



STRONGER TOGETHER:

Rescue Reston, Reston Citizens Association, Fairfax Federation

Left to Right: Dennis Hays, RCA President; Connie Hartke, Rescue Reston President, Lynne Mulston, RCA Vice President; John Pinkman, 1st Vice President, Fairfax Federation

Citizens associations are an important way that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (FCBOS) gets to hear from grassroots organizations on a variety of issues. The Reston Citizens Association (RCA) is in its 52nd year. In the future, this all-volunteer organization, which was initially formed to allow citizens to have a voice in running their newly planned community, is likely to play a growing role in sharing information and concerns from Restonians. Reston was an anomaly in Fairfax County when RCA was formed—the zoning designation of Planned Residential Community (PRC) was created to accommodate Reston—and Reston is still unique as the biggest PRC in the County.

As Reston grows in size, the County BOS once again wants and needs its volunteer organizations. As such, Rescue Reston has joined as an active partner of RCA. Rescue Reston president Connie Hartke has served on both boards since 2013. RCA Vice President Lynne Mulston is also RCA's representative to the Coalition for a Planned Reston and serves as co-chair of Rescue Reston's North Course Committee.

Current RCA President Dennis Hays joined RCA in 2014, motivated by his involvement with Friends of Reston Regional Library and his leadership role in the very active Reston Runners club.

Rescue Reston's co-founder John Pinkman was recently installed as 1st Vice President of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA). This large organization has members from homeowner and civic associations across the County and is well respected by our County Supervisors. Current FCBOS chairman Sharon

Bulova spoke at this year's installation of officers. John's stepping up to a leadership position at FCFCA will add visibility for Reston at both the County and state level.

The main activities of FCFCA are:

- Actively participating in Fairfax County Government while maintaining a strong relationship with the Board of Supervisors and working closely with Fairfax County staff.
- Developing a robust State Legislative Program through working with State representatives in the General Assembly.
- Serving on task forces, boards, and commissions.
- Celebrating civic participation at a Citizen of the Year Banquet.

The future of Reston depends on engaged residents. Dennis Hays says: "The past two years have conclusively proven that an informed and engaged citizenry can achieve great things. We can—and will—build on this success and ensure that we, our children and our grandchildren continue to enjoy living in communities that permit us to *live, work and play* in harmony with nature."

To stay informed about our ever-changing Reston, sign up for newsletters from RCA, Rescue Reston, Reston Association, and the Hunter Mill Supervisor's office through their websites. Want to get more involved? Email: info@RCAReston.org.
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