

The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Fairfax County to Begin Charging For Emergency Transport April 1

Beginning April 1, Fairfax County will charge for transport to a medical facility as the result of a call for emergency help. There will be **no** charge for emergency medical care treatment if the patient is **not** transported. (This is **not** an April's Fools joke.)

The County says your insurance company, Medicare, or Medicaid will be charged for transport to a medical facility. For residents who are uninsured, the county says it is committed to working with citizens to make sure they will not suffer financial hardship if they cannot pay the bill.

Transport costs for the Basic Life Support units will be \$300. Advanced Life Support Level 1 transport will cost \$400. Level 1 includes serious medical problems or traumatic injury. Advance Life Support Level 2 (cardiac arrest) will cost \$550. In addition, there is a \$7.50 charge per mile from the pickup point to the medical facility.

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 pm
John Marshall Library

Topic: County Charging for Emergency Transport

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You also will receive a copy of the bill, presumably for collection, should you not have insurance and are financially able to pay the charge. The County has contracted with a private company to handle the transport billing. County residents with insurance will **not** be charged a co-payment.

The Fire and Rescue Department stresses that residents should not hesitate to call 911 in an emergency. Ability to pay will never be considered when providing service.

Because of the number of questions raised at its January meeting, RHCA has asked representatives of the Fire and Rescue Department to further explain the program at the Association's February 22 meeting at 7pm at the John Marshall Library. If you have an interest in this new policy, you are urged to attend this important meeting.

After hearing from the County, RHCA hopes to have representatives of private insurance companies, Medicare, and Medicaid attend the March meeting to outline their procedures, if any, in assuming the cost of the new program. Members are encouraged to contact their insurance company to ascertain if the new charges outlined by the County are covered. Also, ask if your company can provide a speaker for the March meeting to further discuss the new charges. If so, contact Carl Sell at 703.971.4716 so the schedule can be arranged.

We never know when we will need emergency service. We should know what any resulting transport to a medical facility will cost and who will pay for it.

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Although the program has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors, it's never too late to ask questions or ask that the program be rescinded. RHCA plans to get all the information it can for its members before taking any position.

Unkempt Properties

RHCA has received numerous complaints about specific properties in the community that are not being properly maintained in an acceptable condition and in some cases, are in unsanitary condition. Residents are reminded that piles of trash and debris should be removed in a timely fashion. Just placing it at the curb will not guarantee pickup. You must make arrangements for a special pickup by your trash removal service. And, please pickup the free newspapers that are being left in your driveway. Some properties have as many as a week's worth of the papers in or near the driveway. I know you didn't ask for the papers, but please discard them so they aren't an eyesore. RHCA will ask violators by letter to correct the trash and/or debris problem. If the problem is not corrected within a reasonable time, RHCA will file a complaint with the zoning inspector, health department, and/or police. Inaction could result in a fine or criminal penalty. Residents are encouraged to report such properties to RHCA. The complaint will be lodged on behalf of the entire Association and your identity will not be revealed. We will *not* allow a few unsightly properties to detract from our community.

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Underage Drinking/Safe Driving

The Safe Youth Coalition is sponsoring a program designed to deter underage drinking prevention on Tuesday, March 9, from 7 to 9 pm, at the Springfield American Legion, 6520 Amherst Avenue. The program will include an exploration of the science of alcohol and the teen brain, the consequences of underage drinking, parent accountability and the law, how youth get alcohol, and information on safe driving/new legislation from the Virginia General Assembly. Guests include Family and Juvenile Domestic Court Judge, Teena Grodner; Franconia District Station Police Officer, Sally McGowan; 42nd District Delegate, Dave Albo; and Lisa Adler of the Safe Youth Coalition. Parents and teens are welcome. More information about

the Coalition can be found at www.safeyouthcoalition.com. The group focuses on the greater Springfield area and is affiliated with the Fairfax County Schools Safe and Drug Free Youth Office.

Traffic Calming Study

Supervisor Kauffman's office has advised RHCA that the county will undertake an engineering study concerning traffic calming in Rose Hill upon the opening of the new South Van Dorn connector. The no parking request for Rose Hill Drive already is moving forward. RHCA's original letter regarding traffic calming is available at myrosehill.com. The South Van Dorn connector is complete except for restriping at the Telegraph Road intersection and activation of the traffic signals.

Park Update

The Park Authority and T-Mobile are still negotiating about the lease payment for the installation of a cell phone tower in Lee District Park. The tower would be located in the rear of the park near South Kings Highway and should not be an eyesore on the Rose Hill horizon. We expect a decision by April. RHCA supports the tower as long as the revenue generated remains as part of the Lee District Park budget. We have suggested that the money be earmarked for the ever-increasing cost of the July 4 fireworks display.

On another front, the County is updating the section of the comprehensive plans that sets policy guidance for parks. The update is not site-specific and should have little effect on Lee District Park, Huntley Meadows Park, and Greendale Golf Course. Any changes for specific parks will be part of an update of the Park and Recreation sections of the Area Plans. We will monitor those plans to make sure our interests are protected. RHCA is on record as supporting a trail connection on Telegraph Road between Lee District Park and Huntley Meadows and an overpass across South King's Highway between the two parks. We also have voted to support upgrading and refurbishing of existing facilities and the addition of revenue-generating facilities at Lee District Park, the latter on a case-by-case basis. And, you might have read about the controversy surrounding the Park Authority proposal to increase the senior discount fee. We hope to have additional information on this subject at the February meeting.

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Don't Forget to Join RHCA for 2005!

Thanks to those of you who already have signed up as RHCA members for 2005. We couldn't continue our programs without your support. This is the next to last month we will be reminding residents to join *their* Association. Please fill out the membership form below and mail it to RHCA. Then, look for your name in next month's *Rambler*.

Your membership dues provides the funds necessary for the printing of *The Rambler* as well as the coveted 'Rose Hill Beauty' signs awarded each Spring. Remember, only RHCA members are eligible to receive a sign.

Additionally, RHCA solicits donations to maintain the plantings around the entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road. This year, we are asking for contributions toward the beautification of the flowerbed facing Rose Hill Drive at the John Marshall Library.

Contributions to the General Fund will help us meet unforeseen obligations. For example, last year we had enough money to repair the entrance sign. The Rose Hill Apartments helped with a contribution toward that effort. The apartment personnel also maintain the median on Rose Hill Drive.

Please take a moment to fill out the membership form and mail it, along with your check, to RHCA at P.O. Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. We'll add your name to the list in next month's *Rambler*.

—Carl Sell

2005 RHCA Members as of Feb. 11, 2005

Nouri & Suham Abbo, 6115 Rose Hill Drive
Betty Balch, 6400 Hayfield Place
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane
J. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Woody & Tammy Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive
Donald Bise, 4423 Roundhill Road
Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbill Road
Jeannette Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle
Karen & Kent Boutilier, 4408 Roundhill Road
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbill Road
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Mark Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
Pearl Butler, 6401 Cottonwood Drive
Walter Calhoun, 4523 Apple Tree Drive
Maureen & Jason Cardone, 6418 Willowood Lane
Ralph & Altha Carrico, 6112 Leewood Drive
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Bev & Norm Cherkis, 6300 Saddle Tree Drive
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Beatrice Christensen, 6500 Carriage Drive
Robert Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Lois Corbin, 6221 Blossom Lane
Craig & Carol Contardi, 6517 Haystack Road
Sam Covington, 6302 Saddle Tree Drive
Virginia Dalghren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
Robin & David Dodson, 6400 Wayside Place
Steve & Holly Dougherty, 4522 Roundhill Road
Myrna Downey, 6516 Telegraph Road
Michael & Bernice Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane
Tom Felleisen, 6406 Hayfield Place
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place

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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 listed on the front page.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is a check for: \$10 for membership

\$_____ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign

\$_____ Donation for Library grounds beautification

\$_____ Donation for RHCA General Fund

Thank you!

Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
Jane & Larry Fowler, 6320 Maryview Street
Gordon & Cheryl Flockhart, 6223 Driftwood Drive
Barry & Zoe-Ann Freitag, 6303 May Boulevard
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane
Dorothy Furr, 6412 Cottonwood Drive
Ed & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
Helen Hass, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
Alice and Elmer Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive
Lucio Herrara, 4525 Apple Tree Drive
Fredy & Maxine Heyer, 4704 Flower Lane
Alice & Edward Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place
Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane
James & Susie Hudson, 6413 Maryview Street
Tri Huynh, 6423 Carriage Drive
Barbara & Clifford James, 6412 May Boulevard
Jim & Lynda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
Audrey Kick, 4517 Sturbridge Place
Yong Sung Kim, 6211 Thornwood Drive
George E. Krapf, 6322 Rose Hill Drive
Donald Krause, 6300 Rose Hill Drive
Mildred Lane, 6410 May Boulevard
June & Steve Lefler, 6424 Carriage Lane
Eloise & Randy Lewis, 4501 Bee Street
Charles B. Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
Wellington & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane
John & Jane Madaris, 4422 Roundhill Road
K&M Mann, 6107 Leewood Drive
Melvin Martin, 6211 Redwood Lane
Obdulia Mason, 6311 Saddle Tree Drive
Mary Mayo, 6122 Leewood Drive
Frank & Marge McConnell, 6220 Thornwood Drive
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive

Lou & Marnie Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
Jeannette Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
But The Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
Dave & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Cloteal Norris, 6012 Leewood Drive
Lucy & Larry Pettit, 6501 Carriage Drive
Brenda & Stephen Phillips, 6408 Maryview Street
Robert & Ginny Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive
C. Roy & Susan B. Poff, 6328 Maryview Street
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Anna Pulman, 6510 Haystack Road
Nick & Vivian Rashidi, 6506 Rose Hill Drive
Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood Lane
Monica C. & Alan R. Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
James Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road
James Ridgell, 6513 Cottonwood Drive
Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive
James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive
Michael Smith & Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
Jean & Bill Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
Fred & Mary Stinnette, 4520 Appletree Drive
Terry Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive
Tom Strah, 6421 Rose Hill Drive
Don & Tinker Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place
Alberta Taylor, 6308 Cottonwood Drive
Jean Thomson, 6302 Cottonwood Drive
Monroe & Helena Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road
Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Karen Wheeless, 6709 Greendale Road
Jeff & Katie Whitney, 6705 Greendale Road
Alice Wilder & Thomas Mangum, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
Marty & Dwight Williams, 6509 Cottonwood Drive
Jeffrey Williams, 6121 Dew Grass Court
Charley Worley, 4513 Roundhill Road

Please—We Need Help!!

Our webmaster, Jim Sapp, and his wife have moved to Colorado. We need someone in the community with web experience to step up and take his place.

Also, we are in need of a *Rambler* Distributor. The job entails picking up *The Rambler* copies from The UPS Store in Kingstowne, dividing them up for the individual delivery people, and getting those packages to their houses by Saturday morning, the weekend before the monthly meeting. Can you spare three hours a month?

We're also seeking someone to help deliver *The Rambler* 9 times a year. It's an easy, part-time job, perfect for someone who likes to walk, including students, moms, and retirees. This route would take less than 45 minutes to deliver only nine times a year.

Finally, we need someone to volunteer to sell ads for *The Rambler*. Spending just a few hours a month can yield big returns for your Civic Association. The rates are so reasonable, many businesses can't resist.

Don't forget, Carl Sell and Terrie Dacales are looking to step down from their Association positions this year. We are looking for a new president and vice president to come forward and take over the reigns and allow time for a "training" and sharing of knowledge period.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Marty Williams (703.924.7192) or Carl Sell (703.971.4716).

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill, Franconia, and Northern VA

- ★ **Tuesday, February 22, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subject: County Charging for Emergency Medical Transport.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **Any Day.** Give Blood—the Gift of Life. Inova Woodburn Blood Donor Center, 3289 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA. Monday thru Friday, 8am-8pm; Saturday, 9am-5pm. Help save up to three lives in just one hour! Blood donors are needed year round, but especially now and especially type O donors. For more information or to make an appointment to donate at a donor center or community blood drive, call 1-866-BloodSaves (866.256.6372) or visit www.inova.org/donateblood. Thank you for helping save lives in our community!
- ★ **February 19.** George Washington Classic 10-K Race. 8:30am. Eisenhower Avenue east of the Holiday Inn. \$20 in advance; \$22 the day of. 703.991.4474
- Birthnight Banquet & Ball.** Tavern fare, toasts to George Washington and 18th-century dancing, 5:30-11:00pm at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. \$75 for banquet and ball; \$30 for ball only; advance reservations required. Tickets available at www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242
- ★ **February 19-20.** Breakfast With George Washington. Join Gen. Washington for a sample of his favorite breakfast, "hoecakes swimming in butter and honey," while supplies last at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. 9am-4pm. Free with regular admission of \$9; \$8.50 seniors, \$4.50 children 6-11. www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000
- ★ **February 20.** Sumi Guitar Duo. This brother-and-sister duo from Japan perform at 4pm at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St. Admission by donation to benefit Bienvenidos, a program for Latino students at TC Williams High. 703.549.6670 or www.opmh.org.
Revolutionary War Encampment. Living history presentation with authentic skirmish at 2pm at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. 10am-4pm. Free! 703.838.4848
- ★ **February 21.** Birthday Celebration at Mount Vernon. Admission is free to George Washington's home with a wreath-laying ceremony at 10am followed by musical performances 9am-4pm. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000
Open House at the Friendship Firehouse. Established in 1774, the Friendship Fire Company is now housed in a firehouse that was built in 1871. Come view the exhibitions and historic firefighting equipment at 107 S. Alfred St. 10am-4pm. Free! 703.838.3891
- Open House at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.** Celebrate George Washington's birthday in the same tavern where he celebrated it at 134 N. Royal St. 11am-4pm. Free! 703.838.4242

Open House at Carlyle House. Tour this beautiful and historic home while you are in Alexandria for the birthday celebrations. 121 N. Fairfax St. 11am-4pm. Free! 703.549.2997

Open House at The Lyceum. Learn about George Washington's hometown at the city's history museum, 201 S. Washington St. 11am-4pm. Free!

Ceremony Honoring The Unknown Soldier of The Revolution. Ceremony held at the grave of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St. 11am Free! 703.549.6670
George Washington Birthday Parade. The 2005 parade features Virginia's Governor Mark Warner as Grand Marshall. The largest parade honoring the first president and Alexandria's hometown hero features marching bands, floats, military and reenactment units, Masonic groups, equestrian entries, antique cars, and of course, George and Martha Washington. 1pm. Free! www.washingtonbirthday.net or 703.991.4474

Presidents' Day Sale at Gunston Hall. In honor of our founding fathers, pay only \$1 for admission to Gunston Hall Plantation, 9:30am-5pm. Gunston Hall, at 10709 Gunston Rd., is the home of George Mason, author of Virginia's 1776 Declaration of Rights, major influence on the U.S. Bill of Rights, and a close friend and advisor to four of the first five Presidents. www.gunstonhall.org or 703.550.9220

★ **February 26.** American Balalaika Symphony. This orchestra is made up of stringed instruments from Russia that produce a rich sound similar to a Western orchestra. Performance at 7:30pm at the Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets \$20, \$10 for students & seniors. www.balalaika.biz or 703.236.1755

★ **February 26-27.** Railroad Days. A celebration of model trains with the Potomac Chapter of the Northern Virginia Model Railroading Club. 11am-5pm Sat., 1-5pm Sun. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free! www.alexandriahistory.org or 703.838.4994

★ **February 26-March 19.** "Pack of Lies." A quiet British family is plunged into the world of espionage with the arrival of a mysterious stranger. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Shows at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 3pm Sun. Tickets \$14-\$17. www.thelittletheatre.com or 703.683.0496

★ **February 27.** Tea With Martha Washington. Spend an afternoon with Martha Washington while enjoying tea and treats typical of an 18th century afternoon. 3-5pm at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. \$20 per person with reservations required. 703.838.4242

★ **March 1-31.** 42nd Annual Needlework Exhibition. The largest and most prestigious needlework exhibit in the country. View amateur and professional stitchery at the plantation George Washington gave to his adopted granddaughter, Eleanor "Nelly" Custis Lewis. Woodlawn estate, 9000 Richmond Hwy., Mount Vernon. 10am-4pm daily. \$ www.woodlawn1805.org or 703.780.4000

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **March 1-31. March at Scope Gallery.** The Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery features "Bowls! Bowls! Bowls!" featuring all sizes and shapes, through March 6.
 - "Maximum/Minimum," a joint show by the Ceramic Guild and the Kiln Club and juried by renowned potter Jeff Oestreich, March 11-27.
 - "April Showers Bring May Flowers," with members of the Kiln Club showing decorative items for the garden, March 29-April 24. Open 10am-5pm daily. 105 N. Union St. 703.548.6288
- ★ **March 2-27. "The All Night Strut!"** A celebration of the music and dance of the '30s and '40s, featuring songs by Hoagy Carmichael, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, the Gershwins, Fats Waller and more at Metro Stage, 1201 N. Royal St. Performances at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 2 & 7pm Sun. Tickets available at www.metrostage.org or 703.548.9089
- ★ **March 5. St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Parade.** Join the festivities throughout Old Town, including the Fun Dog Show at 10:30am at Market Square, and Classic Car Competition, also at 10:30am on N. Royal and Pitt Sts. The parade starts at 12:30pm at King and West Sts and proceeds east on King to N. Fairfax; it ends at approximately 3pm. Free!
www.ballyshaners.org or 703.237.2199
- Arlington Symphony.** The orchestra presents "Sparkling Color," with works by Strauss and Mussorgsky at 8pm at the Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. in the West End. For tickets, www.arlingtonssymphony.org or 703.528.1817
- Swordsmen's Rendezvous.** Lively discussions and demonstrations of 18th century swordplay. Tours hourly 11am-4pm at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Tickets \$5; reservations required. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242
- ★ **March 6. "Paper & Stone: The Hidden History of John Carlyle."** Learn about one of Alexandria's most elusive citizens, Carlyle House's builder John Carlyle, during this film premiere. 4-6pm at the Old Town Theater, 815½ King St. Admission \$10 including popcorn. www.carlylehouse.org or 703.549.2997
- Eclipse Chamber Orchestra.** This chamber ensemble, made of mostly of members of the National Symphony Orchestra, performs at 3pm at the Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. in the West End. For tickets, www.eclipseco.com or 703.256.2956
- ★ **March 8-April 3. March at Potomac Craftsmen Fiber Gallery.** "A Stitch in Time" features needlework such as embroidery and appliquéd. Open 10am-4pm Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm Sat. & Sun. in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free!
www.potomaccraftsmenfibergallery.com or 703.548.0935
- ★ **March 11-13. 9th Annual Antiques in Alexandria.** Features 60 dealers from around the country and includes early American furniture. Episcopal High School, Flippin Field House, 3901 W. Braddock Rd. 11am-7pm Fri.-Sat.; 11am-5pm Sun. Admission by ticket. www.antiquesinalexandria.org or 703.548.7469
- ★ **March 12. Thomas Jefferson's Inaugural Banquet.** Celebrate the re-election of Thomas Jefferson in Gadsby's Tavern Museum's historic ballroom, 134 N. Royal St. Call for tickets prices and reservations, www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242
- Virginia Grand Military Band.** The band performs at 8pm at the Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. in the West End. Tickets \$20, \$10 for students and seniors, and available at the door. www.vgmb.com or 703.281.3331
- ★ **March 12 & 19. Women's History Month Lecture.** Both lectures held at 1pm at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Admission \$5 to each; reservations required. 703.838.4848
 - The Women Who Saved Mount Vernon - March 12. Mary Thompson, on the staff of the estate, describes the extraordinary women who stepped forward to save George Washington's home from destruction.
 - The Cooper Shop Refreshment Saloon - March 19. Linda Duffy speaks on this Civil War reststop operated by civilian women in Philadelphia. It was responsible for serving 400,000 meals to soldiers over the course of the war.
- ★ **March 13. 18th Century Tea & Tavern Activities.** Catch a glimpse into the social activities popular when the country was young while enjoying refreshments. 3-5pm at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Admission \$20 and reservations required. 703.838.4242
- Fairfax Choral Society.** The chorus performs "Mass of the Children" at 4pm at the Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. in the West End. For tickets, www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org or 703.642.3277

John Marshall Library

Events are free unless noted. Reservations are encouraged for library activities; call 703.971.0010.

- ★ **Wednesday, February 23, 10:30am.** Moon Light, Moon Bright. Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7:00pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- ★ **Fridays 12:00pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring a lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesdays in March, 6:30pm.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn to use the Web or update your skills. Adults.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 2, 10:30am.** Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, March 3, 7:00pm.** Teddy Bear Time. Bring your favorite stuffed animal for bedtime stories, activities, and a craft. Birth-5 with adult.

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- ★ **Wednesday, March 9, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Interactive stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Monday, March 14, 1:30pm.** School's Out Fun! After-school activities about China. Age 6-12.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 16, 10:30am.** A Wee Bit O' Luck. Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 16, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. The Crimson Petal and The White by Michael Faber. Adults.
- ★ **Saturday, March 19, 10:30am.** Sophie the Performing Dog. Watch her performamazing tricks! Sponsored by the Friends of the John Marshall Library. All ages.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 30, 10:30am.** When the Wind Blows. Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, March 31, 4:00pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities, and a simple science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.

Huntley Meadows Park

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768. 2525

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. In January and February, the Visitor Center is open 9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday-Friday; noon to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. The Visitor Center is closed Tuesday. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **Saturday, February 19, and Sunday, February 20, 1-3pm.** Sherlock Bones. Skulls, skeletons and self-guided activities will be set up in the classroom to bring out the Sherlock in you. Free.
- ★ **Saturday, February 26, 8-10am.** Winter Birds and Bagels. Adults. Enjoy the winter season during this morning search for resident birds. Following the walk, warm up with hot chocolate and fresh bagels. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$5.
- ★ **Saturday, February 26, and Sunday, February 27, 1-3pm.** Sherlock Bones. See 2/19.

Edison High School

For more information, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/> or <http://www.edisonhsboosters.com/index.html>

- ★ **Monday, February 21.** Washington's Birthday Holiday

- ★ **Tuesday, February 22.** Guidance Meeting. 8-9am Spring Sports Begin CPP Black History Program Event 6:30-9pm
- ★ **Wednesday, February 23.** VHSL District Forensics Tournament 2:30-7pm Choir Pizza Sales 2:30-3pm
- ★ **Wednesday, February 23.** Parent Focus Meeting 6:30-9pm
- ★ **Friday, February 25.** Grand Opening Apple Credit Union 7-10am
- ★ **Saturday, February 26.** Saturday School 8am-12 noon Cheerleading Clinic 8am-30pm Math Honor Society 10am-3pm
- ★ **Monday, February 28.** Choir Pizza Sales 2:30-3pm
- ★ **Tuesday, March 1.** SAT Prep Class 2:30-3:30pm
- ★ **Wednesday, March 2.** Parent Focus Meeting 7-9pm
- ★ **Saturday, March 5.** Saturday School 8am-12 noon Girls Soccer Car Wash 10am-2pm Thinking Day Luncheon 10am-2pm
- ★ **Monday, March 7.** SAT Prep Class 10:30am-1:30pm
- ★ **Tuesday, March 8.** SAT Prep Class 2:30-3:30pm Pre-Festival Pyramid Band Concert w/Mark Twain MS 7:30-9:30pm
- ★ **Wednesday, March 9.** Winter Sports Night 7-9pm
- ★ **Thursday, March 10.** Mentoring 2:30-3:30pm
- ★ **Saturday, March 12.** SATs at Edison 8:30am-3:30pm International Club Car Wash 1:30-4pm
- ★ **Monday, March 14.** Rising 9th Grade Orientation 7-10pm Sports Teams Open House 7-10pm
- ★ **Tuesday, March 15.** Deca Pizza Sales 2:30-3pm Captain's Council 2:30-3:30pm
- ★ **Wednesday, March 16.** Sophomore Parent Night 7-9pm
- ★ **Friday, March 18.** Career Fair Event 12-2pm Friday School 3-6:30pm
- ★ **Saturday, March 19.** Indoor Color Guard 7:30am-10pm Saturday School 8am-12 noon
- ★ **Monday, March 21 thru Friday March 25.** Spring Break
- ★ **Saturday, March 26.** Girls Soccer Car Wash 10am-2pm
- ★ **Monday, March 28.** IB Art Exam 8am-9pm
- ★ **Tuesday, March 29.** County Career Center Specialists Meeting 7:30am-3pm

Mark Twain Middle and Rose Hill Elementary Schools

- ★ **February 21.** Washington's Birthday Holiday
- ★ **March 21-25.** Spring Vacation

Free Venetian Blinds

In good condition and will fit original Rose Hill bedroom and bathroom windows. Call 703.971.5895

The “T” Word

On February 3, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, giving birth to the U.S. income tax. Since then, a few citizens have been accused of not paying their required share, including such notables as Al Capone, Spiro T. Agnew, James Traficant, Steve Rubell, Leona Helmsley, Willie Nelson, and most recently, Richard Hatch.

Here in Fairfax County, low- and middle-income taxpayers, and people age 60 or older, can get their taxes filed for free through the tax preparation

A female yellow Lab was found at Rose Hill and Sturbridge on Friday, 2/11. No tags or ID, just a collar. Approximately 8 years old and very friendly! The Fairfax County Animal Control has been notified. If your yellow Lab is missing, please contact 703.971.2289.

Business Directory

Rose Hill 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, call one of the officers listed on the front page.

CHILD CARE

Mama High's Pre-School and Day Care. Mrs. Carola High has 15 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.

COMPUTER REPAIR

Metro PC Repair. 24x7 on-site service. Repairs, upgrades, training. www.metropcrepair.com for more details. Certified Technician. John Choe, 703.582.3194. John and his family have lived on Willowood Lane for the past 24 years.

DIGITAL DESIGN

DG Designs. Web pages, registration, scanning services, hosting, and custom graphic art work. (Great service, too [Ed.]) Ronald G. Dillon, 1.877.233.2224, 703.971.2125 or www.dgdesigns.com. Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Place.

EDUCATIONAL TOYS

Bridgette Rose-Matchett. Independent Education Consultant for Discovery Toys. Educational and developmentally-appropriate toys for your children. For more information on hosting a party, or great birthday, holiday, and gift ideas, call 703.924.1785. Email: Oneprincess2000@aol.com.

Hand-Made Quilts for Sale

Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts and have some for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. If interested, please call 703.924.3704 or email oraclemarjorie@aol.com.

assistance offered by AARP volunteers in the Sherwood and Centreville Library branches. A number of other branches will offer tax preparation assistance for paper filers, and all 21 branches will offer free copies of commonly-used tax forms.

For dates, times, and locations for tax preparation assistance, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/taxes.htm>

—The Fairfax County Public Library Events, Activities & Services E-Letter

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Fabrications. Invitations, announcements, flyers, 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. Marty is the Editor of *The Rambler* and lives with her husband, Dwight, on Cottonwood Drive.

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 18 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 30 years.

HOME REPAIRS

Hugh Watts. From a new roof to the smallest of problems, contact Hugh Watts at 703.593.5908. 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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KITCHEN REMODELING

Southern Kitchens. Bill York, 703.548.4459. Complete kitchen remodeling. Our showroom is in Alexandria on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Please call for an appointment. Bill lives on Clovergrass Drive.

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 landscaping for the Rose Hill entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road and donated mulch for the new trees in the median.

Dan's Lawn & Leaf Service. Daniel P. Bishop, 703.719.7806. We guarantee fast, friendly, and affordable service. Located in the Rose Hill subdivision and serving its residents for 3 years.

LICENSED NOTARY PUBLIC

Chrissy Blackwell. 703.971.5840, after 6pm and on weekends. Chrissy lives on Willowood.

MEMORY BOOKS

Creative Memories. Sally Dankers, 571.331.7245. Get your precious photographs out of the drawer and organized in a beautiful photo-safe album. Sally has lived on Carriage Drive since 1990.

MUSIC

HarpMusic By Phyllis. 703.922.9682. Lovely background music for weddings, parties, and special events. Reasonable rates, demo tape available, 20 years with the President's Marine Band. Phyllis has lived on Haystack Road for 29 years.

PAINTING

Painting by Sherry. Cheryl Matey, 703.921.9422. Exterior/Interior. Cheryl has lived in Rose Hill 19 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 Place.

REAL ESTATE

Re/Max Horizons. Karen Davidson, 703.971.8962 (home) or 703.927.4448 (work). 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.

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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Alexandria, VA

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7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

For information call: 703-370-2498

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Correction

Our apology to Cliff and Barbara James of 6412 May Boulevard. We had the name wrong for that address on the list of award winners in the 2004 Holiday Lighting Contest. The James are RHCA members and earned an award for the excellent display. The James also own the house at 6409 Willowood, which was awarded an outstanding display certificate. Their nephew, John Grigsby, lives there. If there were any other mistakes, please contact us so we can make an apology and issue the proper certificate.

—Carl Sell

Place UPS Store ad here

Advertising in *The Rambler*

Listing in the Business Directory is free to Rose Hill residents who own their business, but placing an actual advertisement is open to all with rates per month as follows:

Business card: 3 1/2" x 2", \$10

Half page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50

Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25

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 703.924.7192. 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.

—Marty Williams