

# The Rambler

Newsletter of the  
Rose Hill Civic Association

## President's Message

### Update on Gang Activity Highlights 10-27 RHCA Meeting at School, 7pm

The Tuesday, October 27 meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association will focus on gang activity and how to identify the presence of gangs. The meeting will be held at 7pm at Rose Hill Elementary School. Because the library closes early, we are holding this meeting at the school in an effort to get a full briefing with a question and answer period.

Detective Carlos Lama of the Fairfax County Police gang investigative unit will brief us on gang activity, focusing on the Franconia area. He also will tell us how we can help the police to identify the presence of gang activity and recruitment before it becomes a major problem.

Local gang activity has been reported in the media lately, citing police information. Although not an epidemic in our area, knowledge of how to deal with gangs will help us prevent their growth. Our schools already are doing a good job of working with the police to identify potential gang activity and we need to do the same on our streets and in our homes.

If you have a pre-teen or teen in your household, bring them along to this meeting. They may learn

**Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 27, 7pm**  
**Rose Hill Elementary School**

**Topics: Gang Activity Briefing by FCPD**

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something that will help them avoid a dangerous situation in the future. You may learn how to recognize the signals that gang activity has permeated your child's circle of friends.

October is Crime Prevention Month and all of our Neighborhood Watch captains are urged to attend. They are the eyes and ears of the community and need to make sure they can recognize gang activity and what to do if they come across or hear about it.

To make the evening more enjoyable, Linda Nichols is baking pumpkin bread from an old Southern recipe that dates back to the origins of Rose Hill. We'll have country butter for the bread and RHCA will provide cider.

Don't forget the meeting will be held at the school, not the Library. Our new RHCA meeting sign is interchangeable, depending on the site. If you forget and go to the Library and see we aren't there, just come next door to the school.

#### ***Trick or Treat***

Halloween is on Saturday, October 31, this year so we no doubt will have more ghosts, ghouls, goblins, witches, and other scary creatures knocking on doors demanding treats in lieu of tricks. If you are welcoming them at your door, please make sure your front area is well lighted for everyone's safety. Drivers are reminded to keep a sharp eye out for two-legged, costumed creatures crossing the street, sometimes in the middle of the block. Parents should chaperone their kids as they make their rounds and a flashlight

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and cell phone would be a good safety choices. Those who are passing out treats should make sure they are securely wrapped and parents are reminded to check their kids' bags when they return with the swag. As always, don't hesitate to report any unusual or suspicious activity. Let's make sure Halloween is safe for all.

### **Community Parking District**

On Monday, October 19, the Board of Supervisors took up a proposal to limit parking in Lee District. The new community parking district (CDP), would prohibit the parking of watercraft, motor homes, campers, trailers, vehicles greater than or equal to three axles, vehicles with a gross vehicle weight greater than or equal to 12,000 pounds, and vehicles transporting greater than or equal to 16 passengers (except school buses) on public streets in residentially zoned areas. Simply put, none of the above vehicles would be allowed to park on streets in Rose Hill. If enacted by the Board, and after a warning period, police will issue notices to move a vehicle within 48 hours. If the vehicle is not removed, a ticket will be issued. If the vehicle is not moved within 48 hours of the issuance of a ticket, the vehicle is subject to towing. Older neighborhoods such as Rose Hill have experienced problems with large vehicles parked on narrow streets. Most new subdivisions with homeowners associations already prohibit such vehicles on private streets. The same restrictions already apply to any inoperable or improperly licensed or inspected vehicles parked both on the street and on private property.

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***The police urge you to be part of their 'Write to Fight' campaign by recording the make, model, and serial numbers of electronic equipment and other valuables that might get left in [your] car.***

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### **Crime Prevention**

As many of you are painfully aware, there has been a rash of larcenies from vehicles in Rose Hill lately. The police urge you to be part of their 'Write to Fight' campaign by recording the make, model, and serial numbers of electronic equipment and other valuables that might get left in the car. If the items are stolen, police say they will be more likely to track the items, arrest the culprits, and return the property to owners. If you have a GPS device and take it in at night, use

an alcohol wipe to clear the area where the suction cup is attached to the windshield. Leave an outside light on at night as thieves shy away from well-lit areas. As always, be sure to report any suspicious persons or vehicles in our neighborhood by calling 703.691.3121. If you spot a crime in progress, call 911. Although it is not a serious problem yet in our area, police report that there is a significant increase in the number of burglaries involving jewelry in other sections of the County. The spiraling increase in the value of precious metals and gems makes precious metal and gems a target for thieves. Make sure your valuables are protected.

### **Help Our Schools**

I recently signed up to help Rose Hill Elementary School financially every time I shop at the Rose Hill Safeway (or any other Safeway for that matter). Each time I present my Safeway card, not only do I receive discounts but a portion of the purchase is donated to Rose Hill Elementary. Don't know why I didn't do this earlier, but now that I have, I urge you to do the same. Log on to [www.escript.com](http://www.escript.com), click on Safeway, and follow the directions to find Rose Hill Elementary. I used our zip code. You'll have to provide some information, including your Safeway card number. I suggest you do NOT use the same password as the one on your e-mail account. I did not sign up any of my credit, bank, or debit cards for obvious reasons. You also can designate Twain and Edison or any private school registered with the program. And, you can sign up with Giant, using the same steps as Safeway.

### **Recreation Center Reopens**

The recreation center at Lee District park has been refurbished and is back open for business. The center had been closed since August. The pool reopened September 14 and the entire building was back in use October 12, three weeks ahead of schedule. The building was closed in order to replace the HVAC system, improve the controls for heating of the pool and humidity control, and paint the pool and the inside of the entire facility. In addition, new lighting was installed in the pool area, providing brighter light at less cost. New lights will be installed throughout the building in upcoming weeks. The center is open from 5am to 9:30pm Monday through Thursday, 5am to 9pm on Friday, 8am to 6pm on Saturday, and 8am to 8pm on Sunday. The pool opens one hour later than the building Monday through Saturday and the same time on Sunday.

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### **A Great Party...**

If you missed the Soupfest at the September RHCA meeting, you missed some good food and a great time. We had all kinds of homemade soup, some store bought bread, and lots of homemade cookies and deserts. I certainly was glad the crowd didn't eat all of Marie Sherfy's peanut butter cookies and my wife's chocolate chip cookies. I munched for days! Thanks to Linda Nichols for a great idea. She's already busy thinking of menus for future meetings. To all of you who attended....sorry you had to listen to all my stories. Blame Dave Nichols as he's the one who got me started. Thanks for all your support. We have a great community here in Rose Hill and all of you are the reason. If you haven't joined in on our fun times, you don't know what you are missing. Plan to attend our October meeting. You will learn about gang activity in our area and sample some homemade pumpkin bread and cider. Don't forget the meeting is at Rose Hill Elementary.

### **Gettysburg Trip**

There still are a few seats left on the Franconia Museum's bus tour to Gettysburg on Saturday, November 14. If you haven't seen the new visitor's center at Gettysburg with the refurbished Cyclorama, here's your chance. You'll be surrounded by the sights and sounds of Pickett's Charge in the Cyclorama theatre. Included on the tour is a stop for a buffet breakfast at the world famous Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD. The cost of \$100 per person includes coffee and doughnuts at the Franconia Museum, a comfortable seat on the motor coach, the breakfast buffet, admission to the visitor's center and Cyclorama, and a fast food stop on the way home. Also at Gettysburg, there will be stops on the Union and Confederate sides to highlight Pickett's Charge as reported through the activities of those who were there on July 3, 1963. The bus leaves the Franconia Government Center at 8:15am. For additional information, log on to [FranconiaMuseum.org](http://FranconiaMuseum.org) or [myRoseHill.com](http://myRoseHill.com), or call Don Hakenson at 703.922.4984.

—Carl Sell



## **Fairfax County Public Schools Budget Meetings**

Citizens are invited to provide their input to help meet a significant projected budget deficit for FY 2011 by attending an upcoming community dialogue meeting, sponsored by Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools. The County is in the midst of a multiyear cyclical downturn requiring that County and school decision-makers continue to make expenditure and revenue adjustments. The school system's ongoing challenge is to develop a budget with an appropriate level of services that is both sustainable and acceptable to the community. Community dialogue meetings will consist of facilitated small group discussions. Registration is required; visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget) or call 703.324.2391, TTY 711.

Community dialogue meetings will be held as follows:

- ★ Saturday, October 24, 10am-noon, at the Centreville Regional Library, the Reston Regional Library, and the John Marshall Library.
- ★ Thursday, October 29, 7-9pm, in the South Lakes High School cafeteria and the Woodson High School cafeteria.
- ★ Saturday, November 14, 10am-noon, at the Kings Park Library, the Sherwood Regional Library, and the George Mason Regional Library.

Citizens who are unable to attend the community dialogues can pass along their comments and suggestions by calling 703.324.9400 or completing a budget feedback form at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget).

### **Only in Rose Hill...**

would these items be found or sought out:

- ➔ Black bathtub built-in soap dish
- ➔ Black shower built-in towel bar
- ➔ Black over-the-sink built-in toothbrush holder
- ➔ Black over-the-sink soap dish
- ➔ Grayish wall hung sink, and
- ➔ The 50's style gray toilet and tank (only good for parts...need a tank lid?)

All items are free! Contact Susan Kirby at 703.971.5969 or [skirby@cox.net](mailto:skirby@cox.net).

—FCPS

## Update from Fairfax County Health Department - 10/19/09

**D**ue to delays in the production of 2009 H1N1 vaccine, the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) is adjusting its mass vaccination plans to match the limited supply of vaccine currently available, which is significantly less than anticipated. The FCHD currently does not have enough vaccine available to hold the vaccination clinics that were scheduled to be held in 10 schools on October 24 and 25.

Instead, the amount of vaccine currently available will be distributed to children (age range to be defined later this week) and pregnant women on Saturday, October 24, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

The 2009 H1N1 vaccine will be voluntary and available on a walk-in basis, free of charge.

The delay in distribution of 2009 H1N1 vaccine has impacted the entire nation and has resulted in uneven availability. In the coming weeks, more vaccine is expected to be delivered to health care providers, hospitals, and local health departments. Residents may check with their health care providers about the availability of 2009 H1N1 vaccine.

The FCHD is committed to vaccinating target populations as quickly as vaccine becomes available. Depending on the quantities of vaccine available each week, vaccine will be distributed through the Department's district offices or mass vaccination clinics.

Updated information about the availability and distribution of 2009 H1N1 vaccine will be posted on the FCHD H1N1 Vaccine web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu/h1n1-vaccine-distribution.htm> and questions are fielded by the Health Department at 703.267.3511.

—fairfaxcounty.gov

## Rose Hill Community Calendar

### Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, October 27, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. Rose Hill Elementary. Topic: Gang Activity Briefing.
- ★ **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. 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.
- ★ **Monday, October 26 and Monday, November 16, 3:30pm.** Read to The Dog. Sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a trained therapy dog! Age 6-12.
- ★ **Friday, October 30, 12pm.** Halloween Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for Halloween stories. Costumes encouraged. Age birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, November 7, 10:30am.** Native American Storyteller. Come celebrate Native Heritage month with Cherokee storyteller Mama Mary Sunbeam. All ages.
- ★ **Monday, November 9, 3:30pm.** Early Reader Book Discussion. Join us for early reader book activities. Call for title. Age 6-8 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, November 10, 10:30am.** Fun For Twos and Threes. Join us for stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, November 11.** Library closed for the Veteran's Day holiday.

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## DEER SEASON

**T**he Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) is launching its seasonal public awareness effort to remind motorists to be on the lookout for deer as they travel the roadways this fall. Studies show that nearly one in every 136 Virginia drivers will be involved in a deer-related crash over the next 12 months. In Fairfax County, 45 percent of all deer collisions are recorded in October and November. During deer breeding season, October through December, adult deer are highly mobile. Deer are especially active pre-dawn to mid-morning and dusk to early evening. These periods of deer activity correspond with traveling commuters, as well as students en route to and from school. FCPD Wildlife Biologist Victoria Monroe, urges motorists, as well as pedestrians and bicyclists, to use caution and to be vigilant in their search for deer. "Where you see one deer, there are bound to be many more, as they typically travel in herds," Monroe said. "Watch for eye shine along the roadsides; immediately slow if you spot a deer. If a deer is frozen in place on the road, reduce speed and flash your headlights." For further information on how to handle deer encounters, smart driving and deer behavior, check [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police).

—FCPD

## Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Tuesday, November 17, 7pm.** Mother-Daughter Book Group. Join us for a lively book discussion. Call for the title. Age 9-11 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, November 18, 6:45pm.** Book Discussion Group. The Housekeeper and the Professor by Yoko Ogawa; translated by Stephen Snyder. Adults.
- ★ **Thursday, November 19, 4pm.** Stories and Science. Stories, activities, and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.

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### Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria. Information and reservations: 703.768.2525. **Hours: September 1 through October 31**—9-5 everyday except closed Tuesdays, noon-5 on holidays. **November 1 through December 31**—9-5 M-F, closed Tuesdays, noon-5 on Sat., Sun. and holidays. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **Thursday, November 12.** Nature Detectives - American Indians. 3-5 yrs., 10-10:45am. Learn about American Indians who lived in this area 500 years ago through an activity and a craft. Reservations required. \$6
- ★ **Saturday, November 14 or Sunday, November 15.** Native American Theme. 1-3pm. Travel back to a time when Native Americans populated this country. Self-guided displays and hands-on activities for families working together. FREE
- ★ **Monday, November 16.** Young Explorer - American Indians. 6-9 yrs., 3:15-4:30pm. Learn about the American Indians who lived in this area 500 years ago through a discussion, an activity, and a walk through the park. Reservations required. Cancelled if rain. \$4
- ★ **Sunday, November 22.** Birding for Beginners. 8-11am. Observe the transition of our bird community as the summer breeding population moves south and winter residents arrive. A park naturalist helps you sharpen your bird identification skills. Meet in the parking lot. Reservations required. \$6

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### Thomas Edison High School

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



- ★ **Edison High School Fine Arts Department** presents Bye Bye Birdie, November 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. For more information and ticket sales, go to [www.edisondrama.com](http://www.edisondrama.com).

- ★ **Entertainment Books.** FBLA and the Business Department are selling the 2010 Washington D.C./Maryland Entertainment® Book packed with over \$18,200 in local savings:
  - 382 dining discounts
  - 198 attraction discounts
  - 198 shopping discounts
  - Over \$15,000 in travel discounts
  - Movie ticket discounts, and much more...

Each book is \$30, checks made payable to Edison High School. Out-of-town books are also available; they vary in price depending on the location. If interested, contact Suzanne Engels, Room 230, [seengels@fcps.edu](mailto:seengels@fcps.edu), or 703.924.8274.

- ★ **Support the Class of 2011 and Join BJ's.** Class of 2011 is selling BJ's Warehouse new or continued memberships. For a discounted price of only \$35 you will receive a 15-month membership. That's a \$10 discount and an extra 3 months. If you already are a BJ's member, this deal can be added on to the end of your existing membership. This fundraiser ends October 30. If interested, please e-mail or see Ms. Orndorff at [cristina.orndorff@fcps.edu](mailto:cristina.orndorff@fcps.edu) or in Room 525 of the Academy.
- ★ **Edison High School Poinsettia Sale.** The poinsettia sale benefiting the class of 2010's All Night Graduation Party is on now! These beautiful poinsettias come in seven-inch pots with two plants per pot. They are only \$15 ea. and are available in pink, red, white, or marble. For an order form, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/updates/poinsettia%20flyer%2009.pdf>.

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### Mark Twain Middle School

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



- ★ **October 26.** Band poinsettia fundraiser. Fall picture retakes.
- ★ **October 29.** Chorus Concert Edison Pyramid.
- ★ **October 30.** Theatre Sports Competition.
- ★ **October 30.** College Spiritwear Day. End of first quarter.
- ★ **November 5.** Fall Orchestra Concert, 7pm.
- ★ **November 6.** Twain Night Community Event, 6pm
- ★ **November 11.** Touching Bases Parent Event, 3:15-4:30. Parent/Guardians come and "rotate" through teachers to "touch base." Two minutes per teacher. MTMS is open to ideas for ways to maximize the efficiency of this event. Parent/guardians only please. Contact Stephanie Gray, Director of Student Services, with ideas at [Stephanie.gray@fcps.edu](mailto:Stephanie.gray@fcps.edu).
- ★ **November 12.** SCA Afterschool Dance. Last Bus Transportation.

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## Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **November 13.** Twain Night Community Event. 6pm-8pm. Come one! Come all! For a fun night of organized chaos! PTA sponsors the sale of dinner (pizza and sodas)...school activities sponsor the sale of desserts...departments sponsor activities....teams sponsor a basket auction. All proceeds go to MTMS Student Needs for 2009-2010.
- ★ **November 23.** MTMS Career Day. Speakers needed. Contact Counselor Gisela deLaPena at 703.313.3739 or Ms. Sambur at 703.313.3741.
- ★ As our clerical support in the library was cut, volunteers are needed to help with a variety of needs in our school library (media center). Contact librarian Kate Jones for more information: Katherine.jones@fcps.edu.
- ★ Help our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students. MTMS is looking for volunteers who could come once a week or once every two weeks to provide one-on-one or small group support for our Level 1 ESOL students. Support would include: reading aloud, teaching vocabulary, and supporting the writing needs of these students. Contact ESOL Department Chair Jane Miller for more information: Jane.L.Miller@fcps.edu.

### Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr., 703.313.4200  
Fax: 703.313.4297

- ★ **October 27, 9:45am-5pm.** 5th grade field trip – Inner Quest.
- ★ **October 29 and 30.** SCA elections.



- ★ **October 29.** End of first marking period. Edison Pyramid Music Concert, 6:30pm.
- ★ **November 2 and 3.** Teacher workdays – no school.
- ★ **November 5.** Book Fair Preview. Walk for the Homeless: Grades K-3 – 2-2:15pm; Grades 4-6 – 2:30-2:45pm.
- ★ **November 6.** Book Fair Preview. Presentation: Joe Romano, in the gym: Grades K, 1, 3, 4 – 1:15-2pm; Grades 2, 5, 6 – 2:15-3pm.
- ★ **November 10.** Book Fair in the Library. PTA meeting in the Library, 7-8pm.
- ★ **November 11.** Veteran's Day. Book Fair in the Library. Thanksgiving Luncheon. Parents are invited to enjoy lunch in the cafeteria with their children that day. Lunch price for adults and children who are not Fairfax County students is \$3.65; for Fairfax County residents \$2.65.
- ★ **November 12.** Book Fair in the Library. Tutoring in the Library, 7:30-8:30pm.
- ★ **November 13.** Report cards sent home.
- ★ **November 17-20.** Countywide eCart testing, Grades 3-6.
- ★ **November 19.** Tutoring in the Library, 7:30-8:30pm.
- ★ **November 23.** Picture make-up day.
- ★ **November 25.** Early dismissal – 1:25pm.
- ★ **November 26 and 27.** Thanksgiving Holidays.

### Position Available: *Rambler* Editor

**Requirements:** proofreading, editing, experience with a layout software program. Contact: Marty Williams, 703.910.6316 or marty@fabrications.us.

### THE PARENT RESOURCE CENTER LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

#### Resources!

October 29, 2009

10am - 3pm

#### Refreshments!

#### Door Prizes!

*The Parent Resource Center  
2334 Gallows Road  
Entrance 1 - Room 224  
Dunn Loring, Virginia 22027*

*Don't miss this event!*

Register online now or call  
703.204.3941 or 703.204.3955 (Spanish)

For more information visit  
[www.fcps.edu/cco/prc](http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc)

The Parent Resource Center  
Fairfax County Public Schools  
Communications & Community Outreach

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# 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.

## AUTO BODY

**D All American Auto Body Inc.** Jose Denis, 703.440.5839. Located at 7643 Fullerton Rd., Springfield, VA 22153. Jose has lived in Rose Hill for 14 years, has local references, and with more than 30 years of experience, specializes in body repair, refinishing, painting with life time warranty, general mechanical work, and A/C & heating. Services include computer diagnostics, towing, and free estimates. Works with any insurance. 10% off on any repair over \$100.

## CHILD CARE

**Mama High's Pre-School and Day Care.** 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, 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](http://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 – graphics and designs, LLC.** Web sites, invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your editing, printing, paper, and digital needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, has more than 13 years experience and can be reached at 703.910.6316, or [marty@fabrications.us](mailto: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 24 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 34 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.

## 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](http://www.independencelandscape.com). Curt lives on Thornwood Drive.

**Freedom Landscaping.** Matt Downey, 571.218.288. Freedom Landscaping is proud to provide high quality landscaping and home needs at affordable prices. Ranging from mowing, trimming, weeding, and mulching, to power washing, leaf removal, trash removal, and everything in between. FREE ESTIMATES and discounts to Rose Hill residents. You Deserve Freedom!

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

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### 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](mailto:oraclemarjorie@aol.com).

### REAL ESTATE

**Exit Metro Realty.** Angelique Vereen can be reached at 703.740.2260 (business) or 571.233.6395 (direct). Her office is located at 114 S. Pitt St., Alexandria 22314. She and her family have lived on Thornwood Dr. for many years. The Vereen house always sparkles with holiday lights!

**Re/Max Allegiance.** Karen Davidson, 703.927.4448. [www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson](http://www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson), [www.karen-davidson.com](http://www.karen-davidson.com), email: [kedavidson@aol.com](mailto: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.

### Advertising in *The Rambler*

**L**isting 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
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Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.910.6316. Artwork can be sent to [marty@fabrications.us](mailto: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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