

The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Needed: A Strong Association To Represent Our Community

The Rose Hill Civic Association needs you now more than ever. We have some major issues on the front burner – traffic calming, development, blight, and lights at the park – so we need a large membership to help the County authorities take notice of our concerns. If you haven't joined your neighbors listed on Page 5 as 2006 RHCA members, please do so NOW.

If you have already joined, please encourage your neighbors to join also. Nothing impresses the County more than numbers of taxpayers and voters. We may not get our way all the time, but you can rest assured that we will be heard. That's all we really ask. If our concerns are just and our requests are valid, we'll usually prevail.

Even if you aren't interested or involved in some of the issues facing our community right now, that

doesn't mean a problem won't rear its head on your street or cul de sac. At that point, you'll need the help and support of your RHCA neighbors.

RHCA is making a difference. We have worked with the police to remove junk cars from both our streets and those in full view on private property. We have worked with the zoning enforcement officers and the Health Department to help keep our community free of unsightly and overcrowded properties. If you have a legitimate complaint, RHCA will help you get it resolved!

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But the County won't listen unless we are highly organized. RHCA supplies the organization. You need to provide the numbers by joining today. If you aren't yet convinced, read on about some of our latest issues. If you agree, join and help us. If you disagree, join and let us know!

Your membership also pays the printing bill for The Rambler and supports the Rose Hill Beauty program and Neighborhood Watch as well as numerous local charities. If you so desire, you also can contribute to our 2006 projects such as helping the teachers at Rose Hill Elementary cover the cost of materials needed for teaching but not provided by the County.

Fill out the membership form on Page 4 and mail it, along with your check, at your earliest convenience. The membership form also is available on MyRoseHill.com, our outstanding website.

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00pm
John Marshall Library

Topic: Tax Update Tuesday

RHCA will present an update on taxes at its February meeting. Bernard E. Tabarini, owner of BJT Associates, Inc., is our guest speaker. Mr. Tabarini has 25 years in individual, corporate, and estate taxes. He will update us on new tax rules and then answer questions. The meeting will open with a short update on community issues and then we will hear from Mr. Tabarini at approximately 7:30pm.

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Double Cross on Lights!

The Park Authority has revised its plan to update the master plan for Lee District Park. They now want to light even more fields and add more parking than previously presented. As you know, RHCA objected to the previous plan so this increasing of the intensity of the park is a slap in the face! What's more, the Park Authority has NOT seen fit (as of this writing) to reply to RHCA's concerns in a letter dated December 7, 2005. (Go to MyRoseHill.com to read our letter.) The Park Authority has scheduled a public meeting on the new plan for Wednesday, March 15, at 7pm at Mark Twain Middle School. We'd like to have a large contingent of Rose Hill residents at that meeting—mark your calendar now. The lighting and parking expansion is being promoted by area youth groups in the hope they will be able to play more games. Those groups do not guarantee that their games will be the only ones scheduled at Lee District Park. Instead of a district park, Lee will become a favored site for baseball, softball, soccer, and football teams from throughout Fairfax County. And most of them will drive through Rose Hill to get to the games—until 11pm or later April through November. This proposal comes at the same time we are seeking to slow and reduce traffic on Rose Hill Drive! We'll present the full specifics of the plan at our March 28 meeting and then mount an appeal to Supervisor Kauffman to help change the Park Authority's mind. We have until April 15 to protest the Park Authority's plan.

Traffic Update

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation has completed its traffic survey that was triggered by RHCA's request for additional stop signs at various intersections and traffic calming on several cut-through streets. Fairfax has forwarded a request for four-way stop signs on Rose Hill Drive at Apple Tree Drive and Cottonwood Drive, Willowood Lane and Bee Street, and Willowood Lane and Apple Tree Drive to the Virginia Department of Transportation. The request for a three-way stop at Willowood and Saddle Tree Drive was not approved because it did not meet the established criteria (cross-street is a dead end and there is a blind curve on approach to the intersection). If VDOT agrees, RHCA will be asked to reconfirm its support before the Board of

Supervisors approves a resolution supporting the new signs. The County then will request VDOT to install the signs. All roads in Fairfax County are under the jurisdiction of VDOT.

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The County also has agreed that the section of Cottonwood Drive between Rose Hill Drive and Split Rock Road qualifies for traffic calming. The process is much more complicated than the one for stop signs, but we will forge ahead. The next step is for Fairfax DOT to issue a petition, map the impacted area,

and distribute copies for the petition. The community must gather signatures verifying 75% are for forming a task force to develop a traffic-calming plan. After the plan is developed, a community meeting and a vote by mail for the community to approve the plan. The Board then approves the plan and asks VDOT to install the devices and signs. RHCA will initiate the petition drive upon receipt of the information from the County.

The traffic counts that resulted in the above recommendations were taken before and after the opening of South Van Dorn Street from Kingstown to Telegraph Road. The first count, taken on April 12, 2005, counted 5,705 cars northbound and 6,915 southbound on Rose Hill Drive. On June 14, 2005, the counts were 5,073 northbound and 4,949 southbound. In other words, traffic dropped by 2,598 cars per day after the opening of South Van Dorn through to Telegraph Road.

Interestingly enough, the traffic on Cottonwood Drive between Rose Hill Drive and Split Rock was almost the same. There were 1,164 cars on April 13 and 1,134 on June 14. The average speed for southbound vehicles in the 85 percentile on June 14 was 38 miles per hour in a 25 miles per hour zone. Because of the cut-through traffic and excessive speed, Cottonwood Drive qualified for calming measures. It is the only street in Rose Hill to qualify.

Because of the high volume, Rose Hill Drive does not automatically qualify for traffic calming. If VDOT does not approve the four-way stop signs, we can request another survey to determine the amount of cut-through traffic. If there are 150 cut-through vehicles (those traversing the entire length) per peak hour in one direction that account for 40% of peak hour traffic, we can ask for access restrictions to reduce volume or traffic calming methods.

In any event, RHCA is committed to the installation of stop signs on Rose Hill Drive in an effort to reduce volume and speed. The June 14 study showed the average speed on Rose Hill Drive at 35 miles per hour at the 85 percentile level. Given the fact that the elementary school and library are located on our 'main street,' we need to at least slow down the traffic. If the stop signs don't work, we'll move on to the cut-through traffic criteria for calming. By then, we'll have had the experience of having gone through the traffic calming process on Cottonwood Drive between Rose Hill and Split Rock.

Dilapidated House (Continued)

We are finally getting some action on the house at 4612 Roundhill Road. The Health Department has issued a notice of violation and the Blight Abatement Office has deemed that the property meets its criteria for repairs or demolition. Supervisor Kauffman has met with the Blight Abatement folks in an effort to find a way to move forward quickly.

On February 2, the Sheriff's office delivered the Health Department's Notice of Violation of the

Virginia Maintenance Code to the owner of the dilapidated house, John A. Ruth, who lives in Springfield. Mr. Ruth has

30 days to make necessary repairs or file an appeal.

As the result of an inspection on January 10, the Health Department issued the following report:

This structure is deemed to be unsafe and/or unfit for human occupancy. The structure is dangerous to the health, safety and welfare of the occupants or the public because: (1) it contains unsafe equipment so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe, or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation that partial or complete collapse is likely; and/or (2) the structure is vacant and unsecured or open and deemed a fire hazard and unsafe; and/or (3) of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment, or the required plumbing and sanitary facilities are inoperable.

At some point, we are going to have to show the community's support should it become necessary for the property to be seized by the County and either repaired or torn down.

The owner was ordered to secure the residence from access from the exterior, replace the deteriorated roof and gutters, and sand and paint or encapsulate deteriorated exterior structures.

I'll update you as to the progress in the March and subsequent newsletters. At some point, we are going to have to show the community's support should it become necessary for the property to be seized by the County and either repaired or torn down. If for example, the property is seized and then repaired and sold, the owner would receive the proceeds minus the cost of repair.

Rose Hill Reserve Update

You may have read in the Metro Section of the Sunday, February 12, edition of the *Washington Post* about a situation involving building on marine clay in Prince William County. The geotechnical engineer firm mentioned—Geotechnical Consulting and Testing, Inc.—is the same one that is involved in Rose Hill Section III. In fact, the firm currently has a site plan and soils report under evaluation by Fairfax County. As a result of the article, I asked Supervisor Kauffman and Olawale A. Ayodeji, the County's Chief Geotechnical Engineer, to institute a review to determine if any of the issues cited in the Prince William cases were relevant to Rose Hill. Specifically, the use of lime to stabilize or modify marine clay for use on residential building pads as was done in Prince William. Fairfax County policy currently forbids such practice, although there is an ongoing review of that policy to allow a modification to allow the use of lime-stabilized fill in residential building pads subject to tight controls. The building industry cites a lack of clean fill as the reason for the modification. In any event, lime stabilization currently is not being proposed for Rose Hill Reserve. And we see no reason for a modification, even if the policy is changed. I recently had the opportunity to walk the site with Mr. Ayodeji, members of his staff, and two members of the Geotechnical Review Board, along with Jeff McKay from Supervisor Kauffman's office. I pointed out specific concerns regarding the buffer, water runoff on neighboring properties, and building too close to slopes where slides have previously occurred. The specific concerns are outlined in a letter that can be found among the correspondence section of MyRoseHill.com.

Rose Hill Originals

Alice and Edward Holloman on Sturbridge Place moved in January 1, 1955. Pearl Butler moved to Cottonwood Drive near Rose Hill Drive in March of 1955. Tom and Wanda Violette bought a house on Tree Top Lane the same year and later moved around the corner to May Boulevard. Beatrice Mulvey took up residence on Bluegrass Drive on March 24, 1957. Macy Watts moved to Leewood Drive in April of 1957. Russell and Maxine Jones moved into what was 2501 Willowood Lane on July 25, 1959. The address

is now 6400 Willowood Lane (at the corner of Bee Street) and Maxine still lives there. If you are or know of any other Rose Hill originals, please give any of the officers a call. The plan is to memorialize these residents on a plaque that will be placed on or near the Rose Hill historic marker on Rose Hill Drive at the John Marshall Library. In last month's *Rambler*, we misspelled Kae Furneisen's last name. Hope we got it right this time!

—Carl Sell

In Memory of Some Rose Hill Originals

When our family moved onto Hayfield Place in 1961, we were the only "newcomers." All the other houses on the cul-de-sac were occupied by Rose Hill Originals. Over the years, most moved away, but two families should be remembered. For the sake of clarification, I should note that both of these families had to move a few years ago due to ill health. They would have stayed here otherwise.

Rosemary and Henry Anderson were two delightfully different people. Rosemary was a true Renaissance person: she was a Red Cross volunteer at Alexandria Hospital; she refinished and reupholstered furniture; she could have run a tailor shop, that's how good she sewed; she was a great cook; and very active in politics. Henry was an avid golfer and worked for the FAA. It wasn't until he was deceased and we went to the viewing that we

found out he had been a decorated officer in the Air Force during World War II.

Shirley and Ned Brogan were also great hosts and gardeners. They hosted quite a few of our New Year's get-togethers when the whole block gathered to celebrate. One year, during the aftermath of a blizzard (Remember when we had blizzards?), our block had not been plowed for a number of days. Finally, a snowplow came along but the driver would not stop. Ned went out and stood in front of the snowplow until the driver reluctantly said he would plow one lane around the circle.

Rose Hill Originals were true pioneers of a kind. Now that everyone else has moved away, I am the oldest person, both in age and tenure, on the block. I have never regretted moving to Rose Hill and continuing to live here.

—Betty Balch

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 Rose Hill Elementary School

\$_____ Donation for RHCA General Fund

Thank you!

RHCA Members as of February 17, 2006

Betty Balch, 6400 Hayfield Place
Jo Ann Barney, 5000 Tree Top Lane
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Shirley & Bill Bennington, 6405 May Boulevard
Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbing Hill Road
Judith & Thomas Bowles, 6510 Haystack Road
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbing Hill Road
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbing Hill Road
P.G. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Mark & Lorraine Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
Pearl Butler, 6401 Cottonwood Drive
Tracy Campbell, 6402 Cottonwood Drive
Jason & Maureen Cardone, 6418 Willowood Lane
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Bev & Norm Cherkis, 6300 Saddle Tree Drive
Beatrice & Robert Christensen, 6500 Carriage Drive
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Bob Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place
Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
Jane & Margo Cunniffe, 4609 Mayor Place
Virginia Dahlgren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
Bill & Sally Dankers and Marjorie Parkyn,
6511 Carriage Drive
Robin & David Dodson, 6400 Wayside Place
Harry Dodson, 6319 May Boulevard
Brian & Mary Ellen Duy, 6309 Climbing Hill Road
Stien Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
Dawit Eyob & Kongit Eyassu, 6206 Redwood Lane
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Larry & Constance Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Tree Top Lane
Ed & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
Elmer & Alice Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive
Fredy & Maxine Heyer, 4704 Flower Lane
Douglas Hoey, 6208 Redwood Lane
Don & Lynn Hoffman, 5002 Tree Top Lane
Emilie Hood, 5012 Tree Top Lane
James & Susie Hudson, 6413 Maryview Street
John & Erika Good, 4604 Roundhill Road
Clifford & Barbara James, 6412 May Boulevard
Frank Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Helen Johnson, 4517 Apple Tree Drive
Cynthia Johnson-Cavey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
Yong S. Kim, 6211 Thornwood Drive
Yun Soo Kim, 6205 Thornwood Drive
Donald Krause, 6300 Rose Hill Drive
Edward & Anna Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive
John & Jackie Lewis, 6206 Thornwood Drive
Eloise & Randy Lewis, 4501 Bee Street
E. Lynch-Upchurch, 4701 Flower Lane

Well & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Drive
Leahsa McCaw & Richard Sandoval, 6402 Rye Court
M.C. Mayo, 6122 Leewood Drive
Frank & Marge McConnell, 6220 Thornwood Drive
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
Dolores McKinney, 6303 Cottonwood Drive
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
Melvin Market, 6211 Redwood Lane
Obdulia Mason, 6311 Saddle Tree Drive
Marnie Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
Mimi & Charles Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
Edna Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
Harold & Lavera Murray, 5003 Tree Top Lane
Jean Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
But & Mien Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive
Thakor Patel, 6401 Maryview Street
Stella & Anthony Peters, 4610 Mayor Place
Larry & Lucy Pettit, 6501 Carriage Drive
Charles & Jeska Pfefferle, 6503 Haystack Road
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Louise Prystaloski, 4910 Silo Road
Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood Lane
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
Jim & Nancy Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road
James Ridgell, 6513 Cottonwood Drive
David & Nancy Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
Eric & Deborah Rumph, 6409 May Boulevard
E. Wayne Ryan, 6518 Haystack Road
Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive
Cragin & Kay Shelton, 4403 Roundhill Road
James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive
Diana & Marty Shupack, 6419 Haystack Road
Michael Smith & Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
Mark & Dottie Snyder, 6322 Maryview Street
Don & Nita Stallings, 6407 Willowood Lane
William Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
Fred, Nancy & Steve Stinnette, 4520 Apple Tree Drive
Ms. Ray M. Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road
Terence Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive
C. & D. Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place
Jean Thomson, 6302 Cottonwood Drive
Rex & Linda Taylor, 6505 Haystack Road
Nina Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Place
Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road
M. & H. Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road
Wanda & Tom Violette, 6408 May Boulevard
Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
Fran Watts, 6508 Haystack Road
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Linda & Lauck Walton, 4900 Silo Road
Louise Westgate, 6708 Greendale Road
Karen Wheeless, 6709 Greendale Road
Alice Wilder & Thomas Mangum, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
Dwight & Marty Williams, 6509 Cottonwood Drive

Fairfax County Police Department Franconia District Station (District 6)

Weekly Incident Summary Report — February 9-15, 2006

Vehicle Thefts Are on The Rise in Franconia District

It has been noted by FCPD Command Staff that District 6 (Franconia District Station) has the highest percentage of reported vehicle thefts in Fairfax County. Crime analysts have been unable to establish a pattern to these vehicle thefts, although it is believed that the proximity to a number of escape routes e.g., I-95, I-495, Fairfax County Parkway, etc., is part of the problem. However, it is important that you, the public, assist in lowering these statistics by not becoming a statistic yourself!

- 1. Lock Your Vehicle** if you are leaving it for more than 30 seconds. It takes a thief less than 10 seconds to get into an unlocked vehicle.
- 2. Remove Your Keys** whenever you leave your vehicle, even if you are going to be away from it less than 30 seconds. This includes removing the keys from the ignition at gas stations when fueling your vehicle. Thieves have been known to watch a vehicle being fueled, wait until the owner takes the nozzle out of the fueling hole and then jumping into the fully fueled vehicle and driving off, leaving the owner/operator holding the nozzle and nothing else.
- 3. Never, Never Leave Your Vehicle Running While You Are Not Inside Of It.** Do not warm up your vehicle while you go back inside the house for your coffee or while you run into a convenience store for a newspaper. Thieves are everywhere and if they see a vehicle sitting with an engine running and nobody inside, it is an invitation to theft. Even if the vehicle is locked, if the engine is running, a rock or hammer will break the window, and the thief will drive your vehicle away before you can respond to the break-in.

DON'T BECOME ANOTHER VEHICLE THEFT STATISTIC. BE PROACTIVE AND DETER THE CRIME.

Detectives have served over 25 search warrants on homes, businesses, and financial institutions as part of the largest operation of this type in the police department's history.

RHCA Says Thanks to Our Police for a Job Well Done:

Police Arrest Members of an Organized Crime Organization

Detectives from the Fairfax County Organized Crime and Narcotics Division have concluded an extensive investigation into the Bansal organized crime family and organization. Dubbed Operation Underdog, the investigation began over two years ago when detectives discovered the organization's ties to illegal sports gambling. Police later uncovered links to loan sharking, illegal Internet gambling, fraud, money laundering, narcotic distribution, and extortion.

Detectives have served over 25 search warrants on homes, businesses, and financial institutions as part of the largest operation of this type in the police department's history. The search warrants, served in Fairfax County, Arlington County, Prince William County, Stafford County, Frederick County, MD, and Dare County, NC, have enabled police to seize almost \$2 million in cash and jewelry estimated at about \$1 million.

On Wednesday, February 8 at about 11am, the Fairfax County Police Department was assisted by the Arlington County Police Department, Prince William County Police Department, Stafford County Sheriffs Office, and Kill Devil Hills Police Department in North Carolina. Simultaneously, these five jurisdictions served eight search warrants and arrested eight people simultaneously.

Those arrested are: Raj Kumar Bansal, 59, 4102 Daniels Avenue, #304, Annandale, VA; Nicholas Kumar Bansal, 34, 300 Sand Ridge Road, Stafford, VA; Steven K Bansal, 31, 113 Veelee Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC; Sharon Rudolph Connelly, 65, 7213 Hansford Court, Springfield, VA; Rajan Harjani, 47, 8720 Middleford Drive, Springfield, VA; Thomas Norwood Chinault, 57, 113 Oak Drive, Stafford, VA; Michael Devon Linton, 30, 3106 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA; and Gaurav Gupta, 25, 10509 Schaeffer Drive, Nokesville, VA.

Gang Arrests

A three-month investigation spearheaded by members of the Fairfax County Gang Unit has resulted in felony and misdemeanor charges filed

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against 11 individuals ranging in age from 15 to 20 years old. The investigation and arrests are part of ongoing police efforts to disrupt gang criminal activities in the County. The investigation began in late October after patrol officers stopped six individuals in a stolen car (see below). The investigation led to the resolution of an attempted robbery case from October 28, 2005. In that case, at least four gang members allegedly armed with a crowbar and a baseball bat attempted to rob a 53 year-old Springfield area man in the 6700 block of Commerce Street. Investigation indicates this incident was part of gang recruitment activities. The continuing investigation uncovered evidence on an individual's cell phone which allegedly depicted sexual activity with an underage girl. That individual was charged with statutory rape and producing child pornography. Detectives from the Fairfax County Criminal Investigations Bureau, officers from the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigations Section of the Franconia and West Springfield stations and members of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force all contributed to the investigation.

The following individuals were charged:

- Edgar Ramon Sorto, 20, of 4345 Ivymount Court, #41, Annandale, was charged with attempted robbery, gang recruitment, two counts of gang participation, assault by mob, vehicle tampering, destruction of property, propelling missile into a vehicle, statutory rape, and producing child pornography.
- Jose Efrain Garcia, 20, of 14000 Franklin Street, Woodbridge, was charged with attempted robbery, gang recruitment, two counts of gang participation, assault by mob, vehicle tampering, destruction of property, and propelling missile into an occupied dwelling.
- Lester Calderon-Alcantara, 18, of 6424 Wingate Street in the Lincolnia area, was charged with attempted robbery, three counts of gang participation, assault by mob, two counts of destruction of property, and propelling missile into an occupied dwelling.
- Adriana Diaz Romero, 18, of 375 South Reynolds Street, #216, Alexandria, was charged with possession of stolen property, hit and run, speed to elude, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- Daniel Alves, 19, of 5300 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, was charged with participation in a street gang, vehicle tampering, missile into an

occupied dwelling, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

- A 15 year-old Manassas boy was charged with attempted robbery, assault by mob, gang participation, missile into an occupied dwelling, vehicle tampering, gang participation, and destruction of property.
- A 16 year-old Alexandria boy was charged with attempted robbery, assault by mob, gang participation, missile into an occupied dwelling, vehicle tampering, gang participation, and destruction of property.
- A 17 year-old Alexandria girl was charged with missile into an occupied dwelling, vehicle tampering, gang participation, and destruction of property.
- A 16 year-old Alexandria boy was charged with missile into an occupied dwelling, vehicle tampering, gang participation, and destruction of property.
- A 16 year-old Alexandria boy was charged with missile into an occupied dwelling, vehicle tampering, gang participation, and destruction of property.

Again, great job Fairfax County Police Department! — RHCA

MODIP

The Fairfax County Police Department offers residents 55 years of age and older enrollment in the Mature Operator's Driver Improvement Program (MODIP). This eight-hour course that provides safe driving information, is sanctioned by the American Automobile Association (AAA) and is presented by certified Fairfax County Auxiliary Police Officers. Upon completion of this course, drivers are eligible for the Virginia State-mandated insurance premium reduction (check with individual insurance carriers for the amount). The classes are normally held the second Saturday of each month at the Franconia District Station, 6121 Franconia Road. The next seminars are scheduled from 8am to 4pm on March 11, and April 8. Registration is required and can be done by contacting the MODIP reservations line at 703.924.6588. The fee for this course is \$10 per person for books and materials.

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, February 28, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subject: Tax Update.
- ★ **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, 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!

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. The Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm daily except Tuesdays when it is closed. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **Saturday, February 25 & Sunday, February 26, 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, March 4, 5:30-7pm.** Evening Wildlife Walk (Adults). Explore the Hike/Bike Trail in hopes of discovering calling frogs and owls, migrating waterfowl, and displaying American woodcock. Bring optics and a flashlight. Meet at the park's South King's Highway entrance. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$3
- ★ **Sunday, March 5, 7-10am.** Birding for Beginners (Adults). Sharpen your bird identification skills while birding with a park naturalist. Program begins with a brief discussion in the Visitor Center. Reservations required. FREE
- ★ **Saturday, March 18, 9-11:30am.** Watershed Cleanup Day. Be a part of the stream team! Individuals, families and groups can help clear out the earth's arteries by collecting tires, bed springs, bottles, cans, and other debris. Give the waterways in your community a clean bill

of health and earn the gratitude of your furred, feathered, and scaled neighbors. Wear boots, old clothes, and bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation provided. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE

- ★ **Sunday, March 19, 5:15-6:30pm.** Leave it to Beaver (6 yrs. & up). Families will look for signs of beavers and, if we're lucky, catch a glimpse of these nocturnal engineers. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$5/family
- ★ **Monday, March 20, 3:15-4:30pm.** Young Explorers – Owls (6-8 yrs.). Who, whoo are you? Through indoor and outdoor activities learn more about this nocturnal predator. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$3
- ★ **Wednesday, March 22, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30am.** Nature Detectives – Owls (3-5 yrs.). Who, whoo are you? Through story, activity, and a craft, learn more about this nocturnal predator. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **Thursday, March 23, 9:30-10:15am.** Nature Detectives – Owls (See 3/22.)

John Marshall Library

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

- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Friday, March 3, 12noon.** Lunch With Dr. Seuss. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 8, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Short stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Friday, March 10, 12noon.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 15, 10:30am.** All That's Green. Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 15, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Friday, March 17, 12noon.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, March 18, 10:30am.** Sophie the Performing Dog. Watch our live canine guest do tricks! Sponsored by the Friends of the John Marshall Library. All ages.
- ★ **Monday, March 20, 1:45pm.** School's Out Fun. After school activities and a craft. Age 6-10.

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, *continued*

- ★ **Thursday, March 23, 4pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Friday, March 24, 12noon.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult.

Edison High School

- ★ **FCPS SAT Prep Classes.** Fairfax County Public Schools offers SAT preparation courses for secondary school students starting in late February and early March. For more information, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/prek12/prek12-secondary.html#sat>. Current FCPS students may submit registration and payment by phone, by mail, by fax, or walk-in at any Fairfax County adult education registration center. Call 703.227.2377 Monday through Friday during regular business hours to register.
- ★ **Saturday, March 4, 9am-12:15pm.** A Forum for Teen Drivers and The Adults Who Care About Them. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Registration opens at 8:15am. Displays and refreshments available. Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/> for more information and to register.
- ★ **Saturday, April 1.** Spring Mulch Sale to benefit The Edison High School Class Of '06 All Night Graduation Party!! Same great hardwood shredded mulch! \$4/bag (3 cu.ft. - not the small ones!) Free deliveries for orders of 20 bags or more! (driveway or curbside within Edison boundary) Make your order today! Volunteers available to help load orders for less than 20 bags. To place your order today, call 703.402.8237 or e-mail EdisonMulch@hotmail.com.
- ★ **Friday, April 7.** Teacher Workday
- ★ **April 10-14.** Spring Break

Mark Twain Middle School

- ★ **Monday, March 6.** Spring Pictures
- ★ **Thursday, March 9, 6-8:30pm.** Family Night '06. Spaghetti Dinner, Student/Faculty Basketball Game and more! Dinner will be served from 6-7:15pm with the basketball game beginning at 7pm. Student artwork will be on display and entertainment provided by the Twain Chorus/Orchestra students. Reservations are required in advance. Tickets will be on sale during all lunch periods March 6 through March 8, \$5 each. Reservations/tickets WILL NOT be sold on the day of the event or at the door. So buy early! Because of seating capacity, only a limited amount of reservations will be taken.
- ★ **Monday, March 13, 7:30pm.** Parent Orientation for Rising 9th grade students at Edison HS.

- ★ **Tuesday, March 14, 7:30-9:15am.** Touching Bases. Opportunity for parents to touch bases with each of your student's teachers. Please limit your time to 3-minute mini-conferences. If you feel you need extra time with the team, please call the guidance office at 703.313.3716, to arrange a conference with your student's guidance counselor. School delayed three hours. Classes begin at 10:40am for students (students DO NOT report prior to 10:15am).

- ★ **March 14-29.** Rising 9th grade students register for classes

Rose Hill Elementary School

- ★ **You Are Invited ... Principal's Coffee.** Tuesday, February 28, 7pm, Rose Hill Library. This is an informal opportunity for conversation, questions, and getting to know you.
- ★ **Skate Nights Canceled.** We are sorry to announce that all Skate Nights, sponsored by the PTA, are canceled. The skating rink has closed.
- ★ The preschool special education program at Rose Hill is looking for typically-developing 2-5 year old peers to join its classes for the 2006-2007 school year. Children will attend half-day preschool for up to five days a week. Parents of participating students are asked to contribute time to help in the classroom and with take-home projects. Children must be potty trained and have age-appropriate language skills in English. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation to and from school. Application deadline is Friday, March 17. Interested parents should plan to attend a meeting in the Rose Hill library on Wednesday, March 29, at 6:30pm. Following the meeting, we will schedule times to conduct parent/student interviews with one of our preschool teachers. For more info, contact either Eileen Foxwell (703.313.4223 or eileen.foxwell@fcps.edu) or Lynn Dzyak (703.313.4219 or lynn.dzyak@fcps.edu) or stop by the school office for an application.
- ★ **RHES clinic** is in need of clean pants and t-shirts. We could use elastic waist pants (in sizes 10 and under) and t-shirts in all sizes. If you are able to help, please send the item(s) to school in a bag marked "clinic."

Correction

In the January *Rambler*, we incorrectly listed the name of an Outstanding Display winner in our Holiday Lighting Awards. Thanks for letting us know, Nancy; we apologize. 4804 Apple Tree Drive is the home of the McMinnns. Young Austin did an outstanding job on his decorations.

Rose Hill Business Directory – Just Updated!

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.

Llewellyn Family Daycare. 14 years experience providing care for children of all ages. State Licensed, CPR- and First Aid-Certified. Accepting applications for full-time and part-time care. Before and after school care. Transportation provided for Rose Hill Elementary School. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 6:30 am-6:30 pm. Weekend and evening care available upon request. Year-round preschool curriculum. Fun-filled days of learning and exploring. Every month a different theme. Daily activities include reading, arts and crafts, circle time, letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and outdoor play. Plenty of space for activities! Excellent references. Fairfax County Child Care Assistance Program accepted. To schedule an appointment, call Jessica at 703.765.1661.

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. (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.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

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.

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.

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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 4 years.

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

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PAINTING

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

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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.

QUILTS

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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.

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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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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