

LIVE WORK PLAY & SERVE

NEW TOWN TO OUR TOWN

Reston is not a city or a town. If it were, it would be one of the largest cities in Virginia. Reston is a subdivision located in Fairfax County. Public education, fire and police protection and public works are provided by Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Early residents of Reston were activists. When there was a service needed they formed an organization to meet the need. Many of these initial efforts continue. Service to the community is an integral part of life in Reston.



1968-EXPRESS BUS
The volunteer-controlled Reston Express Bus was established for residents who needed to commute to DC. They drove the buses, scheduled the routes, had coffee and donuts on the morning run and happy hour on the return home. Transportation efforts by citizens have culminated in the Reston Internal Bus System (RIBS), the Fairfax Connector and Metro providing service to Reston.

“Reston is an ever-evolving community. Volunteering will help you form your values and make lifelong friendships.”

—Janet Howell

Reston Resident, Virginia State Senator

“We wanted everyone who would work in Reston to be able to afford to live in Reston.”

—Bill Jackson

Reston Resident,
Founding Member of Reston Interfaith



1969-RESTON INTERFAITH HOUSING CORPORATION (RIHC)
Six of Reston's religious congregations—Methodist, Catholic, Jewish, Episcopalian, Unitarian and Baptist—lent \$600 each and formed the RIHC to seek federal funds for affordable housing.

In 1984 RIHC changed its name to Reston Interfaith, Inc. (RI). Now with 22 member congregations, RI's mission includes housing, hunger, child care and advocacy.



Original Visitor's Center

1979-RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER (RCC)
RCC builds and sustains community traditions through special events with community partners. Social, cultural, aquatic and recreational activities are provided for all ages in the Hunters Woods and Lake Anne locations. Local as well as nationally recognized artists are showcased at its CenterStage theatre and visual artists' work is shown in the Jo Ann Rose Gallery. Restonians fund RCC through a special tax district.

1967-RESTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (RCA)
The Reston Citizens Association grew out of residents' fears that Gulf Reston would not adhere to the Master Plan; they organized to protect Reston's founding principles.



1969-COMMON GROUND
The Common Ground Coffee House opened in Lake Anne Village as a gathering place for residents and a catalyst for work and service in the community. Its Foundation filled many needs for the new town; such as an employment agency, a sitter service, and a child care center.

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Listed here are some of the many service organizations in Reston.

- RA** Reston Association **RCA** Reston Citizens Association  **RCC** Reston Community Center
- RHT** Reston Historic Trust **RI** Reston Interfaith **RC** Reston Chorale **RCP** Reston Community Players  **RCO** Reston Community Orchestra **RGC** Reston Garden Club **RYB** Reston Youth Baseball
- RSA** Reston Soccer Association **RBC** Reston Bike Club **RIBS** Reston Internal Bus System
- RLL** Reston Little League  **RRL** Reston Regional Library **RYA** Reston Youth Association
- RYB** Reston Youth Basketball **RRC** Reston Running Club **RTC** Reston Town Center **DRB** Design Review Board **GRCC** Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce  **GRACE** Greater Reston Arts Center
- FISH** Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help **OLLI** Osher Lifelong Learning Institute **IPAR** Initiative for Public Art Reston **RTCJC** Reston Town Center Joint Committee **USE** Useful Services Exchange **VOCE** Chamber Singers **LINK** Transportation Alternatives **LINKS, INC** African American Service Organization **LRA** League of Reston Artists **LWV** League of Women Voters