

Rose Hill Civic Association and the Fairfax County Police Present
Summer Crime Prevention for Children and Adults

Child Safety Against Sexual Predators

- Safety Training for Children Ages 6-12
- Parent Responses to Your Child's Concerns
- Investigative Techniques of Sexual Predator Cases
 - Sexual Offender Laws and Registry

Tuesday, June 26
John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Dr.
7:00 to 8:30pm

**Children must be accompanied by a parent
or legal guardian**

Email: James.nida@fairfaxcounty.gov



Captain Maggie Deboard
Fairfax County Police Department
Franconia District Station



*This issue is jam-packed with great information for the summer.
It's highly recommended you review the entire issue!*

President's Message

Police to Hold Child Safety Seminar at RHCA's Tuesday, June 26, Meeting

Master Police Officer James Nida of the Franconia Station will conduct a Child Safety Against Sexual Predators Seminar at the Tuesday, June 26, meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association. As usual, the program will be held starting at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library.

The program consists of safety training for children ages 6 to 10, parent responses to a child's concerns, police investigative techniques of sexual predator cases, and sexual offender laws and registry. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

If you have young kids, or are a grandparent, this is one seminar you should not miss. We had an exposure case on Rose Hill Drive 2 years ago. Fortunately, there was an arrest in the incident which was one of a series in the area. On June 13, 2007, there was an arrest in an aggravated sexual battery case in Springfield.

Those of you who attended Officer Nida's Senior Safety Seminar in February know that he provides information in an understandable manner and takes the time to answer questions. If time permits, he also will update us on overall police activity in the Rose Hill area.

Traffic Issues in Rose Hill

If you haven't yet signed our petition to slow down traffic in Rose Hill, you may do so at the June 26 meeting. After we gather enough signatures, the County and VDOT will meet with RHCA to design a program to calm traffic on our streets. So far, the County has agreed to look at Rose Hill Drive and Cottonwood Drive. A high percentage of signers on other streets will, hopefully, lead to an expanded program.

School is out so there will be kids at play all during the day and evening. Be on the lookout for our younger residents. Parents should take care to caution their kids not to play in the street. We have problems with speeders on most every street in Rose Hill, so make sure your kids look both ways when crossing and don't play in the street.

Remembering Tom Violette

Thomas P. Violette, Sr., passed away June 6 at Inova Fairfax Hospital after a series of heart attacks. He had been hospitalized after suffering a stroke several months ago. Tom and his wife, Wanda, are Rose Hill

Originals. They moved to Treetop Lane in 1955 and then relocated around the corner when the new houses were built on May Boulevard. He served the Rose Hill Civic Association in a number of roles, including a stint as president. In recent years, he represented RHCA at the monthly meetings of the Lee District Association of Civic Associations. Tom also served as a member of Fairfax County's Civil Service Commission for 20 years, making sure rules and regulations governing County employees were applied fairly and equitably. After a long career in the newspaper distribution field, he worked in the alarm system industry for several years before he and his son, Tom, Jr., founded their company, Cam-Serv, Inc., that provides security systems for homes and businesses. Tom worked up until he became ill. He worked long hours, but often found time to drop by RHCA meetings on his way home. A man of many interests, Tom published a travel guide about Interstate 95 in the 1970s. An avid photographer, he was involved in a project to photograph all of the lighthouses on the east coast. Tom Violette, Sr., personified the unique character of the people who were the first residents and helped make Rose Hill the special community it is. We all are in their debt. RHCA will miss Tom, but we will try to live up to his high ideals and love for this community. His wise counsel will not be forgotten.

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Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 7pm, John Marshall Library

Topic: Child Safety Against Sexual Predators

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RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310

www.myRoseHill.com

New School Proposal

The Howard Gardner School, a small independent, non-profit high school with a maximum enrollment of 48 students, is proposing to locate on 1.3627 acres at 4913 Franconia Road. The property is bounded by Rose Hill Baptist church on the east and properties on Leewood Drive on the west. The property is zone R-3, the same as Rose Hill. A private school of education is a special exception use within the R-3 district. Hours of operation are proposed to be 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. Parent meetings will take place in the evenings. In addition to the 48 students, there will be six teachers and two administrative staff. According to the application, the old farmhouse on the property will be preserved and restored and the new building will resemble a barn. Temporary classrooms will be used during construction. The proposed new structure will be two stories with a walkout basement. The building will be 'round' designed to harmonize with the environment and maximize usable space while minimize its footprint. The height of the building will be 29 feet (35 feet is the max in R-3). The proposed new structure will be an energy-efficient 'green' building, using environmentally friendly design and materials. Twenty-four parking places are provided with an arrangement in place with the neighboring church to handle parking during graduation and other special events. A 25-foot buffer is provided on the applicant's property between the proposed facility and the properties on Leewood Drive to the west. The application describes the school as offering college preparatory programs serving creative, diverse learners. It currently operates in an office building with 38 students and a waiting list. While the school is not a special education school, it does enroll students with Learning Differences. If you would like more information about the school, contact Katherine Keith at 703.822.9300 or e-mail her at Katherine@thehowardgardnerschool.org.

Other Developments

The owners of property on Highland Drive bordering Maryview Street, Telegraph Road, and Cottonwood Drive apparently plan to continue their efforts to develop. The engineer designing the commercial property on Highland Drive has asked for a meeting with RHCA to discuss our concerns which involve marine clay, buffers, lighting, etc. Previous plans asked for a waiver on the required buffer. In the case of the undeveloped two-acre parcel on Telegraph between Rose Hill Drive and the first houses south of that on Telegraph, the engineer now is proposing one

house rather than the five previously submitted. The property is laced with marine clay and an open storm water drainage ditch that is severely eroding properties on Cottonwood Drive and Rose Hill Drive. RHCA is working directly with the homeowners affected by both cases and will continue to do so over the summer. Both are by-right developments. However, RHCA insists that all requirements be met and no waivers be allowed.

Police urge all residents to make sure their doors and windows are locked before they retire. We are fortunate that there is little crime in Rose Hill and urge everyone to maintain vigilance.

Lock Your Doors and Windows

Recently, a woman in nearby Springfield awakened to find a male intruder in her room. Fortunately, the intruder fled and the woman was unharmed. An investigation revealed that the door from the garage to the main house had been left unlocked. Police urge all residents to make sure their doors and windows are locked before they retire. We are fortunate that there is little crime in Rose Hill and urge everyone to maintain vigilance. Rose Hill has an extremely active Neighborhood Watch Program. If you have a few hours to spare only several times a year, please get in touch with Woody Betts, our Neighborhood Watch coordinator, at rosehillwatch@aol.com. We can sure use extra eyes to help keep our community safe. If you see something suspicious, don't hesitate to call the police non-emergency number at 703.691.2131. Of course, if you have an emergency or see a crime in progress, call 911.

New Members

Since the last edition of *The Rambler*, the following have joined the ranks of RHCA membership: Carole Guzzetta, 6407 May Boulevard; Elmer (Mo) and Alice Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive; James Oxford and Julie Nghiem, 6121 Leewood Drive; Mark and Dottie Snyder, 6422 Maryview Street; Kenneth White and Crystal Simpkins-White, 6422 Haystack Road, the Lanes, 6410 May Boulevard, and Delores McKinney, 6303 Cottonwood Drive. More than 200 homeowners in Rose Hill have joined RHCA this year. We're happy to have all of them. Those of you who haven't yet

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LAST MINUTE VACATION PLANNING? HOW ABOUT A WEEK IN WILLIAMSBURG?

TWO-BEDROOM CONDO AVAILABLE FOR RENT 7 JULY TO 14 JULY. SLEEPS 6 AND IS LESS THAN 2 MILES FROM COLONIAL VILLAGE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 703.971.4360.

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joined are urged to print out a membership form from our website, myrosehill.com, and mail it, along with your check, to RHCA, PO Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Beauty Updates

There's no doubt that Rose Hill Beauty signs are a mark of pride for our RHCA members. Therefore, it's almost unforgivable when we fail to list a winner as being a member or get a name wrong. We acknowledge the following mistakes: Since the May edition, the following winners are members and have received a sign: The Rolons at 6503 Rose Hill Drive; the Lopez' at 6300 Cottonwood Drive; the Nelsons at 4425 Roundhill Road; the Haups at 6408 Thornwood Drive; the Dillons at 4618 Winston Place; and the Snyders at 6322 Maryview Street. We also apologize to Brian and Mary Ellen Duy at 6309 Climbing Hill Road and Anna Jeffries at 5003 Greenhaven Place for not having our records up to date. They have been corrected! And, after further review, we have added the Phillips at 6408 Maryview, the Hunters at 6410 Maryview, and Anna Fish at 6301 Cottonwood Drive to the list of winners. And, thanks to the new neighbors at 6415 Maryview who have turned a problem property into a Beauty. Finally, we made the biggest mistake of all! We neglected to transfer the Williams at 6509 Cottonwood Drive from the judge's list to *The Rambler* list. Lets hope *The Rambler* editor will forgive us!

Save those Rose Hill Beauty signs. In order to save money next year, we'll be adding stickers rather than replacing all of them.

Another 50th Anniversary

Rose Hill Elementary School celebrates its 50th anniversary with the start of the fall term. As part of the celebration, the Rose Hill Civic Association has agreed to sponsor an evening social at the school involving students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators from days gone by. The idea is to swap stories about the happenings at Rose Hill and remember the

people who made it such a great school. We'll serve refreshments and pass around a microphone to anyone who wants to share his or her memories of Rose Hill Elementary. If you would like to help organize this event, call or email Carl Sell or Linda Nichols. Their phone numbers and email addresses are listed on Page 2. We don't have a firm date as yet, but we are thinking about mid-October. We need to coordinate a date with the school. Since we won't meet again until September, we'll post any information on our website, myrosehill.com. If you'd like to brush up on Rose Hill Elementary, read the history of the school on the website.

Supporting Our Troops

While the politicians seek to convince us they all support the troops, here's one company that puts its money where its mouth is. Sears is voluntarily paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs, for all its employees called up as reservists. The program is good for 2 years. By law, Sears is only required to hold the jobs open until the reservists return. When I learned of this program by Sears, I contacted them to verify it before passing it on to you. Here is the company's reply: 'Sears regards service to our country as one of the greatest sacrifices our young men and women can make. We are happy to do our part to lessen the burden they bear at this time.' If you'd like to confirm this item, contact Sears Customer Care at webcenter@sears.com. Sears is an American business icon. For one, I plan to patronize their stores as one small way to say thanks for supporting our military. I urge you to do the same.

—Carl Sell

Editor's note: Since the beginning of this 'war on terrorism,' Sears has been there for its employees who are called to serve their country. It truly is an American icon. Please go out of your way to patronize Sears — there's one right at Landmark Mall at Duke and North Van Dorn Sts.

Kingstowne Farmers Market

Every Friday, 4p to 7p, in the parking lot between Giant Food and King Street Blues

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Lee District Nights — 2007 Free Summer Concert Series Schedule

Lee District Park Amphitheater
Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Performer	Date
Garry Henson's Take Note	June 27
Alexandria Kleztet	July 11
Rhonda Vincent & The Rage	July 18
The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Summer Band	July 25
MAHALA's township jive	August 1
Tom Paxton	August 8
The United States Navy Band "Country Current"	August 15
The Nighthawks	August 22
The United States Army Blues Jazz Ensemble	August 29

Kingstowne Towne Center
Fridays at 7:30pm

Performer	Date
Yarawi	June 29
Tom Principato	July 6
Stephen Samuel Band	July 13
Billy Clements and the Pickups	July 20
Fiesta Band	July 27
Falls Church Concert Band	August 3
Janine Wilson Band	August 10
IONA	August 17
Los Gatos	August 24
Swing Time	August 31

Around Rose Hill

- * **Tuesday, June 26, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subject: Child Safety Against Sexual Predators.
- * **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- * For the many events scheduled over the summer at **The Torpedo Factory**, visit <http://www.torpedofactory.org/>
- * **March 4 – December 3.** In-Depth Tour of Pope-Leighey House. In-depth technical tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House is offered the first Sunday of each month from 8:30 to 11am. Coffee and pastries are served. Program is AIA accredited. Reservations required. \$30. 9000 Richmond Hwy., www.popeleighey1940.org, 703.780.4000
- * **April 11 – December 19.** An American Musical Landscape. Take a tour of our nation's music in this fun-filled, multi-media and live performance show. Every Wed. at 8pm, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr., www.musicallandscapes.com, 703.307.6250, \$ entrance fee, reservations required
- * **June 1 – August 31.** Lantern Tours. See the 18th-century in a whole new light! Tour by candlelight with a costumed guide the historic tavern (c. 1785) and City Hotel built in 1792 and

see life before the advent of electricity. Tour times 7–10pm. \$5 per person, ages 5 and up. Please note: museum may be occasionally closed so call ahead to verify tour dates. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., www.gadsbystavern.org, 703.838.4242

- * **June 9 – 30.** "The Philadelphia Story." Rich, spoilt Tracy Lord, a classic American heroine, confronts her ex and a journalist the night before her wedding. 8pm Wed.–Sat. and 3pm Sun. The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., www.thelittletheatre.com, 703.683.0496, \$ entrance fee
- * **June 21.** Altered Books Workshop. Discover the art of turning old books into new masterpieces. Cut, paint, stamp or collage the pages to transform a book into your own artistic statement. We'll cover a variety of basic page altering techniques. Please bring one discarded book (preferably hardcover) and photos or ephemera to work into the book. Paper Source, 118 King St., www.paper-source.com/cgi-bin/paper/workshops/va_alexandria.html, 703.299.9950, \$ entrance fee, reservations required
- * **June 27 – July 8.** Virginia at the Folklife Festival. The Smithsonian's annual festival on the National Mall looks at the Roots of Virginia's Culture plus Asia's Mekong River and Northern Ireland. 11am–5:30pm; evening events at 6pm, June 27–July 1 and July 4–8. National Mall, between

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Constitution & Independence Aves. and 3rd and 14th Sts., NW, Washington, DC, www.folklife.si.edu, 202.633.6440

- ★ **July 2.** Captain John Smith's Reenactment Voyage. A replica of Smith's 28-foot shallop arrives in Alexandria on its voyage to retraces his 1608 Chesapeake expedition. Public reception on the dock next to the Seaport Foundation, www.johnsmith400.org, 703.838.4399, free!
- ★ **July 4.** Red, White & Blue Concert – An Independence Day Celebration. Mount Vernon invites visitors to the home of the First American Hero for a day-long celebration of Independence Day. The event includes patriotic music, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, a special concert performance, and free Happy Birthday, America! Cake (while supplies last). Visitors can also meet "George and Martha Washington" on the estate! 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, www.mountvernon.org, 703.780.2000, \$ entrance fee
- ★ **July 7.** USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration. Celebrate with a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, food and fireworks. Festivities start at 6pm; grand finale fireworks at 9:30pm. Oronoco Bay Park, Pendleton & Union Sts. www.alexandriava.gov/recreation, 703.883.4686, free!
- ★ **July 12.** Girls Night Out! Call your favorite gal-pals and mark your calendars for tasty treats, wine & soft drinks, and hands-on demos. Registration is required to attend this special event. Tickets are \$25 and include a 10% off coupon for purchases made that night. Space is limited...fancy shoes not required. Let's have some fun! Paper Source, 118 King Street, www.paper-source.com 703.299.9950, reservations required
- ★ **July 18 and 24.** 18th-Century Children's Day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Experience 18th-century Alexandria tavern life with hands-on activities, story-telling, dress-up, and games. Time tour slots offered between 10am–3pm, with tours lasting 90 minutes. \$5/person ages 3 and up, \$3/ person for groups of 10 or more. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., www.gadsbystavern.org, 703.838.4242
- ★ **July 18–21.** 6th Annual Alexandria Guitar Festival. Master classes and concerts by internationally acclaimed artists, including William Kanengiser, Ricardo Cobo, and flamenco guitarists Pedro Cortes & Sean Kupisz. Afternoon and evening performances. George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, www.internationalguitarinstitute.com/web/Alexandria_Guitar_Festival.html, 703.683.2007, \$ entrance fee
- ★ **July 19.** Easy Accordion Book Workshop. Designed for the absolute beginner, this workshop will teach you the essentials of adhesive accordion book binding. Discover the versatility of this fun structure: it can be used as a unique card, photo album, recipe book, memory book and more. Please bring any ephemera, photos, ticket stubs, letters, or mementos that you may want to use to adorn the pages of your book. Paper Source, 118 King Street, [www.paper-source.com/cgi-bin/paper/workshops/va_alexandria.html](http://www.paper-source.com), 703.299.9950, \$ entrance fee, reservations required

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- ★ **July 24 – September 9.** "Three Sistahs." The Helen Hayes-nominated musical, written and directed by Thomas W. Jones II with music director William Hubbard, which premiered at MetroStage returns with Helen Hayes Award-winner Bernardine Mitchell starring. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., www.metrostage.org, 703.548.9044, \$ entrance fee

- ★ **July 26 – August 9.** Jane Austen Dance Class. In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on August 11, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. 7:30–9:30pm. \$12 per class or \$30 for series of 3. Reservations recommended. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., www.gadsbystavern.org, 703.838.4242, \$ entrance fee

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley/

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. The Visitor Center is open 9am–5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday; closed Tuesday. Holidays, noon to 5pm. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **Friday June 29, 7-9:30pm.** Café Cattail. Welcome to Huntley Meadows' very own coffeehouse! Sing a song, read a poem, do a dance, or just applaud the local talent. Reservations required for performers only. FREE

- ★ **Saturday June 30, 8-10pm.** Summer Stroll. 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. Reservations required. Cancelled if rain. \$2

- ★ **Sunday, July 1, 9-11:30am.** Dragonflies. 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. Cancelled if rain. FREE

- ★ **Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8, 10-10:30am.** Video – Feathered Jewels. Hummingbirds are a marvel of nature. Learn more about these beautiful and agile flyers. FREE

- ★ **Saturday July 21, 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

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fascinating animals and their habits. Appropriate for families; children must be 6 years or older. Reservations required. \$2

* **Monday, July 23, 9-1pm.** Nature Photography Class. 12-16 yrs. Teenagers learn to use digital photography and printing to capture the plants, animals, and scenery of the park. Images will automatically be entered in the Friends of Huntley Meadows annual photo contest. Reservations required. \$90

* **Saturday, July 28 and Sunday July 29, 10am-noon.** Buglover's Paradise. 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 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$2/child

* **Wednesday August 1, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30am.** Nature Detectives – Dragonflies. 3-5 yrs. Through story, craft, and an activity learn about these acrobatic summer-time fliers. Reservations required. \$5

* **Thursday, August 2, 10-10:45am.** Young Explorers – Survival. 6-8 yrs. Explore ways animals find food, protect their young, and survive in the wild, through a walk and an activity. Reservations required. Cancelled if rain. \$3

* **Saturday August 18 and Sunday August 19, 10-10:30am.** Video – Insects. Take a close-up look at the amazing world of insects. FREE

Summer Nature Camps

* **Nature Snoopers:** June 27- 29 (W-F) 9:30-11:30am, limit 15. Reservations required. \$65 OR June 27- 29 (W-F) 1-3pm, limit 15. Reservations required. \$65

* **Nature Day Camp:** July 18-20 (W-F) 9:30-noon, limit 15. Reservations required. \$65

* **Artists and Scientists:** July 9-13 (M-F) 9-noon, limit 12. Reservations required. \$90

Greendale Golf Course

6700 Telegraph Road, 703.971.3788. Greendale is an 18-hole regulation course featuring 148 acres of rolling terrain with asphalt cart paths. The course provides a challenging design with tight Bermuda fairways and several water hazards. The 17th hole offers a spectacular view of the entire course and surrounding area.

Come join us for volleyball at Lee District Park. The sand court is located just this side of the batting cages. We play from 5:45 'til dark every Thursday until the end of September. Come and bring a friend for a time of exercise and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

David and Linda Nichols

Greendale's facilities include a practice putting green, modern clubhouse with food service, golfing supplies, club and power cart rentals. Private golf lessons and group outing packages are also available. The course and clubhouse are accessible to people with disabilities.

Thomas A. Edison High School

5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.924.8000, 703.924.8097 fax.

* **Evening Counseling Appointments.** Evening counseling appointments are available for scheduling on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 9pm. An Edison counselor will be available to assist students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) as they explore and register for summer 2007 learning opportunities. The primary focus of this service is to help explain the registration process for the 2007 ENCORE Summer School Programs. Related topics for discussion and planning assistance are:

- How to sign up for Family Connection and Keep In Touch
- 2007-2008 course selections and requests for changes
- Diploma types and requirements for graduation
- Extracurricular activities and eligibility for participation

To schedule an evening appointment, contact Bob Lowe at 703.924.8053.

* **Be Sure to Let Us Know if You Move.** If you have moved and have not submitted your correct address to Krystal Brooks, Registrar, in Student Services, please do so as soon as possible. Failure to do so will result in your child being withdrawn from Edison for the 2007-08 school year. This is in response to the many returned mailings that have been delivered back to Edison. Please be sure to include the following documentation when submitting address change: copy of your lease or deed and three most recent utility bills.

* **Parents.** If you have submitted a High School Curricular Program Student Transfer Application, formerly known as a Student Assignment Application, and have not received information on whether it has been approved or not, please contact Krystal Brooks, Registrar, at 703.924.8022.

* **New Students Enrolling at Edison.** In order to meet with your child's counselor for his or her registration for the 2007-08 school year, you must have the items listed below. Failure to provide this documentation will result in your need to reschedule another appointment to meet with the counselor.

- Proof of residency (lease or deed AND three most recent utility bills).
- Birth certificate or passport

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- Immunizations
- Most recent transcript or report card.

Please feel free to contact Krystal Brooks, Registrar, at 703.924.8022 if you have further questions.

- ★ **Student Assignment Application Form.** If your child is presently enrolled at Edison High School and their base school is another FCPS school, a Student Assignment Application Form MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR THE 07-08 school year. Failure to do so will result in your child being withdrawn from Edison High School for the upcoming school year. If uncertain, please call Krystal Brooks, Registrar, at 703.924.8022 for confirmation before June 29.
- ★ **Register for Behind-the-Wheel Classes.** Registration for Behind-the-Wheel classes starting in the Fall '07 will begin on Monday, July 30, at any Adult Education Center (FCPS). The closest one in this area is located at Bryant ACE, 2709 Popkins Lane, just off Route 1.

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.313.3765.

- ★ **Twain's Summer Hours.** The Main Office and the Student Services Office will be open 9am to 3pm Monday – Friday. Please call 703.313.3716 to schedule an appointment in order register a new student.
- ★ **Summer Reading Lists.** Every student who will be entering grades six through twelve in the fall must read at least one book over the summer. The follow-up in the Fall will be determined by each school. The Summer Reading Lists contain suggestions for reading; although students may read any other book that is approved by their parents. Some schools and courses, particularly at the high school level,

have additional summer assignments. Parents and students should inquire at the time of registration. Most of these assignments are posted at the individual school web sites. To find FCPS' Summer Reading Lists go to <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/readlist/>.

Rose Hill Elementary School

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

- ★ **Looking For New Students.** If you know someone who will be attending Rose Hill for the first time in September, please let them know that 2007-2008 registration can be done now. Our number of students dictates the number of staff we receive so please register early!
- ★ **August 30, 11am – noon.** Kindergarten Open House
- ★ **August 31, 2 – 3pm.** Grades 1-6 Open House
- ★ **September 4.** School Resumes

NEW DRIVING LAW

**Effective July 1, 2007 for
Less Than 18-Years-Old**

NO CELL PHONE USE or any other wireless telecommunication device, regardless if the device is hand-held or not hand-held when operating a motor vehicle in Virginia. This also prohibits any text-messaging while driving.

OPERATION SUNSCREEN

**Help Mary Kay Protect Our Troops As They Protect Us!!
We are sending Sun Protection Care Packages to Our Troops.**



My Mary Kay unit is committed to donating 400 sets (pictured at right – enough for 2 persons). 100% of the profit will be turned around to purchase another set — I will match your donations set for set. These donated sets will be sent directly to Soldiers Angels, 914 Tourmalene Dr., Newbury Park, CA 91320 (tax ID #20-0583415), and they will ensure our donations get to the troops.

Make checks payable to Marty Williams, mail to 6509 Cottonwood Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310, and I will immediately send you a tax deduction receipt and a thank you! If you have questions, my number is 703.924.7192. Thank you for your support!

FCPS Reminds Parents of Virginia Immunization Requirement for Tdap Vaccine

Prior to reporting to school, every student entering the sixth grade in Virginia during the 2007-08 school year is required to receive a booster dose of the tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine—if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td) was administered. Students cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster or having had a tetanus-containing vaccine within the past five years.

Students who are 11 years old should get the Tdap immunization and documentation should be provided to the school as soon as possible. If the student is still 10 years old, check with the physician to see if Boostrix is being used. If not, the child must wait until his or her 11th birthday to receive the immunization. In this case, and if the 11th birthday is after the first day of school, the child must have a written medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap vaccine. The Tdap booster vaccine can be obtained from a pediatrician's office or from the Fairfax County Health Department. Fairfax County Health Department clinics will administer the vaccine at no charge Mon. and Wed. from 8am to 3:30pm, on Tues. from 10am to 6pm, and on Fri. from 7:30am to noon at the following locations:

- * Falls Church Clinic, 6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, 703.534.8343.
- * Herndon-Reston Clinic, 1850 Cameron Glen Dr., Suite 100, Reston, 703.481.4242.
- * Mount Vernon Clinic, 8350 Richmond Highway., Suite 233, Alexandria, 703.704.5203.
- * Springfield Clinic, Cary Building, First Fl., Su. A100, 8136 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, 703.569.1031.
- * Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway., Fairfax, 703.246.7100.

A student receiving the vaccine at a Fairfax County health clinic must be accompanied by an adult and should bring his or her current immunization record to the clinic at that time.

Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/> for up-to-date information on clinic times and locations.

Questions should be directed to the school public health nurse at the neighborhood school.

—Fairfax County Public Schools

Fairfax County Addresses Thornwood Drive Homeowners' Water Concerns

On Wednesday, May 23, Fairfax County officials met with Thornwood Drive homeowners regarding their concerns about inadequate storm water discharge. Present were representatives from Supervisor Dana Kaufman's office as well as from County Public Works.

Although Fairfax County does not address ground water problems, they did present a plan to improve surface water drainage. The plan included a barrier wall on one property as well as an additional storm drain between two other properties.

It is encouraging to see that the persistence of Rose Hill homeowners via letters and petitions can result in Fairfax County action. Of course, this action was aided by the help of RHCA president, Carl Sell, who acted as liaison between the parties.

Of special note: the County confirmed the rejection of the Ellison Estates development proposal. News of this proposal rejection is a relief to Thornwood Drive residents (and others) in that the Ellison development would have impacted the already overburdened storm water discharge system. Our protests have been heard!

—Alice and Mo Haupt

Bogus Emails, Myths And Hoaxes On The Internet

There are a lot of myths floating around on the internet, some of them very scary. One, in particular, tells about "gang members" driving around at night with their lights off as part of an initiation. The idea is to shoot the first person who flashes his/her lights at the "gang car" to tell the driver that the lights are off. This is a myth. For further information, go to <http://www.snopes.com/horrors/madmen/lightsout.asp> and read the full story. Further, if you get any email from any of your friends, relatives and/or acquaintances telling you to forward the information you are receiving to "everyone you know," beware!! It is probably a hoax that is being sent around the internet, tying up the airwaves. Before you forward any message of that type (to everyone you know), go to www.snopes.com, and in the query bar at the top right, type in a few words or the subject of the suspect email, and you will get an immediate reply, telling you whether or not there is any validity to the story, along with a history. Some things are actually real (or partially true), but the majority are 100% false. Don't be a victim to a scare tactic or another attempt at clogging the internet with bogus messages.

—Fairfax County Police Department

Rose Hill Business Directory

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 or to provide updates, call Marty Williams at 703.924.7192.

CHILD CARE

Mama High's Pre-School and Day Care. Mrs. Carola High has 16 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.

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DECK AND FENCE

B&B Deck & Fence, Inc. Cliff James, Owner, 6412 May Boulevard, T-703.719.7015, F-703.922.3779.

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

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HAULING

I am a teen with a truck. Need a trip to the dump? Need help hauling from the hardware store? I have an 8 foot bed truck and willing to help. Call Brian Whitney at 703.971.3273.

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Hugh Watts. From a new roof to the smallest of problems, contact Hugh Watts at 703.593.5908 or pearlwatts@aol.com. 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.

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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.

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 4 years.

Independence Landscape and Lawn Care. For all your landscape and lawn care needs please call Curt Greene at 703.967.7639. Whether it is landscape maintenance, tree or shrub installation, mowing, drainage correction, a new patio, retaining wall, or a walkway, Independence Landscape is your full service landscape company that offers discounts to all Rose Hill residents. Curt lives on Thornwood Drive.

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Painting by Sherry. Cheryl Matey, 703.921.9422. Exterior/Interior. Cheryl has lived in Rose Hill 20 years.

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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 Pl.

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PIANO/KEYBOARD

Chris McCay. Chris McCay teaches piano/keyboard in your home. Special discount for Rose Hill residents is \$25 for a half hour lesson. Chris lives with his family on Willowood Lane, two doors down from where his wife, formerly Melissa Anderson, grew up. 571.237.5559.

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 703.971.8064 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.

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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
- * Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- * Half page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
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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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