

The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Telegraph Interchange Redesign Eliminates Bottlenecks and Turns

A redesigned Telegraph Road Interchange with the Capital Beltway has been unveiled by the Virginia Department of Transportation. The new design includes bridges carrying traffic over Telegraph Road from Huntington Avenue and North King's Highway. As a result, there will no longer be left turns off Telegraph southbound at either Huntington or North King's.

The redesign was made possible because the bids for the Route 1 Interchange came in at \$20 million less than anticipated and the money was transferred to the Telegraph Road Interchange. Previously, turns from Telegraph onto Huntington and North King's would have been at grade, continuing the lengthy waits at the traffic lights.

Pre-construction activities, such as business relocations and utility relocation work, have already begun in preparation for building the new Telegraph Road Interchange. The Interchange is the final component of the 7.5 mile Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project and is currently scheduled to be completed in 2011.

The new span of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge is scheduled to open next spring (2006). Existing Beltway traffic will be routed onto the new bridge in six travel lanes (three lanes in each direction). The existing bridge will be demolished and the new northern span of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge is

scheduled to open in mid-2008. The completed new bridge will have three general use lanes, two express lanes, and one HOV lane and a pedestrian/bikeway lane in each direction.

The Route 1 Interchange is currently under construction. Its cost of approximately \$600 million is the same as the Springfield Interchange. The Telegraph Road Interchange is expected to cost \$316 million. The bridge will add \$820 million and two interchanges in Maryland add another \$465 million for a grand total of \$2.4 Billion!

The Telegraph Interchange redesign should greatly benefit through-traffic going both north and south on Telegraph Road. Although there will remain at-grade traffic signals at both Huntington Avenue and King's Highway, the turning movements will be greatly reduced. For example, the turns at King's Highway and Telegraph will be limited to right or left turns from King's onto Telegraph. The same situation will exist at Huntington.

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Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, June 28, 7:00pm John Marshall Library

Topic: Learn About Quilt Making From Local Artisans

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Traffic from Burgundy Village will access Telegraph at an extension of East Drive that will lineup with existing Lenore Lane. A light will be added at that intersection. Two elevated ramps will provide access from the Beltway Outer Loop to eastbound Huntington Avenue (toward Metro) and northbound King's Highway, as well as southbound Telegraph Road. Two additional elevated ramps will provide access from southbound Telegraph to eastbound Huntington Avenue and North King's Highway, thus eliminating the need for left turns.

There are a number of issues that need to be resolved. Most of them affect the Burgundy Village community and involve noise attenuation and the location of the extension of East Drive. Pedestrian access to the Huntington Metro Station from Burgundy

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needs to be greatly improved. RHCA will support any effort to improve the design so that it will have minimal impact on neighboring communities. However, the improvements to Telegraph will benefit a wide area and should not be held hostage to strictly localized concerns.

We will have a large copy of the plan for the Telegraph Interchange available at our June 28 meeting. I'll trace the different traffic movements and how they will help move through traffic on Telegraph Road.

Although there are massive improvements to the Beltway Interchanges at Springfield, Telegraph, and Route 1, there is no immediate relief in sight for the Van Dorn Interchange. Plans for a full interchange at Van Dorn have been discussed, but as yet, no funding for construction is available.

All About Quilts

In an effort to showcase one of the many artisans in our community, we have invited Marjorie Parkyn of Carriage Drive and her daughter, Sally Dankers, to our June 28 meeting to educate us in the art of quilt making. Marjorie and Sally make quilts by hand for sale. They will bring several samples of their work, including one in production, and explain how it is done. Marjorie is 81 and taught herself how to make quilts within the last dozen years. You might find a quilt a good gift idea. At the least, you'll understand

how they are made by hand. The meeting begins at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library. Refreshments will be served. RHCA also is looking for other artisans in the community to share their talent at a future meeting. Contact any of the officers with the names of these special people!

Parking on Grass

Rose Hill residents are advised of two regulations involving the parking of cars on grass, either on public or private property. First, residents on Rose Hill Drive are advised that parking on the grass strip between the sidewalk and the curb is illegal and violators are subject to receiving a parking violation from the Fairfax County police. The grass strip belongs to the Virginia Department of Transportation and not the individual homeowners. RHCA has been trying to alert residents about this regulation in the hope they will not park their cars on the grass and subject themselves to a ticket with its financial penalties. RHCA is working with the County's Office of Transportation to obtain signage at several locations to warn residents and guests about the parking prohibition. Second, residents throughout the community are advised that parking in their front yards is limited to 25 percent of the width of the total front yard. Residents with doublewide driveways are approaching the limit so any additional parking on the grass is a potential violation. In the latter case, it is a violation of County ordinance that could result in a fine or court summons for failure to comply. RHCA is committed to enforcement of the County zoning laws and passes on this information in the hope it will help residents avoid tickets or other penalties.

Correction, New Members

RHCA apologizes to the Christiansens at 6500 Carriage Drive. We failed to change our records to reflect a recent marriage. That Rose Hill Beauty sign should have preceded this apology. Thanks for the great improvement at that address. We also missed the Lewises at 6206 Thornwood Drive. They are long-time members. New members since the May Rambler include Norma & Augusto Alvarez, Jr., 6507 Carriage Drive; Jane & Margo Cunniffe, 4609 Mayor Place; Ron & Donna Dillon, 4618 Winston Place; William & Christina Gerke, 4905 Apple Tree Drive; Nell Husseini, 5916 Treetop Lane; and John & Dorothy Thibeau, 6216 Saddle Tree Drive. Again, thanks to all of you who have joined RHCA and supported our various projects during the year.

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Development Issues

There are many rumors concerning potential development of the property on Rock-A-By Lane bordered by Bee Street, Willowood Lane, and Rose Hill Drive and accessed at the end of Lark Lane. Some probably are true, but we won't know for sure until if and when a development plan is filed with Fairfax County. We do know that a potential developer has purchased the house at 4413 Bee Street, presumably in an effort to provide an access point for development. There currently is an easement connecting Rock-A-By Lane to Bee Street, but it does not meet current County standards. Once a plan is presented to the County, RHCA will obtain a copy, share it with the community, and then prepare a list of concerns. The property is zoned R-3, the same as the rest of Rose Hill, so single-family homes can be built by right. Any other development would require a rezoning and its resulting public hearings. If the property is developed by right, RHCA will be particularly concerned about water runoff, tree preservation, and any potential adverse effects on neighboring properties if marine clay is present.

We have nothing new to report concerning the development of Rose Hill Park Section III. We expect to be notified when and if a site plan is filed with the County. As you know, we will insist that the conditions adopted by the Board of Supervisors last summer are followed.

If anything comes up over the summer involving either development, we will advise the neighbors and call a special meeting.

How About Those Nationals!

As of this writing, the Washington Nationals are in first place in the National League's East Division. A major league baseball team representing the Nation's Capital hasn't been in that lofty a position since 1933 (that's even before your RHCA president was born!). Although we don't expect to win a

Division that includes the Atlanta Braves, Philadelphia Phillies, Florida Marlins, and New York Mets, our Nationals are very, very competitive. If you haven't been to a game, plan to do so. Ticket prices for upper deck in the outfield are as low as \$7, even lower during special promotions or group sales. Go to www.Nationals.com for all prices and locations.

If you plan to attend a game, here are a few suggestions: If you're going to a weekday game, ride Metro to the Stadium/Armory station. Take the

Blue Line all the way from Franconia-Springfield or the Yellow Line from Huntington and change to the Blue or Orange Line at L'Enfant Plaza. If you want to drive, attend weekend games to avoid rush-hour traffic. If the team continues to be competitive, look for crowds of 30,000+ during the week and 40,000+ on weekends. The stadium and its personnel are fan-friendly and baseball crowds are rarely rowdy. You can take bottled water into the stadium, but not soft or fruit drinks. You also can take snacks. If you want a hot dog, buy it at one of the outdoor stands next to the Armory. A fully dressed hot dog and a 20-ounce bottled soft drink cost \$4 outside, twice that inside! And you can get only mustard and ketchup inside. I always 'eat street' before a game. Peanuts also are much cheaper outside.

See You In September

RHCA does not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be September 26, 2005. However, rest assured that our outstanding Neighborhood Watch will be on duty all summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please call any of the officers. If you don't get a call back within a few days, try another officer as the first one may be on vacation.

—Carl Sell

Need a Babysitter for Tonight?

Middle schoolgirls looking to earn money for the summer.

Call Heather Langham (703.971.2775) and Stephanie Dillon (703.971.0139)

DuoSITTERS

No set prices...dependent on the job...we'll split our earnings!

A Neighbor In Need

On March 20th, one of the oldest houses in Rose Hill burned down. At the end of Lark Lane, there's a little gravel road called Rock-a-By. Gloria Upright's house is the first one you see on that road and now it's uninhabitable. She lived there for 35 years, raised all her kids and her granddaughter there, and now all possibilities of an easy retirement have gone up in smoke.

Gloria's in dire straits. She's dealing with insurance companies that are taking advantage of her age and situation, and she's trying to find a place to live. Gloria and her granddaughter, Rachel, have been living with a neighbor two doors away from her old house because she doesn't qualify for an apartment since she's retired, disabled, and lives on a fixed income. Rachel is 16 and is a sophomore IB student at Edison HS. Gloria would like her to continue her education at Edison and graduate from there.

RHCA is trying to help out these ladies. First and foremost, they need a place to live. Sharing the house with their very generous neighbors just can't continue. They need a place of their own. If you have or know of an apartment/rental unit available for \$900 or less a month, utilities included, PLEASE call Gloria at 703.963.3372. The place would have to accept cats.

Secondly, Gloria needs affordable legal help. She has to file suit against at least one insurance company and cannot afford a lawyer. Any lawyers out there willing to help out a needy neighbor? Or do you know of one that is willing to work for cheap or pro bono? Please call Gloria directly at 703.963.3372.

Finally, since all of their belongings are toast, in order to live on their own, they would need furniture. Gloria is open to taking donations since she is financially unable to purchase new furnishings. Unfortunately, as of right now, there is no place to put them. If you could just hold onto them for a little while, once Gloria finds a new place, she will gladly take any donations of furniture off your hands. In the meantime, I'm helping her out by keeping track of any donations. Feel free to call me (Marty Williams, 703.924.7192) with a description of your item, and leave me your name, address, and phone number. Hopefully, we'll be able to gather them all together on move-in day.

RHCA has started a Fire Relief Fund. If you care to help out with a financial donation, please send

your check to RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Please put Fire Relief in the memo line of your check, but do not put it on the envelope. We don't want to lose any precious donations to a mail thief. Our treasurer, Carolyn Slenska, will make sure that Gloria gets your donations in a timely fashion.

We know how generous Rose Hill residents are, and how kind-hearted and helpful this community is. Let's help out our neighbor and give her some bootstraps that she can pull herself up with. Thanks.

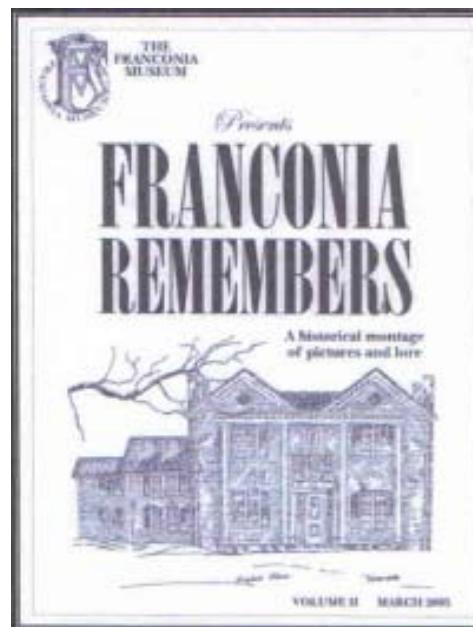
—Marty Williams

You've Been Waiting & It's Finally Here!

The Franconia Museum's Franconia Remembers: Volume II

A HISTORIC MONTAGE OF PICTURES AND LORE

(Ashland, Fitzgerald, Goodheart, Higham, Schurtz, Smith, Starry, Tharpe, Old Franconia School, and Wards Corner)



PRICE: \$20.00

NOTE: VOLUME I IS STILL AVAILABLE AT \$10.00

Contact Jac Walker, 703.971.2463 for more information or mail \$20 per book plus \$3.50 for postage (add \$1 for each additional book) to Franconia Museum, Inc., 7011A Manchester Boulevard, Box #176, Franconia, VA 22310

Franconia Volunteer Fire Department Looking for Additional Volunteers

The Franconia Volunteer Fire Department is looking for two types of volunteers: administrative volunteers who work bingo; and riding volunteers who, in addition to working bingo, become firefighters and/or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). The Franconia VFD has been in existence since 1933 providing valuable personnel and equipment for our community for more than 72 years! Unlike much of the rest of Fairfax County, the volunteers own the Franconia Fire Station and all of the vehicles in it including a tower truck, two fire engines, two ambulances, and three other vehicles. We also own a fire engine and two ambulances at the Kingstowne Fire Station. To give you an idea of the expenses involved, a fire engine costs more than \$400,000! The volunteer contributions of buildings, land, and vehicles for our community are made possible by bingo, which is held at the Franconia Fire Station on Wednesday and Saturday nights. In order to maintain bingo and the income it generates for the fire department, we urgently need administrative volunteers. Anyone over age 18 may apply. No special skills or abilities are required. All training is provided by the department.

RHCA wants to remind you that the volunteers never see any of the new surcharge/tax imposed on April 1 on County residents when transported to a medical facility.

The fire department also needs riding volunteers willing to become firefighters or EMTs. Although both stations are always manned by professional firefighters, EMTs, and Medics, riding volunteers provide additional staffing. We also place additional units in service that would not be running without the volunteers. The volunteers provide ambulances at football games at Edison and Hayfield High Schools, Wolf Trap concerts, county-wide fairs, festivals, and other community events. If you are interested in becoming a riding member and learning first aid and/or firefighter skills, this is a terrific opportunity. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and physically fit. Training and gear are provided by the department.

All that is requested from you is your time, energy, and commitment. For more information call 703.922.5858 or visit our website at www.franconiaavfd.org. You may also stop by during bingo on any Wednesday or Saturday night and speak to one of the volunteers. The address is 6300 Beulah St., Franconia, VA 22310-2626.

—Watkins Gray, Franconia VFD

Volunteers Needed at Lee District ReCenter

For 4 hours a week of volunteer duty, you earn FREE USE of the Lee District ReCenter (pool, fitness room, gym and basketball). We have many needs and are extremely flexible.

Contact the volunteer coordinator, Mike Guignard, at 703.922.9841 ext. 211 for more information or drop by the ReCenter and fill out a volunteer application form.

What Do You Think?

You're invited to participate in Fairfax County Public Library's new discussion blog! Go to: <http://allfairfaxreads.blogspot.com/>. We'll discuss fatherhood, bullying, dreams, dating, adoption, and other issues related to *The Kite Runner*, this summer's All Fairfax Reads selection. Khaled Hosseini's book is the basis for the library's "one book, one community" project, which encourages adults to read the same book at the same time. New discussion questions are posted on Tuesdays and Fridays, and are designed so that you can chime in even if you haven't read the book. Stop in often and keep the conversation going!

To add your comments to our blog:

1. Click on the word "comments" under the short essay on the main screen.
2. Type in your comments in the box on the right side of the page.
3. Under the comments box, click on "other," or "anonymous." (If you own a blog, click on "blogger.")
4. Click on "publish your comment."

—Fairfax County Public Library

50th Anniversary Report From The Treasurer

Rose Hill Civic Association 50th Anniversary Picnic

Proceeds and Expenditures	
DJ	\$250
UPS Store (extra printing)	\$59.64
Roy Rogers	\$75
Vocelli's Pizza	\$85
Miscellaneous (day of picnic misc. items purchased)	\$36.63
Total Expenditures	\$506.27
Total Ticket Proceeds	\$295.30
Total Cost Paid by RHCA to Fund Picnic	\$210.97
T -Shirt Purchase Prices	
June 2004	\$1056.44
September 2004	\$465.09
Total Purchase Price	\$1,521.53
Proceeds	
June 2004	\$704.00
October 2004	\$256.00
November 2004	\$367.00
April 2005	\$149.00
Total Proceeds	\$1,476.00
Total Cost Paid by RHCA Towards T-Shirts To-Date	\$45.53
Total Cost to RHCA Towards 50th Anniversary Picnic	\$256.50

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill, Franconia, and Northern VA

- ★ Tuesday, June 28, 7pm. Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subject: Learn About Quilt Making From Local Artisans.
- ★ Every Wednesday and Saturday. BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ Every Thursday. Volleyball in The Park. Lee District Park, 5:45pm to dark. All ages are invited to come and join the fun.
- ★ Any Day. Give Blood—the Gift of Life. Inova Woodburn Blood Donor Center, 3289 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA. Monday thru Friday, 8am-8pm; Saturday, 9am-5pm. Help save up to three lives in just one hour! Blood donors are needed year round, and especially type O donors. For more information or to make an appointment to donate at a donor center or community blood drive, call 1-866-BloodSaves (866.256.6372) or visit www.inova.org/

donateblood. Thank you for helping save lives in our community!

- ★ June 23-27 & June 30-July 4. 39th Annual Folklife Festival. The Smithsonian's annual festival this year features the country of Oman, the Forest Service, Music in the Latino Culture, and Food Culture USA. Open 11am-5:30pm on the Smithsonian Mall between the U.S. Capitol & the Washington Monument. Free!
- ★ June 24-July 17. Euripides' "Ion." This rarely performed classic Greek tragicomedy is presented by Natural Theatricals at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Performances at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 2pm Sun. Tickets \$18 at www.naturaltheatricals.com or 703/739-9338.
- ★ June 25. Hard Times Cafe & Z-104 Music Festival. Award-winning chili and beer will be available for purchase at this music festival, noon-7pm Upper King Street in Old

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Town. Entertainment by Adam Day, Ben's Bones, Bicycle Thieves, and the Pat McGee Band. Free admission! www.hardtimes.com or 703/683-8545.

- ★ **June 25.** Drilling with the 3rd U.S. Infantry. This Union reenactment group interprets the lives of Civil War soldiers with drilling and firing demos, setting up camp and cooking, and even the camp laundress. 9am-5pm Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Free! www.fortward.org or 703/838-4848.
- ★ **June 28.** Hands-On-History Tent. Children step back into the 18th century with a variety of activities—costumes, writing with quill and ink, old-fashioned games, and interacting with small animals. 10:30am-1pm at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Free! Children must be accompanied by parent. www.carlylehouse.org or 703/549-2997.
- ★ **June 29.** Supper Under The Stars. Enjoy a South of the Border menu from Joe Theismann's Restaurant plus music by Pasaporte Latino at this picnic in King Street Gardens, on King Street at Diagonal Road. 5-8pm Tickets \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, children ages 7-10 \$10. 703/838-9683.
- ★ **July 4.** Red, White & Blue Concert—An Independence Day Celebration. A day-long celebration at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. 18th-century patriotic music, a wreath-laying ceremony, performance by the National Concert Band of America, and birthday cake. 8am-5pm \$ www.mountvernon.org or 703/780-2000.
- ★ **July 7.** First Thursday in Del Ray. Family-oriented street festival along Mount Vernon Avenue with themes such as "A Taste of Del Ray" and "Lights, Cameras, Fashion." 6-9pm the first Thursday of every month May-September. Free! www.visitdelray.com or 703/683-2570.
- ★ **July 8-10.** The Appraisal Affair. A weekend of antiques and entertainment includes the opening Margarita Night reception, a used book sale, and appraisals at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Appraisals \$5 per item, maximum of five items. For complete schedule, www.gadsbystavern.org or 703/838-4242.
- ★ **July 9.** USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration. Celebration starts at 4pm with a festival saluting Alexandria's ethnic diversity. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra presents 'Swinging on the Waterfront,' a salute to Big Bands with swing dancers at 9pm. Grand finale with "1812 Overture" and fireworks at 10pm. Oronoco Bay Park, Union and Madison Sts. Free! www.alexsym.org or 703/883-4686.
- ★ **July 11.** Midnight Flyer Band. Performs 7-8:30pm in Waterfront Park, at the foot of Prince Street. Free! 703/883-4686.
- ★ **July 13.** Supper Under The Stars. Hard Times Cafe provides chili and all the fixin's plus music by Cletus

Kennelly & Lori Kelly at this picnic in King Street Gardens, on King Street at Daingerfield Road. 5-8pm Tickets \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, children ages 7-10 \$10. 703/838-9683.

- ★ **July 14.** Second Thursday in Old Town. The Torpedo Factory Art Center, shops and galleries along King Street stay open until 9pm with special events and live music. Free! 703/838-4565, X3.
- ★ **July 14.** Alexandria Citizens Band. The local favorite performs at 7:30pm at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Free! 703/883-4686.
- ★ **July 16-24.** 4th Annual Guitar Festival. Masters classes, concerts, and for the first time in the mid-Atlantic, the famed Suzuki Institute. All concerts at 8pm at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St. Tickets \$20 or \$50 for series of three. For complete festival schedule, www.alexandriaguitarfestival.com or 703/548-0035.
 - July 21**—Julian Gray & Nathan Fisher
 - July 22**—Duo Erato with Martha Masters and Risa Carlson
 - July 23**—Ricardo Cobo & Nicholas Goluses
- ★ **July 21.** Rita Clarke & The Naturals. Performs at 7pm in Market Square, 301 King St. Free! 703/883-4686.
- ★ **July 21.** Liz Briones. Performs at 7:30pm at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Free! 703/883-4686.
- ★ **July 23-August 13.** The Who's "Tommy." The Little Theatre of Alexandria presents the rock'n'roll opera. Shows at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 3pm Sun. 600 Wolfe St. Tickets \$20 at www.thelittletheatre.com or 703/683-0496.
- ★ **July 23-24.** 32nd Annual Virginia Scottish Games. Alexandria celebrates its rich Scottish heritage with one of the nation's largest exhibitions of Scottish culture. See the Retreat Parade featuring bagpipe bands, Highland dancing with hundreds of competitors, a British antique auto show, dog events, clan tents, concession stands, and the kirkin o' the tartans church service. Episcopal High School, 3901 W. Braddock Rd. \$ www.vascottishgames.org 703/912-1943.
- ★ **July 26.** Supper Under The Stars. Waterfront Gourmet serves international cuisine, including Ethiopian, Italian, and Mexican while Marcus & Lisa Trio perform at this picnic in King Street Gardens, on King Street at Daingerfield Road. 5-8pm Tickets \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, children ages 7-10 \$10. 703/838-9683.
- ★ **July 28.** Alexandria Harmonizers. The award-winning barbershop-harmony chorus performs at 7pm at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Free! 703/883-4686.
- ★ **July 29.** Alexandria Citizens Band. The local favorite performs at 7:30pm in Market Square, 301 King St. Free! 703/883-4686.

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★ **July 29-31.** Comcast Outdoor Film Festival. This family-oriented film fest returns to Ben Brenman Park in Alexandria's West End. For time and movies, call 703/883-4686.

Ongoing Events

- ★ **Thru September 5.** Summer at The Lyceum. Two exhibitions—"Batter Up!" and "Open for Business: Commerce and Industry in Old Alexandria"—illuminate aspects of the city's history at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Open 10am-5pm Mon.-Sat., 1-5pm Sun. Free! www.alexandriahistory.org or 703/838-4994.
- ★ **June at Del Ray Artisans.** "Bead It," a show of handmade beads, with wearable and non-wearable art. At the gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. June 3-26. Open 10am-4pm Sat. and noon-4pm Sun. with preview 6-9pm June 2 and opening 7-10pm June 3. www.delrayartisans.org or 703/838-4827
- ★ **June at The Athenaeum.** Artist Ann McDowell shows landscapes real and imagined, and animals encountered along the way at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Opens June 5, with gallery hours 11am-3pm Wed.-Fri., 1-3pm Sat., 1-4pm Sun. Free! www.nvfaa.org or 703/548-0035.
- ★ **June 9-July 3.** The Art League. "Family Ties," Nilo Santiago's recent paintings inspired by recently found family photos, shown at the Art League in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Open 10am-5p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5pm Sun. Open 6-9pm the Second Thursday of each month.
- ★ **June-October.** Doggie Happy Hour. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 8pm, meet two- and four-legged friends in the courtyard of the Holiday Inn Select, 480 King St. Eats, treats, and drinks for all. www.doggiehappyhour.com or 703/549-6080.
- ★ **June-October.** Weekenders at Gunston Hall. Special tours are offered at noon, 1:30 and 3. www.gunstonhall.org, 703/550-9220.
Slave Life Tours—Includes costumed interpreters and samplings of food. First Sunday of the month.
World of Women—Second Sunday of the month.
Farmyard Tours—Meet rare historic breeds, the most popular residents at the plantation. Third Saturday of the month.
Hidden Landscapes—Learn about George Mason's plantation garden and the landscapes of early America. Fourth Saturday of the month.
- ★ **June-November.** Lantern Tours. The seasonal return of these popular candlelight tours, offered Friday nights, focusing on tavern life in the 18th century. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. \$5, \$2 for ages 11-17, free for 10 and under. www.gadsbytavern.org, 703/838-4242.

★ **July At The Scope Gallery.** The Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery features:

Thru July 3—"Put a Lid on It," with members showing lidded containers, large, small, functional and decorative.
July 6-31—"Party Pots" with members of the Ceramic Guild showing a wide selection of serving bowls, platters, pitchers, and trays. Open 10am-5pm daily. 105 N. Union St. 703/548-6288.

★ **July at Del Ray Artisans.** "Generations" is previewed 6-9pm July 7 as part of First Thursday, and shown July 8-24 at the gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Gallery hours 10am-4pm Sat. and noon-4pm Sun. www.delrayartisans.org or 703/838-4827.

★ **July-October.** George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Opens at 8am daily through August with a variety of tours through October. South end of George Washington Memorial Parkway. Inclusive admission \$11, \$10.50 seniors, children 6-11 \$5. www.mountvernon.org or 703/780-2000.

Slave Life—30-minute guided tour at 10am, noon, 2 and 4pm

Garden & Landscape—30-minute guided tour at 11am, 1, and 3pm

Huntley Meadows Park

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525

Fairfax County Park Authority's largest park (1,428 acres) includes wetlands, forests, meadows, streams and ponds. It has resident deer, beaver, heron, and other animals. Facilities include a visitor center, auditorium, exhibits and an interpretive trail with boardwalk and observation platforms. Programs for groups by reservation.

★ **Saturday, June 25, 8-10pm.** Summer Stroll. Adults. Glittering fireflies, gnawing beavers, and a parade of raccoons. Huntley Meadows Park never sleeps! Learn about Huntley's night life through a short lecture and a walk to the wetland. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$2

★ **Sunday, June 26, 9-11:30am.** Dragonflies. Adults. Learn about the life cycle, behavior, and identification of Huntley's many dragonflies and damselflies. Venture to the wetland to observe these acrobatic fliers in action. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE

★ **Saturday, July 2, and Sunday, July 3, 10-10:30am.** Video—Feathered Jewels. Hummingbirds are a marvel of nature. Learn more about these beautiful and agile flyers. FREE

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Saturday, July 9, 8-9:30pm.** Bat Watching. Adults. The only mammals with true flight can find insect prey in complete darkness. Learn about the diversity and adaptations of these fascinating animals at a slide-illustrated lecture. Then search twilight skies for bats on the wing. Reservations required. FREE
- ★ **Sunday July 10, 11am-1pm.** Art Show Reception. Meet photographer Kathleen Udell at the opening reception for her exhibition, on display through September. FREE
- ★ **Tuesday, July 12, 8-9:30pm.** Bat Watching. Families can search twilight skies for bats on the wing. Learn to use a bat detector and see a slide show for a close look at these fascinating animals and their habits. Appropriate for families; children must be 6 years or older. Reservations required. FREE
- ★ **Saturday, July 23, and Sunday, July 14, 10am-noon.** Buglover's Paradise. Families. The park is buzzing with insect activity—grasshoppers, butterflies, ladybugs, and leafhoppers. Stop by our classroom for self-guided activities, a craft, and videos. Appropriate for children 4 years & up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by FOHMP. \$2/child
- ★ **Wednesday, July 27, and Thursday, July 28, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30am.** Nature Detectives—Busy Bees. 3-5 yrs. How sweet it is! Through story, craft, and an activity learn about the social insects that make the sweet food we call honey. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **Wednesday, August 3, 10-11:30am.** Young Explorers—Colors and Patterns. 6-8 yrs. Through indoor and outdoor activities learn how animals and plants make and use color and pattern. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$3
- ★ **Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21, 10-10:30am.** Video—Insects. Take a close-up look at the amazing world of insects. FREE

John Marshall Library

Events are free unless noted. Reservations are encouraged for library activities; call 703.971.0010.

- ★ **Monday, June 27, 2:30pm.** Play Ball! Discover the science in sports. Presented by Maryland Science Center. Sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12.
- ★ **Monday, June 27, 6:30pm.** Monday Movie Night. Join us for snacks and a full-length feature film. Age 13 & up.
- ★ **Tuesday, June 28, 2:30pm.** Mehendi (Henna) Art. Vanita Khandpur demonstrates henna application and paints a temporary design on your hand. Ask for a release form at the information desk. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kings Park Library. Age 12-18.

- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skill. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Thursday, June 30, 2:30pm.** Magician Paul Krendl. Bring out the magic in you! Sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7:00pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- ★ **Thursday, July 7, 2:30pm.** Kaydee Puppets. Delight in the classic Cinderella story. Sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. All ages.
- ★ **Friday, July 8, 12:00pm.** Friday Flicks. Bring your lunch and join us for stories and movies! Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, July 9, 2:30pm.** Ssuuna! High-spirited music, dancing, and storytelling from Uganda with lots of audience participation. Sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. All ages.
- ★ **Monday, July 11, 6:30pm.** Monday Movie Night. Join us for snacks and a full-length feature film. Age 13 & up.
- ★ **Tuesday, July 12, 7:00pm.** Can Bones Talk? Forensic anthropologist Allison Willcox reveals the real science behind TV shows like "CSI." Sponsored by the Friends of the Kings Park Library. Age 12-18.
- ★ **Wednesday, July 13, 10:30am.** Hotdog! Stories, activities, and a craft celebrating summer treats. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, July 14, 7:00pm.** C. Shells. Sing, laugh, and stomp your feet to lively tunes! Sponsored by the Friends of the John Marshall Library. All ages.
- ★ **Friday, July 15, 12:00pm.** Friday Flicks. Bring your lunch and join us for stories and movies! Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, July 19, 2:30pm.** Cartooning With Chris Flick. From comic books to the Web: a hands-on workshop. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kings Park Library. Age 12-18.
- ★ **Wednesday, July 20, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin. New members are welcome. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Thursday, July 21, 2:00pm.** Play Ball With Matt Christopher! Join us for games and crafts inspired by Matt Christopher's sports books! Age 6-12.
- ★ **Friday, July 22, 12:00pm.** Friday Flicks. Bring your lunch and join us for stories and movies! Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, July 23, 2:30pm.** Cody & BJ. Join us for a jammin' beach party with live music and a parrot! Sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. All ages.
- ★ **Monday, July 25, 2:00pm.** Spies & Secrets. Are you ready to be a spy? Learn some of the tricks of the spy trade. Age 7-12.
- ★ **Friday, July 29, 12:00pm.** Friday Flicks. Bring your lunch and join us for stories and movies! Birth-5 with adult.

Business Directory

Rose Hill residents who own or operate a company are eligible to have their business listed monthly in *The Rambler* free of charge. Businesses are encouraged to provide Rose Hill residents with quality service and products at a fair price. *The Rambler* reserves the right to print recommendations from consumers, both pro and con. To have your business listed, call one of the officers listed on the front page.

CHILD CARE

Mama High's Pre-School and Day Care. Mrs. Carola High has 15 years of experience in training and caring for children ages 3 weeks through 5 years old. Excellent preparation for those starting kindergarten. We talk with babies and toddlers in simple language. State Licensed, Former Teacher. Full- or part-time. 4613 Cottonwood Place, 703.971.0741.

DIGITAL DESIGN

DG Designs. Web pages, registration, scanning services, hosting, and custom graphic art work. (Great service, too [Ed.]) Ronald G. Dillon, 1.877.233.2224, 703.971.2125 or www.dgdesigns.com. Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Place.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Fabrications. Invitations, announcements, flyers, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your light editing, printing, and paper needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, 703.924.7192, or marty@fabrications.us. Marty is the Editor of *The Rambler* and lives with her husband, Dwight, on Cottonwood Drive.

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 18 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 30 years.

HOME REPAIRS

Hugh Watts. From a new roof to the smallest of problems, contact Hugh Watts at 703.593.5908. Pearl, as he is known, grew up on Haystack Road and his mom still lives there. A number of Rose Hill residents provide glowing references concerning work Pearl has performed for them at a fair price.

INVITATIONS/PERSONALIZED STATIONERY

Sicks-Pack Productions. Sara Sicks, 703.922.6299. Sara offers personalized stationery and invitations for every occasion—from weddings to birth announcements to parties—all at 10 to 20% less than what you would pay if you bought the same item at a stationery store. Come by to browse the selection with no obligation. Sara lives on Cottonwood Drive.

KITCHEN REMODELING

Southern Kitchens. Bill York, 703.548.4459. Complete kitchen remodeling. Our showroom is in Alexandria on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Please call for an appointment. Bill lives on Clovergrass Drive.

LAWN SERVICES

Fortney Lawn & Garden. David and Jimmy Fortney, 703.960.8869. Although they live in Virginia Hills, the Fortneys work closely with RHCA to maintain the landscaping for the Rose Hill entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road and donated mulch for the new trees in the median.

Dan's Lawn & Leaf Service. Daniel P. Bishop, 703.719.7806. We guarantee fast, friendly, and affordable service. Located in the Rose Hill subdivision and serving its residents for 3 years.

LICENSED NOTARY PUBLIC

Chrissy Blackwell. 703.971.5840, after 6pm and on weekends. Chrissy lives on Willowood.

MEMORY BOOKS

Creative Memories. Sally Dankers, 571.331.7245. Get your precious photographs out of the drawer and organized in a beautiful photo-safe album. Sally has lived on Carriage Drive since 1990.

PAINTING

Painting by Sherry. Cheryl Matey, 703.921.9422. Exterior/Interior. Cheryl has lived in Rose Hill 19 years.

PET SITTING

Welcome Waggin' Professional Pet Sitting. www.welcomewaggin.com, 703.819.0809. Welcome Waggin' is a small company offering extremely personalized service. We do mid-day dog walking as well as pet sitting visits to the home for people who are away on business or vacation. Bonded, insured, and references available. Proud members of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters and The Northern Virginia Professional Pet Sitters Network. Janelle Welch lives on Sturbridge Place.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

QUILTS

Hand-Made Quilts. Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. If interested, please call 703.924.3704 or email oraclemarjorie@aol.com.

REAL ESTATE

Re/Max Allegiance. Karen Davidson, 703.927.4448. www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson, www.karen-davidson.com, email: kedavidson@aol.com. Karen lives on Roundhill Road.

Re/Max Metro 100. Steve Dougherty, 703.971.3886 (home) or 642.3380 (office). Steve, his wife Holly, and their 6 children live on Roundhill Road.

ROOFING

Timothy's Roofing Company, Inc. Timothy Jenkins, 703.820.6065. Timothy has installed several roofs in Rose Hill since moving to our neighborhood (Appletree Drive) in 2002. He has a Class A Contractors License and has been in business for 24 years. Free estimates.

TREE SERVICE

Arbor Experts. Brad Campbell, 703.339.6451. Removal, trimming, pruning, etc. Brad lives on Roundhill Road and wants to serve his home neighborhood in Rose Hill. Local references available.

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Business Directory, Continued

Advertising in *The Rambler*

Listing in the Business Directory is free to Rose Hill residents who 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 1/4 page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
1/2 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 703.924.7192. Artwork can be sent to marty@fabrications.us in tiff or jpeg format or hardcopy mailed to P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Checks made out to RHCA should be included with ads and sent to the P.O. Box.

—Marty Williams



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WHEN? 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month
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Lee District Nights 2005 Concert Program				
Wednesdays at Lee District Park, 6601 Telegraph Rd.			All concerts are FREE and begin at 7:30pm.	
Fridays at Kingstowne Towne Center, 59955 Kingstowne Blvd.				
Elke Baker and Liz Donaldson and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	Scottish Dance	Wednesday, June 29	The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in conjunction with Terpsichore: Elke Baker on fiddle (1995 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion) and Liz Donaldson on piano (teacher/dancer of Scottish, English, and American contra and square dances) present an evening of Scottish music and dance.	
Zydeco-A-Go-Go	Zydeco	Friday, July 1	Zydeco A-Go-Go, a five-piece zydeco dance band based in Philadelphia, specializes in zydeco, New Orleans rhythm and blues, vintage Louisiana rock and roll and 60's soul, plus big-band jazz, jump-blues and swing.	
Williams & Clark Expedition	Bluegrass	Wednesday, July 6	If you love the meld of banjo, mandolin, acoustic guitar and upright bass with tight bluegrass harmonies, then you're ready for the Williams & Clark Expedition.	
New Columbia Swing Orchestra	Swing	Friday, July 8	Exciting and sophisticated entertainment! Goodman, Miller, Sinatra, Porter, Gershwin, Ellington...all the greats in classic performances from the Golden Age of American popular music performed by the exciting New Columbia Swing Orchestra.	
J.P. McDermott	Rockabilly	Wednesday, July 13	If what you want to hear is some red-hot rockabilly and vintage honky-tonk, prepare for the socks to be knocked out from under your boots and blue suede shoes by J.P. McDermott and Western Bop. Their music has enough heart and soul to bring a tear to the eye and spring the step of the most die-hard roots music lover.	
Mahala	South African Township	Friday, July 15	South Africa's voice in Washington, DC, broadens the musical scope with vibrant, indigenous sounds, and intricate rhythms of "township jive."	
The Crawdaddies	Cajun	Wednesday, July 20	The Crawdaddies are a national touring act based in the Baltimore/DC area whose music combines the infectious pulse and energy of classic Cajun and zydeco rhythms.	
Capital Focus Jazz Band	Jazz	Friday, July 22	Dedicated to the preservation of traditional "New Orleans" jazz, Capital Focus has played at the Cherry Blossom Parade, the White House Easter egg rolls, government events and receptions, state, local and private galas, and jazz festivals throughout the U.S.	
Pablo Antonio y La Firma	Salsa	Wednesday, July 27	Feel the heat! This 13-piece tropical Latin band out of Washington, DC, specializes in tropical music such as merengue, cumbia, bachata and salsa.	
Rhodes Tavern Troubadours	American Roots	Friday, July 29	The Rhodes Tavern Troubadours are a post-pop and roots spectacular ready to rock your world and serve up all kinds of ditties from Mark Noone's Slickee Boys tunes to Jake Flack's Thousand Dollar Car/Neptunes rockers and everything in between.	
Mambo Combo	Caribbean	Wednesday, August 3	From Long Island to the White House Easter Egg Hunt, Mambo Combo has brought its blend of Latin and Caribbean dance music to thousands of fans in the Mid-Atlantic region.	
The U.S. Army Band "Jazz Ensemble"	Jazz	Friday, August 5	The Army Blues Band carries on the WWII tradition of entertaining soldiers and civilians in the battle zone. As the premier jazz ensemble of the US Army, the band's present-day mission is to promote the American art form of jazz.	
Mando Mafia	Appalachian	Wednesday, August 10	Multiple winners of the nontraditional band competition at the Appalachian String Band Festival, Mando Mafia presents innovative arrangements of traditional music from around the world, together with some of their original songs and compositions.	
The Alexandria Singers	Old-Time	Friday, August 12	Since 1975, the Alexandria Singers have stood out from the choral crowd with their unique repertoire of American popular music — pop, rock, show tunes, blues and jazz.	
Harmonia	Eastern European Folk and Gypsy	Wednesday, August 17	Harmonia plays traditional folk music of eastern Europe, ranging from the Danube to the Carpathians. The repertoire reflects the cultures of this region -- Hungarian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Romanian, Croatian and Gypsy.	
Nothin' Fancy	Bluegrass	Friday, August 19	Since their 1994 debut, Nothin' Fancy has soared in popularity, released 5 albums and 1 CD single, played the Ryman Theatre in Nashville and the Lincoln Center in NYC, and now have their own festival in Buena Vista, VA.	
J Street Jumpers	Jump Blues	Wednesday, August 24	Washington Area Music Association (WAMA) award winner for seven years in a row! The Jumpers create a sound that is a restoration, rather than a renovation, of the classic swing and jump-blues of the '30s, '40s, and '50s.	
Ray Kaminsky	Blues	Friday, August 26	Ray Kaminsky plays Piedmont blues in a highly personable style. His Ghost of the Blues CD was a 2001 Wammie winner.	
Hula Monsters	Hawaiian	Wednesday, August 31	The winner of numerous Wammie Awards in the World Music Band category, Hula Monsters performs a variety of musical genres, including Hawaiian, rockabilly, blues, country and jazz.	

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