

<http://www.restoncitizensassociation.org>

RCA Community Informational Meetings in June

Reston Citizens Association (RCA) "went public" in June with its town status proposal by holding two identical community meetings that covered details of the proposal in the form of a PowerPoint slideshow, which is available on RCA's website, at <http://www.restoncitizensassociation.org>. Also at these meetings, RCA started its referendum petition drive, and volunteers have been collecting signatures weekly at the Reston Farmers Market as well as other locations.



Reston Festival

At the Reston Festival in July, RCA's booth was busy with three tasks. One was taking resident signatures for the referendum petition. Another was offering residents the chance to vote in a preference poll on town status. The number of participants was small, but the percentage in favor was higher than we have previously had: **YES: 93; NO: 35; Don't Know: 22; Total: 150.**

The third task was balloting for RCA Board candidates. The two incumbents were re-elected and three vacancies on the Board were filled. All Reston residents over 16 are associate members of RCA. View the current RCA Board at: <http://www.restoncitizensassociation.org/board/index.htm>

Meetings with Local, State and Federal Officials

Representatives of **resTOWN in 2006** have met with Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, with Congressman Jim Moran, with leaders of the Reston Association and with Chairman Gerry Connolly. Congressman Moran is eager to assist our campaign. County politicians have agreed to assist in providing the statistics **resTOWN in 2006** needs. A public meeting on town status hosted by Del Ken Plum and Sen. Janet Howell is in the planning stages as well as another community informational meeting.

As a result of a meeting in Richmond with the Commission on Local Government, the RCA Legal Committee revised its draft Charter for Reston by inserting provisions that can save an entire year in the financing of the town. These provisions were successfully used a few years ago when Castlewood, VA, became a town. You can see the draft charter on RCA's website.

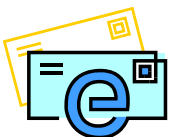
Let your opinion be known!

You can participate in an ongoing town governance poll, and comment or ask questions, on RCA's website. There is also a link to <http://backfence.com>, a new website for Reston residents which allows registrants to post opinions on various issues, which has a discussion regarding town status. We invite you to participate.

The logo for backfence.com is the text "backfence.com" in white, set against a blue speech bubble background.

backfence.com

If you read the local papers, you have seen several letters by residents who live on the fringes of Reston, who emphatically do not want to be included in the town. RCA has met with some of them, and has replied to their letters. Also in the papers, Del. Plum's column stated that he has received only one message on town status: AGAINST. If you haven't yet contacted him yourself to counteract this, please do so soon. His e-mail address is kenplum@aol.com. Thank you.



RCA's Grassroots Efforts

Along with collecting referendum petition signatures, RCA has been collecting names of volunteers (and putting the volunteers to work!) and organizing the e-mail addresses of residents who have asked to be kept informed. This e-mail is the first message in this effort, and is being sent to almost 200 individuals.

Please keep the following date open – invitations will be going out soon:

Picnic for Volunteers and Town Referendum Supporters

**Sunday, Sept. 11, 1-3 pm at the Pavilion behind the Reston YMCA
12196 Sunset Hills Rd., Reston, VA**

Next RCA Board Meeting: Monday, September 26, 8pm on Ch. 28