

Reston Community Center

BUILDING COMMUNITY:

EQUITY

MATTERS



www.restoncommunitycenter.com



LOCATIONS

RCC Hunters Woods – 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston, VA 20191

Includes the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center, the 260-seat CenterStage theatre, Woodshop, Glass Workshop and meeting rooms.

RCC Lake Anne – 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston, VA 20190

Includes the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, Ceramics Studio, Art Studio, Fitness Studios and 3D Gallery.

Directions: Please use only the directions on the RCC website; directions provided by online sites or GPS systems may be inaccurate.

PHONE NUMBERS

703-476-4500 • 703-476-8617 (Fax) • 711 (TTY)

OFFSITE PROGRAMS

Lake Anne Plaza

Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate
Reston Town Square Park at Reston Town Center

BUILDING COMMUNITY: EQUITY MATTERS

Through our scientific and technological genius, we have made of this world a neighborhood and yet we have not had the ethical commitment to make of it a brotherhood. But somehow, and in some way, we have got to do this. We must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be.

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., *Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution*

Mutuality and empathy are the cornerstones of living in true “community” with one another. The core value at the heart of the Reston experience as envisioned by Robert E. Simon – our founder – was that the dignity of the individual is paramount. Each of us has the capacity to contribute to the greater good of all of us.

The mission of our programming is to provide enrichment and enjoyment to all who live and work in Reston – but beyond that, we are particularly interested in facilitating greater appreciation of our diversity. RCC is committed to realizing the vision of One Fairfax by creating space for conversations about social justice. In addition, we seek opportunities to learn from and about each other. The programs highlighted in the pages ahead are particularly suited to bringing people together to forge new and positive connections to each other.

Faith communities, neighborhoods, organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate – everyone is welcome and needed. Dr. King’s dream of a beloved community is ingrained in Reston’s DNA – let’s stay together on this journey and continue our work to make his dream a reality.



Beverly Ann Cosham, Chair,
RCC Board of Governors



Leila Gordon, Executive Director,
Reston Community Center

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ARTIST RESIDENCY

We welcome renowned theatre artist Ping Chong for a residency at RCC, where he will engage the community in an immersive experience that emphasizes people and communities not typically reflected in Theatrical works.

Awkward Conversations

Monday, September 19 • #402744-3A

Monday, October 24 • #402744-3B

Monday, November 14 • #402744-3C

Monday, December 19 • #402744-3D

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

\$45 (R)/\$36 (R55+)/\$75 (NR) Per Session

18 Years and Older • RCC Hunters Woods



Awkward Conversations is a series of artistic interventions helping groups and individuals practice honest, vulnerable and sometimes difficult dialogue based on our collective willingness to listen across all that divides us through the use performance and dance. A performance at the start of the class session by the artistic team will offer a common reference point for all who attend to begin a community conversation. Participants are invited to answer the question: I want to talk about _____ with _____. This community conversation is for everybody; no performance and dance experience is expected or necessary. Sign up for one session or all sessions.

Story Circles

Monday, February 13 • 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

\$45 (R)/\$36 (R55+)/\$75 (NR) • #402753-3A

18 Years and Older • RCC Hunters Woods

Join artists from Ping Chong and Company and connect with other Reston community members to share, listen, and learn about our individual and collective relationships to where we live. Story Circles invite us to share our unique individual stories with others from our community in a guided, facilitated way. As we listen and share, we'll discover connections, differences and intersections in our stories that inspire us to learn about our individual and collective relationship to Reston, VA.



An Evening with Ping Chong

Wednesday, March 15 • 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage



Theatre artist and National Medal of Arts recipient Ping Chong will join Reston Community Center for a conversation about theatre and social transformation. Chong will share his visually astonishing and socially compelling body of work – ranging from puppet theatre to large-scale, multidisciplinary projects to community-based programs – that have been presented at some of the most illustrious venues around the globe. Chong will lead a discussion of the evolution of his theatre work in relationship to changes in contemporary arts and culture over the past 50 years.

Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.

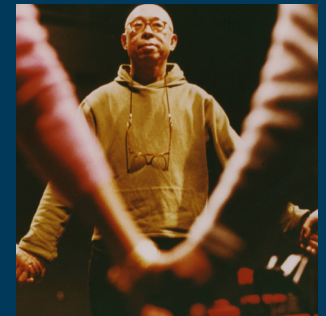
Generation Rise: Reston

Friday, March 24 • 8:00 p.m.

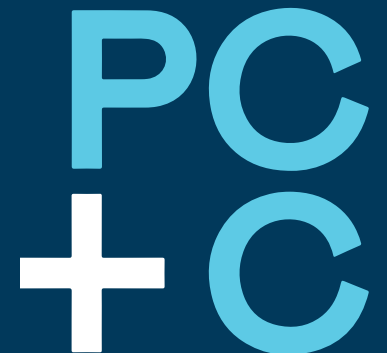
Saturday, March 25 • 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$10 Reston/\$15 Non-Reston

RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage



Acclaimed New York theatre group Ping Chong and Company partner with Reston Community Center and local theatre artist Tuyet Pham to create a remarkable performance with a group of local teens; they will be making the piece using their reflections on the challenges and joys of growing up in Reston during a time of pandemic and global upheaval. *Generation Rise: Reston* is the culminating work of the Ping Chong/Tuyet Pham artist residency.



Reston Community Center and Reston Town Center Association
in cooperation with the National Council of Traditional Arts
present the Reston Multicultural Festival.

Reston Multicultural Festival



New Location: Reston Town Square Park

(Corner of Market Street and Explorer Street)

FREE • RAIN OR SHINE • ALL AGES

Come dressed in attire that reflects your roots
and share your story with neighbors, family and
friends. Garage parking is free on weekends at
Reston Town Center.

For more information, please contact
RCC's Community Events Director at 703-390-6166.



**Saturday,
September 17**
11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

• NATIONAL HERITAGE AWARD- WINNING ARTISTS:

Rahim AlHaj, Oud Player and Composer
(Albuquerque, New Mexico)

William Bell, Soul Singer and Songwriter
(Atlanta, Georgia)

Billy McComiskey, Irish Button Accordionist
(Baltimore, Maryland)

**TahNibaa Naataanii, Navajo/Diné Textile
Artist and Weaver**
(Shiprock, New Mexico)

Rich Smoker, Decoy Carver
(Marion Station, Maryland)

The Cambodian American Heritage Troupe,
including:

Chum Ngek, Musician and Teacher
(Gaithersburg, Maryland)

**Madame Sam-Oeun Tes, Dancer,
Choreographer and Teacher**
(Fort Washington, Maryland)

Treme Brass Band, New Orleans Brass Band
(New Orleans, Louisiana)

Jelon Vieira, Capoeira Master (New York, New York)

• ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

• CHILDREN & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

FESTIVALS

Celebrate diversity, heritage and community with food, clothing,
art and more.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Friday, January 20 • 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$10 (R)/\$8 (R55+)/\$20 (NR)

Registration Required

RCC Hunters Woods • #500239-3A



Come and celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. Participants
will enjoy food, fun, activities, and prizes. Traditionally, the
events surrounding Chinese New Year were known as the
Nian festival, which may be understood as "festival of the year."

Reston Pride

Saturday, June 3 • 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lake Anne Plaza • FREE



The sixth annual Reston Pride festival will feature a concert
and performances from local musicians and artists supporting
and celebrating the LGBTQ community in the greater
Reston Area. Reston Pride is organized by members and
friends of the Reston LGBTQ community with support from
Reston Community Center, nonprofits and other local organizations. This year will feature an
appearance by BETTY.

When told through diverse voices, stories connect us and shed light on our humanity. Storytelling itself can be a form of resilience and activism. Plan now to view these thought-provoking, moving and culturally relevant films and documentaries.

RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage
All Ages Unless Otherwise Noted • FREE • Registration Required

Summer of Soul
(... Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)

Sunday, September 25 • 3:00 p.m.
#261015-3A

Summer of Soul is part music film and part historical record created around an epic event that celebrated Black history, culture and fashion. Over the course of six weeks in the summer of 1969, just 100 miles south of Woodstock, The Harlem Cultural Festival was filmed in Mount Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park). The feature includes never-before-seen concert performances by Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, Sly and the Family Stone, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Mahalia Jackson, B.B. King, The 5th Dimension, and more.

Our Time Machine
Saturday, February 4 • 3:00 p.m.
#261018-3A

Directors: Yang Sun, S. Leo Chiang, Shuang Liang

Explore the life of 43-year-old Maleonn, one of China’s most influential conceptual artists. His father, Ma Ke, was the artistic director of the Shanghai Chinese Opera Theater. When Ma Ke is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease, Maleonn pours everything into an ambitious new theatre project: *Papa’s Time Machine*, a visually stunning time-travel adventure told with human-sized puppets.

In Chinese with English subtitles.

In partnership with the Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and the ReelAbilities Film Festival.



Black Panther
Monday, February 6 • 10:00 a.m.
#262023-3A

T’Challa, heir to the hidden-but-advanced kingdom of Wakanda, must step forward to lead his people into a new future and confront a challenger from his country’s past. Starring Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan and Lupita Nyong’o. (Rated PG-13)


The First Step
Tuesday, May 9 • 7:30 p.m.
#261020-3A

In a divided America, political commentator Van Jones controversially works across party lines on landmark criminal justice reform and a more humane response to the addiction crisis. Stay afterwards to have a lively conversation with film director Brandon Kramer and producer Lance Kramer.



Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.





Reston Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** JANUARY 14 – 16

Reston Community Center will mark the 37th annual Reston Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration with traditions that make the weekend a meaningful community experience.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

9:00 a.m. • Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate
Ages 6 and up

Free – Registration required through Reston Association

Join friends and neighbors in honoring Dr. King's legacy by serving your community. As Dr. King said, "Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve." RCC is partnering with the Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate, Reston Association, Cornerstones and The Closet on community service projects. Indoor projects include sorting and organizing items from The Closet and making bag lunches for the Embury Rucker Community Shelter. There will also be outdoor projects such as cleaning up the natural areas, pathways and hardscape surrounding the area, weather permitting. Volunteer hours conclude around 12:00 p.m.



RESTON COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

ANNUAL MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
**WORDS AND MUSIC AS DIVERSE AS THE WORLD OF
WHICH HE DREAMED**

4:00 p.m. • RCC Hunters Woods – Community Room
Free – All Ages

With music and words specifically chosen for this occasion, RCO joins the Reston community in a weekend commemoration of the contributions made by this celebrated American, and his vision of a society free of prejudice and racial division. The program features Reston vocalist Beverly Cosham, students from Al Fatih Academy and other special guests. There will be songs and spirituals known and loved by Dr. King.

Tickets will be available through the RCC Box Office two weeks prior to performance.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15



MARK G. MEADOWS **MUSIC AND THE MOVEMENT**

2:00 p.m. • RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage
TICKETS: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

Join Mark G. Meadows & The Movement as they pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mark G. Meadows is a man on a mission to create a unifying sound that breaks through social barriers. There's something for everyone in his music, which harmonizes jazz, gospel, R&B, hip-hop and rock. Mark uses his artistry to send a positive message of love, joy and hope to his audiences. Get ready to lift every voice and sing with Mark G. Meadows & The Movement.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND COMMUNITY LUNCH FEATURING:



HEATHER MCGHEE

11:00 a.m. • RCC Hunters Woods –
the CenterStage and Community Room
TICKETS: \$5 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

A renowned expert on the American economy, Heather McGhee is one of the most brilliant and influential thinkers exploring inequality today. Both her viral TED talk and her instant *New York Times* bestseller *The Sum of Us* reveal the devastating true cost of racism – not just for people of color, but for everyone. Deeply stirring, intelligent and compassionate, McGhee's talks offer us an actionable roadmap during one of the most critical – and most troubled – periods in history.

Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.



Are We Keeping The Promise?

PROFESSIONAL TOURING ARTIST SERIES

Music, dance, storytelling and writing are all ways to express cultural heritage and the quest for social justice. The Professional Touring Artist Series brings to Reston thought leaders and performing artists that reflect the journey.

RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage
Purchase tickets at the CenterStage Box Office
All Ages Unless Otherwise Noted

The Slow Hustle

Monday, October 17 • 7:30 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

An HBO original documentary from director Sonja Sohn (HBO's *Baltimore Rising* and *The Wire*) chronicles the still-unsolved death of Baltimore police detective Sean Suiter, fatally shot in 2017 while in the line of duty, and explores the ongoing speculation about what really happened that day.

As part of the Washington West Film Festival, this screening will be followed by a live discussion with producer Mahrya MacIntire.

Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.



Josh Blue

AS NOT SEEN ON TV

Wednesday, October 19 • 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$25 Reston/\$35 Non-Reston

Josh Blue, winner of NBC's *Last Comic Standing* in 2006 and a finalist on *America's Got Talent* in 2021, has risen to become a well-established comedy headliner at venues throughout the world. Josh does more than 200 shows a year, continuing to spread laughter and break down stereotypes of people with disabilities.

It is recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.



Lulu Fall

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Saturday, December 14 • 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

As a product of Senegalese and Cameroonian parentage, Fall's music reflects her global perspective by way of her American sensibilities. Her Broadway credits include *Hair* and *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812*. Her Off-Broadway credits include *This Ain't No Disco* and *Wild Goose Dreams*. Her single *Pretty for a Dark Girl* placed in the top five in the R&B category of the Great American Song Contest. Her new album, *Transform*, will be released in September.



Terri Lyne Carrington

Tuesday, February 15 • 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

Grammy Award-winning drummer, producer, educator, activist and Doris Duke Award recipient, Terri Lyne Carrington debuts her new band, Social Science, to boldly confront social justice issues with the eclectic collaborative double album, *Waiting Game*, released in 2019. Galvanized by seismic changes in the ever-evolving social and political landscape, Terri Lyne Carrington and Social Science confront a wide spectrum of social justice issues.

Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.



Trio Sefardi

Songs of Love & Loss, Heartbreak & Hope: Women in Sephardic Song
Sunday, March 5 • 3:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

In honor of Women's History Month, musicians Howard Bass, Tina Chancey and Susan Gaeta perform a collection of beautiful Sephardic music drawn from the rich heritage of Turkish, Balkan, Middle Eastern and North African traditions.



The Lost Art of Dreaming

Choreographed by Sean Dorsey

Wednesday, May 17 • 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

San Francisco's Sean Dorsey Dance returns to Reston with *The Lost Art of Dreaming*, which invites audiences into expansive thinking and dreaming about our futures ... at a time when we need it most. Full-throttle dance and intimate storytelling from a thought-provoking transgender choreographer come together in the company's powerful, moving, signature dance-theatre.



BETTY

Saturday, June 3 • 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

The indie pop trio BETTY, Alyson Palmer (vocals, bass, guitar) and sisters Elizabeth Ziff (vocals, guitar, electronic programming) and Amy Ziff (vocals and cello), use beguiling melodies, compelling lyrics and signature harmonies to create legendary live shows that mix music, performance art, politics and comedy. BETTY sings of joy, love, longing, sex, food, heartbreak and the universal hilarity of human existence. More than a band, BETTY uses music to channel their passion for fairness and equality.



BETTY will appear at the Reston Pride Festival earlier that day. For the evening performance, it's recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

From struggles in our nation and worldwide to the roots of activism in our own community, be enlightened and inspired through learning opportunities. (18 Years and Older)

Cultural Issues to Ponder

Tuesdays, September 20 – October 4

2:15 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

\$30 (R)/\$24 (R55+)/\$45 (NR)

Registration Required

RCC Lake Anne • #571980-3A

Stephen Ruth, a professor of public policy at George Mason University, will bring some content from his graduate-level Culture, Organizations and Technology course to OLLI. Topics covered include cultural differentiation; elites and macro cultures; whether America is a Christian nation; problems with public opinion polling; and much more. The role of significant thought leaders like Robert Putnam (*Bowling Alone*), Jared Diamond (*Guns, Germs and Steel; Upheaval*), MIT's Edgar Schein and Sherri Turkle, Yale's Michael Christakis and others will be discussed. Ruth encourages students to disagree with established, mainstream perspectives on many issues. There will be emphasis on more than 40 metrics he uses to evaluate current events.



How Women Innovators Shaped the World

Tuesday, December 6

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free • Registration Required

RCC Lake Anne • #571987-3A

Examine the lives of women innovators in the arts and sciences. Participants are welcome to bring their own examples of women who had an impact on our world.



Reston Activism

Wednesday, February 8 • 7:00 p.m.

Free • Registration Required
RCC Lake Anne • #702002-3A

Reston's residents from the 1960s to today have advocated for the needs of their community. Restonians have fought for racial equality, accessibility and housing, among other causes. Join a discussion of the success stories including the history behind the establishment of Cornerstones, Reston Community Center, Black Focus and more.

In partnership with The Reston Historic Trust (RHT).



The Nuremberg Trials

April 12 – May 17 • 11:50 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

\$60 (R)/\$48 (R55+)/\$90 (NR)

Registration Required
RCC Lake Anne • #529635-3A

Learn about the laws of war; the organization of the Nuremberg Tribunal; and actions of the prosecutors.
In partnership with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).



The Economics of the Montgomery Bus Boycott

April 26 – May 17 • 2:15 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

\$40 (R)/\$32 (R55+)/\$60 (NR)

RCC Lake Anne • #529636-3A

Go beyond the marches and the speeches to examine the effect that these movements had on the local economy and local business.

In partnership with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).



Most programs and events are appropriate for an adult audience ages 18 and older. Of course, some content may be enjoyed by younger audience members accompanied by adults – if you need more information about any individual program's content, please call us at 703-476-4500.

HOW TO PURCHASE PERFORMANCE TICKETS

- Online:** www.restoncommunitycenter.com
(Available until one hour before a performance and requires payment of a processing fee.)
- By Mail:** Return a Ticket Order Form to RCC Box Office (2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191)
- In Person:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., and two hours prior to curtain time
- Phone:** 703-476-4500, Press '3' • TTY 711
- Fax:** Fax Ticket Order Form to 703-476-2488

HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS/CLASSES/TRIPS

Online Registration

www.restoncommunitycenter.com

- You must establish an account to log in and register.
- To register online, patrons will need a household username and password.
- New users will need to create an account through myRCC to receive a household username and initial password. To access myRCC, go to www.restoncommunitycenter.com, click on myRCC. Under Quick Links, click Create an Account. User information will be emailed within 48 hours.
- Any questions about online registration may be directed to RCCContact@fairfaxcounty.gov or to a customer service representative at 703-476-4500, Mon-Sat, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. or Sundays, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person/Mail/Fax Registration

- All forms are available online at www.restoncommunitycenter.com.
- Register in person at RCC Hunters Woods or RCC Lake Anne.
- Register by mail by sending completed registration forms to Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191.
- Fax completed registration forms to 703-476-2488 (classes, trips, camps).

FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

RCC established a Fee Waiver Program to permit access for all Reston patrons to programs and services offered by RCC and administered with equitable standards of qualification based on Federal poverty guidelines. The program is offered with allocations on a household basis for household individuals and dependents of a prescribed and published fee waiver amount to permit broad choice on the part of qualified participants and full access, in particular, to summer youth program opportunities. For more information about the Fee Waiver Program, contact RCC Customer Relations Director Pam Leary at 703-390-6144.

All forms are available online at www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

EQUITY MATTERS

The time is now to move beyond embracing diversity as an asset and implement a new growth model driven by equity — just and fair inclusion into “One Fairfax,” a community in which everyone can participate and prosper.

“One Fairfax” can only be realized with an intentional racial and social equity policy at its core for all publicly delivered services. A racial and social equity policy provides both the direction and means to eliminate disparities, and work together to build a vibrant and opportunity-rich society for all.

In July 2016, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and School Board joined in this resolution and directed the development of a racial and social equity policy for adoption and strategic actions to advance opportunities and achieve equity that include intentional collective leadership, community engagement, equity tools and infrastructure to support and sustain systemic changes, and shared accountability so collectively, we will realize “One Fairfax,” a community where everyone can participate and prosper.



RCC Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026 | Equity Pillar

In October 2021, Reston Community Center’s Board of Governors adopted a strategic plan for the coming five years. In considering community priorities, the plan established an “Equity Pillar” with the following goal and objectives:

Goal: RCC embodies the principles delineated in the One Fairfax Policy by putting equity at the forefront of meeting community needs, and serves the people and neighborhoods of Reston through allocation of resources according to those needs and informed understanding of the community’s diverse interests.

Objectives:

- To participate as an active and engaged partner in Reston Opportunity Neighborhood (RestON).
- To regularly conduct outreach to the community that is welcoming, flexible and respectful.
- To assess barriers to the full enjoyment of leisure-time activities and implement strategies to eliminate those barriers.



BE THE CHANGE

It is our hope that these experiences present opportunities for individuals and groups to convene and engage with the continuing issues of social justice and racial equity. Please reach out to us if you'd like to make group arrangements.

PLEASE CONTACT:

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