

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Rose Hill History Display at Franconia Museum Unveiled

A display depicting the history of Rose Hill will be one of the permanent displays at the Franconia Museum, housed in the Franconia Governmental Center. The display will be unveiled at the March 27th meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library.

Jim Cox, a native Franconian and member of the Museum Board of Directors, developed the display using information from the Rose Hill website, myrosehill.com. Jim also added information and pictures. The display covers the front and back of three large panels. Jim and Phyllis Walker Ford, president of the Franconia Museum's Board of Directors, will provide RHCA members with information about the museum. Ms. Walker Ford also is involved in the restoration of the Laurel Grove church on Beulah Street that was destroyed by fire last year. Her family originally donated the land for the church.

Items covered on the Rose Hill display include the sign honoring the Rose Hill Originals, the first families to move into our subdivision in the 1950s

Traffic Calming Petition Needs Your Signature!

Come to our March 27th meeting and sign the traffic-calming petition. The County requires a large number of signatures before it will consider traffic calming measures for our streets. Most people agree speeders are one of our major problems in Rose Hill. Here's your chance to help do something about them. If you come to the meeting and sign the petition, we won't have to knock on your door. Signatures are needed for residents on Rose Hill Drive and all its cul de sacs, Cottonwood Drive and all its cul de sacs, Willowood Lane, Saddle Tree Drive, Apple Tree Drive, the lower section of Roundhill Road, Climbhill Road, May Boulevard, Treetop Lane, Bee Street, Maryview Street, Carriage Drive, Haystack Road, Greendale Road, Split Rock Road, Silo Road, Leewood Drive, and Flower Lane. There will be a map available at the meeting of all the streets needing petition signatures.

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, March 23, 7pm, John Marshall Library

Topic: Rose Hill Display at Franconia Museum

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still here as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. We are hoping to unveil the actual sign at our April meeting.

Senior Safety

Almost 50 members of the Rose Hill community heard a highly informative talk on Senior Safety at our February meeting by Master Police Officer James Nida of the Franconia Police Station. Perhaps the most important message was to always, always call the police if you think you're in trouble. Call 911 for immediate help or 703.691.2131 to report a crime or suspicious activity. Officer Nida cautioned seniors to keep their doors locked and never open the door unless it's for someone they will give a hug. He also asked seniors to purchase peepholes for their doors that allow them to see the visitor full length (there may be someone crouching below them). Always be aware of your surroundings when you return home from shopping. If a stranger approaches you, don't try to run in the house. Stand and shout to attract a neighbor. Better yet, travel in pairs or let your neighbor know when you plan to return so he or she can look out for you. The rest of us can assist our senior neighbors by being aware of their schedules. Check on them daily. And, seniors, please don't be

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upset with those of us who keep our eyes on you and your home. It may save your life! We have some handouts from the February meeting that outline the points made by Officer Nida. They will be available at the March meeting.

Remembering Corporal Ramsey

The end of an era was marked on March 2 in Portland, Oregon, with the funeral of Army Corporal Howard V. Ramsey, the last living combat veteran of World War 1. Cpl. Ramsey died on February 22, a little more than one month before reaching his 109th birthday. Ramsey had inherited the title two weeks earlier with the passing of Massachusetts veteran Antonio Pierro on February 8. There are seven known WW1 veterans still living, none of whom were shipped overseas. Ramsey's lifetime spanned three centuries and 19 presidents. He was born in Rico, Colorado, on April 2, 1898, when the US flag had 45 stars and President McKinley was preparing to declare war with Spain. We can honor Cpl. Ramsey and all of our veterans by displaying the flag here in Rose Hill. RHCA has ordered flag sets for only \$8.50 each. Several residents have already ordered them. If you want one, send \$8.50 to RHCA at P.O. Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. Each set comes with a three-piece steel pole, gold eagle ornament, mounting bracket and fasteners, and a 3' X 5' outdoor flag fully printed on lightweight polyester and finished with white header and brass grommets. The package also includes a flag etiquette booklet. Order yours today and we will deliver the flag sets as soon as they are received.

Neighborhood Deterioration

The General Assembly has passed two bills that will help in our fight to relieve overcrowding in our neighborhood. Delegate Mark Sickles reports he voted in favor of a Senate bill that allows local zoning administrators to see subpoenas from the Commonwealth's Attorney when landlords are suspected to be in violation of boarding house laws. Also, Delegate Tom Rust and Delegate Sickles sponsored a bi-partisan bill that substantially increases the fines for convictions related to overcrowding of residential buildings. Hopefully, the governor will sign both bills into law. The wheels have turned slowly, but the efforts of RHCA and other associations are beginning to pay off at the local and state levels. Fairfax County has instituted some new rules to combat neighborhood deterioration,

usually caused by overcrowding and large numbers of automobiles at one address. Unfortunately, there aren't enough zoning inspectors to make more than a dent in the problem. RHCA supports additional zoning inspectors with the funds necessary for them to come from added fines.

4612 Roundhill Road Update

We keep going around in circles with the County regarding this eyesore in our community. We had hoped that some new laws that went into effect on January 1 would be helpful. So far, they are not. Zoning Enforcement established a new position to check on buildings that are structurally

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unsound. After an inspection, 4612 Roundhill was classified as vacant and secure. It was referred back to Blight Abatement. That's where we came in! We have been working with Blight Abatement for years, trying to get them to declare the property so badly rundown that it needs to either be repaired or demolished. We were trying to get the Health Department to classify the property as uninhabitable. No kidding! As of January 1, the ball was passed back to Zoning Enforcement, which sprang into action and passed it back to Blight Abatement. Zoning enforcement has done some good work in Rose Hill. However, 4612 Roundhill makes everyone look bad. We will continue to push the County staff and the Supervisor's office to help us get rid of this eyesore. It is going to take some drastic action by RHCA and the neighbors to get the County's attention. We're working on a plan.

Bye-Bye On Rock-A-By

Although we aren't having any luck with 4612 Roundhill Road, it's a different story on Rock-A-By Road. And it only took two years! On March 11, the Board of Supervisors authorized the demolition of the house on Rock-A-By at the end of Lark Lane that had been almost consumed by a fire two years ago. The owner had not moved to have the structure razed, so the County stepped in. The cost of taking down the structure and securing the site will be paid

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by the County with a lien against the property to recover the cost. Also to be removed is the remnants of an unprotected swimming pool that had neighbors concerned. The site has become attractive for vandals, both human and animal. Thanks to Richard Ballard of Lark Lane who spearheaded the effort to force the County to take action. He and his five-year-old daughter, Lily ChanChan, testified at the Board hearing. Several other residents of the area also attended to support Ballard in his effort. Thanks to all of them. Ballard reminded the Board that RHCA had voted unanimously at its February meeting to support demolition of this nuisance and eyesore. It probably won't be too long before we are faced with a plan to develop a number of new houses on Rock-A-By. We'll keep you informed.

Membership Drive Ends

We're going to print the membership form for the last time in 2007 below but it will remain on our website, myRoseHill.com. If your name isn't listed on the Honor Roll of members on Page 4, please fill out the form and mail it, along with your \$10 dues and contribution, to RHCA. We depend on your dues and contributions to pay for the printing of *The Rambler* and numerous other activities throughout the year. Dues alone don't cover our costs, so we ask for your contributions to continue our programs. Remember, only RHCA members receive the coveted Rose Hill Beauty signs if their property is selected in the annual program honoring those who go beyond the call to make their homes and yards stand out in the neighborhood.

—Carl Sell

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.

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 RHCA General Fund

Thank you!

Police Report

School Employee Arrested

Franconia Road, 4700 Block: A Fairfax County Public School employee was arrested Wednesday, February 28, at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center for allegedly stealing an LCD projector from Mark Twain Middle School, at 4700 Franconia Road in Springfield. The projector was reported stolen on Tuesday, February 20. Through the course of the investigation, it was learned that Alexander John Czajkowski, 39, of 6711 Reynard Drive in Springfield, was a suspect and later charged with grand larceny.

Larcenies: Cottonwood Drive, 6400 Block – License plate stolen from vehicle.

	2005	2006	% Change Increase/ (Decrease)
Murder*	20	18	(10.0)
Rape	94	73	(22.3)
Robbery	483	572	18.4
Aggravated Assault	378	334	(11.6)
Burglary	1,344	1,580	17.6
Larceny	14,451	13,075	(9.5)
Vehicular Theft	1,604	1,455	(9.2)
Total	18,374	17,107	(6.9)

* 2005 - 20 offenses, 22 victims

2007 Members as of March 17, 2007

Nouri & Suham Abbou, 6115 Rose Hill Drive
 Josephine & Margaret Alston, 6118 Leewood Drive
 Nida & Jerry Antonio, 6406 May Boulevard
 R. Bagdasarian, 6214 Driftwood Drive
 Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane
 Rick & Patti Ballard, 4519 Lark Lane
 M.N. Barakat, 6609 Cottonwood Drive
 P.G. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road
 M. & C. Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
 Dan & Ingrid Bearth, 6417 Rose Hill Drive
 C. & F. Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
 Shirley & Bill Bennington, 6405 May Boulevard
 William & Tammie Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive
 Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbhill Road
 Gary Bravy, 6214 Roundhill Road
 Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbhill Road
 Chris & Ann Borchevsky, 4511 Bee Street
 Jeanette Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle
 Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
 Mark & Lorraine Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
 Pearl Butler, 6404 Cottonwood Drive
 Ron & Nancy Buzalsky, 4434 Roundhill Road
 T. Campbell, 6402 Cottonwood Drive
 Ralph Carico, 6112 Leewood Drive
 John & Penny Cashmire, 4907 Silo Road
 Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
 Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
 Robert G. Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
 Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
 Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place
 Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
 Sam R. Covington, 6302 Saddle Tree Drive
 Jane & Margo Cuniffe, 4609 Mayor Place
 V. & W. Dahlgren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
 Sally & Bill Dankers & Marjorie Parkyn, 6511 Carriage Dr.
 Wendy Darwell, 6403 Willowood Lane
 E. & K. Davidson, 4607 Roundhill Road
 Scott & Leah Decker, 6420 Rose Hill Drive
 Barbara Digman, 6217 Blossom Lane
 Robin & David Dodson, 6400 Wayside Place
 Harry Dodson, 6319 May Boulevard
 Myrna Downey, 6516 Telegraph Road
 Brian & Mary Ellen Duy, 6309 Climbhill Road
 Stien Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
 Beverly Eppolito, 6217 Driftwood Drive
 Michael J. Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane
 Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road
 Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
 Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
 Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
 Trigg Flannagan, 6514 Haystack Road
 Gordon & Cheryl Flockhart, 6223 Driftwood Drive
 Larry & Jane Fowler, 6320 Maryview Street
 Barry & Zoe-Ann Freitag, 6303 May Boulevard
 Larry & Connie Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
 Ed Funk, 4428 Roundhill Road
 K. & J. Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane
 Janice Fox Gable, 6404 Willowood Lane
 Edward & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
 John & Erica Good, 4604 Roundhill Road

Johanna Guccione, 6013 Leewood Drive
 Michael & Bonnie Greek, 6330 Willowood lane
 Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
 Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
 Theresa A. Harper, 6506 Carriage Drive
 L.M. Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Place
 Fredy & Maxine Heyer, 4704 Flower Lane
 Douglas & Betsey Hoey, 6208 Redwood Lane
 Alice & Edward Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place
 Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane
 Barbara & Clifford James, 6412 May Boulevard
 F.E. & P.A. Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
 Chris & Meredith Hunter, 6410 Maryview Street
 Cynthia Johnson-Cavey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
 Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
 Jim & Lynda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
 Audrey Kick & Halsey W. Smith, 4517 Sturbridge Place
 Y.S. Kim, 6205 Thornwood Drive
 Y.S. Kim, 6211 Thornwood Drive
 Ana & Charles Kimberly, 6504 Cottonwood Drive
 Susan & Brent Kroetch, 4700 Flower Lane
 John & Patricia Lawrence, 6330 Maryview Street
 Ronald & Katherine Lender, 6406 Rose Hill Drive
 Jayne Letsche, 6502 Cottonwood Drive
 Randy & Eloise Lewis, 4501 Bee Street
 Edward & Anna Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive
 E. A. Lynch-Upchurch, 4701 Flower Lane
 Charles Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
 Ken & Mary Mann, 6107 Leewood Drive
 Well & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane
 Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
 Melvin Martin, 6211 Redwood Lane
 Vladimir & Melva Martinez, 6318 Rose Hill Drive
 Chris & Melissa McCay, 6410 Willowood Lane
 Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
 Mary Mayo & Sandra Johnson, 6122 Leewood Drive
 George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
 Nancy & Donald McMinn, 4804 Apple Tree Drive
 M. & L. Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
 Marlene Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
 Edna Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
 J. M. Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
 David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
 Songdade & Naparat Nimjareansuk, 4507 Apple Tree Dr.
 Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive
 Anthony & Stella Peters, 4610 Mayor Place
 David & Katherine Perkins, 6224 Thornwood Drive
 Lucy & Larry Pettitt, 6501 Carriage Drive
 Jeska & Charles Pfefferle, 6503 Haystack Road
 Stephen & Brenda Phillips, 6408 Maryview Street
 Robert & Ginny Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive
 Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
 Robert & Gladys Popovics, 4903 Apple Tree Drive
 But The Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
 Veronia & Gustavo Ramos, 6300 Cottonwood Drive
 Nick & Vivian Rashidi, 6506 Rose Hill Drive
 Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood Drive
 Monica Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
 J.L. & N.L. Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road

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Jim Ridgell, 6513 Cottonwood Drive
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
David Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
Sylvia & Dennis Robison, 4514 Sturbridge Place
Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive
James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive
Cragin & Kay Shelton, 4403 Roundhill Road
Burton & Debbie Slack, 4803 Apple Tree Drive
Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
Michael Smith/Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
Willard L. Smith, 6004 Leewood Drive
William & Genevieve Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
Ray Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road
Terry Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive
Donald & Carolyn Szamborski, 4614 Winston Place
A. J. Taylor, 6308 Cottonwood Drive
Rex & Linda Taylor, 6505 Haystack Road
Judy Taylor & Carlos Rolon, 6503 Rose Hill Drive
Jean Thomson, 6302 Cottonwood Drive

Joanne M. Thompson
N. Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Place
Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road
Monroe & Helena Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road
Derek & Angie Vereen, 6222 Thornwood Drive
C. & P. Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
D.W. & N.J. Youmans, 6303 Climbhill Road
Linda Walton, 4900 Silo Road
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
F. & H. Watts, 6508 Haystack Road
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Jonathan & Janelle Welch, 4516 Sturbridge Place
Louise Westgate, 6708 Greendale Road
Jeff Williams, 6121 Dewgrass Drive
Marty & Dwight Williams, 6509 Cottonwood Drive
Alice Wilder & Thomas Mangum, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
Michael & Lisa Wolfe, 6411 Cottonwood Drive
Charlie Worley, 4513 Roundhill Road
Mike Zalatoris, 6609 Cottonwood Drive



Couple Involved in Money Swindle

March 16, 2007: On Thursday, March 15, between 10am and 11:30am, two men were tricked out of their money. On the first occasion, a 49-year-old Arlington man was waiting for a bus near Columbia Pike and South George Mason Drive when he was approached by a woman and a man claiming they had just found a large sum of money. The woman showed the victim a bundle of what appeared to be dollar bills. The woman suggested the money be shared three ways. The woman was persistent in trying to share the money and the victim agreed to switch wallets with her. The victim then withdrew an undisclosed amount of money from his ATM and gave it to the suspect as part of their deal. The suspects fled with all the money.

Police are investigating whether a 22-year-old Annandale man was also swindled by the same suspects. In this instance, the victim was leaving a bank located near the 4200 block of Annandale Road when he was approached by a man and woman. They asked him to see his wallet and fled with his money.

The suspects were described as Hispanic. The woman was in her 40s. She was about 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds. She wore a white shirt and dark pants. The man was in his 50s, about 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighed about 180 pounds. He wore a black coat and black jeans.

Police advise all citizens of the following safety tips:

- * Be suspicious of people trying to give money away.
- * Be aware of your personal space at the ATMs.
- * Do not regularly keep large amounts of money on your person.
- * If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- * Trust your instincts.
- * Immediately report suspicious activity to police.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Solvers at 1.866.411.TIPS (8477) or Fairfax County Police at 703.691.2131.

—MPO Jim Nida, Crime Prevention Office, Franconia District Station, Fairfax County Police Department

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ◆ **Tuesday, March 27, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subject: Rose Hill History Exhibit at the Franconia Museum.
- ◆ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ◆ **March 4 - December 3.** In-Depth Tour of Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Hwy. www.popeleighey1940.org, 703.780.4000. In-depth technical tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House is offered the first Sunday of each month from 8:30 to 11am. Coffee and pastries are served. Program is AIA accredited. Reservations required. \$30
- ◆ **March 6 - April 1.** Depth and Transparency. Enamelists Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. www.torpedofactory.org, 703.838.4565. The artists combine transparent and opaque enamels to demonstrate the clarity and beauty of transparent on previously etched copper or in sequential firings to demonstrate depth. Free!
- ◆ **March 6 - April 8.** "Showtime." Potomac Craftsmen Fiber Gallery Studio 14, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. www.torpedofactory.org, 703.683.1342. Fiber art exhibition with movie related themes. Free!
- ◆ **March 24 - April 29.** "Roots and Branches." Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. www.torpedofactory.org, 703.838.4565. All-media art exhibition juried by Dr. Gwendolyn H. Everett, Professor of Art History at Howard University and the Corcoran College of Art and Design. Open noon-5pm, Wed.-Sun. Reception 6-8pm, April 12. Free!
- ◆ **The Crescendo Concert Series.** St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. www.stpaulsepis.com, 703.549.3312. On Thursdays during Lent, stop by St. Paul's at noon for a free, 30 minute recital on St. Paul's Casavant Frères pipe organ. These concerts are open to the public and are a wonderful new way to observe the season of Lent. Free!
March 29: Aaron Goen from Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Alexandria.
April 5: Stephen Kogut from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria.
- ◆ **March 31.** George Washington's Whiskey Distillery is "Uncorked." George Washington's Whiskey Distillery, Route 235, 3 miles from Mount Vernon Estate. www.mountvernon.org, 703.780.2000. Costumed distillers operate five massive stills in this recreation of what is believed to be the largest such operation in Early America. This is the official opening of the distillery, which adds to the understanding of Washington as a farmer and entrepreneur. Open 8am – 5pm, April-August; 9am – 5pm, March, September, October; 9am – 5pm, November-February. Adjacent to the Grist Mill. Entrance Fee.
- ◆ **March 31.** Choreographers Collaboration Project. Lee Center's Kauffman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St. www.ccpdance.org, 703.683.2070. 7pm. Alexandria-based

Choreographers Collaboration Project presents a Spring Modern Dance Concert. Strongly focused on the collaborative process to inspire movement, CCP presents a new trio by Alicia Luchowski, poetry-inspired duets by Mary Jo Smet and a dance for children inspired by Japanese hiragana by Janet Stormes. Jessica Marchant is special guest artist. \$10, students \$5, children under 12 free.

- ◆ **April 1.** Eclipse Chamber Orchestra. George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. www.eclipseco.com, 703.256.2956. This professional chamber orchestra is joined by acclaimed conductor Leonard Slatkin and cellist David Teie to perform works by Mozart and Schumann. Pre-concert talk at 2:10pm by music director Sylvia Alimena; concert at 3pm. Entrance Fee.
- ◆ **April 5-19.** Dance Classes. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. www.gadsbystavern.org, 703.838.4242. Classes will be held April 5, 12, 19. In preparation for the Grand Ball on the 21st, learn 18th century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. Times are 7:30 - 9:30pm and cost is \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. Reservations are recommended.
- ◆ **April 7.** Hunt For History. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. www.gadsbystavern.org, 703.838.4242. Here's a fun way to explore the Tavern and City Hotel! 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. Light refreshments included. Tours times are 10am – 5pm. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, ages 2-17. Reservations suggested.
- ◆ **April 7.** "The Traitor." George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. www.gwmemorial.org, 703.683.2007. A Masonic play depicting an appeal by Benedict Arnold to George Washington to be allowed to return to the United States. 7:30pm. Free!
- ◆ **April 11 - June 3.** "Musical of Musicals, The Musical!" MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. www.metrostage.org, 703.548.9044. In this hilarious parody of musical theatre, one story becomes five different musicals, written in the distinctive styles of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Kander & Ebb, Jerry Herman and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Performances are Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets: \$35-\$40. Free Parking.
- ◆ **April 11 - December 19.** An American Musical Landscape. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. www.musicallandscapes.com, 703.307.6250. Take a tour of our nation's music in this fun-filled multi-media and live performance show. Every Wed. at 8pm. Entrance fee/reservations required.

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**Many more fun things to do on
myRoseHill.com — check it out!**

Rose Hill Community Calendar, *continued*

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

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

Fairfax County Park Authority's largest park (1,428 acres) includes wetlands, forests, meadows, streams, and ponds. It has resident deer, beaver, heron, and other animals. Facilities include a visitor center, auditorium, exhibits, and an interpretive trail with boardwalk and observation platforms. Programs for groups by reservation. The Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday; closed Tuesday. Holidays, noon to 5pm. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ◆ **Mondays.** Informal Birding Walks. Adults. 7-9:30am. Want to bird with a small group of knowledgeable bird watchers? Then this ongoing birding walk is for you! Meets in the Visitor Center parking lot every Monday morning. FREE
- ◆ **Saturday, March 31.** Watershed Cleanup Day. 9-11:30am. 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! Wear boots, old clothes and bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation provided. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE
- ◆ **Sunday, April 1.** Birding for Beginners. Adults. 8-11am. Sharpen your bird identification skills while birding with a park naturalist. Meet at the visitor center parking lot. Reservations required. \$2
- ◆ **Tuesday, April 3.** Spring Break Camp - Wildlife Watchers. 6-8 yrs., 9-11:30am. 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. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. \$60
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 4.** Swamp Serenade. 5 yrs. and up. 7:15-8:45pm. Listen to the singing frogs and toads as their courtship songs fill the wetland. One flashlight per family is recommended. Canceled if cold. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. \$5/family
- ◆ **Monday, April 16.** Young Explorers – Frogs. 6-8 yrs. 3:15-4:30pm. Through a story and walk learn about these master jumpers and evening singers. Reservations required. \$3
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19.** Nature Detectives – Frogs. 3-5 yrs. 10-10:45am. Through story, activity and craft learn more about these fascinating animals. Reservations required. \$5
- ◆ **Friday, April 20.** Café Cattail. 7-9:30pm. 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

- ◆ **Saturday, April 21.** Spring Birds and Bagels. Adults. 8-11am. 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. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. \$6
- ◆ **Saturday April 28.** Wetland Wonders. 9-up, with parent. 4-9pm. During this in-depth program, see the park as you never have—off trail and after dark. Check water quality, examine aquatic invertebrates, learn to identify frog calls, and watch bats. Bring your own dinner. Reservations required. \$20

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310-6299, 703.971.0010. Open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 9pm; Friday, 10am to 6pm; Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

- ◆ **Thursdays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ◆ **Tuesday, April 10, 10:30am.** Sounds of Spring. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ◆ **Friday, April 13, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ◆ **Saturday, April 14, 2pm.** Kaydee Puppets. Performance includes "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Little Red Riding Hood". Cosponsored by the Friends of the John Marshall Library. All ages.
- ◆ **Monday, April 16, 7pm.** Discover Local History! The annual Friends meeting features a guest speaker from the Franconia Museum. Cosponsored by the Friends of the John Marshall Library. Adults. No registration is required.
- ◆ **Tuesday, April 17, 7pm.** Mother-Daughter Book Group. A lively discussion about what you're reading! Age 9-11 with adult.
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 18, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 18, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams. Adults. No registration is required.
- ◆ **Friday, April 20, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ◆ **Monday, April 23, 2pm.** Drawing for Fun. Learn the basics of how to draw from a graphic artist. Age 6-11.
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 25, 10:30am.** It's Raining, It's Pouring. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult.

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- ◆ **Thursday, April 26, 4pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ◆ **Friday, April 27, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.

Edison High School

- ◆ Congratulations DECA students who participated in the State Leadership Conference last weekend in Norfolk, VA! Special congrats to Tina Bonner and Stephen Jennings for qualifying to go to the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, FL on April 28.
- ◆ FBLA would like to congratulate the following students for placing in the top three at the FBLA Regional Competition: Mohammad Haq for 1st place Database Design; Andre Phuong 2nd Place for Intro to Business Communications; Ling Li and Nick Chinyavong 3rd place for Web Site Development. Good Luck at the State Competition!
- ◆ **Princess for a Night (PFAN) project.** The goal of this project is to defray the high cost of prom so that all students can participate in this memorable high school event. Every woman has at least one dress that she can give away. If formal gowns are cluttering up your closet, this is a great opportunity to clean house and be charitable at the same time! Last year, thanks to the generosity of so many women, over 450 dresses were donated to the project. PFAN has been a great success and, last year alone, over 150 young ladies received beautiful dresses (and many received matching shoes, jewelry, and handbags as well)! Dry cleaned dresses, shoes, handbags, and jewelry will be collected between April 9 and 27. We are especially in need of dresses for full figured young ladies. Donations can be dropped off at five locations:
 - (1) Edison High School, Main Office, M-F, 7a to 4p;
 - (2) Annandale High School, Main Office, 4700 Medford Dr., Annandale, M-F, 7a to 3:30p;
 - (3) South County High School, Main Office, 8501 Silverbrook Rd., Lorton, M-F, 7a to 4:30p;
 - (4) Gold's Gym, 7770 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, M-F, 4:45a to 11p, Sat, 7a to 9p, and Sun, 8a to 6p;
 - (5) Hitched Bridal Couture & Creative Planning Salon, 1523 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20007, T-Th, noon to 8p, Fri, 11a to 6p, and Sat, 9a to 5p.
- ◆ **Make Your Reservations at the New Culinary Arts Café.** Members of the Edison Community are invited to make reservations for lunch at the Edison Academy's new café. Culinary Arts students, under the direction and supervision of Chef Cynthia Stowers, prepare and serve a three-course luncheon in the Academy's café every Wednesday for either an 11:15am or 11:45am seating. The café is located in room 522. The cost for lunch is only \$8 and includes coffee and iced tea. Reservations and further information regarding lunch can be made by contacting Mrs. Kris Simms, Academy Administrative Assistant, 703.924.8100 or Kristan.Simms@fcps.edu. When making a reservation please provide your name, the number of people in your party, and the time of seating you prefer.
- ◆ **Student Assignment Renewal Application for 2007-2008 School Year.** It is now time for you to renew your child's Student Assignment Application for the 2007-2008 school year at Edison HS. FCPS policies require that you complete the Renewal Application and return it to Edison by April 1st. The renewal process is simple and quick. If you wait until after April 1st you must go through the new assignment process, which you may remember, is lengthy and requires one or two approvals from offices outside of Edison. If you know someone who is planning on requesting a new student assignment, encourage them to contact Edison or their base school soon. Last year Edison had to stop accepting assignments in August because our IB program was full. Please note:
 - Transportation is not provided for students who are Student Assigned.
 - If your child is here on an IB placement, he/she must be signed up for IB classes for the 2007-2008 school year to be renewed.
 - Failure to complete and return the application will result in withdrawal of your child for the 07-08 school year and you will then need to enroll your child at his or her base school.
 - For information regarding the Student Assignment process, please go to the web at: http://www.fcps.edu/ss/linkedfiles/Enroll_Info_FAQs.pdf, <http://www.fcps.k12.va.us/Directives/R2230.pdf>, <http://www.fcps.edu/DIT/forms/se72.pdf> (fillable forms)Also please feel free to contact Krystal Brooks, Registrar, at 703.924.8022. If you have questions regarding transportation, please contact Michelle Phillips at 703.329.3600.
- ◆ **Support Edison Drama.** Edison Drama is again offering MY GRANDMA's coffee cakes for \$20 per cake, which is cheaper than if you ordered it directly from their web site. The deadline for ordering is April 11 and delivery is April 26. Orders of 10 cakes or more may be delivered. See <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/updates/grandma%20order%20form.pdf> for all details and contact information.
- ◆ **It's Never too Early to Start Thinking About Your Garden.** When you think of gardening, you think of seeds, bulbs, and MULCH! Yes, it's time to support the All Night Grad Party by buying mulch. Please order your mulch today!! To order online, please write to: Edisonmulch@hotmail.com. Tell your neighbors, friends, and co-workers. For more information, see <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/updates/mulch%20sale.pdf> or call Nancy Scott 703.329.4586 or Maggie Britvec 703.402.8237.
- ◆ **All Night Grad Party of 2007.** The All Night Grad Party of 2007 is looking for some dedicated parents that can

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take charge of a committee of their choice!! We have lots of folks wanting to help, but need chairs to coordinate these committees. They include: decorations, security, and small games. Please contact Craig Liddell, ANGP chair, 703.795.7622, for more info. Monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month in the Principal's Conference Room.

- ◆ **PTSA Volunteer Opportunities.** Volunteers Make A Difference! Go to the PTSA website <http://www.tehspta.org> to see a list of volunteer opportunities available at Edison.

Mark Twain Middle School

- ◆ **Spirit Watches.** Mark Twain Tiger watches are on sale now for \$15; contact the main office, 703.313.3700. Cash or checks, payable to Mark Twain Middle School, accepted.
- ◆ **Peer Tutoring.** Peer tutoring is offered T-F during study hall. For further information, please contact your child's counselor.
- ◆ The Art Department is excited to be participating in the Annual Edison Pyramid Art Show at Franconia Government Center from March 6 – April 26. Please stop by to view the talented students' art work. An Art Reception with Supervisor Kaufman will be April 25 from 5:45-6:45p.
- ◆ **March 27.** PTA Spaghetti Dinner/Family Fun Night 6-8:30pm
- ◆ **March 29.** Third Quarter ends
- ◆ **March 30.** Regular school day - snow day make up
- ◆ **April 2-6.** Spring Break

Rose Hill Elementary School

- ◆ **March 26.** Rose Hill Play Rehearsal, 5-7pm, gym
- ◆ **March 27.** Before School Tutoring, 7:50-8:20am, cafeteria
BART Testing, Grades 3-6
SOL After School Remediation, Grades 3-6, 3:15-5:30pm
- ◆ **March 28.** SOL After School Remediation, Grades 3-6, 3:15-5:30pm
- ◆ **March 29.** BART Testing, Grades 3-6
Fifth Grade Medieval Celebration
Mad Science, 3:20-4:20, art room, 116, 143
Mexican Dance, 3:10-5pm, pod
Adult Mexican Dance, 5-6:30pm, pod
Rose Hill Play Rehearsal, 5-7pm, gym
Evening Tutoring, 7-8:30pm, library
- ◆ **April 12.** Para Padres Latinos
- ◆ **April 13.** Second Grade to Hidden Oaks
- ◆ **April 18.** Soundwaves (Date Change)
- ◆ **April 19.** Volunteer Luncheon
- ◆ **April 23-27.** Spring Book Fair
- ◆ **April 26.** Kindergarten Orientation for Parents

FCPS Adult and Community Education Summer Term Class Registration Under Way

Registration for summer 2007 (May–August) classes offered by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Office of Adult and Community Education (ACE) is now in full swing. Course offerings may be viewed at www.fcps.edu/ace/classes and most, but not all, classes may be registered for online. The course catalog, ACE Classes, Etc., is in the mail to residents and will also be available at Fairfax County public libraries and ACE registration centers.

A wide spectrum of career, technical, and cultural topics are featured during the summer 2007 term, as well as additional online classes. For the career-minded, a newly launched program in retail management offers coursework in inventory, merchandise, operations, and web integration. Additionally, a ServSafe® certification course that provides food handling sanitation training to food managers and restaurant personnel will be offered for the first time.

Many new initiatives are available in technology: Microsoft certified system engineer (MCSE) courses for professional development that now include planning an MS server active directory and designing security for an MS server network; new web and game development courses such as AJAX 1, ColdFusion Web Design, and PHP Programming; and MS Movie Maker, a new course for those looking to enhance their home computer experience.

A new history and culture program, Global Destination Series, offers the armchair traveler courses on China and Peru and experiences with Italian language and culture through meal preparation in kitchen classrooms. Two new performing arts courses, Scene Study and Clowning, will also debut this summer.

ACE continues to expand its online course offerings including writing one's life story, applying emotional intelligence in the workplace, learning the basics of effective communication, and managing a virtual office. Students may start and complete online courses with optimal flexibility in choosing their times and places for learning.

Beginning in 1955 with 108 students, ACE now serves approximately 61,000 individuals each year in many school and community facilities as well as through online course instruction. Most classes are supported by user fees and grants and are not funded from the school system's operations budget. ACE employs over 1,000 instructors and has more than 900 volunteers who provide over 20,000 hours to support its programs.

For additional information, contact Lynne Plante at 703.658.2798.

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. Ronald G. Dillon, 1.877.233.2224, 703.971.2125 or www.dgdesigns.com. Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Pl.

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.

HAULING

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

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.

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

NOTARY PUBLIC

Ronda Edwards. 5004 Eastchester Circle, Through August. \$3 service charge per signature (mandatory by the state of VA), paid in cash only.

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 Pl.

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PIANO/KEYBOARD

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

QUILTS

Hand-Made Quilts. Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. If interested, please call 703.971.8064 or email oraclemarjorie@aol.com.

REAL ESTATE

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

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

ROOFING

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

SKIN CARE AND MAKEUP

Marty Williams, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant. Rose Hill's newest Beauty Consultant wants to share with you the latest products from Mary Kay. Call for a free facial — no purchase necessary. How old you are is your business; how old you look is mine! 703.924.7192.

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.

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:

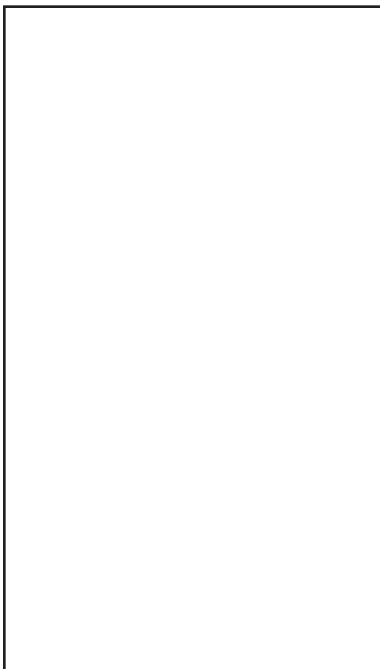
- ★ Business card: 3 1/2" x 2", \$10
- ★ Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- ★ Half page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
- ★ Full page: 7 1/2" x 9 3/4", \$100

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 703.924.7192. 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



Summer Programs

Summer programs are available for students who will complete grades K-11 during the 2006-2007 school year. Summer programs include opportunities for students to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests and for middle school Promotion Benchmarks. Enrichment opportunities in academic areas are available as well as extended day programs, camps, and online courses. The summer school booklet, *Encore 2007*, will be mailed to families whose children attend Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). *Encore 2007* will also be available at every Fairfax County public school, public library, other FCPS administrative offices, and on this web site in March. Fees, transportation, dates, eligibility, and registration procedures vary by program.

Further information can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/sumsch.htm>.



Alert Homeowners Prevent Larceny Scam

Rose Hill residents should be wary of anyone knocking on the door selling any service or product. —Ed.

March 16, 2007: Two residents of a home in the Lorton area were the victims of an attempted scam last night. Around 5:10pm on Thursday, March 15, two men knocked on the front door of a residence in the 9500 block of Fourth Street. The homeowners answered the door and the men explained they worked with a construction company. The men told the homeowners that they needed to discuss the removal of a tree in their backyard. The husband walked into the backyard with one of the men while the second man came into the home with the wife. As the two sat at the kitchen table talking, the woman heard a noise elsewhere in the home. She went to investigate and discovered a third man attempting to steal items from inside. All three suspects fled from the home and left the area in a silver truck, possibly a Chevrolet. No items were taken and no one was injured. The suspects were all described as Hispanic and in their 30s. The first suspect was 6 feet tall and weighed 160 pounds. The second suspect was about 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighed 190 pounds.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Solvers at 1.866.411.TIPS (8477) or Fairfax County Police at 703.691.2131.

—MPO Jim Nida, Crime Prevention Office,
Franconia District Station, Fairfax County Police Department

Edison Pyramid Youth Art Month Display

Clay sculptures, landscapes, and paintings are among the artwork created by Franconia Elementary students for the annual Edison Pyramid Youth Art Month Display at the Franconia Government Center through April 25. Student work from Edison High, Twain Middle, and Bush Hill, Mount Eagle, Franconia, and Rose Hill Elementary Schools will also be displayed in the free exhibit, which will culminate in a reception on April 25. Contact Franconia principal Judith Jackson at 703.822.2200 or judith.jackson@fcps.edu or event liaison Julia Schickel at julia.schickel@fcps.edu.

