

## ■ Universal Access Leadership Award

Periodically, RAC recognizes members of the business community who have distinguished themselves by making modifications to their premises, thus creating safe and comfortable access for all customers. We also recognize those businesses whose new construction incorporates exceptional provisions to enable all customers to access their premises safely and comfortably.

## ■ Community Partner Award

Periodically, RAC recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional and sustained support for our advocacy for improved accessibility features for people with disabilities. With their generous commitments of time, energy or other resources, these individuals become a part of RAC's good will and good faith outreach for the common good within the community.

## ■ Participation

RAC welcomes various degrees of interest, including:

- Joining the committee and working on a RAC project
- Requesting to receive occasional e-mail notices
- Requesting to be notified of meetings
- Suggesting Reston locales which you feel need improved accessibility
- Learning more about the recognition of Reston businesses who exhibit accessibility leadership

## ■ Contact Information

RAC membership is open to anyone interested in improving access within their Reston community. We are a task-oriented committee and outreach time commitments are reasonable. We would be pleased to hear from you. Please see our website for additional information:

[www.RestonAccessibility.org](http://www.RestonAccessibility.org)

Or contact Ken Fredgren at

[fredgren.k@gmail.com](mailto:fredgren.k@gmail.com) or 703-391-9019

## Welcome to RAC!

Membership fees and contributions help defray the expenses of RAC's accessibility projects. Your support will facilitate RAC's outreach in Reston and its recognition in the community.

Yes! I support Reston Accessibility Committee's work to improve access in Reston for persons with mobility disabilities.

Please print all information clearly. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The annual membership fee is \$10.

RAC offers four membership categories. Please choose one or more of the following:

- ☐ **Active** (participates regularly in bi-monthly meetings and projects)
- ☐ **Auxiliary** (available for occasional tasks)
- ☐ **Supporting** (cash and in-kind contributions)
- ☐ **Advisory** (shares specific professional experience and advice that can advance RAC projects)

As a member, enclosed is my additional financial support in the amount of

☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to join RAC at this time, but please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to "RCA" with "Accessibility Committee" noted on the memo line, and return it and this form to RAC at 2407 Bugle Lane, Reston, VA 20191. Thank you!

RAC is a committee of Reston Citizens Association (RCA), an nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Fees and contributions are tax-deductible.

# RESTON ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Partnering throughout  
the greater Reston community  
to improve access for persons  
with mobility disabilities



A Committee of  
Reston Citizens Association

# Reston VIRGINIA

## ■ Reston

Reston was created in the early 1960s as a community which would insure, among other goals, "That the importance and dignity of each individual be the focal point for all planning, and take precedence for large-scale concepts." (A Place Called Reston, 2007, New Town Publications, Inc., Reston, Virginia.)

## ■ Reston Citizens Association

Founded in 1967, RCA is dedicated to protecting and advancing the quality of life principles upon which Reston was founded. It serves as a forum for issues affecting the community, and as a voice for Reston before county and state government bodies. RCA information is available at its web site:

[www.restoncitizensassociation.org](http://www.restoncitizensassociation.org)

## ■ Reston Accessibility Committee

RAC was created by the Reston Citizens Association early in 2008 to advocate for barrier-free access for persons with mobility disabilities. RAC's emphasis is the securing of safe, efficacious and direct access to facilities for people using mobility devices.



## ■ Accessibility

As in most communities, many of Reston's buildings present unnecessary access challenges to customers and residents with mobility impairments. Thus many Reston businesses and residences are denied the business of an ever-growing population of Restonians. External barriers can be found in parking lots, driveways, curbs, sidewalks, and entryways. Internal barriers are often experienced with doors, doorways, restroom design, the space between tables in restaurants, and the width of aisles in stores.

Our goal is to promote the creation of barrier-free access throughout Reston. The simplest definition of such access would be that it be safe and comfortable, thus facilitating equal participation in the life of the community for this significant portion of our population.

## ■ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA, passed by Congress in 1990, provides a wealth of information regarding how existing buildings' access points can be modified and how new construction can easily include these required designs and furnishings. The RAC is available to work with owners and property managers in finding the appropriate accessibility solution for their premises.

## ■ Outreach

As a community-based organization, RAC focuses on several forms of outreach.

- We survey Reston retail and service establishments and landlords to discover where access could be improved and where exemplary examples of accessibility are in place.
- We contact owners of Reston retail and service businesses and property managers, discussing ways in which specific aspects of their premises can be modified to facilitate access by a wider range of customers.

Our outreach to owners and property managers emphasizes good will, good faith and the common good—our 3 Gs. Our ideal is to work with an owner and/or a property manager as a community partner.

In 2013, Fairfax County presented its annual Building Safety Month Community Partnership Award to RAC.



Curb ramp improvements made by Tetra Partnerships, Inc., at the Sunrise Valley Center, June, 2008.