

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

We're Rewarding the Rose Hill Beauties While Trying to Clean Up the 'Uglies'

It's time for the annual Rose Hill Beauty contest! Judges will be looking to reward those residents who keep their property looking great and therefore helping to upgrade the entire community. Winners will be announced in an upcoming edition of the Rambler. Those who are members of the Rose Hill Civic Association will receive signs designating their property as a genuine Rose Hill Beauty.

At the same time, we will be looking for rundown properties that are in violation of Fairfax County laws and ordinances. Those properties will be reported to the proper agency. If there is trash strewn about, grass not being cut, an inoperable or untagged automobile parked on your property, it WILL be reported. And remember, County law prohibits parking on your front lawn.

You can help by making sure the judges don't miss any Beauties or Uglies. Call or e-mail either the president or vice president with your nominations. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but we are looking for well-kept houses and yards. Uglies should be easy to spot as they stick out like a sore thumb among all the beauties we have here in Rose Hill.

No RHCA Meeting This Month

RHCA Officers

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If you would like be one of the judges, let us know. We'll keep your participation confidential. All violations will be reported in the name of RHCA. If you have any questions, please contact the president or vice president. Please be aware that the wheels move slowly after violations are reported as the County has a process it must follow. Generally though, we have been successful in cleaning up some of the blight that has made our neighborhood look bad. Rose Hill is not a place for those who don't care about their neighbors or community.

In Memorial

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Terrie Dacales, former RHCA Vice President, long-time Rose Hill resident and beloved Fairfax County teacher for 30 years. She had been ill for several years. When I took over as RHCA president in March of 1999, it was with the condition that Terrie serve as Vice President. Even though she moved into a larger house nearby in order to care for her husband, Gus, who was bedridden with a stroke and died a few years later, Terrie's roots remained in Rose Hill. She continued as Vice President until 2007 when Linda Nichols took over. Terrie touched hundreds of youngster's lives during her career as a teacher, including stints at nearby Clermont, Franconia and Groveton. She helped establish the Gifted and Talented curriculum and has received numerous education and civic awards. Services were held last Tuesday. RHCA sent flowers. If you'd like to personally remember Terrie, send a contribution to St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041, the American Heart Association, or the Alzheimer's Association in her name. More about Terrie's extraordinary contributions to her

community, county and country will be added to RHCA's web site, myrosehill.com, at a later date.

County Budget for 2012

The Board of Supervisors has passed a budget resolution setting the tax rate at \$1.07 per hundred, two cents less than last year. County-wide the \$1.07 rate will mean that tax bills will remain basically the same as last year. However, in Rose Hill the average bill will decrease slightly. Why? Because the average assessment for Rose Hill properties decreased slightly and the bill is based on the assessed value. The budget holds the line across the Board with a slight increase for the schools. However, the School Board did not get the total increase it requested. Neither school nor county employees will see an increase unless money can be found in the adopted budget. The Board of Supervisors has asked the County Executive to search for additional savings so there can be some small reward for county employees who have gone without raises for three years. Hopefully, the School Board will do the same. Having served on Supervisor McKay's budget advisory committee, I am convinced there is adequate means within the current school allocation to reward our teachers and other employees. Administrators are fairly compensated. One area of concern to me is the large annual carryover (unspent funds) the schools report each year. Seems to me that is a good place to look for as a vehicle to reward employees.

Beware of Solicitors

With spring come the door-to-door solicitors. They try to sell you magazines, furniture or who-knows-what-all. They promise to refurbish your driveway, put on a new roof, paint your house, and so on. They ask for a down payment, do a little work and say they'll be back. But they never are, unless it's to rob you when you aren't there. If their deal sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Ask if they can show you a Fairfax County license. If they can't, call the police non-emergency number at 703-691-2131.

Never, ever allow a solicitor access to your home. Don't share any information about yourself or your neighbors. Of course, all of this does not apply to neighbors who are seeking donations to worthy area organizations or schools.

Rose Hill Reserve

Stanley Martin Homes, builder of Rose Hill Reserve, has begun work to remove the material from the landslide on a portion of the private property on the hill above Split Rock Road and Haystack Road. In addition to the original major slide, several others have popped up and need to be dealt with. Once the material has been removed, replacement soil will be used to fill the holes. Interceptor drains also will be installed to collect the ground water on the hillside and channel it away in such a manner that it does not cause future slides. As soon as the County approves its engineering plan, Stanley Martin will install deep piers or caissons on the hillside that are designed to hold back the soil to prevent future slides caused by the shifting of marine clay. Caissons already have been installed on the other hillsides on the perimeter of the property. RHCA has supported the use of these piers or caissons from the beginning the process. While there is no full guarantee, they appear to be the best way to protect both existing and new homes from future slides.

Franconia in the Civil War

The program is all set for the Franconia in the Civil War program Saturday and Sunday May 14-15 at Lee District Park. It is part of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and is sponsored by the Franconia Museum and the Fairfax County Park Authority. RHCA is involved as a volunteer organization providing free samples of food of the 1860s at noon on Saturday the 14th. The menu includes Brunswick Stew and corn bread. Various RHCA members are making corn bread for the event. If you can help, call Linda Nichols at 703-971-0755. The Brunswick Stew chef already has been lined up. The schedule of events for the two days is printed in this month's Rambler. Admission for kids 14 and under is FREE. Ages 15-18 and seniors 62 and older are admitted for \$2.50. All others cost \$5 with one admission good for each of the two days. The show is chock full of information, artifacts and music. President Lincoln, portrayed by Dan Storck, will be there both Saturday and Sunday. Confederate General D.H. Hill will preach a Civil War era sermon on Sunday. And, of course, the Gray Ghost, John Singleton Mosby, will be lurking about. Noted local author Don Hakenson will tell of various Mosby raids and skirmishes on each of

the two days. You'll learn about Union troop encampments, food and farms, famous houses and area churches in other short presentations. There weren't any major events here during the Civil War, but the collection of things that happened here will amaze you.

Wegman's Update

The site plan that will allow construction to begin at the new Wegman's grocery and specialty store at the corner of Beulah Street and Telegraph Road either has or is about to be approved by Fairfax County. Also, construction is about to begin on the widening of Telegraph Road from Beulah Street to Leaf Road, just south of Hayfield Secondary School. The road widening will allow the tie in with the new road through Fort Belvoir linking Telegraph Road and Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) at Woodlawn. The road construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2012 and Wegman's is set to open in 2013. As part of the zoning approval process for Wegman's, opening of the store was conditioned on improvements to Telegraph Road. Plans are being devised to widen Telegraph all the way to South King's Highway, but as of yet there is no money for actual construction.

Robbers Target Gas

The only holdups involving gas aren't just happening at the pump. Recently, a car in the parking lot at Rose Hill Elementary was the subject of gas thieves. If you don't have a gas cap with a lock on it, get one NOW. And don't think just because you have that little lever inside the car that locks the cover that you are safe. Thieves can yank that open easily, leaving you with damage as well as an empty gas tank. If you see anyone suspicious around the gas tank of your car or your neighbor's car, call the police. If you park in the driveway at night, leave an outside light on. If you park on the street, do it as close to a streetlight as possible. In an effort to cut your gas costs, think about combining trips or carpooling with neighbors to the shopping center, etc. Set a goal of cutting out one trip per day. Every little bit helps your pocketbook.

Membership Drive

The last full membership list of 2011 is printed in this month's Rambler. Additional

members will be recognized individually as they join or renew their membership. If your name isn't on the list, either let us know we've made a mistake or send your check to RHCA at Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. At this point, fewer than 30 percent of the residences in the community can claim membership. They will get first attention when they need RHCA's support. Unlike communities with Homeowner's Associations with mandatory dues and rules, we are a VOLUNTEER organization and depend on the generosity of our members to help Rose Hill remain an attractive and friendly place to live. The more members we have, the greater our voice when we present community issues to the government for assistance or just the implementation of existing laws. Funny how most everyone thinks they mailed that check and are members of RHCA. If your name isn't on the list, we've either omitted it inadvertently or we haven't heard from you. Hopefully, you will agree RHCA is important to the maintenance of the safety and welfare of the community. Send a check, and you'll see your name in the May Rambler!

Proper Disposal of the U.S. Flag

Is your United States flag soiled or damaged and you would like to dispose of it but don't know how? The Fairfax County Police Honor Guard will help. According to Federal law, the U.S. flag is to be properly and ceremoniously disposed of when damaged or soiled and no longer suitable for display. To help citizen's properly dispose of flags, the police are now accepting worn out flags in bins located in the front lobby of the stations. Flags will be ceremoniously disposed of by Honor Guard members in coordination with the Fire Department. Take your flag to the Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Thanks to the Police Honor Guard for providing a respectful end for soiled or damaged versions of Old Glory.

- Carl Sell

2011 Membership List

Nouri & Suham Abbou, 6115 Rose Hill Drive	Warren & Ahn Detrick, 4517 Apple Tree Drive
Mr. & Mrs. Augusto V. Alvarez, Sr., 6507 Carriage Drive	Steve and Holly Dougherty, 4522 Roundhill Road
Wilmer & Nancy Anderson, 4500 Apple Tree Drive	B. Digman, 6217 Blossom Lane
Polly Anderson, 6404 Wayside Place	Ron & Donna Dillon, 4618 Winston Place
Jerry & Nida Antonio, 6406 May Boulevard	Brian & Mary Ellen Duy, 6309 Climbhill Road
Danny Adams, 6412 Cottonwood Drive	Dennis Dzierzawski, 6210 Thornwood Drive
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane	John & Carol Eberle, 4518 Roundhill Road
Richard Ballard, 4519 Lark Lane	Betty Elliott, 6411 Maryview Street
Harold & Pearl Ballen, 6632 Telegraph Road	Mark & Lyn Erickson, 6223 Driftwood Drive
P. G. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road	Bernice Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road	Bernard Farley, 6502 Haystack Road
Daniel Bearth, 6417 Rose Hill Drive	Riad Fayyad, 6401 May Boulevard
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive	Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road
Vicki Beaty, 4415 Roundhill Road	Tom Felleisen, 6406 Hayfield Place
Sandra Benarick, 6270 Rose Hill Drive	Mike & Rosie Field, 4426 Roundhill Road
Shirley Bennington, 6405 May Boulevard	Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
William & Tammy Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive	Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Elizabeth Biddle & Michael Pumphrey, 6217 Thornwood Drive	Trigg & Beverly Flannagan, 6514 Haystack Road
Phillip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbhill Road	Barry & Zoe-Ann Frietag, 6303 May Boulevard
Jeanette Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle	Rati Friend/Michael Smith, 6111 Leewood Drive
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbhill Road	Larry & Constance Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Gary J. Bravy, 6214 Climbhill Road	Janice F. Gable, 6404 Willowood Lane
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive	Daniel Gardner, 6706 Telegraph Road
Lorraine & Mark Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road	Ed Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
Kimberly Bush, 4612 Cottonwood Place	Bill & Chris Gerke, 4905 Apple Tree Dive
Tracy Campbell, 6402 Cottonwood Drive	John & Erike Good, 4604 Roundhill Road
Brad Campbell, 4614 Roundhill Road	Mike & Bonnie Greek, 6330 Willowood Lane
Maureen & Jason Cardone, 6418 Willowood Lane	Ernesto & Sarah Grano, 4526 Roundhill Road
Ralph & Pauline Carico, 6112 Leewood Drive	Joanna Guccione, 6013 Leewood Drive
Doris Carter, 6121 Leewood Drive	Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
John & Penny Cashmire, 4907 Silo Road	Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Drive	Robert & Shirley Herr, 6103 Leewood Drive
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street	Lucio Herrara, 4525 Appletree Drive
Bob Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road	Linda Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Court
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive	Don & Lynn Hoffman, 5002 Treetop Lane
Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place	Sharon Holliday, 6613 Cottonwood Drive
Craig, Jo & Jonathon Carter, 6110 Leewood Drive	Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane
Lois Corbin, 6221 Blossom Lane	Kevin & Kelli Hoover, 6314 Saddle Tree Drive
Steve Corbin, 4901 Split Rock Road	Alice J. Holloman, 4515 Sturbridge Place
Jane & Margo Cunniffe, 4609 Mayor Place	Mo & Alice Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive
Mathew & Cynthia Dailey, 5009 Eastchester Circle	Yancy & Patricia Hull, 6113 Leewood Drive
Bill & Sally Dankers & Marjorie Parkyn, 6511 Carriage Drive	Clifford & Barbara James, 6412 May Boulevard
	D.J. Jamison, 4707 Split Rock Road
	F. & P. Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane

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Craig & Holly Jeter, 6329 Maryview Street
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
Jim, Lynda & Brian Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
Ana & Charles Kimberly, 6504 Cottonwood Drive
Kelly Klug & Luis Castro, 6606 Cottonwood Drive
Marty & Judy Kowalik, 6115 Leewood Drive
Donald Krause, 6300 Rose Hill Drive
Susan & Brent Kroetch, 4700 Flower Lane
Cedric Lack, 6330 Rose Hill Drive
Millie Lane, 6410 May Boulevard
John & Patricia Lawrence, 6330 Maryview Street
Ronald & Katherine Lender, 6406 Rose Hill Drive
Danny & Maria Lenore, 6418 Cottonwood Drive
J.K. Letsche, 6502 Cottonwood Drive
Edward & Anna B. Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive
James Lockwood, 6114 Clovergrass Drive
Charles Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
Jamey & David Lord, 6208 Redwood lane
Thanh N. & Mai Thi Truong Luu, 6411 Rose Hill Drive
Wellington & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
Mary Mayo, 6122 Leewood Drive
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
Jim & Linda McClelland, 4412 Roundhill Road
Frank & Marge McConnell, 6220 Thornwood Drive
Dolores McKinney, 6303 Cottonwood Drive
George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
Donald & Nancy McMinn, 4804 Apple Tree Drive
Mimi Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
Edna Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
Catherine Mitchell, 6408 Cottonwood Drive
Hal & LaVera Murray, 5003 Treetop Lane
Jeanette Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
Herbert W. Newman, 4910 Silo Road
Sam & Kim Nimjareansuk, 4507 Apple Tree Drive
Kimbinh Nguyen, 6711 Greendale Road
But The Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Jack & Kathy O'Connor, 6519 Haystack Road
Conrad & Haydee Oroc, 4703 Split Rock Road
William & Janelle Parker, 6417 Willowood Lane
Thakor & Prasanna Patel, 6401 Maryview Street
Charles Pfefferle, 6503 Haystack Road
Brenda & Stephen Phillips, 6408 Maryview Street
Robert Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive
C. Roy & Susan Poff, 6328 Maryview Street
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Monica C. Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
Joe & Joyce Ruggero, 6310 Saddle Tree Drive
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
James Ridgell, 6513 Cottonwood Drive
David & Nancy Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
Jim & Nancy Ritchey, 4402 Roundhill Road
Eric & Deborah Rumph, 6409 May Boulevard
Loida & Carlos Salgado, 6409 Rose Hill Drive
Shari Schaftlein & David Johnson, 6504 Carriage Drive
Ann Schappi, 4914 Treetop Lane
Dennis Scott, 4509 Bee Street
Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive
Cragin & Kay Shelton, 4403 Roundhill Road
Lori Scheibe, 5010 Treetop Lane
C. R. Shifflett, 6403 Maryview Street
Diana & Marty Shupack, 6419 Haystack Road
George & Joan Simms, 6434 Carriage Drive
Doug & Debbie Simon, 5001 Treetop Lane
Burt & Debbie Slack, 4803 Apple Tree Drive
Carolyn Slenska, 6308 Climbhill Road
Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
Mark & Dottie Snyder, 6322 Maryview Street
Donald & Juanita Stallings, 6407 Willowood Lane
Bill & Jean Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
Tim & Erin Stewart, 6518 Carriage Drive
Mary C. Stinnette, 4520 Apple Tree Drive
Terry Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive
Ray M. Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road
Tom Strah, 6421 Rose Hill Drive
Tinker & Don Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place
Carlos Rolon & Judy Taylor, 6503 Rose Hill Drive
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Alberta J. Taylor, 6308 Cottonwood Drive
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Stein Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
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G&C Villareal, 6301 Climbhill Road
Wanda Violette, 6408 May Boulevard
Jodi M. Wallace, 6607 Cottonwood Drive
Fran Watts, 6508 Haystack Road
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
Linda & Morgan Walton, 4900 Silo Road
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Jonathon Welch, 4516 Sturbridge Place
Louise Westgate & Rick, 6708 Greendale Road
Karen Wheelless, 6709 Greendale Road
Jeff & Kate Whitney, 6705 Greendale Road
Jeffrey Williams, 6121 De Grass Drive
Charles Wimberly, 6506 Haystack Road
Chris & Victoria Wing, 6502 Carriage Drive
Brian & Heather Wire, 6510 Carriage Drive
Charlie & Sandy Worley, 4513 Roundhill Road
Stephanie Young & Darren Springer, 6403 Willowood Lane
Donald & Norma Youmans, 6303 Climbhill Road

To join or renew your membership in the Rose Hill Civic Association...

**Please fill out this form or online at myRoseHill.com and mail, along with your check, to the
RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310.**

If you have questions, feel free to call any of the officers.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is a check for: ☐ \$10 Membership
☐ \$___ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign
☐ \$___ Donation for RHCA General Fund

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr., 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events. Hours: M, T, W — 10am-8pm; Th, F — 10am-6pm; Sat — 10am-5pm.

- ★ **Ongoing Event.** Personalized Computer Training. Basics for beginners: Internet and Microsoft Word. Call for appointment. Adults.
- ★ **April 27.** Fun for Two's and Three's. 10:30 am. Join us for stories and activities. Age 2-3 w/ adult.
- ★ **April 28.** Huntley Meadows History in a Nutshell. 7:00 pm. A historical look at the Huntley Meadows area. Adult.
- ★ **April 24.** Poetry Reading. 11:30 am. Come and read your original or favorite poem in celebration of National Poetry Month. All ages.
- ★ **May 9.** Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a book discussion. Call for title. Age 7-8 w/ adult.
- ★ **May 11.** Fun for Two's and Three's. 10:30 am. Join us for stories and activities. Age 2-3 w/ adult.
- ★ **May 19.** Book Discussion Group. 7:00 pm. Call for title. Adults.
- ★ **May 20.** Lunch Bunch. 12:00 pm. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Age birth-5 w/ adult.
- ★ **May 21.** Jonathan Austin's Juggling and Magic. 10:30 am. Enjoy a fast-paced show with juggling, magic tricks, and a tall unicycle. Ages: children.

Thomas Edison High School

5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310; Office — 703.924.8000; Fax — 703.924.8097



- ★ **No events listed as of the printing of this edition.**

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310; Office — 703.313.3700, Fax — 703.313.3797



- ★ **May 12.** PTA Meeting. 6:00-7:00 pm. MTMS Library.

Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr.,
Phone: 703.313.4200
Fax: 703.313.4297



- ★ **April 28.** Step Team Practice. 3:30-4:30 pm. Cafeteria.
- ★ **May 2.** Kindergarten Registration. 2:00-5:00 pm. Library/Cafeteria.
- ★ **May 5.** Step Team Practice. 3:30-4:30 pm. Cafeteria.
- ★ **May 7.** Artist and Author's Night. 6:30-8:00 pm.



Special Advertisement

SPECIAL OCEAN CITY VACATION DEAL FOR RHCA MEMBERS

Rent a condo in Ocean City, Maryland this summer and save enough on the price to pay for the gas to get there! Price is several hundred dollars **BELOW** the average weekly rental. Two bedroom, two bath first-floor condo with a pool in a quiet residential neighborhood four blocks from the ocean. Clean when you leave. Rent Sunday to Sunday to avoid the traffic. Available weeks of July 9 and 16. Also available is a nearby condo with Bay access, Various dates available. Contact **Carl Sell** at sellcarl@aol.com or 703-971-4716.

Rose Hill Business Directory

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. A membership form for 2010 is included in this issue.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Fabrications – graphics and designs, LLC. Websites, invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your editing, printing, paper, and digital needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, has more than 13 years experience and can be reached at 703.910.6316, or marty@fabrications.us. She is the former Editor of *The Rambler*.

Digital Design. Ron Dillon, 703.971.2125; www.dgdesigns.com. Webpages, registration, scanning services, hosting and custom graphic art work. Ron and Donna Dillon live on Winston Place.

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 24 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 34 years.

REAL ESTATE

Exit Metro Realty. Angie Vereen, 571-233-6395, angie@exitmetroliving.com. Our extensive experience and expertise in the Alexandria, Lorton, and Vienna real estate market will benefit you whether you are looking to buy or sell a home in the area. Licensed in Virginia and Maryland.

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.

Dans Lawn & Leaf. Daniel and David Bishop, 703.719.7806. Fast, friendly, affordable service. Serving the Rose Hill community for 7 years.

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HOUSE CLEANING

Ingrid Hayslip. 703.362.5672. A 14 year resident of the Rose Hill area, I clean houses including move-in and move-outs.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Tisara Photography. Nina Tisara, 703.838.8098. Tisara Photography is a family business with a studio in Old Town Alexandria since 1990. They specialize in portraits and special events. Nina live on Hayfield Place.

Free All Day Yoga Open House



Walk-ins Welcome

Saturday, March 13th

9:00-9:15am* – Beginner Yoga

10:15-11:00am* – Yoga Flow

11:30am-12:15pm* – Fiery Sun Stretch

1:00-1:45pm* – Restorative Fitness Yoga (Gentle)

2:00-3:00pm – Yoga Reception

* Please arrive 15 minutes before each class.



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QUILTS

Hand made quilts. Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. Call 703.971.8064 or e-mail oraclemarjorie@aol.com.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICES

Speech Beginnings, PLC is a speech therapy private practice located in Rose Hill. We specialize in children ages Preschool through 5th grades. Speech Beginning, PLC offers a range of services including screenings, evaluations, therapy and consultations. We offer quality services at competitive rates. Owned and operated by a licensed and certified speech pathologist with more than 19 years of experience. Please call 571.481.4344 or email us at speechbeginnings@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

WELLNESS

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FIREWOOD

Firewood available in 3x3x1.5 ft. bundles, 2x4x8 ft. half chords, and 2x8x8 ft. chords. Will deliver in the 22310 zip code or you can pick up locally. Please request prices for delivery outside the 22310 area. Please call 703.509.8286 for more information.



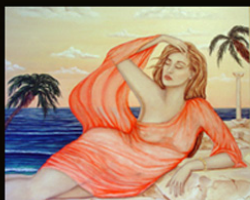
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- ★ Business card: 3 1/2" x 2", \$10
- ★ Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- ★ Half page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
- ★ Full page: 7 1/2" x 9 3/4", \$100

Ads may be bought for either one month only, month-to-month, or as many months in advance as desired. Our newsletter is published 9 times a year, excluding July, August, and December.

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 may call me at 703.625.7046. Artwork can be sent to richtdowney@gmail.com 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.

—Richard Downey

YOUR REAL ESTATE CORNER: A QUARTERLY UPDATE



Happy Spring to you! There is nothing better than the smell of spring rain. We all love seeing the grasses turn from winter brown to spring green and the blossoms on the trees as well as the sprouting of tulips and hyacinths. Spring time is a great opportunity to spruce up your home for sale. The key to a home selling at a great price and in a timely manner is curb appeal and a well kept interior. I have a great booklet simply called The Home Seller Guide. This compact 24 page booklet discusses every aspect of selling your home from getting your home ready for sale to offers/contracts/paperwork to settlement. If you are interested in receiving this FREE booklet AND/OR A 10% OFF COUPON TO LOWE'S to assist you in completing any home projects please send me an email at Kimberley.Bush@longandfoster.com or call 703-627-7656.

Right now is a great time to sell because inventory is low in the Alexandria. You have a better chance of selling your home when there are fewer homes for sale. In regard to interest rates, as you may know The Fed lowers interest rates as an incentive to businesses and consumers to increase their borrowings.

Analysts constantly monitor consumer credit levels. Economists, market analysts, and traders all seem to have a different opinion about the future state of the economy. But what is certain now is a great time for buyers to take advantage of rates at the still historically favorable levels.

Just FYI, Mortgage Rates U.S. averages as of March 31, 2011:

30 yr. fixed: 4.86%
15 yr. fixed: 4.09%
1 yr. adj: 3.26%

Low inventory coupled with interest rates still being at all time low levels is a great combination for successful home sales. WONDERING WHAT YOUR HOME IS WORTH?

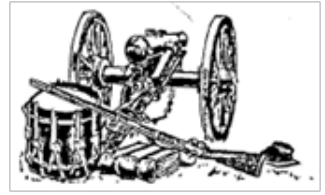
All you need to do is drop me an email or give me a call and we will sit down together and discuss exactly what the market value of your home is. In the mean time take a look at the movement in home sales in our lovely community!

	List Price	Sold Price	BR/FB/HB
ACTIVE			
6520 Haystack Rd.	\$399,999		4/2/0
UNDER CONTRACT			
6512 Cottonwood Dr.	\$370,000		4/2/1
SOLD			
6509 Haystack Rd.	\$274,900	\$300,000	4/2/0

If you have any questions about real estate please feel free to contact me at Kimberley.Bush@longandfoster.com or 703-627-7656.

Enjoy the Spring!

Schedule for Franconia in the Civil War



SATURDAY, MAY 14

- 10:00 a.m.** Doors Open. All tables, displays ready.
- 10:15 a.m.** Opening Ceremony, Introductions, Gregg Dudding on nearby Union camps. President Lincoln on Fort Lyon Explosion
- 11:00 a.m.** Virginia Kennedy Beck on Farm Life, Food in Franconia During the war, FREE SAMPLES AFTER PRESENTATION, Brunswick Stew and Corn Bread by Rose Hill Civic Association.
- NOON** Civil War period music by Evergreen Shade.
- 2:15 p.m.** Don Hakenson on Potter's Hill ambush and Burgundy Village Raid
- 2:30 p.m.** P.M Hayfield Elementary Performers
- 3:30 p.m.** P.M. Wayne Wakefield on famous houses
- 4:00 p.m.** Margaret Welch on area churches during the War.
- 5:00 p.m.** Close

SUNDAY, MAY 15

- 10:00 a.m.** Doors Open
- 10:30 a.m.** Gregg Dudding on Civil War Soliders
- 11:00 a.m.** Sermon by General D. H. Hill
- 12:30 a.m.** Don Hakenson on area Mosby raids
- 1:00 p.m.** Phyllis Walker Ford on Black Civil War history, President Lincoln reads Emancipation Proclamation
- 2:00 p.m.** Music by the Carter Gospel Singers
- 3:00 p.m.** Chuck Mauro on Confederate Spy Laura Ratcliff
- 4:00 p.m.** Excerpts from film Mosby Combat Operations In Fairfax County
- 6:00 p.m.** Close