14, St. Valentine's Day - Mon., Feb. 18, President's Day
Saturday, March 15	Regular Meeting	Tues., March 18	-Sat., Mar 1-5, NACo Legislative Cnf, Wash, DC -Sat., Mar 8-12, NLC Cngrsnl Cnf, Wash, DC -Mon., March 10, Orthodox Lent -Sun., March 16, Palm Sunday -Mon, March 17, St. Patrick's Day - Mon., March 17-21, Schools Break -Fri., March 21, Good Friday -Sun., March 23, Easter Sunday -Person of Vision Dinner
Tues., March 25 --Board Room 307	Budget Hearing, 7 pm.		
Thursday, March 27 --Board Room 307	Tax Rate Hearing, 7 p.m.		
Saturday, April 19	Regular Meeting	Tues., April 22	-Sun., April 20, First Day of Passover -Tues., April 22, Earth Day -Sun, April 27, Orthodox Easter -Sun, April 27, Last Day of Passover -Sun, April 27 or May 4, Volunteer Reception -Sun, April 27-May 1, APA Cnf, Vegas (Staff) -Mon, April 28-May 1, Ascension Day, Karlspreis
Saturday, May 17	Regular Meeting	Tues., May 20	-Sat., May 5, Cinco de Mayo -Sat., May 10, Neighborhood Day -Sun., May 11, Mother's Day - Mon., May 26, Memorial Day -May-Aachen
Saturday, June 21	Regular Meeting	Tues., June 24	-Sat., June 14, Flag Day -Sun., June 15, Father's Day - Wed., June 18, High School Last Day -Thurs., June 19, Juneteenth - Thr., June 19, Mid Sch Last Day & HS Grad - Fri., June 20, Elementary School Last Day -June-NALEO Conf, Washington D.C.

Saturday, July 19	Regular Meeting	Tues., July 22	- Potential VML-July 11&12 or 18&19 -Friday, July 4, Independence Day
AUGUST – NO MEETINGS			-Thurs., August 13-17, County Fair
Saturday, September 13	Regular Meeting	Tues., September 16	-Mon., Sept. 1, Labor Day -Tues., Sept. 2-Oct.1, Ramadan -Sun., Sept. 21-24, ICMA Annual Cnf, Richmond -Tues., Sept. 29-Oct.1, Rosh Hashanah
Saturday, October 18	Regular Meeting	Wed., Oct. 22	-Thurs., Oct. 9, Yom Kippur -Mon., Oct. 13, Columbus Day -Sun., Oct. 19-21, VML Conference, Norfolk -Tues., Oct. 21, VML, Norfolk -Fri., Oct. 31, Halloween -October-ULI Conference
Saturday, November 15	Regular Meeting	Tues., November 18	-Tues., Nov 4, Election Day -Tues., Nov. 11, Veterans Day -Tues., Nov. 11-15, NLC Congr Cnf, Orlando -Thurs., Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day -Fri., Nov. 28, County/Schools Out
Saturday, December 13	Regular Meeting	Tues., December 16	-Mon., Dec. 22-29, First Day of Chanukah -Thurs., Dec. 25, Christmas Day -Fri., Dec. 26-Jan.1, Kwanzaa

KEY TO ACRONYMS

APA	=	American Planning Association
ICMA	=	International City/County Management Association
NALEO	=	National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
NACo	=	National Association of Counties
NLC	=	National League of Cities
VACo	=	Virginia Association of Counties
VML	=	Virginia Municipal League