

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

NO RHCA Meeting October 27th

Election Day Nov 8th

Veteran's Day Nov 11

Next Meeting Nov 22nd

The Rose Hill Civic Association will NOT meet on Tuesday, October 27 because there is no room at either the John Marshall Library or Rose Hill Elementary School that evening. RHCA will resume meetings on Tuesday, November 22 in the community room at the John Marshall Library. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 8 at Rose Hill Elementary. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to the presidential election, there is a contest for Virginia's Eighth District seat in the House of Representatives. Also on the ballot are Fairfax County bond issues, a meals tax referendum and two Virginia Constitution amendment proposals. The issues were outlined in the September Rambler, a copy of which can be found on our web site, myrosehill.com.

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-Joanne Thompson of Rose Hill was among those honored in July by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for their participation as election officials at 20 or more elections. Joanne is third from the right. Board Chairman Sharon Bulova is in the middle. Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay is third from the left in the top row. Joanne will be on duty at Rose Hill Elementary on November 8, helping everything run smoothly.

We will be putting up the signs honoring our Rose Hill veterans on Wednesday, November 9, in the front yard of the Krause home across from Rose Hill Elementary. Installation of the signs will begin at 1 p.m. It takes about an hour. Anyone who wishes to help is invited to join the installation. They will be removed on Monday, November 14, beginning at 2 p.m.

Please join us for a moment of silence in honor of our Rose Hill veterans and all United States veterans at 11 a.m. on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11. The moment of silent tribute began with the end of hostilities of World War I at the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month in 1918. The official end of the war came with the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919. Armistice Day began on November 11, 1919 and later was changed to Veteran's Day.

This year, our featured veteran will be William Bennington, who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. His sign will be placed in the center at the front of the long line of heroes from Rose Hill who helped preserve our precious freedom. His wife, Shirley, who lives on May Boulevard, helps us put up all the sign. Honor them all by observing a moment of silence there on November 11.

If you can't make it on November 11, please take a moment to honor our veterans, active duty servicepersons, police, fire and all first responders before you vote on Tuesday, November 8. We remain free to exercise our choices because of their sacrifices, both in the past and present.

William Bennington, who retired as a Master Sergeant, served as a teenager with the United States Army in the Pacific during World War II. He also served as an Air Force Reservists in Korean and Vietnam. Bill retired in 1990 after 40 years of civilian federal service as a flight engineer with the United States Air Force. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Born in Connecticut in 1928, Bill died in 2008 at age 80. In addition to his wife, Shirley, he was survived by his daughter Deborah Bennington, son William (Amy), son Robert (Patricia), step daughters Robin Owen and Nancy Staples, sisters Joanne Weaver, Anna Whitten and Georgia Mickkelsen, and 10 granddaughters.

Shirley remembers Bill as a "great dancer, loving husband and caring human being." Shirley remains active on numerous fronts, including tap dancing and bowling. She also is an active member of the Rose Hill Civic Association, helping keep watch over the best interests of her neighborhood.



Rose Hill Covenants

Many are not aware, but there is a list of restrictive covenants that govern living in Rose Hill. They were adopted when the community was formed way back in 1954 and remain in effect. They originally were adopted for a 25-year period, but continue for successive 10-year periods unless changed by a majority vote of land owners. Covenants are different than Fairfax County Zoning laws and ordinances in that they apply only to Rose Hill. Therefore, the County has no role in enforcing the covenants. Any resident/owner can contest activity that does not conform to the covenants by filing a civil law suit. For the most part, residents have adopted a live and let live attitude toward their neighbors. However, a forum for disputes lies in the court system should a violation by litigated. Every homeowner should have received a copy of the covenants with the legal documents that accompanied their purchase of a home. If you did not, or can't locate them, they are available on the RHCA web site, myrosehill.com. If you sell your home, make sure this legal document is disclosed.

Franconia Museum History Day

The Franconia Museum's annual History Day will be held Sunday, November 13, 2016 from noon until 3 p.m. at the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department on Beulah Street. Featured will be an appearance of two of the Washington Nationals Racing Presidents, George and Abe. Also feature will be the fire department's original truck, vintage 1937. Mary Smith, a Rose Hill resident and daughter of the first paid fireman at Franconia, Woodie Smith, will be there to answer questions about the vehicle. Her father drove the truck many times and Mary remembers when he answered many calls for help in the Franconia area. The Racing Presidents will appear from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in connection with a "history lesson" for young Franconia scholars. A full story about History Day is included in this issue of the Rambler.



Signs in Median

Signs in the median of Rose Hill Drive between Franconia Road and Rose Hill Elementary School are illegal if left more than a few days. Please help remove most of the blight by pulling up the signs and placing them out of sight behind our monument sign. Please support our local civic and school organizations by leaving their signs in place, at least until after the event they are publicizing is held. Most organizations will do so, but some don't so they are fair game if they are out of date. The Rose Hill Apartments keeps the grass mowed in the median and they don't leave their signs up for longer than a weekend. Leave them in place unless they aren't removed after a few days. Signs on the rest of Rose Hill Drive also should be removed, particularly those attached to utility and road signs. Please cooperate to rid our community of this blight by unthinking commercial interests who don't care about us. You might also think about refusing to patronize those who place the signs.

Narrow Streets

A recent accident on one of our narrow internal subdivision streets should serve as a reminder that cars park across from each other on both sides of the street are dangerous. Please be careful to not park directly across from another vehicle so as to impede traffic. Do not park directly across from a driveway as that gives the home owner little room to maneuver when backing out of the driveway. Please keep at least 10 feet from a driveway entrance and do not obstruct a fire hydrant by parking too close. It is almost impossible for two cars to pass when there are cars parked across from each other. Please report any illegal (inoperable or without valid tags or inspection stickers) to the nonemergency number at 703-691-2131. Residents with children are reminded to keep them away from the streets and cul de sacs. Safety First!

-Carl Sell

Around Rose Hill

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr, 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events.

Hours: M, T – 10am – 9pm; W, F – 10am – 6pm; Th. – 1pm – 9pm; Sat 10am – 5pm

- * **Ongoing Event.** English Conversation. Each Thursday at 2:00pm. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- * **Ongoing Event.** Friday Morning Movie Time. 1030am. Age 2-5.
- * **Ongoing Event.** e-Book Workshop. Saturdays at 1pm.
- * **Ongoing Events.** Fun for 2s and 3s; Tots and Tales; A to Zoo Storytime. Mon and Wed at 1030am.
- * **Ongoing Events.** Preschool Movie Morning. Fri at 1030am.

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- ***Student Holiday.** Nov 7- 8
- ***Holiday.** Nov 24-25

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- ***Student Holiday.** Nov 7- 8
- ***Holiday.** Nov 24-25

Rose Hill Elementary School

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- ***Student Holiday.** Nov 7- 8
- ***Holiday.** Nov 24-25

Advertising in *The Rambler*

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

- * Business card: 3 ½" x 2", \$10
- * Quarter page: 3 ½" x 4 ¾", \$25
- * Half page: 7 ½" x 4 ¾", \$50
- * Full page: 7 ½" x 9 ¾", \$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 scheungjones@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 advertisement and sent to the P.O. Box.

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*.

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Lawn Services

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Washington Nationals' Racing Presidents George and Abe

Help With Franconia Museum History Lessons on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016



Racing Presidents George and Abe from the Washington Nationals will help with local history lessons at the Franconia Museum's annual History Day event to be held Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, 6300 Beulah Street in Franconia. The program runs from noon to 3 p.m. with the Racing Presidents to appear between 1 and 2 p.m. The event is FREE!

Students from area schools who can answer questions about Franconia that involve George Washington and Abraham Lincoln will receive certificates designating them as "Junior Franconia Museum Scholars." Flyers for the event include the questions and are available at area schools, the Franconia Museum and Nalls Produce. The Museum is located in the Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nalls Produce is located at 7310 Beulah Street.

The Racing Presidents are a feature at every home game of the Washington Nationals major league baseball team. They are widely popular and appear, along with team mascot "Screeetch," at numerous area events. George and Abe are part of the group, which also includes Tom (Thomas Jefferson), Teddy (Theodore Roosevelt), Bill (William Howard Taft), and Cal (Calvin Coolidge.) They race along the warning track from centerfield to first base in the middle of the fourth inning in each game, cheer between innings and pose for pictures before, during and after games.

The flyers are being distributed to fourth grade students at all area elementary schools. Any elementary school age student can enter by asking their parents to pick up a flyer at the Museum or Nalls Produce. Flyers will be available at the information table in the Franconia Government Center.

In addition to free admission, there is free parking behind the fire station. Parking also is available at nearby Franconia Elementary School. If you park on the street, please do not block driveways or corners. Be a good Franconia neighbor.

Concessions, including hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and bottled water will be on sale at the event. All proceeds will go toward helping the Franconia Museum promote, protect and preserve area history. Those in attendance will be invited to participate in a 50-25-25 raffle (two winners). In addition, there will be drawings for various door prizes.

The Museum will bring many of its displays to the event and will have all its Franconia Remembers book series, including the history of the fire department and vignettes of Franconia families, for sale at only \$10 each, as well as caps and book bags. Also available will be a selection of used books and DVDS for sale. Paperbacks are 50 cents and hard covers and DVDS are \$1 each. All proceeds go to the Museum.

As a special added attraction, the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department will have its first engine, purchased in 1937, on display. Contrast the engine with the equipment you see passing by on the way to local emergencies. The open cab 1937 International is beautifully restored and represents FVFD in various parades and events. Franconia Museum Board member Mary Smith, whose father, Woodie Smith, drove the old fire truck many times, will be on hand to answer questions about the vehicle. Woodie Smith was the first paid fireman at Franconia.

Nathaniel Lee, a member of the Museum Board of Directors, will sell and sign his recent book "The Iron Road of Franconia," which provides a history of the railroad that runs through our community. Nathaniel also has a map for sale that combines historical and current landmarks and roads. Museum Vice President Don Hakenson will have an updated version of "This Forgotten Land," his book that takes readers on a tour of local history, available for sale.