

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

New Principal at Rose Hill Elementary Shares Soup Night Tuesday, January 24

Elizabeth Obester, the new Principal at Rose Hill Elementary, will join RHCA for its soup night on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Servings will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the pod area of Rose Hill Elementary. Residents are asked to bring their favorite soup to share (Kimberly Bush is reminded not to forget that yummy tomato bisque). Cookies or other desserts also will be welcome. RHCA will provide bread or crackers as well as iced tea and all the necessary serving items. In addition to meeting the new principal and sharing soup, there will be an update on the Rose Hill silos and other issues. Members are encouraged to bring up issues and ideas. Bring along your neighbor to share soup and community spirit.

Since we are beginning a new year, this is a good time to remind everyone (especially our newcomers) that RHCA insists that properties be maintained so our community will continue to look good. After all, our houses are our biggest asset. We will report piled-up trash, overcrowding of residences,

RHCA Meeting Tuesday, January 24 Rose Hill Elementary School, 6:30 pm

New Rose Hill Elementary School Principal

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excessive noise, vehicles parked on the grass, wrecked or inoperable vehicles, either on the street or private property, and other violations of County and State laws. RHCA has a large army of Neighborhood Watch volunteers who report suspicious activity, street light outages, pot holes, etc. as well as looking out for elderly residents on their block. If you would like to help, let any of the officers know and we'll forward you a list of issues and where to report. If anyone is uncomfortable reporting a community problem, it can be done anonymously in the name of RHCA. In this day and age, if you see something, SAY SOMETHING! We'll let you know how.

Holiday Lights

Maybe it was in the eyes of the beholders, but it certainly appeared that Rose Hill was much brighter during the Christmas season of 2011 than the previous year. The long list of honorees on page 5 certainly proves that point. We were happy to see the Dillons on Winston Place, the Martins on Blue Grass Drive and the Williams on the Willowood cul de sac back on the list. Proving the thoroughness by the judges, they again found the display at the Corbins on the short section of Split Rock Road near the golf course. The folks near the Corbins on Haystack Road and Carriage Drive needed some Christmas cheer after a year of dealing with problems caused by the new development. Special praise goes to the Fulks on Cottonwood and their daughter Tracy Campbell nearby for brightening up that area of Rose Hill. The Kroetches and Rabys did the same for their stretch of Flower Lane. The McMinnns on Apple Tree Drive, the James' on May Boulevard, the

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Daileys on Eastchester Circle, the Nguyens on Rose Hill Drive and the Najazedehs on Telegraph Road also earned grand prizes. And the Dodson's tree on Wayside Place was even brighter than usual. The band also played on at the Szamborskis on Winston Place, sometimes all night! Although the trend seems to be toward inflatable displays, a number of old-fashioned arrangements caught the judge's eyes. Check out the entire list. If you think we missed anyone, let us know.

It's County Budget Time Again

The County has begun work on its budget for fiscal year 2013 starting this coming July 1. At present, there is a projected deficit of approximately \$100 million, meaning either further cuts or additions fees and/or taxes. Property values are projected to improve a bit this year, taking some of the pressure off the budget. We'll know when the annual assessments are received soon. As a member of Supervisor McKay's budget advisory committee, I will be working to minimize any tax increases and will look for ways to INCREASE funding for our police force patrols. The police have been cut too much in recent years, limiting the number of patrol officers we have on the street at any one time. I continue to believe that there are administrative costs in the school budget that can be streamlined with the savings being passed on to the classroom and the police. I welcome your thoughts, particularly those that offer solutions rather than only rhetoric. You can join me in following the budget process at fairfaxcounty.gov.

Silos Update

Don't hold your breath, but we may have achieved at least a reprieve on the demolition of the Rose Hill silos, the last remnant of the community's agricultural past. Claude Wheeler, the owner of the property on May Boulevard, has put it back on the market for use by a school, or church or both. There have been several inquiries and an official proposal appears imminent. RHCA and the community will be involved because Special Exception approval by the County is required. RHCA has advised potential users that community support is contingent on conditions of operations such as

those that governed the activities of KinderCare, the previous tenant. We also will be seeking a commitment to preserve the silos. Additional information will be available at the January 24 meeting. In the meantime, our application to have the silos placed on the County's historic inventory continues to weave its way through the bureaucracy. We'll keep you advised. Thanks to all of you who responded to the plea on myrosehill.com to support the effort to Save Our Silos. That was precipitated by a plan to build 13 houses on the site. For now, at least, it appears the houses are on hold.

2012 Membership

RHCA is only as effective as its membership numbers. Because we have a supportive community, the county and the police take our concerns very seriously. In return, we support our county, schools, police and emergency responders. We need to continue a high level of membership in order to remain effective. Most of you know that our legitimate concerns are heard at the county level. We're still working to get our new neighbors to listen, but that's an ongoing process. We have some outstanding issues with the developer of Rose Hill Reserve, who has learned we won't go away. Join RHCA and keep us strong. Your support pays for the nine issues of The Rambler published annually, the post office box, the Rose Hill Beauty signs and support of several local charities. Remember, only RHCA members receive the coveted Rose Hill Beauty signs! Contributions in excess of the \$10 dues enable us to maintain the landscaping in front of the entrance sign. It is updated with new flowers and mulch each season. Last year, we were able to undertake the SOS (Save Our Silos) program and the signs honoring our veterans because of your contributions. The SOS program appears to have been a success and we got many, many good comments about the support for our community veterans. In order to continue efforts such as these, we rely on contributions above and beyond the membership fee, which is set by our bylaws and can't be changed without amending the bylaws. We operate on a shoestring and our records are open for inspection. One more thing, we do pay for some basic items that are served at each meeting, but by and large the spreads are

donated by members. Come to a meeting and join us at the table. There's always room for more. Please fill out the membership form on page 4 and send it, along with your check, to RHCA, P.O Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. Look for your name in a subsequent Rambler. Members as of Jan. 9, 2012 are listed on page 4.

Another Bicentennial

This year marks the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, often referred to as the United States' Second War of Independence. The war didn't end until February of 1815 although a treaty between the U.S. and Britain had been signed in December of 1814. Took that long for the word to get around. In the meantime, the Americans, under General Zachery Taylor, were victorious at the Battle of New Orleans in January of 1815. The war had erupted after Americans felt the British were inciting Indian tribes on the frontier to attack settlers in an effort to corner the fur trade. Also, since Great Britain was at war with France and Napoleon, the British had destroyed a large number of U.S. trade ships headed to France. Commodore Perry's victory on Lake Erie in 1813 had avenged an earlier British victory over the USS Chesapeake in June. Fort McHenry in Baltimore withstood British bombardment on September 13-14 in 1814 and inspired Francis Scott Key's stirring song which became the Star Spangled Banner, our national anthem. At our doorstep, the British routed the Americans at the battle of Bladensburg in August of 1814, entered Washington and burned the White House, the beginning of what would become the Capitol, and the U. S. Treasury, and other government buildings. A torrential summer rainstorm helped douse the fires. Dolly Madison, President James Madison's wife, and the staff are credited with saving papers and artifacts from the White House. The Madisons and other government officials fled to the mountains of Virginia. The port of Alexandria was spared because it surrendered under threats of bombardment by the heavy guns of the British fleet, which had sailed up the Potomac. The occupiers stayed on a few days before heading back down the river.

Unfortunately, the media hasn't been filled with recollections of this historic event, so The Rambler is filling the gap! A community field trip by bus to Fort McHenry might be in

order if there is enough interest. Maybe Connie Beatty will lead us in singing the National Anthem as we approach the site! That alone would be worth the price of the trip.

Another Both Sides Tour

Mo Haupt enjoyed the trip to Civil War sites in the Shenandoah Valley last November so much that he wrote an account of the day's activity. Check out Mo's prose and the picture of the giant pumpkin we encountered on myrosehill.com. Plans have been set for another tour on Saturday, April 28, 2012. This time, the tour will highlight General Robert E. Lee's Maryland campaign of 150 years ago. Stops are scheduled at Harpers Ferry, the site of a working dairy farm where the house was constructed from the bricks of the destroyed U.S. Arsenal, the site where General Jackson's troops crossed the Potomac in Maryland in 1862 and Lee crossed on the way to Gettysburg a year later and finally, the battlefield at Sharpsburg/Antietam, site of the bloodiest one-day battle in U.S. history. After coffee and donuts, the bus tour leaves the Franconia Museum at 8:15 a.m. and visits the site of a nearby Civil War skirmish before setting out for the battles along the Potomac in 1862 and a tour of the unique house called Alta Vista that rose from the rubble of Harpers Ferry. The cost is \$100, and includes the bus, all entrance fees, an all-you-can eat buffet lunch in Martinsburg, W. VA and a McDonald's snack card to spend in Leesburg on the way home. Contact Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 to sign up for the tour. There is additional information at myrosehill.com, franconiamuseum.org, and on page 10 of *The Rambler*.

- Carl Sell

2012 Membership List

Nida & Jerry	Antonio	6406 May Boulevard	J.M.	Neidermeyer	6500 Haystack Road
Rebecca	Bagdasarian	6214 Driftwood Drive	Herbert & Grace	Newman	4910 Silo Road
Ruth Connie	Beatty	6428 Rose Hill Drive	David & Linda	Nichols	6416 Rose Hill Drive
Carl & Margaret	Bon	5001 Eastchester Circle	But The	Nguyen	6512 Rose Hill Drive
Gary	Bravy	6214 Climbhill Road	Charles & Jeska	Pfefferle	6503 Haystack Road
Mark & Lorraine	Broxterman	6424 Haystack Road	Jo Ann	Ponce	6203 Willowood Lane
Roger & Carol	Christiansen	6409 Mayview Street	Monica	Reed	6422 Rose Hill Drive
Donald Ball Jacqure	Clark	6307 Willowood Lane	Adam & Rita	Rice	6431 Carriage Drive
Matthew & Cynthia	Johnson-Dailey	5009 Eastchester Circle	Jim & Nancy	Richey	4402 Roundhill Road
B.	Digman	6217 Blossom Lane	Nancy	Ridgway	4609 Cottonwood Place
Joseph	Finnegan	6409 Hayfield Place	James & Marie	Sherfey	6413 Rose Hill Drive
Barry & Zoe Ann	Freitag	6303 May Boulevard	Diane & Marty	Shupack	6419 Haystack Road
John	Good	4604 Roundhill Road	Michael Smith & Ratri Friend		6111 Leewood Drive
Mike & Bonnie	Greek	6330 Willowood Lane	Maureen	Hass Smith	6304 Cottonwood Drive
Chris & Susie	Guinto	6515 Haystack Road	Mary	Stinnette	4520 Apple Tree Drive
Elmer & Alice	Haupt	6208 Thornwood Drive	Terry	Stone	4522 Apple Tree Drive
Joe & Lorraine	Hatcher	6102 Leewood Drive	Alberta	Taylor	6308 Cottonwood Drive
Robert & Shirley	Herr	6103 Leewood Drive	Judy Taylor & Carlos Rolon		6503 Rose Hill Drive
Thomas & Shirley	Holliday	6613 Cottonwood Drive	Barbara	Taylor	4433 Roundhill Road
Emily	Hood	5012 Treetop Lane	John & Dorothy	Thibeau	6216 Saddle Tree Drive
Cliff & Barbara	James	6412 May Boulevard	Jean	Thomson	6302 Cottonwood Drive
F.	Jencks	6416 Willowood Lane	Nina	Tisara	6408 Hayfield Place
Marvin & Frances	Justice	6402 Rose Hill Drive	James W.	Troy	5004 Eastchester Circle
Jason & Heather	Justice	4713 Apple Tree Drive	Stien	Van Egmond	6508 Cottonwood Drive
Karen	Kinlin	6408 Willowood Lane	Linda & Morgan	Walton	4900 Silo Road
Mildred	Lane	8410 May Boulevard	Louise & Rick	Westgate	6708 Greendale Road
James	Lockwood	6114 Clovergrass Drive	Jeff	Williams	6121 Dew Grass Drive
Jamey & David	Lord	6208 Redwood Lane			
Wellington & Ann	Machmer	6200 Willowood Lane			
Margie & Frank	McConnell	6220 Thornwood 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 _____

Enclosed is a check for: \$10 Membership

\$_____ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign

\$_____ Donation for RHCA General Fund

2011 Holiday Lighting Awards

Grand Prize Overall	4700 Flower Lane	The Kroetches	Outstanding Display	6513 Carriage Drive	The Murnames
Grand Prize Overall	4618 Winston Place	The Dillons	Outstanding Display	6423 Carriage Drive	The Caos
Grand Prize Overall	4705 Flower Lane	The Rabys	Outstanding Display	6430 Carriage Drive	The Dockerys
Grand Prize Overall	4901 Split Rock	The Corbins	Outstanding Display	6503 Carriage Drive	The Masons
Grand Prize Overall	6504 Telegraph Road	The Najazadehs	Outstanding Display	6511 Carriage Drive	The Manns
Grand Prize Overall	6410 Cottonwood Drive	The Fulks	Outstanding Display	6518 Carriage Drive	The Stewarts
Grand Prize Overall	6402 Cottonwood Drive	The Campbells	Outstanding Display	6301 Climbhill Road	The Villareals
Grand Prize Overall	6512 Rose Hill Drive	The Nguyens	Outstanding Display	5000 Greenhaven Road	The Berrios
Grand Prize Overall	5009 Eastchester Circle	The Daileys	Outstanding Display	6419 Haystack Road	The Shupaks
Grand Prize Overall	4804 Apple Tree Drive	The McMinnns	Outstanding Display	6428 Haystack Road	The Cabreras
Grand Prize Overall	6412 May Boulevard	The James'	Outstanding Display	6501 Haystack Road	The Kaminskis
Grand Prize Overall	6121 Dew Grass Drive	The Williams	Outstanding Display	6503 Haystack Road	The Pfefferles
Grand Prize Overall	6115 Bluegrass Drive	The Martins	Outstanding Display	6507 Haystack Road	The Alexanders
Grand Prize - Outdoor Tree	6400 Wayside Place	The Dodsons	Outstanding Display	6513 Haystack Road	Woldemariam
Exceptional Outdoor Tree	6327 Rose Hill Drive	The Luginbills	Outstanding Display	6515 Haystack Road	Name Withheld
Exceptional Display	6304 May Boulevard	The Valdes'	Outstanding Display	4515 Lark Lane	The Perrys
Exceptional Display	6408 Cottonwood	The Mitchells	Outstanding Display	4516 Lark Lane	The Whitts
Exceptional Display	4515 Winston Place	The Szamborskis	Outstanding Display	6110 Leewood Drive	The Collins'
Exceptional Display	6431 Carriage Drive	The Rices	Outstanding Display	6111 Leewood Drive	Friend/Smith
Exceptional Display	5007 Eastchester Circle	The Izzets	Outstanding Display	6122 Leewood Drive	The Mayos
Exceptional Display	6708 Greendale Road	The Westgates	Outstanding Display	6110 Fairfield Court	The Millers
Exceptional Display	6409 Willowood Lane	The Grigsbys	Outstanding Display	4703 Flower Lane	The Holzas
Exceptional Display	4519 Lark Lane	The Ballards	Outstanding Display	6330 Maryview Street	The Lawrences
Exceptional Display	6318 Willowood Lane	The Watsons	Outstanding Display	6406 May Boulevard	The Antonios
Excellent Display	4901 Silo Road	The Torres'	Outstanding Display	6120 Dew Grass Drive	The Webers
Excellent Display	4503 Apple Tree Drive	The Riveras	Outstanding Display	6259 Rose Hill Drive	The Benaricks
Excellent Display	6409 Cottonwood Drive	The Adams'	Outstanding Display	6300 Rose Hill Drive	The Krauses
Excellent Display	6330 Maryview Street	The Phillips'	Outstanding Display	6318 Rose Hill Drive	The Martinez'
Excellent Display	4701 Split Rock Road	The Thomases	Outstanding Display	6328 Rose Hill Drive	The Higgins
Excellent Display	4702 Split Rock Road	The Prompols	Outstanding Display	6401 Rose Hill Drive	The Bashams
Excellent Display	4730 Split Rock Road	The Oros	Outstanding Display	6500 Rose Hill Drive	The Trejos
Excellent Display	4518 Roundhill Road	The Eberles	Outstanding Display	6503 Rose Hill Drive	The Rolons
Excellent Display	6404 Rye Court	The Goverts	Outstanding Display	6508 Rose Hill Drive	The Weatherspoons
Excellent Display	6405 Rose Hill Drive	Pacheco	Outstanding Display	4510 Roundhill Road	The Ventura-Diaz'
Excellent Display	6417 Rose Hill Drive	The Bearths	Outstanding Display	4512 Roundhill Road	The Rios'
Excellent Display	6504 Rose Hill Drive	The Martinez'	Outstanding Display	4522 Roundhill Road	The Doughertys
Excellent Display	6714 Telegraph Road	The Vos	Outstanding Display	6313 Saddle Tree Drive	The Hoovers
Excellent Display	6327 Willowood Lane	The Wolfings	Outstanding Display	6518 Telegraph Road	The Minariks
Excellent Display	6118 Leewood Drive	The Alstons	Outstanding Display	5000 Treetop Lane	The Barneys
Outstanding Display	4525 Apple Tree Drive	The Herrears	Outstanding Display	5002 Treetop Lane	The Hoffmans
Outstanding Display	4526 Apple Tree Drive	The Dismukes	Outstanding Display	6208 Thornwood Drive	The Haups
Outstanding Display	4601 Apple Tree Drive	The Peyton	Outstanding Display	6215 Thornwood Drive	The Verells
Outstanding Display	4704 Apple Tree Drive	The Torricos	Outstanding Display	6122 Thornwood Drive	The Vereens
Outstanding Display	4712 Apple Tree Drive	The Pagachs	Outstanding Display	6402 Winston Place	McKay
Outstanding Display	4907 Apple Tree Drive	The Collins'	Outstanding Display	6413 Willowood Lane	The Castillos
			Outstanding Display	6417 Willowood Lane	The Parkers

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **January 24, 6:30pm.** RHCA Meeting & Soup Sip. Rose Hill Elementary School.
- ★ **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 27.** Preschool Storytime. 11:00 am. Join us for stories and activities. Age 3-5 w/ adult.
- ★ **February 8.** Fun for Twos and Threes. 10:30-11:30 am. Come for stories and activities about Valentine's Day. Age 2-3 w/ adult.
- ★ **February 11.** Be My Valentine. 10:30 am. Join BJ and Cody for a fun, lively show celebrating Valentine's Day with lots of singing and dancing. All ages.
- ★ **February 13.** Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a book discussion. Age 7-8 w/ adult.
- ★ **February 15.** Toddler Time. 10:30 am. Come to an early literacy storytime. Age 13-23 months. One adult per child.
- ★ **February 16.** Book Discussion Group. 7:15 pm. Adults.
- ★ **February 20.** Library Closed for President's Day Holiday.

Thomas Edison High School

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



- ★ **January 30 & 31.** Student Holidays. Schools Closed.
- ★ **February 20.** President's Day Holiday. Schools Closed.

Mark Twain Middle School

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



- ★ **January 30 & 31.** Student Holidays. Schools Closed.
- ★ **February 20.** President's Day Holiday. Schools Closed.

- ★ **February 10.** PTA Meeting. 6:00-7:00 pm. MTMS Library.
- ★ **February 21.** President's Day Holiday. Schools Closed.

Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310
Phone: 703.313.4200
Fax: 703.313.4297



- ★ **January 30 & 31.** Student Holidays. Schools Closed.
- ★ **February 7.** PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm. Library.
- ★ **February 8.** Twain Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm. Twain Middle School.
- ★ **February 17.** PTA Movie Night, 6:00 pm. Gym/Cafeteria.
- ★ **February 20.** President's Day Holiday. Schools Closed.



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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.

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.

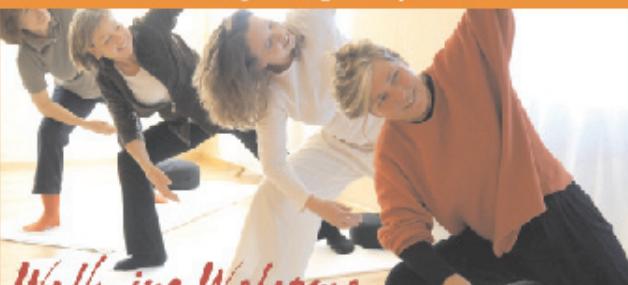
REAL ESTATE

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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.

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.



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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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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.

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



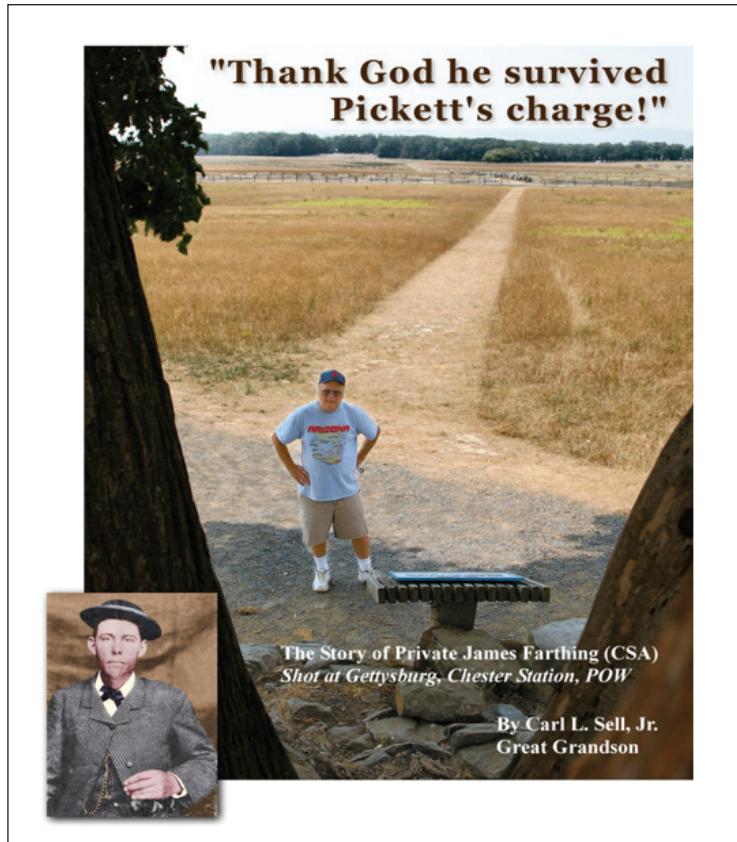
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A Sesquicentennial Report About A Private's Long March



Carl Sell was a sportswriter and editor for the Washington, D.C. Star newspaper. He also spent 15 years as the Director of Sports Information at George Mason University. A former member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission and chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority, he also has written two books and numerous articles for the Franconia Museum and currently is working on a book on the history of the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department. His mother grew up in Chatham, VA, and is one of 13 grandchildren of the subject of the book.

This book about his great grandfather in the Civil War is on sale either by contacting the author at sellcarl@aol.com or 703-971-4716. It also can be purchased on line at franconiamuseum.org. Go to the Museum web site, click on items for sale and use Pay Pal to buy the book. The price is \$26.25, including tax. Add \$5 for shipping and handling. The book also is on sale at the Franconia Museum in Franconia, VA and the Pittsylvania Historical Society in Chatham, VA. Each organization receives a portion of its sales.

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BOTH SIDES TOUR VIII
Civil War Sesquicentennial Event
Lee's Maryland Campaign of 150 Years Ago

Visit the site of Stonewall Jackson's bombardment that aided in the fall of Harpers Ferry. See a current residence that was constructed from the bricks of the destroyed United States Arsenal two years after the war. Spend the afternoon at Sharpsburg/Antietam, where Union and Confederate forces clashed on the bloodiest day in U.S. military history. View all stages of the battle starting with the initial Union charge, the carnage at Bloody Lane, the standoff at Burnside Bridge and the arrival of troops on the right flank that saved the Confederates from total defeat after the Union breakthrough.

Saturday, April 28, 2012
Sponsored by the Franconia Museum

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee, and donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. Board a comfortable rest-room equipped motor coach for the trip to a local historic site and then head west to Harpers Ferry to visit Schoolhouse Ridge and historic Alta Vista, now the site of the restored house and a working dairy farm. Enjoy lunch at Ryan's Buffet in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and then head for Sharpsburg/Antietam in Maryland. Hear vignettes about the war along the way.

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

After lunch, we'll stop at a little-known site in Williamsport, Maryland, where Jackson crossed the Potomac River en route to Harpers Ferry, then Lee crossed both on his way to Gettysburg and his retreat back to Virginia the following year. The site is along the C&O Canal and only a very short walk from the bus!

COST: \$100.00 Each. Includes Bus Ride, Buffet Lunch (including gratuity) and a Snack Card to spend on the way home, as well as all entrance fees.

At Alta Vista, you'll meet a modern-day family that helps produce the milk you buy at the store. Learn how the milk gets from the cows to your table. Hear about the original building and current restoration of the house.



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