

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

October RHCA Meeting Returns to Rose Hill Elementary School

President's Message

The Tuesday, October 25 meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association will be held in the Rose Hill Elementary School's library starting at 7 p.m. We will celebrate the arrival of fall with seasonal refreshments such as cider, apples and other snacks. Updates will be provided on Rose Hill Reserve and our special program for Veteran's Day as well as other issues of community interest. If you have a question, or want RHCA to help solve a community problem, come to the meeting and let us know about it. We need to discuss how to proceed with Rose Hill Reserve and other potential development as neither the County nor the developer can control the runoff.

Our friend, Terrie Czarniak, has retired as principal at Rose Hill Elementary. She has been replaced by Elizabeth L. Obester, who also understands the importance of school-community relationships. RHCA has pledged to assist the new principal in any way possible and she has welcomed us with an assurance that the school is available for our meetings when schedules can be coordinated. Can't ask for anything better than that!

RHCA Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 pm
 Rose Hill Elementary School

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We will return to the John Marshall Library in November. The meeting date is November 29, the fifth Tuesday of the month. Put the date on your calendar. There is no RHCA meeting in December. Our annual membership drive will begin next month and last through to first quarter of 2012.

Veteran's Day

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, hostilities ceased for World War I, the "War to end all Wars". The day was known as "Armistice Day" or "Remembrance Day". It has been officially designated "Veterans Day" since President Eisenhower signed an Act of Congress into law in 1954. This year, Rose Hill will honor its citizens who have served or continue to serve with an appropriate sign including their name and branch of service. If you haven't let us know about a veteran in your household, e-mail or give a call to Mo Haupt, RHCA's veteran's chairman at ehaupt@cox.net or 703-971-1629, immediately if not sooner. We have 25 signs for this year and when they are spoken for you will have to wait until next year. The cutoff date for this year is November 1, 2011. We have the following names so far: Karl Coolbar, Shannon Coolbar, Bruce Cox, Matthew Dailey, Barry Frietag, Larry Fulk, John Good, Elmer Haupt, Paul Kazimir, John Lawrence, Thomas Mangum, Jorge Martinez, Deborah Snyder, Donald Snyder, Don Szamborski and Don Weber. Those on active duty and our veterans deserve our most humble gratitude. We hope you will reflect on the legacy of our freedom and the sacrifice of all of our veterans when you view the signs over the Veteran's Day weekend.

November 11-13. They will be located facing Rose Hill Drive close to the sidewalk in the power line easement across from Rose Hill Elementary School.

If you would like to contribute to help RHCA offset the cost of the signs, send a check to RHCA at PO Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310 and mark veteran's signs in the memo line.

Rose Hill Salutes

Name & Service Here

On Veterans Day



Wegman's Update

The suit by a neighboring property owner apparently has run its course and there no longer is a legal reason that construction of the new store at the corner of Beulah Street and Telegraph Road can begin. The County has approved all of the construction plans necessary for work to begin. Hopefully, the widening of Telegraph Road from Beulah Street to Leaf Road will begin soon so the road improvements will be ready when Wegman's opens. Funding for the road is available. We'll update you on its schedule when information becomes available. An adjacent property owner brought suit because of the location of a storm water management pond. He lost the case and an appeal was rejected recently. Apparently the property owner has decided against an appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court. The Wegman's will be part of a new Hilltop Center for commercial and office uses on the site.

Upcoming Election

Although the national news is full of

information about next year's Presidential contest, there is an important local election just around the corner. The date is Tuesday, November 8 and the polls will be open at Rose Hill Elementary School from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. On the ballot will be a large number of local Fairfax County elected positions as well as state offices and a large school bond referendum. Rose Hill voters are reminded that the precinct is now part of the Virginia Senate 30th District, which also includes Alexandria and other parts of nearby Fairfax County. Previously, Rose Hill was part of the 38th District, which was located solely in Fairfax County. Both candidates for the open 30th District seat in 2011 are from the City of Alexandria. They are Republican Tim McGhee (timmcghee.us) and Democrat Adam P. Ebbin (ebbinforvirginia.com). Representatives at the state level are extremely important as they help set the rules for counties such as Fairfax. In Virginia, the counties need state approval BEFORE they enact new laws. These two candidates will be representing two different political subdivisions, one a county with a population of more than one million and the other a city of approximately 140,000. By comparison, Lee District has a population of approximately 114,000. Do your homework to decide which one will better represent our community.

Incumbents Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay and Virginia Delegate Mark Sickles are unopposed on the ballot. Also unopposed, although running for the first time, is Tamara Derenak Kaufax, candidate for the Lee District School Board seat replacing the retiring Brad Center. She has experience in both school and community issues, having served on Supervisor McKay's budget advisory committee. Her web site is kaufaxforschools.com. You can learn more about Supervisor McKay at jeffmckay.net or Delegate Sickles at marksickles.com.

Other seats up for election are Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Soil and Water Conservation Board and School Board at large. The candidates for chairman are incumbent Democrat Sharon Bulova (sharonbulova.com), Republican Mike (Spike) Williams (vote4williams.com), and Independents Christopher DeCarlo (honestyandethics.com) and Will Radle

(e-mail at fairfaxadvocates@gmail.com). Will lives in Lee District. Incumbent Commonwealth Attorney Democrat Raymond Morrough (raymorrough.com) is unopposed. The candidates for Sheriff are incumbent Democrat Stan Barry (fairfaxsheriff.com) and Republican Bill Cooper (cooperforsheriff.net).

There are five contestants for the three seats on the Soil and Water Conservation Board. Since most do not have web sites, we are providing their e-mail addresses should you have a question. The candidates are: Thomas L. Cranmer (tlcranmer@yahoo.com), Johna Good Gagnon (Johna4NVSWCD@cs.com), George W. Lamb (gwl@cox.net), Peter M. Marchetti (pstryder@gmail.com) and John W. Peterson (jwpeterson@cox.net). Ms. Gagnon is a long-time participant in Lee District civic affairs.

There are seven candidates for the three at-large seats on the School Board. They are (with web sites): Sheree A. Brown-Kaplan (brownkaplan4schoolboard.com), Lin-Dai Y. Kendall (lindai.com), Lolita I. Manchero-Smoak (lolita4schoolboard.com), Ryan L. McElveen (Ryanforschoolboard.com), Ilryong Moon (moon4schools.com), Steven M. Stuban (stubanforschoolboard.com) and Theodore J. (Ted) Velkoff (tv4sc.org).

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the candidates before you vote. I agree that all politics are local, so I always try to vote for candidates who I believe will best protect our community and make it a better place in which to live.

Fairfax County schools are requesting voter approval of a \$252,750,000 bond referendum to improve capacity and renovate a number of county schools. For example, \$13,600,000 is scheduled for the renovation of nearby Clermont Elementary School and \$14,158,593 for renovation of Garfield Elementary School in Springfield. Most of our nearby schools have either been or are undergoing renovation. The most recent example is the new Edison High School. Now it is time to support other areas of the county who supported us when our schools were upgraded. Because the County enjoys an AAA bond rating and the Board of Supervisors keeps bonded indebtedness under a financial budget line, this bond referendum will NOT have any effect on the tax rate. As a fiscal conservative, I support

this method of financing capital improvements for our schools. I have a different view of the schools' operating budget, which accounts for 53 percent of the total county budget!

You can learn more about the 2011 school bond at fcps.edu/news/bond11.

Litter Control

An RHCA member wrote in to note her sadness to see all of the trash along our streets here in Rose Hill. Most of it comes from drivers just throwing trash out the window as they drive around or through our community. If you see trash come flying out of a car by an unthinking driver or passenger, try to get the license number and report it to the police by calling the non-emergency number at 703-691-2131. Littering is ILLEGAL under County and State law! Anyone who despoils our community deserves to be fined. RHCA also encourages residents to keep the curbside in front of their house as clean as possible. Thanks for your cooperation!

New Boardwalk Surface

You've heard of walking on egg shells. Well, you can walk on milk cartons on the new boardwalk surface in Huntley Meadows Park. After being closed since August, the newly resurfaced boardwalk has reopened. The half-mile trail leads through the park's wetlands and leads to an observation tower, which also has been resurfaced. The new surface is made of a non-toxic plastic lumber that is largely made from recycled plastic milk jugs. The project cost \$600,000. Now that's a lot of milk jugs!

Baseball Ticket Opportunity

Since baseball returned to the Nation's Capital, I have been part of a season-ticket group for Nationals' games. There are four tickets available for either 10 or five games, depending on your interest. The seats are in the first row of the second deck overlooking the third-base dugout. The seats are located in Section 309, Row A, seats 13-16. For 2012, there is a full share of 10 games available. You can either buy 10 games for \$772 or five games for \$386. That works out to just a little over \$19 per seats per game, which is below the single-game price, especially for premium games. If

you don't want four seats, you and a partner could take two tickets each to 10 games or five games. In addition, you will receive points that can be redeemed for additional games. For example, I went to 15 games last year although I only paid for 10. The new stadium is clean, well policed and has a wide array of food service, although a bit pricey. The fans are well-behaved, even when the Phillies and Mets are in town. The stadium is easily reached by Metro (you do have to learn how to change trains at L'Enfant Plaza) and the parking is abundant although much more costly the closer you get to the stadium. If you are interested, let me know and I will put you in touch with our group's coordinator. We get together in February either in person, by phone or surrogate to choose games by a lottery. The Nationals are an up and coming team and this is a good way to make sure you have good seats now and in the future.

Civil War Tour

Seats are still available for the Franconia Museum's bus tour on November 5 to the Shenandoah Valley as part of the Civil War's Sesquicentennial celebration. Stops include Confederate General Stonewall Jackson's headquarters in Winchester and the nearby site of his only defeat before he was killed by friendly fire at Chancellorsville. The tour also will visit Holy Cross Abby at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains where the battle of Cool Spring was fought on the banks of the Shenandoah River. Today, the monks at Holy Cross are famous for their world-renown homemade fruit cakes and truffles, which will be on sale at the Abby gift shop. The tour starts and ends at the Museum, located in the Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Go to Fracnoniamuseum.org or myrosehill.com for more information. Click on Both Sides tour. Or call Don Hakenson at 703-971-4964.

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.

- Carl Sell

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

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

John Marshall Library

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

- ★ **October 28.** Halloween Fun. 11:00 am. Join us for Halloween stories and fun. Costumes encouraged. Ages 3-5 w/ Adult.
- ★ **November 5.** Friends of John Marshall Library Special Book Sale. 11:00 am. Used book sale. Ages: adults.
- ★ **November 11.** Library closed for Veterans Day holiday.
- ★ **November 17.** Book Discussion Group. 7:00 pm. "Tinkers" by Paul Harding. Ages: adults.
- ★ **November 18.** Turkey Tales. 11:00 am. Stories and activities. Ages 3-5 w/ adult.
- ★ **November 19.** Tanka Tales. 10:30 am. Join us for American Indian tales told with puppets. All ages.
- ★ **November 21.** Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a lively discussion and activities. Call branch for title. Ages 7-8 w/ adult.

Thomas Edison High School

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- ★ **November 7-8.** Student Holidays.

Mark Twain Middle School

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- ★ **November 7-8.** Student Holidays.

Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr.,
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Fax: 703.313.4297



- ★ **November 5.** Volunteer Opportunity. Help with the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk on the Mall in Washington, DC. contact Alicia at 703.615.0934 or volunteer4ALZwalk@yahoo.com.
- ★ **November 8.** PTA Meeting in the school library. 7:00 pm.
- ★ **November 7-8.** Student Holidays: Parent-Teacher Conferences.



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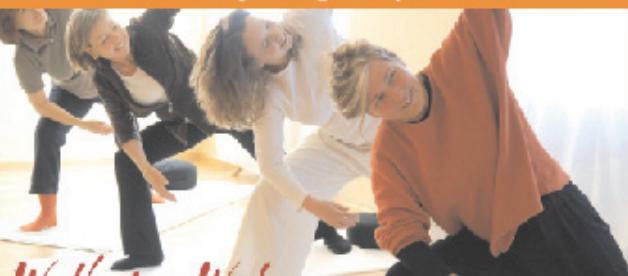
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- * Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- * Half page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
- * Full page: 7 1/2" x 9 3/4", \$100

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, for the world to see.

Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.625.7046. Artwork can be sent to richdowney@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

YOUR REAL ESTATE CORNER: A QUARTERLY UPDATE



Greetings and I hope you are enjoying the Autumnal Equinox of 2011. We had a scorch of a summer and an incredibly damp beginning to our fall. With that being said there is nothing that can negatively affect your home's value and your family's health like a wet basement. Some wet basements are easy to cure by simply clearing your gutters and diverting gutter water away from the foundation. If you find that this doesn't solve your problem here a few possible solutions.

1. Add gutter extensions.
2. Plug gaps in basement cracks or around gaps in plumbing pipes.
3. Reshape your landscape.
4. Check, flush and/repair your footing drain.
5. Research if you need a curtain drain or sump pump system.
6. Waterproof your walls.

Of course you should consult with a professional plumbing company to see if these are suitable options.

Fall is also the perfect time of year to get your home's heating system professionally serviced. This will keep it running smoothly and heating costs under control. Your system will run much more efficiently after a professional HVAC company cleans soot and corrosion out of its chambers. You will feel much more at ease when your technician checks your flue pipe for open seams, clogs that could cause carbon monoxide to seep into your house. Your family's health is paramount. And what a difference it will be when they change your air filter and test your newly cleaned system for maximum efficiency.

And the last item on your fall to do list to keep your home looking great should be fall lawn care. Although spring lawn care gets all the attention, fall lawn care is the make-it or break-it season for grass. There are four basic steps...it is hard work but well worth it.

1. Aeration: this gives your lawn a breather in autumn and provides room for new grass to spread without competition from spring weeds.
2. Seeding: when the soil temperature is about 55 degrees, that's the best time to seed your lawn because the roots grow vigorously in the fall and winter.
3. Fertilizing: this step gives the grass the nutrients it needs to help it survive the harsh winter and encourages it to grow green and lush in the spring.
4. Mulching: instead of raking leaves run over them several times with the mower to grind them into mulch.

This can protect grass from winter wind and will decompose into yummy organic matter to feed grass roots.

All three of these preventative or maintenance items will not only keep you and your family happy and healthy but will improve/maintain the overall value of your home. A home that is well cared for sells quickly.

If you have any questions about my column or the sales data please feel free to email me at Kimberley.Bush@longandfoster.com or check out my website at www.kimberleybush.lnfre.com. In the meantime take a look at the market's movement here in Rose Hill for the 3rd quarter of 2011.

Address	List Price	Sold Price	BR/FB/HB	Address	List Price	Sold Price	BR/FB/HB
ACTIVE							
4605 Franconia Rd	\$464,900		6/3/0	6113 Rose Hill Dr	\$270,000		3/2/0
6313 May Blvd	\$449,950		4/3/0	4608 Mayor Pl	\$389,900		3/2/1
6412 May Blvd	\$499,990		3/2/1	4706 Apple Tree Dr	\$305,000		5/2/1
4904 Apple Tree Dr	\$279,900		4/1/1	6408 Rose Hill Dr	\$270,000		3/1/1
6520 Telegraph Rd	\$535,000		3/2/0	6505 Haystack Rd	\$354,900		4/3/0
4713 Apple Tree Dr	\$299,900		3/1/1	UNDER CONTRACT			
4702 Apple Tree Dr	\$279,500		3/1/1	4503 Apple Tree Dr	\$275,000	\$270,000	4/2/1
SOLD				4526 Apple Tree Dr	\$285,000	\$285,000	3/1/1

BOTH SIDES TOUR VII
Civil War Sesquicentennial Event
Learn About the Importance of the Shenandoah Valley

Visit the house in Winchester that served as Stonewall Jackson's headquarters beginning 150 years ago almost to the day. You'll see Jackson's dinner table, desk and sabre and other artifacts. Hear about Mary Tyler Moore's contribution to the house. Visit the Rose Hill farm where the first battle of Kernstown occurred and Jackson suffered his only defeat. Visitors will be invited on a short walk to the stone wall where the Confederates tried to fend off advancing Yankees.

Saturday, November 5, 2011
Sponsored by the Franconia Museum

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee, donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. Board a comfortable rest-room equipped motor coach for the trip to a local historic site and then head west to Winchester to visit two sites that were important early in the war. Enjoy lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winchester and then proceed to the western foot of the Blue Ridge to hear about a clash that allowed Rebels to escape pursuing Yankees. Admire the scenery and hear vignettes about the Valley.

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

At Cool Spring on the banks of the Shenandoah River, you'll learn about the Union attack on General Early's army that was returning to the Valley after threatening Washington City. Cool Spring also is the home of Holy Cross Abbey, a monastery for Trappist Monks that features spectacular views.

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

In addition to learning about Holy Cross Abbey, you can purchase the world-famous fruit cakes made by the monks in the Abbey bakery. Also on sale are home-made jellies, truffles and honey.

