

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

'Nostalgia Night' March 5 Celebrates 50 Years of Education Excellence

The Rose Hill Civic Association, in cooperation with Rose Hill Elementary School, has put together an outstanding 'Nostalgia Night' program to celebrate the school's 50 years of education excellence. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 5, beginning at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

Highlighting the program will be a video put together by the school staff that celebrates the last 50 years. Rose Hill Elementary opened in September, 1957, so the current term is the 50th to educate students from Rose Hill and surrounding communities.

Another highlight will be a performance by Rose Hill's Sound Wave 12, a group of 18 fifth- and sixth-graders under the direction of Dee Piecuch-Siebert, founder-director of the group and music teacher at Rose Hill Elementary. Her group truly fills the world with sound.

Terri Czarniak, the principal, will welcome members of the community. Terri and her staff have been extremely helpful in putting together this exciting program celebrating the school's 50th anniversary. The school held a similar program for students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends last fall that attracted more than 600. 'Nostalgia Night' is a way for the community

to celebrate the school's 50th birthday.

In addition to the video and musical performance, community members are invited to share their favorite memories about Rose Hill Elementary. Parents, faculty, staff, and former students are invited to attend. Please help by spreading the word among those who hold Rose Hill Elementary dear but no longer live in our community. They are especially welcome on March 5. Although this is an adult event, youngsters who are interested in the school and community's history are invited to attend.

Even if you don't believe some of the stories you might hear that night, the video and the performance by Sound Wave 12 will make it a worthwhile evening. As icing on the cake, so to speak, refreshments will be available in the form of punch, cookies, and commemorative cakes. If you can provide some cookies to add to the festivities, they would be most welcome. Contact Carl Sell at 703.971.4716 or via e-mail at sellcarl@aol.com, or Linda Nichols at 703.971.0755 or dovefellow@aol.com.

—Carl Sell

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, February 26, 7pm John Marshall Library

Topic: County Code Enforcement Strike Force Team

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President's Message

County Strike Force Zoning Team Featured on February 26 RHCA Agenda

As you probably have read or heard about, the County has established a Code Enforcement Strike Force Team to handle complaints about lack of property maintenance and overcrowding of single-family homes in communities such as Rose Hill. The Team was formed as the result of complaints by homeowners about 'boarding houses' in their neighborhoods. There were more than 2,000 zoning violation complaints and 199 multiple-occupancy complaints in the last six months of 2007 in Fairfax County.

Members of the Strike Force Team will be at the Tuesday, February 26, meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association. The meeting starts at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library. If you are concerned about properties in your neighborhood or on your street, here's your chance to learn about the program and learn what the County can do if there are violations. This program is being presented by RHCA because of numerous questions concerning this subject.

...if you are concerned about what appears to be overcrowding at an address in your neighborhood, here's your chance to learn what to look for and can be done about it. Complaints will be forwarded in the name of RHCA, not individual[s]...

The Strike Team currently includes the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Fire Marshall, and the Police Department. Supervisor McKay of Lee District also has suggested that Blight Abatement be transferred from the Department of Housing and Community Development and put under the auspices of the Strike Team. Blight Abatement is one of the agencies RHCA has been working with in our continuing effort to clean up the property at 4612 Roundhill Road.

RHCA has had good success working with Zoning Enforcement on various violations such as trash, property maintenance, and other issues. Overcrowding and the operation of boarding houses is a much more difficult issue, hence the formation of the Strike Team by the Board of Supervisors. As part of the presentation on February 26, you will hear how the members go about identifying boarding houses and code violations brought on by overcrowding.

Again, if you are concerned about what appears to be overcrowding at an address in your neighborhood, here's your chance to learn what to look for and can be done about it. Complaints will be forwarded in the name of RHCA, not individual members of the community. A large turnout on February 26 will underscore Rose Hill's concern for the appearance of its community.

Painting on Display

Another reason to come to the February 26 RHCA meeting is to see the Rose Hill Raid painting that now has been permanently displayed in the community room at the John Marshall Library. The painting, by famed Civil War artist John Paul Strain, commemorates the September 28, 1863, raid at Rose Hill by Confederate partisan John Singleton Mosby. Presentation of the painting was made possible by the donations of those Rose Hill Civic Association members listed on the next page. Their names, along with a brief description of the raid, will be displayed with the painting at the library. If you would like to add your name to the list, please send a check for \$25 or more to RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. The opportunity to have your name permanently displayed as a donor will end March 1.

Commercial Vehicles

There have been a number of complaints about commercial vehicles parked in driveways, on the side of houses, and in the back yards at various Rose Hill addresses. The Zoning Ordinance of Fairfax County allows one commercial vehicle per property in residentially zoned communities such as Rose Hill. However, the ordinance also says that NO solid waste collection vehicle, tractor and/or trailer of a tractor-trailer truck, dump truck, construction equipment, cement-mixer truck, wrecker with a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or more, or similar such vehicles or equipment may be parked in a residential district. Note the word SIMILAR as the vehicles banned are not limited to the list above. Zoning enforcement deals with violations on private property. The police deal with violations on public streets. RHCA will continue to work with zoning enforcement and the police to maintain the residential character of our community. Violators will be reported.

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Holiday Lights Update

We had the wrong name in the January *Rambler* for the excellent display at 4512 Lark Lane. Steve Corbin and his family rent the property. If that name sounds familiar, long-time Rose Hill residents will know his mother, Lois, who lives on Blossom Lane. She also works the front entrance at Wal-Mart in Kingstowne. Steve moved back to Rose Hill in December of 2006 and really went all out in decorating this past Christmas season. He used to help his mother decorate her yard, which was one of the best in our community. When he moved back, Lois Corbin told her son to concentrate on his own house. That he did! We also didn't properly identify the Izzetts for their excellent display at 5007 Eastchester Circle. We also had the address for the Kohms on Carriage Drive wrong. They live at 6329, not as previously advertised. Since Beth Kohm is our secretary, we had no defense for that mistake. If you spotted any other mistakes, let us know and we'll correct it in the March *Rambler*.

Neighborhood Watch Conference

The Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA) is sponsoring a Neighborhood Watch Conference at the Marriott Fair Oaks Hotel on Saturday, March 15 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The conference will include educational presentations and workshops on a number of subjects, including gangs in Virginia by the Virginia State Police, watching out for children by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, recruiting and maintaining volunteers for Neighborhood Watch by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and many others. Refreshment breaks and lunch will be provided. The registration fee for the conference is \$25 per person. RHCA members who volunteer for Neighborhood Watch are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact the Virginia Crime Prevention Association at 804.231.3800 or email at vaprevent@aol.org. VCPA also is sponsoring 30th Anniversary Crime Prevention Conference at the same location on Sunday, March 16. You can learn more about that conference online at www.vcpa.org.

—Carl Sell

Rose Hill Raid Contributors

One of the additions to the list of sponsors of the 'Rose Hill Raid' painting that is framed and permanently displayed at the John Marshall Library is Anna Jeffries of Greenhaven Place, who moved to Rose Hill in 1959. Her husband, Paul, painted the rail fence around the house and farm before it became Rose Hill. The property was owned by the Mays, who owned the AB&W Bus Company. Paul worked at AB&W and painted the fence. Anna worked at the Alexandria Post Office with Connie Beatty, one of our first residents who still lives on Rose Hill Drive. The painting by famed Civil War artist John Paul Strain, depicts the raid at Rose Hill on September 28, 1863. Names of the contributors will be included as part of the display at the library. If you would like to have your name(s) associated with this piece of the history of our community, include your gift with the 2008 membership renewal or mail a check to RHCA, Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. Or, bring your check to the February 26 meeting. The list will remain open until the February meeting. If you want to be involved, now is the time! We will finalize the list to be displayed at the library on March 1.

Contributors as of February 14, 2008...

In Memory of Donna Joy and Joseph Myron Beatty
In Memory of Twila and Essie Noble
In Memory of Molly Whitt Stone

Ruth Connie Beatty
Vikki Beatty
Chris, Ann & Trent Borchevsky
Robert D. Brown
Mark & Lorraine Broxterman
Ralph & Pauline Carico
Raul & Kelly Castillo
Sam Covington
Steve & Holly Dougherty
Will & Myrna Downey
Tom Felleisen
Helen Flahive
Larry & Jane Fowler
Kae Furneisen
Barbara & Clifford James
Anna L. Jefferies
Marvin & Frances Justice
Raymond & Evelyn Market
Wellington & Anna Machmer
Nancy & Donald McMinn
Edna G. Mitchell
J.M. Neidermeyer
David & Linda Nichols
Monica Reed
Jim & Pat Sapp
Carl & Marti Sell
Carolyn Slenska
Monroe & Helena Varney
Jeffrey F. Williams
Marty Williams

Things You Never Knew Your Cell Phone Could Do

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Checkout the things that you can do with it:

ONE: Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you. Interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

TWO: Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone (not land line) from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other remote for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

THREE: Hidden battery power

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate reserve power, press the keys *3370# and your cell

will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell next time.

FOUR: How to disable a stolen mobile phone

To check your mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: * # 0 6 #. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset so write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones. (Editor's note: this didn't work on my Verizon phone. Please let me know if it worked for you.)

And Finally....FIFTH:

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial (800) FREE411, or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

—Reliable Source

Your Association Needs Volunteers!!

If you can spare a couple of hours a month, have transportation to Kingstowne and around the neighborhood, and can count, RHCA could use you. The distributor position that is vacant is currently being filled by our President and we need you to step up and help!

Marty Williams has moved and is looking to step down from The Rambler Editor position. If you have experience proofreading, editing, and using Microsoft Word or Publisher or another layout software program, please contact Marty for further information at marty@fabrications.us or 703.910.6316.

Jim Sapp does such a great job with our website you can't tell that he seamlessly maintains the site remotely from Colorado. If you have experience with website design, development, and maintenance, and are willing to volunteer to take Jim's job, please contact him for specifics at jimsapp7@msn.com.

RHCA LOVES ITS VOLUNTEERS ... IT WOULDN'T BE WITHOUT THEM.

GET INVOLVED ... YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Thank A Member, *Rambler* Readers!

Thanks to your neighbors listed below, you receive *The Rambler* nine times a year. And, pat yourself on the back if your name is listed! An average edition of our newsletter costs approximately \$300 and is delivered to all of the 700+ homes in our community, regardless of whether they are members or not. We believe everyone should be informed about what is going on in their community. Won't you join your neighbors in supporting RHCA and seeing your name listed here next month? A membership form is included on the next page. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, *The Rambler* is delivered to your door nine times a year at no cost to the Association. As you can see, membership dues alone don't keep RHCA afloat. Contributions, in addition to membership fees, help keep *The Rambler* in print and also pay for the landscaping at our entrance sign on Rose Hill Drive at Franconia Road. Most important, a large and active membership is very helpful as we deal with the County regarding community issues. Please include your e-mail address so we can communicate quickly on community issues. We will NEVER give your e-mail address to a third party! Our 2008 Membership Drive will end with the March *Rambler*.

2008 Members as of February 15, 2008

Nouri & Suham Abbou, 6115 Rose Hill Drive
Norma & Augusto V. Alvarez, Sr., 6507 Carriage Drive
Rebecca Bagdasarian, 6214 Driftwood Drive
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane
JoAnn Barney, 5000 Treetop Lane
P.G. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road
Vicki S. Beaty, 4415 Roundhill Road
Daniel Bearth, 6417 Rose Hill Drive
Phillip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbing Hill Road
Chris, Ann & Trent Borchevsky, 4511 Bee Street
Tracy Campbell, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbing Hill Road
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbing Hill Road
Mark & Loraine Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
Jeannette Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle
Ruth Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Pearl E. Butler, 6401 Cottonwood Drive
Ralph & Pauline Carico, 6112 Leewood Drive
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Bob Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
Lois Corbin, 6221 Blossom Lane
Steve Corbin, 4512 Lark Lane
Sam Covington, 6302 Saddle Tree Drive
Cynthia Johnson-Dailey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
Virginia Dahlgren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
Sally & Bill Dankers & Marjorie Parkyn, 6511 Carriage Dr.
Lee & Carol Davis, 6314 Climbing Hill Road
E&K Davidson, 460-8 Roundhill Road
Barbara Digman, 6217 Blossom Lane
Harry L. Dodson, 6319 May Boulevard
Steve & Holly Dougherty, 4522 Roundhill Road
Myrna Downey, 6516 Telegraph Road
Ron & Donna Dillon, 4618 Winston Place
Dennis Dzierzawski, 6210 Thornwood Drive
Betty Elliot, 6411 Maryview Street
Mike & Bea Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane
Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road
Tom Felleisen, 6406 Hayfield Place
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive

Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
Trigg & Beverly Flannagan, 6514 Haystack Road
Larry & Jane Fowler, 6320 Maryview Street
Larry & Connie Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane
Edward & Shirley Galliott, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
Elias & Karen Gates, 6508 Carriage Drive
Dan & Doris Gearing, 4827 Tabard Place, Annandale
Erika & John Good, 4604 Roundhill Road
Mike & Bonnie Greek, 6330 Willowood Drive
Kathy Gregson, 6411 Rose Hill Drive
Johanna Guccione, 6013 Leewood Drive
Jesua Moreno Guinto & Crisencio Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
Elmer & Alice Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive
Ed & Juanita Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place
L.M. Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Place
Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane
Douglas Hoey, 6208 Redwood Lane
Donald Hoffman, 5002 Treetop Lane
Chris Hunter, 6410 Maryview Street
Barbara & Clifford James, 6412 May Boulevard
Anna L. Jeffries, 5003 Greenhaven Place
F.E. Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
James & Linda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
Edwin & Lilian Kesler, 4405 Roundhill Road
Audrey Kick, 4517 Sturbridge Place
Jung Kim, 6205 Thornwood Drive
Y. S. Kim, 6211 Thornwood Drive
D. Kraus, 6300 Rose Hill Drive
Robert & Elizabeth Kohm, 6329 Carriage Drive
John & Patricia Lawrence, 6330 Maryview Street
J.K. Letsche, 6502 Cottonwood Drive
Jacqueline Lewis, 6206 Thornwood Drive
Edward & Anna Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive
O. Randolph Lewis, 4501 Bee Street
James R. Lockwood, 6114 Clovergrass Drive
Charles Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
Wellington & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
Melvin Martin, 6311 Redwood Lane
Kenneth & Mary Mann, 6107 Leewood Drive

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For Sale

1999 Cadillac Eldorado. Northstar V-8 engine that also operates on 6 cylinders in normal driving. High mileage but well maintained. Very clean. Estate sale. Asking \$4,500 but will listen to offers. 703.971.4716 or sellcarl@aol.com.

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Mary Mayo, 6122 Leewood Drive
Lea McCaw & Richard Sandoval, 6402 Rye Court
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
Donald & Nancy McMinn, 4804 Apple Tree Drive
Marlene Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
Edna G. Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
Hal & LaVera Murray, 5003 Treetop Lane
But Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
J. Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
Herbert & Grace Newman, 4910 Silo Road
David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Sam & Kim Nimjareansuk, 4507 Apple Tree Drive
Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive
Conrad & Haydee Oroc, 4703 Split Rock Road
Anthony & Stella Peters, 4610 Mayor Place
Lucy & Larry Pettit, 6501 Carriage Drive
Robert C. Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Orlando & Christy Ramos, 6303 Willowood Lane
Nick & Vivian Rashidi, 6506 Rose Hill Drive
Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood Lane
Monica Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
David & Nancy Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
Sylvia & Dennie Robison, 4514 Sturbridge Place
Carlos Rolon & Judy Taylor, 6503 Rose Hill Drive
Frank Schoenle, 6303 Climbhill Road
Dennis Scott, 4509 Bee Street
Diane & Marty Shupak, 6419 Haystack Road

Chris & Sara Sicks, 6606 Cottonwood Drive
Carolyn Slenska, 6308 Climbhill Road
Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
Michael Smith/Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
Donald & Juanita Stallings, 6407 Willowood Lane
Jean & William Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
M. C. Stinnette, 4520 Apple Tree Drive
Ray Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road
Terry Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive
Tinker & Don Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place
Alberta J. Taylor, 6308 Cottonwood Drive
Rex & Linda Taylor, 6505 Haystack Road
Grace Jean H. Thomson, 6302 Cottonwood Drive
Joanne Thompson, 6323 Cottonwood Drive
Nina Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Place
James W. Troy, 5004 Eastchester Circle
Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road
E.A. Lynch-Upchurch, 4701 Flower Lane
Stien Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
M.G. & H.E. Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road
Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
Wanda Violette, 6408 May Boulevard
Linda & Morgan Walton, 4900 Silo Road
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Louise Westgate, 6708 Greendale Road
Karen Wheless, 6709 Greendale Road
Alice Wilder, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
Jeffrey Williams, 6121 Dew Grass Drive
Jamie & Pam Yereb, 4617 Winston Place
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 \$10 Membership
is a check for: \$25 Sponsorship of the 'Rose Hill Raid' painting and have your name on display with the painting
 \$____ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign
 \$____ Donation for RHCA General Fund

Rose Hill Reserve Update

Emad Saddah, the engineer for the owners of Rose Hill Reserve presented an update at RHCA's January meeting. If you missed the meeting, here is a rundown as prepared by our secretary, Beth Kohm:

Emad, who has been coordinating the project on behalf of the landowners, accepted our invitation to provide an update and expressed his regrets that the initial letter that all contiguous homeowners to the land received was incorrect. He encouraged people to respond to the corrected second letter since the process it initiates provides a documentation of current conditions which was a condition of the proffer that was negotiated to protect homeowners against possible issues related to land/construction development. The firm Vibra-Tech does a comprehensive inspection of the property with 75-80 pictures documenting their report.

It was brought to Emad's attention that at least two homeowners had not received either letters, only learning of it from the civic association and Emad indicated his records showed that five homeowners had not responded yet. The civic association requested a list of who it was sent to and who responded and will be following-up with the homeowners who had not responded. Emad will be following-up as well, as part of their own required due diligence.

An extension of the special exception would have to be filed in June with coordination of the Land Use Advisory Committee and Rose Hill Civic Association being a condition of the special exception. Emad indicated that of the 37 conditions of the proffer, all but six have been met, so the owners are considering moving forward with plan approval which would "lock in" the special exception and end the process of requesting extensions.

A discussion on process and potential timelines occurred with Carl Sell reviewing that the plan is tied to the entity submitting it and any changes (material changes, bankruptcy, transfers, etc.) would open up the plan for revision. The plan can always be revised but it does start the process again. With the current depressed market conditions, there is no timeline for development and many of the potential partners/developers expressed a higher interest in the as-right 59 lots instead of the special exception, 45 lots. Emad reiterated that it is their plan to work with the community on the plan that has been negotiated.

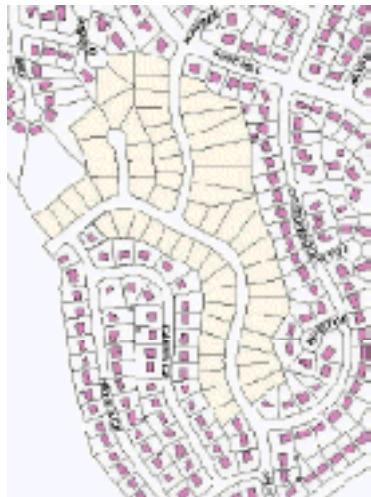
It was shared with Emad that neighbors have observed vehicle and human activity on the property. He committed to following-up since there should be no construction activity. He will investigate and provide an update to the civic association but activity should be reported to the President or other officers to ensure that there is no illegal dumping or other unauthorized activity.

Two open issues were raised that were committed for follow-up: the additional plantings at a Carriage Drive property and a drilling hole that had not been filled properly behind a house on Rose Hill Drive. Outstanding issues should be reported to the civic association who will share with Emad in order for action to be taken.

The price point for the houses in Rose Hill Reserve is still \$800,000.

Traffic projections for the houses have already been built into the transportation plan which began a discussion around the increased traffic on Telegraph Road. Emad was thanked for his time and discussion ensued on that topic.

—Beth Kohm



Original Plan for Rose Hill Section III R-3 – 59 Lots is on the left. This original plan provided no open space and through streets.

Proposed Development for Rose Hill Section III Clustered R-3 – 45 Lots is on the right. The open space will remain as a conservation area.



New Crime Solver Technology

With the recent creation of their new website, Fairfax County Crime Solvers has tapped into the latest technology available for receiving anonymous tips. Tipsters may now give their information via texting or e-mail using state-of-the-art software purchased through Anderson Software. Texting is a popular form of communication for the younger generation and Fairfax County Crime Solvers hopes to open that line of communication with them. Previously, tipsters were limited to calling a phone number.

This new software opens the door for Crime Solver programs and interfaces these newer forms of communication with tip-taking. It enables tipsters to communicate through a secure server that blocks their identity. Thus, tipsters are able to relay vital information from anywhere they can send text or e-mail messages and at any time. In addition, their new website provides current information on wanted persons, news releases, suspects caught in the act and upcoming events.

This site is continually updated. It was designed with the user in mind and provides a means to stay current with the latest efforts of the Crime Solvers Board. Fairfax County Crime Solvers is the first in the

Washington Metropolitan region to implement this new texting and e-mail software. Other programs in the nation that currently use it have seen a sharp increase in the number of tips received.

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is a non-profit 501C3 organization comprised of business leaders and citizens throughout the area. They provide a venue for those with knowledge of a criminal act to report information without the fear of retaliation. Their tip lines are protected under law. The Fairfax County Crime Solvers' Board of Directors invites you to visit their new website at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org. Those who wish to report information may now utilize one of the three methods available:

- * By phone – Call 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) and follow the voice prompts to Fairfax County
- * By e-mail – Visit www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org and click on the secure link to communicate back and forth
- * By texting – Text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES (274637)

—FCPD

Fairfax County Head Start Program is currently accepting applications.
For more information, please call 703.277.2624 or visit their website:
<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OECFS/fecep>.

Low-Cost Rabies Clinic

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter announces its 2008 low-cost rabies clinic dates for dogs, cats, and ferrets. The cost for rabies shots at the clinic is \$10. All dogs should be on leashes and all cats and ferrets in carriers.

Fairfax County 2008 dog licenses will be sold separately at the clinic and cost \$5 for altered dogs and \$10 for unaltered dogs (please bring proof of your pet's spay or neuter).

The clinic is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division and Deepwood Veterinary Hospital. For more information, please call

703.830.1100. Cash or checks only – no credit cards – will be accepted for payment at the clinic.

Dates in 2008:	Sunday, March 9
Sunday, May 18	Sunday, July 13
Sunday, September 14	Sunday, November 16

Each clinic is held from 12 - 2pm at Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22043.

For more information about the rabies clinics, visit the Fairfax County Animal Services Division website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal-services>.

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, February 22, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Fairfax County Code Enforcement Strike Force Team.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **March 1.** St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Parade. Old Town Historic District, Alexandria. www.ballyshaners.org 703/237-2199. Includes the Fun Dog Show at 10:30am in Market Square, classic-car competition at 10:30am along King Street, and the parade at 12:30pm at King and West streets. Free!
- ★ **March 1.** Alexandria Boutique Warehouse Sale. George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria. www.theshoehive.com 703/548-7105. The fourth annual Boutique Warehouse Sale will be held from 9am to 3pm. Many of the area's best regarded boutiques will be offering once-a-year clearance pricing—all in one place! Join The Shoe Hive, Hysteria, Treat, Tickled Pink, Apple Seed, Periwinkle, Gossypia, Bella, Mystique Jewelers, The Remix, and Queen Bee Designs!

For more info on Alexandria events, go to www.thefunside.com.

For info on the Torpedo Factory, visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Lee District ReCenter

6601 Telegraph Road (where Rose Hill Drive ends at Telegraph), Franconia, Virginia, 703.922.9841, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/leerec.htm

- ★ Did you know Lee District ReCenter has a room rental policy? A security deposit is required and 20 chairs and 5 tables are included in the rental contract. Even the indoor pool can be rented out for your function! For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/lee/rental-lee.htm> or call 703.922.9841.
- ★ Register by May 30 for Summer Camps to SAVE \$10! (The early incentive discount does not apply to Extended Care.) Interested in joining our team? We are now hiring summer camp staff! See http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/rec_camps.htm.

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley/

- ★ The public now has several additional opportunities to receive information about plans for a wetland restoration project at Huntley Meadows Park. The project will strive to protect the wetlands from decreased biodiversity. Two park

manager walk and talk sessions have been scheduled at the park in 2008. One is set for Saturday, February 23, from 4 to 6pm and the other will take place on Saturday, March 29, also from 4 to 6pm. The plans for this restoration project will also be presented publicly on Thursday, March 27, at 7pm at Groveton Elementary School.

John Marshall Library

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

- ★ **Mondays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Thursday, February 28, 4pm.** Science and Stories. Stories, activities, and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, March 1 - Monday, March 31.** Personalized Internet Tutoring. Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Saturday, March 8, 10:30am.** Sophie the Performing Dog. Watch Sophie do amazing tricks. All ages.
- ★ **Monday, March 10, 3pm.** Early Reader Book Discussion. Join us for early reader book activities. Call for titles. Age 6-8 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, March 11, 10:30am.** Lions and Lambs. Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, March 18, 7pm.** Mother-Daughter Book Group. Join us for a lively book discussion. Please call for title. Age 9-11 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 19, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
2:00pm. Book Monster. Use your artistic skill and imagination to help create a sculpture of this book-eating creature. Age 6-12.
7:15pm. Book Discussion Group. Ask for title. Adults. No registration is required.

Thomas A. Edison High School

5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.924.8000, 703.924.8097 fax.

- ★ **AP or IB?** Two highly-regarded advanced academic programs, the Advanced Placement (AP) Program and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, are offered in

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

Cluster V high schools. We encourage parents and students to learn about the program commonalities, differences, and requirements. Please join us on February 27, 7pm, at South County Secondary School.

- ★ **Do You Owe the Library Books or Money?** Check out the list posted in the main hallway to see if you owe the library a fine or book. If you have questions or want to clear your account, stop in at the library! Remember, you can't graduate until you have cleared your name.
- ★ **Planet Aid Drive.** The Human Rights & Awareness Club is sponsoring the Planet Aid Drive. Donate old clothes and drop them off in the yellow bins located in the front right corner of the school by the faculty parking lot. The money made from your clothing donations will help aid projects in Africa, with a portion donated back to the school. Thanks for donating!
- ★ **Junior Fundraiser at the Silver Diner.** Support the Juniors' Fundraiser at Springfield Silver Diner on February 25 from 5:30-8:30pm. Enjoy good food for a good cause.

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.313.3765.

- ★ **February 29.** 3rd quarter interim reports distributed to students
- ★ **March 3.** Spring pictures
- ★ **March 4.** SOL 8 writing prompt
- ★ **March 5.** SOL 8 multiple choice test
- ★ **March 6 and 7.** Make-ups
- ★ **March 12.** Parents/guardians of rising 7th graders (2008-2009 school year) are invited to the Principal's Coffee, Mark Twain Library, from 8:30 to 9:30am. Topics include: transitioning to middle school, block scheduling, and the team concept.
- ★ **March 27.** Mark your calendars!! Dough Raising Night – Order from Domino's.
- ★ **Charlotte's Web, The Musical,** will be performed Friday, April 4 at 7:30pm; Saturday, April 5 at 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, April 6 at 3:30pm.

Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.313.4200, 703.313.4297 Fax.

- ★ **Mondays and Thursdays.** Play Rehearsal, 3:30 - 5:30pm, gym
- ★ **Tuesdays.** Tuesday Morning Tutoring, 7:50am, cafeteria
- ★ **Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Before School Remediation Program, 7:15am.
- ★ **February 27.** Hayfield course registration, 1:30 - 3pm, Rose Hill cafeteria
- ★ **Thursdays.** Mexican Dance, 3:20 - 5pm, pod; Mad Science, 3:25pm, Rm. 111
- ★ **February 29.** Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Day
- ★ **March 4.** Grade 5 writing SOL; PTA Meeting, 7pm, library
- ★ **March 5.** Grade 5 writing SOL
- ★ **March 17 – 21.** Spring Break
- ★ **Rose Hill Preschool Integration Program.** The preschool special education program at Rose Hill Elementary is looking for typically-developing peers to join our 2- to 5-year-old classrooms for the 2008-2009 school year. The goal of our preschool Community Integration program is to encourage active learning and to promote social interaction and acceptance through shared experiences between students with developmental delays and their typically-developing community peers. Teaching preschoolers together in the same classroom provides a stimulating environment for young children, helps them develop to their highest potential in all areas, and teaches values that they may carry through the rest of their lives. This free half-day program is for 2- to 5-year-old children who can attend up to five days per week. To be considered for the program the children must meet the following requirements:
 - Parents must be able to provide transportation
 - Must reside in Fairfax County
 - Must not display any apparent developmental delays
 - Must be potty trained
 - Must speak English adequately so as considered a language model for those with language delaysIf you or anyone you know might be interested in this program, please contact either Lynn Dzyak at 703.313.4219 or Sally Schimmel at 703.313.4216.

Rose Hill Business Directory

Residents who own or operate a company are eligible to have their business listed monthly in *The Rambler* free of charge. Businesses are encouraged to provide Rose Hill residents with quality service and products at a fair price. *The Rambler* reserves the right to print recommendations from consumers, both pro and con. To have your business listed or to provide updates, call Marty Williams at 703.910.6316.

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. Ronald G. Dillon, 1.877.233.2224, 703.971.2125 or www.dgdesigns.com. Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Place.

ELECTRICIAN

Electrical Solutions. 703.922.2040. Electrical service upgrades, whole house surge protection, troubleshooting, repairs, additions, & remodeling. Audio/video sales and professional installation (high definition TV calibration), and much, much more! Same day service, FREE phone estimates, Class "A" contractor, licensed (VA, MD, DC), bonded, insured. 24 hour emergency service. Your friendly neighborhood electrician for your home or office.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Fabrications. Invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your editing, printing, and paper needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, 703.910.6316, or marty@fabrications.us. She is the Editor of *The Rambler*.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

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

HOUSE CLEANING

Ingrid Heisup. She's lived in the Rose Hill area for 12 years. She cleans houses in the general area and also does move-outs and office buildings. For more information, please call 703.362.5672.

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.

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 median landscaping on Rose Hill Drive.

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.

Independence Landscape and Lawn Care. For all your landscape and lawn care needs please call Curt Greene at 703.967.7639. Our services range from mowing, lawn care, leaf removal, and snow removal to patios, landscape design, and construction. Using the latest most efficient methods and equipment gives us the advantage to effectively service our customers at a competitive price. Discounts offered to all Rose Hill residents. Check us out on the web at www.independencelandscape.com. Curt lives on Thornwood Drive.

PAINTING

Sherry's and Cindy's Painting. Sherry Matey, 703.921.9422. Exterior/interior, drywall repair, deck staining, pressure washing. Sherry has lived in Rose Hill for more than 20 years and has received well-deserved referrals from many residents [including your editor].

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

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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.

PIANO/KEYBOARD

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

QUILTS

Hand-Made Quilts. Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. If interested, please call 703.971.8064 or email oraclemarjorie@aol.com.

REAL ESTATE

Exit All Star Realty. Angelique Vereen can be reached at 703.317.0030 (business) or 571.233.6395 (direct). She and her family have lived on Thornwood Drive for many years. The Vereen house always sparkles with holiday lights!

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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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
- * 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 703.910.6316. Artwork can be sent to marty@fabrikations.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

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