

The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Rose Hill Beauties Help Set Tone For Improved Property Values

Judging by the rising values and the short length of time a property stays on the market before being sold, Rose Hill continues to be a favorite for potential new homebuyers. One of the many reasons is the extra care most homeowners give their most expensive possession. RHCA is proud to present the winners of the 2005 Rose Hill Beauty awards. The list can be found on page 4.

RHCA members will receive a yard sign depicting their property as having been singled out. Every winner is listed in *The Rambler* and on the RHCA website, myrosehill.com.

If we misspelled your name, have the wrong property owner, or overlooked an address, please let us know and we will correct the mistake in the June *Rambler*. We particularly ask that you backstop the judges by offering suggestions for additions to the list. Surely an examination of more than 700 properties resulted in some being overlooked.

People often ask what the criterion is for selecting a Rose Hill Beauty. Well, beauty is in the eye of the beholder so you make think we missed some. If so, your opinion is as good as the judges and we invite your input. Generally, a well-manicured lawn, flowers, and a well-maintained exterior will catch the judges' eyes. The idea is to reward everyone who takes the time and effort to keep their property looking especially nice.

Thanks to all the winners for a job well done. For those of you whose properties aren't up to snuff, take

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a look at your neighbors and join our community effort to make Rose Hill an outstanding community. And, if you continue to drag down the rest of the community, rest assured you will hear from RHCA and the appropriate County agency.

A History Lesson

Don Hakenson, local historian and author, will speak at the May 24 meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association at 7pm at the John Marshall Library. Don will update us on the new Franconia Museum, an organization dedicated to preserving the past, present, and future of the Franconia area in pictures, artifacts, and stories. Don is the author of the book, *This Forgotten Land*, an account of Civil War activities in the area. The book cover features a picture of the Rose Hill marker commemorating the Mosby raid on the original Rose Hill house in 1863. The museum

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Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, May 24, 7:00pm John Marshall Library

Topics: Rose Hill Section III;
Franconia Museum Update by Don Hakenson

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recently published *Franconia Remembers, Volume II*, featuring pictures and stories about Ashland, Old Franconia School, Ward's Corner, and several prominent families with long ties to the area. Five copies will be given away **free** at the conclusion of Don's remarks. Information about purchasing the book will be available for those who desire one and weren't fortunate enough to win a free copy. In the spirit of full disclosure, it should be noted that the current RHCA president is a new member of the Museum's Board of Directors.

Section III Update

The owner and engineer of the 22 acres known as Rose Hill Park Section III attended RHCA's April meeting and announced they would continue to press forward to construct the 45 homes approved by the Board of Supervisors last year. They also agreed to meet all the conditions of the Special Exception that were negotiated by RHCA in an effort to protect neighboring homeowners. As you will recall, the developer who negotiated the conditions with RHCA is no longer in the picture. The owner and engineer heard complaints from numerous residents on Carriage Drive and Split Rock Road

about serious water runoff problems caused by the drilling for soils test this past December and January. A follow-up meeting was held involving the affected residents on Carriage Drive. While some of the individual con-

cerns were addressed, there remains a major problem concerning the implementation of the conditions and any damage to neighboring properties caused by the new construction. One of the conditions calls for a survey of contiguous homes to determine the situation **before** construction begins. However, the damage caused by drilling already has resulted in additional water runoff for several houses on Carriage, including water in the basement. Therefore, the situation has changed even before the survey. RHCA will insist these problems be corrected prior to the survey. This item will be discussed at our May 24 meeting. If you would like to read the conditions approved by the Board of Supervisors, log on to myrosehill.com and click on Rose Hill Reserve. The approved conditions are on that page along with the previous and approved layouts. Remember, Rose Hill Park Section III was previously approved for 59 lots.

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Welcome Aboard!

The following new members have signed up since April 15:

Josephine & Margaret Alston, 6118 Leewood Drive
Nancy & Wilmer Anderson, 4500 Apple Tree Drive
Benjamin & Leonida Antonio, 6406 May Boulevard
N. Barakat, 6609 Cottonwood Drive
Joann Barney, 5000 Treetop Lane
Jack Blush, 6607 Cottonwood Drive
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place
David & Billy Corley, 4513 Bee Street
Karen & Mark Daley, 4519 Lark Lane
Peg Dockery, 6430 Carriage Drive
Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
Douglas & Betsey Hoey, 6208 Redwood Lane
Susan Kirby, 6313 Willowood Lane
Cedric D. Lackey, 6330 Rose Hill Drive
Gerry Mason, 6503 Carriage Drive
T. Jackson & Ruth Ann Verell, 6215 Thornwood Drive
Walter Zalatoris, 6609 Cottonwood Drive

This list is as of May 13, 2005. Thanks to everyone for supporting RHCA!

Traffic Study is Moving!

Supervisor Kauffman's office advises that the traffic study requested by RHCA is under way! The County Transportation Office placed electronic counters on several streets (I spotted them on Rose Hill Drive and Cottonwood Drive) to establish a baseline prior to the opening of the South Van Dorn Street extension from Kingstowne to Telegraph Road. Another count will be conducted mid-June to determine what effect the new road has on Rose Hill traffic. Unlike the old counters that stretched across the road and were clearly visible, the new counters are small electronic devices placed in the traffic lanes. To refresh your memories, RHCA requested traffic-

calming devices for Cottonwood Drive and Leewood Drive. We also requested four-way stop signs on Rose Hill Drive at Apple Tree Drive and Cottonwood Drive. We also asked for a four-way stop sign at Bee Street and Willowood Lane and a three-way stop at Saddle Tree Drive. A four-way stop sign was requested at Apple Tree Drive and Willowood. We'll keep you advised as the study moves ahead. It is RHCA's position that the traffic calming and stop signs are needed even if the counts show a decrease in volume. Speed is our main concern, not volume!

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A Flowering Addition

Thanks to contributions from RHCA members, the flowerbed at the Library facing Rose Hill Drive is beginning to take shape. RHCA presented \$250 to the Friends of John Marshall Library to help offset the cost of plants, soil, mulch, and other materials and tools. The labor is being volunteered. If you'd like to help, stop by the main desk at the library and inquire as to how to get involved. After the initial work, we'll turn our attention to setting up a program to help make sure the flowerbeds are maintained.

Also, special thanks to those who contributed to RHCA's fund to maintain the flowerbed in front of our community sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road. We have a deal with Fortney Lawn & Garden to plant new flowers several times a year. Seems to me the flowers were particularly lovely this spring. They certainly set the tone for the type of community in which the overwhelming majority of us take great pride!

Neighborhood Problems

As most of you know, RHCA has taken the lead in reporting problem properties to County authorities. We have seen a marked improvement in some while others (such as 4612 Roundhill Road) try our patience. We also have been successful in causing the removal of numerous junk cars. If you have a problem property in your neighborhood, either call the County directly or ask RHCA to do so on behalf of the entire community. We cannot settle disputes between property owners, but we can report legitimate violations of County law. We usually

communicate with the property owner first in an effort to settle the violation without involving the County. However, failure to act will result in a complaint to the appropriate agency. The complaints are filed in the name of the Association, not individual residents. If you wish to file a complaint yourself, please feel free to do so. Give us a call or send an email, outline the problem, and we will direct you to the proper agency.

Cell Tower in Park

T-Mobile and the Park Authority have reached agreement on an understanding to place a cellular telephone tower in Lee District Park. It will be located in the rear of the park closer to Kings Highway. RHCA previously voted to approve the tower as long as it did not directly affect our neighborhood and the proceeds of the lease agreement were earmarked for use in Lee District Park. We have suggested the money be earmarked for the July 4 fireworks display so that it may be assured of continuing. T-

Mobile previously had filed an application to place the tower at the old Virginia Hills School. However, community opposition surfaced because the tower would be adjacent to homes in Virginia Hills and on St. Mark's Court. At the suggestion of RHCA and Virginia Hills, T-Mobile opened discussions with the Park Authority. The company has deferred the application for the school and will file a new application for the park. If the Board of Supervisors approves the park site, the school site application will be withdrawn. If it isn't, we will join our neighbors in opposing the school site.

—Carl Sell



Secretary's Report

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting, April 26, 2005, John Marshall Library Community Room

Item 1: South Van Dorn Street

South Van Dorn Street is finally open! After a very long process, the extension of the road from Kingstowne down to Telegraph Road is complete. Initial studies forecast a decline in traffic on Rose Hill Drive which we all hope occurs.

Item 2: Rose Hill Beautification Efforts

Rose Hill is a special place that has its own share of community issues, but we have had major successes in beautifying our neighborhoods. The Rose Hill library team, as well as the Friends of John Marshall Library, have expressed their gratitude for

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2005 Rose Hill Beauty List

(*RHCA member)

Apple Tree Drive	4507, Nimjareansuk*	Flower Lane	4712, Holsinger	Rose Hill Drive	6401, Bible
	4511, Palmer	Greendale Drive	6707, Caparas*		6328, Morris
	4522, Stone*		6708, Westgate*		6406, Lender*
	4701, Tomlin	Haystack Road	6422, Munzert		6415, Sherfey*
	4801, Galliott*		6426, Avery		6417, Bearch*
	4905, Gerke		6500, Neidermeyer		6421, Strah*
Bee Street	4501, Lewis*		6503, Pfefferle*		6428, Beatty*
	4509, Scott		6506, Wimberly*		6514, Edson
	4510, Robertson		6510, Pulman*		6416, Nichols*
	4511, Borchevsky*		6511, Ciccotelli*	Roundhill Road	4402, Richey*
Blossom Lane	6217, Digman		6514, Flannagan*		4405, Kesler*
	6218, Kandul*		6518, Blubaugh		4415, Beaty*
	6221, Corbin*	Lark Lane	4517, Martin*		4422, Madaris*
	6222, Yutesler*	Leewood Drive	6001, Perriera		4423, Bise*
Carriage Drive	6423, Huynh*		6006, Jones		4429, Beach*
	6424, Lefler*		6008, Watts*		4513, Worley*
	6427, Bradbury*		6014, Cumba*		4517, Munch
	6429, Kohm*		6102, Hatcher*		4525, Williams
	6435, Gries		6105, Jeffries		4607, Davidson*
	6500, Adcock		6111, Smith/Friend*		4609, Smith
	6512, Kannofsky*		6112, Obermeyer		4518, Voorhees
	6514, Pinkham*		6115, Kowalik		4520, Varney*
Climbhill Road	6220, Minto		6119, Morales		4604, Good*
	6310, Bishop*		6121, Ngheim	Saddle Tree	6218, Cofer*
	6311, Peyton		6122, Mayo*	Drive	6300, Cherkis*
	6314, Davis	Maryview Street	6320, Fowler*	Silo Road	4907, Cashmire*
Cottonwood Drive	6302, Thomson*		6322, Snyder*	Split Rock Road	4702, Pompol
	6304, Hass*		6324, Hall	Sturbridge Place	4517, Kick*
	6306, Stemple*		6326, Wong		4518, Holloman*
	6319, Knight		6328, Poff*	Telegraph Road	6510, Dowdy
	6321, Heislap		6329, Hughes		6516, Downey*
	6323, Thompson		6330, Lawrence*	Thornwood	6204, Shedd
	6401, Butler*		6403, Shifflett	Drive	6205, Kim
	6402, Campbell*		6407, Brookins		6206, Lewis
	6410, Fulk*		6408, Phillips*		6208, Haupt*
	6416, Flahive*	May Boulevard	6303, Freitag*		6216, Tran
	6509, Williams*		6305, Mitchell*		6217, Landes
	6510, Suggs		6319, Dodson*	Treetop Lane	4914, Schappi
	6512, Moore		6403, Leet		5000, Barney*
	6513, Ridgell		6405, Bennington*		5005, Sandoval
	6515, Tufail*		6409, Rumph		5008, Dopudja
	6607, Blush*		6410, Lane*	Wayside Place	6404, Wheeler
	6609, Zalatoris*		6412, James*	Willowood Lane	6329, Saifuddin
	6610, Vincenzes*	Mayor Place	4608, Market*		6330, Greek*
	6611, Dalghren*		4609, Cunniffe		6400, Jones
Cottonwood Place	4609, Ridgeway*	Redwood Lane	6208, Hoey*		6411, Evans*
	4613, High	Rose Hill Drive	6115, Abbou*		6412, Ray*
Dew Grass Drive	6120, Webeer*		6270, Benarik*		6416, Jencks*
Eastchester Cir.	5003, Bottomley*		6300, Krause*		6420, Jones
Flower Lane	4700, Kroetch*		6316, Noble*	Winston Place	4618, Dillon
	4701, Lynch-Upchurch*		6317, Nguyen		

the civic association support of the library beautification landscape project. A special thanks again to Ron Dillon, a community member who gave the civic association a great deal so we could afford the signage repairs at the intersection of Rose Hill and Franconia welcoming people to our neighborhood.

We continue to have a few absentee landlords and some problem neighbors such as the major eyesore on Round Hill Road who do not care about the community as much as they should or as the law requires. The civic association continues to work with Supervisor Kauffman on these issues. If you want to share a concern with us, please email us or let us know so we can all work together to improve our community.

Item 3: Delegate Sickles Remarks

Thank you to Delegate Sickles who attended the meeting and made some impromptu remarks on the recent legislative session in Richmond. The session this year included a few highlights that he championed including eliminating the state tax on food. There will still be a small tax on food that is associated with county taxes, but our grocery bills will be reduced when the law goes into effect July 1. Medical malpractice reform was also worked on during the session to begin to address the high insurance premiums that doctors must pay. The start of a major restructuring of the higher education system in Virginia began with a 3-tier structure of regulation and oversight for public universities and colleges. It forces strategic planning to promote access for more Virginia students at the institutions.

Item 4: Rose Hill Section III Status

Carl Sell provided a background status prior to the invited guests speaking to the civic association. In summer 2003, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors granted a special exception for Rose Hill Section III granting R5 cluster zoning for 45 houses to be developed if the project was successfully approved. There were a number of provisions that the civic association fought for such as a conservation easement buffer and insurance policy and bond to be posted by the developers. After an initial site plan had been submitted to the county, the civic association related our initial concerns which were

the main reason the county requested additional soil tests and borings as part of the geotechnical review process. When the civic association contacted the developer in March to raise concerns about the damage from run-off that was occurring because of the work done to date, we learned that the developer no longer had a valid contract. As a reminder, the special exception is still valid for 3 years from the point of issuance. After that time, the area will revert back to the original R3 zoning for 59 houses which could be problematic given legislative changes that approved by right development to owners 2 years ago. This means that any development would have to go through the technical review process but the conditions that the civic association worked for would not necessarily have to be honored.

The owners of the 22-acre area known as Rose Hill III, Victor and Leigh Basha, were invited to speak to the RHCA members present. Members of the county geotechnical review board were also invited but did not attend. Emad Saadeh introduced himself again to the community since he had been working with the developers and his engineering firm will be continuing their efforts on behalf of the owners. His engineering firm specializes in geotechnical projects related to marine clay issues.

Leigh Basha and her husband Victor have owned the property for 25 years. She reiterated their commitment to the special exception plan and that they want to continue to be good neighbors and committed to our concerns.

Speaking as the owners' representative, Mr. Saadeh informed the community that the owners plan to proceed with their efforts to have a site plan approved for development by Fairfax County and reiterated their intent to honor the conditions of the special exception plan and design the project in a manner that is safe and

meets the concerns of the community. Answering questions from the participants, he clarified that they expected the house style, footprint, and height would be similar, if not the same, as what was presented by the developers.

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President Sell reminded the owner and the engineering firm that the civic association is committed to be an active participant in the process to ensure that the interests of the impacted property owners are protected. Mr. Sell reminded them that the civic association operated in good faith with the developers who are no longer part of the process on a plan that was acceptable and now we are left with nothing but words that we will insist be honored. The civic association will work with the staff of the Geotechnical Review Board to earn our support again. Discussion ensued regarding the damage that had already been caused as a result of these initial efforts. Rose Hill residents expressed their concern that the Bashas must be good neighbors now as well

to correct the problems of run-off, standing water, and unattractive nuisances that have been created. The engineer and owners agreed to meet with neighbors impacted 2 times in the upcoming weeks to address their concerns. Other discussions clarifying potential conflict of interest, egress issues, environmental impact statement requirements, and other concerns resulted in a commitment by the owner and the engineer to come before the civic association at every milestone in the process.

The civic association restated that we are working to protect our community and thanked the Bashas and Mr. Saadeh for attending the meeting.

—Beth Kohm

Rose Hill 50th Anniversary T-Shirt Half Price Sale

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

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

Ocean City Rental

Two bedroom, two bath Ocean City condo is available for rent to RHCA members at a special rate. Dates are 6pm Sunday, July 17, until 6pm Saturday, July 23, and 6pm Sunday, July 24, until 6pm Saturday, July 30. Located in North Ocean City, four blocks from the ocean. Fully equipped. Bring your own linens. You clean when you leave. \$500 for up to four occupants, \$600 for five or six occupants. Far below comparable rates. Call Carl Sell at 703.971.4716.

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill, Franconia, and Northern VA

- ★ **Tuesday, May 24, 7pm. Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting.** John Marshall Library. Subject: Rose Hill III and Franconia Museum Updates.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday. BINGO!** Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **Every Thursday. Volleyball in The Park.** Lee District Park, 5:45pm to dark. All ages are invited to come and join the fun.
- ★ **Any Day. Give Blood—the Gift of Life.** Inova Woodburn Blood Donor Center, 3289 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA. Monday thru Friday, 8am-8pm; Saturday, 9am-5pm. Help save up to three lives in just one hour! Blood donors are needed year round, and especially type O donors. For more information or to make an appointment to donate at a donor center or community blood drive, call 1-866-BloodSaves (866.256.6372) or visit www.inova.org/donateblood. Thank you for helping save lives in our community!

- ★ **May-October. Doggie Happy Hour.** Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 8pm, meet two- and four-legged friends in the courtyard of the Holiday Inn Select, 480 King St. Eats, treats and drinks for all from April through October. www.doggiehappyhour.com or 703.549.6080
- ★ **May 30. 28th Annual Memorial Day Jazz Festival.** Performers include the Army Blues Jazz Ensemble, Yvonne Johnson, Doc Dikeman Big Band, Al Williams and the Village Jazz Band. Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. 1-8pm Food and drinks will be for sale with picnic baskets welcome. Free! In case of rain, festival relocated to T.C. Williams Auditorium, 3330 King St. Free! 703.883.4686
- ★ **June 2. Martha Washington's Birthday.** Anyone named Martha or whose birthday is June 2 will be admitted free to the estate plus children can participate in a scavenger hunt. Opens at 8am daily through August with a variety of tours through October. South end of George Washington Memorial Parkway. www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ June 4-25. **"Run For Your Wife."** The Little Theatre of Alexandria presents this comedy written by the "English Neil Simon" about a London cabbie who tries to do a good deed and gets caught between two wives—both his. Shows at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 3pm Sun. 600 Wolfe St. Tickets \$13-\$17 at www.thelittletheatre.com or 703.683.0496
- ★ June 8. **4th Annual Eisenhower Mini Golf Classic.** Miniature golf, food, music, a silent auction, plus meet dogs from the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. 5-8pm at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Ticket \$15, \$45 for a foursome with children under 3 free. www.eisenhowerpartnership.org or 703.684.5124
- ★ June 9. **Second Thursday in Old Town.** The Torpedo Factory Art Center, shops and galleries along King Street stay open until 9pm with special events and live music. Plus music at five locations along King, free dog treats & an appearance by Santa in Wales Alley, and canine cruises with the Potomac Riverboat Co. Free! 703.838.4565, ext. 3
- ★ June 11. **Civil War Camp Day.** Living history program featuring Union and Confederate reenactors and civilian interpreters. This late-war event features camp scenes, children's games, period music, vignettes, firing demos and tours of the fort. Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. 10am-5pm \$ www.fortward.org 703.838.4848
- ★ June 11. **Civil War Ball.** Enjoy an evening full of history, music and dancing. Dance master Corky Palmer leads waltzes, polkas and more. 8-11pm at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Tickets \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door including desserts and cash bar. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242.
- ★ June 14. **Flag Day Citizenship Ceremony.** The Bowling Green at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate is the site of a special ceremony during which 100 people become American citizens. 10am. Inclusive admission \$11, \$10.50 seniors, children 6-11 \$5. www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000
- ★ June 18. **United States Marine Chamber Orchestra.** The ensemble gives a free concert at 7:30pm at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. www.marineband.usmc.mil or 202.433.5714
- ★ June 18-19. **24th Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival.** Live music, arts & crafts, visiting ships, living history exhibits and concession stands plus special activities just for children. Oronoco Bay Park, Union and Madison streets. 10am-11pm Sat.; 10am-7pm Sun. \$ www.waterfrontfestival.org 703.549.8300
- ★ June 19. **Father's Day at Gadsby's.** Fathers can visit Gadsby's Tavern for free on their day. 1-5pm at the museum, 134 N. Royal St. Regular admission \$4, \$2 for children. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242.

- ★ June 23-27 & June 30-July 4. **39th Annual Folklife Festival.** The Smithsonian's annual festival this year features the country of Oman, the Forest Service, Music in the Latino Culture, and Food Culture USA. Open 11am-5:30pm on the Smithsonian Mall between the U.S. Capitol & the Washington Monument. Free!

Huntley Meadows Park

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525

Fairfax County Park Authority's largest park (1,428 acres) includes wetlands, forests, meadows, streams and ponds. It has resident deer, beaver, heron, and other animals. Facilities include a visitor center, auditorium, exhibits and an interpretive trail with boardwalk and observation platforms. Programs for groups by reservation.

- ★ May 27, 7:30-8:30pm. **Lecture—Environmental Film.** Filmmaker and environmentalist Dave Eckert will show one of his films and answer audience questions. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. FREE
- ★ June 4, 7-9:30am. **Summer Birds and Breakfast.** Explore the woodland and wetland to observe summer bird life. Following the walk, cool off and enjoy juice and bagels at the Visitor Center. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot. Binoculars and field guides recommended. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$5
- ★ June 5, 7:00-10:00am. **Birding for Beginners—Optics and Field Guides.** Interested in birding? We can get you started! Learn about the birds in the park and some basic identification skills. Program begins with a discussion of field guides and optics. Reservations required. FREE
- 1-2:30pm. **Sssnakes!** Families. Through discussion and a walk learn about some of Huntley's scaly inhabitants. Appropriate for families; children must be six years or older. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE
- ★ June 13, 3:15-4:30pm. **Young Explorers—Dazzling Dragonflies.** 6-8 yrs. Through indoor and outdoor activities learn about the life cycle, behavior, and identification of Huntley Meadows' many dragonflies and damselflies. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$3
- ★ June 15 and 16, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30am. **Nature Detectives—Dazzling Dragonflies.** 3-5 yrs. Through story, activity, and craft, learn about the life cycle, behavior, and identification of Huntley Meadows' many dragonflies and damselflies. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ June 24, 7-9:30pm. **Café Cattail.** Welcome to Huntley Meadows' very own coffeehouse! Enjoy a relaxing evening applauding our community's talents. Musicians, dancers

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

and poets are encouraged to share their arts with a nature theme. Reservations required for performers only. Sponsored by FOHMP. FREE

- ★ **June 25, 8-10pm. Summer Stroll.** Adults. Glittering fireflies, gnawing beavers and a parade of raccoons. Huntley Meadows Park never sleeps! Learn about Huntley's night life through a short lecture and a walk to the wetland. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$2
- ★ **June 26, 9-11:30am. Dragonflies.** Adults. Learn about the life cycle, behavior and identification of Huntley's many dragonflies and damselflies. Venture to the wetland to observe these acrobatic fliers in action. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE

John Marshall Library

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

- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Personalized Internet Training.** Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skill. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 25, 10:30am. Stomp!** Stories, activities and a craft to celebrate National Tap Dance Day. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7:00pm. Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- ★ **Fridays, 12:00pm. Lunch Bunch.** Bring a lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 1, 10:30am. Come Fly With Me!** Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 8, 10:30am. Small Wonders.** Short stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 15, 10:30am. Hooray for Dads!** Stories, activities and a craft to celebrate Father's Day. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 15, 7:15pm. Book Discussion Group.** A Year and a Day by Leslie Pietrzyk. New members are welcome. Adults. No registration is required.

Edison High School

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

- ★ **SOLs May 18-June 10.** Students enrolled in courses where there is an end-of-course test will be taking the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests from May 18th through June 10th. It will be very helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school

during this time period. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude.

- ★ **Library Hours During SOLs.** The Edison Library will be closed during the school day for SOLs. We will be opened from 3-5 PM every afternoon from May 18-June 10. You will be able to check out books, and use our computers during that time. We look forward to seeing you after school those days!
- ★ **Thursday, May 26.** Spring Choir Concert, 7-9:30pm
- ★ **Saturday, May 28.** Class of 2008 Car Wash, 10am-2pm
- ★ **Monday, May 30.** Memorial Day Holiday
- ★ **Honor Code.** Parents and Students: Edison is developing a school-wide honor code to be implemented for the 2005-2006 school year. We would appreciate your comments, questions, and ideas regarding what we have developed so far. Please email Kimberly Carney, chair of the committee, at kimberly.carney@fcps.edu with your opinions.
- ★ **Senior Prom.** Senior Prom tickets will go on sale during all lunches starting Wednesday, May 11 in the cafeteria. The ticket price has been reduced to \$40. Prom is Saturday, June 4.

Rose Hill Elementary and Mark Twain Middle Schools

- ★ **Cinderella's Glass Slipper.** The Rose Hill Players will perform the delightful musical "Cinderella's Glass Slipper." Please join us for this enchanting and humorous fairytale presentation. Performances begin at 7pm on Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11, at Edison High School. For more information call Rose Hill ES at 703.313.4200.
- ★ **May 30. Memorial Day Holiday**
- ★ **June 3. Holiday#**
- ★ **June 6. Holiday#**
- ★ **June 21. Graduation On or After This Date***
- ★ **June 24. Last Day of School*+**
- * Schools are open.
- + Report cards are provided to parents at the end of each grading period and at the end of the school year.
- # Date subject to change if more than three school days are lost because of inclement weather.

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Business Directory

Rose Hill residents who own or operate a company are eligible to have their business listed monthly in *The Rambler* free of charge. Businesses are encouraged to provide Rose Hill residents with quality service and products at a fair price. *The Rambler* reserves the right to print recommendations from consumers, both pro and con. To have your business listed, call one of the officers listed on the front page.

CHILD CARE

Mama High's Pre-School and Day Care. Mrs. Carola High has 15 years of experience in training and caring for children ages 3 weeks through 5 years old. Excellent preparation for those starting kindergarten. We talk with babies and toddlers in simple language. State Licensed, Former Teacher. Full- or part-time. 4613 Cottonwood Place, 703.971.0741.

DIGITAL DESIGN

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

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Fabrications. Invitations, announcements, flyers, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your light editing, printing, and paper needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, 703.924.7192, or marty@fabrications.us. Marty is the Editor of *The Rambler* and lives with her husband, Dwight, on Cottonwood Drive.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

Dove Heating and Air Conditioning. We service and install heat pumps, air conditioners, furnaces, hot water heaters, and humidifiers. David and Linda Nichols, 703.971.8897. The Nichols have been in business for 18 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 30 years.

HOME REPAIRS

Hugh Watts. From a new roof to the smallest of problems, contact Hugh Watts at 703.593.5908. Pearl, as he is known, grew up on Haystack Road and his mom still lives there. A number of Rose Hill residents provide glowing references concerning work Pearl has performed for them at a fair price.

INVITATIONS/PERSONALIZED STATIONERY

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LAWN SERVICES

Fortney Lawn & Garden. David and Jimmy Fortney, 703.960.8869. Although they live in Virginia Hills, the Fortneys work closely with RHCA to maintain the landscaping for the Rose Hill entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road and donated mulch for the new trees in the median.

Dan's Lawn & Leaf Service. Daniel P. Bishop, 703.719.7806. We guarantee fast, friendly, and affordable service. Located in the Rose Hill subdivision and serving its residents for 3 years.

LICENSED NOTARY PUBLIC

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

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PET SITTING

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

QUILTS

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

REAL ESTATE

Re/Max Allegiance. Karen Davidson, 703.927.4448. www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson, www.karen-davidson.com, email: kendavidson@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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Business Directory, Continued

Advertising in *The Rambler*

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

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

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

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

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

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