

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Presentation of Painting to Library and Rose Hill Reserve Update at January Meeting

It's hard to believe that it has been 3½ years since the Board of Supervisors approved the Special Exception that created Rose Hill Reserve. Despite the fact that development hasn't yet started on the project, we continue to have issues. The latest was a letter sent to all contiguous property owners that indicated there would be blasting on the site and development was imminent. Both statements were WRONG. There will be NO blasting on the site and the start of development is at least a year away, according to the engineer for the project. A second letter corrected the earlier mistake. Nonetheless, there has been activity on the site that has neighbors wondering what's going on.

So, we have invited Emad Saddeh, the engineer hired by the owners to coordinate the project, to our meeting on Tuesday, January 22, at the John Marshall Library to update us on the activity and answer questions. Emad will begin his presentation at 7:30pm. The meeting will commence at 7pm with a presentation of the Rose Hill Raid painting to the Library. Details are below.

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, January 22, 7pm John Marshall Library

Topic: Presentation of Rose Hill Raid Painting to Library and Reserve Update

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Vibra-Tech, the company that sent the letters, has been hired to inspect pre-development conditions at surrounding properties as per one of the major conditions of the Special Exception approval as negotiated by RHCA. The conditions include a revolving \$2 million insurance fund in case there is damage to neighbors during the earth-disturbing and construction periods. Unfortunately, the company, which specializes in the monitoring of blasting, used a form letter that had no relevance to the Rose Hill Reserve project.

The County has already granted one extension of the original Special Exception, which was to have expired after 30 months. That extension will expire this year and the owner has indicated another will be requested. The Special Exception allows development of 45 lots with a buffer and numerous conditions instead of the by-right 59 houses previously approved.

If you have questions about activity on the site or would like to refresh your memory about the project, please make plans to attend the meeting. Thanks to Helen Flahive of Cottonwood Drive, who alerted RHCA as soon as she received the letter that mentioned the blasting and imminent development plans. As a result, RHCA was able to get the letter corrected within a week.

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Rose Hill Raid Presentation

The Rose Hill Civic Association will present a reproduction on canvas of the painting depicting the Rose Hill Raid by famed artist John Paul Swain to the John Marshall Library at the Association's January 22 meeting. The presentation will lead off the agenda at 7pm. The painting then will be on permanent display at the library. The canvas is framed and preserved under glass. It depicts the artist's impression of the September 28, 1863, raid on the original Rose Hill house that stood at the end of May Boulevard. The raid was conducted by Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby and his Rangers. The owner of the house, Col. Daniel Dulany, who was an aide to the governor of Virginia as appointed by President Lincoln, was captured. Among Mosby's party of raiders was Dulany's son, French. Ironically, the father survived captivity while the son was later killed in action. The presentation of the display is made possible by contributions by RHCA and a number of its individual members. Those members are listed on Page 8. They are invited to attend and participate in the presentation which will take place promptly at 7pm. Accepting on behalf of the John Marshall Library will be Kathryn Alleman, the branch manager and friend of RHCA.

Holiday Lights

Every year, Don and Carolyn Szamborski at 4615 Winston Place add at least one animated display in their front and yard. They have plenty of room as the front faces Winston Place and the side Cottonwood Drive. This year, they came up with a four-piece band with each instrument lighting up as the music focuses on it. There were plenty of Christmas carols and plenty of lights. Santa was also there in a plane with a revolving propeller and Disney characters were everywhere. Don says his wife buys them and he just puts them up. Just making his way through all the electric cords and wires takes a special skill.

The Szamborskis joined several other properties that caught the eye of the judges and earned recognition as Grand Prize Winners in the Rose Hill Civic Association Annual Holiday Lighting Contest. Others were the Alstons at 6118 Leewood Drive, the Williams at 6121 Dew Grass Court, the Fulks at 6410 Cottonwood Drive, and the Campbell household at 6402 Cottonwood Drive. Like the Szamborskis, the Alstons covered a large corner lot with numerous displays to earn recognition for the third straight year.

The Williams display of 'icicle' lights was particularly tastefully done. The Fulk and Campbell yards and houses were well-lighted. No doubt the Fulks at 6410 had a hand in the display at their daughter's house at 6402. Each could stand out front and admire the other!

Myrna Downey at 6516 Telegraph Road captured the true meaning of Christmas with her large manger display. The Downey house has been a winner for as long as RHCA has been making awards. Another reminder of Christmas was the large cross tucked away in the Phillips' yard at 6408 Maryview Street. Cynthia Johnson-Daily at 5009 Eastchester Circle once again had a wonderful display that covered her front door and window areas. Mary Mayo at 6122 Leewood Drive, another long-time winner, had a beautiful large wreath among other decorations. The Nguyens at 6512 Rose Hill Drive wished everyone a 'Merry Christmas' and then a 'Happy New Year' in lights.

You can view a selection of the top winners by calling up myRoseHill.com on the Internet and clicking on 2007 Holiday Decorations. If it is your first visit to our website, check out all the features and information it provides. Click on myRoseHill.com often for community updates.

All of the winners are listed on Page 5 of this issue of *The Rambler*. Thanks to everyone who took the time to decorate their house in the spirit of the holidays. If you think the judges missed your display or that of one of your neighbors, please let us know. Unfortunately, some of the lights are off when the judges make their rounds.

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Szamborski's Live Music Christmas Band



The Williams' display on Dew Grass Court



The Mayo's beautiful large wreath

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'Nostalgia Night' At Rose Hill Elementary

RHCA is planning a 'Nostalgia Night' at Rose Hill Elementary on Wednesday, March 5, to mark the school's 50th anniversary. The program will begin at 7pm in the school cafeteria and will include refreshments and entertainment by current Rose Hill Elementary students. All former students, teachers, PTA members, and parents are invited to come and share their experiences at our community school. Please help us make this event a success by helping to spread the word to Rose Hill Elementary alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends. We are particularly looking for those who will be willing to share their memories with others in attendance. If you would like to help plan this event, please call either Linda Nichols at 703.971.0755, or Carl Sell at 703.971.4716. E-mail Linda at dovefellow@aol.com or Carl at sellcarl@aol.com. We also are looking for donations of cookies and/or other baked goods as part of the refreshments. Punch and a 50th anniversary cake will be served as well. Please plan to attend.

4612 Roundhill Road Update

The County either has or shortly will ask the Circuit Court to order the owner of 4612 Roundhill Road to either make necessary repairs or demolish the building. Should the owner not comply, the County is also asking the court for permission to demolish the property and place a lien against the property in the amount of the cost involved. This action comes as the result of the owner failing to respond to a citation served late last year asking for repairs or demolition. RHCA and the neighbors have been pressing for action at this location for six years. It appears we are finally about to reach a resolution and removal of this

eyesore from our community. The County removed the high grass and weeds last fall. When the property is either repaired or demolished, RHCA will demand that the site be seeded and maintained. Once a court date is set, RHCA will offer to testify as to the owner's refusal to maintain the property to even minimum community standards. We'll keep you informed.

Other Zoning News

At his first meeting as Lee District Supervisor, Jeff McKay asked and received Board of Supervisors' approval for a response from the County staff concerning the use of State laws to help control blight and overcrowding in our communities. Supervisor McKay said the County is not taking advantage of State laws that allow local officials to prosecute owners of blighted properties and owners and operators of illegal boarding houses in residential communities. Specifically, he cited laws that allow local government to require property owners to fix buildings that endanger public health or safety, to abate 'drug blight,' and remove graffiti from private property. The laws allow the County to make the fixes if the property owner does not and permits the recovery of the costs involved. McKay also suggested that the Blight Abatement be severed from the Department of Housing and Community Development and managed by the Strike Team set up by the Board of Supervisors to enforce zoning violations. The strike team currently includes the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Fire Marshall, and the Police Department. All of these issues are the result of hundreds of complaints by individuals and community organizations such as RHCA over the last several years. On behalf of RHCA, I thank Supervisor McKay for his efforts to improve

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the enforcement of zoning violations and blight. Here in Rose Hill, we actively report violations that include overcrowding of both people and vehicles, trash, inoperable vehicles, and commercial vehicles parked on private property and our narrow streets. Business owners are reminded that only one commercial vehicle is allowed per property and that does NOT include large vehicles such as dump trucks, construction equipment, and other vehicles over a certain weight. We WILL report violations. And, it appears the County, at Supervisor McKay's request, will be moving toward more effective enforcement. I continue to support a system that assesses fines for violations after a reasonable period during which the property owner can make corrections and avoid a fine. That's the only sure-fire way to discourage violations. And, the revenue could be used to hire more inspectors.

A Really Good Safety Tip

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your

car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around...after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and, sure enough, the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there...This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime or summon help in a medical emergency.

—Carl Sell

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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!

2007 Holiday Lighting Awards

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

4615 Winston Place
Szamborski

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

6118 Leewood Drive
Olston

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

6410 Cottonwood Drive
Fulk

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

6121 Dew Grass Court
Williams

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

6402 Cottonwood Drive
Campbell

HALL OF FAME AWARD

6516 Telegraph Road
Downey

OUTSTANDING MESSAGE DISPLAY

6512 Rose Hill Drive
Nguyen

OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR TREE

6327 Rose Hill Drive
Luginbill

EXCELLENT OUTDOOR TREE

6400 Wayside Place
Dodson

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

5009 East Chester Circle
Johnson-Dailey

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

6310 May Boulevard
Lambertson

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

6412 May Boulevard
James

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

4618 Winston Place
Dillon

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

6122 Leewood Drive
Mayo

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

6408 Maryview Street
Phillips

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

6409 Willowood Lane
Grigsby

EXCELLENT DISPLAY

4804 Apple Tree Drive, McMinn
4525 Apple Tree Drive, Herrara
4511 Bee Street, Borchevsky
6431 Carriage Drive, Rice
5007 East Chester Circle, Johnson
6708 Greendale Road, Westgate
6501 Haystack Road, Kaminsky
6504 Haystack Road, Lessman
6522 Haystack Road, Bedise
4512 Lark Lane, King

6304 May Boulevard, Valdes
6404 Rye Court, Govert
6120 Dew Grass Court, Weber
6115 Blue Grass Drive, Martin
6114 Clover Grass Dr., Lockwood
6221 Driftwood Drive, Shapiro
6418 Willowood Lane, Cardone
6419 Willowood Lane, Foster
6421 Willowood Lane, Nguyen
6402 Rose Hill Drive, Justice
6407 Rose Hill Drive, Garcia

6411 Rose Hill Drive, Gregson
6417 Rose Hill Drive, Bearth
6503 Rose Hill Drive, Taylor
6714 Telegraph Road, Vo
5000 Treetop Lane, Barney
6221 Driftwood Drive, Shapiro
6222 Thornwood Drive, Vereen
4701 Split Rock Road, Thomas
4703 Split Rock Road, Oroc
6404 Rye Court, Govert

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OUTSTANDING DISPLAY

4502 Apple Tree Drive, Chauncey	6418 Cottonwood Drive, Lenore	4609 Mayor Place, Cunniffe
4503 Apple Tree Drive, Rivera	6515 Cottonwood Drive, Alvarez	6270 Rose Hill Drive, Sandy Benarick
4800 Apple Tree Drive, Zengteno	4612 Cottonwood Place, Ballard	6405 Rose Hill Drive, Vasquez/Pocheco
4806 Apple Tree Drive, Montequin	6118 Dew Grass Drive, Brady	6409 Rose Hill Drive, Salgado
4905 Apple Tree Drive, Gerke	4707 Flower Lane, Martinez	6502 Rose Hill Drive, Garcia
4907 Apple Tree Drive, Collins	4808 Flower Lane, Chau	6504 Rose Hill Drive, Martinez
4911 Apple Tree Drive, Ortiz	5002 Greenhaven Place, Perla	4511 Roundhill Road, Harris
4509 Bee Street, Scott	5004 Greenhaven Place, Marrero	4512 Roundhill Road, Calunguis
4510 Bee Street, Robertson	6419 Haystack Road, Shupack	4518 Roundhill Road, Vorhees
6218 Blossom Lane, Kandul	6503 Haystack Road, Pfefferle	4520 Roundhill Road, Varney
6221 Blossom Lane, Corbin	6515 Haystack Road, Guinto	4525 Roundhill Road, Williams
6114 Blue Grass, Brown	6517 Haystack Road, Contardi	4604 Roundhill Road, Good
6424 Carriage Drive, Lefler	6518 Haystack Road, Ryan	4607 Roundhill Road, Davidson
6425 Carriage Drive, Beamon	4513 Lark Lane, Gellner	6309 Saddle Tree Drive, Wyckoff
6431 Carriage Drive, Rice	6012 Leewood Drive, Obermeyer	6314 Saddle Tree Drive, Hoover
6529 Carriage Drive, Kohm	6014 Leewood Drive, Cumba	6518 Telegraph Road, Minarik
6503 Carriage Drive, Mason	6101 Leewood Drive, Palmer	6208 Thornwood Drive, Haupt
6511 Carriage Drive, Danker	6102 Leewood Drive, Hatcher	6218 Thornwood Drive, Kyle
6220 Climbhill Road, Hudson/Minto	6110 Leewood Drive, Collins	4918 Treetop Lane, unknown
6301 Climbhill Road, Villreal	6111 Leewood Drive, Friend/Smith	4919 Treetop Lane, Rhodes
6321 Cottonwood Drive, Heislip	6309 Maryview Street, Abdul/Hawa	5002 Treetop Lane, Hoffman
6409 Cottonwood Drive, Adams	6330 Maryview Street, Lawrence	6306 Willowood Lane, Arebalos
6411 Cottonwood Drive, Wolf	6402 Maryview Street, Peele	6317 Willowood Lane, Parker
	6409 May Boulevard, Rumph	

If we don't have your name, have it wrong, or misspelled it, please contact one of the officers and we will correct it in the February *Rambler*. If you think you or one of your neighbors has been left off the list, it may have been because their lights were not on during our judging period. Let us know and we will correct the oversight in the February *Rambler*.

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

Please fill out this form or online at myRoseHill.com and mail, along with your check, to the

RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310.

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed
is a check for: \$10 Membership
 \$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

2008 Membership Drive Now Underway

Support your Civic Association by becoming a member for 2008. A membership form is on the previous page. Join your friends and neighbors listed below as members. Your dues and contributions pay the cost of printing *The Rambler*, support the Rose Hill Beauty and Holiday Lighting awards, and contribute to several local charities. Thanks to our dedicated members, *The Rambler* is delivered to your door nine times a year at no cost to the Association. Contributions 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 on community issues. We will NEVER give your e-mail address to a third party!

2008 Members as of January 9, 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
Chris, Ann & Trent Borchevsky, 4511 Bee Street
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
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
Sam Covington, 6302 Saddle Tree Drive
Cynthia Johnson-Dailey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
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
Betty Elliot, 6411 Maryview Street
Mike & Bea Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane
Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
Trigg & Beverly Flannagan, 6514 Haystack Road
Larry & Connie Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane
Elias & Karent 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 & Crisencio Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
Elmer & Alice Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive
Ed & Juanita Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place

Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane
Donald Hoffman, 5002 Treetop Lane
F.E. Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
Edwin & Lilian Kesler, 4405 Roundhill Road
Audrey Kick, 4517 Sturbridge Place
D. Kraus, 6300 Rose Hill Drive
Robert & Elizabeth Kohm, 6429 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
Mary Mayo, 6122 Leewood Drive
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
J. Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
Herbert & Grace Newman, 4910 Silo Road
David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive
Conrad & Haydee Oroc, 4703 Split Rock Road
Lucy & Larry Pettit, 6501 Carriage Drive
Robert C. Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood lane
Monica Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
Daavid & Nancy Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
Sylvia & Dennie Robison, 4514 Sturbridge Place
Carlos Rolon & Judy Taylor, 6503 Rose Hill Drive
Diane & Marty Shupak, 6419 Haystack Road
Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
Michael Smith/Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
Donald & Juanita Stalling, 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

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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
Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
Wanda Violette, 6408 May Boulevard
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Louise Westgate, 6708 Greendale Rd.
Karen Wheless, 6709 Greendale Rd.
Jeffrey Williams, 6121 Dew Grass Dr.
Norma Youmans, 6303 Climbhill Rd.

Incident Report from FCPD

During the week of December 27, 2007-January 2, 2008, a BB gun, knife, money, and air-soft pistol were stolen from a residence in the 6500 block of Haystack Road.

MPO Jim Nida, Crime Prevention Office, Franconia District Station, FCPD, reports that at approximately 5:30pm, Friday, January 11, officers located a male subject in the alley to the rear of Rose Hill Shopping Center. The encounter led to a police related shooting of the subject. The subject was transported by ambulance to Springfield Healthplex.

Since last August, there have been seven sexual assaults on women walking alone in either the early morning or after dark in the evening. Although none have happened in Rose Hill, the police and RHCA remind everyone NOT to walk alone when it is dark or in isolated areas. All of the incidents have occurred in Springfield and the Route 236 corridor between Alexandria and Annandale. The descriptions of the attacker are similar. Please walk in pairs, carry a cell phone, and avoid isolated areas. Report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number of Fairfax County Police at 703.691.2131 (program it into your cell phone) or call 911 if you feel threatened. For the latest on the shooting at the shopping center, go to myRoseHill.com. If you aren't online, give me a call.

—Carl Sell



Rose Hill Raid Contributors

The following residents have contributed \$25 or more to help defray the cost of the 'Rose Hill Raid' painting that will be framed and permanently displayed at the John Marshall Library. It will be presented to Kathryn Alleman, manager of the John Marshall Library, at RHCA's January 22 meeting. All the contributors are invited to attend and join the presentation. The painting by famed Civil War artist John Paul Swain 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, Alexandria, VA 22310. Or, bring your check to the January 22 meeting and join with your neighbors in the presentation of the painting. The list will remain open until the March meeting. If you want to be involved, now is

the time! As you can see, the list has grown quite a bit since November.

In Memory of Donna Joy and Joseph Myron Beaty

In Memory of Twila and Essie Noble

Ruth Connie Beaty

Vikki Beaty

Chris, Ann & Trent Borchevsky

Robert D. Brown

Mark & Lorraine Broxterman

Ralph & Pauline Carico

Raul & Kelly Castillo

Sam Covington

Steve & Holly Dougherty

Myrna Downey

Helen Flahive

Kae Furneisen

Marvin & Frances Justice

Raymond & Evelyn Market

Wellington & Anna Machmer

Nancy & Donald McMinn

Edna G. Mitchell

J.M. Neidermeyer

David & Linda Nichols

Jim & Pat Sapp

Carl & Marti Sell

Carolyn Slenksa

Jeffrey F. Williams

Marty Williams

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, January 22, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Presentation of Rose Hill Raid painting to the Library and Rose Hill Reserve update.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **January 12 - February 2.** "Saturday, Sunday, Monday." The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, www.thelittletheatre.com, 703.683.5778. New York critics called this "the best smelling show on Broadway." Trouble is brewing in Donna Rosa's family - and it needs to be discussed over her famous ragu sauce - which she prepares on stage! Performances at 8pm Wednesday-Saturday, 3pm Sunday. Entrance fee
- ★ **January 12 - February 10.** "National Treasure" - The Basement! Mount Vernon: George Washington's Estate & Gardens, www.mountvernon.org, 703.780.2000. The basement of George Washington's Mount Vernon where a pivotal scene in the smash hit "National Treasure" was filmed will be open for rare visits. Fans of the film will recognize the space where Nicolas Cage's character kidnaps the President. The basement of the mansion will be open as part of the regular admission on Saturdays and Sundays only January 12-February 10. Entrance fee
- ★ **January 18 - February 2.** "Wonder of the World." Lee Center for the Performing Arts, 1108 Jefferson Street, www.telgo.com/pcp/, 703.838.2880. Cass finds a dirty little secret in her husband's sock drawer that almost tips her over the edge - of Niagara Falls. Along her journey of self-discovery, she meets a cast of zany characters. Performances at 8pm Friday and Saturday. Entrance fee
- ★ **February 2, 2pm.** Buster Keaton's "The General." Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road, www.fortward.org, 703.838.4848. This silent-era classic, inspired by the true story of the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862, is still acclaimed for its action sequences and comedic timing. Free! Reservations required
- ★ **February 3-24, 1:30pm.** Walking with Washington. Meet in front of Market Square, 300 King St. 703.838.4399. Every Sunday in February, take this guided walking tour through Old Town and discover the connections and contributions made between George Washington and the City of Alexandria. Tours last about 1 1/2 hours. Free!
- ★ **February 9-10.** "Euphoria." Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., www.alexsym.org, 703.548.0885. Indulge in the lushness of interwoven strings and dancers with Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's "Euphoria" presented in partnership with BosmaDance and the Alexandria Performing Arts Association. Features Bach's Double Violin Concerto (with Claudia Chudacoff and Najin Kim, violin) Strauss' Pizzicato Polka, Gabrieli's Canzona, Tippett's Fantasia concertante on a theme of Corelli, and Villa-Lobos' Bachianas brasileiras

#5, Aria. 8pm Saturday and 3pm Sunday. Tickets \$20-\$80. Sunday Matinee youth tickets (ages 8-18) only \$5!

- ★ **February 10, 5pm.** Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Concert. Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, www.wmpa.us, 703.799.8229. Franz Schubert's Rosamunde: Entr'actes; James Kazik's Symphonic Fantasy (World Premiere), and Steven Gerber's Symphony No. 1. Admission \$20
- ★ **February 16-17.** George Washington's 276th Birthday Celebration Weekend. Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, www.MountVernon.org, 703.799.5203. Entrance fee
- ★ **February 16-18.** George Washington Birthday Celebration. Old Town Historic District, www.washingtonbirthday.net, 703.991.4474. A city-wide celebration for Alexandria's favorite son, including historic re-enactments, parties, a 10K race, and of course, the parade!

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

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

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

- ★ **January 25, 7-9:30pm.** Café Cattail. Welcome to Huntley Meadows' very own coffeehouse! Enjoy a relaxing evening applauding our community's talents. Musicians, dancers and poets are encouraged to share their arts with a nature theme. Reservations required for performers only. FREE
- ★ **January 25 through 28, 1pm-3pm.** Winter Chills and Thrills. 5-10 yrs. What a fun way to spend a winter day. Discover how wildlife copes with winter by playing games, making crafts and exploring self-guided activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$2/child
- ★ **February 16, 17, 23, and 24, 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
- ★ **February 23, 8-10:30am.** Winter Birds and Bagels. Adults. Enjoy the winter season during this morning search for resident birds. Following the walk, you'll warm up with hot drinks and fresh bagels. Reservations required. Canceled if inclement weather. \$6

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.

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Fridays in February.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, February 9, 2pm.** Jonathan Austin. Magic tricks, juggling and comedy make for a fun-filled afternoon. All ages.
- ★ **Monday, February 11, 3pm.** Valentine Crafts. After-school activities and crafts. Age 6-12.
- ★ **Tuesday, February 12, 10:30am.** Happy Hearts. Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, February 19, 7pm.** Mother-Daughter Book Group. Join us for a lively book discussion. Please call for title. Age 9-11 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, February 20, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, February 20, 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.

- ★ **Freshmen and Their Parents Meeting.** The Class of 2011 will meet on January 29 at 7:30pm in the Lecture Hall. All freshmen are invited to attend with their parents. A variety of topics will be covered including fundraising and graduation.
- ★ **Attention parents.** Edison's Athletic Boosters is looking for an individual(s) to volunteer for the Concession Stand Coordinator and Spirit Wear Coordinator for the 2008-2009 School Year. Anyone interested should contact the Athletic Booster's President Bill Shuttleworth at wshu@loc.gov or 703.922.0217. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Boosters as soon as possible in order to coordinate for the new school year.
- ★ **Your Edison Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) needs you!** We are looking for a volunteer to fill the position of President-elect on the PTSA Board. For further information, contact Kareemah Abdullah, PTSA President, abdullah@cadca.org, or Betsy Flanigan, Volunteer Coordinator, betsyflanigan@aol.com

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.313.3765.

- ★ **January 19.** Bring your family, friends, and colleagues to the Koshland Science Museum to explore the Nikon Coolscope

at the Koshland's "Microbe Lab." This free day of activities will be packed with fun for the entire family! Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Admission to the museum will be free; museum hours are 10am to 6pm, with last admission at 5pm.

- ★ **January 21.** MLK Holiday
- ★ **January 24.** Last Day of Second Quarter (1st Semester)
- ★ **January 25.** Student Holiday
All District Honor Jazz Weekend
- ★ **January 28.** Student Holiday
- ★ **January 29.** BART Testing Begins (SOL Predictor Test in English/Math)
- ★ **February 4.** Counselor Appreciation Week
- ★ **February 12, 7:30-8:30pm.** PTA Meeting in the Media Center
- ★ **February 13, 5:30-6:30pm.** NEW!! Rising 8th Grade Parent Orientation
7-8pm. Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation

Rose Hill Elementary School

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

- ★ **January 21.** MLK day; student holiday
- ★ **January 25 and January 28.** Teacher Work Days; student holiday
- ★ **January 30 & 31, 7:15am.** Before School Remediation Program (BSRP)
- ★ **January 31, 3:20 - 5pm.** Mexican Dance, pod
- ★ **February 5, 7:50am.** Tuesday Morning Tutoring, cafeteria 6:30pm – PTA monthly meeting
7pm – NetSmartz Workshop, Internet Safety: Common Sense for Parents. Please join us for light refreshments and our parent education program in the school library
- ★ **February 6 & 7, 7:15am.** BSRP
- ★ **February 7, 3:20 - 5pm.** Mexican Dance, pod
- ★ **February 12, 7:50am.** Tuesday Morning Tutoring, cafeteria
- ★ **February 13 & 14, 7:15am.** BSRP
- ★ **February 14, 3:20 - 5pm.** Mexican Dance, pod
- ★ **February 18.** President's Day; student holiday
- ★ **February 20 & 21, 7:15am.** BSRP
- ★ **February 21, 3:20 - 5pm.** Mexican Dance, pod
7pm – Heritage Festival, cafeteria
- ★ **February 22, 1:30 - 3:30pm.** Mark Twain Middle School course registration, Rose Hill cafeteria

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 703.924.7192.

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. 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 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 Pl.

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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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- * 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@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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