

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

Dinner, Supervisor McKay Set For June 28th RHCA Meeting

President's Message

The Rose Hill Civic Association will hold a community dinner beginning at 6 p.m., hear remarks by Supervisor Jeff McKay at 7 p.m. and then discuss the Rose Hill Reserve development at approximately 7:45 p.m. at its June 28th meeting to be held in the front yard of the Nichols residence at 6416 Rose Hill Drive. RHCA will provide a main dish, drinks and all paper products for dinner. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you live nearby, it might be a good idea to walk and bring a chair. The Nichols have plenty of chairs, but we are expecting a big crowd. Park across the street on Hayfield Place or Bee Street and be careful crossing Rose Hill Drive. After Supervisor McKay's comments, there will be time for questions. The supervisor and his office keep in close touch with RHCA and have been helpful in our efforts to control development and those who don't keep up or overcrowd their properties. He also has been supportive of our police and fire protectors. As a token of our appreciation, RHCA has invited Supervisor McKay's staff members and their families to join with us at dinner.

RHCA Meeting & Community Dinner Tuesday, June 28, 6 pm

6416 Rose Hill Drive
Nichols' Front Yard

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Rose Hill Reserve Update

The continuing parade of trucks on Rose Hill Drive and our internal streets has tried the patience of many in Rose Hill. The trucks apparently are necessary because of the need to remove marine clay and replace it with clean fill and the rebuilding of the storm water management pond. To coin a phrase, the marine clay issue is deeper than the developer and the county thought. At this point, I'll try to stifle the urge to say "We Told You So!" Anyway, the actions by the developer in ignoring our concerns of late leads me to be concerned about disclosure of marine clay to prospective homeowners and protection of the open space between the new community and Rose Hill. Under conditions approved by the Board of Supervisors, the developer is obligated to inform prospective homeowners that the units are built on marine clay and the open space must remain undisturbed. Go to myrosehill.com, click on Rose Hill Reserve and read conditions numbers 9, 20, 23, 25 and 26. I plan to ask the membership for authorization to establish an information kiosk at the Wayside Drive entrance in order to inform those who inquire. The kiosk would operate for limited hours on Saturdays and Sundays. I also will be asking for volunteers to man the kiosk. There will be written material, including copies of the aforementioned conditions, available. If the location is not active, information will be available nearby. At the start of the development, the cooperation between Stanley Martin Homes and RHCA was outstanding and issues were quickly resolved. As the project grew, more problems arose and resolution became more difficult. The presence of subcontractors and independent truck drivers has made the situation more difficult. Therefore, I am concerned that Stanley Martin and its agents will not make the conditions clear to the prospective buyers. RHCA will provide the

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information in an effort to protect the new and existing homeowners.

This issue will be dealt with at the June 28th meeting. I intend to bring it up AFTER the dinner at 6 p.m. and Supervisor Jeff McKay's comments at 7 p.m. It is an internal community issue that needs to be discussed among ourselves. I expect we will discuss the issue at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Rose Hill Silos Update

The County has approved the preliminary subdivision plan for the property on May Boulevard that contains the silos. The owner, Claude Wheeler, plans to build 13 single family homes on the 4.98 acres. The property currently is the site of a Kindercare facility. It was previously used as a private school and a private recreation complex. Before construction begins, Wheeler must obtain final subdivision and bonding approval. He has told the County that he understands the silos are structurally tied to the existing bath house on the site, so when the bath house is demolished, the silos may not be structurally stable. Recalling Wheeler's pledge to cooperate with RHCA in preservation efforts for the silos, we have asked the County to require justification for that assertion. In the meantime, RHCA is in the process of filing a request that the silos be included on the County's historic inventory. In the meantime, you can add your voice to the campaign to preserve the silos. Just send me an e-mail at sellcarl@aol.com indicating your support of our preservation efforts. Direct your friends from other communities to myrosehill.com so they can learn of the effort and add their voices in the effort to preserve one of the area's last monuments to Rose Hill and Franconia's agricultural past. We believe the silos are 100 years old and were part of the original farm before the current community was constructed in the 1950s. Hopefully, Rev. Wheeler will decide to preserve the silos and make everyone happy. After all, what's Silo Road without silos? And, I don't want to see the folks on May Boulevard and a portion of Apple Tree Drive subjected to the construction traffic like we have experienced for Rose Hill Reserve. There is only one way to access the Kindercare site and that involves our narrow, internal residential streets. To say nothing of the trucks and other traffic that will be turning off Rose Hill Drive right at the school.

Members, Beauties, etc.

We forgot to list Doris Carter of 6121 Leewood Drive as a member in the May Rambler. New members are Carol & Craig Contradi of 6517 Haystack Road, Natalie and Alexander Cook of 6111 Clovergrass Drive, Alice Wilder Mangum of 6419 Rose Hill Drive. Barbara Peyton of 4601 Apple Tree Drive, Robert and Margaret Riccio of 4608 Pico Road, Michael and Lisa Wolfe of 4511 Bee Street, Pam and Jamie Yereb, 4617 Winston Place. The following properties were nominated for a second look by the 2011 Beauty judges and received a favorable vote: The Whitts at 4516 Lark Lane, the Rabys at 4705 Flower Lane, the Pinkham's at 6514 Carriage Drive and the Rumphs at 6409 May Boulevard. All were nominated by their neighbors. Also, we had the wrong address for the Kroetches in the May Rambler. They are at 4700 Flower Lane.

Night Out on August 2

The National Night Out to show support for our police and other first responders will be held on August 2 this year. Once again, the Rose Hill event will be held in the Nichols front yard, 6416 Rose Hill Drive. RHCA will provide the main dish, drinks and all paper products. There also will be hot dogs for the kids (of all ages). Bring along a side dish or desert. The food is FREE for RHCA members. Nonmembers are asked to contribute \$10 per family. We expect visits from local police and fire and rescue personnel. Come and meet your neighbors and the folks who help keep us safe all year long. Mark the date on your calendar. The food will begin being served at 6 p.m. and the event will last until dark. Out gathering is one of thousands across the nation that are designed to show support for our first responders. With the 10th anniversary of the attacks on our country on 9/11/2001 on the horizon, this year's Night Out event takes on even more significance.

Support for Our Veterans

Between now and mid October, RHCA will be collecting the names of Rose Hill veterans of the armed services who have represented our country. The idea will be to honor those veterans on Veterans' Day, on November 11, 2011 and start a tradition for our community. If there is a veteran in your household, or you know of one who lives

or has lived in Rose Hill, please let us know. If you live here and have a family member you would like to honor, also let us know. We'd like to have the name, branch of service, and era of service such as World War II, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq or other theatre of operation. Moe Haupt of Thornwood Drive has agreed to chair this important effort to honor our veterans. We'll be refining our plans over the summer and would like to hear your thoughts. One idea is to place commemorative signs with each name along Rose Hill Drive with a small flag and a message of thanks from a grateful community. If that idea is chosen, we will be seeking donations to offset the cost of the flags and signs.

Redistricting

If you receive this edition of The Rambler delivered to your door, you have been moved to a new Virginia Senate District. Previously, Rose Hill was included in the 39th Senate District along with a large number of other precincts in Fairfax County stretching from Telegraph Road to Route #123 in Fairfax Station. Now, we find ourselves as part of Virginia Senate District 30, which includes Fairfax County precincts between us and the Potomac River as well as the City of Alexandria. The 30th has been represented for a long while by Patsy Ticer, former Alexandria City Vice Mayor and Councilwoman, who is retiring. As of this writing, there are three Democrats (Adam Ebbin, Libby Garvey and Rob Krupicka and one Republican (Tim McGhee) seeking to succeed Ticer. As a result, the Democrats will hold a primary on August 23 to choose one candidate. You can learn about the Democratic candidates on line at ebbinforvirginia.com, libbyforsenate.com or krupicka.com. Since he is the only candidate to file, McGhee will be the Republican nominee. His info is at timmcghee.us. All of the candidates are from the City of Alexandria.

Another Rose Hill

On a recent trip, I discovered another Rose Hill, this one just off Interstate 40 near Wilmington, in North Carolina. It is the home of the World's Largest Frying Pan! Wouldn't Dave Nichols have fun with that! Go to myrosehill.com and read about the rural community of Rose Hill in North Carolina.

- Carl Sell

The Story Behind the Crape Myrtles:

As you drive toward the intersection of Rosehill and Telegraph Roads, you may notice a row of fifteen-foot tall crape myrtles growing in the median. Recently, Rick Ballard had this to say about them:

"During the summer of 2007, I stopped by the Van Dorn office of VDOT to find out guidance for planting shrubs or trees in the median between the sidewalk and the street. I spoke with Jim Betts, who was then the manager of this office. He reminded me that the storm drain runs underground between the sidewalk and curb, and that for that reason no large species such as oaks, maples, elms, etc. should be planted there. He also advised me that if any shrubs obstruct line of vision at corners, crosswalks, etc., that the state would cut them down. For these two reasons he recommended crape myrtles, which only put roots down about four to five feet deep even when fully mature, and he asked that they be maintained as tall leggy clumps rather than unpruned, where low vegetation would block visibility through them. Being familiar with the use of crape myrtles in Charlottesville, Williamsburg, Norfolk, etc., I decided to plant one of the most popular varieties, Natchez, which can easily be trained to have six to twelve trunks.

"I purchased and planted six of these in the summer of 2007, in one-gallon containers, for about ten dollars each. I watered them for the first two years to get them established, but haven't watered them since. In year three, I began to train them by stripping out the lower branches and reducing the trunk count to the desired number. To encourage production of flower heads, I topped off the top two feet last fall. The result is that these shrubs have become well-shaped, but they do not obscure visibility down the road. The only care they require is the stripping out, by hand, of the little branches that try to grow down low.

"I like the idea of others purchasing similar shrubs and lining the medians in our housing area like they do in the Tidewater region...it would show a unifying presence, give our neighborhood some continuity, show some pride and esprit. It is very inexpensive to do, and very low maintenance to keep up. Last weekend, a neighbor planted a similar row of Natchez crape myrtles, and in no time at all they will add to the continuity of the appearance."

That from Rick Ballard, who says he lives in the house that Dr. Seuss would have built if Dr. Seuss had built houses instead of writing children's books...

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ Every Wednesday and Saturday. BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr., 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events. Hours: M, T, W – 10am-8pm; Th, F – 10am-6pm; Sat – 10am-5pm.

- ★ Ongoing Event. Personalized Computer Training. Basics for beginners: Internet and Microsoft Word. Call for appointment. Adults.
- ★ June 30. Circus in a Suitcase. 2:30 pm. Ringmaster Harold Wood becomes a magician, juggler, clown and more right before your eyes! All ages.
- ★ July 4. Fairfax County Libraries closed for 4th of July holiday.
- ★ July 7. What in the World. 2:30 pm. Magic and mystery from around the globe with magician Mike Rose. Ages 6-12.
- ★ July 13. Toddler Time. 10:30 am. Come to an early literacy storytime. Ages 13-23 months, one child per adult.
- ★ July 15. Lunch Bunch. 12:00 pm. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Ages birth - 5 w/ adult.
- ★ July 16. Reptile Wonders. 2:30 pm. Meet and learn about these animals with Reptile Wonders' Nature Center on the Go. Ages 6-12.
- ★ July 20. Science Spectacular. 10:30 am. See fog rings, bubbling potions, a voice changer and more with wacky scientist Eric Energy. Ages 6-12.
- ★ July 21. Book Discussion Group. 7:00 pm. Call branch for title. Adults.

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Digital Design. Ron Dillon, 703.971.2125; www.dgdesigns.com. Webpages, registration, scanning services, hosting and custom graphic art work. Ron and Donna Dillon live on Winston Place.

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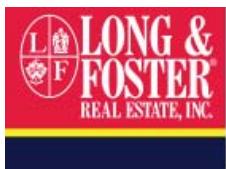
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—Richard Downey