

Janyce Hedetniemi Selected as Fairfax County Citizen of the Year  
(FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA)

At-Large Planning Commissioner Janyce Hedetniemi will be honored as the 2013 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year at the annual awards banquet sponsored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations on Sunday, April 27 at the Tysons Corner Crowne Plaza Hotel in McLean.

Commissioner Hedetniemi is known for her dedication to the county as evidenced by her work as an at-large member of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board and Chair of the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission. She was a member of the Tysons Land Use Task Force and Vice-Chair of the Task Force Steering Committee which helped formulate comprehensive plan language for Tysons. In 2012, she helped form and served as the first chair of the Braddock District Land Use and Environmental Management Committee. Commissioner Hedetniemi is an at-large member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission and serves on the Commissions' special committees: Transportation, Tysons and Residential Studios. Not at all new to community relations and constituency development, Commissioner Hedetniemi, during her tenure as Director of the Office of Community Liaison at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), created a national model for Federal/Community collaboration which has been acknowledged as a successful model for conflict resolution between the NIH and its community. Commissioner Hedetniemi served as the President of the Braddock District Council for two years and has been the President of the Oak Hill Citizens Association since 1997.

The Federation will recognize as 2013 Citation of Merit honorees Commissioner Tena Bluhm and author/naturalist Kathy Kaplan. Commissioner Bluhm serves as the Chair of the Fairfax Commission on Aging and has worked tirelessly on behalf of older adults and the issues of aging. She assisted in the planning and presentation of two major seminars presented by Fairfax County on Universal Design and Creating a Village. She has put a "face" on aging issues in Fairfax County and sought ways to make the county aging friendly. Commissioner Bluhm currently serves her homeowners association as President, is a member of the Braddock District Council and lives in Fairfax with her husband Ray. Ms. Kaplan continues to tirelessly work for library advocacy and has been awarded the Reston Citizens Association 2013 Citizen of the Year award for her work. She currently serves as the Chair of the Federation's Library Committee that reviews proposed changes to the county's library system including the Beta Plan, changes that would have degraded county libraries by reducing staff, eliminating educational requirements for librarians, and eliminating Youth Services for all branches. A lifelong naturalist and award winning author, Ms. Kaplan has lived in Reston for 31 years and served as co-chair of the Residential, Urban Design and Liveability workgroup for the RCS Reston 2020 during the first years of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force.

The Federation will recognize the dedicated and distinguished careers of Delegate Jim Scott (HD-53rd), Congressman Frank Wolf (VA-10th), and Congressman Jim Moran (VA-8th) for their service to Northern Virginia residents and Fairfax County in particular.

"I am delighted that so many outstanding members of the community, who give continuously, have been selected as this year's honorees." said Federation President Rob Jackson.

The Federation, established in 1940, is the countywide voice for homeowner, civic, and community associations. More information on the 2013 honorees and banquet RSVP are available on the Federation's website at [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org). Media contact Tania Hossain – (703) 489-5999 / [fedcoy2014@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedcoy2014@fairfaxfederation.org)