

Reston Association Elections

Wed. Mar. 7 ARCH Candidate Forum, 7 pm/Lake Anne RCC
Fri., Mar. 9: Ballots Mailed to Members
Wed., Mar. 14: 7:00 Candidates' Forum to be aired on Comcast Ch. 28 and re-broadcast on Mar. 16 at 8pm, Mar. 17 at 3pm, Mar. 18 at 3pm, and Mar. 19 at 8pm
Fri., Mar.30: Last day to vote
Tue., Apr. 17: Results announced at RA Annual Meeting

Seats Open:

- One At-Large seat
- Two District seats - Lake Anne/Tall Oaks and North Point
- Fourth seat is the remaining one year term of Hunters Woods/Dogwood District Director Barbara Aaron.

Read several candidates' statements of their views on Reston town status at: <http://restoncitizensassociation.org>

Check out RCA's Reston Events Calendar on Reston eVillage - the only integrated calendar for the Reston area - as a link off RCA's homepage (click on "Calendar" from left column)

RCA Has New Board Members

At its February board meeting, Reston Citizens Association voted to appoint two new board members who had submitted their candidate forms for consideration. They are:

Ben Perchik who will represent the Hunters Woods District and Jason Hartke who will be an At-Large Director.

Ben Perchik has been a Reston resident for 12 years, has served in various capacities in cluster organizations and on the Environmental Advisory Board of Reston Association. He hopes to preserve the high quality of life for both current Reston residents as well as future generations and to assure the efficient use its resources through his participation in RCA.

Most Restonians are familiar with **Jason Hartke** as a recent reporter for the Reston Connection. He has lived in Reston for 20 years and is very knowledgeable about local issues and concerns; state and local government; and building coalitions and other advocacy activities. His goals are to help Reston achieve town status and live up to the goals articulated by Reston's founder, Robert E. Simon.

Current board members include:

President	Mike Corrigan
At-Large Director/VP	Marion Stillson
Hunters Woods Director	Jan Bradshaw
Hunters Woods Director	Ben Perchik
Lake Anne Director	John Fay
Lake Anne Director	John Lovaas
South Lakes Director	Bob Haley
South Lakes Director	Colin Mills
At-Large Director	Jason Hartke
At-Large Director	Sue Merk
At-Large Director	Debra Steppel
Northpoint (2)	OPEN

The board can be contacted at: RCABoard@comcast.net

License Plate Design Winner Announced

Doug Fuller, a Reston resident who has designed several Reston logos and who works in the Freddie Mac Design Studio designed the winning entry for the Reston License Plate which is pictured below.



Doug's design was chosen by a panel of judges from Greater Reston Art Center and symbolizes the trees and water all residents of Reston enjoy in its woods and lakes, along with the motto "Live, Work, Play" derived from Bob Simon's guiding principles in the creation of the Reston community.

An award ceremony will be held in Lake Anne Plaza in conjunction with Founders' Day on Sat., April 14, 2007. RCA thanks all the individuals who submitted entries to the license plate contest and hopes they will support the winning design.

Now that the plate design is available, Reston Citizens Association (RCA) is confident it will have no problem getting the 350 pre-paid applications required by the VA DMV to produce a specialized license plate. The design must be submitted to the VA State Assembly for approval (2008 session) and should become available in July 2008.

To order, complete the form attached or go to: <http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/pdf/vsa10.pdf> and send with check for appropriate fee (\$10 for SPECIAL INTEREST plate plus \$10 if personalization is desired) made out to **Reston Citizens Association to: Reston Citizens Association, P.O. Box 2851, Reston, VA 20195.** According to instructions from the VA DMV, RCA will hold all applications and checks until the special license creation process is complete and then forward one large check to the VA DMV.

Here's the perfect opportunity for Restonians to show off to all the world what a great place Reston is! This license plate embodies the essence of living in the most famous planned community in the world and will spread Reston's pride by all who purchase and display the license plate.

For more info, go to: <http://restoncitizensassociation.org>, call 703-437-4386 or email RCA-InfoLine@comcast.net

The Reston Wireless Initiative continues to grow momentum. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering to support this initiative, please call Jim Gunther at (703) 391-7263 or e-mail jgunther@wifwiz.biz

■ “Celebrate the Seasons of Reston”

Show off our unique community by sending RCA’s custom-designed note cards featuring original photos of Reston scenes taken by RCA board members. They are sold in packs of 8 for \$10 and there is even one set exclusively made from photos of the Reston Farmers’ Market. **Free delivery in the Reston area and a FREE RCA calendar magnet with your first order while quantities last.** See samples below.



An order form is attached to this newsletter or go to:
<http://restoncitizensassociation.org/RestonNotecards.htm>



Want to help Reston Citizens Association implement its community initiatives?

Use goodsearch.com as your search engine and RCA will benefit every time. Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/> and put "RCA reston" in the space in the middle of the page. Bookmark the page or better yet download their toolbar, and start using goodsearch.com to help the Reston community.

DO YOU KNOW WHY the Fairfax County Parkway goes OVER rather than intersecting with Baron Cameron Avenue.? Because Herndon is a town and they said that's the way it would have to be. The county wanted to go the cheaper route, but Herndon said no. Reston does not have the ability to do something like this because we have NO VOICE in local or regional matters.

■ RCA to Hold Community Meetings on New Town Proposal Wed., April 4 & Sat., April 7

Reston Citizens Association will be holding two informational meetings on Wed., April 4, from 6-9pm at the Reston Library and on Sat., April 7 from 9:30-11am at Lake Anne RCC to present developments in its proposal to make Reston a town. **Forms will also be available for ordering the new Reston License plate, RCA’s Reston Notecards will be displayed for sale and a petition to request a referendum on Reston town governance will be available for signing.**

■ Volunteer Opportunities with RCA

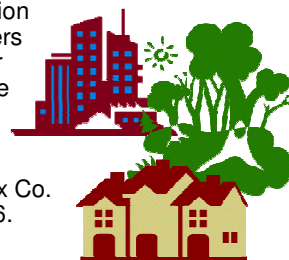
The Reston Citizens Association Board needs:

- Secretary to take Minutes
 - Fundraising Committee to evaluate and implement ideas
 - Someone who could obtain a \$100,000 grant for our work
- To sign up, or for more information contact Marion Stillson, 703/860-0019 or at mbs@point0.net ASAP.**

■ Fairfax Co. Planning Commission/ PRC Ordinance and Reston Density Issue

All three Reston community organizations (RCA, RA and ARCH) opposed the County at the Fairfax County Planning Commission meeting at the Government Center on Feb. 22. They disagree with the County’s recommendation to modify the Reston density factors now, as a matter of great urgency. The reason why all three organizations oppose the County proposal is fear that re-development could occur in Reston in undesirable places, such as settled neighborhoods. The ordinance which controlled such matters for the last forty years does not control re-development. In fact, re-development can currently occur “as of right” without public oversight. Perversely, increasing the density factors before this loophole has been fixed would allow the possibility of still more density being added in the wrong places. The three organizations argue that the density factors should be reviewed, but after the re-development loophole has been fixed.

The County wants to increase the density factors (not the overall cap) because it fears construction in Reston will hit the cap and developers will sue the County for stopping further building. It argues that we are near the cap now, so the matter is urgent. The Planning Commission is traditionally deferential to the County viewpoint. A hearing is scheduled before the Fairfax Co. Board of Supervisors for Mon., Mar. 26.



In a related proposal, the County also wants to steer re-development proposals from Reston through the public channels used in the past, and which apply to the rest of the County. This is because the outdated ordinance permits re-development with only a cursory, administrative review. The three Reston community organizations agree with the County that this situation is a travesty of planning, is dangerous, and must be fixed as soon as possible.

Hunter Mill Commissioner Frank de la Fe appeared nonplussed by the disagreement on the density factor issue and stated that he wished to pursue his own enquiries. He moved that the Commission defer its decision until March 15.

*Reston Residents can submit comments on this issue until 3/15/07 by sending them to: **Commissioner Frank A. de la Fe - Hunter Mill District, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 330; Fairfax, VA 22035; Phone: 703-324-2865***

Get more info on RCA’s Calendar (click on 3/15/07):
<http://www.restonvillage.org/index.cfm?action=c51&id=1279>

Supervisor Hudgins is looking for members for the Hunter Mill Land Use Committee:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/lucommittee.html>

■ Land Use/Transportation Forum Re-scheduled Tuesday, March 22 8-9:30pm

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board are sponsoring a forum on Tuesday, March 22, 2007 from 8 - 9:30 at Sunrise Valley Elementary School, 10824 Cross School Rd., Reston, VA 20191 at which Huntermill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will help lead a discussion on alternative land use and transportation scenarios. Citizens will have a chance to talk about how different patterns of growth might affect driving, congestion, and transit use in the region. Get more info at: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org>

Celebrate the "Seasons of Reston"
 with RCA's unique custom-designed notecards
 featuring original photos of Reston scenes!

Show off our unique community by sending custom-designed note cards to friends and relatives or as gifts. See sample images below.



Lake Thoreau



Farmers' Market



Lake Anne Plaza



Lake Audubon



Edgewater Blossoms



Farmers' Market

Sold in packs of 8 assorted scenes for \$10
 with proceeds going toward Reston Citizens Association's initiatives.

FREE RCA Magnet with first order while quantities last!

Order form below or go to <http://www.restoncitizensassociation.org/RestonNotecards.htm>

ORDER RCA NOTECARDS

Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

Postal Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

How many packets (8 cards for \$10)? Celebrate the Seasons of Reston _____ Reston Farmers' Market _____
 Total enclosed _____ Write check to: Reston Citizens Association

Print and send this order form with check to:

RCA Notecards
 % Susan Merk
 1705 Lake Shore Crest Dr. #12
 Reston, VA 20190

You may also enter info above into an email and send to: RCA-InfoLine@comcast.net
 and mail check separately. Notecards will be delivered to local addresses.
 For questions contact RCA-InfoLine@comcast.net or call 703-437-4386.

Purpose: Use this form to request souvenir, standard, personalized, or special license plates. Special license plate fees can be \$10, \$15, or \$25 annually or a one-time \$10 fee, in addition to the standard registration fees. Personalization is an additional \$10 annually.

Instructions: Return this form, with the appropriate fees, to any DMV customer service center or DMV Select Center. You may also mail the application and fees to Special Plates at the address above or apply online at www.dmvNow.com. For more information, review the Additional Information Section on the back of this form. All other inquiries can be answered by calling our customer contact center at 1-866-DMV-Line (1-866-368-5463) or 1-800-435-5137.

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CO-OWNER'S NAME (last)	(first)	(mi)	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER () ()
CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
CURRENT PLATE NUMBER	PLATE TYPE	PLATE EXPIRATION DATE	
VEHICLE TITLE NUMBER		VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, ENTER CARD NUMBER AND EXPIRATION DATE			

CERTIFICATION/SIGNATURES	
I/We certify that (Check only ONE box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is insured with liability coverage by a company licensed to do business in Virginia. Coverage must be in effect at the time of application and must remain in effect as long as the vehicle is registered, even if the vehicle is not driven or is inoperable.	
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is not insured; therefore, I am remitting the applicable uninsured motor vehicle fee. This fee provides NO insurance coverage.	
Failure to comply with Virginia's insurance requirements will result in suspension of your driver's license and vehicle license plates. I certify that all information contained herein is true and correct. For a corporation, an authorized representative must sign.	
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
CO-APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will not honor a change of choice or refund after the order has been sent to the manufacturer.
- When renewing early, registration, special license plate, and personalized plate fees are prorated for the months remaining on the current vehicle registration.
- You may purchase samples of most special plates.
- Personalized license plates require special handling; allow 60 days for delivery. Plates will be mailed directly to the applicant.
- The combination of characters used to personalize a license plate must not violate DMV's personalized plate policy. DMV reserves the right to refuse issuance of any combination of objectionable characters if they, in anyway, carry a connotation that may be reasonably seen by a person viewing a license plate as 1) profane, obscene, or vulgar in nature, 2) sexually explicit or graphic, 3) excretory related, 4) describing intimate body parts or genitals, 5) describing drug culture or use, 6) condoning or encouraging violence, 7) describing illegal activities or illegal substances, 8) socially, racially, ethnically offensive, or disparaging.

Clean Special Fuel License Plate

- Vehicles registered with clean special fuel license plates before July 1, 2006 will be permitted to operate in all HOV lanes throughout the state without the required number of occupants. However, if an application for these plates is received by DMV on or after July 1, 2006, the vehicle displaying these plates will not be eligible for occupancy exemptions in the I-95/395 HOV lanes.
- A hybrid vehicle must qualify as a clean special fuel vehicle under the super ultra-low emission vehicle (SULEV) rating or the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) equivalent beginning with model year 2005 vehicles.
- Hybrid vehicle assessment standards were set by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and adopted by DMV to ensure that only the cleanest hybrid vehicles are eligible for clean special fuel plates.
- Not all hybrid vehicles qualify for the clean special fuel plate. For a list of qualifying hybrid vehicles, visit our website at www.dmvNow.com. The list of vehicles is updated as new hybrids are introduced to the market and assessed by DEQ.

New Special Interest License Plate Development Information

- All application and refund inquiries should be directed to the sponsor who is maintaining and facilitating collection of the 350 pre-paid applications for new plates through General Assembly authorization or currently under development.
- When the 350 pre-paid applications are being processed, personalized plate and special plate fees are not prorated. Your vehicle registration will not be renewed unless it is within two months of expiration. Should your vehicle registration require renewal, you will be billed by DMV for payment.
- The entire special license plate process could take up to two years depending on the direction of the sponsor. It generally takes about nine months to develop a new plate once the 350 prepaid applications are collected.