

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

**Join RHCA for Soup Night, Update on Library,
and Development**

At Tuesday, January 23rd Meeting

Bring your favorite soup or dessert to share to the Rose Hill Civic Association meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd beginning at 7 p.m. at Rose Hill Elementary School. RHCA will supply all the paper products, bread and butter and ice tea. Enjoy some hot soup on a January evening with your friends and neighbors. Soup is appreciated, but not necessary as there usually is more than enough for all at one of our most popular events.

Although there is no set agenda, information will be available on the May Boulevard development and the proposed new houses on Rock-A-By Road. Construction is underway on May Boulevard. As of this writing, no development plan had resubmitted for Rock-A-By Road, but that could change by the time of the meeting. We'll also hear about the progress on the library renovation and expansion project. Original plans called for work to be finished by summer 2018. We will be anxious to see if the project is still on schedule.

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If Rose Hill Elementary is closed due to weather conditions, there won't be a meeting and we'll try again in February. In that case, follow our Facebook or web page for any new information on the development plans and the library renovation.

Bright Lights

Three of The Brightest Lights in Rose Hill this past holiday season were bunched close together near the intersection of Flower Lane and Cottonwood Drive. The Kroetcs at 4700 Flower Lane, the Campbells at 6402 Cottonwood Drive and the Rabys at 4705 Flower Lane all are within shouting distance from each other. They radiated so much energy that Santa couldn't have missed them and passengers on airplanes "cutting the corner" over Rose Hill to head up the Potomac to Reagan National got a spectacular view. The Kroetcs and Campbells are repeaters from each of the last few years while the Rabys made a spectacular comeback.

Joining the trio on the list of grand prize winners are the James at 6409 Willowood Lane and the Phillips at 6408 Maryview Street. There were a number of residences on the Exceptional List, including the Salgados at 6409 Rose Hill Drive just around the corner from the Campbells. the Rices at 6431 Carriage Drive, the Norvels at 4858 Basha Court, the Peytons at 4601 Apple Tree Drive and the Aviles at 6710 Telegraph Road to name a few of a large group also on the Exceptional List. The entire list of residences that caught the judge's eyes is included in this edition of the Rambler.

If a name is wrong, or an address is omitted, it is because either the lights weren't on or the judges had

difficulty reading the address in the dark. Everyone should check to make sure their numerical address is visible from the street AT NIGHT in case of an emergency. Some were so hard to see that it took a visit to the front door. If you think you or your neighbor's address was left off the list, please let us know. The idea is to reward those who take the extra effort to make sure Rose Hill puts its name in lights during the holidays.

The Holiday lights list is a major chore than requires hours of reviews of each street, then much more time to check the names and address against the County records. Even then, we know that some names on the list may be outdated. Please let us know so we can update our records.

Remembering Woody Betts

The holiday lights were on this Christmas season at 6306 Saddle Tree Drive for the first time in six years since Woody Betts passed away. They served as a reminder of how much Woody meant to Rose Hill and the police at the Franconia station. RHCA contributes each year to the group that provides meals for officers who have to work Christmas Eve and Christmas morning to make sure we remain safe at this special family time. The meals began as a "pot luck" that turned into a banquet-type spread. Woody encouraged Rose Hill residents to get involved. He and neighbors Norm and Bev Cherkis and the Beatys on Round Hill Road formed the nucleus of the Citizen's Advisory Council. Woody was the chairman when he passed away. RHCA send a check each year in their honor to make sure the tradition continues. Linda Nichols, RHCA vice president, attends to help with the serving. The lights reminded us of how important people like Woody Betts were to our community. Thanks, Tammie Betts!

Membership Drive

Recently, the Rose Hill Civic Association supported the less fortunate in our community with a contribution to Koinonia. RHCA also supported the dinner for the police who have to work Christmas Eve and breakfast for the officers on duty Christmas morning. In June, we will once again support Edison High School's All-

Night Graduation party at Lee District Park, helping keep our young people safe on this most important day. Our support is made possible by those of you who donate in excess of your dues to RHCA. Holiday feelings overflowed in Rose Hill, thanks to each of you. We have started our membership drive for 2018 and so far less than 100 residences are included. Their names are included in this edition of the Rambler. We need as much help as you can share to keep Rose Hill a safe and attractive community in which to live. Please full out the membership for in this issue and mail it to RHCA, Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. Your extra support also helps pay for the plantings four times a year at our entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road. Let them say a personal thanks to you each time you pass. If you see any residences being used in such a way to detract from our overall community pride, please let any of the officers know. We will work with County officials to correct problems. The more members we have, the louder our voice. When the weather improves, you'll notice one of the hallmarks of our neighborhood is the number of people who exercise by walking or jogging on Rose Hill Drive and other streets with sidewalks. Help RHCA keep our community safe. Join today!

Snow Tips

Don't forget that is everyone's obligation to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks (if you are lucky enough to have one) in front of their residence. Please help out elderly neighbors with this chore if you can. Shoveling snow is a leading cause of heart attacks, so be extra careful. Take your time no matter how old you are. When you clear your driveway, throw the snow on the side and not into the street. Too often, poor conditions are created by residents depositing the shoveled or blown snow from their driveways into the street. Don't make a pile at the ends of the cleared area of the driveway or your friendly neighborhood snow plow will push in back into your entranceway. Finally, if you are fortunate to have a fireplug in front of or near your house, clear the snow from around it so the firefighters can see and get to it in case of an emergency. Attach a red flag to the fireplug to make sure it can be seen. Never, Never, pile snow around a fireplug!

Good Neighbors

As we begin 2018, RHCA reminds everyone to be a good neighbor. Please think about how your activities affect your neighbors and your community. For example, make sure your trash is secured in the containers with the lids tightly closed. Trash piled up next to the containers usually winds up in the street or a neighbor's yard. And, if you don't have trash service, please don't use your neighbor's receptacles. Barking dogs at night and early in the morning are a nuisance. It also can result in a visit from Animal Control. Please clean up after your pet while walking through the neighborhood. The law requires it. When parking your car on the street, make sure it does not block a neighbor's driveway. Don't park across from a driveway and risk damage when a homeowner backs out of the driveway. Fairfax County has a noise ordinance, so keep your music and parties at a level that doesn't disturb your neighbors. Get to know your neighbors. Protect their environment as well as yours. Help senior citizens and those in need or temporarily incapacitated. You may need help some day and there is no better source than your neighbors. Be aware that more than one commercial vehicle per address and overcrowding are illegal in our residential neighborhood.

Thanks, Janelle!

Janelle Welch has taken over as the coordinator of our e-mail program. She will be updating the list as needed and sending notices of meeting and other information as necessary. We guard the list closely, trying to make sure your e-mail doesn't get in the hands of scammers, organizations or commercial vendors. Thanks to Jim Sapp, a former Rose Hill resident who now lives in Colorado, for maintaining the list and sending announcements previously. Jim also maintains our web site, myrosehill.com. We are looking for someone to take over that chore. Please contact any of the officers if you can help. We also need a secretary to help Janelle keep the community informed about what happens at meetings. Just highlights, not specific minutes. And,

judges for the Rose Hill Beauty and Holiday Lighting programs are always welcome.

-Carl Sell

Around Rose Hill

Thomas Edison High School

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

Mark Twain Middle School

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

Rose Hill Elementary School

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

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.

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

Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.625.7046. Artwork can be sent to scheungjones@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 advertisement and sent to the P.O. Box.

Donald Camden

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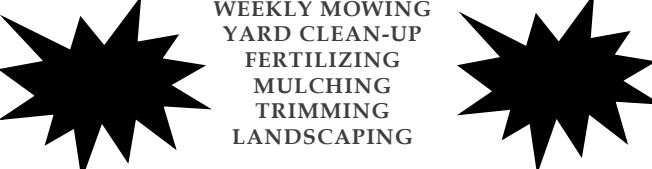
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Real Estate

Re/Max 100. Steve Dougherty, 703.746.8720. www.stevedougherty.com. Steve and his family have lived in Rose Hill and been active in civic affairs for 30 years. He has been a Realtor of 20 years and specializes in service to his neighbors in the community.

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.

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 lives on Hayfield Place.

Need Help?

Pet services (dog walking, vet appointments); errands (pharmacy, dry cleaning, drop off/pick-up product repair); personal shopping (grocery, post office, exchange and item returns); vehicle services (vehicle license and emission renewal, vehicle service repair, vehicle inspection); home services (house sitting, light yard work, wait at home for service personnel); travel and transportation (to and from); medical concierge services (doctor appointments, pre-/post-operation assistance). Contact David Sell at 703.971.4716, or email dksell@hotmail.com.

Handyman

Your honey-do list getting out of hand? Call my honey! Offering free quotes and estimates. Rose Hill references available. Please call Rick (a Rose Hill resident) at 703.943.7102.

Speech Therapy

Speech Beginnings, PLC is a pediatric speech therapy practice serving Alexandria. Our speech pathologists provide evaluations and therapy to children and young adults. We provide services in the client's home and/or private school. Jamey Lord at: 571.481-4344 or www.speechbeginnings.com or speechbeginnings@gmail.com

Let's use the dog-days of winter to plan your spring home sale.



Selling this spring? We're now offering a FREE PLANNING HOUR to help you hit the ground running. We'll give you tips on how to stage your home, enhance buyer appeal and make a great first impression. We'll also share what not to spend money on. We can also go over correct pricing to take full advantage of the "golden time", and explain our innovative custom target marketing and how we leverage Long & Foster and Christie's International Real Estate to give our sellers global, national and hyperlocal exposure. Our goals are the same as yours: to get the highest price the market will allow, in your timeframe, and with problems eliminated and details handled smoothly. Give us a call. We'd love to help you.

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RHCA, PO BOX 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Enclosed is a check for: \$10 Membership

\$____ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of RH entrance sign

\$____ Donation for RHCA General Fund

RHCA 2018 Members (as of January 12, 2018)

Nouri & Suham Abbou, 6115 Rose Hill Drive
Danny Abrams, 6412 Cottonwood Drive
Thomas Ackley, 6412 Rose Hill Drive
Brad Anderson & Jennifer Piechoski, 6708 Greendale Road
Lee Anderson, 6319 May Boulevard
Nina Antonio, 6000 May Boulevard
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane
Rick & Patti Ballard, 4519 Lark Lane
Harold & Pearl Ballen, 6632 Telegraph Road
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Sandra Benarick, 6270 Rose Hill Drive
Diane & Daniel Bird, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbing Road
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbing Road
Jeanette Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbing Road
Lorraine & Mark Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
Walter & Julia Calhoun, 4523 Apple Tree Drive
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Bob Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
Craig & Joanna Collins, 6110 Leewood Drive
Steve & Holly Daugherty, 4522 Roundhill Road
B. Digman, 6217 Blossom Lane
Dennis Dzierzawski, 6210 Thornwood Drive
B. Edelson, 4619 Winston Place
Carolyn & Mark Erickson, 623 Driftwood Drive
Dawit Eyob & Kongit Eyassu, 6206 Redwood Lane
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Zoe-Ann Frietag, 6303 May Boulevard
Larry Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Mike & Bonnie Greek, 6330 Willowood Lane
Johanna Guccione, 6013 Leewood Drive
Alice & Mark Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Lane
Jeff Haupt, 4386 Eaton Place
Robert & Shirley Herr, 6103 Leewood Drive
Linda & Tom Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Court
Lynn & Don Hoffman, 5002 Treetop Lane
Yancy & Patty Hull, 6113 Leewood Drive
Kathleen Jackson, 4809 Flower Lane
F&P Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive

Jim, Lynda, Brian & Natalie Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
The Kowaliks, 6115 Leewood Drive
Michael & Elizabeth Lambertson, 6310 May Boulevard
M. Lane, 6410 May Boulevard
James Lockwood, 6114 Clovergrass Drive
Jamey & Davey Lord, 6208 Redwood Lane
Thanh Luu, 6411 Rose Hill Drive
Ron Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
Monteguin Family, 4806 Apple Tree Drive
H.W. & G.G. Newman, 4910 Silo Road
Dave & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
William & Janelle Parker, 6416 Willowood Lane
Jeska & Charles Pfefferle, 6503 Haystack Road
Melinda Price, 4511 Apple Tree Drive,
Earl & Janice Raby, 4705 Flower Lane
Monica Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
Joy Relton, 4515 Roundhill Road
James Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road
David & Nancy Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
David & Donna Rodriguez, 6529 Wayside Place
Carlos Rolon & Judy Taylor, 6503 Rose Hill Drive
Ann Schappi, 4914 Treetop Lane
Arlene & Nathan Shapiro, 6216 Driftwood Drive
Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
Carol Spurrier, 6405 Rose Hill Drive
Bill & Jean Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
Tinker, Don & Billy Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place
A.J. Taylor, 6308 Cottonwood Drive
Nina Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Place
Dorothy & John Thibeau, 6216 Saddle Tree Drive
Joanne Thompson
Jody Wallace, 6607 Cottonwood Drive
Linda & Morgan Walter, 4900 Silo Road
Ijaz Warriach, 6004 Leewood Drive
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Jonanthan & Janelle Welch, 4516 Sturbridge Place
Karen Wheeless, 6709 Greendale Road
Alan & Sylvia Wilson, 6008 Leewood Drive
Mike Zalatoris, 6609 Cottonwood Drive

2017 Holiday Lighting Awards

Grand Prize Overall

4700 Flower Lane - Kroetches
4705 Flower Lane - Rabys
6409 Willowood Lane - James

6402 Cottonwood Drive - Campbells
6408 Maryview Street - Phillips

Exceptional Display

6431 Carriage Drive - Rices
5009 Eastchester Circle - Daileys
6410 Cottonwood Drive - Fulks
4515 Winston Place - Szamborskis
4858 Basha Court - Norvels
4601 Apple Tree Drive - Peytons
5007 Eastchester Circle - Izzets

6512 Rose Hill Drive - Nguyens
6417 Rose Hill Drive - Bearths
6270 Rose Hill Drive - Benaricks
6409 Rose Hill Drive - Salgados
6118 Leewood Drive - Alstons
6122 Leewood Drive - Mayo
6630 Maryview Street - Lawrences

6222 Thornwood Drive - Vereens
6610 Cottonwood Drive - Cuevas
6710 Telegraph Road - Aviles
6504 Telegraph Road - Arenas/Martinez/Perez
4512 Bee Street - Sejas
5007 Treetop Lane - Whitfields
4804 Apple Tree Drive - McMinn
6404 Rye Court - Govert
4858 Basha Court - Norvell
6400 Wayside Place - Dodsons
5001 Eastchester Circle - Bon
6513 Carriage Drive - Murnanes
6513 Haystack Road - Woldemariam
6518 Haystack Road - McBride
4701 Split Rock Road - Thomases
6523 Wayside Place - Wein
4856 Basha Court - Bell
6122 Leewood Drive - Mayo
4703 Flower Lane - Holtz

Exceptional Display

4511 Roundhill Road - Harris
4510 Roundhill Road - Ventura-Diaz.
4603 Apple Tree Drive - Maxwell
4518 Roundhill Road - Eberles
6328 Rose Hill Drive - Higgins
6405 Rose Hill Drive - Pacheros
6407 Rose Hill Drive - Garcias
6318 Rose Hill Drive - Martinez
6410 Rose Hill Drive - Smith
6612 Cottonwood Drive - Fazel
5000 Treetop Lane - Barneys
4903 Silo Road - Chwiki
4713 Apple Tree Drive - Justices
4503 Apple Tree Drive - Grunst
6304 May Boulevard - Valdes
6505 Haystack Road - Quinlan
6714 Telegraph Road - Vo
6218 Blossom Lane - Kandul
6402 Willowood - Xayasith
6322 Maryview Street - Munoz

Outstanding Display

4900 Silo Road - Walton
6111 Clovergrass Drive - Wyma
6114 Clovergrass Drive - Lockwood
6114 Blue Grass Drive - Brown/Jacob
6115 Blue Grass Drive - Withheld
6314 Saddle Tree Drive - Hoover
6306 Saddle Tree Drive - Betts
6302 Saddle Tree Drive - Jones
6329 Maryview Street - Stanfa
6412 Maryview Street - Crook
4907 Apple Tree Drive - Collins
4511 Apple Tree Drive - Price
4506 Apple Tree Drive - Maedler
4806 Apple Tree Drive - Montequin
4525 Apple Tree Drive - Herrear
4807 Flower Lane - Garcia
6433 Carriage Drive - Cawlo
6310 Climbing Hill Road - Bishops
6301 Climbing Hill Road - Villareals
6219 Climbing Hill Road - Rumsey
6221 Climbing Hill Road - Santos
6416 Cottonwood Drive - Montero
6506 Cottonwood Drive - Finelli
6510 Cottonwood Drive - The Suggs

6511 Cottonwood Drive - Eads
6515 Cottonwood Drive - Martinez
6613 Cottonwood Drive - Diack
4615 Winston Place - Dillon
6419 Haystack Road - Shupack
6500 Haystack Road - Gutterrez
6501 Haystack Road - Kaminskis
6503 Haystack Road - Pfefferle
6504 Haystack Road - Vath
6510 Haystack Road - Price
6515 Haystack Road - Withheld
6517 Haystack Road - Contardi
4513 Lark Lane - Gellner
4515 Lark Lane - Perrys
6007 Leewood Drive - Klima
6015 Leewood Drive - Vigs
6101 Leewood Drive - Palmers
6102 Leewood Drive - Hatcher
6110 Leewood Drive - Collins
6310 May Boulevard - Lambertsons
6403 May Boulevard - Brundage
6406 May Boulevard - Antonio
6409 May Boulevard - Rumph
6412 May Boulevard - Fikentscheks

6119 Rose Hill Drive - Fuller
6300 Rose Hill Drive - Krause
6319 Rose Hill Drive - Warner
6327 Rose Hill Drive - Luginbill
6402 Rose Hill Drive - Justices
6407 Rose Hill Drive - Garcias
6425 Rose Hill Drive - Mazo
4419 Roundhill Road - Delgadillo
4422 Round Hill Road - Santos
4424 Roundhill Road - Coolbaugh
4519 Rounhill Road - Ballard
4520 Roundhill Road - Varneys
6518 Telegraph Road - Minariks

4915 Treetop Lane - Minh Fung
5002 Treetop Lane - Hoffmans
5004 Treetop Lane - Lelansky
6208 Thornwood Drive - Haupts
6400 Willowood Lane - Perez
6408 Willowood Lane - Kinlin
6411 Willowood Lane - Lohrs
6412 Willowood - MacNeil
6413 Willowood Lane - Castillos
6417 Willowood Lane - Parkers
6419 Willowood Lane - Foster

6322 Maryview Street - Munoz
6217 Driftwood Drive - Eppolito
6221 Driftwood Drive - Shapiro
6505 Wayside Place - Allen
6511 Wayside Place - Sisal
6515 Wayside Place - Hester
6517 Wayside Place - Najia
6520 Wayside Place - Alvarez

Excellent Display

6521 Wayside Place - Kovalova
6523 Wayside Place - Wein
6530 Wayside Place - Telle
6531 Wayside Place - Kochhar
6532 Wayside Place - Nguyen
4851 Basha Court - Sinks
4852 Basha Court - Noakes

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.



Candy Watts and Rose Hill; an unbeatable combination! Put me to work for YOU!!----Good news; **HOME VALUES ARE UP!** How much is your home worth? Call me and let's work together to determine the best price that makes your home "Market Ready"!!



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