

# The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

## President's Message

### Fairfax County's \$3 Billion Budget To Be Discussed at March Meeting

**A**\$3 billion budget has been proposed for Fairfax County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005. Of that figure, \$1.56 billion is earmarked for the school system. A 10¢ reduction, from \$1.13 to \$1.03, in the tax rate is being proposed to partially offset the more than 23% increase in property values over the past year. You know the old joke...the good news is your house is worth more...the bad news is it's going to cost you!

I will be attending a three-hour budget presentation organized by Supervisor Kauffman prior to the Rose Hill Civic Association's March 22, 2005, meeting, 7pm at John Marshall Library. A detailed overview of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting. We will collect questions and forward them to the County for answers.

The Association also will discuss what, if any, action it wishes to take concerning the Transport Fee to take effect on April 1. Members of the Association heard a presentation on the fee last month. The answers to questions raised at that meeting are on page 6. The fee will be charged for transport to a medical facility or hospital.

#### Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting

**Tuesday, March 22, 7:00pm**  
**John Marshall Library**

**Topic: Fairfax County Budget and Emergency Transport Follow-up**

#### RHCA Officers

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[www.myrosehill.com](http://www.myrosehill.com)

In addition to a tax increase triggered by the increased value of our homes, there are numerous fees that are being proposed, including one for sewer service. We will try to provide information on all of them at the March 22 meeting.

If you would like to learn more about how your tax dollars are spent, please plan to attend our March 22 meeting. If you have specific questions, we will pass them on to Supervisor Kauffman, School Board member Brad Center, or the appropriate county agency. For those with internet access who would like information on the budget in advance of the meeting, go to [fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/).

Taxes are sort of like the weather...everybody talks about them, however few do anything about them. Here's your chance!

#### Annual Election

In accordance with our bylaws, RHCA will elect officers for 2005 at our March 22 meeting. The winners will take office immediately! If you have an interest in serving your community, please agree to assume a leadership position with RHCA. We particularly are in need of a volunteer for secretary since the position has been vacant for more than a year. Beware to RHCA members. Be sure to attend the March meeting, otherwise, you may be nominated and elected in abstentia!

#### Barking Dogs, Etc.

A number of residents have complained to RHCA about barking dogs in their neighborhood, so we

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thought we would educate everyone about the rules governing the keeping of animals in a residential neighborhood. Section 108-5-2 of the Fairfax County Code prohibits "owning, keeping, or harboring an animal or animals which frequently howl, bark, meow, squawk or make such noises as is plainly audible across property boundaries or through partitions common to two (2) or more persons within a building." Residents are reminded that criminal sanctions are a possibility should the property owner not control the animal. Dog owners also are reminded of Fairfax County's leash and mandatory cleanup of waste laws. As a dog owner, I am careful to respect my neighbors' property and the community. I trust all the other dog owners will do the same. If not, the consequences can be embarrassing.

### **Section III Update**

The County engineer reports that the developers of Section III have *not* submitted the expanded soils information necessary for evaluation to determine if a site plan can be approved. The County estimates it will be several months before the information obtained in the testing that occurred in December and January is refined and submitted for review. RHCA will be advised when the information is available and will schedule a presentation by the County engineers for all those in the community who are interested. Again, RHCA's interest is focused on protecting existing houses and maintenance of an adequate buffer to do so. To review, the zoning for 45 lots has been approved. However, the exact number (it can go down but not up) is dependant on the final engineering and soils report. Because of the presence of marine clay, RHCA has continually focused on safety of both the new and existing houses. Section III is bound by Rose Hill Drive and Cottonwood Drive on the east, Carriage Drive on the south, and May Boulevard and Silo Road on the north.



### **Privacy**

Internet search engine, Google, has implemented a new feature wherein you can type someone's telephone number into the search bar and hit enter and then you will be given a map to their house.

If a child, or anyone else for that matter, gives out his/her phone number, someone can now actually look it up to find out where he/she lives. I tested it by typing my telephone number into the google.com search line. My phone number came up, and when I clicked on the MapQuest link, it actually mapped out where I live. But you can have your phone number removed or blocked.

In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to <http://www.google.com>. Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e., 555.555.1212) and hit enter. If you want to block Google from divulging your private information, simply click on the number and it will ask you if you'd like to remove it. Removal takes 48 hours. If you are unlisted in the phone book, you might not be in there, but it's a good idea just to check.

### **It's Rose Hill Beauty Time**

Residents are reminded that April and early May brings RHCA's annual 'Rose Hill Beauty' competition. Houses and yards that are judged to be well maintained will receive recognition as a 'Rose Hill Beauty.' Signs will be erected in the yards of Association members. Every winner will be listed in *The Rambler*. You can help by either volunteering as a judge or making sure your neighbor's house is nominated. Give me a call at 703.971.4716 or email me at [sellcarl@aol.com](mailto:sellcarl@aol.com) with the name and address of any property you think deserves recognition. If you can volunteer a few hours to drive around the community to help with the judging, it would be appreciated. More important, help us make sure we don't miss anyone by nominating the great looking properties on your block. By the way, we'll also be keeping an eye out for run-down properties and reporting them to the proper authorities. You can help with that effort also by contacting me concerning problem properties. All information will be confidential and will be passed on to the authorities in the name of the Association, not individual members.

### **Cancel All I Said**

At the February meeting, I passed on the information that Bethesda Naval Hospital still needed items for our service personnel wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq. Subsequently, I learned that Bethesda Navy was no longer seeking donations because their warehouse is full. The same situation prevails at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Organizations such as RHCA and numerous individuals have overwhelmed both hospitals with donations in recent months. Thanks to those who responded to our pleas for specific items last November. If the larder runs low at either hospital, we'll let you know.

—Carl Sell

## Last Call for 2005 RHCA Membership!

First, thanks to the 152 households in Rose Hill who already have signed on as members of the Rose Hill Civic Association for 2005. We know there are lots more past members who just haven't gotten around to sending in their check and membership form. For your convenience, the form is printed below, but is also available online at [MyRoseHill.com](http://MyRoseHill.com).

By the way, we promise not to provide your email address to any outside business, fundraiser, etc. It will only be used to update you about upcoming meetings and other information of interest to Rose Hill residents.

This month marks the end of our membership drive for 2005. Your membership offsets the cost of printing *The Rambler*, pays for the Rose Hill Beauty signs that will sprout in deserving yards later this Spring, funds the cell phone for Neighborhood Watch and our P.O. Box, and allows RHCA to support various community charities.

Your additional contributions pay for the plantings at our entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road. This year, we are seeking donations for a beautification project at the John Marshall Library.

We also try to have enough funds on hand to meet any unforeseen needs such as repair of the entrance sign last year.

Please take the time to fill out the membership form and mail it along with your check to RHCA at P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. We'll add your name to the list in next month's *Rambler*.

—Carl Sell

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

**Please fill out this form or online at [myrosehill.com](http://myrosehill.com) and mail, along with your check, to the  
RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310.**

**If you have questions, feel free to call any of the officers listed on the front page.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for:  \$10 for membership

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for Library grounds beautification

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for RHCA General Fund

**Thank you!**

### **2005 RHCA Members as of March 8, 2005**

Nouri & Suham Abbo, 6115 Rose Hill Drive  
Tom Ackley, 6412 Rose Hill Drive  
Betty Balch, 6400 Hayfield Place  
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane  
J. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road  
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road  
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive  
Shirley Bennington, 6405 May Boulevard  
Dan & Ingrid Bearth, 6417 Rose Hill Drive  
Woody & Tammy Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive  
Donald Bise, 4423 Roundhill Road  
Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbing Hill Road  
Ann Borchevsky, 4511 Bee Street  
Jeannette Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle  
Karen & Kent Boutilier, 4408 Roundhill Road  
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbing Hill Road  
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbing Hill Road  
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive  
Mark Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road  
Pearl Butler, 6401 Cottonwood Drive  
Walter Calhoun, 4523 Apple Tree Drive  
Tracy Campbell, 6402 Cottonwood Drive  
Maureen & Jason Cardone, 6418 Willowood Lane  
Ralph & Altha Carrico, 6112 Leewood Drive  
John & Penny Cashmire, 4907 Silo Road  
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane  
Bev & Norm Cherkis, 6300 Saddle Tree Drive  
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street  
Beatrice Christensen, 6500 Carriage Drive  
Robert Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road  
Lois Corbin, 6221 Blossom Lane  
Craig & Carol Contardi, 6517 Haystack Road  
Sam Covington, 6302 Saddle Tree Drive  
Virginia Dalghren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive  
E. & K. Davidson, 4607 Roundhill Road  
Robin & David Dodson, 6400 Wayside Place  
Harry Dodson, 6319 May Boulevard

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## **Internet Scam**

This was a scam, not spam! —Carl Sell

**A**n Alexandria area man was defrauded of \$6,300. In December of 2004, a 41-year-old man met a woman from Nigeria through an online dating service. He sent her \$500 by Western Union in early January of 2005 when she said she needed money due to an illness. The woman then sent him a United States Postal Money Order for \$6,300 and asked him to cash it at his bank before sending the money to three different people in Lagos, Nigeria. The victim followed her instructions and sent the money to Nigeria. The man then received notice from his bank that the money order was counterfeit and his bank account was debited the full amount. This is the first known case of United States Postal Money Order fraud in Fairfax County.

For additional information and resources on fraudulent money orders, call the Money Order Fraud Hotline at 800.372.8347, or visit [www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors).

### **Update**

After the victim cashed the first money order, the Nigerian internet acquaintance sent him nine more and asked him to wire the funds to Nigeria. However, the victim became suspicious and was also informed that the original money order was counterfeit.

This is not the first case of money order fraud in Fairfax County.

## **Exposure**

The following should remind all of us to keep our eyes on the children as they walk to Rose Hill School!  
—Carl Sell

**A** man exposed himself to three elementary school students as they walked to school. On March 7, around 8:30am, three girls, 10-, 11-, and 12-years-old, were walking to White Oaks Elementary School when they passed a man in his vehicle. The vehicle was stopped at the intersection of Cordwood Court and Shiplett Boulevard. The man called to the students and then exposed himself to the 12-year-old girl. The students continued on to school where they reported the incident to school officials, who then summoned police. Police are investigating a suspicious incident that occurred on January 28, where a man fitting the same description as the March 7 incident, called to students walking to White Oaks Elementary School.

In both incidents the man was described as white with short brown or dirty blond hair, and driving a silver SUV. In the January 28 incident, the man was wearing a brown sweater and in the March 7 incident, he was wearing blue jeans.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact Fairfax County Police at 70.691.2131 or Fairfax County Crime Solvers at 1.866.411.TIPS. Callers may remain anonymous.

## **Please—We Need Help!!**

Our webmaster, Jim Sapp, and his wife have moved to Colorado. We need someone in the community with web experience to step up and take his place.

We have a new *Rambler* volunteer delivery person, but we are still in need of a *Rambler* Distributor. The job entails picking up *The Rambler* copies from The UPS Store in Kingstowne, dividing them up for the individual delivery people, and getting those packages to their houses by Saturday morning, the weekend before the monthly meeting. Can you spare three hours a month?

Finally, we need someone to volunteer to sell ads for *The Rambler*. Spending just a few hours a month can yield big returns for your Civic Association. The rates are so reasonable, many businesses can't resist.

Don't forget, Carl Sell and Terrie Dacales are looking to step down from their Association positions. We are looking for a new president and vice president to come forward at the March meeting when the annual election takes place.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Marty Williams (703.924.7192) or Carl Sell (703.971.4716).

## More Members...

Steve & Holly Dougherty, 4522 Roundhill Road  
Myrna Downey, 6516 Telegraph Road  
Dennis Dzierzawski, 6210 Thornwood Drive  
John & Betty Elliott, 6411 Maryview Street  
Michael & Bernice Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane  
Tom Felleisen, 6406 Hayfield Place  
Rosie & Mike Field, 4426 Roundhill Road  
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place  
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive  
Trigg & Beverly Flannagan, 6514 Haystack Road  
Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive  
Jane & Larry Fowler, 6320 Maryview Street  
Gordon & Cheryl Flockhart, 6223 Driftwood Drive  
Barry & Zoe-Ann Freitag, 6303 May Boulevard  
Larry & Connie Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive  
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane  
Dorothy Furr, 6412 Cottonwood Drive  
Ed & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive  
Adam & Kate Gillespie, 6507 Haystack Road  
John & Erica Good, 4604 Roundhill Road  
Blanche Goulet, 6313 Saddle Tree Drive  
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road  
Helen Hass, 6304 Cottonwood Drive  
Alice and Elmer Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive  
Lucio Herrara, 4525 Apple Tree Drive  
Linda Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Place  
Fredy & Maxine Heyer, 4704 Flower Lane  
Thomas & Sharon Holliday, 6613 Cottonwood Drive  
Alice & Edward Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place  
Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane  
James & Susie Hudson, 6413 Maryview Street  
Tri Huynh, 6423 Carriage Drive  
Barbara & Clifford James, 6412 May Boulevard  
Helen Johnson, 4517 Apple Tree Drive  
M. & F. Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive  
Jim & Lynda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane  
Audrey Kick, 4517 Sturbridge Place  
Yong Sung Kim, 6211 Thornwood Drive  
George E. Krapf, 6322 Rose Hill Drive  
Donald Krause, 6300 Rose Hill Drive  
Mildred Lane, 6410 May Boulevard  
John & Patricia Lawrence, 6330 Maryview Street  
June & Steve Lefler, 6424 Carriage Drive  
Ronald & Katherine Lender, 6406 Rose Hill Drive  
J. K. Letsche, 6502 Cottonwood Drive  
Edward & Anna Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive  
Eloise & Randy Lewis, 4501 Bee Street  
Jeanne & James Lockwood, 6114 Clovergrass Drive  
Charles B. Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive  
E. Lynch-Upchurch, 4701 Flower Lane  
Pete & Lynn Luginbill, 6327 Rose Hill Drive  
Wellington & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane  
John & Jane Madaris, 4422 Roundhill Road  
K. & M. Mann, 6107 Leewood Drive  
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place  
Robert & Ann Marshall, 4421 Roundhill Road  
Melvin Martin, 6211 Redwood Lane  
Obdulia Mason, 6311 Saddle Tree Drive

Mary Mayo, 6122 Leewood Drive  
Chris & Melissa McCay & Gary Anderson, 6410 Willowood Lane  
Frank & Marge McConnell, 6220 Thornwood Drive  
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place  
George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive  
Lou & Marnie Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive  
Harold Murray, 5003 Treetop Lane  
Jeannette Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road  
But The Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive  
Dave & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive  
Cloteal Norris, 6012 Leewood Drive  
Jose & Maria Perla, 5002 Greenhaven Place  
Lucy & Larry Pettit, 6501 Carriage Drive  
Charles & Jeska Pfefferle, 6503 Haystack Road  
Brenda & Stephen Phillips, 6408 Maryview Street  
Robert & Ginny Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive  
C. Roy & Susan B. Poff, 6328 Maryview Street  
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane  
Louise Prystaloski, 4910 Silo Road  
Anna Pulman, 6510 Haystack Road  
Nick & Vivian Rashidi, 6506 Rose Hill Drive  
Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood Lane  
Monica & Alan Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive  
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive  
James & Nancy Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road  
James Ridgell, 6513 Cottonwood Drive  
David Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place  
Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive  
James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive  
Diana & Marty Shupack, 6419 Haystack Road  
Michael Smith & Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive  
Willard Smith, 6004 Leewood Drive  
Mark & Dottie Snyder, 6322 Maryview Street  
Donald Stallings, 6407 Willowood Lane  
Jean & Bill Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive  
Fred & Mary Stinnette, 4520 Apple Tree Drive  
Terry Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive  
Tom Strah, 6421 Rose Hill Drive  
Don & Tinker Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place  
Alberta Taylor, 6308 Cottonwood Drive  
Barbara Taylor, 4433 Roundhill Road  
Rex & Linda Taylor, 6505 Haystack Road  
Jean Thomson, 6302 Cottonwood Drive  
Stein Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive  
Monroe & Helena Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road  
Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive  
Enid Wagstrom & Ronda Edwards, 5004 Eastchester Cir.  
Helen Wangness, 4704 Apple Tree Drive  
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive  
Fran Watts, 6508 Haystack Road  
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive  
Karen Wheeless, 6709 Greendale Road  
Jeff & Katie Whitney, 6705 Greendale Road  
Alice Wilder & Thomas Mangum, 6413 Rose Hill Drive  
Marty & Dwight Williams, 6509 Cottonwood Drive  
Jeffrey Williams, 6121 Dew Grass Court  
Charley Worley, 4513 Roundhill Road

## Answers to Questions Regarding Transport Billing Raised at the February RHCA Meeting

### How did the County determined what fees to charge for EMS Transport Billing?

Rate structures throughout the state and country were reviewed. The rate schedule below is recommended based on a consideration of representative rates and in conjunction with the Panel's recommendation to ensure maximum cost recovery while minimizing out-of-pocket costs for residents. The structure allows for appropriate recovery based on the level of care required and is consistent with ambulance transport billing practices.

Type of Service	Recommended Rate
Basic Life Support (BLS) Transport	\$300.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Level 1 Transport	\$400.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Level 2 Transport*	\$550.00
Mileage (per loaded mile)**	\$7.50

\*ALS-2 transports account for less than 4% of all ALS transports.

\*\*Mileage from patient pick-up to hospital.

### Approximately, how much will the County generate on EMS Billing Funds?

Based on this fee schedule, staff conservatively estimates that the potential net revenue stream will approximate \$310,000 in the first year of implementation, since no revenues are expected to be received before April 2005. Once the program is fully operational, annual net revenues are estimated to approach \$5 to \$7 million.

### What is the fee for EMS Transport for the City of Alexandria and Arlington County?

Service Type	Medicare CMS Base	Alexandria, VA	Arlington County, VA
BLS	\$157.52	\$200.00*	\$225.00**
ALS1	\$189.02	\$200.00*	\$225.00**
ALS2	\$433.18	\$200.00*	\$225.00**
Mileage	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$5.75

\*Charge \$250.00 for non-residents. All ambulances are ALS.

\*\*Charge \$300.00 for non-residents.

### How much does the Fairfax Hospital Helicopter and the Fairfax County Police charge for Medical evacuation transport?

Currently, there is no charge for the Fairfax County Police transport. Inova does charge for transports but further research needs to be done to find out what the charges are.

### In the event I am transported to the Springfield Healthplex via ambulance and require further transportation to a specialized medical facility such as Inova Fairfax or Inova Alexandria, will I be charged for twice, or once?

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue only provides emergency transports. If the patient requires a non-emergency transport to another facility that will be handled by a private ambulance service and a second bill may result.

### Join Us for Basket Bingo Featuring Filled Longaberger® Baskets!

The Rose Hill Elementary School PTA is hosting a Basket Bingo fundraiser to support curriculum and professional development. Join us in the RHES school cafeteria on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30pm, and games begin at 7:30pm. Only 250 tickets are available!! We'll have 15 regular games, 3 "special" games, 3 raffles, and many door prizes. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door (if available). For tickets and information, call 703.971.8929.

### Rose Hill 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirt Half Price Sale

### Rose Hill Residents Pay Only \$6, \$7 for XXL

At these prices, supplies won't last long, so hurry and call Linda Nichols at 703.971.0755. They'll also be on sale at the March RHCA meeting.

## Rose Hill Community Calendar

### Around Rose Hill, Franconia, and Northern VA

- ★ **Tuesday, February 22, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subject: County Budget and further discussion of Emergency Medical Transport.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **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](http://www.inova.org/donateblood). Thank you for helping save lives in our community!
- ★ **March 26-April 10.** National Cherry Blossom Festival. The lovely pale pink cherry blossoms plus all of the surrounding activities make springtime the best time to visit DC. Family-oriented fun, music and entertainment. For more info, [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org).
- ★ **April 24.** 20th Annual George Washington Parkway Classic. Take your choice between a 5K or 10-miler; both are sanctioned foot races. Start time is 7:45am for both. Benefits the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau. [www.gwparkwayclassic.com](http://www.gwparkwayclassic.com) or 703.836.2176.

### 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.

- ★ **March 19, 9-11:30am.** Watershed Cleanup Day. Be a part of the stream team! Individuals, families and groups can help clear out the earth's arteries by collecting tires, bed springs, bottles, cans, and other debris. Give the waterways in your community a clean bill of health and earn the gratitude of your furred, feathered, and scaled neighbors. Wear boots, old clothes, and bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation provided. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE
- ★ **March 20, 7-10am.** Birding for Beginners—Optics and Field Guides. Adults. Interested in birding? We can get you started! Learn about the birds in the park and some basic identification skills. Program begins with a discussion of field guides and optics. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE

5:15-6:30pm. Leave it to Beaver. Families will look for signs of beavers and, if we're lucky, catch a glimpse of these nocturnal engineers. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$5/family

- ★ **March 22 through 24, 9-11:30am.** Spring Break Camp—Wildlife Watchers. 6-8 yrs. The park is waking from the cold winter; birds are singing, plants are greening up, and amphibians are emerging from hibernation. Experience this seasonal excitement through nature activities, walks, and crafts at our three-day camp. Reservations required. \$60
- ★ **April 8, 7:30-8:30pm.** Lecture—Frogs in the Changing World. Adults. Zoo biologist Ed Smith shares images and information about amphibians and their place in the evolving world. Reservations required. FREE
- ★ **April 11, 3:15-4:30pm.** Young Explorers—Backyard Birds. 6-8 yrs. Through indoor and outdoor exploration, learn more about our backyard feathered friends. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$3
- ★ **April 13 and 14, 9:30-10:15 or 10:45-11:30am.** Nature Detectives—Backyard Birds. 3-5 yrs. Through story, activity, and a craft, let's learn about our backyard feathered friends. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **April 14, 7:15-8:45pm.** Swamp Serenade. 5 yrs. & up. Listen to the singing frogs and toads as their courtship songs fill the wetland. One flashlight per family is recommended. Canceled if cold weather. Reservations required. \$5/family
- ★ **April 17, 7-10am.** Birding for Beginners—Optics and Field Guides. See 3/20
- ★ **April 22, 7-9:30pm.** Café Cattail. Welcome to Huntley Meadows' very own coffeehouse! Enjoy a relaxing evening applauding our community's talents. Musicians, dancers and poets are encouraged to share their arts with a nature theme. Reservations required for performers only. FREE
- ★ **April 23, 7-10am.** Birding at South King's Highway. Adults. This is the height of neotropical songbird migration. Binoculars and field guides are recommended. Meet at the park's South King's Highway and Telegraph Road entrance. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE

### John Marshall Library

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

- ★ **Saturday, March 19, 10:30am.** Sophie the Performing Dog. Watch her perform amazing tricks! All ages.
- ★ **Tuesday, March 22, 7pm.** RHCA Meeting. Topics: Fairfax County Budget and Emergency Transport.
- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn to use the Web or update your skills. Adults.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7:00pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.

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## Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Wednesday, March 30, 10:30am.** When the Wind Blows. Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, March 31, 4:00pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities, and a simple science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Fridays, 12:00pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring a lunch and join us for stories. Age birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 6, 10:30am.** More Trees, Please. Stories, activities, and a craft to celebrate Arbor Day. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, April 7, 7:00pm.** Teddy Bear Time. Bedtime stories and activities. Bring your favorite stuffed animal. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Monday, April 11, 1:30pm.** School's Out Fun! After school activities. Age 6-12.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 13, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Short stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, April 16, 2:00pm.** The Loud Poetry Guy. James Scott presents a fresh take on poetry and short stories. All ages.
- ★ **Tuesday, April 19, 7:00pm.** Friends Membership Meeting. The annual meeting of the Friends of the John Marshall Library kicks off with a program about rejuvenating the branch's gardens and local gardening tips. Adults.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 20, 10:30am.** Chickens Are Funny. Stories, activities, and a craft about silly chickens. Age 2-5 with adult.
- 7:15pm. Book Discussion Group. The Dive From Clausen's Pier by Ann Packer. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 27, 10:30am.** Watch This! Stories, activities and a craft to celebrate TV-Turnoff Week. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, April 28, 4:00pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities and a simple science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.

### **Hollywood Insider**

Jack Valenti, former head of the Motion Picture Association of America, launches the Fairfax County Library's 2005 Perspectives series at 7:30pm on March 28 at the Alden Theatre of the McLean Community Center. The event is free; tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 6:30pm the evening of the event. Valenti will present "Hollywood, Then and Now," a discussion of the evolution of Hollywood and its influence on American culture. The series continues on April 17, when CBS evening news anchor, Bob Schieffer, presents "Face the Nation: My Favorite Stories From the First 50 Years." The series ends on May 9, with NBC News correspondent Andrea Mitchell's presentation, "A View From Washington."

### **Happy Harry**

The publishers of the sixth book in J.K. Rowling's series have announced that *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* will be

released July 16, 2005. Within hours of the announcement, avid readers in Fairfax County began signing up to our library system's waiting list to read the book when it comes in. When we receive our shipment of Harry Potter VI in July, the books will go first to those on the list.

"The demand will be high," says Mohammed Esslami, the assistant manager of our Woodrow Wilson Library in Falls Church. The previous Harry Potter novel worked its way through more than 1,600 fans before showing up on the shelves of our 21 branches. Esslami encourages fans to get on the list by putting the book "on hold" through our online catalog: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/catalogindex.htm>

The Library plans to buy 244 copies and lease another 244 copies. Leasing books allows us to meet demand when bestsellers are first released, and then return them once the frenzy subsides. In addition, we plan to buy approximately 50 recorded versions on CD, about 20 copies each in Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean, and a number in large print.

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### **Edison High School**

For more information, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/> or <http://www.edisonhsboosters.com/index.html>

- ★ **March 19, 8:00am-12:00pm.** Saturday School
- ★ **March 21 through March 28.** Spring Break
- ★ **March 26, 10:00am-2:00pm.** Girls Soccer Car Wash
- ★ **March 28.** IB Art Exam
- ★ **March 29.** County Career Center Specialists Meeting
- ★ **April 7 through 9.** Edison Drama presents Pippin

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### **Mark Twain Middle and Rose Hill Elementary Schools**

- ★ **April 6.** Third Grading Period Ends
- ★ **April 7.** Student Holiday (Date subject to change if more than three school days are lost because of inclement weather.)
- ★ **April 10 through 14.** Spring Vacation

**Place UPS Store ad here**

# 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](http://www.dgdesigns.com). Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Place.

## EDUCATIONAL TOYS

**Bridgette Rose-Matchett.** Independent Education Consultant for Discovery Toys. Educational and developmentally-appropriate toys for your children. For more information on hosting a party, or great birthday, holiday, and gift ideas, call 703.924.1785. Email: [Oneprincess2000@aol.com](mailto:Oneprincess2000@aol.com).

## 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](mailto: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.

## MUSIC

**HarpMusic By Phyllis.** 703.922.9682. Lovely background music for weddings, parties, and special events. Reasonable rates, demo tape available, 20 years with the President's Marine Band. Phyllis has lived on Haystack Road for 29 years.

## 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](http://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](mailto:oraclemarjorie@aol.com).

## REAL ESTATE

**Re/Max Allegiance.** Karen Davidson, 703.927.4448. [www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson](http://www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson), [www.karen-davidson.com](http://www.karen-davidson.com), email: [kedavidson@aol.com](mailto: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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