

President's Message

Enjoy Hot Soup on a Cold Night At RHCA's January 22 Meeting

Continuing what has become a tradition, hot soup will be on the agenda for the Rose Hill Civic Association's first meeting of the New Year on January 22 beginning at 7 p.m. in the community room of the John Marshall Library. Members and friends are encouraged to bring their favorite soup to share. RHCA will provide all the paper products and utensils necessary for serving. We also will have ice tea, crackers, bread and butter, and other items for your enjoyment. Desserts to share will also be welcome.

The agenda will consist of a discussion of upcoming items in 2013, including the re-enactment of the Rose Hill Raid on September 28, exactly 150 years to the day of the original incident in 1863. On that date during the Civil War, Confederate Raider Colonel John Singleton Mosby slipped into Rose Hill and captured Colonel Daniel Dulany, an aide to the Union appointed governor of the Restored State of Virginia. One of Mosby's raiders was Dulany's son, French.

The Rose Hill Raid has been memorialized in a painting by John Paul Strain, famed Civil War artist. A copy of the painting

**Next RHCA Meeting: January 22, 7:00 pm
John Marshall Library**

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and an explanation of the raid are displayed on the wall near the door at the community room in the library. The cost of the copy was covered by donations from numerous Rose Hill residents, all of whose names are included with the display. Stop by and take a look!

The original Rose Hill house was located on a bluff at the end of what is now May Boulevard. The house and grounds were reached by a road from Telegraph Road roughly where Rose Hill Drive intersects with Telegraph Road today. It curved around the hill, bordered by apple trees, to the house at the end of a driveway flanked by rose bushes. The original house was built before the United States became a country by Daniel French, a contemporary of George Washington who also began the construction of historic Pohick Church. The original Rose Hill burned in 1899, was rebuilt and then unfortunately destroyed in the 1960s to make way for new homes. You can read about and view old pictures of the house on the RHCA web site, myrosehill.com.

There also will be an update on the plans to preserve the house known as Belvale, the home of George Washington's attorney. Although somewhat altered, the house still stands on Telegraph Road near the intersection of D'Evereaux Circle. In Washington's time, the Rose Hill house would have overlooked Belvale. George Johnston, who also represented Fairfax County in the Virginia House of Burgesses and was an ally of Patrick Henry, lived at Belvale. Because the house sits back from the road at the end of a long yard, it is hard to see. Go slow and look to the left as you travel south on Telegraph just after the light at D'Evereaux Circle.

The Franconia Museum, with the support of Supervisor McKay's office, is spearheading an effort to get the house listed on the National Register of Historic sites.

Soak up some local history as you enjoy some hot soup and other goodies at the RHCA meeting on January 22 at the John Marshall Library.

Holiday Lights

It was great to see the Downey residence at 6516 Telegraph Road back at the top of the list of award winners for Holiday Lights in Rose Hill! For years, Willard and Myrna Downey had a display that folks came from miles around to see. After they passed away, the lights diminished somewhat. Not this year! Apparently the children and grandchildren got the word from On High to once again make the Downey property a holiday landmark. And they outdid themselves. The original Downeys no doubt are proud of them. You can learn more about the original Downeys by clicking on the In Memoriam section of myrosehill.com.

Once again there were a number of spectacular displays that brought oohs and aahs from neighbors and visitors. Rose Hill has become a destination for people who like to view outstanding displays. The Dillon house on Wayside Place was better than ever. Same for the Kroetches and the Rabys on Flower Lane. Cottonwood Drive was accented by Larry and Connie Fulk on one side of Rose Hill Drive and their daughter Tracy on the other side. The James' marked the spot of the original Rose Hill house with a brilliant display at the end of May Boulevard.

Although a little off the beaten track, the display at the Martins on Blue Grass Drive was worth seeking out. Once again, the McMinns on Apple Tree Drive, the Daileys on Eastchester Circle and the Najazadeshs on Telegraph Road had excellent displays. Also, the trees at the Dodsons on Wayside Place and the Luginbills around the corner on Rose Hill Drive once again were impressive.

Rose Hill Drive, our main street, was a particular bright spot this year. Thanks to everyone who took the time to put up lights and displays that showcased our entire neighborhood for folks just passing through. All of the winners are listed on Page 5 of this month's Rambler. If the judges missed anyone, please let us know and we'll add the name next month. Sometimes, residents forget to turn on the lights or the judges misread an address in the dark.

Which reminds me to remind you to make sure your house number is highly visible from the street. Wouldn't want the emergency responders to have to search for the number when time is at a premium.

Membership for 2013

Please join those listed on Page 4 who already have joined RHCA for 2013. A membership form with all the information is also included. Your dues and contributions go toward supporting the Rose Hill Beauty and Veterans programs, maintaining the landscaping around our entrance sign, contributions to Koinonia to help the less fortunate among us, the Edison All-Night Graduation Party and the annual dinner and breakfast for the police who have to work Christmas Eve and Day when most restaurants are closed, as well as providing the necessary paper products and some snacks at meetings. The \$10 membership dues do not cover the printing of the nine Ramblers each resident receives, so your contributions in excess of the dues are greatly appreciated. We have a small army of people who deliver the Rambler and serve as Neighborhood Watch captains. If you have time to help, please contact either Linda or myself.

See Something, Say Something!

Rose Hill is a low-crime community thanks to our local police and our vigilant residents. Recently, several criminal activities were thwarted in our community due to the efforts of our active Neighborhood Watch members and their neighbors. We ask that everyone keep their eyes open for potential unlawful activity and if they see something that doesn't look normal, **CALL THE POLICE** non-emergency number at 703-691-2131 and report it. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you see a vehicle that is involved, try to get a license number. Recently, a series of phone calls resulted in police activity and arrests. Don't assume that a problem will go away. It may only get worse if the people involved think they have gone unnoticed. All of us need to act as the eyes of our police. You can't imagine how a series of phone calls, each with partial information, can lead to the unraveling of a serious crime. Given the events nationally in

recent months, please give particular attention to activity around Rose Hill Elementary, Mark Twain Middle School, Edison High School, John Marshall Library, Lee District Park and the shopping center as you come and go from our community. Report suspicious persons and vehicles. Your report could stop a crime from happening. If something or somebody looks suspicious or out of place, make sure the police know. Keep Rose Hill a safe and secure place for everyone. Read the info below to learn about our efforts to improve police presence in our community.

It's Budget Time Again

Over the next several months, I will be serving on Supervisor McKay's Budget Advisory Committee for the Fiscal Year 2014 that begins July 1, 2013. Although things appear to be getting better, the County continues to face potential budget shortfalls. The recent actions at the national level have not solved our long-term problems and could have devastating ramifications for Fairfax County. And then there is the uncertainty we face because of potential changes in local funding by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Hopefully, all of this will sort itself out before the County adopts its budget in April. My goal will be to try to maintain adequate services within a tax structure that does not adversely affect our wallets. I will continue to argue that recent cutbacks in public safety have put our communities at risk. Simply put, we no longer have the adequate patrol officers on the street to meet our needs. On the one hand, the County encourages our participation by reporting potential crime. On the other, records show that the County has decreased the number of officers available to respond to those reports. If you have any thoughts about the budget, please send me an e-mail or give me a call. I will make sure your concerns are brought to the attention of the committee and Supervisor McKay.

Gettysburg Sesquicentennial

Thanks to the Gerke family on Apple Tree Drive in Rose Hill for donating a large lithograph of the famous Civil War Battle of Gettysburg to the Franconia Museum. The map accurately places all of the units involved, both Union and Confederate, during the three days of July 1, 2 and 3, 1863. The topography is authenticated and signed by General George

Gordon Meade, commander of the Union Army at Gettysburg. The map is on display at the Museum, located in the Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road. The Museum is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you had a relative who fought at Gettysburg, you can pinpoint the location of his unit on the field. Ask the volunteer on duty to place the framed map in a place where you can take close look. Either ask to use or take a magnifying glass to view the smallest of details.

The Museum is sponsoring a day-long tour to Gettysburg on Saturday, April 20, 2013. It is part of the Museum's popular Both Sides tour series. Included will be stops at locations of fighting on each of the three days and a viewing of the impressive Cyclorama painting that will surround you as part of a sound and light show at the visitor's center. The trip is by comfortable motor coach and includes lunch and all fees. Additional information can be found at either myrosehill.com or franconiamuseum.org. You also can pick up a flyer and registration form at the museum.

Web Site Report

There were 2,611 visits by 1,230 different people to myrosehill.com, the Rose Hill Civic Association web site. Of those numbers, 1,391, or 53.27 percent, were returning visitors, 1,220 visited the site for the first time! Visitation was highest in January and June. The web site is full of information about Rose Hill and includes links to County and State agencies, schools, organizations and neighboring associations. RHCA meeting dates with time, location and agenda is updated monthly. The web site is maintained by Jim Sapp, long-time resident of Haystack Road at NO cost to RHCA. Although he now lives in Colorado, Jim maintains his ties to Rose Hill through myrosehill.com. Just like the line for the old Eagles' hit "Hotel California," you can check out (of Rose Hill) anytime you like, but you can never leave! Jim also maintains the web site for the Franconia Museum as well as other organizations in which he has an interest.

- Carl Sell

2013 Membership List

Danny	Adams	6412 Cottonwood	James	Lockwood	6114 Clovergrass
Rick & Patti	Ballard	4519 Lark	Jamey & David	Lord	6208 Redwood
Margie	Beach	429 Roundhill	Allan & Wanda	Lohr	6411 Willowood
Ruth Connie	Beatty	6428 Rose Hill	Thien Luong &	Nahn Phan	4608 Mayor
Shirley	Bennington	6405 May	Herbert & Grace	Newman	4910 Silo
Bill & Mary	Braswell	6307 Climbhill	Wellington & Anna	Machmer	6200 Willowood
Gary	Bravy	6214 Climbhill	Mary	Mayo	6122 Leewood
Mark & Lorraine	Broxterman	6424 Haystack	Jeanmarie	Nagle	6509 Cottonwood
Cabrera Family		6428 Haystack	Jeanette	Neidermeyer	6500 Haystack
Wallace	Calhoun	4523 Apple Tree	William & Janelle	Park	6417 Willowood
Ralph	Carico	6112 Leewood	Bill	Perry	4515 Lark
Roger & Carol	Christianson	6409 Maryview	Monica	Reed	6422 Rose Hill
Craig & Carol	Contradi	6517 Haystack	David & Nancy	Ridgeway	4609 Cottonwood
Walter F.	Dailey	6307 Cottonwood	Jim & Nancy	Richey	4402 Roundhill
Barbara	Digman	6217 Blossom	Marie	Sherfey	6415 Rose Hill
Holly & Steve	Dougherty	4522 Round Hill	Marlene	Hass Smith	6304 Cottonwood
Beverly	Eppolito	6217 Driftwood	Fred, Steve & Mary	Stinnette	4520 Apple Tree
Tom	Felleisen	6406 Hayfield	Shari Schaftlein &	David Johnson	6504 Carriage
Trigg & Beverly	Flannagan	6514 Haystack	Arlene	Shapiro	6216 Driftwood
Barry & Zoe-Ann	Frietag	6303 May	George & Jean	Simms	6434 Carriage
Barbara Jean	Gayles	6626 Telegraph	Tinker & Don	Szamborski	4615 Winston
Johanna	Guccione	6013 Leewood	Barbara	Taylor	4433 Roundhill
Mike & Bonnie	Greek	6330 Willowood	Judy Taylor &	Carlos Rolon	6503 Rose Hill
Kyle	Graumann	6424 Haystack	Joanne M.	Thompson	
Alice	Haupt	6208 Thornwood	Jean	Thompson	6302 Cottonwood
F & P	Jencks	6416 Willowood	Nina	Tisara	6408 Hayfield
Jason & Heather	Justice	4713 Apple Tree	Linda	Walton	4900 Silo
Jamie & Michael	Kaun	6510 Carriage	Don & Nina	Weber	6120 Dew Grass
D & D	Krause	6300 Rose Hill	Louise	Westgate	6708 Greendale
Edward J.	Lewis	6117 Leewood	Crystal & Kenneth	White	6422 Haystack

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

2012 Holiday Lighting Awards

Grand Prize Overall	6516 Telegraph Road	The Downeys	Outstanding Display	4601 Apple Tree Drive	The Peytons
Grand Prize Overall	4700 Flower Lane	The Kroetches	Outstanding Display	4704 Apple Tree Drive	The Torricos
Grand Prize Overall	4618 Winston Place	The Dillons	Outstanding Display	4712 Apple Tree Drive	The Pagachs
Grand Prize Overall	4705 Flower Lane	The Rabys	Outstanding Display	6509 Carriage Drive	The Murnames
Grand Prize Overall	6504 Telegraph Road	The Najazadehs	Outstanding Display	6511 Carriage Drive	The Dankers
Grand Prize Overall	6410 Cottonwood Drive	The Fulks	Outstanding Display	6307 Cottonwood Drive	Dailey
Grand Prize Overall	6402 Cottonwood Drive	The Campbells	Outstanding Display	6321 Cottonwood Drive	The Heislups
Grand Prize Overall	5009 Eastchester Circle	The Daileys	Outstanding Display	5000 Greenhaven Road	The Berrios
Grand Prize Overall	4804 Apple Tree Drive	The McMinn	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	6115 Bluegrass Drive	The Martins	Outstanding Display	6513 Haystack Road	Woldemariam
Grand Prize - Outdoor Tree	6400 Wayside Place	The Dodsons	Outstanding Display	6515 Haystack Road	Name Withheld
Exceptional Outdoor Tree	6327 Rose Hill Drive	The Luginbills	Outstanding Display	4515 Lark Lane	The Perrys
Exceptional Display	6304 May Boulevard	The Valdes'	Outstanding Display	6110 Leewood Drive	The Collins'
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	5007 Eastchester Circle	The Izzets	Outstanding Display	6330 Maryview Street	The Lawrences
Exceptional Display	6708 Greendale Road	The Westgates	Outstanding Display	6259 Rose Hill Drive	The Benaricks
Exceptional Display	6409 Willowood Lane	The Grigsbys	Outstanding Display	6300 Rose Hill Drive	The Krauses
Exceptional Display	4519 Lark Lane	The Ballards	Outstanding Display	6318 Rose Hill Drive	The Martinez'
Exceptional Display	6508 Rose Hill Drive	The Weatherspoons	Outstanding Display	6328 Rose Hill Drive	The Higgins
Exceptional Display	6512 Rose Hill Drive	The Nguyens	Outstanding Display	6401 Rose Hill Drive	The Bashams
Exceptional Display	4901 Split Rock Road	The Corbins	Outstanding Display	6402 Rose Hill Drive	The Justices
Exceptional Display	6117 Blue Grass Drive	The Mais	Outstanding Display	6407 Rose Hill Drive	The Garcias'
Exceptional Display	6417 Rose Hill Drive	The Bearths	Outstanding Display	6409 Rose Hill Drive	The Saldagos
Excellent Display	6408 Maryview Street	The Phillips'	Outstanding Display	6504 Rose Hill Drive	The Martinez'
Excellent Display	4512 Roundhill Road	The Rios	Outstanding Display	4511 Roundhill Road	The Harris'
Excellent Display	4503 Apple Tree Drive	The Riveras	Outstanding Display	4522 Roundhill Road	The Doughertys
Excellent Display	4701 Split Rock Road	The Thomases	Outstanding Display	6313 Saddle Tree Drive	The Hoovers
Excellent Display	4730 Split Rock Road	The Oros	Outstanding Display	6518 Telegraph Road	The Minariks
Excellent Display	4518 Roundhill Road	The Eberles	Outstanding Display	5000 Treetop Lane	The Barneys
Excellent Display	6404 Rye Court	The Goverts	Outstanding Display	5002 Treetop Lane	The Hoffmans
Excellent Display	6405 Rose Hill Drive	Pacheco	Outstanding Display	5004 Treetop Lane	The Lelanskys
Excellent Display	6714 Telegraph Road	The Vos	Outstanding Display	6208 Thornwood Drive	The Haupts
Excellent Display	6118 Leewood Drive	The Alstons	Outstanding Display	6215 Thornwood Drive	The Verells
Excellent Display	4611 Roundhill Road	Nattier	Outstanding Display	6122 Thornwood Drive	The Vereens
Outstanding Display	4503 Apple Tree Drive	Grunst	Outstanding Display	6302 Willowood Lane	Cedoz
Outstanding Display	4525 Apple Tree Drive	The Herrears	Outstanding Display	6418 Willowood Lane	The Krewsons
			Outstanding Display	6417 Willowood Lane	The Parkers

If we don't have your name or have it misspelled, 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

- * **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 – 10am - 9pm; W, F – 10am - 6pm; Th - 1pm - 9pm; Sat – 10am - 5pm.

- * **Please note new hours.**
- * **Ongoing Event.** Personalized Computer Training. Basics for beginners: Internet and Microsoft Word. Call for appointment. Adults.
- * **January 21.** Fairfax County Libraries closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- * **January 22.** A to Zoo Storytime. 10:30 am. Come for stories and activities about the alphabet. Ages 3-5 years w/ adult.
- * **February 2.** E-Book Workshop. 1:00pm. Get your eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader and library card. All ages.
- * **February 5.** Toddler Time. 10:30am. Come for an early literacy storytime. Ages 13-23 months w/ adult.
- * **February 9.** Be My Valentine. 10:30am. Join Cody and BJ for a fun lively show celebrating Valentine's Day with lots of singing and dancing. All ages.
- * **February 12.** Fun For Twos and Threes. 10:30 am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 2-3 w/ adult.
- * **February 16.** E-Book Workshop. 1:00pm. Get your eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader and library card. All ages.

Thomas Edison High School

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



- * **January 21.** Fairfax County Schools closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- * **January 22-25.** Mid-term exams.
- * **January 28-29.** Fairfax County Schools closed for teacher workdays.

Mark Twain Middle School

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



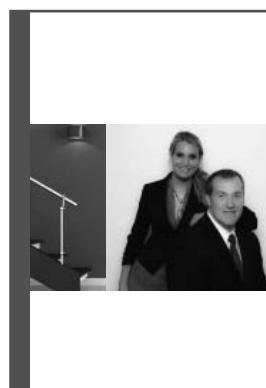
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- * **January 28-29.** Fairfax County Schools closed for teacher workdays.

Rose Hill Elementary School

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Fax: 703.313.4297



- * **January 21.** Fairfax County Schools closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- * **January 28-29.** Fairfax County Schools closed for teacher workdays.
- * **February 1.** PTA Movie Night. 5:00 - 8:00pm. Rose Hill ES cafeteria.



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Rose Hill Business Directory

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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.

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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.

Freedom Lawn & Landscape. Matt Downey, 571.218.2881, freedomproviders@gmail.com. We would like to thank all of our Rose Hill clients for their business in 2012! We are preparing to make 2013 our best year yet and would love to add more



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

Evergreen Maid Service. 703.971.7160. Owned and operated by Nour Barakat and Mike Zalatoris. Our residential cleaning business is celebrating 25 yrs of service in Alexandria and for the last 22 yrs from our home in Rose Hill. We offer reliable and affordable home and office cleaning for all local residents, and we are happy to offer a special 25% discount to our neighbors to celebrate our anniversary. Call 703.971.7160 for a free estimate and to schedule your cleaning. Thank you Rose Hill for being our happy home! (See our ad in this newsletter.)

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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.

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(house sitting, light yard work, wait at home for service personnel); Travel & Transportation (transportation to and from); Medical Concierge Services (doctor appointments, pre/post operations assistance) Contact David Sell at 703-971-4716, or email dksell@hotmail.com.

HANDYMAN

The Grumpy Handiman is available for home repair. "Small jobs for a small price" means that fixing all those annoying items is more affordable than you may realize. John and Dorothy Thibebau have lived in Rose Hill over 25 years. Call John at 703-927-9501.



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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

Free All Day Yoga Open House



Walk-ins Welcome

Saturday, March 13th

9:00-9:15am* - 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!

Hollin Hall Senior Center
1500 Shenandoah Road, RM 218
Alexandria, VA 22308



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SIX Common Misconceptions about Roofing and the Roofing Industry:

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

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

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

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

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