

## President's Message

### We Plan to Update our Entrance Signs As More Have Reached 50 Years Here

Ten years ago, we celebrated the current Rose Hill community's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by installing a plaque on the historic marker at the Library listing our first residents who were still here. We also installed signs at each entrance noting our 50 years of existence---1954—2004.

In the last 10 years, more people have celebrated 50 years as part of the community and we want to memorialize their longevity. The plan is to install another plaque with the names of our additional long-time residents and update all our entrance signs to 60 years---1954—2014! That will include updating the main entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road as well as the smaller signs where Split Rock Road, Rose Hill Drive, Willowood Lane and Climbhill Road meet Telegraph. The sign near Leewood Drive and Franconia Road also will be updated.

We currently are collecting the names of residents who were original owners and at least one spouse still lives here or has lived in the

#### Next RHCA Meeting: February 25, 7:00 pm

John Marshall Library

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community for 50 years. At present, we have the Neidermeyers, Wimberlys, the Watts and the Ciccotellis on Haystack Road, the Westgates on Greendale Road and Cynthia Johnson-Dailey on Eastchester Circle. If you or someone you know qualifies please let Linda Nichols or I know as soon as possible. We'd like to have the new signage in place this summer.

Join us at the RHCA meeting on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the John Marshall Library. The agenda will include a vote on approving the funds necessary to purchase the new signs as well as updates on other community issues.

Rose Hill's history is older than that of the United States. Daniel French, original owner of the first house here in the early 1700s, started the construction of historic Pohick Church. It is fitting that we honor those who helped us knit together the community we enjoy today. There are others to come in the future, and we trust they will treat our history with honor and reverence.

## May Boulevard Church Update

Because of the snow storm on February 13-14, the Fairfax County Planning Commission postponed its February 14 meeting and did not hear the scheduled case involving the addition of a church to the already existing private school on May Boulevard. The case will be rescheduled for

early March. On February 10, the Lee District Land Use Committee deadlocked 9-9 on a motion to approve the application. The Rose Hill Civic Association has twice voted overwhelmingly to reject the proposal, citing the increase in intensity on the site located on a dead-end street as being detrimental to our quiet residential community.

The site once was the location of a recreation center designed in the 1950s to serve a new suburban community. Unfortunately, the community was unable to afford the operating costs and the property was sold. A private school of general education and a child care center has operated on the site ever since. Those uses have been compatible with and served the greater Rose Hill community for 40 years. In fact, as recent as three years ago, the community voted to continue the historic use of the property.

The current proposal is to add a church with 200 seats as part of the existing building and share the facility with the school. Use would increase to evening and weekend hours with the major change being regular Sunday religious services. The neighbors object to an added use of the property, citing increased traffic and noise. RHCA contends that the proposed increase in intensity is not in accord with the adopted comprehensive plan, which envisions low intensity use of the site.

In my view, the owner applicant and his lawyer are attempting to bully their way into approval of a concept that is not welcome in our quiet residential neighborhood. And, unfortunately, the church introduced a charge of bias against the neighbors at two public meetings, including the Land Use meeting. The neighbors are trying to protect their little part of Rose Hill and RHCA is trying to support them. Neither the school nor the church is a use by right in a residential community. Rose Hill, including this property, is zoned R-3 (three houses per acre).

Although we have dedicated two meetings

to this subject, we will talk more about our concerns at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. We want to make sure all of our citizens are informed on this issue, particularly since the property owner is going to great lengths to undermine our position. This is the type of issue that could threaten any street or area in Rose Hill. We need to be vigilant in our efforts to keep Rose Hill a safe and pleasant place in which to live.

### **RHCA Membership**

We are behind the normal pace for yearly renewals and new memberships in RHCA. Because of issues such as the one mentioned in the previous article, it is extremely important that we represent as many members of the community as possible. Rose Hill is a very active community and the association enjoys wide support on issues that affect us all. Not that we all disagree, but we do provide a grass roots forum for local issues. Because we are active, we normally get our issues quickly addressed by County and State officials. Rose Hill is a safe and pleasant place in which to live because of your support. We need your voice! We remind you that your dues and contributions allow us to publish the Rambler nine times a year to keep you informed. We also communicate via e-mail on neighborhood issues and emergencies. Our funds support the Rose Hill Beauty effort, pays for our mail box at the local post office, contributes to efforts to help our police and less fortunate and protect our youngsters on high school graduation night. In addition, we pay a professional landscaper to update the plantings at our entrance sign four times a year. If your name is not among those on page 5 who already are members, fill out the form on page 11 and mail it to: PO Box, 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. Better yet, save postage and bring it to our February 25 meeting at the John Marshall Library starting at 7 p.m. In addition, find out how you can help as a volunteer Rambler

delivery person or member of the Neighborhood Watch.

### **Snow Report**

Although the VDOT contractors did a great job clearing the streets (at least mine), they incurred the wrath of many of us by blocking our driveways after we had shoveled our way out to the main road. Not once, but twice and in some cases three times. There's nothing a Senior Citizen likes better than shoveling snow, especially the large icy chunks left by the plows at the front of the driveway. Even worse, when I called to complain, they told me to shovel the snow to the right of the driveway and that wouldn't happen. I couldn't make the operator understand that the snow they were moving into the driveway was coming from the street closest to the curb to the left of the driveway that had been left unplowed, not the driveway itself. If this happens to you in the future, the number to call to complain is 703-383-8368. Maybe if they get enough calls, someone will figure out a way not to block driveways on streets that already have been shoveled. Put that number near the phone because I guarantee you'll need it. It also galls me to know that they are making more passes than necessary on some streets and leaving others unfinished.

### **Crime Alert**

You may have read or heard about the "Knock Out" assaults in New York City. A group of youths or young adults run up behind unsuspecting citizens and hit them on the head, knocking them out. According to a report from nearby West Springfield in Fairfax County, two long-time residents were the victims of such a crime in the Oak Hill community. Both were knocked out and, while they will recover, their injuries were significant. The incident happened around 7:30 p.m. Please watch your back if you are

out walking at night. Residents can help prevent such attacks by leaving outside lights on in the evening. Report any suspicious activities or persons to the police at once. Call 911 if you think an attack is imminent or 703-691-2131 in any non emergency. Better yet, put off any evening walks until Daylight Savings time kicks in March 9. Also, the area is experiencing an increase of items being stolen from vehicles, so make sure you lock your car when it is unattended. We will remain a low crime community if we remain vigilant. Turn those outside lights on and keep your eyes open for suspicious persons. Report even a hint of a crime. Please see an advertisement/reminder from the Fairfax County Police Department on page 6.

### **Budget Priorities**

I have the privilege of serving on Supervisor McKay's Budget Advisory Committee and continually harp on the lack of funding for police patrols. Our police, libraries and parks have been cut to the bone in recent years while the schools continue to receive increases. At the same time, the school system reports millions of dollars in unspent funds (they call them carryover funds) each year. I'd rather had that money to spend on more police protection at the community level, help for our libraries to meet the challenges of the electronic age and proper maintenance for our aging park facilities. We spend more than 53 percent of our County budget on the schools with an increase every year while the funding for police, libraries, parks, etc. continues to shrink. Supervisor McKay makes sure the committee's suggestions are brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors and I must say we are making some headway. He is an effective spokesperson for the taxpayer. I and the committee will continue to press for the schools to make sure the funds the taxpayers give them are spent wisely and other important items are not penalized. If you have any questions or

suggestions for the committee, let me know and I will pass them on. If you need any information about the budget, I will help you get it.

### **New Light on Mistakes**

We missed the McMinnns at 4800 Apple Tree Drive because they apparently didn't know the judges were on the way and didn't have the lights on that night. We know they have a tremendous display and should have checked back later. By the time we did, the Rambler deadline had passed and they weren't listed last month. And, although we moved the Rices up to the grand prize category, we forgot to tell what street they live on. They are at 6431 Carriage Drive. Sandy Benarik rightfully chided us for getting her address wrong. She's at 6270 Rose Hill Drive. You'd think we'd have gotten that one right. After all, there have been Benariks living across from the school for many, many years.

### **Civil War Tour**

Want to handle an actual weapon (unloaded) used by Civil War soldiers on both sides during the Battle of the Wilderness 150 years ago? Stand in the original small church where Confederate commander Robert E. Lee is discussed his adversary Union General Ulysses S. Grant during the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse just a few days later? Receive a free t-shirt commemorating the Rose Hill Raid? Join the Franconia Museum's Twelfth Both Sides Tour of Civil War battle sites at the Wilderness and Spotsylvania on Saturday, April 19, 2014. This all-day tour includes numerous stops at sites of battles fought in early May 150 years ago. It is sponsored by the Franconia Museum with a portion of the proceeds going to promote history right here in Franconia and Rose Hill. The Museum sponsored the popular free reenactment of Mosby's Rose Hill Raid last September. Board a comfortable restroom

equipped motor coach at the Franconia Government Center for the trip to the battle sites a little over an hour away. Hear accounts and little-known facts about one of the bloodiest periods of the war from both Union and Confederate reports. The day includes an all-you-can-eat lunch and a McDonald's snack card for use on the way home. The fee of \$100 includes a seat on the bus, all fees, lunch with tip and contributions to non-profit operators of sites and the Franconia Museum. After coffee and donuts, the bus leaves the government center at 8:15 a.m. sharp. Park free all day. Contact Don Hakenson at 703-971-4684 or [dhakenson@verizon.net](mailto:dhakenson@verizon.net) or Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or [sellcarl@aol.com](mailto:sellcarl@aol.com) for details.

### **Answering The Call**

Many thanks to Janet Kazimir for joining our Rambler delivery army! She takes over from Tom Strah and will be distributing the Rambler on Lark Lane, Rock-A-By Road, Bee Street (to Willowood), Sturbridge Place and the east side (even numbers) of Rose Hill Drive from Bee Street to Telegraph. Also, Heather and Jason Justice have agreed to keep an eye out on Apple Tree Drive from Rose Hill Drive to Willowood as part of our corps of Neighborhood Watchers. The watchers are the backbone of our excellent safety record here in Rose Hill. We are looking for a Rambler delivery person to take over the Climbhill Road route, both sides from Telegraph to Roundhill. It's a short and steep climb, but think of all those calories you'll burn. Finally, those who enjoy walking for exercise in Rose Hill (and there are many) would appreciate residents keeping their bushes trimmed so they don't overhang the sidewalk.

- Carl Sell

## RHCA Member as of February 11, 2014

Nouri & Suham Abbou	6115 Rose Hill Drive	M. Lane	6410 May Boulevard
Danny Adams	6412 Cottonwood Drive	Edward J. Lewis	6117 Thornwood Drive
Nida Antonio	6406 May Boulevard	James R. Lockwood	6114 Clovergrass Drive
Rick & Patti Ballard	4519 Lark Lane	Jamey & David Lord	6208 Redwood Lane
Connie Beatty	6428 Rose Hill Drive	Wellington & Ann	6200 Willowood Lane
Daniel Bearth	6417 Rose Hill Drive	Frank & Marge McConnell	6220 Thornwood Drive
Sandra Benarik	6270 Rose Hill Drive	Madge McKay	6402 Wayside Drive
Philip & Carol Bishop	6310 Climbhill Road	George & Susan McKittrick	6113 Clovergrass Drive
Jeanette Bottomley	5003 Eastchester Circle	Mimi Minarik	6518 Telegraph Road
Mark Broxterman	6424 Haystack Road	Edna Mitchell	6305 May Bopulevard
Kelly & Raul Castillo	6413 Willowood Lane	Arin F. McNamara	6526 Wayside Place
John & Penny Cashmire	4907 Silo Road	Les McCaw & Richard	6402 Rye Court
Carol & Craig Contradi	6517 Haystack Road	Jeanette Neidermeyer	6500 Haystack Road
Ralph & Pauline Carico	6112 Leewood Drive	Herbert & Joyce Newman	4910 Silo Road
Roger & Carol Christiansen	6409 Maryview Street	David & Linda Linda	6416 Rose Hill Drive
Lois Corbin	6221 Blossom Lane	Charles & Jeska Pfefferlee	6503 Haystack Road
The Corbins	4901 Split Rock Road	Brenda & SgStephen Phillips	6408 Maryview St.
David & Jessie Cowhig	6317 Mat Boulevard	Monica C. Reed	6422 Rose Hill Drive
Mathew Dailey/Cynthia	5009 Eastchester Circle	Sylvia & Dennis Robison	4514 Sturbridge Place
Walter Daily	6307 Cottonwood Drive	Joy Relton	4516 Roundhill Road
Ron & Donna Dillon	4618 Winston Place	Adam & Rita Rice	6431 Carriage Drive
John, Carol & Erik Eberle	4518 Roundhill Road	David & Nancy Ridgway	4609 Cottonwood Place
Brenda Edleson	4619 Winston Place	Judy Taylor & Carlos Rolon	6503 Rose Hill Drive
Anna Fish	6301 Cottonwood Drive	Monte & JoAnne Rosson	6403 Rye Court
Zoe-Ann Frietag	6303 May Boulevard	Eric & Debbie Rumph	6409 May Boulevard
Larry & Connie Fulk	6410 Cottonwood Drive	Jennifer Smith-Heys &	4526 Roundhill Road
Craig Furnisen	4912 Treetop Lane	Ann Schappi	4914 Treetop Lane
Trigg Flannagan	6515 Haystack Road	Marie Sherfey	6415 Rose Hill Drive
Dan Gardner	6706 Telegraph Road	Dianne & Marty Shupack	6419 Haystack Road
Marlene Garlick	6404 Hayfield Place	Marlene Hass Smith	6304 Cottonwood Drive
Agata Gluszek & Joshua	6412 May Boulevard	Bill & Jean Stemple	6306 Cottonwood Drive
Jeff Govert	6404 Rye Court	Mary C. Stinnette	4520 Apple Tree Drive
Johanna Guccione	6013 Leewood Drive	Ray Stone	4528 Roundhill Road
Jessica Hall	4803 Flower Lane	Tinker & Don Szamborski	4615 Winston Place
Alice Haupt	6208 Thornwood Drive	Alberta J. Taylor	6308 Cottonwood Drive
L. Hestvik	4515 Sturbridge Place	Joanne M. Thompson	6508 Cottonwood Drive
Christian Hunter	6410 Maryview Street.	Stien Van Egmond	4520 Roundhill Road
F&P Jencks	6416 Willowood Lane	H.E. Varney	6301 Climbhill Road
Susan & Rick Jones	6302 Saddle Tree Drive	G&V Villareal	6408 May Boulevard
Marvin & Frances Justice	6402 Rose Hill Drive	Wanda Violette	4900 Silo Road
Jason & Heather Justice	4713 Apple Tree Drive	Linda & Morgan Walton	6522 Wayside Place
Stephen & Brianne Kalach	6220 Driftwood Drive	Candace Watts	6120 Dew Grass Drive
Jim, Lynda & Brian Kandul	6218 Blossom Lane	Donald & Nina Weber	6708 Greendale Road
Janet Kazimir	4517 Sturbridge Place	Louise & Rick Westgate	6709 Greendale Road
But The Nguyen	6512 Rose Hill Drive	Karen Wheless	6121 Dew Grass Drive
Cedric D. Lack	6330 Rose Hill Drive	Jeffrey Williams	

# Rose Hill Community Calendar

## Around Rose Hill

- \* **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Fire Department. Early Bird, 7 pm. Regular sessions, 8 pm.

## John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr., 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events. Hours: M, T - 10am - 9pm; W, F - 10am - 6pm; Th. - 1pm - 9pm; Sat 10am - 5pm

- \* **Ongoing Event.** Book Sale! Throughout the month.
- \* **Ongoing Event.** English Conversation. Each Thursday at 2:00pm. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- \* **March 1.** E-book Workshop. 1:00 pm. Get your eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader and library card. Adults.
- \* **March 3.** Fun for Twos and Threes. 10:30 & 11:00 am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 2-3 w/adult.
- \* **March 5.** Toddler Time. 10:30 am. Come for stories and activities. Ages birth-23 months w/adult.
- \* **March 8.** E-book Workshop. 1:00 pm. Get your eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader and library card. Adults.
- \* **March 11.** Real Kids Read. 7:00pm. Virginia Reader's Choice awards! Come discuss what you are reading and which titles you would vote for! Ages 10-13 w/adult.
- \* **March 15.** Uno, Dos, Tres, Con Andres. 10:30 am. Join us for an interactive children's show that celebrates Spanish language and Latin American Culture. All ages.
- \* **March 17.** Book Discussion Group. 7:15 pm. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. Adults.



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## Thomas Edison High School

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- \* No updates as of press time.

## Mark Twain Middle School

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

- \* No updates as of press time.

## Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr. Alexandria, VA 22310  
Office - 703.313.4200; Fax - 703.313.4297

- \* No updates as of press time.



**Only those residents who are members of the Rose Hill Civic Association or provide services in kind will qualify for a free listing in the business directory. Membership dues are the source of funds for the printing of The Rambler.**

### **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 27 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 38 years.

### **Real Estate**

**Exit Metro Realty.** Angie Vereen, 571.233.6395, angie@exitmetroliving.com. Our extensive experience and expertise in the Alexandria, Lorton, and Vienna real estate market will benefit you whether you are looking to buy or sell a home in the area. Licensed in Virginia and Maryland.

### **Home Improvement**

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### **Lawn Services**

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## Handyman

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## Attention Knitters and Crocheters!

If you knit, crochet or both and would like to do it for charity, the "Happy Hookers" would love to have you join us. We meet at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road, every Tuesday from 10 am to noon. For info call Alberta Taylor at 703.971.3509.

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## SIX Common Misconceptions about Roofing and the Roofing Industry:

**Misconception #1.** You should wait as long as possible to re-roof your home.

No! Your roof takes a beating every day from sun, wind and rain. Your shingles become brittle and crack with age and have a tendency to blow off and fail at an alarming rate with age. This exposes the roof decking (the sub-structure that literally, "keeps you out of the rain") to moisture which slowly deteriorates and rots the wood beneath, leading to leaks and more extensive damage.

Further, the metal flashings around chimney areas and at adjoining exterior walls (or rooflines), the penetration collars (around plumbing and heat stacks) and all other vents become worn and prone to water infiltration.

Next time you're outside, take a close look at your roof (most people don't pay attention to it until there's a problem). How does it look? Is it rough and weathered? Are the shingles "curling" or cracking? Is one section very distinguishable from all other areas? Finally, are you proud of the way your roof helps "show" your home, or are you embarrassed by its appearance?

**Remember:** By the time you have waited "as long as possible," you have probably waited too long and will end up spending your hard earned money on interior and sub-structure repairs, as well as a much needed roof replacement.

To see all six misconceptions, visit [www.bguide.net/timothysroofing](http://www.bguide.net/timothysroofing).



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