

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Officer Jim Reid of Franconia Will Visit RHCA on Tuesday

Officer Jim Reid of the Franconia police station will be our guest at the Tuesday, March 27 meeting at the John Marshall Library. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Officer Reid will offer tips to thwart burglaries and bring us up to date on other issues in the Franconia area. We have a safe community and need everyone's help to keep it that way!

Over the last few years, the police budget has been cut by the County, particularly in the area of patrol officers. This is a big problem for the Franconia station, which has seen a huge increase in population to serve due to the new development in Lorton. Unfortunately, there hasn't been an increase in patrol officers to meet the added needs. Compounding the situation is the fact that the County has delayed plans for a new South County station, putting more pressure on Franconia.

RHCA has lobbied for additional patrol officers and the restoration of overtime so the

RHCA Meeting: March 27, 7:00 pm John Marshall Library

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added needs can be met. This year's budget includes restoration of some of the overtime cuts, but the police budget remains short of what it had three years ago. It is a situation that must be corrected. Please attend this important meeting so we can send a message that Rose Hill continues to support added police presence in our community. We have invited a representative of Supervisor McKay's office to attend and witness our support for the police.

One area that could be a source of funding is the fact that the police budget includes \$9 million in support for the schools for such items as School Resource Officers and crossing guards. I have supported the position that at least a portion of the SRO budget should be paid by the schools with the money in the police budget being reallocated for more patrol officers. Crossing guards help both traffic and children on their way to school, so it appears that is a legitimate police function.

It should be noted that the schools receive 53 per cent of the total County budget, yet only one-third of residents have a child in school. In my opinion, the pendulum has shifted too far in favor of the schools at the expense of other County functions such as the police. No one wants to see cuts in the classroom, but there are many areas that should be looked at more closely. Seems to me the schools could find room in a Billion Dollar budget to help pay for the SROs.

Also on the agenda is our annual election of officers as prescribed by the RHCA bylaws. We also will be discussing how to serve

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the new homeowners in Rose Hill Reserve, even though they will eventually have their own Homeowners Association. Do we want to deliver the Rambler to the new homes? Should they be part of our Neighborhood Watch? They are going to need help dealing with County rules and regulations. And, we need to offer friendship for our new neighbors, even though we didn't like the idea of the development.

Since we didn't meet in February, look for Linda Nichols to offer an outstanding menu for this meeting. If for no other reason, you need to join us for the goodies!

Final Membership Reminder

With this issue, we end our membership drive for 2012. As of this writing, we are behind our membership total from 2011. We need your membership and donations to make sure RHCA can continue to publish the Rambler, support the Rose Hill Beauty program, recognize our veterans, maintain the landscaping at the entrance sign, pay for our post office box and contribute to worthy local causes such as Koinonia, the Edison all-night graduation party and the annual holiday dinner and breakfast for our police. Unlike many newer communities where homeowner association fees are mandated, Rose Hill has a voluntary civic association that depends on your contributions. If your name is not included on the list of RHCA members on page 4, please send your check, along with the form, to RHCA at P.O. Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. Better yet, bring it to the March 27 meeting at the Library.

Reprise Request

We weren't exactly overwhelmed with last month's call for volunteers to represent the community on two important citizen committees in Lee District. Recommendations are made by these groups to our supervisor and police captain, so it is extremely important that we be represented. Civic organizations are as close to the grass roots as government gets, so we need to make sure our voice is heard. Unless RHCA has already taken a position on an issue, items should be brought back to a meeting for community discussion

and guidance. The Lee District Association of Civic Associations is an organization made up of community representatives throughout Lee District. Supervisor Jeff McKay and his staff attend the monthly meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Also, there usually is a presentation by representatives of county agencies. LADACO also holds an annual holiday banquet, for which RHCA pays the fee for its representative and his or her guest. The Citizen's Advisory Council meets monthly with Captain Sean Bennett and his staff at the Franconia police station. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, also at the Government Center. The CAC also provides dinner Christmas Eve and breakfast Christmas morning for those officers who have to work when most restaurants are closed. RHCA contributes to the event each year. Please consider representing your community on these two important committees. Rose Hill has a reputation as having a very active civic association and we need help to maintain our ability to influence the County on issues that affect our community. Frankly, Linda, Carolyn and I could use a few more shoulders at the wheel.

And, closer to home, we still need someone to coordinate our Neighborhood Watch program. Rather than send out patrols, we have a large network of people who keep their eyes and ears on activities on their block. Each "Watcher" gets instructions as to what to look out for, including suspicious visitors and/or vehicles, as well as how to report such things as burned out streetlights, accumulation of trash, overcrowding, noise violations, illegal vehicles, etc. Complaints can be made in the name of RHCA, so you don't have to give your name or address. The coordinator maintains the list, keeps up with information from the police and passes it on to the neighborhood watchers. In addition to a coordinator, we always are looking for a few more watchers! We also try to keep an eye out for our senior neighbors, making sure they get help when they need it.

Beauties and Uglies

Because everything is blooming early,

the judges are getting ready to look for those properties that merit the coveted Rose Hill Beauty signs. Remember, only RHCA members will receive the signs. All winners will be listed in a future issue of the Rambler and on our web site, myrosehill.com. At the same time they are looking for beauties, the judges will note any properties that detract from the overall ambiance of the community. They will note properties with accumulated trash, vehicles that are wrecked, disabled or do not have proper tags and/or inspections, parking on the grass, illegal occupancy, commercial use of property, etc. Violators will be reported to the appropriate county agencies. Residents are reminded that Rose Hill is part of a residential parking district that limits the size and type of vehicles that can be parked on our streets. Residents who see potential violations are encouraged to contact either RHCA or the appropriate county agency. If you have a question, give us a call.

Parking on Apple Tree Drive

The issue of school visitors parking on Apple Tree Drive has heated up again after a recent near miss involving a driver and a mother and child exiting a car parked on the street during a school event. The incident led to an investigation by county and school officials. One of the suggested remedies is to limit parking on Apple Tree, something RHCA has long advocated, at least on one side. Previously, we have been unsuccessful because VDOT, which controls the roads, didn't see the need. Since then, the County code has been changed allowing the Board of Supervisors to make the decision. There are many hurdles to jump through, including a petition and a public hearing. We will discuss the issue at the April meeting and decide if we wish to proceed. Although this issue directly affects the residents in the 4700 and 4800 block of Apple Tree and the school visitors who park there, it has safety implications for the entire community. It should be noted that some years back RHCA was successful in obtaining No Parking signs on one side of May Boulevard for the same reasons we have asked for the prohibition on Apple Tree.

More Rose Hill History



The article on page 9 is from the June 1973 edition of the Rambler and was provided to us by Dave West, a former president of RHCA who now lives in Hayfield. Dave's grandfather owned the Rose Hill manor house and his father grew up there. The picture above shows three of Dave's relatives standing at the sundial in the front of the house in 1947. The front faced Telegraph Road. Go to myrosehill.com, click on photo gallery for more pictures of the magnificent Rose Hill house. Unfortunately, the house was destroyed in 1966 to make way for an addition to our subdivision. By the way, Cliff and Barbara James now live at 6412 May Boulevard and have given us permission to use their property as part of a recreation of Mosby's Civil War raid in September of 1863.

Please see the article on page 9 of this edition of the Rambler.

- Carl Sell

2012 Membership List

Nouri & Suham	Abbou	6115 Rose Hill Drive	Barry & Zoe Ann	Freitag	6303 May Boulevard
Nancy	Anderson	4500 Apple Tree Drive	Michael Smith & Ratri	Friend	6111 Leewood Drive
Nida & Jerry	Antonio	6406 May Boulevard	Larry & Constance	Fulk	6410 Cottonwood Drive
Rebecca	Bagdasarian	6214 Driftwood Drive	L. Seiss	G. Miller	6415 Willowood Lane
Frank & Rayma	Bale	6315 Willowood Lane	Janice	Gable	6404 Willowood Lane
Rick & Patti	Ballard	4519 Lark Lane	John	Good	4604 Roundhill Road
P.G.	Bauseman	4531 Roundhill Road	Mike & Bonnie	Greek	6330 Willowood Lane
Margie	Beach	4429 Roundhill Road	Johanna	Guccione	6013 Leewood Drive
Daniel	Bearth	6417 Rose Hill Drive	Chris & Susie	Guinto	6515 Haystack Road
Ruth Connie	Beatty	6428 Rose Hill Drive	Maureen	Hass Smith	6304 Cottonwood Drive
Vikki	Beatty	4415 Roundhill Road	Joe & Lorraine	Hatcher	6102 Leewood Drive
Sandy	Benarick	6270 Rose Hill Drive	Elmer & Alice	Haupt	6208 Thornwood Drive
Shirley	Bennington	6405 May Boulevard	Robert & Shirley	Herr	6103 Leewood Drive
Phillip & Carol	Bishop	6310 Climbing Hill Road	Lucio	Herrera	4525 Apple Tree Drive
Carl & Margaret	Bon	5001 Eastchester Circle	L.	Hestvik	4515 Sturbridge Place
Jeannette	Bottomley	5003 Eastchester Circle	Don & Lynn	Hoffman	5002 Treetop Lane
Bill	Braswell	6307 Climbing Hill Road	Thomas & Shirley	Holliday	6613 Cottonwood Drive
Gary	Bravy	6214 Climbing Hill Road	Emily	Hood	5012 Treetop Lane
Mark & Lorraine	Broxterman	6424 Haystack Road	Cliff & Barbara	James	6412 May Boulevard
Ron & Nancy	Buzalsky	4434 Roundhill Road	D.J.	Jameson	4707 Split Rock Road
Wally & Julia	Calhoun	4523 Apple Tree Drive	F.	Jencks	6416 Willowood Lane
Tracy	Campbell	6402 Cottonwood Drive	Matthew & Cynthia	Johnson-Dailey	5009 Eastchester Circle
Ralph	Carico	6112 Leewood Drive	Marvin & Frances	Justice	6402 Rose Hill Drive
Sarah & Craig	Casella	6519 Carriage Drive	Jason & Heather	Justice	4713 Apple Tree Drive
John & Penny	Casmire	4907 Silo Road	Janet	Kasimir	4517 Sturbridge Place
Raul & Kelly	Castillo	6414 Willowood Lane	Ana & Charles	Kimberly	6504 Cottonwood Drive
Roger & Carol	Christiansen	6409 Mayview Street	Karen	Kinlin	6408 Willowood Lane
Robert G.	Ciccotelli	6511 Haystack Road	Susan & Brent	Kroetch	4700 Flower Lane
Donald Ball & Jacque	Clark	6307 Willowood Lane	Mildred	Lane	8410 May Boulevard
Natalie & Alexander	Cook	6111 Clovergrass Drive	Ronald & Katherine	Lender	6406 Rose Hill Drive
Lois	Corbin	6221 Blossom Lane	Jayne & Karla	Letsche	6502 Cottonwood Drive
Steve	Corbin	4901 Split Rock Road	Edward	Lewis	6117 Leewood Drive
Sally & William Dankers & M. Parkyn		6511 Carriage Drive	James	Lockwood	6114 Clovergrass Drive
Stephanie Young/	Darren Springer	6403 Willowood Lane	Jamey & David	Lord	6208 Redwood Lane
Rebecca & Salvador	del Castillo	6400 Round Hill Road	Wellington & Ann	Machmer	6200 Willowood Lane
B.	Digman	6217 Blossom Lane	Jane & John	Madaris	4422 Roundhill Road
Robin & David	Dodson	6400 Wayside Place	Gerry	Mason	6503 Carriage Drive
Dennis	Dzierzawski	6210 Thornwood Drive	Mary	Mayo	6122 Leewood Drive
Tom	Felleisen	6406 Hayfield Place	Margie & Frank	McConnell	6220 Thornwood Drive
Joseph	Finnegan	6409 Hayfield Place	Madge	McKay	6402 Wayside Place
Anna	Fish	6301 Cottonwood Drive	Donald & Nancy	McMinn	4804 Apple Tree Drive
Trigg & Beverly	Flannagan	6514 Hayfield Place	Mimi	Minarik	6518 Telegraph Road

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J.M.	Neidermeyer	6500 Haystack Road	Ray	Stone	4528 Roundhill Road
Herbert & Grace	Newman	4910 Silo Road	Tom	Strah	6421 Rose Hill Drive
But The	Nguyen	6512 Rose Hill Drive	Tinker & Don	Szamborski	4615 Winston Place
Kimbinh	Nguyen	6711 Greendale Road	Alberta	Taylor	6308 Cottonwood Drive
David & Linda	Nichols	6416 Rose Hill Drive	Barbara	Taylor	4433 Roundhill Road
Jack & Kathy	O'Connor	6519 Haystack Road	John & Dorothy	Thibeau	6216 Saddle Tree Drive
William & Janelle	Parker	7417 Willowood Lane	Joanne M.	Thompson	
Charles & Jeska	Pfefferle	6503 Haystack Road	Jean	Thomson	6302 Cottonwood Drive
Robert	Pinkham	6513 Carriage Drive	Nina	Tisara	6408 Hayfield Place
Jo Ann	Ponce	6203 Willowood Lane	James W.	Troy	5004 Eastchester Circle
William	Poppe	6100 Leewood Drive	Stien	Van Egmond	6508 Cottonwood Drive
Monica	Reed	6422 Rose Hill Drive	Linda & Morgan	Walton	4900 Silo Road
Adam & Rita	Rice	6431 Carriage Drive	Fran	Watts	6508 Haystack Road
Jim & Nancy	Richey	4402 Roundhill Road	Macy	Watts	6008 Leewood Drive
James	Ridgell	6513 Cottonwood Drive	Don & Nina	Weber	6120 Dew Grass Drive
Nancy	Ridgway	4609 Cottonwood Place	Jonathon & Janelle	Welch	4515 Sturbridge Place
Dennis & Sylvia	Robison	4514 Sturbridge Place	Louise & Rick	Westgate	6708 Greendale Road
Judy Taylor & Carlos	Rolon	6503 Rose Hill Drive	Karen	Wheless	6709 Greendale Road
G. Miller	L. Seiss	6415 Willowood Lane	Jeff	Williams	6121 Dew Grass Drive
Carl & Marti	Sell	6601 Cottonwood Drive	Charles & Patricia	Wimberley	6506 Haystack Road
Arlene & Nathan	Shapiro	6216 Driftwood Drive	Nour Barakat	Walter Zalatoris	6609 Cottonwood Drive
Ann	Shappi	4914 Treetop Lane			
James & Marie	Sherfey	6413 Rose Hill Drive			
Diane & Marty	Shupack	6419 Haystack Road			
Burt & Debbie	Slack	4903 Apple Tree Drive			
Carolyn	Slenska	6308 Climbing Hill Road			
Bill & Jean	Stemple	6306 Cottonwood Drive			
Mary	Stinnette	4520 Apple Tree Drive			
Terry	Stone	4522 Apple Tree 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.

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

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ Every Wednesday and Saturday. BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr., 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events. Hours: M, T, W – 10am-8pm; Th, F – 10am-6pm; Sat – 10am-5pm.

- ★ Ongoing Event. Personalized Computer Training. Basics for beginners: Internet and Microsoft Word. Call for appointment. Adults.
- ★ April 8. Fairfax County libraries are closed for the Easter holiday.
- ★ April 9. Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a book discussion. Age 7-8 w/ adult.
- ★ April 11. Toddler Time. 10:30 am. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months. One adult per child.
- ★ April 12. Friends of the John Marshall Library Annual Meeting. 7:00 pm. Adults.
- ★ April 18. Fun for Twos and Threes. 10:30 am. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months. One adult per child.
- ★ April 19. Book Discussion Group. 7:15 pm. Adults.
- ★ April 21. Mike Rose: The Magic of a Book. 10:30 am. A magic show like none other! All ages.

Thomas Edison High School

5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310; Office – 703.924.8000; Fax – 703.924.8097



There were no updates to the calendar as of the printing of this edition.

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310; Office – 703.313.3700, Fax – 703.313.3797



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Rose Hill Elementary School

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Fax: 703.313.4297

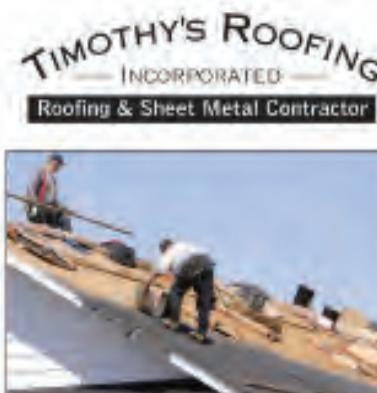


- ★ April 10. PTA Meeting. 7:00 pm. RHES library.
- ★ April 13. Rose Hill School Play. 7:00 pm. Hayfield Secondary School.

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Performances will be held at Hayfield Secondary School (7630 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria) on Friday, April 13th at 7pm, Saturday, April 14th at 12pm and 7pm. Tickets will be available at the door (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children). Concessions will be available.



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Listing in the Business Directory is free to Rose Hill residents who are members and 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 703.625.7046. Artwork can be sent to richtdowney@gmail.com in tiff or jpeg format or hardcopy mailed to P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Checks made out to RHCA should be included with ads and sent to the P.O. Box.

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"RAMBLER RECOLLECTIONS" JUNE 1973 ISSUE

ROSE HILL FARM HISTORY

Some of the history of the Rose Hill Farm has been revealed recently by Dave West of 4800 Apple Tree Drive, whose grandfather was one of the previous owners of the farm. He had purchased the entire 400-acre farm around 1908 for approximately \$10,000. At that time, it already had the name of "The Rose Hill Farm" because of its development by the prior owner. The entrance to the farm was from Telegraph Road, where Rose Hill Drive intersects, as we know it today. The dirt road ran parallel to an apple orchard and when it reached the area of the Apple Tree Drive of today, it made a 90° turn to the left and proceeded to the rear of the farm house, which was located approximately where the home of Al Million, at 6412 May Boulevard, is now located. At that time, there was no entrance road from Franconia Road and in later years approximately 100 acres in the area of the Rose Hill Shopping Center was purchased in order to give access to this road.

The farm house faced north-south, with the rear of the house to the south. The hallway from the rear door ran through the entire middle of the house to the front door. Many people thought the rear of the house was the front of it because both sides were almost identical and the road ended in a circle at the back door. The house was built on the top of a hill which over-looked Telegraph Road, and from the front porch you could see distant points such as Indian Head, Maryland.

The front of the house was approximately 50 yards from the edge of the hill and there was a large sundial about half-way between those points. The owner prior to Dave's grandfather had developed a series of three terraces on the hillside approximately eight feet wide each and almost 250 yards long. Between each terrace was a stretch of the gradually sloping hillside, and when the terraces were planted full of roses, they covered the areas between the terraces. Eventually the entire top of the hillside was covered with roses and since they were visible to passers-by below on Telegraph Road, the area was dubbed "Rose Hill Farm." The farm had three more owners before it was sold to a firm which developed it as the Rose Hill Farm Subdivision we live in today.

BOTH SIDES TOUR VIII
Civil War Sesquicentennial Event
Lee's Maryland Campaign of 150 Years Ago

Visit the site of Stonewall Jackson's bombardment that aided in the fall of Harpers Ferry. See a current residence that was constructed from the bricks of the destroyed United States Arsenal two years after the war. Spend the afternoon at Sharpsburg/Antietam, where Union and Confederate forces clashed on the bloodiest day in U.S. military history. View all stages of the battle starting with the initial Union charge, the carnage at Bloody Lane, the standoff at Burnside Bridge and the arrival of troops on the right flank that saved the Confederates from total defeat after the Union breakthrough.

Saturday, April 28, 2012
Sponsored by the Franconia Museum

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee, and donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. Board a comfortable rest-room equipped motor coach for the trip to a local historic site and then head west to Harpers Ferry to visit Schoolhouse Ridge and historic Alta Vista, now the site of the restored house and a working dairy farm. Enjoy lunch at Ryan's Buffet in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and then head for Sharpsburg/Antietam in Maryland. Hear vignettes about the war along the way.

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

After lunch, we'll stop at a little-known site in Williamsport, Maryland, where Jackson crossed the Potomac River en route to Harpers Ferry, then Lee crossed both on his way to Gettysburg and his retreat back to Virginia the following year. The site is along the C&O Canal and only a very short walk from the bus!

COST: \$100.00 Each. Includes Bus Ride, Buffet Lunch (including gratuity) and a Snack Card to spend on the way home, as well as all entrance fees.

At Alta Vista, you'll meet a modern-day family that helps produce the milk you buy at the store. Learn how the milk gets from the cows to your table. Hear about the original building and current restoration of the house.



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