

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Proposed Church on May Boulevard, Tax Rate to be Discussed by RHCA

Representatives of the Agape Embassy Ministries Church will be at the March 24 meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association to present plans for a church and other facilities at the current Kindercare site on May Boulevard. Long-time residents will recall that this was the site of the Meadowview Swim Club and then Heritage Academy.

After the presentation on the church proposal, we will discuss 2009 real estate assessment and the proposed tax rate and decide what, if any, advice we wish to pass on to the Board of Supervisors. The Board has advertised a tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 for 2009.

The meeting will be held in the community room of the John Marshall Library. It will begin at 7pm with the church presentation, followed by questions and answers. We have set aside an hour for this exchange. The tax discussion will begin at approximately 8pm. We must vacate the Library by 9pm.

David Hunter from the firm of Burgess and Niple will present the church plan. Pastor Joseph Mills will be on hand to answer questions concerning the church

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 7pm John Marshall Library

Topic: Church on May Boulevard, Tax Rate

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and its proposed operation. The church currently meets in Kingstowne in the office space near WalMart.

Agape Embassy Ministries Church will need a Special Permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals in order to move forward with its plans. Churches are permitted in residentially zoned areas by Special Permit only. The four-acre property is zoned R-3, the same as the rest of Rose Hill. The use must be in conformance with the comprehensive plan and meet provisions of the zoning ordinance.

Questions concerning traffic, intensity of use, and buffering are issues that have been raised by nearby residents. On behalf of RHCA, I have raised the issue of preservation of the silos that currently exist on the property. They are the last reminder of the original Rose Hill Farm. In fact, they are the last remaining structures that depict the farming culture in all of Franconia.

If you live near the proposed church, please try to attend this important meeting. At some point, RHCA will be asked to take a position on the proposal and we need to hear every member's voice. We will endeavor to keep everyone informed as we go ahead through *The Rambler* and myRoseHill.com.

Assessments, Tax Rate Discussion

Since the value of homes keeps going down, so does County revenue. Real estate represents 63.8 percent of County revenue. Assessments are down an average of 14 percent this year. That, along with decreases in

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other revenue, has left the County with a \$631 million deficit. The County Executive has proposed a budget that would close that gap by increasing the tax rate, cutting spending, and limiting the schools to the same amount of revenue received last year. Of the \$631 million deficit, the County Executive proposes to close the gap by increasing tax revenue by \$267.1 million, making cuts worth \$106.4 million from the County side the budget, \$19.1 million by eliminating pay for performance and merit pay, \$12.6 million in revenue enhancements, and \$8.4 million in other savings. To meet the \$631 million, the schools would have to cut another \$136 million. After receiving the County Executive's proposal, the Board of Supervisors voted to advertise a tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 of assessed value. Last year's tax rate was 92 cents of assessed value. Starting March 31, the Board will conduct a series of public hearings before determining the final budget and tax rate. As an Association, we have the opportunity to advise the Board as to our concerns about the proposed budget. There are several proposed cuts that will directly affect Rose Hill such as cuts in police and fire activities, hours at the library, and support for Neighborhood Watch and zoning enforcement. Information on all of these will be available at the March 24 meeting. Supervisor McKay has already said that he is concerned about cuts in public safety. We need to take a look at other items proposed to be cut and give him our thoughts. Also, we need to decide whether or not to support the tax rate which would result in an increase over what homeowners paid last year. Your thoughts are important and this is your chance to make them known. Plan to attend the March 24 meeting.

This is the last call for residents to join RHCA for 2009! Of course, we won't turn down any new members in the future, but we won't be reminding you of it monthly. We limit our membership drive to the first quarter of each year, so March is the last time you'll hear our plea.

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names of new members in *The Rambler*. The most recent list is on Page 4. If your name isn't listed, fill out the membership form on the next page, send it to us with your check, and you'll find it there in April. After that, we'll recognize members each month as they join without printing the entire list. In addition to the membership dues, please consider a contribution to our general fund or a specific donation toward the upkeep of the flowers and shrubs at our entrance sign at the corner of Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road. We pay for new plantings, mulch, etc. four times a year. I hope you will agree it always looks nice. Thanks to those who make it happen. The membership dues collected don't cover the cost of printing *The Rambler*, much less the other programs such as the Rose Hill Beauty contest and contributions to several worthy causes. That's why we ask for contributions to our general fund. We couldn't do it without extra help. As always, our books are open if you want to see how we spend your money. We publish an accounting about once a year.

In anticipation of your support, we already have contributed to Edison High School's All Night Graduation Party for 2009 graduates to be held at Lee District Recreation Center in June. The program is planned, organized, and hosted by Edison parents with the goal of providing a safe, alcohol free, and drug free graduation celebration for the graduates. The committee already has thanked RHCA for its continued community support of this worthwhile program for the young graduates.

Crime on The Rise

In recent weeks, at least three cases of stolen license plates have been reported in Rose Hill. Additionally, there have been at least three cases of items stolen from vehicles, including a stereo, a purse, and a GPS device. Reports of stolen items from vehicles also are on the rise in nearby communities. Residents are reminded to lock their cars, even if they are in the driveway in broad daylight, just like you do at night. Makes sure the license plates on your car are as secure as you can make them so thieves will have a hard time removing them. Be particularly on guard as soon as you acquire new plates that are good for two years. They are a favorite target for obvious reasons. As you know, we are in the process of organizing a block-by-block Neighborhood Watch program in Rose Hill. The response has been good, but we still have room for more help. Call if you are willing to watch out for the

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property of both yourself and your neighbors. In any event, keep an eye out for your property and that of your neighbors. Report any crimes in progress to 911. Call the non-emergency number (703.691.2131) to report any suspicious persons or activity. The police remind us to leave outside lights on at night or install motion detectors to help prevent crime in your area.

Election of Officers

In accordance with its bylaws, the Rose Hill Civic Association will elect officers for the coming year at its March meeting. Nominations will be in order from any member for any office. Officers to be elected

include president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Voting will be limited to members of the organization. The present officers are agreeable to serve another term if acceptable to the membership. Any resident is encouraged to run for office. If you do not wish to run for office but are willing to assist the organization in any way, please let us know. For example, we need a volunteer to deliver *The Rambler* on Apple Tree Drive from 6400 to Rose Hill Drive, including 6300 and 6301 Cottonwood Drive that face on Apple Tree. Give any of the present officers or the editor of *The Rambler* a call if you can help.

—Carl Sell

Franconia Museum Sponsors 'Both Sides' Civil War Tour

The Franconia Museum is sponsoring a Civil War 'Both Sides' Tour on Saturday, April 25. The tour by deluxe motor coach will include stops at Monocacy Battlefield Park near Fredrick, lunch at the famous Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, and the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The tour will leave the Franconia Government Center at 8:30am. Arrive early for coffee and donuts and a tour of the Franconia Museum.

The first stop will be at Monocacy to visit the new visitors' center and view information on the 'Battle That Saved Washington.' Then it's on to Thurmont for the famous buffet lunch at the Cozy Restaurant, which has served numerous presidents since Franklin

Roosevelt. The afternoon will be spent at the National Civil War Museum which features a complete history of both the North and South.

Cost of the tour is \$100 and includes a seat on the bus, lunch at the Cozy, admission to the museum in Harrisburg, and donations to both the Monocacy Battlefield Park and the Franconia Museum. Participants will be on their own for a fast-food stop on the way home.

If you are interested in joining the tour, contact Carl Sell at 703.971.4716 or sellcarl@aol.com. Additional information is available on RHCA's website, myRoseHill.com. Seating is limited. Partisans are requested to leave their weapons at home!

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 Membership

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

\$____ Donation for RHCA General Fund

2009 RHCA Members as of March 14, 2009

Nouria & Suham Abbou, 6115 Rose Hill Drive
Wilmer & Nancy Anderson, 4500 Apple Tree Drive
Josephine & Margie Alston, 6118 Leewood Drive
Augusto Alvarez, 6507 Carriage Drive
Nida & Jerry Antonio, 6406 May Boulevard
Rebecca Bagdasarian, 6214 Driftwood Drive
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane
Rick & Pat Ballard, 4519 Lark Lane
P.G. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Daniel Bearch, 6417 Rose Hill Drive
Sandra Benarick, 6270 Rose Hill Drive
Woody & Tammie Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive
Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbhill Road
Carl & Margaret Bon, 5001 Eastchester Circle
Shirley Bennington, 6405 May Boulevard
Jeannette Bottomly, 5003 Eastchester Circle
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbhill Road
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbhill Road
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Mark & Lorraine Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
Ron & Nancy Buzalsky, 4434 Roundhill Road
Jason & Maureen Cardone, 6418 Willowood Lane
Ralph Carico, 6112 Leewood Drive
John & Penny Casmire, 4907 Silo Road
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Bob Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place
Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
Matthew & Cynthia Dailey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
Dankers/Parkyn, 6511 Carriage Drive
Elaine Davidson, 4609 Roundhill Road
B. Digman, 6217 Blossom Lane
Ron & Donna Dillon, 4618 Winston Place
Steve & Holly Dougherty, 4522 Roundhill Road
Dennis Dzierzewski, 6210 Thornwood Drive
Brenda Edleson, 4619 Winston Place
Betty Elliott, 6411 Maryview Street
Beverly Eppolito, 6217 Driftwood Drive
Bernice Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane
Dawit Eyob & Kongit Eyassu, 6206 Redwood lane
Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road
Tom Felleisen, 6406 Hayfield Place
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
Trigg & Beverly Flannagan, 6514 Haystack Road
Barry & Zoe-Ann Freitag, 6303 May Boulevard
Larry & Connie Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane
Ed & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
Marlene Garlick, 6404 Hayfield Place
John & Erica Good, 4604 Roundhill Road
Mike & Bonnie Greek, 6330 Willowood Lane
Johanna Guccione, 8013 Leewood Drive
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road

Carole, Sal & Joanna Guzzetta, 6407 May Boulevard
Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
Elmer & Alice Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive
L. M. Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Place
Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane
Juanita & Edward Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place
Yancy & Patty Hull, 6113 Leewood Drive
D.J. Jamison, 4707 Split Rock Road
Clifford & Barbara James, 6312 May Boulevard
F.E. Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
Jim & Lynda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
Audrey Kick, 4517 Sturbridge Lane
Ana & Charles Kimberly, 6504 Cottonwood Drive
John & Patricia Lawrence, 6330 Maryview Street
Ronald & Katherine Lender, 6406 Rose Hill Drive
Jayne K. Letsche, 6502 Cottonwood Drive
Edward & Anna Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive
James Lockwood, 6114 Clovergrass Drive
Charles Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
Jamey & David Lord, 6208 Redwood Lane
Wellington & Ann Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane
Tom & Alice Mangum, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
Mark & Natalie McBride, 4421 Roundhill Road
Frank & Marge Mc Connell, 6220 Thornwood Drive
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
Donald & Nancy McMinn, 4804 Apple Tree Drive
Marnie Mesinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
Donez Miller, 6703 Greendale Road
Mimi Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
Edna Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
Hal & Lavera Murray, 5003 Treetop Lane
J.M. Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
H. & G. Newman, 4910 Silo Road
Dave & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Kimbinh Nguyen, 6711 Greendale Road
But Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive
Conrad & Haydee Oroc, 4703 Split Rock Road
Rodney & Kathy Palmer, 6101 Leewood Drive
William & Janelle Parker, 6417 Willowood Lane
Lucy & Larry Pettit, 6501 Carriage Drive
Charles & Jeska Pfefferele, 6503 Haystack Road
Brenda & Stephen Phillips, 6408 Maryview Street
Robert Pinkham, 6614 Carriage Drive
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Orlando & Cristy Ramos, 6303 Willowood Lane
Nick & Vivian Rashidi, 6506 Rose Hill Drive
Monica Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
James & Nancy Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road
James Ridgell, 6513 Cottonwood Drive
David Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
Joe & Joyce Ruggero, 6310 Saddle Tree Drive
Frank Schoenle, 6302 Climbhill Road
Dennis & Babara Scott, 4509 Bee Street

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G. Miller & L. Seiss, 6415 Willowood Lane
 Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive
 James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive
 Lori Scheibe, 5010 Treetop Lane
 William & Patricia Schools, 5007 Treetop Lane
 Diana & Marty Shupack, 6419 Haystack Road
 Chris & Sara Sicks, 6606 Cottonwood Drive
 Burton & Debbie Slack, 4803 Apple Tree Drive
 Michael Smith/Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
 William & Jean Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
 Mary Stinnette, 4520 Apple Tree Drive
 Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
 Terry Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive
 Ray Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road
 Thomas Strah, 6421 Rose Hill Drive
 Tinker & Don Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place
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 Judy Taylor & Carlos Rolon, 6503 Rose Hill Drive

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 Nina Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Court
 James Troy, 5004 Eastchester Circle
 Stein Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
 H.E. Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road
 Wanda Violette, 6408 May Boulevard
 Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
 Fran Watts, 6508 Haystack Road
 Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Court
 Louise Westgate, 6708 Greendale Road
 Karen Wheeless, 6709 Greendale Road
 Jeff & Kate Whitney, 6705 Greendale Road
 Jeff Williams, 6121 Dew Grass Drive
 Charles & Patricia Wimberly, 6506 Haystack Place
 Charlie Worley, 4513 Roundhill Road
 Norma Youmans, 6303 Climbhill Road
 Stephanie Young/Darren Springer, 6402 Willowood Lane
 Mike Zalatoris/Nour Barakat, 6609 Cottonwood Drive

Fairfax County Public Schools Summer Camp Schedule

Location	Sponsoring Organization	Type of Camp	Camp Name	Activity/ Date	Contact Person	Phone Number	Email Address	Participant Age	Cost of Camp
Bush Hill	PTA	Girls on the Run of Nova	Girls on the Run	3/2-5/14	Kerri Breish	703-924-5665	Kerri.Breish@fcps.edu	3-6 graders	\$160
Edison	Boosters	Basketball at Rose Hill ES	Summer Basketball Camp	6/22-6/26	Kevin Quinlan	703-505-4707	kevinquinlan@gmail.com	8/14 years	\$150
Edison	Boosters	Basketball at Rose Hill ES	Summer Basketball Camp	6/29-7/2	Kevin Quinlan	703-505-4707	kevinquinlan@gmail.com	8/14 years	\$120
Edison	Boosters	Volleyball at Key MS	Volleyball Clinic	6/22-6/25	Matt Mercante	703-615-6428	matt.mercante@fcps.edu	8-10 graders	\$55
Hayfield	Adult and Community Education	Enrichment	Kids' Campus	7/13-7/17	Joyia Raftelis or Kris Ruscello	703-658-1293	joyia.raftelis@fcps.edu	K-6	\$379
Lee	Office of Career & Technical Education	Career and Technology Exploration	Tech Adventure Camp	7/6 - 7/17	Cara Kirby	703-208-7795	Cara.kirby@fcps.edu	current 5, 6, 7 graders	\$400
Lee	Boosters	Cheerleading	Cheer Camp	7/20-7/24	Rachel Searle	703-793-4800	rachel.searle@fcps.edu	7-14 years	\$100
Lee	Boosters	Football	Football Youth Camp	7/21-7/23	Rob Everett	703-924-8520	robert.everett1@fcps.edu	6-9 graders	\$60
Lee	Boosters	Basketball	Girls Basketball Camp	6/22-6/26; 7/6-7/10	Harold Jackson		harold.jackson@fcps.edu	8-15 years	\$110 per session

For more information, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/news/summer/camps.htm>

The Fairfax County Public Schools Proposed Bell Schedule: Results From The Online Survey

In an ongoing effort to provide the best and most developmentally appropriate education for all students, the Fairfax County School Board has been researching several options to adjust the current bell schedule. Through the Transportation Task Force, community dialogue meetings, and an online survey, the School Board has been gathering community input to assist it in its decision-making process. Most recently, an online survey was posted from February 9, 2009, to February 28, 2009, so that the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) community, including students, parents, staff, and community/business members, had the opportunity to provide their opinions regarding the proposed bell schedule.

The purpose of the survey was to provide the opportunity for all FCPS constituents to give feedback regarding the proposed bell schedule. Rather than selecting a representative sample so that results could

Level	School	Current School Hours	Proposed School Hours
E	Rose Hill	8:40-3:15	7:50-2:30
M	Twain	7:40-2:30	9:40-4:30
H	Edison	7:25-2:15	8:35-3:25

be generalized, the survey was intended to be available to the full community. In addition, it was meant to gather specific information about a variety of potential impacts ranging from staff commute time to child care needs and family time. The survey

provides a snapshot of information to be used with a variety of other sources as the School Board considers making adjustments to the current bell schedule. The survey was accessible via the FCPS website for parents, staff, and community/business members and via Blackboard for FCPS students in grades 6 through 12. Respondents were able to access the survey from any computer with Internet capability. Though respondents were expected to respond to the survey just once, there were no electronic limitations put in place to limit access to the survey. After data were gathered, a review of computer IP addresses was conducted to determine if multiple responses from the same computer were included. Results indicate a small percentage of responses can be traced to the same IP addresses, though this percentage would not have a significant impact on the survey results.

A total of 94,129 respondents participated in the survey, including 29,286 students, 49,583 parents (including 621 respondents in Spanish and 368 respondents in Korean), 12,925 FCPS staff, and 2,335 community/business members. Survey participants were asked a series of questions to determine whether or not they supported the proposed bell schedule, how the proposed bell schedule would impact their lives, and their preferred timeline for implementation. Across all respondent groups, approximately 63 to 78 percent of respondents do not support the proposed bell schedule. A summary of results is presented in Table 1.

—FCPS

Table 1. Support for the Proposed Bell Schedule

	Students (n=29,286)	Parents (n=49,583)	Staff (n=12,925)	Community/ Business Members (n=2,335)
<i>Do you support the proposed bell schedule?</i>				
Yes	29.3%	36.7%	27.8%	22.2%
No	70.7%	62.8%	72.2%	77.8%
<i>How do you feel about the current bell schedule?</i>				
The current bell schedule works very well for me (or my children and family).	41.7%	45.5%	51.8%	53.9%
The current bell schedule works well for me (or my children and family).	25.8%	21.1%	22.8%	18.8%
I am indifferent to the current bell schedule	11.3%	8.6%	10.1%	10.3%
The current bell schedule does not work for me (or my children and family).	10.4%	8.9%	6.9%	6.7%
The current bell schedule does not work very well for me (or my children and family).	10.9%	16.1%	8.5%	10.4%

For more information, including in-depth survey results, visit
<http://www.fcps.edu/news/start/onlinesurveybellscheduleresults.pdf>

2nd Annual 5K Rocket Run for Autism

Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 8:30 AM



Register by Mail: Rocket Run 5K
Rose Hill Elementary School
6301 Rose Hill Drive
Alexandria, VA 22310

Registration Fee: Received (postmarked if mailed) by 5/1/09 = \$20
After 05/1/09 = \$25

Make checks payable to Rose Hill Elementary School

T-shirts: Participants will receive a 5K t-shirt. T-shirts are guaranteed on date of event for those registered by 4/3/09. T-shirts will be available for late registrations on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will do our best to accommodate everyone.

Where: Pre-race registration & T-shirt pick-up will be from 7:45am thru 8:20am at the School's main entrance (#1). The 5K will begin at 8:30am for runners and 8:35am for walkers.

If you have questions contact Anne Stokowski at 703.313.4200 or anne.stokowski@fcps.edu.

Registrant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please circle T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large XXL

IMPORTANT AND REQUIRED – Registrants and their accompanying family members and friends participating in the 5K Run/Walk on May 16, 2009, hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of property damage, bodily injury, or death. By your signature below, you certify your understanding that the race will occur, in part, on property not owned by the Fairfax County School Board (FCSB). Therefore, you also certify your understanding that neither the FCSB nor its employees and volunteers have any responsibility for the maintenance and condition of that property. Further, you understand that the FCSB provides no accident, medical, or health insurance coverage for race participants.

By your signature below, you certify that, to your knowledge, you and your child (if applicable) are medically able to participate in this 5K race. In consideration of the safety of all participants, you understand that absolutely no baby joggers, baby strollers, headphones, animals on leash, skateboards, skates, rollerblades, or bicycles are allowed on the 5K course. In addition, you understand that if the 5K is canceled by circumstances beyond the control of the organizers, your entry fee will not be refunded.

I have read and agree to the above: _____

Registrant Signature or Parent/Guardian Signature (if under age 18)

Calendar Items

Fairfax County Public Schools' Institute for the Arts 2009

Master the arts! Attend Institute for the Arts (IFTA) and create an artful summer. Now in its 22nd year, IFTA provides an opportunity for students to hone their skills within one discipline or experience a variety of fine arts offerings. Select four 70-minute courses each day and create a summer to remember. (Non-FCPS students are also welcome to apply.)

Robinson Secondary School
5035 Sideburn Road
Fairfax, VA 22032

Monday, July 6 - Thursday, July 30 (weekdays)
8:00am to 1:30pm

Become acquainted with the IFTA program during the Information Night: 7pm, Tuesday, April 14, at Robinson Secondary School Cafeteria. IFTA staff will provide a program overview and answer questions.

For further information and the application form, visit fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/FineArts/IFTA/index.htm.



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Regional Library
Saturday, March 21st, 2-3pm
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria
Register at 703.863.3607

Rose Hill Elementary School Fall 2009 Kindergarten Orientation and Registration

Mark your calendar! Rose Hill will host kindergarten registration on Monday, April 27, from 2pm. to 4pm. Both you and your kindergartner are invited to attend.

Children are eligible for the 2009-2010 kindergarten school year if they were born on or before September 30, 2004.

To register a student's parents/guardians must provide:

- * Proof of residency (a deed, lease, or resident manager's letter is acceptable)
- * Proof of birth (an original birth certificate is required for all students).
- * Health documentation (Commonwealth of Virginia, School Entrance Health Form, including all required immunizations)

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth DePalma, Rose Hill's Registrar, at elizabeth.depalma@fcps.edu or 703.313.4202. For additional information, visit www.fcps.edu/start/kday.htm.

Rose Hill Elementary SOL Test Dates

- May 18 - 3rd Grade Reading, Part 1
- May 19 - 3rd Grade Reading, Part 2
- May 20 - 4th Grade Reading
- May 21 - 5th Grade Reading
- May 22 - 6th Grade Reading
- May 26 - 3rd Grade Math
- May 27 - 4th Grade Math
- May 28 - 5th Grade Math
- May 29 - 6th Grade Math
- June 1 - 4th Grade Social Studies
- June 2 - 5th Grade Science
- June 3 - 6th Grade Social Studies
- June 4 - 3rd Grade Science
- June 5 - 3rd Grade Social Studies

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 703.910.6316.

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 Place.

ELECTRICIAN

Electrical Solutions. 703.922.2040. Electrical service upgrades, whole house surge protection, troubleshooting, repairs, additions, & remodeling. Audio/video sales and professional installation (high definition TV calibration), and much, much more! Same day service, FREE phone estimates, Class "A" contractor, licensed (VA, MD, DC), bonded, insured. 24 hour emergency service. Your friendly neighborhood electrician for your home or office.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Fabrications. Invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your editing, printing, and paper needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, has more than 13 years experience and can be reached at 703.910.6316, or marty@fabrications.us. She is the Editor of *The Rambler*.

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.

HOUSE CLEANING

Ingrid. 703.362.5672. I've lived in the Rose Hill area for 13 years. I clean houses in the general area and also do move-outs.

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. Our services range from mowing, lawn care, leaf removal, and snow removal to patios, landscape design, and construction. Using the latest most efficient methods and equipment gives us the advantage to effectively service our customers at a competitive price. Discounts offered to all Rose Hill residents. Check us out on the web at www.independencelandscape.com. Curt lives on Thornwood Drive.

PAINTING

Sherry and Cindy's Painting. Sherry Matey, 703.921.9422. Exterior/interior, drywall repair, deck staining, pressure washing. Sherry has lived in Rose Hill for more than 20 years and has received well-deserved referrals from many residents [including your editor].

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.

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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.

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

Exit All Star Realty. Angelique Vereen can be reached at 703.317.0030 (business) or 571.233.6395 (direct). She and her family have lived on Thornwood Drive for many years. The Vereen house always sparkles with holiday lights!

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.

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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 703.910.6316. 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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