

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Bring Your Appetite and a Side to the RHCA Fish Fry June 27

The annual Rose Hill Civic Association Fish Fry will be held on Tuesday, June 27 in the front yard of the Nichols residence, 6416 Rose Hill Drive. It is a FREE event for RHCA members. Others are invited for \$10 per family. Serving will start at 6 p.m. and continue until the fish is eaten. Every family is encouraged to bring a side dish, salad or dessert so there will be well-rounded menu. Beef Hot dogs will be available for the kids and those who don't eat fish.

Please walk to the event if you can. If you drive, park on one of the side streets and be careful crossing Rose Hill Drive at rush hour. RHCA will supply tables, chairs, utensils, paper products and drinks. The food will be blessed by our chaplain, Dave Nichols.

You can work off the extra calories by joining Dave and Linda Nichols for a volleyball outing between 6 and 8 p.m. the following Thursday at Lee District Park. RHCA sponsors volleyball every Thursday night at Lee District Park during the summer months.

The only item of business to be discussed is a proposal to petition the county to place an additional fine of \$200 on those who are caught speeding on Rose Hill Drive. We will be asking for more speed limit signs, including notice of the additional fine. If the membership agrees, we will also be

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asking the police to resume radar patrols on Rose Hill Drive this fall when school resumes at Rose Hill Elementary.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 1 when RHCA will join associations across the country at the Night Out event celebrating our partnership with First Responders. The program begins at 6 p.m. at 6416 Rose Hill Drive. RHCA will provide hot dogs, drinks and all the paper products and utensils for this FREE event. Residents are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Rose Hill Beauties

The 2017 Rose Hill Beauty list is published on pages 6-7. Perhaps the most amazing thing this year is the large amount of new residents who continued the tile in their new homes. Twenty Eight (28) properties that earned Rose Hill Beauty status last year repeated in 2017 even though there were new owners. Welcome to Rose Hill, one and all. Remember, only members of RHCA receive the coveted signs that announce your commitment to maintaining your property in excellent shape. All of the winners were checked against County records to make sure we printed the correct name. If there is a mistake, please let us know. Signs will be delivered to the winners during July and August. If your sign is still in good shape, we will affix a

Volleyball Fun!

Join Linda and Dave Nichols for community volleyball each Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lee District Park. A court has been reserved for RHCA and residents of all ages are welcome to join in the fun and recreation. Contact Linda for additional information. 703.971.0755, dovefellow@aol.com

sticker changing the year. If the sign has deteriorated, we will replace it with a new one. We recycle signs to save money. Believe it or not, some signs are taken up and moved to the yards of non-qualifiers, so keep your eye on your sign! You know you have a popular program when people requisition your rewards. Thanks to the residents who helped out with the judging this year. All 700 homes were scrutinized. If you think yours was one of those we missed, make a note to nominate it next year. Do the same for your neighbors. The more winners we have, the better for our community.

Rose Hill Problems

While surveying the community for "Beauties," the judges noticed a number of houses whose appearance detracts from the neighborhood. All are in the process of being reported to County agencies to see if any laws are being broken. If you have a question about an address in your neighborhood, let RHCA know. We are particularly concerned about addresses where there is the appearance of overcrowding, illegal structures being used for housing, and excess of vehicles parked on the property or on the street, trash piles, uncut grass or weeds. Residents are on notice that Rose Hill is part of a residential parking zone, which means no more than one commercial vehicle is allowed per residence. Vehicles must have valid VIRGINIA license plates and inspection stickers. Noise above a certain level is illegal and fireworks that produce an explosion are forbidden. The discharge of weapons is illegal in Fairfax County. If any of those type activities are taking place on your property, please be aware that violations will be reported by RHCA. Individuals can make reports to RHCA, which in turn will notify the proper county agency on behalf of the entire community. A strong membership base is important to provide an indication of support to the County. You need not act alone. If you are not a member, please join. Membership information is available at myrosehill.com

Rose Hill Drive

There is one aspect of the proposed bicycle lanes on Rose Hill Drive about which all can agree. Speeding is our biggest problem. Bike lane advocates say the narrower travel lanes will slow down traffic. Many in Rose Hill strongly disagree. Whatever happens, there is still work to be done to make Rose Hill Drive a safe avenue for both residents and those who cut through our community. The County has two programs that potentially address the issue. The first is a road design that will force drivers to

slow down through speed tables, raised crosswalks, raised medians, etc. This program needs the support of 75 percent of the community affected in order to even begin the study. It involves petitions, a vote by the community and a task force to determine what types of traffic calming devices are warranted. After a plan is presented, a joint public hearing by the Board of Supervisors and VDOT will be held. Approval will result in implementation. The other program involves a \$200 additional fine for speeding on Rose Hill Drive. Signage will be placed underneath the 25 mile per hour speed limit signs. A good start would be the installation of additional speed limit signs on Rose Hill Drive. If the membership agrees at our June meeting and Fish Fry, I will ask the Board of Supervisor to request additional signage and the \$200 fine for speeding. No petitions are needed to move this program forward. This should be a rather easy first step toward advising motorists that Rose Hill Drive is no longer a raceway. We can request radar units to visit intermittently to enforce the speed limit.

Rose Hill Originals

RHCA regrets the passing of two more of its original residents. Ann Machmer of Willowood Lane and Jean Thomson of Cottonwood Drive passed away with days of each other in early June. Anna and Wellington Machmer and Grace (Jean) and Robert Thomson moved to Rose Hill in 1955. Ann and Jean were predeceased by their husbands. Well and Ann Machmer and Jean Thomson were present when RHCA unveiled the Rose Hill Originals sign on the Rose Hill historic marker in 2009. You can view them pointing to their names by going online to muyrosehill.com. Click on the Photo Gallery and the Originals marker dedication. The Machmers and the Thomsons were the pioneers who helped make Rose Hill the outstanding community it has become. We owe them, and all the Originals, a debt of gratitude than only can be repaid by following their examples.

Lee District Night Concerts

The Lee District Nights concert series starts Wednesday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lee District Park Amphitheatre. The first performers are the City of Fairfax "Main Street Community Band." The FREE public concerts continue every Wednesday night in July and August. They are made possible by a partnership involving the Fairfax County Park Authority and FCPA Foundation and Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay. The concerts are sponsored by the Friends of

Lee District Park, Dominion Virginia Power, Cox Communications, Sheehy Ford, the I-95-495 Express Lanes and TAGS (Transportation around Greater Springfield).

The July lineup includes roots music by the Thrillbillies on July 5, rockabilly/honkytonk by the Four Star Combo on July 12, rock & roll/classic soul by the Dead 27s on July 19 and blues by the Nighthawks on July 26.

In August, the series includes Russian music by the Washington Balalaika Orchestra on August 2, the Mariachi Los Amigos on August 9, country/rock by Ryan Shupe & the Rubber Band on August 16 and American popular music by The Annandale Brass on August 23.

The hour-long concerts will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. Call 703-324-SHOW one our prior to the start for updates. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner or snacks and a blanket, sit back and enjoy the music. Leave only your footprints in Lee District Park. Volunteer to help by calling Supervisor McKay's office at 703-971-6262.

More RHCA Members

The following residents have joined RHCA for 2017 since the list was published in the April Rambler: Alex Boesenberg, 5003 Greenhaven Place, Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane, Walter Zalatoris/Nour Barakat, 6609 Cottonwood Drive. Also, F & P. Jencks on Willowood Lane, the Kirlins, 6408 Willowood Lane, Janice & Earl Raby, 4705 Flower Lane, Nick & Katie Schwarz, 4701 Apple Tree Drive, Roger & Stephanie Smith, 6404 Wayside Place, Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road. Tammie Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive, William & Janelle Parker, 6417 Willowood Lane. These were received as of June 15, 2017.

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- * Business card: 3 1/2" x 2", \$10
- * Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- * Half page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
- * Full page: 7 1/2" x 9 3/4", \$100

Ads may be bought for either one month only, month-to-month, or as many months in advance as desired. Our newsletter is published 9 times a year, excluding July, August, and December.

Advertising in *The Rambler* is an excellent way to reach the 700+ homes in our community. In addition, the ads are placed on our website, www.myRoseHill.com, for the world to see.

Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.625.7046. Artwork can be sent to scheungjones@gmail.com in tiff or jpeg format or hardcopy mailed to P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Checks made out to RHCA should be included with advertisement and sent to the P.O. Box.

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Real Estate

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

Lawn Services

Fortney Lawn & Garden. David and Jimmy Fortney, 703.960.8869. Although they live in Virginia Hills, the Fortneys work closely with RHCA to maintain the median landscaping on Rose Hill Drive.

Photography

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

Need Help?

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

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Bee Street: 4501, Snyder; 4512, Segas; 4513, Del Valle.

Blossom Lane: 6217, #Digman; 6221, #Corbin; 6222, Taylor

Bluegrass Drive: 6115, Martin.

Carriage Drive: 6423, Cao; 6424, #Lefler; 6425, Beamon; 6426, Kwon; 6429, Kohm; 6430, Dockery; 6431, #Rice; 6433, Cawlo; 6434, Simms; 6435, Gries; 6501, Pole; 6503, Mason; 6504, #Schafflein; 6506, Rojas; 6508, Gates; 6510, Wire; 6511, Mann; 6513, Murname; 6514, #Pinkham; 6518, Stewart; 6519, Casella.

Climbhill Road: 6214, #Bravy; 6220, Patterson; 6307, #Braswell; 6310, #Bishop; 6314, Davis.

Clovergrass Drive: 6111, Cook; 6113, #McKittrick

Cottonwood Drive: 6301, #Fish; 6302 #Thomson; 6304, #Hass-Smith; 6306, #Stemple; 6308, #Taylor; 6313, Hlioui; 6323, #Thompson; 6402, #Campbell; 6410, #Fulk, 6412, #Adams; 6413, Ceteno; 6502, #Letsche; 6503, DeSapio; 6504 #Kimberly; 6510, Suggs; 6511, Eads; 6601, #Sell; 6603, Cochran; 6607, #Wallace; 6609, #Bakarat; 6610, #Cuevas; 6611, #Bird; 6613, Diack.

Cottonwood Place: 4609 #Ridgeway.

Dew Grass Drive: 6119, Aigret; 6120, #Weber.

Driftwood Drive, 6216, #Shapiro; 6217, Eppolito; 6219, #Djondov; 6221, Shapiro; 6223; #Erickson;

Eastchester Circle: 5003, #Bottomley; 5009, #Dailey.

Flower Lane: 4700, #Kroetch; 4701 Holtz; 4705, #Raby; 4709, Francisco; #4803, Hall; 4807, Garcia; 4808, Chau; 4809, #Jackson.

Greendale Road: 6703, Miller; 6707, Lora; 6708, Anderson; 6709, #Wheless; 6711, Simkins.

Greenhaven Place: 5000, Berrios; 5002 Perla; 5007 Canas.

Hayfield Place: 6401 Mishra; 6403, Davis; 6406, Nelson; 6408, #Tisara.

Haystack Road: 6419, #Shupack; 6422, #White; 6424, #Broxterman; 6426, Howard; 6427, Tiengtom; 6500, Guitierrez; 6501 Kaminsky; 6503, #Pfefferle; 6504, Vath; 6505, Quinlan; 6506, #Wimberly; 6509, Bumrongjaroen; 6512, Mitchell; 6514, #Flannagan; 6516, Hamilton; 6519, Augenbaugh.

Lark Lane, 4516, Gosnell; 4517 #Martin; 4519 #Ballard.

Leewood Drive: 6004, Warriach; 6005, Brooks; 6006, Elder; 6008, Wilson; 6011, Llewellan; 6100, Caldwell-Gandy; 6101 Palmer; 6103, Collins; 6110, #Collins; 6105 Jeffries; 6111, #Smith/Friend; 6112, Todd; 6115, #Kowalik; 6117, Lewis; 6118, Alston; 6121, Carter; 6122, #Mayo.

Maryview Street: 6322, Munoz; 6326, #Wong; 6328, #Poff; 6330, #Lawrence; 6403, #Shifflett; 6402, Peele; 6408, #Phillips; 6409, #Christienson; 6410, Hunter; 6411, #Elliott; 6413, Gonzales.

May Boulevard: 6303, #Frietag; 6319, #Anderson; 6404, Lacey; 6405, #Bennington; 6406, #Antonio; 6407, #Guzzetta; 6408, #Violette; 6409, #Rumph; 6410, #Lane; 6412, #Fikentscher/Gluszek

Mayor Place: 4608, Luong.

Rose Hill Drive: 6115, #Abbou; 6270, #Bernarik; 6300, #Krause; 6321, #Schultz; 6327, Luginbill; 6402, #Justice; 6405, Pacheco; 6406, #Spurrier; 6407, Garcia; 6409, Salgado; 6411, #Luu; 6413, #Mangum; 6415, Chavez; 6416, #Nichols; 6417, #Berth; 6422, #Reed; 6424, Gonzalez; 6428, #Beatty; 6502 Taylor; 6503, #Rolon; 6504, Martinez; 6507, Clark; 6512, #Nguyen; 6414, Tonkphotog; 6516, Vann/Kim.

Roundhill Road: 4402 #Richey; 4412, #McClelland; 4413, Erb; 4415, Beaty; 4423, Nguyen; 4425, Vu; 4434, Buzalsky; 4510, Ventura-Diaz; 4511, Harris; 4513, #Worley; 4518, Eberle; 4520, #Varney; 4522, #Dougherty; 4607, #Davison; 4611, Natter.

Rye Court: 6400 King; 6404, #Govert. **Silo Road:** 4900, #Walton; 4901, Schubring/Sturgis; 4903, Chwiki; 4905, Moreno; 4907 #Cashmire; 4910, #Newman.

Saddle Tree Drive: 6216, Thiebeau; 6314, Hoover.

Split Rock Road: 4701, Thomas; 4703, Oroc; 4901, #Corbin.

Sturbridge Place: 4514, Robison; 4515, #Hestvik; 4516, #Welch; 4517, #Kazmir; 4518 Holloman.

Telegraph Road: 6514, Melendes/Reyes; 6516, Downey; 6518. Minarik; 6624, Moise; 6702, Partridge; 6706, #Gardner; 6712, Kim; 6714, Vo.

Thornwood Drive: 6205, Kim; 6207, Benitz; 6208, #Haupt; 6209, Janik; 6210, #Dzierzawski; 6211, Kim; 6213, Prickett; 6215, Verell; 6217, #Biddle.

Treetop Lane: 4914, #Schappi; 4915, Ly; 5001, Simon; 5004, Lelansky; 5005, Sandoval; 5007, #Whitfield; 5008, Mahchette/Trijuo; 5010, #Scheibe.

Wayside Place: 6400, #Dodson; 6402, #McKay; 6404, #Smith.

Willowood Lane: 6200 #Machmer; 6203, #Ponce; 6205, Bentley; 6307, Ball; 6312, Aphisutthipongskul; 6328, Sookmeewiriya; 6329, Lee; 6330, #Greek; 6400, Perez; 6401, Pagach; 6411, #Lohr; 6416, #Jencks; 6417, #Parker; 6418, Krewson.

Winston Place: 4615, #Szamborski; 4617, Yereb; 4619, Edelston; 4618, #Dillon.

If the name is wrong, or you think your property or that of a neighbor was overlooked, please let us know. #denotes members of RHCA who will receive updates for current signs or a new sign, depending on the condition of the old sign. Of course, if this is your first award, you will receive a new sign. We recycle in an effort to save money!

To join or renew your membership in the Rose Hill Civic Association...

**Please fill out this form or online at myRoseHill.com and mail, along with your check, to the
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