

Reston Community Center

*BUILDING COMMUNITY*

# EQUITY MATTERS

2023 – 2024



[www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://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, Ceramic, Art & Fitness Studios and 3D Gallery.

### Directions

Please use 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
- Stonegate Village Community Center
- Crescent Community Center
- Cedar Ridge Community Center
- Westglade Club House
- Island Walk Community Center
- Reston Station
- Reston Town Center
- YMCA Fairfax County Reston

## Come join us!

At Reston Community Center, the principles of equity and opportunity are at the heart of our vision – “RCC enriches lives and builds community for all of Reston.” “The founding principles of Reston itself were centered on the inherent dignity and value of each individual, and that everyone’s contributions are central to a successful place to live, work and play. Robert E. Simon Jr., Reston’s founder, wanted an inclusive place from the start – he wanted Reston to be a response to what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. characterized as “the fierce urgency of now.”

Despite our intentions and vision, equitable opportunities for all and the full realization of social and racial justice for everyone remain unfulfilled promises. In the spirit of exploring these issues and the celebration of our potential to be and do better, RCC offers programming, services and events that we hope will keep us focused on the future we want. We do so in concert with many partners – we believe in collaboration that creates collective impact.



Leila Gordon, Executive Director,  
Reston Community Center



Beverly Ann Cosham, Chair,  
RCC Board of Governors

## 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.”

“Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution.”  
– An excerpt from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.





# FESTIVALS & EVENTS

## Reston Multicultural Festival

**Saturday, September 23, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Reston Town Center • Free • All Ages • Rain or Shine**

The Reston Multicultural Festival is a celebration of Reston's diversity and community spirit. This annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate our rich medley of cultures. Reston Community Center presents the Reston Multicultural Festival in partnership with Reston Town Center, Reston Town Center Association and Boston Properties. Volunteer coordination is provided by Reston Association.

## Lunar New Year Celebration

**Friday, February 9, 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**18 years and older • \$10 (R)/\$8 (R55+)/\$20 (NR)**

**Registration Required #500239-4A**

**RCC Hunters Woods**

Come and celebrate the Year of the Wood Dragon. Participants will enjoy food, fun, activities, and prizes. Traditionally, the festivities surrounding Chinese New Year were known as the Nian festival, which may be understood as "festival of the year." It is observed as a public holiday in several countries where sizable Chinese populations reside.

## Reston Pride

**Saturday, June 1, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Lake Anne Plaza • Free • All Ages • Rain or Shine**

The seventh annual Reston Pride festival offers performances 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, non-profits and other local organizations.

This year will feature an appearance by Comedian Jen Kober. For more information, please contact Reston Pride at [restonpride@corefoundation.org](mailto:restonpride@corefoundation.org).



# CENTERSTAGE CINEMA

RCC Hunters Woods • the CenterStage • FREE • 18 years and older

Be swept away to imagined worlds as you watch these great films in the comfort of the CenterStage. Films listed offer perspectives on equity, diversity and inclusion or historical background surrounding social justice movements. Registration is required in advance or at the door.

## **"Everything Everywhere All at Once"**

Sunday, September 17, 3:00 p.m.

#261002-4A

A middle-aged Chinese immigrant is swept into an insane adventure in which she alone can save existence by exploring other universes and connecting with the lives she could have led. Rated R.

## **"The Big Sick"**

Monday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.

#262003-4A

Pakistan-born comedian Kumail Nanjiani and grad student Emily Gardner fall in love but struggle as their cultures clash. When Emily contracts a mysterious illness, Kumail finds himself forced to face her feisty parents, his family's expectations and his true feelings. Rated R.

## **"Cry Freedom"**

Monday, January 8, 10:00 a.m.

#262005-4A

South African journalist Donald Woods is forced to flee the country after attempting to investigate the death in custody of his friend, the Black anti-Apartheid activist Steve Biko. Rated PG.

## **"The Joy Luck Club"**

Monday, February 5, 10:00 a.m.

#262006-4A

Through a series of flashbacks, four young Chinese American women and their mothers explore their pasts to help them understand their difficult mother/daughter relationships. Rated R.

## **"imperfect"**

Wednesday, February 21, 8:00 p.m.

#261003-4A

Part of the Reel Abilities Film Festival, "imperfect" is a documentary that follows a company of actors with disabilities – from spinal cord injury to Parkinson's Disease, cerebral palsy to autism – as they attempt an unprecedented version of Kander, Ebb, and Fosse's beloved musical "Chicago." Stay afterward for a conversation with co-director Regan Linton. Rated PG-13

## **"Selma"**

Monday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.

#262007-4A

A chronicle of the campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. Rated PG-13.

## **"Swan Song"**

Monday, May 6, 10:00 a.m.

#262009-4A

Once a leading hairdresser and shining light of his gay community, Mr. Pat now lives in a nursing home, where he's informed that a former customer has requested his services for her funeral. Escaping the nursing home with only his flashy jewelry, he heads to town on foot. Along the way, he recaptures some of the joy of his youth. Rated R.

## **"Arrival of the First Africans in English America"**

Saturday, May 25, 3:00 p.m.

#261005-4A

In 2019, Americans commemorated the four hundredth anniversary of the momentous arrival of the first documented Africans to English America, an event that inspired new scholarship on the meaning of our nation's origins and founding principles, as well as fierce controversy over the legacy of slavery. "Arrival of the First Documented Africans in English America" considers all the forces at play in this complex story. Stay afterward to speak with Director Ric Murphy and actor/composer Joe Minor. Rated PG-13.





# RESTON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

## Community Service Projects

Saturday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.

Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate

6 Years and Older • Free

Registration Required Through Reston Association: [ha@reston.org](mailto:ha@reston.org)

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. Volunteer hours conclude around 11:00 a.m.

## Reston Community Orchestra

"Annual Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Celebrating Black Excellence" Mark Irchai, Conducting  
Saturday, January 13, 4:00 p.m.

RCC Hunters Woods – Community Room

\$25 Adult, \$18 Senior (60+), Youth (under 18), Free to Active Military/First Responders

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 students from Al Fatih Academy, Alia Waheed and other special guests, along with overtures by Scott Joplin and Joseph Bologne.

## Keynote Address and Community Lunch With Rev. William J. Barber

Monday, January 15, 11:00 a.m.

RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage and Community Room

\$5 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is the president and senior lecturer of Repairers of the Breach, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, with The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, founding director, and professor of the Center for Public Theology and Public Policy at Yale Divinity School.

*Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.*

"William Barber is the closest person we have to Martin Luther King Jr. in our midst."  
– Dr. Cornel West

## MLK Birthday Celebration Especially for Youth

Monday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

RCC Hunters Woods • 6 – 12 Years Old

Free • Registration Required: #704750-4A

You may register your school-age child (first to sixth grade) to participate in themed activities at RCC. Children should be registered in advance. Limited onsite registration will be available on the day of the event and all forms must be completed in their entirety.



# PROFESSIONAL TOURING ARTIST SERIES



## **"We Feed People" With Nate Mook** **Monday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.** **RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage** **\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston**

"We Feed People," from Oscar-winning director Ron Howard, spotlights renowned chef José Andrés and his nonprofit World Central Kitchen's incredible mission evolution over 12 years. The film follows them from being a scrappy group of grassroots volunteers to becoming one of the most highly regarded humanitarian aid organizations in the world relief sector. This screening will be followed by a discussion with one of the executive producers, Restonian Nathan Mook. Presented as part of the Washington West Film Festival. *Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.*



## **Nefesh Mountain** **Jewish/Bluegrass Band** **Wednesday, October 18, 8:00 p.m.** **RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage** **\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston**

Nefesh Mountain has been hailed as one of today's boundary-pushing groups in American roots music. The band performances have been called "a master class in string music" by Rolling Stone, and "arguably some of the best bluegrass ever made" by American Songwriter. Their music continues to forge new paths, combining elements of everything from Americana and Appalachian bluegrass to Celtic folk and Eastern European melodies with messages of inclusivity, diversity and hope for our ever-changing world.



## **Negin Farsad – Comedian** **Sunday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.** **RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage** **\$20 Reston/\$30 Non-Reston**

Farsad is a regular panelist for NPR's weekly current events program "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" and Neil deGrasse Tyson's "Star Talk." In her feature film, "The Muslims Are Coming!," she took a group of Muslim-American comedians on the road in Middle America to do shows, meet people and counter Islamophobia through jokes. Copies of her book will be on sale for the author to sign. *Recommended that children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.*





## **Dan & Claudia Zanes** **Music for All Ages**

**Sunday, January 14, 2:00 p.m.**  
**RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage**  
**\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston**

Grammy Award-winner Dan Zanes, and Haitian American jazz vocalist Claudia Zanes, perform a mix of old and new songs from near and far in a style that's been called "All-Ages Social Music." The music is homespun, joyful, sophisticated and artful. Claudia is a board-certified Music Therapist. Her background has given the pair additional ways to make meaningful community connections and reach a diverse audience.



## **Kwame Alexander** **Children's Author & Poet**

**Sunday, February 4, 3:00 p.m.**  
**RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage**  
**\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston**

Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator, producer and New York Times bestselling author of 38 books. A regular contributor to NPR's Morning Edition, Kwame is the recipient of numerous awards, including The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, The Coretta Scott King Author Honor, three NAACP Image Award Nominations and the 2017 Inaugural Pat Conroy Legacy Award.



## **"Soul to Soul"** **African American & Jewish Music**

**Sunday, February 18, 3:00 p.m.**  
**RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage**  
**\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston**

The Jewish and African American people arrived in America by different paths. But the parallels in their histories as oppressed minorities brought them together in the struggle for equal rights. The exciting celebration of two cultures' commonalities is the essence of "Soul to Soul" which brings together African American and Yiddish American experiences in a deeply stirring musical presentation.



## **V (formerly Eve Ensler)** **Author & Playwright**

**Sunday, March 3, 3:00 p.m.**  
**RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage**  
**\$20 Reston/\$30 Non-Reston**

V is a Tony Award-winning playwright and activist, and the author of "The Vagina Monologues."



## **Cleo Parker Robinson** **Dance Ensemble**

**Wednesday, March 27, 8:00 p.m.**  
**RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage**  
**\$25 Reston/\$35 Non-Reston**

The internationally renowned Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble, rooted for more than 50 years in African American traditions and modern dance legacy, brings both the iconic and the innovative to the stage.



## **Okaidja Afroso "Jaku Mumor"** **The Ancestral Spirit of Ghana**

**Wednesday, April 24, 8:00 p.m.**  
**\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston**  
**RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage**

Okaidja Afroso ushers in a fresh breeze of musical flavors from the shores of Ghana's Gulf of Guinea.



## **Jen Kober with Jeffrey Jay**

**Saturday, June 1, 8:00 p.m.**  
**RCC Hunters Woods – the CenterStage**  
**\$20 Reston/\$30 Non-Reston**

Jen Kober can be seen on Disney+ in "The Mandalorian" and "Diary of a Future President," on HBO's "Hacks," Showtime's "Black Monday" and "American Horror Story," and Netflix's "Dead to Me" and RuPaul's "AJ and the Queen." Jeffrey Jay is a transgender comedian who was featured in The Advocate as one of "The Top 7 Transgender Comedians" and "7 LGBT Comics You Shouldn't Have Missed."



# CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

## **Celebrate Native Americans**

**Tuesday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**2 – 5 years old**

**Heritage Farm Museum • #980023-4A**

Learn about Native American history as well as the current recognized tribes of modern Virginia and their influence. Meet at Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, located at 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling, Va. For directions, call 571-258-3800. Parents/guardians must fully participate in the activities. This program is not appropriate for children younger or older than the advertised age range. Participating children must be registered.

## **ArtStream: Improvisation and Storytelling**

**18 years and older**

**Tuesdays, January 9 – February 27, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**RCC Hunters Woods • #402684-4B**

**Tuesdays, April 2 – May 21, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**RCC Hunters Woods • #402684-4C**

Improvisation is a great way to practice listening and teamwork while having fun with new friends. Learning through performing arts builds confidence by allowing participants to make their own choices. Inclusive participation also fosters social connections and allows participants to practice communication skills like eye contact, listening and self-awareness. ArtStream has more than 10 years of experience creating programs for participants of all abilities.

## **Chinese Lantern Festival**

**Saturday, January 27, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Lerner Square**

**Ages 3 – 12 years old • \$18 (R)/\$27 (NR) • #980028-4A**

**Ages 13 and older • \$25 (R)/\$20 (R55+)/\$42 (NR) • #980028-4B**

The Chinese Lantern Festival is an elaborate walkthrough display of Chinese lanterns and spectacular sculptures as well as interactive activities with lights that are too numerous to count. A lighted playground will also entice children of all ages and abilities. The exact location is Lerner Square at Tysons Corner, 8025 Galleria Drive, between Tysons and Galleria Malls. Please note different prices for adults and children when registering.

# OFFSITE & COLLABORATION

## **RCC Thanksgiving Food Drive 2023**

**November 1 – 20**

**RCC Hunters Woods • RCC Lake Anne**

Reston Community Center once again joins the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones to help families in our community. Patrons, businesses and organizations are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food and other items at RCC Hunters Woods and RCC Lake Anne facilities, the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, as well as a variety of other drop-off points throughout the area.

## **"Desegregation in Northern Virginia Libraries"**

**Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.**

**RCC Lake Anne – Jo Ann Rose Gallery**

**Free, registration required in advance or at the door #702000-4A**

Presentation by Chris Barbuschak and Suzanne LaPierre, librarians at the Virginia Room at Fairfax Library and authors of the book "Desegregation in Northern Virginia Libraries."

## **Diva Central Shopping Event**

**Saturday, March 16, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**RCC Lake Anne**

**12 – 18 years old**

**Free, Registration Required #8C1008-4A**

Diva Central is Reston Community Center's annual prom and formal dress giveaway boutique event. This incredible one-day shopping opportunity is open to any current middle school and high school student who needs a cost-free formal dress, shoes, jewelry and other accessories. Limit two dresses, one set of accessories and one pair of shoes per person. Please remember, dresses and accessories are only available to middle and high school students.



## Reston Community Center Partnered Events With Reston Opportunity Neighborhood

RCC is a founding partner in the Reston Opportunity Neighborhood (RestON) initiative. This Fairfax County program puts collaborative relationships among County agencies, schools, local non-profits and civic organizations at the heart of efforts to assure that community resources are equitably deployed to help families achieve their full potential regardless of their circumstances.

Accomplishing the aims of RestON involves residents and partners in continuous dialogue to identify opportunities to connect with enriching, healthy, entertaining and enjoyable activities and events.

All are invited to participate – come get to know your neighbors!



## Seasonal Family Crafternoons 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

RCC Seasonal Family Crafternoon programs meet up throughout the year during select Teacher Workdays during the fall, spring break and throughout the summer. Crafts and supplies will be provided that are easy for everyone to use. This program is free with required registration. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.



### Fall

**Monday, September 25 – #86C103-4A**

**Crescent Community Center – 1578 Cameron Crescent Drive #001, Reston**

**Monday, October 9 – #86C103-4B**

**RCC Hunters Woods – 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston**

**Monday, November 6 – #86C103-4C**

**Stonegate Village Community Center – 2244 B Stonewheel Drive, Reston**

### Spring

**Monday, March 25 – #86C101-4A**

**Crescent Community Center – 1578 Cameron Crescent Drive #001, Reston**

**Tuesday, March 26 – #86C101-4B**

**Cedar Ridge Community Center – 1601 Becontree Lane, Reston**

**Wednesday, March 27 – #86C101-4C**

**Stonegate Village Community Center – 2244 B Stonewheel Drive, Reston**

**Thursday, March 28 – #86C101-4D**

**Westglade Neighborhood Center – 2110 Westglade Court, Reston**

## Fun Around Town

RCC brings recreation to your neighborhood during the summer months. Activities include arts and crafts, games, music and more. This will be fun for the whole family. Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. This program is offered in support of the Reston Opportunity Neighborhood initiative and is sponsored by Reston Community Center. Check our Summer 2024 program guide for program dates, registration information and locations.

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.

## Fee Waiver Program

RCC offers a Fee Waiver Program to permit access for all Reston patrons to programs and services offered by RCC with enrollment or purchase costs. It is administered with equitable standards of qualification based on Federal poverty guidelines. Eligible participants receive allocations on a household basis for individuals and dependents to permit broad choice on the part of qualified participants. Full access to summer youth programs is provided as well. For more information about the Fee Waiver Program, contact RCC Customer Relations Director Pam Leary at 703-390-6144.

## How to Purchase Performance Tickets

- Online:** [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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).

## 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.





**For more information, please contact:**  
Customer Service at 703-476-4500, Press '8'.

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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call RCC at 703-476-4500, TTY 711.

