

The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Revised Lee District Park Plan To Be Discussed on March 28

On Wednesday, March 15, the Fairfax County Park Authority staff outlined its revised master plan for Lee District Park at a public meeting at Mark Twain Middle School. That same day, the Rose Hill Civic Association received a reply to its letter of December 7, 2005.

The revised plan, RHCA's letter, and the reply will be available at the Rose Hill Civic Association meeting on Tuesday, March 28, at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library. It should be noted that the revised plan is more intense than what originally proposed and was the subject of the RHCA letter.

The new plan proposes three lighted baseball/softball fields and three lighted separate rectangular fields suitable for football, softball, and other sports. The previous plan called for multi-use fields with baseball/softball being overlaid on football/soccer fields. There were fewer fields and fewer lights.

As you may recall, RHCA's concerns about the previous plan centered around glare from the lights and traffic through our community. The answer was to light more fields and advise us that traffic should not be a problem. The Department of Recreation and Community Services advised the Park Authority that its information indicates only 25 cars per field per hour. By their count, we can expect 150 more cars per hour when the fields are in use.

RHCA respectfully disputes those figures, particularly for tournaments and other special events. On the one hand, we are trying to reduce traffic and speeding in Rose Hill. On the other, it appears the new park plan will add more traffic.

The Park staff reports that technology has lessened the likelihood that glare will be a problem for neighboring properties. We'd like to know more about such a large concentration of lights in a small area.

The new plan proposes rest room facilities in the family recreation area near the intersection of Rose Hill Drive and Telegraph Road. We wholeheartedly support that addition. The new plan also improves the trail system in the park and pledges the Park Authority to work with the County and State to upgrade access to the park. RHCA proposed just such a system in its December letter.

It should be noted that the Park Authority ultimately will have to gain a favorable ruling from the Planning Commission that the new master plan

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

**Topic: Lee District Park Master Plan Revisions,
Election of Officers**

RHCA Officers

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meets the location, character, and extent criteria of the comprehensive plan. At this point, I believe the proposal fails in that it changes the character of Lee District Park from a district park to a county-wide facility and the extended uses are more intense than the plan envisions. Lee District Park can only be reached by driving through a community and those communities should not be overburdened with traffic.

Finally, redevelopment of the park will be contingent on the sale of future park bonds, state or federal funds, contributions, or a combination of all of them. At this point, no funding program is contemplated. Park bond funds are repaid by the County through its annual budget.

Come to the March 28 RHCA meeting to learn more about this proposal and help develop the RHCA response.

Election of Officers

According to our Bylaws, there will be an election of officers at our March 28 meeting. We're always looking for people who will step up and work for our organization. I have said repeatedly that I will be glad to relinquish the presidency to anyone willing to put the time and effort into helping keep Rose Hill a great community. I'll be glad to help that person so that a transition goes smoothly. New ideas are the life's blood of any organization. Of course, there are some things worth continuing and I'll help in those areas. Maybe someone would like to step up to assume the vice presidency and then move up to the presidency in 2007. However, if I am to continue, it is contingent on Treasurer Carolyn Slenska once again serving in that office and Marty Williams remaining as editor of *The Rambler*. And, Jim Sapp continues to handle our outstanding website from his undisclosed location in the mountains of Colorado. They are our unsung heroes. In any event, I encourage you to become involved in the week-to-week operation of RHCA. Please come to the meeting and volunteer your services. You really can make a difference in your community and your County.

Final Call for 2006 Members

If you don't see your name listed in this month's RHCA membership roster, please fill out the form on Page 4 of this issue or from the web at MyRoseHill.com and mail it to PO Box, 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. March ends the first quarter of the year and also marks the end of our yearly membership campaign. We don't knock on your door or bother you on the phone. We greatly appreciate

your support of our community. RHCA, through the strength of its members, helps keep this a great community in which to live. We have an active association, a highly effective Neighborhood Watch, and a number of programs designed to respond to problems and help the County enforce its rules. Your membership pays the cost of printing *The Rambler*, supports the Rose Hill Beauty program, and several worthwhile community and area charities. Most of all, it gives us a voice in decisions affecting our community. Membership is great, but we also would appreciate your involvement at our meetings. RHCA meets the fourth Tuesday of each month except July, August, and December at 7pm at the John Marshall Library. Come and meet your neighbors.

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More Rose Hill Originals

Alice and Edward Holloman moved from a rental house in Huntington to their dream home at 4515 Sturbridge Place on January 1, 1955. They are still there, enjoying living in our great community. Read their story on Page 6. George and Doris Krapf moved into 6322 Rose Hill Drive on January 15, 1955. They came from DC and George worked for the US Department of Labor. George still lives in the same house. Tom & Bev Eppolito moved into 6217 Driftwood Drive in June of 1956. Tom worked at Defense Mapping and Bev at Fort Belvoir. They raised four children and Bev still lives in the same house. Ray Stone and her husband, Harris, moved here from Arizona in October 1956, settling in at 4528 Roundhill Road. Harris kept track of all the US Navy ships. Ray still lives on Roundhill Road. Raymond and Evelyn Market moved to 4608 Mayor Place in October of 1959 into what was a model home. Evelyn worked in Old Town Alexandria, and the first few times going to work and back, she wondered why in the world they moved out to the country.

Time is running out for you to let us know if you, or a neighbor, are a Rose Hill Original. We'd like to publish the total list in April and then begin the process of ordering a plaque for display. We hope to place it at the base of the Rose Hill sign in front of the library. So let us know about anyone we can add to the list.

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RHCA 2006 Members as of March 13, 2006

Nouri & Suham Abbou, 6115 Rose Hill Drive
Nida & Jerry Antonio, 6406 May Boulevard
Betty Balch, 6400 Hayfield Place
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane
Jo Ann Barney, 5000 Tree Top Lane
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Shirley & Bill Bennington, 6405 May Boulevard
Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbing Hill Road
Ann Borchevsky, 4511 Bee Street
Jeannetta Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle
Judith & Thomas Bowles, 6510 Haystack Road
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbing Hill Road
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbing Hill Road
P.G. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road
Sandra Benarick, 6270 Rose Hill Drive
Woody & Tammie Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Mark & Lorraine Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
Kimberly Bush, 4612 Cottonwood Place
Pearl Butler, 6401 Cottonwood Drive
Tracy Campbell, 6402 Cottonwood Drive
Jason & Maureen Cardone, 6418 Willowood Lane
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Bev & Norm Cherkis, 6300 Saddle Tree Drive
Beatrice & Robert Christensen, 6500 Carriage Drive
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Bob Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place
Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
Sam Covington, 6302 Saddle Tree Drive
Jane & Margo Cunniffe, 4609 Mayor Place
Virginia Dahlgren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
Bill & Sally Dankers and Marjorie Parkyn,
6511 Carriage Drive
E & K Davidson, 4607 Roundhill Road
Barbara Digman, 6217 Blossom Lane
Robin & David Dodson, 6400 Wayside Place
Harry Dodson, 6319 May Boulevard
Brian & Mary Ellen Duy, 6309 Climbing Hill Road
Beverly Eppolito, 6217 Driftwood Drive
Stien Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
Dawit Eyob/Kongit Eyassu, 6206 Redwood Lane
Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road
Thomas J. Felleisen, 6406 Hayfield Place
Rosemarie & Michael Field, 4426 Roundhill Road
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
Trigg & Beverly Flannagan, 6514 Haystack Road
Larry & Constance Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Tree Top Lane
Ed & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
William & Christina Gerke, 4905 Apple Tree Drive
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
Elmer & Alice Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive
Lucio Herrera, 4525 Apple Tree Drive
Linda Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Place

Fredy & Maxine Heyer, 4704 Flower Lane
Douglas Hoey, 6208 Redwood Lane
Don & Lynn Hoffman, 5002 Tree Top Lane
Alica & Edward Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place
Emilie Hood, 5012 Tree Top Lane
Kevin & Kelli Hoover, 6314 Saddle Tree Drive
James & Susie Hudson, 6413 Maryview Street
Yancy & Patricia Hull, 6113 Leewood Drive
John & Erika Good, 4604 Roundhill Road
Clifford & Barbara James, 6412 May Boulevard
Frank Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Helen Johnson, 4517 Apple Tree Drive
Cynthia Johnson-Cavey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
Jim & Lynda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
Jack & Terry Kannofsky, 6512 Carriage Drive
Edwin & Lylian Kesler, 4405 Roundhill Road
Audrey Kick, 4517 Sturbridge Place
Yong S. Kim, 6211 Thornwood Drive
Yun Soo Kim, 6205 Thornwood Drive
Ollie King, 4512 Lark Lane
Bob & Beth Kohm, 6429 Carriage Drive
George Krapf, 6322 Rose Hill Drive
Donald Krause, 6300 Rose Hill Drive
Susan & Brent Kroetch, 4700 Flower Lane
Millie Lane, 6410 May Boulevard
John & Patricia Lawrence, 6330 Maryview Street
Steve & June Lefler, 6424 Carriage Drive
Ronald & Katherine Lender, 6406 Rose Hill Drive
Edward & Anna Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive
John & Jackie Lewis, 6206 Thornwood Drive
Eloise & Randy Lewis, 4501 Bee Street
Charles Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
Charles Lutman, 6309 Willowood Lane
E. Lynch-Upchurch, 4701 Flower Lane
Well & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Drive
Leahsa McCaw & Richard Sandoval, 6402 Rye Court
Ken & Mary Mann, 6107 Leewood Drive
M.C. Mayo, 6122 Leewood Drive
Frank & Marge McConnell, 6220 Thornwood Drive
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
Dolores McKinney, 6303 Cottonwood Drive
Susan & George McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
Nancy McMinn, 4804 Apple Tree Drive
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
Melvin Market, 6211 Redwood Lane
Obdulia Mason, 6311 Saddle Tree Drive
Marnie Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
Mimi & Charles Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
Edna Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
Harold & Lavera Murray, 5003 Tree Top Lane
Jean Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
But & Mien Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive
Thakor Patel, 6401 Maryview Street
Stella & Anthony Peters, 4610 Mayor Place
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Charles & Jeska Pfefferle, 6503 Haystack Road
Robert & Ginny Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive
Roy & Susan Poff, 6328 Maryview Street
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Louise Prystaloski, 4910 Silo Road
Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood Lane
Monica & Alan Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
Jim & Nancy Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road
James Ridgell, 6513 Cottonwood Drive
David & Nancy Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
Eric & Deborah Rumph, 6409 May Boulevard
E. Wayne Ryan, 6518 Haystack Road
Frank Schoenle, 6302 Climbing Road
Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive
Cragin & Kay Shelton, 4403 Roundhill Road
James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive
Diana & Marty Shupack, 6419 Haystack Road
Burton & Debbie Slack, 4803 Apple Tree Drive
Michael Smith & Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
Mark & Dottie Snyder, 6322 Maryview Street
Don & Nita Stallings, 6407 Willowood Lane
William Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
Fred, Nancy & Steve Stinnette, 4520 Apple Tree Drive

Ray M. Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road
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C. & D. Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place
Jean Thomson, 6302 Cottonwood Drive
Rex & Linda Taylor, 6505 Haystack Road
Nina Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Place
Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road
M&H Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road
Derek & Angie Vereen, 6222 Thornwood Drive
Wanda & Tom Violette, 6408 May Boulevard
Gerardo & Virginia Villareal, 6301 Climbing Road
Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
Fran Watts, 6508 Haystack Road
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Linda & Lauck Walton, 4900 Silo Road
Jonathan & Janelle Welch, 4516 Sturbridge Place
Louise Westgate, 6708 Greendale Road
Karen Wheeless, 6709 Greendale Road
Alice Wilder & Thomas Mangum, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
Dwight & Marty Williams, 6509 Cottonwood Drive
Jeffrey Williams, 6121 Dew Grass Drive
Pam & Jon Yereb, 4617 Winston Place
Elisa Rolon-Zurita, 6503 Rose Hill Drive

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
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 Rose Hill Elementary School
 \$_____ Donation for RHCA General Fund

Thank you!

Edison Pyramid Art Show

The Art Teachers of the Edison Pyramid Schools would like to invite you to join us in celebrating Youth Art Month by attending the Edison Pyramid Art Exhibit. Participating schools include Edison High School, Mark Twain Middle School, and the following Elementary Schools: Bush Hill, Rose Hill, Clermont, Cameron, Franconia, and Mt. Eagle. The exhibit dates are March 7 through April 23 at the Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.971.6262.

Development Update

Wale Ayodeji, the County's Chief Geotechnical Engineer, reports that the site plan and soils report for Rose Hill Reserve have been sent back to the owner's engineers for more information and calculations needed in order to prove their conclusion that the property can safely be developed. This action came after a site visit on February 23 by Mr. Ayodeji and his staff, members of the Geotechnical Review Board, myself, and Jeff McKay from Supervisor Kauffman's office. The site visit gave us a chance to show the County and the Board members specific areas of concern which include development near steep slopes and water runoff. Hopefully, the one area of concern about the width of the buffer near a house on Carriage Drive has been resolved by down-sizing a cul de sac as part of the new development. The County geotechnical review folks are going the extra mile to make sure RHCA's questions are answered and the adjacent property owners are protected.

One other note: it appears we will soon be dealing with a development proposal for the property on the hillside between Driftwood Drive and Telegraph Road and bordered by the homes on the north side of Climbhill Road. Residents report drilling rigs have been busy on the site, a sure indication that development is planned. The property is zoned R-3, the same as the rest of Rose Hill, and has marine clay deposits. This may involve by-right development under the existing zoning. However, RHCA will insist that the rules involving development on marine clay are strictly enforced. As always, our goal is to make sure adjacent properties, and the potential new neighbors, are protected.

It's the Law!

Rose Hill residents are reminded of several county laws that are designed to help us keep our community looking good. And, we are serving notice that RHCA will insist those laws be enforced by the County. They involve trash piles in the yard, abandoned,

unlicensed, or inoperable cars on private property that are visible from any adjoining property, parking on the grass strip between the sidewalk and street on Rose Hill Drive, and cleaning up after you dog. The latter is of particular concern because of the potential health problems. If you walk your dog, clean up after any deposits they leave along the way. I do, and you can, too! And, although it's not against the law, please be considerate of what your neighbors have to look at and pick up those pesky, free newspapers. When they sit and accumulate, not only do they rot, but they make your home look vacant and appealing to would-be thieves.

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As the days get longer, more children are going to be playing outside. Parents are reminded to caution them from playing in the street and to look both ways before crossing the street. Drivers are reminded to keep a keen eye out for our community 'dears,' paying particular attention to the spaces between parked cars. RHCA is working with the County in an effort to slow down the traffic that passes through our community.

Blight Update

Thanks to strong action by the Health Department, the house at 4612 Roundhill Road has a new roof! Also, the Blight Abatement people report they have seen signed contracts for the installation of new windows and other maintenance items. RHCA will continue to monitor the property (with the help of the neighbors) and report any delays in promised work or other problems. And, believe it or not, a landscape company recently showed up to cut the grass and clean up the outside. We hope this wasn't a one-time effort. It took a long time and a visit from the sheriff to get some action from the absentee owner. Thanks to the Health Department, we hopefully are on the road to getting this property back to the point where it doesn't embarrass those who live nearby. Just shows how effective a community organization can be when it unites behind a problem.

—Carl Sell

Spring has sprung and that means the Washington region will be celebrating the Cherry Blossom Festival. For details, check out www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

Rose Hill Originals

We lived in Huntington in a duplex rental home in 1954. One of our neighbors told us that a housing development was being constructed off Franconia Road, so we took a ride up that way and found that two houses had been constructed—one was a model and the other was being used for the office. We were so pleased to find that \$25 would get us on the list that day and be used as a portion of the settlement fees. We were taken for a Jeep ride down a really bumpy country road to see the spot we had chosen on their map.

They had extra options to choose from. We wanted a corner lot, parquet floors, and a washing machine in the kitchen which added a few hundred dollars to the basic price of \$13,500. Thinking back now, that

was about the best decision we made. It doesn't seem possible that a house could be bought for such a small amount of money, especially considering prices now. Even cars cost more than that now.

Our house was completed in December 1954, and we moved in January 1, 1955—the 15th family to move into Rose Hill. The shopping center was opened soon after; Rose Hill School and the Library followed. Everything we needed was close by.

We've always appreciated the convenience of living in this area. Our neighbors are great and thoughtful and, needless to say, we've enjoyed being Rose Hill residents.

—Alice and Edward Holloman



Virginia Hills Pool Accepting New Members

The nearby Virginia Hills Swim Club is accepting new members for the 2006 season. The Club's pool is located on Robinson Drive, just off Dorset, nestled next to Lee District Park, in the Virginia Hills neighborhood.

The Club launched a major renovation campaign in 2004 which saw the pool's bathhouse completely renovated along with other major improvements on the pool grounds. In 2005, a state-of-the-art enclosed slide was added. Additional improvements for 2006 are in the planning stages. The response has been enthusiastic and the Club has seen an increase of more than 50% in new memberships in the last two years. However, the Club still has plenty of room for new members, either as shareholders or associates. In other words, Virginia Hills has no waiting list! The

Club also has a special military associate rate for families assigned to the area for a short time, as well as lower rates for singles.

The Club is proud of its friendly atmosphere and is gaining an excellent local reputation for its preteen/teen social events. Newer amenities include an outdoor "game room," and a reinvigorated snack bar. The Club offers swim lessons, water aerobics, and sponsors a swim team, the Tidal Wave, in the Northern Virginia Swim League. In 2005, the Tidal Wave won its division and looks forward to a strong 2006 campaign.

The Club would love to have you join! Please call 703.317.5900 for membership information and to leave a message. The pool's website is www.vahillspool.org.

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Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, March 28, 7pm. Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting.** John Marshall Library. Subject: Lee District Park Master Plan Revisions and Election of Officers.
- ★ **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. Thank you for helping save lives in our community!
- ★ **March 29. First Annual Doggy Yappy Hour.** This fundraiser for the Animal Welfare League features a play area for bigger dogs, doggies treats plus doggie-themed appetizers for people, and drinks specials. 5:30-8pm at Barkley Square, 1 Wales Alley. www.barkleysquarebakery.com or 703.519.7565.
- ★ **April 2. Braddock Day.** In 1755, General Edward Braddock used Carlyle House as his headquarters before starting off to Pennsylvania to fight the French and Indian War. Costumed re-enactors will tell the story of Braddock's visit to Alexandria. Noon-4pm at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Admission \$4, \$2 for children. www.carlylehouse.org or 703.549.2997.
- ★ **April 2. Tech Tour at Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighhey House.** Take a rare and detailed behind-the-scenes look at the only Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house museum in the area during special in-depth tours. 8:30-11am. \$30; reservations required; space is limited. Coffee and pastry are included. Limited accessibility. www.popeleighhey1940.org or 703.780.4000, ext. 27.
- ★ **April 4-30. April at The Potomac Craftsmen.** "Rock, Scissors, Paper" highlights paper in many forms including vessels, jewelry, wall hangings, and other unique items. In Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Open 10am-4pm Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm Sat. and Sun., until 8pm the second Thursday of each month. www.Potomaccraftsmenfibergallery.com or 703.548.0935.
- ★ **April 6-July 10. "The Civil Rights Movement in Virginia."** This traveling exhibition, sponsored by the Virginia Historical Society, explores the Civil Rights Movement and its aftermath in Virginia. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Open 10am-4pm Tues.-Sat. Free! www.alexblackhistory.org or 703.838.4356.
- ★ **April 8. 18th Century Grand Ball.** Held in the historic Ballroom of Gadsby's Tavern, this springtime party, set in

the 1770s, features live music, beginner and advanced dances, dessert collation, cash bar, and "gaming." Period costume optional, "after-five" attire encouraged. 8-11pm, \$50 per person, including 3 dance classes (earlier in March and April). Reservations required. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242.

- ★ **April 15. Hunt For History.** The history is easy to find, but where are the eggs? Help find the Tavernkeeper's Easter Eggs and learn about the past at the same time. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Tours 10am-5pm. Cost \$5, \$3 per child ages 2-17, including light refreshments. Reservations required. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242.
- ★ **April 15-16. Mount Vernon's Spring Garden Party.** Wagon rides through the fruit garden and nursery, early-American musicians, and demonstrations on how to incorporate 18th century techniques into modern gardens are some of the special events. 10am-4pm both days at George Washington's Estate & Gardens. Heirloom plants and gifts also available through May 7. Included in admission of \$13, \$12 for seniors, \$6 for students, with ages 5 and under free. www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000.
- ★ **April 17-May 7. Gardening Days at Mount Vernon.** George Washington's Estate and Gardens are their most beautiful. Herbalist Betsey-Ann Golon demonstrates 18th century gardening techniques; guided landscape tours offered at 11am, 1 and 3pm daily. Famous garden and gift sale, featuring heirloom plants, some from Mount Vernon, open daily 9:30am-4:30pm. Included in admission of \$13, \$12 for seniors, \$6 for students, with ages 5 and under free. www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000.
- ★ **April 19. Almost - But Not Quite - Like Father And Son: The Relationship Between George Washington and Lafayette.** Dr. Peter Henrikes speaks and signs his new book *Realistic Visionary: A Portrait of George Washington*. 7:30-9pm at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. \$12; reservations recommended. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242.
- ★ **April 22. 73rd Annual Historic Garden Tour of Alexandria.** This tour features five privately-owned Old Town homes and gardens, two historic churches, and four historic properties. 10am-4pm. 703.329.6935, www.VAGardenweek.org.
- ★ **April 22. Garden Day and Herb Sale at Carlyle.** Admire the garden at its prettiest and shop for herbs grown at George Washington's Mount Vernon. 10am-4pm at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Admission \$4, \$2 for children, and included in the Historic Gardens Tour ticket. www.carlylehouse.org or 703.549.2997.
- ★ **April 22-May 13. "Love, Sex and The IRS."** A tax-time comedy about what happens when an out-of-work musician claims his male roommate as his wife. At the

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Shows at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 3pm Sun. Tickets \$14-\$17 at www.thelittletheatre.com or 703.683.0496.

- ★ **April 23 and 30. Garden Days Tea and Tour.** Learn about the tea customs of the 19th century while enjoying a special blend of tea and period confections. Seatings at noon and 2pm at Woodlawn, the beautiful home of George Washington's adopted granddaughter, 9000 Richmond Hwy. \$25 includes tea and tour of Woodlawn, \$5 additional for tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House. Reservations required: 703.780.4000, ext. 33.
- ★ **April 29. Alexandria Symphony—Music Inspired by Poetry.** The acclaimed professional orchestra performs at 8pm the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets available at www.alexsym.org or 703.548.0885.

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/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. In March the Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Friday; noon to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. Beginning April 17, the Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday. The Visitor Center is closed Tuesday. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **April 5, 7:15-8:45pm. Swamp Serenade.** 5 yrs. & up. Listen to the singing frogs and toads as their courtship songs fill the wetland. A flashlight/family is recommended. Canceled if cold weather. Reservations required. \$5/family
- ★ **April 8, 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. FREE
- ★ **April 11, 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, Tuesday through Thursday. Reservations required. \$60

★ **April 17, 3:15-4:30pm. Young Explorers—Snakes and Frogs.** 6-8 yrs. Through a story and walk learn about these master jumpers, evening serenaders, and their slithery cousins. Reservations required. \$3

★ **April 19, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30am. Nature Detectives—Snakes and Frogs.** 3-5 yrs. Master jumpers, evening serenaders, and their slithery cousins. Through story, activity, and craft learn more about these fascinating animals. Reservations required. \$5

★ **April 20, 9:30-10:15am. Nature Detectives—Snakes and Frogs.** See 4/19

★ **April 21, 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. Sponsored by FOHMP. FREE

★ **April 22, 7:30-10:30am. Spring Birds and Breakfast.** Adults. Search for warblers, thrushes, waterfowl and a host of other birds as we approach the peak of spring migration. Following the hike, relax and recap the sightings during a continental breakfast at the center. Binoculars and field guides recommended. Reservations required. \$5

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive. Events are free unless noted. Reservations are encouraged; call 703.971.0010, TTY: 703.324.8365.

- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Personalized Internet Training.** Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7pm. Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Wednesday, March 29, 10:30am. Spring Into Spring.** Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, March 30, 7pm. Immunization Myths Vs. Facts.** Adults.
- ★ **Friday, March 31, 12pm. Lunch Bunch.** Bring your lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, April 4, 7pm. Friends Annual Meeting.** Uncover the past and discover the local history and genealogy resources. Adults.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 5, 10:30am. Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies.** Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Thursday, April 6, 7pm.** **Teddy Bear Time.** Bedtime stories and activities. Bring your favorite stuffed animal. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Friday, April 7, 12pm.** **Lunch Bunch.** Bring a lunch and enjoy stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 12, 10:30am.** **Small Wonders.** Short stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, April 15, 2pm.** **The Little Red Hen's Wacky Week & The Frog Prince.** Kaydee Puppets presents two classics. All ages.
- ★ **Monday, April 17, 1:45pm.** **School's Out Fun.** After school activities and fun. Age 6-10.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 19, 10:30am.** **Rainy Days.** Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 19, 7:15pm.** **Book Discussion Group.** The Catcher in the Rye by J.D Salinger. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Friday, April 21, 12pm.** **Lunch Bunch.** Bring a lunch and enjoy stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, April 27, 4pm.** **Curiosity Club.** Stories, activities, and a simple science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Friday, April 28, 12pm.** **Lunch Bunch.** Bring a lunch and enjoy stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Edison High School's Keep In Touch.** Parents, have you signed up for Edison High School's Keep In Touch? This service can help you get emergency messages from Fairfax County Public Schools. You can also choose to receive information about events planned for your student's grade level, sports activities, fine arts performances, career and guidance events, and more. Take a moment to go to the following Web site <https://fcps.medianext.com/edisonhs/start.html> where you will be asked to fill out a form. The Keep In Touch system is free and confidential. You may update your choices or remove yourself from the service at any time.
- ★ **Edison Mulch Sale.** Order today! Same great mulch, same great price—\$4/bag. Order 20 bags or more and it will be delivered to your home on April 1st! Please call Nancy Scott at 703.329.4586 or e-mail at EdisonMulch@hotmail.com to place orders or ask questions. Benefits the All Night Grad Party!!! Please support our Seniors.
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Edison High School

- ★ **March 30, 7pm.** **High School Survival Skills for Parents!** Tips for getting your student through high school successfully while making it a positive experience for the whole family. Presented by the Howard Gardner School and Reach for the Stars in Alexandria. Free. Please call for reservations and directions: 703.461.9300.
- ★ **April 4, 7-9pm.** **Empowering Parents Seminar: Supporting Parents of the Next Generation.** Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Rd. Sponsored by the Safe Youth Coalition. **Adults Only.** This is an event designed to raise parents' awareness and increase their skills. There are three seminars:
 - 6:15pm:** Interactive Events—Internet Safety & Cell Phones; Fatal Vision Goggle Activities; Informational Handouts
 - Displays—DWI Crash Vehicle; School Resource Officer Program
 - 7-8:15pm:** Police—"In The Trenches"; Expulsion Hearing Officer; Fairfax County Juvenile and Family Domestic Relations Court Judge
 - 8:15-8:45pm:** Parents guided through hands on computer activities with police personnel.

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Mark Twain Middle School

- ★ **March 30 and April 1.** Drama production
- ★ **April 3-7.** National Library Week
- ★ **April 6.** 3rd grading period ends
- ★ **April 7.** Teacher workday – students do not attend
- ★ **April 10-14.** Spring vacation
- ★ **April 17.** 4th grading period begins
- ★ **April 18.** PTA meeting, 7pm, cafeteria

Rose Hill Elementary School

- ★ **March 28.** BART Testing, Grades 3-6
Tutoring, 7:50 - 8:20am, Cafeteria
SOL Afternoon Program, 3:15 - 5:30pm
- ★ **March 29.** BART Testing, Grades 3-6
- ★ **March 30.** BART Testing, Grades 3-6
SOL Afternoon Program, 3:15 - 5:30pm
Tutoring, 7 - 8:30am, Library
- ★ **April 25, 7pm.** Kindergarten Parent Orientation

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.

Llewellyn Family Daycare. 14 years experience providing care for children of all ages. State Licensed, CPR- and First Aid-Certified. Accepting applications for full-time and part-time care. Before and after school care. Transportation provided for Rose Hill Elementary School. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 6:30 am-6:30 pm. Weekend and evening care available upon request. Year-round preschool curriculum. Fun-filled days of learning and exploring. Every month a different theme. Daily activities include reading, arts and crafts, circle time, letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and outdoor play. Plenty of space for activities! Excellent references. Fairfax County Child Care Assistance Program accepted. To schedule an appointment, call Jessica at 703.765.1661.

DECK AND FENCE

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

DIGITAL DESIGN

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

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Fabrications. Invitations, flyers, announcements, 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. She is the Editor of *The Rambler* and lives 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 19 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 31 years.

HOME REPAIRS

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.

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 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.

LICENSED NOTARY PUBLIC

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

MEMORY BOOKS

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

PAINTING

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

PET SITTING

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

QUILTS

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

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REAL ESTATE

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

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

Roofing

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

TREE SERVICE

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

Place UPS Store Ad Here

Advertising in *The Rambler*

Listing in the Business Directory is free to Rose Hill residents who own their business, but placing an actual advertisement is open to all with rates per month as follows:

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

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

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

Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.924.7192. Artwork can be sent to marty@fabrications.us in tiff or jpeg format or hardcopy mailed to P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Checks made out to RHCA should be included with ads and sent to the P.O. Box.

—Marty Williams

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