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RCC to Expand Program Locations in Summer 2008 HVAC Renovation Project Prompts Decision

Reston, VA - Summer 2008 will mark the completion of the third and final phase of the Reston Community Center's HVAC renovation project. The RCC Hunters Woods facility will temporarily close to the public and programs will relocate to other areas across Reston. The decision comes after months of deliberation by the Board of Governors and strategic planning on the part of the staff.

"We carefully weighed our options before making our recommendations to the board because we understood the need to minimize the disruption to our overall operation," said RCC Executive Director, Bonnie K. Freeman. "Every year the CenterStage Theatre and the Terry Smith Aquatics Center go dark for several weeks in order to perform routine maintenance, and scheduling the last phase of the project to coincide with their maintenance calendar made the most sense." According to Freeman, 2008 will present RCC with the unique opportunity to creatively program its classes and performances in a way that has never been done at the center. "We anticipate heightened visibility among residents and companies in the Town Center as well as the North Reston area, which are two areas of our business we've wanted to grow," Freeman concluded.

RCC Board Chair, Bill Bouie added, "It's important for our constituents to understand that we are replacing a 30-year old system, which was original to the Hunters Woods building. The system started to require more and more repair and without question outlived its efficiency. Based on that fact, the board determined it was time for a comprehensive upgrade of our equipment." Bouie went on to say, "Prior to making our decision we carefully assessed the staff's plan which included their programming contingencies. The board was very satisfied with what we saw and subsequently agreed to pursue this course of action."

Phase one of the project was successfully completed in early 2007 and Phase two is currently underway. The third and final phase is expected to last from June – October 2008 with plans to resume normal operations in November.

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Once the new system is in place the building will be climate-controlled from a central location, and the need for any temperature adjustments will be addressed more quickly than the former system permitted. RCC's locations at Hunters Woods and Lake Anne are long-time favorites among Reston facilities for weddings, birthday parties, and culturally diverse celebrations. The CenterStage Theatre is renowned for its world class Professional Touring Artist season and the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center boasts a state-of-the-art facility. "Our number one goal is to provide superior customer service to our patrons by making their event at RCC special each time they visit us. Modernizing our HVAC system is a win-win situation. We provide an environment that is conducive to the best possible experience, and our patrons keep coming back...hopefully with a friend, family member or colleague who is just as eager to share the RCC experience," Freeman concluded.

About the Reston Community Center

Each year RCC offers more than 1,800 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and life-long learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals. To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.org or call 703.476.4500.

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