

Rose Hill Rambler Editor Needed!

The Rose Hill Rambler

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100th Anniversary of Armistice Day Celebrated This Veteran's Day

Special points of interest:

- Rambler to be Published Quarterly, Meeting Information Available Online
- Home-town Veterans
- Radar Speed Cameras Coming Soon

Volleyball Fun!

Join Linda and Dave Nichols for community volleyball each Thursday from 6-8pm. at Lee District Park. A court has been reserved for RHCA and residents of all ages are welcome to join in the fun and recreation.

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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that led to the end of World War I. Once known as Armistice Day, we now celebrate it as Veteran's Day. The Armistice took effect at "The Eleventh Hour on the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month" in 1918. The United States had joined the Allies in opposing Germany the previous year. World War I officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles at a palace near Paris, France on June 28, 1919. Germany's Hitler denounced the treaty in 1935 and began overturning it with respect to Austria and Czechoslovakia. He invaded Poland in 1939 to begin World War II.

November 11 falls on a Sunday this year, so the Rose Hill Civic Association will present an informational program about the war after church. Interested residents are invited to gather on the sidewalk in front the Krause home at 6300 Rose Hill Drive at 2 p.m. Signs honoring our veterans will serve as a backdrop for remarks. Any resident who would like to participate in the discussion

is welcome. We would appreciate the participation of anyone with an interest in the history of that era.

On Sunday, November 18, the Franconia Museum will hold its annual History Day program at the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department. The program will include information about members of the community who served in World War I. The great granddaughter of a World War I veteran will honor all Americans who fought in France with a selection of songs popular during the conflict. Included will be "Silent Night," which was sung by opposing soldiers without any predetermined schedule one Christmas Eve.

The Museum History Day program starts at noon and continues until 4 p.m. The World War I portion of the program begins at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. Come and browse through artifacts and information pertaining to the history of Franconia, which includes Rose Hill. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be on sale with all proceeds going to the Museum. Cost of the food for sale is paid

by Nalls Produce, Sherman Properties and Dove Heating and Air Conditioning.

If you have a veteran living in Rose Hill, make sure we have his or her name and service affiliation so it will be on display in the Krause yard across from Rose Hill Elementary School. Call or e-mail Carl Sell or Linda Nichols ASAP so we can add the name. There is no cost. RHCA is proud to be able to honor our home-town veterans.

(The signs will be displayed starting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 8. They will be taken down at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13. Any help will be appreciated.)

Please see page 4 for the list.

Rambler to Be Delivered Quarterly

Starting with this issue, the Rambler will be published four times a year. The next issue will be January 2019.

Meeting information will be available on the Rose Hill Civic Association's web site. Members who sign up will receive timely e-mails containing information about meeting agendas and community issues. If we already have your e-mail and you have been receiving information from RHCA, you will continue to hear from us. If not, it would be a good idea to join RHCA and make sure we have your e-mail. If you don't have e-mail, we'll try to inform you by telephone.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. at the Rose Hill Elementary School.

Subsequent meetings this year are scheduled for October 23 and November 27. The sites of these meetings have not been set because we are unsure when the John Marshall Library will reopen. The Library web site says John Marshall will reopen in the Fall of 2018 but does not give a date. The facility will include a separate community meeting room. We hope to resume meeting at the library soon. In the meantime, Rose Hill Elementary has been a gracious host.

RHCA also is revamping its website in an effort to make more community information easily available. The new web site also will allow residents to pay their dues and make contributions to RHCA electronically. Dues are only \$10, but we encourage contributions in order to maintain community such as the seasonal plantings at our entrance sign, printing of the Rambler and contributions to worthy causes in our back yard. RHCA supports the Edison All-Night Graduation Party, Kiononia Family Services to help the less fortunate and the Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas

morning breakfast for our police who work the holiday.

At our September 25 meeting, we hope to have information concerning the proposed new houses to be built on Rock- A- Bye Road. As September 15, no new plans had been submitted to the County. We have seen two presentations by the developer, but no comments from the County, which must approve the plans.

We are in need of someone to put the Rambler together each before printing each quarter. Susan Jones, the current editor, has moved but will help someone get started. This important job is vital to RHCA's ability to communicate with everyone in the community. It is delivered to each door so everyone is aware of community and county rules and doesn't make a mistake that will either be costly or upset the neighbors, or both.

RHCA works diligently to keep Rose Hill a safe and pleasant community in which to live. Communication with everyone through the Rambler is our most effective tool. If they read the Rambler, they can't say they didn't know the rules!

TRASH PICKUP

Rose Hill currently is served by private trash pickup companies. It has been suggested that we switch to Fairfax County service. In order to obtain service from the county, 55 percent of the homeowners in the community must sign a petition request. Renters are not eligible to vote. With more than 700 homes in the community, it will require a herculean effort to obtain approval by petitions supplied by the County. If the number is reached, a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors is required. If the community is approved as

a local Sanitary District, residents will be advised by mail of the trash collection day. Households currently will be charged a user fee of \$350.00 per year on their real estate tax assessment.

If anyone wishes to volunteer to chair, or help with, a petition effort, please get in touch with one of the RHCA officers. Homeowner signature are required and only one per residence will be counted. County trash pickup occurs once a week rather than the twice-a-week service we now have with private companies.

CAR TAX EVADERS

If a vehicle with out-of-state license plates is parked in a driveway or on the street in Rose Hill for more than 60 days, it is required to have a Virginia registration and pay a County personal property tax. The only exceptions are for personnel living in Fairfax County under military order, full-time college students, diplomats and government vehicles. If you suspect that a vehicle in your neighborhood is not registered with the State on the County, you can check the record by send a report to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxevaders/AddRecords.aspx>. Within the past year, more than 2,500 unregistered vehicles were added to car tax records, yielding \$2.5 million in tax revenue for the county budget. After you fill out the quick form, you then can check on its status. The vehicle at the address may already be under investigation or already on the tax rolls or various other categories. Residents are encouraged to report possible tax evaders so everyone pays their fair share. The Board of Supervisors is considering a proposal to add eight new positions in the Department of Taxation to accelerate this program. Their salaries would be offset by the fines collected.

RADAR SPEED CAMERAS

The Board of Supervisors is discussing authorizing the County staff to investigate the use of pole-mounted radar signs to track speeds and discourage cut-through traffic in residential areas. I already have suggested Rose Hill Drive as a candidate for such a use. The radar units will telegraph speeds of approaching vehicles but won't take pictures that would result in fines. You may have seen them on streets in neighboring jurisdictions. RHCA has requested speed tables or bumps and four-way stop signs in an effort to slow traffic on Rose Hill Drive. All to no avail. We were told that the new bicycle lanes would result in slower traffic. If you think that has happened, I'd like to hear from you. Speeding and tail-gating by those who disobey the law continues on Rose Hill Drive. The rest of us who live in Rose Hill can help our neighbors who live on Rose Hill Drive by obeying the 25-miles-per-hour speed

limit. RHCA continues to encourage the use of police radar units on Rose Hill Drive. The best way to avoid a ticket is by getting in the habit of slowing down.

FLEET PARKING REGULATIONS

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a September 25 public hearing on a change to the County Code that would prohibit the parking of fleet vehicles on public streets in the County. Fleet vehicles are described as any vehicles and/or trailers, greater than one, that are controlled, owned or leased by a single company and are used in the normal business operations of that company. The definition would include fleets of revolving inventory, and vehicles that are available for rent or lease to individuals or businesses. It would not apply to vehicles registered to an individual employee that are used in the normal course of business. It also would not apply to vehicles picking up or discharging passengers, making a

pickup or delivery or temporarily parked while employees perform work or deliver service at a location, if parking of the fleet vehicle does not obstruct traffic. Hopefully, the proposal will be better defined so enforcement can protect neighborhoods such as Rose Hill. It should be noted that restrictions already exist on the size and number of commercial vehicles parked in residential zones.

COMMUNITY ZONING and VEHICLE LAWS

Residents are reminded that a number of things that detract from our community and bother your neighbors ARE AGAINST THE LAW. Zoning violations such as overcrowding, trash left at the curb, parking in the front yard, inoperable/unlicensed/or with valid inspections vehicles will be reported to the

Rose Hill Playmates Reunited

In the June Rambler, we told the story of a lady who lived in Rose Hill as a child but hadn't been back since 1958. Linda McMurray Duer brought her daughter, Anna, along with her on a short visit in May 2018. Turned out she had grown up in the house now occupied by Dave and Linda Nichols at 6416 Rose Hill Drive.

Linda Duer also provided a picture of herself and her friend, Libby, on their

bikes in front of what is now the Nichols' home. Turned out Linda Nichols went to school with Elizabeth Anderson, the girl in the picture who lived on Hayfield Court.

They both graduated from Edison High School in 1971.



Linda Duer (L) and Linda Nichols (R)

After all the dots were connected for Linda Duer in Rose Hill, RHCA turned its attention to finding Elizabeth Anderson. We turned the chore over to Jeff Langley and Judy Hutchinson of the Franco-

nia Museum Board of Directors. Jeff, who once lived in Rose Hill, administers the Facebook site "I Grew Up in Franconia" and has hundreds of friends. Judy is the Museum secretary who is Facebook friends with almost everyone from Franconia that is now on Facebook.

Didn't take long to find Libby, who turned out to be a Friend for both Jeff's site and Judy. They immediately put Libby and Linda Duer together. After graduating from Edison, Libby went to work for Pan American Airways and moved to Florida. She is still there, working for a restaurant chain in Miami. You can find her on Facebook.

Rose Hill's Home-town Vets

Patti Ballard, Navy	John Furneisen, USMC	Paulette & Stanley Martin Sr., Army
Richard Ballard, Army	Larry Fulk, Navy	Jorge Martinez, Navy
William Bennington, Air Force	Charles B. Freitag, Sr. Army	Edna & Claude Mitchell, Army
David Benarick, Army	Bernard Farley, Navy	William Partridge, Army
Joseph Myron Beaty, Army	Paul Kazimir, Army	Bob Pinkham, USMC
Joseph Raymond Beaty, Air Force	Donald L. Krause, Air Force	Malinda Price, Air Force
Alex Bosenberg, Navy	Frank Jencks, Army	Steven Routt, Army
Bill Braswell, Army	Jeffrey, Mathew Haupt, Navy	Sherwood Roseboro, Army
Mark Broxterman, Army	Elmer Haupt, Navy	Ivan Earl Raby, Army
Ariel Claros, Navy/Air Force	Brett Haupt, Air Force	D, Cragin Shelton, Air Force
Chick, Mildred & Bob Ciccotelli, Army	Joe Hatcher, Air Force	Deborah & Donald Snyder, Army/Air Force
Roger Christiansen, Air Force	Salvatore J. Guzzetta, Air Force	Jennifer Smith-Heys, Army
Edward Cazenave, Navy	John Good, Navy/Army	Bill Stemple, Army
Raul Castillo, Navy	Charles Letsche, Army	Don Szamborski, Air Force
Ralph Carico, Army	Jane Letsche, Women's Army Corps	Mark Takehara, USMC
John Cashmire, Army	John Lewis, Navy	Robert B. Thompson, Sr. & Robert B. Thompson Jr., Army
Bob Carrington, Army	John Lawrence, USMC	Monroe Varney, USMC
Karl & Shannon Coolbaugh, Army	Cedrick Lack, Army/Air Force	Don Weber, Army
Sam Covington, USMC	Fred Lora, Army	Charles Wimberley, Sr., Navy
Bruce Cox, Air Force	David Lord, Navy	James Willis, Army
Matthew Dailey, Army	Wellington Machmer, Army	
Harry L. Dodson, USMC	Frank Manno, Navy/Air Force	
Margo Van Egmond, Army	Tom Mangum, Air Force	

Short-Term Rentals in Your Home To Require Fairfax County Permits

Starting October 1, 2018, short-term rental lodging regulations will take effect in Fairfax County, including communities such as Rose Hill. Landlords will have to be permanent residents of the property and must have a permit costing \$200 for a two-year period. In addition, the short-term rentals will be subject to a two percent transient occupancy tax. Properties may be rented for no more than 60 days per calendar year.

The Board of Supervisors passed the new restrictions on July 31, 2018, in response to Internet rental arrangements for short-term rentals through such companies as Airbnb. The County staff estimates there are thousands of short-term rentals being offered on the Internet or through word of mouth. All currently are illegal.

Properties may not be rented for events of commercial purposes such as parties, weddings or fund-raisers. Only one contract per night is permitted and is limited to six adults. There must be at least one designated parking space available for renters. The posting shall include the permit number and the location of the parking space.

The landlord also shall make the property available, on request for inspection by County code compliance officers. Properties must comply with state and county building code and safety rules as well as Homeowner Association rules, if applicable.

Since the Rose Hill Civic Association is a volunteer organization, there are no homeowner rules. However, residents are advised that there are covenants in place that are part of each property's deed. The covenants are available at myrosehill.com

or by checking your land transaction records. Covenants can be enforced through court action brought by a neighbor.

The County will examine how the new regulations are working after an 18-month period. The Rose Hill Civic Association will discuss the issue during that time and report its concerns to the Board of Supervisors. If you want to have a community voice in this important issue, you need to be a member of RHCA.

Our community already has a problem with overcrowding of residents and vehicles at several locations. Our streets, for example, are not wide enough to meet the current code and traffic is restricted when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. Residents are reminded of County codes involving electrical wiring, subdivision of interior space and the use of secondary structures for living quarters and the limitations of parking on front lawns.

Recycle Unneeded Household Items

Submitted by Vikki Beaty

Help us uphold our community curb appeal and expedite removal of your household furnishings at the same time! Please don't place these curbside to sit as an eyesore and become unusable due to weather or insect/animal residue! Your unwanted household wares and clothing items may be donated, by drop-off or pick-up, you receive a tax-donation receipt, and someone less fortunate will be able to use your item.

The Habitat ReStore
7770-F Richmond Highway

Alexandria, VA 22306

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M-F: 10am—5pm

Sat: 9am—5pm

Back Porthole Thrift Store

United Community Church

7838 Richmond Highway

Alexandria, VA 22306

Call for pick-up; receive tax donation receipt

703.799.7015

Tues-Sat: 9am—5pm

Thank you for working together as a community to keep our curb appeal, sustaining our property values, and generally encouraging others to invest in us by buying or renting a home here.

Rose Hill PTA Report

Rose Hill Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a non-profit organization where parents, teachers, and community members partner together to make the best possible experiences for children. As the old African proverb states, "It takes a village" and nowhere is this more important than in education.

A common misconception is that you must have a child going to the school to become a PTA member. This is wrong! Anyone who wants to witness improvement in their community is eligi-

ble to join. A top-performing school is profitable for real estate markets. Better school = higher housing costs.

This year the PTA has 5 main goals: Community, Diversity, Technology, Communication, and Membership. We welcome you to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/rosehillespta/> and visit our website at [https://](https://rosehillelemen-)

taryschool.ptboard.com/home. As community members, you are always welcome to attend PTA meetings and come to PTA events. Additionally, we invite you to support Rose Hill Elementary by becoming PTA members. Becoming a member does not mean you need to volunteer or come to meetings – but it does send a message that you care about and are invested in improving your community. Family memberships are

\$15.00/year and single memberships are \$10.00/year. Each membership fee puts \$5.00 directly into the PTAs pocket, where we can do things like buy computers for classrooms! More information about our memberships can be found here: <https://rosehillelementaryschool.ptboard.com/formvw/store?store=709>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the PTA President, Kara Jenkins, at president@rosehillpta.org

Here's a list of our upcoming PTA meetings (Rose Hill Cafeteria):

Tuesday, October 9th @ 6:00 p.m., followed by coaching session for parents

Tuesday, December 11 @ 6:00 p.m., followed by Kids Holiday Shop extending shopping night
Friday, February 8th @ 6:00 p.m., followed by Family Movie Night
Tuesday, April 6th @ 6:00 p.m., followed by kids art night

Tuesday, May 14th @ 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4th @ 6:00 p.m., followed by thank you social

Web: <https://rosehillelementaryschool.ptboard.com/home>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/rosehillespta

Twitter: @rosehillespta



Want to advertise in the Rose Hill Rambler?

Listing in the business directory is free to RHCA residents who are members and own their own business, but placing an actual ad is open to all with rates per month as listed.

Ads may be bought quarterly or yearly. Our newsletter is published 4 times a year.

Business card: 3 ½" x 2", \$10

Quarter page: 3 ½" x 4 ¾", \$25

Half page: 7 ½" x 4 ¾", \$50

Full page: 7 ½" x 9 ¾", \$100

Advertising in *The Rambler* is an excellent way to reach the 700+ homes in our community. In addition, the ads are placed on our website, www.myRoseHill.com, for the world to see.

Anyone interested in placing an ad, email: scheungjones@gmail.com in tiff or jpeg format or hard-copy mailed to P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Checks made out to RHCA should be included with advertisement and sent to the P.O. Box.

Only those residents who are members of the Rose Hill Civic Association or provide services in kind will qualify for a FREE listing in the business directory. Membership dues are the source of funds for the printing of The Rambler.

Heating and Air Conditioning

Dove Heating and Air Conditioning. We service and install heat pumps, air conditioners, furnaces, hot water heaters, and humidifiers. David and Linda Nichols, 703.971.8897. The Nichols have been in business for 30 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 41 years.

Real Estate

Re/Max 100. Steve Dougherty, 703.746.8720. www.stevedougherty.com. Steve and his family have lived in Rose Hill and been active in civic affairs for 30 years. He has been a Realtor of 20 years and specializes in service to his neighbors in the community.

Lawn Services

Fortney Lawn & Garden. David and Jimmy Fortney, 703.960.8869. Although they live in Virginia Hills, the Fortneys work closely with RHCA to maintain the median landscaping on Rose Hill Drive.

Donald Camden

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ROSE HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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