

# The Rambler

Newsletter of the  
Rose Hill Civic Association

## November 22 Meeting at The Library, Numerous Issues, Treats on Agenda

### President's Message

The Rose Hill Civic Association will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22 in the community room of the John Marshall library. There are numerous discussions, decisions and some refreshments on the agenda. RHCA needs to address the issue of Neighborhood Watch because of the death of its long-time chairman, Woody Betts. Some time back, we changed to block captains who watch over small areas all the time rather than send out patrols in the evenings. Watch captains and their neighbors keep an eye out for crime, blight and zoning violations and report them to the proper agency in the name of RHCA. At this time, only Apple Tree Drive is without a Watch captain. Because of its length, we could use one at each end and in the middle. Watchers are given information as to what to look for and who to call. We even report potholes to VDOT! It is a system that has worked well in recent years. If you are out for a walk, a run, or to exercise the dog, carry a cell phone and report anything you see that appears suspicious. In an emergency, call 911. If it looks suspicious, call the non-emergency number at 703-691-2131. If a

**RHCA Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 pm**  
 John Marshall Library

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vehicle is involved, TRY TO GET A LICENSE PLATE number as well as a description of the car.

For years, Rose Hill has been represented on the Citizen's Advisory Committee at the Franconia police station. Woody was the chairman so his presence will be solely missed. We need a volunteer to fill the void. The position gives our community a direct voice to the captain at the Franconia station on a monthly basis. This is a position for someone like Woody who keeps his or her hand on the pulse of the community and understands that decisions that benefit all are the goal.

Votes also will be taken to support the annual police dinner on Christmas Eve and breakfast on Christmas Day and the Koinonia community program by local churches that provides for those among us who are in need. The police dinner and breakfast are provided by the Citizen's Advisory Committee for officers who have to work on the holiday when there are few places open where they can eat. Unlike the firemen, who pull long shifts and can prepare food at the stations when they aren't on call, the police have little opportunity to cook meals at the station because they are out on patrol. So, they stop by the station for the meal provided by members and area restaurants.

We are also in need of a Rambler delivery person for the area of Roundhill Road from Climbhill Road around to Blossom Lane. There are 27 houses on the route. The Rambler is delivered free nine times a year on the weekend before the meeting. RHCA does NOT meet in December, July or August. It takes 18 people to cover the entire community

of 700 plus homes with Ramblers. Right now, we are one short. Please give me or Linda a call if you can help.

### **Membership Drive**

Since we don't have a meeting or Rambler in December, we open our annual membership drive with this issue. We will be reminding you that we need your help during the drive that will continue until March. Starting with the January Rambler, we will publish the names of those who sign up for 2012. The dues are only \$10, an amount set by our bylaws. Even if every household in Rose Hill sent us 10 bucks, we wouldn't have enough in the bank to pay for the publication of nine issues of The Rambler, pay for the annual Rose Hill Beauty signs, keep up the landscaping at our entrance sign, provide snacks at the meetings and make contributions to several worthy local charities such as the Edison High School All-Night graduation party, the annual Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas Day breakfast for our police who have to work and support for the less fortunate through Koinonia. That's why we encourage contributions in excess of the annual dues. Without your added support, we couldn't pay the bills. Please fill out the membership form printed on page 4 of this edition of Rambler and send it, along with your check, to RHCA at P.O. Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. By the way, maintaining the P.O. Box adds to our cost. We hope you view RHCA as a necessary voice for our community. We can't continue without your support.

### **Remembering Woody Betts**

Woody Betts, our longtime Neighborhood Watch chairman, passed away Nov. 4 after a nine-month battle with cancer. Although only 45, Woody already had established a record of public service matched by few in Fairfax County. In addition to his work in Rose Hill, he served as the chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Council at the Franconia station and was a trusted advisor to the Chief of Police for the entire county. It was fitting that a phalanx of police motorcycles escorted Woody to his final resting place after a ceremony that drew

a large number of family and friends. Woody touched hundreds of lives as a neighbor and community leader. A lifelong resident of the Franconia area, he leaves a wife, Tammie, and sons Aaron and Ryan. Woody and Tammie's love affair began after they both graduated from Hayfield High School. After marriage, they settled in Rose Hill and immediately became valuable members of the community. Whether it was scouts, sports, Neighborhood Watch or just being good neighbors, Woody and Tammie set a high standard for us all. Rose Hill is a safe community. Woody was one of the big reasons for that. It's up to the rest of us to measure up to his high standard. At the funeral, I thanked Woody for keeping Rose Hill safe. Now it's our turn to keep his family safe. Things haven't been easy for Woody and Tammie in the last year, so RHCA will continue to try to help. We didn't send flowers, but we will send a check. If you would like to join the effort, we'd appreciate your support.

### **Honoring our Veterans**

Perhaps few things RHCA has done proved as popular as our display honoring our veterans and active duty service personnel over the Veteran's Day weekend. We wound up with 34 names on 29 signs (five were husband and wife). We already have heard from the families of additional veterans who will be added to the display next year. If you know of others, please let us know. The criteria are simple: They either live in Rose Hill now, are close relative of those who do, or were long-time residents who have passed away or moved away. Although the signs are costly, it is the least we can do to show our support for those who served their country and community. Everyone who is a member of RHCA can take pride in their contribution to this effort. Mike Duncan of Lettercraft Signs put the individual names on the signs at no cost. Mo Haupt served as chairman of the event and he and his wife Alice made sure there were no mistakes on the final list. The hardest part was telling folks who called in late that the deadline had passed. Dave and Linda Nichols helped install the signs, as did Justin Sweeney, a volunteer who lives nearby and attends Mark Twain. Donnie Krause allowed us to use his yard and rigged a light so the U.S. flag would be visible at

night. Perhaps the most satisfying sight was the young families who took pictures of their relatives' signs. Made me proud to be an American living in Rose Hill. If you missed seeing the display, go to [myrosehill.com](http://myrosehill.com) to view the pictures taken by Linda Nichols, scanned and processed by Alice Mangum and organized on the web site by Jim Sapp.

### **Rose Hill Reserve**

We are beginning to get new neighbors in Rose Hill Reserve, but there is a long way to go and many houses to sell before the community is finished. Here in Rose Hill, we still have a list of concerns that need to be settled before the County of Fairfax signs off the performance bonds the developer put up to ensure compliance with all ordinances and conditions. Numerous residents have individual issues that need to be resolved. Chief among them is damage to adjacent properties because of inadequate storm water and erosion controls. There are also outstanding landscaping issues that affect the buffer between the new homes and our community. In our opinion, neither the County nor the developer followed the conditions of development mandated in the approval to build way back in 2004. We also think that the County's requirements for storm water management and erosion control are inadequate and need to be improved. I have written a letter to Supervisor McKay outlining all of our issues. A copy of the letter is on Page 9.

### **Crape Myrtle Update**

Rick Ballard has some fledgling plants he has grown from seeds and would like to transplant into pots so he can give them away next spring to anyone who would like to continue the march of the plants up Rose Hill Drive from Telegraph Road. He is looking for a supply of the black disposable plastic plant containers that are used by Home Depot, Lowe's and other garden shops. If you have any of the containers, please drop them in Rick's driveway at 4519 Lark Lane. That's the big house on the corner. He can use any size from quart up to three gallons. He has about 50 plants to place in pots to be given away next spring. If you have any questions, or want to get on the list for next spring, e-mail

Rick at [richardballard@hotmail.com](mailto:richardballard@hotmail.com).

### **Report Financial Crime Online**

The Fairfax County police Financial Crimes Unit has established an online reporting system for victims of identity theft, embezzlement, credit card fraud and phony checks. For example, there have been 2,500 reports of identity theft alone since 2009. In an effort to streamline these complex financial investigations, detectives and technical staff have devised the Financial Crime Online Reporting System (FICOR) to provide quicker reporting and response rates for victims. The new web site also helps clarify what constitutes a crime and provides information about common fraud scams, construction fraud, credit card/check theft and fraud and steps to prevent them. The FICOR section can be reached by visiting the Fairfax County home page. It is a unique tool designed to fight financial crime and provide quick response for victims.

- Carl Sell

### **Rambler Delivery Person Needed**

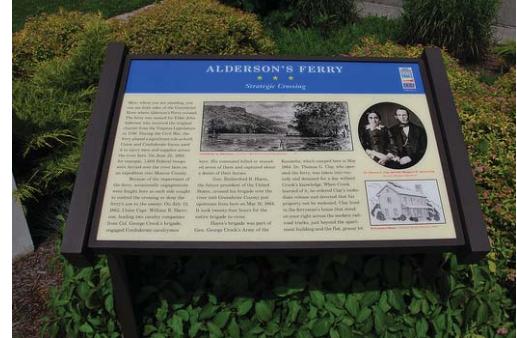
RHCA needs someone to deliver the Rambler on Round Hill Road between Climbhill and the Rose Hill Elementary grounds. Includes Bluegrass, Clovergrass, and the Willowood cul de sac. No pay, No benefits, just the thanks of the community. Call Carl Sell or Linda Nichols. Nine editions a year delivered the weekend before the RHCA meetings in January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October and November. Copies are delivered to your home the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before the meeting date and Ramblers must be delivered Saturday or Sunday.

### **Need A Prayer?**

If you or a loved one is need of a prayer, call Dave or Linda Nichols at 703-971-0577. There are always times when a prayer is appropriate, and Dave and Linda will be there for you. Rose Hill In the Civil War

## Civil War Trails Marker

A Civil War Trails marker commemorating the September 28, 1863 raid by Confederate chieftain John Singleton Mosby at the Rose Hill house soon will be installed. The preferred location of the marker is in the front yard of Cliff and Barbara James at the end of May Boulevard, near where the house stood during the Civil War. Because we had to identify a backup location, the area near the Rose Hill historic sign at the John Marshall Library also is a possibility. In a nighttime raid, Mosby and his men captured Colonel Daniel F. Dulany, aide to the Union appointed governor of Virginia, and spirited him off to Richmond. One of the raiders was Colonel Dulany's son, French Dulany. Colonel Dulany would survive the war, but French was killed during a raid in Herndon the following year. The original Rose Hill house was destroyed by fire in 1895 and its successor was burned as part of a fire department exercise to make room for the current houses on May Boulevard. Thanks to the James for allowing this important piece of local history to be remembered near the site where it actually happened. The Rose Hill Civic Association plans to reenact the raid in September of 2013, 150 years after it actually occurred.



A novel by the RHCA president about his great grandfather's four years in the Civil War is about to be published. Private James Farthing was a member of the Thirty-Eighth Virginia Infantry and later the Fifty-Third Virginia Infantry. He was wounded during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg, was wounded again at Chester Station in 1864 and was captured nine days before the war ended on April 9, 1865. He returned home, married and fathered one daughter, who in turn had 13 children, one of which was the author's mother. As far as is known, Farthing didn't come anywhere near Rose Hill, but he spent considerable time marching with the Confederate army, including in western Fairfax. Copies of the book will be on sale at the Franconia Museum. If you live in Rose Hill, the author will be happy to sell you a copy, autograph it and deliver it to your house! Information will be available at [myrosehill.com](http://myrosehill.com) and [franconiamuseum.org](http://franconiamuseum.org).



### RHCA Membership Form

***To join or renew your membership in the Rose Hill Civic Association...***

Please fill out this form or online at [myRoseHill.com](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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## Around Rose Hill

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

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## John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr., 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events. Hours: M, W, F – 10am-6pm; T, Th – 1pm-9pm; Sat – 10am-5pm.

- ★ November 21. Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a lively discussion and activities. Call branch for title. Children.
- ★ November 24. Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ November 25. Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ December 3. Santa's Present. 10:30 am. Join us for a fun-filled puppet show. All ages.
- ★ December 7. Toddler Time. Stories and activities. Ages 13-23 months w/ adult.
- ★ December 12. Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a lively discussion and activities. Call branch for title. Children.
- ★ December 14. Fun for Twos and Threes. 10:30 am. Come for stories and activities. Ages: 2-3 years w/ adult.
- ★ December 15. Book Discussion Group. 7:15 pm. "Call branch for title. Ages: adults.
- ★ December 16. Holiday Fun. 11:00 am. Join us for stories and activities about the holidays. Ages 3-5 w/ adult.
- ★ December 24-26. Library closed for Christmas holiday.

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## Thomas Edison High School

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



- ★ November 23. Two hour early dismissal for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ November 24-25. FCPS closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ December 17. Edison Craft Fair. Email Lisa MicKey at [awabylisa@msn.com](mailto:awabylisa@msn.com) for more information.
- ★ December 23 - January 2. FCPS closed for winter break.

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## Mark Twain Middle School

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



- ★ November 23. Two hour early dismissal for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ November 24. FCPS closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ November 25. FCPS closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ December 13. Parent Information Night. 6:00 pm. "Gang Awareness".
- ★ December 23 - January 2. FCPS closed for winter break.

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## Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr.,  
Phone: 703.313.4200  
Fax: 703.313.4297



- ★ November 23. Two hour early dismissal for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ November 24-25. FCPS closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
- ★ December 23 - January 2. FCPS closed for winter break.

# Rose Hill Business Directory

**Only those residents who are members of the Rose Hill Civic Association or provide services in kind will qualify for a free listing in the business directory. Membership dues are the source of funds for the printing of The Rambler.**

## GRAPHIC DESIGN

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**Digital Design.** Ron Dillon, 703.971.2125; [www.dgdesigns.com](http://www.dgdesigns.com). Webpages, registration, scanning services, hosting and custom graphic art work. Ron and Donna Dillon live on Winston Place.

## HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

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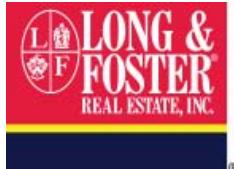
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- \* Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- \* Half page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
- \* Full page: 7 1/2" x 9 3/4", \$100

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](http://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](mailto: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.

—Richard Downey

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**Rose Hill Civic Association**  
**P.O. Box 10891**  
**Franconia, VA 22310**

November 14, 2011

Supervisor Jeffrey McKay  
Lee District  
6121 Franconia Road  
Franconia, VA 22310

**RE: Rose Hill Reserve**

Dear Supervisor McKay:

As the first year of construction activity at Rose Hill Reserve comes to a close, I want to pass on some requests and suggestions that are designed to both make sure the neighbors are treated fairly and future development of this type has the benefit of 20-20 hindsight.

First, it is extremely important that Stanley Martin Homes be made to make the necessary repairs of damage to adjacent or nearby properties that have been brought to the attention of both the County and the developer. RHCA believes that there are outstanding issues that need to be addressed despite Stanley Martin's position to the contrary.

Additionally, Stanley Martin Homes, in accordance with the conditions of the Special Exception that guided development, agreed to supplemental plantings in areas of the open space where there was little or no vegetation to screen neighboring properties. As of this writing, the agreed upon screening is not complete and some of the trees that have been planted have died. RHCA has a copy of the agreed upon supplemental plantings should the County or Stanley Martin Homes need the exact locations. We also ask that dead or uprooted trees in the buffer be removed.

We ask that the County withhold the release of any bonds held on the project until these issues are investigated and settled. RHCA is of the opinion that there are several incidents of damage that need to be addressed by the developer at no cost to the property owners.

Second, RHCA strongly suggests that the County review its ordinance that mandates effective erosion and sediment controls at the 10-year storm level. At the very least, the issue of soils types (such as marine clay) and slopes needs to be added into the equation. The County mandated controls for the Rose Hill Reserve project were woefully inadequate, particularly at the toe of the slopes along Carriage Drive and Haystack Road.

Prior to development, RHCA insisted on a condition that it thought would mandate controls in excess of the County standards. We call your attention to Condition No. #12 as part of the approval by the Board of Supervisors for SE 2003-LE-036 dated June 17, 2004. Unfortunately, only ordinance requirements were imposed on Rose Hill Reserve, much to the detriment of the neighbors downslope.

Sincerely,

Carl L. Sell, Jr.,  
President