

# Summer 2014 Fun

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Tim Stanley playing the trumpet with other members of the Unified Jazz Ensemble at the Lake Anne Jazz and Blues Festival last year.



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## Reston Ready For Summer Fun

The endless possibilities for summertime entertainment in Reston.

By ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

After a long, cold and snow shoveling-filled winter and a wet and windy spring, Restonians and their neighbors are ready for some Summer fun! The endless possibilities for summertime entertainment in Reston are even on the international radar. Sven Malikson comes every year from Norway to visit his brother who works for a local IT company. "Of course I come in the summer," said Malikson. "We have our own winter, but here there is so much to do in the summer and such good weather. Sometimes when we visit, I never get far from Reston itself." Foremost on Malikson's summer agenda is attending as many of the Reston Town Center (RTC) Concerts on the Town in the Pavilion as he can. "They are great. High quality performers, the sound in the pavilion is great and I like that the people get up and dance."

There will be plenty of opportunities for locals and visitors alike to boogie a bit to that music. This year's Saturday concert series, starting on June 7 and running through Aug. 30, will feature a number of high-energy acts providing something for just about every musical taste. Things get started with the Beatle's tribute band, Hard Day's Night. Jambulay brings their mix of calypso, r&b, reggae and soca stylings. The award-winning, Virginia-based Jackass Flats offers Bluegrass, and Incendio, with their latin/flamenco fusion "instrumental world music" will no doubt have the crowd just as fired up as their name means and as they did at last year's performance.

There will be one break in the Concert Series this summer, but there will still be plenty of live music, food, fun and activities. The annual Taste of Reston takes over the town center on Friday, June 13 and Saturday June 14. Sponsored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, this event keeps getting bigger and better each year. Voted the "Best Food Festival in Northern Virginia" by Virginia Living Magazine in 2013 and 2012, the event features three stages of live music, and fitness and cooking demonstrations at the Main Stage at the Pavilion, and stages at the corner of Market and Explorer Streets, and at Library and Market Streets. The band Turtle Recall, comprised of South Lake High School graduates, will make a return appearance at the Main Stage on Saturday, from 3:30 – 6:30.

**AS PART OF THE FESTIVAL**, the Reston YMCA and the Chamber of Commerce will once again sponsor the Family Fun Zone with activities, interactive games, demos and arts and crafts from noon – 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. Carnival rides will no doubt attract thrill seekers of all ages.



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**Crowds line up to try the vendors at the Taste of Reston last year at Reston Town Center. This year the Taste of Reston takes over the town center on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14.**



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**Participants gearing up for the 2013 Firecracker 5k Run for the Troops. The event, sponsored by Potomac River Running, is back once more, kicking off the Fourth of July festivities at Reston Town Center.**

And don't forget the food – since that's what the Taste is all about. No doubt last year's First Place winner, Hooked Seafood and Sushi, will be vying to take the crown again among the twenty restaurants preparing to tempt your taste buds and win your vote.

There's lots more going on at RTC this summer. Plans for this year's Independence Day celebration have yet to be officially announced, but we know the day will start with the Firecracker 5K For the Troops, sponsored by Potomac River Running of Reston.

As fabulous as all of the events will be at Reston Town Center, they don't hold a monopoly on all of the Reston fun. There's a lot going on at Lake Anne, as well. The hosts

of the award winning Saturday Farmer's Market and the Arts and Crafts extravaganza have lots more in store for your summer entertainment. Boat rentals have already begun. "Who needs that long drive to the beach with a car load of kids?" asks Marian Lynch of Reston. We start at the markets, then we all enjoy some water time on the lake."

The popular Thursday evenings "Take a Break" live music series, sponsored by the Reston Community Center, is also back this summer at Washington Plaza at Lake Anne, from 7 – 9 p.m. What could be better than dinner on the patio while listening to Bluegrass from the Barrettones, who open the season on June 12. Other acts include the

New Orleans Jazz/Funk band, Dixie Power Trio, a retro Rat Pack evening with the Chaise Lounge, and some traditional Irish music to cap off the season on Aug. 8 with the Dirty Pints band. More live music is on tap on Friday nights in the Plaza, as well. From 7 – 10 p.m. diners and visitors can enjoy the sounds of emerging artists in the summer Fountain Notes series.

And if you sometimes feel a bit nostalgic about those summer nights at the drive in, Lake Anne's Summer Film Festival on the Plaza is here once more to bring back those happy memories. Grab your lawn chair and head on down on the second Sunday of the month through Sept. 14 for some outdoor big screen viewing.

And let's not forget two returning and wildly anticipated events – the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukulele Festival on July 12 and the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Anne Jazz and Blues Festival on Aug. 30.

Getting a bit giddy yet from all these entertainment choices? Well hang on to your sunblock and visors, 'cause there's even more to choose from at other local venues.

Lake Fairfax Park, off of Baron Cameron Road is open daily from dawn to dusk. Already offering 476 acres of outdoor fun with fishing, the Water Mine Swimmin' Hole with tubing, a tot pool, slides, and tunnels, a carousel, boat rentals, picnic areas, trails, skatepark and even camping, the park is going one giant step further in family fun this summer. On July 26 they will host their very first Pirate Fest, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. A rain-or-shine event, the Fest celebrates Virginia's seafaring past. There will be

a pirate/nautical costume contest, activities to experience the life of a sailor first hand, an exhibit of 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century world trade goods, and – most exciting of all – a pirate Boat Tour with a cannon!

Lake Fairfax also offers several week-long day camps for the young ones, like their Catch Some Fun and Sun camp for 3 – 5 year olds and the Digital Kidz Weebotics camps for ages 4 – 6 where youngsters build

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www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html for more.

## MONDAY/JULY 28

**Herndon Centennial Junior Open.** 8 a.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Open to kids of all skill levels to come and enjoy the thrill of competition. Visit <http://herndon-va.gov> for more.

## August

### SUNDAY/AUG. 3

**Bolivian Independence Day Children's Festival.** 4:30 p.m. GMU, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A Bolivian Independence Day celebration complete with dance, music and singing. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Visit [www.proboliviausa.org](http://www.proboliviausa.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 23

**Wags 'N Whiskers.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S Quincy Street, Arlington. Wags n' Whiskers is a community-oriented event for animal-loving shoppers of all ages to spend an afternoon at The Village at Shirlington with their pet. The event features 50+ onsite exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. In addition to the onsite exhibitors, Wags n' Whiskers hosts pet photos (\$5), live music, demonstrations and children's activities such as face painting, balloon art, strolling entertainment and more. Visit [villageatshirlington.com](http://villageatshirlington.com) for more.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 24

**27th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA.** Noon at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit [www.pakistanfestivalusa.com](http://www.pakistanfestivalusa.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 30

**Lake Anne Jazz Festival.** 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artista and national jazz performers. Beer garden on site. Visit [lakeanneplaza.com/event/8th-annual-jazz-blues-festival/30](http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/8th-annual-jazz-blues-festival/30).

## September

### MONDAY/SEPT. 1

**Herndon Labor Day Festival.** Noon-6 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) for more.

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT.6-7**  
**37th Annual Burke Centre Festival.** Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements at the Burke Centre Festival. Visit [www.burkecentreweb.com](http://www.burkecentreweb.com) for more.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

**Reston Triathlon.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Swim, run and bike at the annual Reston Triathlon. Visit [www.restontriathlon.org/tri/](http://www.restontriathlon.org/tri/).

### THURSDAY/SEPT 11-THURSDAY/SEPT 18

**Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival.** 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

**Dulles Day Plane Pull.** 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit [www.planepull.com](http://www.planepull.com) for more.

**Paint Herndon.** At ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. An all-day celebration of the arts and the anniversary of the opening of ArtSpace Herndon. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) for more.

### Tyson's BBQ, Bourbon and Beer.

Tyson's Townsquare. A great day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin' and barbeque eatin'. Visit [www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/show-info](http://www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/show-info) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

**Colonial Market & Fair.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fifty colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets, woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture, and much more. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**2nd Annual Arlington Festival of the Arts.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Highland Street in the Clarendon District, Arlington. More than 100 artists will showcase their work including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and much more. Visit [artfestival.com](http://artfestival.com) for more.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

**Herndon Kids Triathlon.** 8 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. This event is designed for youth ages 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. The courses and distances were created to be achievable for all participants. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

**Reston Multicultural Festival.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MulticulturalFestival.shtml](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MulticulturalFestival.shtml)

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

**Walk to End Alzheimer's.** 2 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Help raise money and support for treatment for Alzheimer's Disease at the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Visit [act.alz.org/](http://act.alz.org/) for more.

**NatureFest.** 1-5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. A family-focused event to explore various stations throughout the park that include hands-on activities, educational events, wildlife visitors and crafts. Visit [herndon-va.gov](http://herndon-va.gov) for more.

## FARMERS MARKETS

### SATURDAYS

**Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse.** Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit [www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com) for a list of vendors.

**Clarendon Farmers Market.** Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit [www.Clarendon.org](http://www.Clarendon.org). Call 703-812-8881.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

**Del Ray Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net).

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Ave. and Snoqualmie St., Mount Vernon. Visit [www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org).

**Burke Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm)

**Reston Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. [www.restonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.restonfarmersmarket.com).

**Oakton Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. [www.smartmarkets.org/](http://www.smartmarkets.org/)

**Springfield Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html).

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. [www.viennafarmersmarket.com](http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com).

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com).

### SUNDAYS

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### The Open Air Market in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products



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8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit [www.Clarendon.org](http://www.Clarendon.org). 703-812-8881.

**Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.4mrmarket.org/](http://www.4mrmarket.org/) for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org).

**Lorton Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm)

**McLean Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. [www.smartmarkets.org/](http://www.smartmarkets.org/)

**Tyson's Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. [www.tysonspartnership.org](http://www.tysonspartnership.org)

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/)

**Fair Lakes Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. [www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va](http://www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va).

### TUESDAYS

**The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market** is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St, Arlington. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org).

### WEDNESDAYS

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. [www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org/](http://www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org/)

**Wakefield Farmers Market.** 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Features an average of 21 vendors including a fish vendor, knife sharpener and soap vendor. Cooking demonstrations and live music some weeks. 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. [www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/](http://www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/)

**Reston Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

**Frying Pan Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

[www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com](http://www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com).

**Fair Lakes Farmers Market.** 3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. [www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va](http://www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va).

### THURSDAYS

**Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1](http://www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1).

**Annandale Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm)

**Herndon Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St, Herndon. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm)

**Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentr-mrkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentr-mrkt.htm)

**Lorton Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

### FRIDAYS

**McLean Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm)

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm)

# Summer Fun

Food Arts Entertainment

Come early and stay late for the annual Taste of Reston on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 15. Some of the "tasters" from last year's festival took a break from all the tempting culinary fare to do a little dancing at one of the secondary stages featuring live music.



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## Top Ten

BY RACHEL STONE  
THE CONNECTION

Here's your top ten list of events to check out this summer.

**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Herndon Festival.** May 29-June 1. Historic Downtown Herndon, 777 Lynn St. Come with friends and family to the largest summer festival in all of Northern Virginia. Enjoy the carnival rides, vendors' booths, hands-on art for kids, and fireworks displays. Then, tie up your laces for the 10K and 5K races in our Fitness Expo. Entry is free. [www.herndonfestival.net](http://www.herndonfestival.net)

**Herndon Friday Night Live!** Every Friday, June 6-Aug. 22. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Sit back and relax to great sounds on Friday nights with this local concert series! Featuring the most popular local and regional acts of the east coast. FNL was named BEST of NoVA 2012 by Northern Virginia Magazine. Concerts are free; food vendors are on site. See [herndonrocks.com](http://herndonrocks.com) for schedule.

**Relay for Life.** June 7. 1 p.m. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St, Herndon. Stay up all night for the fight against cancer. This family-friendly event fundraises for the American Cancer Society, and has already raised over \$37,500. Register as an individual, or with a team: [relayforlife.org](http://relayforlife.org), search Herndon.

**Chalk on the Water Festival.** June 7- 8. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza Waterfront, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. If you ever wanted to paint the bricks without getting in trouble, all ages are welcome to paint Lake Anne Plaza in a Technicolor hue, as participants turns the plaza into a chalk art gallery. \$5-\$15. Register at [www.chalkonthewater.com](http://www.chalkonthewater.com).

**Taste of Reston.** June 13-14. 3- 11 p.m. Come hungry to the Reston Town Center for two days of food and drinks, live entertainment, carnival rides, the Family Fun Zone! and a Wine 'n Dine area. In the last two years, Taste of Reston was voted "Best Food Festival in Northern Virginia" by Virginia Living Magazine. You won't want to miss it. [Restontaste.com](http://Restontaste.com)

**Events at Lake Anne Plaza.** June 8-Sept. 14. From their Summer Film Festival on the second Sundays of the month, to their Take a Break Concert series on Thursdays, Lake Anne is your local getaway for the summer. Those with a taste for the global should also attend the Reston Multicultural Festival



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION  
**A troupe of Cambodian dancers perform on the World Stage at the Reston Multicultural Festival Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013.**

## Summer fun events in Reston & Herndon.

on Sept. 27. Free. [Lakeanneplaza.com](http://Lakeanneplaza.com) and [restoncommunitycenter.com](http://restoncommunitycenter.com)

**Summer at Herndon Centennial Golf Course.** June 22. 8 a.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave, Herndon. The course is yours in the Short Game Challenge on June 22 or the Junior Open on July 28. All skill levels are welcome to enjoy the thrill of the competition. Visit [www.herdongolf.com](http://www.herdongolf.com) for details.

**Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks.** Wednesdays, June 23-August 20. 10- 11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. 703-437-9101.

**Herndon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.** July 4. 6:30 p.m. Brady Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to celebrate the nation in this family-fun event. Enjoy games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, and balloon artists! Fireworks show set to choreographed music begins at dark; approx. 9:30 p.m. [https://www.herndon-va.gov/Content/Parks\\_rec/SpecialEvents/4th\\_of\\_July.aspx?cnlid=385](https://www.herndon-va.gov/Content/Parks_rec/SpecialEvents/4th_of_July.aspx?cnlid=385)

**Herndon Labor Day Festival.** Sept. 1. 12- 6 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St, Herndon. At the turn of the season, don't miss this festival's great music, craft show, delicious food, and twelve wineries and micro-brews with culinary demonstrations!

**Paint Herndon.** Sept. 20. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St, Herndon. A one-stop, all-day celebration of the arts and the anniversary of ArtSpace's opening in Herndon. Revel in the creative works of local artists, followed by a reception and awards ceremony. Applications are being accepted for Art on the Lawn. [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com)

**Herndon Kids Triathlon.** Sept 21. 8 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave, Herndon. Get outside to swim, bike and run in this event, designed for ages 6-16. Calling youth big and small, regardless of athletic ability or prior athletic experience. The courses and distances were created to be achievable for all participants. [http://www.herndon-va.gov/Content/Parks\\_rec/SpecialEvents/KidsTriathlon/default.aspx?cnlid=4929](http://www.herndon-va.gov/Content/Parks_rec/SpecialEvents/KidsTriathlon/default.aspx?cnlid=4929)

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One of the many acts returning to this summer's Concerts on the Town at Reston Town Center Pavilion, Saturdays from June 7 through Aug. 30, will be Incendio. The group, describing their sound as "world instrumental music" is heavy on the Spanish guitar and had the crowds last year pulling out all their Latin dance moves. The musical series will feature bluegrass, reggae, jazz, R&B, classic rock, and even a Beatles Tribute band – Hard Day's Night – that will open the season.

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basic robots using Legos, record custom sound effects, and engage in other activities that make developing STEM skills (Science Technology, Engineering and Math) a whole lot of fun.

And what about right around the corner from Lake Fairfax? On Hunter Mill Road you'll find the Reston Zoo. OK. Technically the zoo is located in Vienna, but with that name and location, it can still make the list of Reston summer destinations, especially since the Zoo will be having weeklong Junior Zookeepers camps in July. For ages 7 – 12, the "zookeepers-in-training" will work with real animal care staff, keepers and a veterinarian technician, with special behind-the-scenes activities every day.

Not done yet. There's still the myriad of events and activities sponsored by the Reston Association and the Walker Nature Education Center from Stream Sloshing (for a nominal fee, wear your wellies or

waders and clothes suitable to mud!) where you can explore the lifecycle of a frog and check out the other inhabitants of our moving waterways, to more adult entertainment, like Wine Tastings at the Center. There's just too much going on there to list, so you will just have to check out their calendar at [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

So, Restonians, neighbors and visitors from around the county and around the globe, are you all ready for a rompin' good time in Reston this summer? Enjoy!

Websites to help you plan your Reston Summer Fun:

[www.restontowncenter.com](http://www.restontowncenter.com)  
[www.restontaste.com](http://www.restontaste.com)  
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Boats pull up to Lake Anne Plaza to watch "Back to the Future," the first film in the Lake Anne summer film series last year.



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Checking out the vendors at last year's Ukulele Festival at Lake Anne. July 12 will be the fifth return of this event that just seems to get bigger and better each year.



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Visitors to Lake Anne Plaza prepare to watch "Back to the Future" outdoors last year.