

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

RHCA To Honor 'Originals' At Its April 24 Meeting

We have identified 29 families that moved into new Rose Hill houses during the 1950s and were still here as we celebrated the community's 50th Anniversary in 2004. Those names have been memorialized on a plaque that will be unveiled at our April 24 meeting starting at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library. Refreshments will be served!

Now, we need your help with suggestions as to where to place the large plaque. We have invited all of the recipients to join us for the unveiling and participate in a discussion as to where the plaque should be placed. Each family named on the plaque will receive a framed replica for display in their home.

Connie and Frank Beatty moved into Rose Hill in December of 1954 and Connie still resides on Rose Hill Drive. The 1955 list of Originals includes Twila and Essie Noble, Anna and Wellington Machmer, Jean and William Stemple, Jean and Robert Thomson, Helen Wagness, Alice and Edward Holloman, George and Doris Krapf, Pearl and Wesley Butler, and Tom and Wanda Violette.

The 1956 group includes Bev and Tom Eppolito, Ray and Bobby Stone, Kae and John Furneisen, and David and Gladys Tutterow. In 1957, Macy Watts, Mary and Ken Mann, Beatrice Mulvey, and Donald

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 7pm, John Marshall Library

Topic: Officer Elections and Rose Hill 'Originals'

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and Norma Jean Youmans arrived. 1958 saw Dorothy and Joseph Turner, John and Jean Madaris, Tony and Millie Lane, Mike and Bea Evans, and Ed and Penny Molner set up housekeeping in Rose Hill.

In 1959, Helen and Robert Flahive, Jayne Letsche, Jack and Dot Moore, Raymond and Evelyn Market, Russell, Phyllis and Jack Blush, and Russell and Maxine Jones arrived in Rose Hill.

Come and help RHCA honor its long-time residents who have helped make this community a great place to live, work, and play. And, since a number of Rose Hill houses were built in the 1960s, we are starting our search for those residents who have been here since their home was built. It won't be long that they, too, will have been here 50 years. We always have room for another plaque!

Election, Memberships

Thanks to Woody Betts for conducting last month's meeting while I was on a sabbatical at Spring Training in Arizona. I hope everyone enjoyed the Rose Hill panels that will be on display at the Franconia Museum. One thing I didn't tell Woody and Linda Nichols last month is that we need to have our annual election. So, we'll have to make up for my oversight this month. In order to satisfy our bylaws, we'll continue our March meeting before we open the April meeting so we can conduct the election. Our membership drive for 2007 is over and the honor roll of members is printed for the last time on page 5. If you don't see you name on the list, you

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can still join by going to myRoseHill.com, printing out a membership application, and mailing it to RHCA at P.O. Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. We'll acknowledge your membership in next month's edition of *The Rambler* but we won't reprint the entire list.

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Rose Hill Beauties, Etc.

We'll soon be awarding the coveted Rose Hill Beauty signs for 2007. They go to RHCA members who keep their property in great shape throughout the year. Remember, the signs are placed ONLY in the yards of RHCA members. Other winners will be listed in *The Rambler*. While the judges make their rounds looking for "beauties," they'll also be taking note of problems that need attention. Zoning violations, trash piles, cars with expired license or inspection stickers, etc. will be reported to the proper authorities. Residents are also reminded that the County is cracking down on overcrowded homes, particularly those single-family properties being used as boarding houses. Also, remember that only 25 percent of the front yard can be used for driveway purposes, and parking on the grass strip between the sidewalk and Rose Hill Drive is illegal. You could receive a ticket for the latter violation. Zoning violations can result in fines or jail time. RHCA is committed to keeping our community free of blight. If you see a problem and are unsure if it is a violation, contact any of the RHCA officers and we will check it out.

New Four-Way Stop Signs

You may have noticed the new four-way stops on Willowood Drive at Bee Street and Apple Tree Drive at Willowood Drive. The new signs are part of RHCA's continuing effort to slow down traffic on our residential streets. Previously, Willowood was unencumbered from Telegraph Road to Apple Tree and Apple Tree was a straight shot from Rose Hill Drive to its eastern terminus. The new stops will interrupt those who gathered speed as they moved along. At least one motorist already has shown his or her displeasure at the interrupting by leaving rubber at both signs on Willowood at Bee Street. Hopefully he or she will do it again and someone

will note the license number so we can reward that driver with a ticket to remember the visit to our community. Thanks to those residents who signed the petition that resulted in the new stop signs. We hope residents near the new signs along Willowood and Apple Tree will have an easier time getting out of their driveways. We are continuing with our efforts to introduce other traffic calming methods to our streets in Rose Hill. Please sign our petition when one of your neighbors asks for your support. If you don't want anyone knocking on your door, please come to the RHCA meeting starting at 7pm on April 24 at the John Marshall Library. You don't have to stay if you don't wish to. Just sign the petition and leave. Thanks for your support. Together, we'll make Rose Hill a safer place.

Overall Crime Down, BUT

The Fairfax County crime statistics for 2006 are in and overall crime decreased 6.7 percent. However, the robbery and burglary categories both showed significant increases. Robbery was up 18.4 percent and burglary jumped 17.6 percent. These are the categories of crime that most often occur in our community. There is some good news on those fronts, however. Preliminary numbers for burglary in early 2007 show a decrease as compared with the same period last year. What's more the police have made numerous arrests in burglary cases, with a single arrest often closing a number of cases. Several have been the result of telephone tips to the police or Crime Solvers. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you have information concerning a suspect in a crime, call the police non-emergency number at 703.691.2131 or Crime Solvers at 1.866.411.TIPS(8477). Officer James Nida, the crime prevention officer at the Franconia District Station, outlined the importance of citizen reports at our February meeting. He demonstrated how a series of calls can lead to the apprehension of a criminal although none of those calls by themselves were enough to lead to an arrest. Don't ever hesitate to call the police. They truly appreciate your help as it often pays off in an arrest.

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Coyote Sightings

Over the past several months, there have been several reported sightings of what appeared to be coyotes in Rose Hill. Turns out the reports were accurate. The County Police Department's Wildlife Biologist and a Park Authority Naturalist confirm that the animals are here to stay. Coyotes will frequent fields, hunt along streambeds, and work woods for food. They prey on larger creatures such as small deer, turkey, and geese. They will lurk near outdoor compost piles and pet dishes so cats and small dogs could be in danger. Although generally nocturnal, they will come out during the day if food sources are available. If you see a coyote, the rules of engagement are simple: chase it away by yelling. Once known as an animal indigenous to the western United States, coyotes began migrating east when forests east of the Mississippi River began to be cleared. They reached northwest Virginia about 1970. Road kill such as deer is often given as one of the attractions for coyotes. Unlike a fox, coyotes walk with their noses pointed down at about a 45-degree angle and its tail down. A fox walks with its head up and its tail straight out. Coyotes are territorial, and unlike deer, their populations are self-limiting. If their numbers fall, coyotes produce larger litters. If there is overpopulation, litters shrink. That trait and their territorial nature make them virtually impossible to eliminate. This informational is courtesy of the Fairfax County Park Authority's Spring 2007 ResOURces newsletter. ResOURces first wrote about coyotes in 2004. See that article at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/archives/coyotes.htm.

New Eminent Domain Law

The Virginia Legislature passed and the governor recently signed into law a new eminent domain bill that limits the Commonwealth's ability to acquire private property. The action came in reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Kelo case that public property could be taken for private gain to build big box stores, shopping malls, etc., in the name of redevelopment. The bill (House Bill 2954) states that private property can be taken for traditional public uses such as roads, schools, and post offices. It also tightens the state's definition of blight. And that will make it tougher for the County to crack down on properties such as 4612 Roundhill Road. According to the Washington Times, local governments will still be able to acquire properties that pose a real

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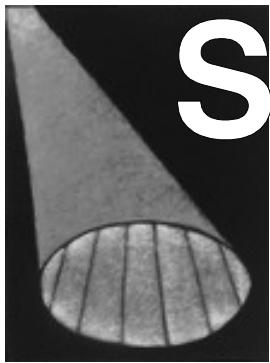
threat to public health or safety, but perfectly fine homes and businesses can no longer be seized using vague and subjective criteria like 'deteriorated'

or 'dilapidated.' Those two latter terms are most often used to describe 4612 Roundhill Road. At present, the Zoning Administrator classifies the property as 'safe and secure' and promises to inspect it at least once a year. We are going to have to convince somebody in authority that 4612 Round Hill Road is not a 'perfectly fine home' and classifies it into such a criteria that the owner either fixes it up or the County does it for him. We are getting very little help from the County at this point. With an election coming up this fall, I intend to make it an issue. We'll see who responds.

Development News

Although there is nothing to report concerning Rose Hill proper this month, there are some scary proposals being reviewed in the Springfield area. Scary as far as traffic and its impact on roads we use everyday are concerning. First, I'm sure you have read about the proposal to send 20,000+ jobs to Fort Belvoir as the result of other military base closures around the country. Some of that already has happened on the main post and we are seeing the effect on Telegraph Road, South Van Dorn Street, and South King's Highway. Massive development of almost five million square feet is proposed for the Engineer Proving Grounds off Backlick Road. And, Springfield Mall has jumped into the mix with a plan to change the mall from a retail center to mixed use including a total of five million square feet of retail, office, and residential. The latter will be in high-rise buildings 30 stories high. Neither the Army nor the owners of the mall have shown any plans to either improve existing or handle the new traffic each proposal will generate. In the case of the mall, the owners are trying to make the case that use of the Metro will greatly offset the added traffic. Although these two proposals are several miles away from Rose Hill, they will impact our daily lives. They certainly will enhance the marketplace for resales, but the traffic may be unbearable if proper road and transit planning is not included. So far, there is little indication of the latter. We'll keep you informed.

—Carl Sell



Spotlight

Andrea Jeffries: A Rose Hill Jewel

Rose Hill Civic Association honors Andrea Jeffries for her loving care and dedication to our children for 26 years.

When you walk or drive by Rose Hill School in the morning you will see Andrea making sure that all our children arrive at school safely while, at same time, keeping the traffic moving smoothly. I, personally, have been most impressed with the care, love, and professionalism in which she protects our children and helps start their day off on a positive tone...often with hugs, pats on shoulders, and a "Good Morning." Andrea wants all children to know that she is there for them and hopes that she is making a positive impression as she doles out the hugs and pats on the back.

Andrea feels that everyone is very special and as you watch her doing the duties of a crossing guard, you know that she is going well beyond the expectations of her position. Andrea is very special and deserves all the thanks we can give for taking such good care of our children and starting them off

on a positive note. Her afternoon duties contain more of the same positive attitude.



I have known Andrea for many years. She attended Rose Hill School and has lived on Leewood Drive all her life...first with her parents, the Whites, and then later she moved across the street when she married Stephen Jeffries. They have two children, Jessica and Jacob, who both attended Rose Hill School.

When I asked Andrea what she likes best about her job, she said, "meeting lots of kids and enjoying our very diverse population." She feels that everyone is very special in their own way! You could probably guess what she dislikes most about being a crossing guard...those very cold and rainy days!!!!!! (which we have had so many of lately).

When I interviewed Andrea, I discovered it was her birthday; she told me that I made her day very special! I just want Andrea to know that she makes my day very special when I get one of her hugs or a special wave as I walk by.

—Marie Sherfey

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Ocean City Condo For Rent

Two-bedroom, two bath condo available for rent July 8-15. Special price for RHCA members **only**. Located in North Ocean City, this small condo complex is located in a quiet neighborhood, has a pool and is four blocks from the ocean. Family of five maximum. Rent Sunday to Saturday night to avoid traffic. Call 703.971.4716.

2007 Members as of April 12, 2007

Nouri & Suham Abbou, 6115 Rose Hill Drive
Josephine & Margaret Alston, 6118 Leewood Drive
Norma & Au Gusto V. Alvarez, Sr, 6507 Carriage Drive
Nida & Jerry Antonio, 6406 May Boulevard
R. Bagdasarian, 6214 Driftwood Drive
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane
Rick & Patti Ballard, 4519 Lark Lane
M.N. Barakat, 6609 Cottonwood Drive
J. Barney, 5000 Treetop Lane
P.G. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road
M. & C. Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
Dan & Ingrid Bearth, 6417 Rose Hill Drive
C. & F. Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Sandy Benarick, 6270 Rose Hill Drive
Shirley & Bill Bennington, 6405 May Boulevard
William & Tammie Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive
Jack Blush, 6607 Cottonwood Drive
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbing Hill Road
Gary Bravy, 6214 Roundhill Road
Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbing Hill Road
Chris & Ann Borchevsky, 4511 Bee Street
Jeanette Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Mark & Lorraine Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
Pearl Butler, 6404 Cottonwood Drive
Ron & Nancy Buzalsky, 4434 Roundhill Road
T. Campbell, 6402 Cottonwood Drive
Ralph Carico, 6112 Leewood Drive
John & Penny Cashmire, 4907 Silo Road
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Robert G. Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place
Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
Ron & Karen Collins, 4905 Apple Tree Drive
L. Corbin, 6221 Blossom Lane
Steve Corbin, 4512 Lark Lane
Sam R. Covington, 6302 Saddle Tree Drive
Jane & Margo Cunniffe, 4609 Mayor Place
V. & W. Dahlgren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
Sally & Bill Dankers & Marjorie Parkyn, 6511 Carriage Dr.
Wendy Darwell, 6403 Willowood Lane
E. & K. Davidson, 4607 Roundhill Road
Scott & Leah Decker, 6420 Rose Hill Drive
Barbara Digman, 6217 Blossom Lane
Ron & Donna Dillon, 4618 Winston Place
Robin & David Dodson, 6400 Wayside Place
Harry Dodson, 6319 May Boulevard
Steve & Holly Dougherty, 4522 Roundhill Road
Myrna Downey, 6516 Telegraph Road
Brian & Mary Ellen Duy, 6309 Climbing Hill Road
Dennis Dzierzawski, 6210 Thornwood Drive
Stien Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
Beverly Eppolito, 6217 Driftwood Drive
Michael J. Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane
Kongit & Dawit Eyob, 5205 Redwood Lane
Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road
Tom Felleisen, 6406 Hayfield Place
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive

Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
Trigg Flanagan, 6514 Haystack Road
Gordon & Cheryl Flockhart, 6223 Driftwood Drive
Larry & Jane Fowler, 6320 Maryview Street
Barry & Zoe-Ann Freitag, 6303 May Boulevard
Larry & Connie Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Ed Funk, 4428 Roundhill Road
K. & J. Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane
D. B. Furr, 6412 Cottonwood Drive
Janice Fox Gable, 6404 Willowood Lane
Edward & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
William & Christina Gerke, 4905 Apple Tree Drive
John & Erica Good, 4604 Roundhill Road
Johanna Guccione, 6013 Leewood Drive
Michael & Bonnie Greek, 6330 Willowood lane
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
Theresa A. Harper, 6506 Carriage Drive
L.M. Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Place
Freddy & Maxine Heyer, 4704 Flower Lane
Douglas & Betsey Hoey, 6208 Redwood Lane
Alice & Edward Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place
Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane
Yancey & Patty Hull, 6113 Leewood Drive
Tri Huynh, 6423 Carriage Drive
Barbara & Clifford James, 6412 May Boulevard
F.E. & P.A. Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Chris & Meredith Hunter, 6410 Maryview Street
Cynthia Johnson-Cavey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
Jim & Lynda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
Audrey Kick & Halsey W. Smith, 4517 Sturbridge Place
Y.S. Kim, 6205 Thornwood Drive
Y.S. Kim, 6211 Thornwood Drive
Ana & Charles Kimberly, 6504 Cottonwood Drive
Susan & Brent Kroetch, 4700 Flower Lane
John & Patricia Lawrence, 6330 Maryview Street
Ronald & Katherine Lender, 6406 Rose Hill Drive
Jayne Letsche, 6502 Cottonwood Drive
Randy & Eloise Lewis, 4501 Bee Street
Edward & Anna Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive
E. A. Lynch-Upchurch, 4701 Flower Lane
Charles Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
John & Jane Madaris, Jr. 4422 Roundhill Road
Ken & Mary Mann, 6107 Leewood Drive
Well & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
Melvin Martin, 6211 Redwood Lane
Vladimir & Melva Martinez, 6318 Rose Hill Drive
Chris & Melissa McCay, 6410 Willowood Lane
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
Mary Mayo & Sandra Johnson, 6122 Leewood Drive
George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
Nancy & Donald McMinn, 4804 Apple Tree Drive
M. & L. Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
Marlene Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
Edna Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
Harold Murray, 5002 Treetop Lane
J. M. Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road

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Anthony & Stella Peters, 4610 Mayor Place
David & Katherine Perkins, 6224 Thornwood Drive
Lucy & Larry Petitt, 6501 Carriage Drive
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Stephen & Brenda Phillips, 6408 Maryview Street
Robert & Ginny Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Robert & Gladys Popovics, 4903 Apple Tree Drive
But The Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
Veronia & Gustavo Ramos, 6300 Cottonwood Drive
Nick & Vivian Rashidi, 6506 Rose Hill Drive
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Burton & Debbie Slack, 4803 Apple Tree Drive

Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
Michael Smith/Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
Willard L. Smith, 6004 Leewood Drive
William & Genevieve Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
Ray Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road
Terry Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive
Thomas Strah, 6421 Rose Hill Drive
Donald & Carolyn Szamborski, 4614 Winston Place
A. J. Taylor, 6308 Cottonwood Drive
Rex & Linda Taylor, 6505 Haystack Road
Judy Taylor & Carlos Rolon, 6503 Rose Hill Drive
Jean Thomson, 6302 Cottonwood Drive
Joanne M. Thompson
N. Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Place
Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road
Monroe & Helena Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road
Derek & Angie Vereen, 6222 Thornwood Drive
C. & P. Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
D.W. & N.J. Youmans, 6303 Climbing Hill Road
Linda Walton, 4900 Silo Road
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
F. & H. Watts, 6508 Haystack Road
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Jonathan & Janelle Welch, 4516 Sturbridge Place
Louise Westgate, 6708 Greendale Road
Katie & Jeff Whitney, 6705 Greendale Road
Jeff Williams, 6121 Dewgrass Drive
Marty & Dwight Williams, 6509 Cottonwood Drive
Alice Wilder & Thomas Mangum, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
Michael & Lisa Wolfe, 6411 Cottonwood Drive
Charlie Worley, 4513 Roundhill Road
Mike Zalatoris, 6609 Cottonwood Drive

Virginia Tech Massacre

Monday's events at the Virginia Tech campus represent a tragedy of monumental proportions. RHCA is trying to figure out the best way to help those in our community and in our lives that are affected. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those affected by this tragedy.

The Fairfax County school system's crisis support team of trained psychologists and social workers is available to work with students and adults in our schools. Parents should feel free to contact their principal if they would like to request counseling services for their children.

We grieve along with the families and friends of the victims of this terrible tragedy, which has affected not only those affiliated with Virginia Tech but the entire state of Virginia and the nation.

Heavenly Father, come with Your peace to the students, faculty and staff at Virginia Tech, and to the greater community of Blacksburg. Calm their fears and bring Your comforting presence. Give wisdom and strength to the administration of the University as they deal with this crisis. Grant healing and comfort to the injured and wisdom to those treating them.

Bring Your powerful strength and presence to those families who will soon hear the sad news that their loved one has been killed. Send Your ministering spirits to heal and restore the entire community as they seek to recover from this horrendous act of violence.

Call our nation to repentance and righteousness, that You may heal our land from all that troubles us. Amen.

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ◆ **Tuesday, April 24, 7pm. Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting.** John Marshall Library. Subject: Unveiling of Rose Hill Originals plaque and vote on where to place it. Refreshments served! Traffic-calming petition available for signing, too.
- ◆ **Every Wednesday and Saturday. BINGO!** Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley/
Fairfax County Park Authority's largest park (1,428 acres) includes wetlands, forests, meadows, streams, and ponds. It has resident deer, beaver, heron, and other animals. Facilities include a visitor center, auditorium, exhibits, and an interpretive trail with boardwalk and observation platforms. Programs for groups by reservation. The Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday; closed Tuesday. Holidays, noon to 5pm. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ◆ **Saturday, April 28, 4-9pm. Wetland Wonders.** 9 and up, with parent. During this in-depth program, see the park as you never have-off trail and after dark. Check water quality, examine aquatic invertebrates, learn to identify frog calls, and watch bats. Bring your own dinner. Reservations required. \$20
- ◆ **Sunday, May 6, noon-3pm. Wetlands Awareness Day.** Enjoy an afternoon of wetland interpretation, wildlife presentations and a Fun Fair for kids. Bring your friends and family to celebrate the importance of wetlands to wildlife and you. There is a modest fee for some activities.
- ◆ **Saturday, May 12, 6:30-9:30am. Birding at South King's Highway.** Adults. This is the height of neotropical songbird migration. Binoculars and field guides are recommended. Meet at the park's South King's Highway entrance. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE.
- ◆ **Monday, May 14, 3:15-4:30pm. Young Explorers – Snakes.** 6-8 yrs. Through a story and walk learn about these unusual park residents. Reservations required. \$3
- ◆ **Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17, 10-10:45am. Nature Detectives – Snakes.** 3-5 yrs. Through story, activity and craft learn about these unusual park residents. Reservations required. \$5
- ◆ **Saturday, May 19, 6:30-9:30am. Advanced Birding at South King's Highway.** Adults. This walk is intended for experienced birders. Visit parts of the park known for warblers and other neotropical songbirds. Dress for off-trail

hiking. Binoculars and field guides are recommended. Meet at the park's South King's Highway entrance. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE.

9:30-11:30am. Young Wetland Animals. Families. Spring is bursting with young life! Enjoy a hands-on workshop to learn more about baby animals and their parents, followed by a walk to the wetlands. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$20/family.

- ◆ **Sunday, May 20, 8-11am. Birding for Beginners.** Adults. Sharpen your bird identification skills while birding with a park naturalist. Meets in the Visitor Center parking lot. Reservations required. \$2
- ◆ **2-4pm. Historic Huntley Open House.** Enjoy this twice-a-year opportunity to visit Historic Huntley, a federal-style villa built in 1825 for Thomson Francis Mason. Sponsored by Friends of Historic Huntley. FREE

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310-6299, 703.971.0010. Open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 9pm; Friday, 10am to 6pm; Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

- ◆ **Monday, April 23, 2pm. Drawing for Fun.** Learn the basics of how to draw from a graphic artist. Age 6-11.
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 25, 10:30am. It's Raining, It's Pouring.** Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ◆ **Thursday, April 26, 4pm. Curiosity Club.** Stories, activities and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ◆ **Thursdays, 7pm. Practice your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ◆ **Fridays, 12pm. Lunch Bunch.** Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 8, 10:30am. Marvelous Mommies.** Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ◆ **Thursday, May 10, 4pm. Pizza, Puzzles & Prizes.** Exercise your brain! Enjoy pizza and win prizes. Age 12-15.
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 15, 7pm. Mother-Daughter Book Group.** Enjoy a lively book discussion. Age 9-11 with adult.
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 16, 10:30am. Small Wonders.** Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 16, 7:15pm. Book Discussion Group.** Ask for title. Adults. No registration is required.
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 23, 10:30am. Farm Fun.** Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ◆ **Thursday, May 24, 4pm. Curiosity Club.** Stories, activities and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

Edison High School

- ◆ **Students: New Information on Blackboard.** IMPORTANT -- FOR ALL STUDENTS New for FCPS 24-7 Learning on Your Blackboard Account. For Information to access Family Connection (and, get access to college admissions statistics, communicate with your counselor, or track your applications), go to <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/> for further information or to view/download PDF.
- ◆ **Bridging the Gap: Emergent Adulthood.** The Fairfax Partnership for Youth is sponsoring the Third Annual Conference on Suicide Prevention and Mental Wellness, "Bridging the Gap: Emergent Adulthood," on Tuesday, May 8, 8am-3:30pm in Annandale, VA. The conference is free and open to parents of high school students, school counselors, social workers, and psychologists, youth, family and mental health service providers, and all others. Registration is requested by April 30. For more information and/or to register, please go to www.fairfaxyouth.org.
- ◆ **Golf Fundraiser.** The golf team is currently selling 2007 Tee Time Golf Pass Booklets. The booklets sell for \$45 and include local courses such as Greendale, Laurel Ridge, HillTop, and Burke Lake. It pays for itself in two visits. Besides VA courses, states included in booklet are AZ, PA, MD, NJ, DE, FL, WV, NC, SC, and DC. Contact Coach Crump at 301.928.9377 for information.
- ◆ **The All Night Grad Party of 2007** is looking for some dedicated parents that can take charge of a committee of their choice!! We have lots of folks wanting to help, but need chairs to coordinate these committees. They include: decorations, security, and small games. Please contact Craig Liddell, ANGP chair, at 703.795.7622 for more information. (Monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month in the Principal's Conference Room.)
- ◆ **PTSA Volunteer Opportunities.** Volunteers Make A Difference Go to the PTSO website <http://www.tehsptsao.org> to see a list of volunteer opportunities available at Edison.

Mark Twain Middle School

- ◆ **April 26.** Take Your Child To Work Day **Twain Night. 6-8pm.** (All children must be accompanied by an adult.)
- ◆ Twain Afterschool Coordinator is looking for people to work with the afterschool programs available at Twain. Check out the following sights if you want to know more! <http://www.fcps.edu/TwainMS/afterschool/Afterschool.htm> or http://www.fcps.edu/TwainMS/guidance/guidance_1.htm.
- ◆ **Date Has Changed!** 8th grade end of year dance will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2007. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jenny Grigsby to volunteer at (H)703.924.0231, (W) 703.684.2451 or jgrigsby@wef.org.

Rose Hill Elementary School

- ◆ **SOL Testing.** Students will be taking the SOL tests in May according to the schedule below. Please help your child by making sure they arrive at school on time. Avoid scheduling any doctor appointments in the morning of testing days. The results of the SOL tests are important to our school so attendance during testing is critical. The tests are not timed. Encourage your child to get a good night's sleep and to eat a healthy breakfast. We want everyone to do their best!

5-7 - 3rd Gr. Reading	5-18 - 6th Gr. Math
5-8 - 3rd Gr. Reading	5-21 - 3rd Gr. Science
5-9 - 6th Gr. Reading	5-22 - 5th Gr. Science
5-10 - 5th Gr. Reading	5-23 - 4th Gr. Social Studies
5-11 - 4th Gr. Reading	5-24 - 3rd Gr. Social Studies
5-14 - Make Up Tests	5-25 - 6th Gr. Social Studies
5-15 - 5th Gr. Math	5-29 - Make Up Tests
5-16 - 4th Gr. Math	5-30 - Make Up Tests
5-17 - 3rd Gr. Math	5-31 - Make Up Tests

- ◆ This is the time of year when we begin planning for the 2007-2008 school year and we need your help. Our staffing is dependent on the number of students who have registered for Rose Hill. When this number is accurate, we can ensure the right number of teachers without waiting until the last minute to hire. Our kindergarten and first grade staffing is always the most varied. We need your help with getting these students registered if they will be attending Rose Hill. Here is what you can do to help:

Tell all parents of rising kindergarten students (must be age 5 on or before September 30, 2007) to attend our kindergarten orientation and student registration on April 26 at 7pm.

Tell all parents of rising kindergarten students who miss our parent orientation/registration event that we are offering two additional kindergarten registration dates: May 14 (9:30am-12pm) and May 24 (5-7pm).

Help us find all students now attending private kindergarten who will be enrolling in Rose Hill Elementary School for first grade. Send these parents to the school to pre-register their children as soon as they can.

Send any new neighbors you meet to the school to register as soon as they come. (Many have a tendency to wait until the last weeks prior to the opening of school in the fall).

- ◆ **April 23-April 27.** Spring Book Fair
- ◆ **April 26.** Kindergarten Orientation for Parents
- ◆ **May 7-May 31.** SOL Testing (Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- ◆ **May 11-12.** Rose Hill School Play
- ◆ **May 31.** Rose Hill Singers Concert

Business Directory

Residents who own or operate a company are eligible to have their business listed monthly in *The Rambler* free of charge. Businesses are encouraged to provide Rose Hill residents with quality service and products at a fair price. *The Rambler* reserves the right to print recommendations from consumers, both pro and con. To have your business listed or to provide updates, call Marty Williams at 703.924.7192.

CHILD CARE

Mama High's Pre-School and Day Care. Mrs. Carola High has 16 years of experience in training and caring for children ages 3 weeks through 5 years old. Excellent preparation for those starting kindergarten. We talk with babies and toddlers in simple language. State Licensed, Former Teacher. Full- or part-time. 4613 Cottonwood Place, 703.971.0741.

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DECK AND FENCE

B&B Deck & Fence, Inc. Cliff James, Owner, 6412 May Boulevard, T-703.719.7015, F-703.922.3779.

DIGITAL DESIGN

DG Designs. Web pages, registration, scanning services, hosting, and custom graphic art work. Ronald G. Dillon, 1.877.233.2224, 703.971.2125 or www.dgdesigns.com. Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Pl.

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Fabrications. Invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your light editing, printing, and paper needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, 703.924.7192, or marty@fabrications.us. She is the Editor of *The Rambler* and lives on Cottonwood Drive.

HAULING

I am a teen with a truck. Need a trip to the dump? Need help hauling from the hardware store? I have an 8 foot bed truck and willing to help. Call Brian Whitney at 703.971.3273.

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 19 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 31 years.

HOME REPAIRS

Hugh Watts. From a new roof to the smallest of problems, contact Hugh Watts at 703.593.5908 or pearlwatts@aol.com. Pearl, as he is known, grew up on Haystack Road and his mom still lives there. A number of Rose Hill residents provide glowing references concerning work Pearl has performed for them at a fair price.

INVITATIONS/PERSONALIZED STATIONERY

Sicks-Pack Productions. Sara Sicks, 703.922.6299. Sara offers personalized stationery and invitations for every occasion—from weddings to birth announcements to parties—all at 10 to 20% less than what you would pay if you bought the same item at a stationery store. Come by to browse the selection with no obligation. Sara lives on Cottonwood Drive.

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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.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Ronda Edwards. 5004 Eastchester Circle, Through August. \$3 service charge per signature (mandatory by the state of VA), paid in cash only.

PAINTING

Painting by Sherry. Cheryl Matey, 703.921.9422. Exterior/Interior. Cheryl has lived in Rose Hill 20 years.

PET SITTING

Welcome Waggin' Professional Pet Sitting. www.welcomewaggin.com, 703.819.0809. Welcome Waggin' is a small company offering extremely personalized service. We do mid-day dog walking as well as pet sitting visits to the home for people who are away on business or vacation. Bonded, insured, and references available. Proud members of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters and The Northern Virginia Professional Pet Sitters Network. Janelle Welch lives on Sturbridge Place.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Tisara Photography. Nina Tisara, 703.838.8098. Tisara Photography is a family business with a full-service studio in Old Town, Alexandria, since 1990. They specialize in portraits and special events. Nina lives on Hayfield Pl.

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PIANO/KEYBOARD

Chris McCay. Chris McCay teaches piano/keyboard in your home. Special discount for Rose Hill residents is \$25 for a half hour lesson. Chris lives with his family on Willowood Lane, two doors down from where his wife, formerly Melissa Anderson, grew up. 571.237.5559.

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REAL ESTATE

Re/Max Allegiance. Karen Davidson, 703.927.4448. www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson, www.karen-davidson.com, email: kedavidson@aol.com. Karen lives on Roundhill Road.

Re/Max Metro 100. Steve Dougherty, 703.971.3886 (home) or 642.3380 (office). Steve, his wife Holly, and their 6 children live on Roundhill Road.

ROOFING

Timothy's Roofing Company, Inc. Timothy Jenkins, 703.820.6065. Timothy has installed several roofs in Rose Hill since moving to our neighborhood (Appletree Drive) in 2002. He has a Class A Contractors License and has been in business for 24 years. Free estimates.

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TREE SERVICE

Arbor Experts. Brad Campbell, 703.339.6451. Removal, trimming, pruning, etc. Brad lives on Roundhill Road and wants to serve his home neighborhood in Rose Hill. Local references available.

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- ★ Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
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Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.924.7192. Artwork can be sent to marty@fabrications.us in tiff or jpeg format or hardcopy mailed to P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Checks made out to RHCA should be included with ads and sent to the P.O. Box.

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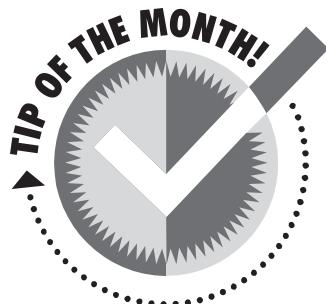


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