

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

REMINDER

Residents are reminded that Rose Hill is part of the Lee District Community Parking District which bans the parking of trailers, recreational vehicles, boats and oversized vehicles on our narrow streets. Violators will be ticketed by the police. Also, it is illegal to park on the grass portion of your front yard or store an inoperable or unlicensed vehicle in any part of your property that can be seen from any property line. Parking is illegal on the grass portion between the sidewalk and the road on Rose Hill Drive. Accumulation of trash, high grass or weeds, overcrowding, loud noise, violation of construction, electrical or mechanical safety codes all can result in fines or prosecution. No more than one small commercial vehicle, marked or unmarked, is allowed per household. Please respect your neighbors and community by adhering to the rules. RHCA is committed to making sure we continue to maintain our property values through an attractive and vibrant community.

President's Message

Another Development Proposal Will be Discussed Over Soup at January Rose Hill Meeting

Another development proposal has been proposed for Rose Hill. This one involves 12 new homes on the Kindercare property on May Boulevard. Claude Wheeler owns the 4.98 acres, including his home at 6318 May Boulevard. His preliminary plan for development was accepted by the County on December 8, 2010 and currently is under review.

The plan will be available for viewing at the Tuesday, January 25th meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the John Marshall Library. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite soup to share. RHCA will provide bread, drinks, spoons, bowls, cups and napkins. This event was a big hit last year. Come and have dinner with your neighbors. Also on the agenda is an update on the Rose Hill Reserve project.

RHCA Meeting Tuesday, January 25
John Marshall Library, 6:30 pm

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Only a short time ago, RHCA supported a Special Application to continue the Kindercare operation at the site of the former recreation center and private school. The property is zoned R-3, the same as the rest of Rose Hill, so development as single family residential homes requires only site plan approval. Although there are no public hearings for this by right development, RHCA will seek answers to various questions as part of the approval process of the site plan. Given our experience with Rose Hill Reserve, soil conditions will be at the top of the list.

It should be noted that RHCA, as well as the Franconia Museum, is on record as favoring the preservation of the silos on the property as the last example of the area's agricultural heritage. The proposed plan does NOT preserve the silos. In fact, they are incorporated into two lots.

This preliminary plan is not the final approval for development of the property. If approved the plan sets the parameters for the County's evaluation of the site plan. RHCA will expect answers on various issues from the County before any approval is granted. And, given the experiences with soil in a part of Rose Hill Reserve, we start unconvinced that development of the entire Kindercare site is prudent.

It appears Rose Hill has become a favorite of the developers, so don't expect this to be the last plan we see this year. If you can see a wooded area from your window, there are no doubt developers lurking among the trees! Ditto for vacant lots, not to mention

tear downs of existing structures for larger houses.

Rose Hill Reserve

Update: On Sunday, January 9, 2011, workmen were observed constructing a model home on the site. The approved conditions of development do NOT allow work on Sunday. The County has notified Stanley Martin Homes that future violations will result in a Stop Work Order for the entire project.

Stanley Martin Homes has moved from a land-preparation phase to a home construction phase as 2011 begins. All the major earth moving has been accomplished, utilities have been installed and the entrance road has been paved. Work on the actual houses has begun and at least one of the model homes to be built near the entrance on Wayside Drive off Rose Hill Drive is undergoing the finishing touches. RHCA already has complained about work on the actual houses taking place on Sunday. Additional homes will be built as lots are sold, so expect that the construction crews will be with us for at least several years. The total build out is 46 homes. Stanley Martin estimates that each home will take 45 days or less to complete if all goes well. Because of soil and environmental issues, special care will be necessary and different for each site. To recap, more than 250 caissons have been drilled deep in the ground on the perimeter of the site to protect both existing and future homes. In some areas, retaining walls have been constructed to further protect both the property and offsite lots. Additional plantings have been installed in areas of the buffer zone where vegetation was lacking. As Stanley Martin begins the construction phase, be prepared to see a larger work force on the site. RHCA has cautioned Stanley Martin and its contractors to remember they are working in the middle of an established community. We have discouraged parking by workers on our streets and reminded them that littering is illegal. Residents are requested to report any violations. Get the license plate number of any violators so both Stanley Martin and, if necessary, the police can correct the situation.

Holiday Lights

There were three new grand prize winners for outstanding light displays during the 2010 Christmas season. Well, two new ones and another who moved to a new location! Joining the list were the Kroetches at 4700 Flower Lane and the Mitchells at 6408 Cottonwood Drive. The Corbins at 4901 Split Rock are on the list as Steve took over the tradition his parents carried forth on Blossom Lane for many years. Mom

still lives in the home place, but we suspect many of the decorations are now down on Split Rock!

Repeat grand prize winners were the Fulks at 6410 Cottonwood and their daughter at 6402 Cottonwood Drive, the Nguyens at 6512 Rose Hill Drive, the Valdez at 6304 May Boulevard and the James at 6412 May Boulevard. Also, the Daileys at 5009 Eastchester Circle, the McMinnns at 4804 Apple Tree Drive and the Najazandehs at 6504 Telegraph Road.

Because of the snow, sleet and high wind, we may have missed some displays that were ruined by the weather. If so, let us know and we'll recognize them in the February Rambler. The weather also may have caused the judges to get some addresses wrong, so any corrections would be welcome. Overall, there were a number of excellent displays in Rose Hill and we hope all were recognized.

The list of winners is on Page 5.

Membership Drive

Check out the list of members for 2011 on Page 4. If you're name isn't there, we've either made a mistake or you haven't sent in your membership form and payment. The dues are only \$10 but we encourage contributions so we can keep on printing the Rambler. That is the biggest cost of the year and \$10 dues doesn't cover the cost of nine annual issues. In addition to the Rambler, dues and contributions cover the cost of our Rose Hill Beauty program (you have to be a member to get a sign), dues for our membership in the Lee District Association, maintenance of our Virginia Corporation Commission status, support of several worthy causes and items for meetings and our annual Night Out program to show support for our first responders. We also ask for contributions to cover the cost of the four yearly plantings at our entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road. Our expenses are minimal, thanks to the volunteers who deliver your Rambler, participate in the Neighborhood Watch and help provide snacks for our meetings. Not to mention our outstanding web site, myrosehill.com that is maintained by a former resident from his perch in the Rocky Mountains! Please join RHCA and help keep Rose Hill an outstanding community in which to live. For your convenience, a membership form is printed in this issue.

Civil War Programs

2011 is the One Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary of the start of the Civil War. The Franconia

Museum is planning two major programs this spring to start commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the war. First, the Museum will sponsor the sixth in the series of the Both Sides tour on Saturday, April 23, tracking the footsteps of Union and Confederate forces as they headed toward the first major clash at Manassas. On Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15, the Museum will sponsor a program titled Franconia in the Civil War at Lee District Park's Robert E. Lee Recreation Center. The program will feature information on nearby Union troop camps, Confederate Raids (including the one in Rose Hill), area houses, churches, farm life and Black History during the period. One feature will be a presentation on what people who lived here produced and ate with a sample to be provided. In addition, there will be Union and Confederate re-enactors and music provided by elementary school groups in the Franconia area.

Information about both events is available at myrosehill.com or franconiamuseum.org.

The Both Sides Tour will start at Fort Lyon, which today is the site of the Huntington Metro Station, and follow the route of Union General Heintzelman and his troops up what is now Franconia Road on his way to Manassas. After seeing the Union forces in place, the tour will head to Thoroughfare Gap to meet Confederate General Jackson and follow his footsteps to Manassas where he would meet General Beauregard and the rest of the southern army. After lunch, the tour will visit the visitor's center and hear a presentation about the battle. Make reservations for the tour by contacting Don Hakenson at dhakenson@cox.net or 703-971-4984.

This program is designed to inform local residents, especially students, about activity in their back yard during the Civil War. Youngsters 14 and under will be admitted FREE to encourage their participation. Ages 14-18 and seniors 62 and older will pay a one-time fee of \$2.50. All others will be asked to contribute a one-time \$5. The fee will cover both days.

The program will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. Sunday's program will include an opening sermon by Confederate General D. H. Hill, portrayed by Douglas Batson, Gulf War veteran, historian and educator. Also expected to appear are Confederates Jeb Stuart and John Singleton Mosby. President Lincoln has been invited to reenact his visit to Fort Lyon to view the damage of a devastating ammunition explosion.

For information, contact Don Hakenson as listed above or Carl Sell at sellcarl@aol.com or 703-971-4716. As it will take a small army to bring this show to

fruition, anyone wishing to volunteer to help will be greatly appreciated. RHCA will be involved with the distribution of free samples. We are looking for help in providing homemade corn bread to go along with the stew to be provided. Contact Linda Nichols at 703-971-0755 or dovefellow@aol.com. Help is also needed for planning, setup and tear down, ticket taking, etc. If you are a member of a group that would like to be involved in the event, tables can be rented for the two days. Commercial entities are charged \$60 per table and two chairs for the two days and non-profits are charged \$30 for the same equipment and time. Only tables provided by the sponsor can be used.

Howard Gardner School

The small private school for teens has moved into its new building on Franconia Road between Leewood Drive and the Rose Hill Baptist Church. The school has been meeting in the church for several years. The circular building includes an inner atrium that will be used for school meetings and event. Five classrooms surround the atrium. Downstairs are a lunch room, theatre and recording studio. The school currently has 48 students in grades from 8-12. For more information, visit the school's website at thehowardgardnerschool.org.

Have You Noticed.....

.....That a half gallon on most ice cream is now 1.5 or 1.75 quarts? That a half gallon of major brands of orange juice is now 59 ounces instead of 64 ounces? That a case of major brand sodas is now 20 cans instead of 24? That bags of potato chips continue to shrink so much that soon you will be left holding an empty bag? That one brand of dish detergent is now 20 ounces instead of 24 ounces? That packages of a well-known brand of American cheese now has 22 slices instead of 24? And on and on and on. It's getting so bad that I fully expect to pull up to the pump only to find that a gallon of gas is now 3.75 quarts! Fight back by buying those brands that haven't downsized in quantity while at the same time raising prices. Buy on sale or in bulk. And that's The Rambler's consumer tip for this month!

- Carl Sell

2011 Membership List

Mr. & Mrs. Augusto V. Alvarez, Sr.	6507 Carriage Drive	Wellington & Anna Machmer	6200 Willowood Lane
Jerry & Nida Antonio	6406 May Boulevard	Raymond & Evelyn Market	4608 Mayor Place
Danny Adams	6412 Cottonwood Drive	Frank & Marge McConnell	6220 Thornwood Drive
Frank & Rayma Bale	6315 Willowood Lane	Dolores McKinney	6303 Cottonwood Drive
Harold & Pearl Ballen	6632 Telegraph Road	Jeanette Neidermeyer	6500 Haystack Road
Margie Beach	4429 Roundhill Road	Herbert W. Newman	4910 Silo Road
Connie Beatty	6428 Rose Hill Drive	But The Nguyen	6512 Rose Hill Drive
Bill Braswell	6307 Climbhill Road	David & Linda Nichols	6416 Rose Hill Drive
Gary J. Bravy	6214 Climbhill Road	William & Janelle Parker	6417 Willowood Lane
Lorraine & Mark Broxterman	6424 Haystack Road	C. Roy & Susan Poff	6328 Maryview Street
John & Penny Cashmire	4907 Silo Road	Monica C. Reed	6422 Rose Hill Drive
Roger & Carol Christiansen	6409 Maryview Street	Adam & Rita Rice	6431 Carriage Drive
Sally Coler	6401 Hayfield Place	David & Nancy Ridgway	4609 Cottonwood Place
Mathew & Cynthia Dailey	5009 Eastchester Circle	Shari Schaftlein & David Johnson	6504 Carriage Drive
Bill & Sally Dankers & Marjorie Parkyn	6511 Carriage Drive	Cragin & Kay Shelton	4403 Roundhill Lane
B. Digman	6217 Blossom Lane	Donald & Juanita Stallings	6407 Willowood Lane
Ron & Donna Dillon	4618 Winston Place	Mary C. Stinnette	4520 Apple Tree Drive
Joseph Finnegan	6409 Hayfield Place	Carlos Rolon & Judy Taylor	6503 Rose Hill Drive
Anna Fish	6301 Cottonwood Drive	Linda & Rex Taylor	6505 Haystack Road
Larry & Constance Fulk	6410 Cottonwood Drive	John & Dorothy Thibeau	6216 Saddle Tree Drive
Robert & Shirey Herr	6103 Leewood Drive	Jean Thomson	6302 Cottonwood Drive
Emilie Hood	5012 Treetop Lane	Paul Turner	4414 Roundhill Road
Alice Holloman	4515 Sturbridge Place	Stein Van Egmond	6508 Cottonwood Drive
Clifford & Barbara James	6412 May Boulevard	Jodi M. Wallace	6607 Cottonwood Drive
Marvin & Frances Justice	6402 Rose Hill Drive	Louise Westgate & Rick	6708 Greendale Road
Donald Krause	6300 Rose Hill Drive	Karen Wheless	6709 Greendale Road
Cedric Lack	6330 Rose Hill Drive	Chris & Victoria Wing	6502 Carriage Drive
Edward & Anna B. Lewis	6117 Leewood Drive	Brian & Heather Wire	6510 Carriage Drive
James Lockwood	6114 Cottonwood Drive	Donald & Norma Yomans	6303 Climbhill Road
Thanh N & Mai Thi Truong Luu	6411 Rose Hill Drive		

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 _____

Thank you!

Enclosed is a check for:

\$10 Membership
 \$_____ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign
 \$_____ Donation for RHCA General Fund

2010 Holiday Lighting Awards

NOTE: Because of the cold and wind , we suspect many of the lights were either not on or displays were blown down when the judges made their rounds. If you previously were an award winner and were missed this year, let us know and we'll update the list in the February Rambler. Ditto for first-time decorators who were missed because of the weather!

Grand Prize Overall	4700 Flower Lane	The Kroetches	Excellent Display	6405 Rose Hill Drive	Pacheco
Grand Prize Overall	4901 Split Rock	The Corbins	Excellent Display	6417 Rose Hill Drive	The Bearths
Grand Prize Overall	6504 Telegraph Road	The Najazadehs	Excellent Display	6112 Clovergrass Drive	The Kalkhorans
Grand Prize Overall	6408 Cottonwood Drive	The Mitchells	Outstanding Display	6714 Telegraph Road	The Vosses
Grand Prize Overall	6410 Cottonwood Drive	The Fulks	Outstanding Display	6513 Carriage Drive	The Murnames
Grand Prize Overall	6402 Cottonwood Drive	The Campbells	Outstanding Display	6428 Haystack Road	The Cabrerias
Grand Prize Overall	6512 Rose Hill Drive	The Nguyens	Outstanding Display	6501 Haystack Road	The Kaminskis
Grand Prize Overall	6304 May Boulevard	The Valdes	Outstanding Display	4515 Lark Lane	The Perrys
Grand Prize Overall	5009 Eastchester Circle	The Daileys	Outstanding Display	4516 Lark Lane	The Whitts
Grand Prize Overall	4804 Apple Tree Drive	The McMinnns	Outstanding Display	6101 Leewood Drive	The Palmers
Grand Prize Overall	6412 May Boulevard	The James	Outstanding Display	6110 Leewood Drive	The Collins
Exceptional Outdoor Tree	6327 Rose Hill Drive	The Luginbills	Outstanding Display	6111 Leewood Drive	Friend/Smith
Exceptional Display	4515 Winston Place	The Szamborskis	Outstanding Display	6122 Leewood Drive	The Mayos
Exceptional Display	6431 Carriage Drive	The Rices	Outstanding Display	6110 Fairfield Court	The Millers
Exceptional Display	4705 Flower Lane	The Rabys	Outstanding Display	4703 Flower Lane	The Holtzas
Exceptional Display	6409 Willowood Lane	The Grigsbys	Outstanding Display	6330 Maryview Street	The Lawrences
Exceptional Display	4901 Silo Road	The Torres	Outstanding Display	6120 Dew Grass Drive	The Webers
Excellent Display	4806 Apple Tree Drive	The Montequins	Outstanding Display	6401 Rose Hill Drive	The Bashams
Excellent Display	4503 Apple Tree Drive	The Riveras	Outstanding Display	6407 Rose Hill Drive	The Garcias
Excellent Display	6408 Maryview Street	The Phillips	Outstanding Display	4903 Silo Road	The Chwikis
Excellent Display	4701 Split Rock Road	The Thomases	Outstanding Display	5000 Treetop Lane	The Barneys
Excellent Display	4703 Split Rock Road	The Oros	Outstanding Display	5001 Treetop Lane	The Simonses
Excellent Display	4604 Roundhill Road	The Goods	Outstanding Display	6208 Thornwood Drive	The Haupts
Excellent Display	4511 Roundhill Road	The Harrisses	Outstanding Display	6418 Willowood Lane	The Cardones
Excellent Display	6404 Rye Court	The Goverts	Outstanding Display	6318 Willowood Lane	The Watsons
Excellent Display	6402 Rose Hill Drive	The Justices	Outstanding Display	4702 Split Rock Road	Unknown

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.

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **January 25, 6:30pm.** RHCA Meeting & Soup Sip. John Marshall Library.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr., 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events. Hours: M, T, W – 10am-8pm; Th, F – 10am-6pm; Sat – 10am-5pm.

- ★ **Ongoing Event.** Personalized Computer Training. Basics for beginners: Internet and Microsoft Word. Call for appointment. Adults.
- ★ **January 24.** Lunch Bunch. 12:00-1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Age birth-5 w/ adult.
- ★ **February 7.** Lunch Bunch. 12:00-1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Age birth-5 w/ adult.
- ★ **February 9.** Toddler Time. 10:30 am. Come to an early literacy storytime. Age 13-23 months.
- ★ **February 12.** Pirate Sails and Mermaid Tales. 10:30 am. Join master storyteller Michael Forestieri for puppetry and music. All ages.
- ★ **February 14.** Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a book discussion. Age 7-8 w/ adult.
- ★ **February 17.** Book Discussion Group. 7:00 pm. *The Heminges of Monticello* by Annette Gordon-Reed. Adults.
- ★ **February 21.** Library Closed for President's Day Holiday.

Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr.,
Phone: 703.313.4200
Fax: 703.313.4297



- ★ **January 31 & February 1.** Student Holidays. Schools Closed.
- ★ **February 21.** President's Day Holiday. Schools Closed.



Thomas Edison High School

5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310; Office – 703.924.8000; Fax – 703.924.8097



- ★ **January 31 & February 1.** Student Holidays. Schools Closed.
- ★ **February 21.** President's Day Holiday. Schools Closed.

Mark Twain Middle School

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



- ★ **January 28.** Second Grading Period Ends.
- ★ **January 28.** Twain vs. Key Staff Basketball Game. 6:00-8:00 pm. Key Middle School.
- ★ **January 31 & February 1.** Student Holidays. Schools Closed.

Rose Hill Business Directory

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. A membership form for 2010 is included in this issue.

Graphic Design

Fabrications – graphics and designs, LLC. Websites, invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your editing, printing, paper, and digital needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, has more than 13 years experience and can be reached at 703.910.6316, or marty@fabrications.us. She is the former Editor of *The Rambler*.

Digital Design. Ron Dillon, 703.971.2125; www.dgdesigns.com. Webpages, registration, scanning services, hosting and custom graphic art work. Ron and Donna Dillon live on Winston Place.

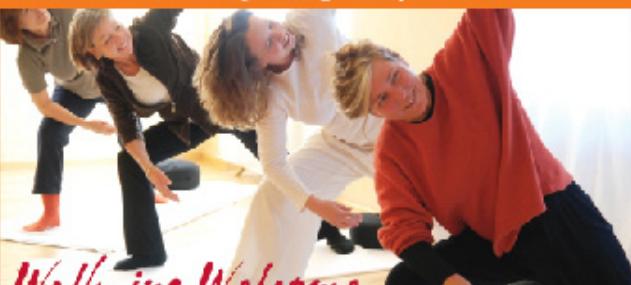
Heating and Air Conditioning

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 24 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 34 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.

Free All Day Yoga Open House



Walk-ins Welcome

Saturday, March 13th

9:00-9:45am* - Beginner Yoga

10:15-11:00am* - Yoga Flow

11:30am-12:15pm* - Fiery Sun Stretch

1:00-1:45pm* - Restorative Fitness Yoga (Gentle)

2:00-3:00pm - Yoga Reception

* Please arrive 15 minutes before each class.



Free Giveaways!

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Alexandria, VA 22308



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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.

Dans Lawn & Leaf. Daniel and David Bishop, 703.719.7806. Fast, friendly, affordable service. Serving the Rose Hill community for 7 years.

Freedom Lawn & Landscape. Matt Downey, 571.218.2881, freedomproviders@gmail.com. Proud to provide our customers with high quality services at affordable prices. Mowing, trimming, edging, mulching, seeding and more. Lock in our pre-season pricing now! Family has lived in Rose Hill for nearly 50 years. Discount for RHCA members. Free estimates for all. You Deserve Freedom!

House Cleaning

Ingrid Hayslip. 703.362.5672. A 14 year resident of the Rose Hill area, I clean houses including move-in and move-outs.

Photography

Tisara Photography. Nina Tisara, 703.838.8098. Tisara Photography is a family business with a studio in Old Town Alexandria since 1990. They specialize in portraits and special events. Nina live on Hayfield Place.

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Deck and Fence

B&B Deck and Fence. Cliff James, Owner. 6412 May Boulevard. Quality work, 25 years experience. Telephone: 703.719.7015/703.627.9935, Fax: 703.922.3779.

Quilts

Hand made quilts. Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. Call 703.971.8064 or e-mail oraclemarjorie@aol.com.

Speech-language therapy services

Speech Beginnings, PLC. A recently opened private practice in Rose Hill, Speech Beginnings, PLC offers speech-language screenings, evaluations, therapy and consultations. Services provided by a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist with over 19 years experience. Call 703.508.2272 or email speechbeginnings@gmail.com.

Wellness

We're changing the shape of America one pound at a time. Weight management, targeted nutrition, energy and fitness, personal care, business opportunity. Contact Joanne THompson, Independent Herbalife Distributor. www.shape-up-usa.com, www.wellness-usa-mall.com, www.fortune-key.com.

Firewood

Cool weather has arrived! Time for a warm fire in your fireplace. Firewood available in 3x3x1.5 ft. bundles, 2x4x8 ft. half chords, and 2x8x8 ft. chords. Will deliver in the 22310 zip code or you can pick up locally. Please request prices for delivery outside the 22310 area. Pricing is as follows: (pickup/delivered and dumped) bundle \$60/75, half chord \$125/140, full chord \$200/230. Please call 703.509.8286 for more information.

Advertising in *The Rambler*

Listing in the Business Directory is free to Rose Hill residents who are members and 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 703.625.7046. Artwork can be sent to richtdowney@gmail.com 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.

—Richard Downey



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Odetta Dangerfield

I hand paint beautiful customized portraits of your loved ones, whether is of friends or the family pet! I work with a combination of watercolor, acrylic, and pastel to create your portrait, and I am able to edit photos and add any background you desire, as well as modify the format and size of your portrait to your liking! Portraits are a wonderful way of keeping our dearest memories close at hand!

For more information, please call: 571-265-9573, or email: jennifer.r.dodson@gmail.com

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YOUR REAL ESTATE CORNER: A QUARTERLY UPDATE



Happy New Year! I hope this inaugural column of Your Real Estate Corner finds you and your family happy and healthy. My name is Kimberley Bush, ABR, GREEN, SFR and I am a proud resident of Rose Hill. I am licensed real estate agent in VA and DC. I decided to start writing this quarterly column because I thought it would be helpful to share with our community not only what is happening regionally in real estate but what is transpiring right here in Rose Hill Farm. Last quarter, new data was released showing that our region added 56,000+ jobs. This addition of jobs fosters housing demand. Mortgage rates continued to present opportunities to save and average sales prices rose by about 8%. It is forecasted that the 30 year fixed rate will rise gradually to 5.3% in 2011 and unemployment should drop to 9.2% per the National Association of Realtors.

With all this being said Alexandria/Rose Hill is still and should remain a very attractive choice for buyers. We are conveniently located to accommodate the administration as well as military installations. There are major changes happening with the Springfield Mall and our very own Lee District Park is becoming enhanced with several new additions to the park. As you will see from the 4th quarter 2010 statistics below, approximately 75% of sellers in Rose Hill are still able to sell their homes at or above list price in less than 60 days.

You may not know about a great new addition to our community and it comes in the form of a website site called www.rosehill.patch.com. It is a website that I discovered while looking for something exciting to do in our community. It is a great neighborhood website that is easy to navigate, fun and most importantly informative. Take a look!!

If you have any questions about my column or the sales data please feel free to email me at Kimberley.Bush@longandfoster.com or check out my website at www.kimberleybush.lnfre.com. In the meantime take a look at the market's movement here in Rose Hill for the last quarter of 2010.

Active	List Price	Sold Price	BR/FB/HB
ACTIVE			
6520 HAYSTACK RD	\$399,999		4/2/0
UNDER CONTRACT			
4503 APPLE TREE DR	\$240,000		4/2/1
6113 ROSE HILL DR	\$270,000		3/2/0
6509 HAYSTACK RD	\$274,900		4/2/0
SOLD			
6400 WILLOWWOOD LN	\$329,000	\$319,000	3/1/1
6313 COTTONWOOD DR	\$275,000	\$275,000	4/1/1
4710 APPLE TREE DR	\$299,887	\$290,000	4/1/1
6411 ROSE HILL DR	\$325,000	\$310,000	3/1/1
4527 ROUNDHILL RD	\$269,900	\$281,000	3/1/2
6321 ROSE HILL DR	\$329,000	\$325,000	4/2/1
6305 CLIMBHILL RD	\$230,000	\$250,000	3/1/1
6326 ROSE HILL DR	\$279,000	\$290,000	3/1/1
4805 APPLE TREE DR	\$279,900	\$292,000	3/1/1
4502 APPLE TREE DR	\$289,900	\$302,000	3/2/0