

Thanks to all who took the time and interest to vote in RCA's Election!



RCA Board Members Debra Steppel and Marion Stillson in front of RCA's booth at Reston Festival

Jane Wong is the winner of the contest for collecting the most petition signatures by July 8 and will be given a certificate for 20% off at Clyde's Restaurant, Reston Town Center. Below is Jane's license plate:



Results of RCA Election

President: Mike Corrigan
At-Large Director: Jason Hartke
At-Large Director: Susan Merk
Lake Anne Director: John Fay
South Lakes Director: Colin Mills
Northpoint Director: Jane Wong

The slate of candidates was duly elected, which included 5 incumbents plus Jane Wong, who is a new member. In addition to voting at the Reston Festival, ballots were provided on RCA's website this year which residents could either send in by regular mail or email.

At its booth at the Reston Festival, RCA:

- conducted its election;
- gathered signatures for the resTOWN referendum petition;
- handed out applications for the Reston license;
- distributed literature about the resTOWN campaign;
- gave out resTOWN bumper stickers;
- offered resTOWN fortune cookies;
- sold Reston notecards and
- accepted donations.

Coincidentally, RCA's booth was next to Marie Huhtala's who is running for Fairfax County Supervisor and advocates a referendum for Reston town status. marie4supervisor.org/

The resTOWN referendum petition drive is in full swing! Join the 100s who have already signed! Get details on pg. 2

Tom Grubisich's Letter in the Reston Connection

Tom Grubisich, a well-known former resident of Reston and author of "Reston: The First Twenty Years" (Prentice-Hall, 1985) who co-founded The Connection Newspapers, recently wrote a very thoughtful article in the Reston Connection.

Mr. Grubisich wrote:

"As Bob Simon said, Herndon has been able to develop a succession of major community facilities through municipal bonds (Reston Connection, May 30, 2007). Simon, in his appearance before the RA Board, compared Herndon's ambitious program of recreational and other community development to Reston's laggard effort. Why is Herndon, which is not even half the size of Reston, able to do so much more, and within the boundaries of financial prudence?"

The primary reason is Herndon is an incorporated town, with its own government capable of selling public bonds at competitively low interest rates. Simon admonished Reston Association in his comments at a recent RA Board meeting, implying that the association isn't doing what Herndon and other "neighboring communities" are doing. But RA is not a municipal government. It is a nonprofit corporation, whose ability to borrow money is more constrained, and, even if it was able to borrow legally would have to pay higher interest rates than Herndon and other municipalities."

Mr. Grubisich's full article can be viewed at: <http://go-resTOWN.org/press/connection062207.htm>

■ Assumptions of Those Against Reston Self Governance

1. They don't think Reston's sections should be united, i.e.
 - a. the part governed by Reston Association (RA)
 - b. Reston Town Center (RTC)
 - c. the commercial corridor along 267 (RCIG)
2. They don't think 60,000 residents should have a system of self-governance when places as small as 500 in VA do.
3. They are satisfied with how Fairfax County (FFC) looks out for Reston's interests.
4. They think it's fair that the businesses in RCIG and RTC do not contribute anything to the upkeep of the majority of Reston, i.e. the sections under RA.
5. They think that the duplication of services between RA and Reston Community Center (RCC) could not be done more economically under one organization.
6. The residents under RA enjoy paying their yearly dues but get no tax deduction for them.
7. They approve of the voting rights under RA which are ONE per house instead of ONE per person; and in referenda, renters get no vote at all.
8. They accept the fact that towns in VA can borrow money at a reduced rate but Reston cannot.
9. They like the fact that Reston cannot get government grants because it is not a town.
10. They think that under the present setup, Reston will be able to tackle all the problems it will face in this fast-changing world without any body to speak for it except FFC.



■ Island off Maine Coast Becomes Nation's Newest Town

While the rest of America prepared for the Fourth of July, Chebeague Island, Maine residents celebrated their own independence day on July 1 when the island became the nation's newest town.



After 186 years as part of the town of Cumberland, a suburb of Portland, Chebeague Island is going it alone. Islanders say independence will help the island remain a viable, working-class community rather than become another seasonal playground for the wealthy.

The idea of seceding from Cumberland had come up now and again over taxes or the differences between life on the island and life on the mainland. The turning point came two years ago when the school district — which oversees both mainland and island schools — considered eliminating a teacher position at the K-through-5 Chebeague Island School, which would have meant closing a couple of grades.

On Election Day 2005, 86 percent of islanders voted in favor of breaking away. And in April 2006, the governor signed a bill allowing it to happen. Get more info at:

www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=11713161

Join the Discussions on the Reston Web re: Town Status. Go to restonweb.com/forum and click on "Reston Politics".

■ Public Meeting on Metrorail Stations

Tuesday, July 24, 2007 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Reston Town Center • 1800 Presidents Street

Sponsor: Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG)

Second of Four Planned Public Meetings

Metrorail is coming to Reston with new stops planned for Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway. As a member of the Reston community, you are invited to attend the second in a series of four public meetings to discuss the issues surrounding getting people to and from the stops safely and efficiently.



Learn about the Project

You will have the opportunity to hear presentations, ask questions, and to provide direct input into the formation of station access management plans. A complete update of the status of the project, a timeline for further public involvement, and a summary of how input from the first public meeting has already been incorporated into the project planning will be provided.

Note: If you are driving please park in one of the four *free* garages located on the New Dominion Parkway side of Town Center and walk over to the Hyatt. These garages are entered from Fountain Drive, Library Street or Explorer Street.

For more information please visit website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sam_study.htm or call The Perspectives Group at 703.837.1197.

Sign the resTOWN petition at the Reston Farmers' Market from 8am-12noon every Sat. or online at:
gopetition.com/petitions/rca-reston-town-governance.html

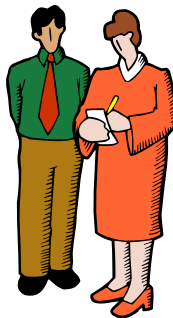
■ RCA Needs Volunteers to Get Petition Signatures

Reston Citizens Association (RCA) needs volunteers to circulate petitions to Reston residents to ask the 2008 legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia to authorize a referendum to vote on whether Reston should be incorporated as a town. Petitions can be downloaded at:

go-resTOWN.org/governance/petition.htm and

RCA offers training on how to most effectively bring this issue to the public. Get more info at:

<http://www.idealists.org/en/volunteeropportunity/135378-209>, call 703-860-0019 or email RCA-InfoLine@comcast.net



Does your company honor employees who volunteer in their community? Some large corporations give their employees PAID TIME for volunteer activities and give pre-determined dollar donations to local non-profits for whom its employees volunteer. If your company has such a program, please contact Marion Stillson at mbs@point0.net, to see if we can work out a program for you.