

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

Fish Fry Back By Popular Demand At September 27 RHCA Meeting

President's Message

We'll repeat the popular fish fry from the summer of 2010 at our September 2011 meeting. Servings will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27 in the front yard of the Nichols residence at 6416 Rose Hill Drive. We'll continue to serve until the food runs out or darkness falls, whichever comes first. RHCA members can eat free. Non-members are asked to contribute \$10 per family. All are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. RHCA will supply lemonade or iced tea and water to drink as well as all paper products and eating utensils. There will be hot dogs for the kids and others who aren't fish eaters. If you attended this event last year, you know how good the fish tastes. If you missed it, don't let it happen again! There are plenty of seats at the table, but bring your own comfortable chair if you like. Park on either Bee Street or Hayfield Court and be careful crossing Rose Hill Drive. Handicapped and elderly drivers can make arrangements to use the limited spaces in the Nichols and their neighbors' driveways. There will be a short presentation on any issues that haven't been covered in The Rambler. Bring along your questions and comments. Please

RHCA Meeting & Community Dinner
Tuesday, September 27, 5:30 pm
 6416 Rose Hill Drive
 Nichols' Front Yard

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read the following items and help RHCA honor its veterans and decide what to do about future meetings.

Rose Hill Reserve Update

Over the summer, it has been one issue after another regarding the development of the new homes in our community. From constant truck traffic, arrogant drivers, dust, dirt and stones, high water on Rose Hill Drive and massive breaches of storm water erosion controls that inundated neighbors below the project, there has been one nightmare after another. And that comes on top of earlier landslides on the hillside leading up to May Boulevard, the use of Haystack Road as a haul route and the dramatic increase of truck traffic needed to dispose of marine clay on the site and bring in stable soil. At this point, we are concentrating on getting damage repaired. At its June meeting, RHCA agreed to mount a protest against all of the above by letting potential buyers know their new lots would be in an area of marine clay. We have delayed that effort in the belief that resolution of the many claims will require cooperation among everyone involved. Examples include cracked interior walls from the truck traffic, standing water on Rose Hill Drive because of controls required by the County to clean debris from runoff, inadequate design to control runoff that has inundated yards, downed and leaning trees, dust, dirt, mud and stones kicked up by earth-moving machines and trucks. It should be noted that Supervisor McKay's office has been very supportive of Rose Hill during this ordeal. As is often the case, Stanley Martin Homes is developing the site but was NOT involved in the original agreements among

the county, the landowner and the community. And, the County staff dealing with the issue does not have the necessary background and understanding of the problems at the site. So, it behooves RHCA to constantly educate all those involved. Unfortunately, they don't listen as well as they should.

Vehicle Vandalism

Several weeks ago, 54 cars were the target of vandals armed with a pellet gun or BB gun in the Franconia area. Included were cars parked in Rose Hill on Rose Hill Drive at May Boulevard, Willowood Lane, Thornwood Drive and Saddle Tree Drive. Fairfax County police and Crime Solvers are seeking help from the public in apprehending those responsible for the damage. Total damage is estimated at \$15,000. If you have any information, please call Fairfax County Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS. You do not have to give your name and a reward of up to \$1,000 is involved if your tip leads to an arrest and conviction. If you saw something, say something!

Honoring Our Veterans

RHCA would like to honor veterans and active duty military personnel on Veteran's Day on November 11. We hope to display thank you signs with the names veteran or service and a small American flag along Rose Hill Drive. The displays would remain the entire weekend of November 11-13. In order to make the program a success, we need the names of our veterans and military personnel. It takes some time to get the signs ready, so we need you help ASAP. Call Mo Haupt at 703-971-1629 or e-mail him at mhaupt@cox.net, Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or e-mail at sellcarl@aol.com, Linda Nichols at 703-971-0755 or dovefellow@aol.com. So far, we have only a few names, so we need your help. If you have a member of your family or relative who qualifies, please let us know. Our veterans and active duty personnel deserve our gratitude and support. Please help us make this a memorable Veteran's Day weekend in Rose Hill.

Damaged RHCA Signs

The Rose Hill Original sign below the Rose Hill county sign at the library was hit by

vandals some time back. Someone broke the Plexiglas cover that protects the sign. It was penetrated, but the sign itself was not damaged. Pearl Watts, who installed the cover, has agreed to make the necessary repairs. And, an errant driver ran across the median in the middle of Leewood Drive near Franconia Road, knocking down the RHCA 50th anniversary sign. Thanks to Donnie Krause, the sign is back in place.

Meeting Dates, Sites

Because the Fairfax County Library system has gone to a computerized process to reserve its meeting rooms, it is no longer possible to reserve a room on specific dates for the entire year in advance. Therefore, RHCA has to compete with the entire County in order to reserve its meeting space at the John Marshall Library. If we don't log in first, we are out of luck. Up until this year, RHCA had been meeting at John Marshall on the fourth Tuesday of the month nine times a year since the library opened in the 1970s. I don't understand why, but the process does not allow for certain dates to be set aside, even for a community organization that has historically met at the facility. It does no good to remind the Library system that RHCA was one of the prime supporters that allowed John Marshall to be built in Rose Hill on land that didn't cost the county a cent. So far, our dinners in the front yard at the Nichols and cooperation from Rose Hill Elementary have enabled RHCA to maintain its meeting schedule. Given the situation at the library, we're going to have to discuss moving our historic meeting date or search for a new site. It will take a better person than the electronically challenged president to keep up with the library system.

Both Sides Tour

The Franconia Museum's popular bus tours of Civil War sites continue with a trip to the Shenandoah Valley on Saturday, November 5. Stops include Stonewall Jackson's headquarters in Winchester, the nearby Kernstown battlefield at Rose Hill where Jackson suffered his only defeat in 1862, and the Holy Cross Abbey near Berryville that was the site of an 1864 battle. Included is a stop at the Abbey gift shop where the famous fruitcakes and truffles made by the Holy Cross monks

are on sale. The \$100 fee includes a seat on the bus, all entrance fees, lunch (including tip) at the Golden Corral in Winchester and a \$5 snack card from McDonald's on the way home. Call or e-mail Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 or dhakenson@cox.net for information or to reserve a seat. Report at the Franconia Museum for coffee and donuts at 8 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. Information and a reservation form can be found at either myrosehill.com or franconiamuseum.org.

Corrections, New Members

Being guilty of not updating our records, we failed to identify the Eberles as the owners of the Rose Hill Beauty at 4518 Roundhill Road. And, the Beach household is at 4429 Roundhill, not as noted in the June Rambler. We welcome Sam Covington (a long-time supporter), 6302 Saddle Tree Drive and Kenneth and Crystal White at 6422 Haystack Road to the membership list.

Clean Streets Initiative

Fairfax County's Clean Streets Initiative is designed to clear communities of trash and debris left at the curb by uncaring residents. Often, a plié of debris is left when someone moves out in the middle of the night or on a weekend, either due to a foreclosure or eviction. Sometimes, permanent residents think the County will remove the mess at no cost. Not so. When a pile of debris is reported, the County will give the property owner 10 days to have it removed. If it is not, the County will remove it and bill the owner. If the bill is unpaid, it becomes a lien against the property. The County's Solid Waste Management agency and the Health Department are cooperating in this effort to keep debris from piling up in our community. RHCA has used this service on a number of occasions. If you see a pile of trash at the curb, report it by calling 703-246-2300. In the case of garbage, the process moves faster.

Our Nation's Landlord

Because of all the foreclosures, Fannie Mae has become the largest owner of residential properties in the United States. Several of the properties are in Rose Hill and some already have been resold. One of the proposals to reduce the inventory is for the federal government to get

in the rental business. Here in Rose Hill, we have had some problems with rental properties and therefore should be concerned about an absentee landlord, even if it is Uncle Sam. Although a few remain, it has taken a long time to clean up some problem properties in our community. We don't need the potential of additional problems. On the other hand, an abundance of foreclosures on the market will hurt normal resales. Therefore, RHCA will insist that our elected representatives place reasonable conditions as part of any rental leases to help make sure tenants take seriously their obligations as members of our community. If not, they and Uncle Sam will hear from us!

And finally.....

Here in Rose Hill we have made great strides in our continuing effort to clean up trash strewn and rundown properties, remove wrecked and disabled cars, discouraged parking on the grass and generally spruce up our neighborhood. This is a reminder to all that the Association will continue to look for violations and will report them to the proper authorities. We have a large group of committed residents who help keep our community looking good. If you need help, we will direct you to the proper county agency or arrange for home-town assistance. Please help us keep Rose Hill a great and secure place to live. And, by the way, we have a network of Neighborhood Watch personnel on every street, keeping an eye out 24/7. We always can use another set of eyes. Call us and we'll give you some suggestions as to what to look for.

- Carl Sell

Rambler Delivery Person Needed

RHCA needs someone to deliver the Rambler on Round Hill Road between Climbing Hill 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.

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 10. Fairfax County Libraries closed for Columbus Day holiday.
- ★ October 12. Fun for Twos and Threes. 10:30 am. Fall Fun! Come for stories about fall. Ages 2-3 w/ adult.
- ★ October 15. Pumpkin Tales. 10:30 am. Bring the family to hear regional storyteller Gary Lloyd tell Halloween stories more funny than scary! All ages.
- ★ October 17. Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a lively book discussion. Call for title. Ages 7-8 w/ adult.
- ★ October 19. Toddler Time. 10:30 am. Come to an early literacy storytime. Ages 13-23 months. One adult per child.
- ★ October 20. Book Discussion Group. 7:00 pm. Call branch for title. Adults.

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- ★ October 10. Fairfax County Public Schools closed for Columbus Day holiday.

Mark Twain Middle School

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Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr.,
Phone: 703.313.4200
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- ★ October 4. PTA Restaurant Night. 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Boardwalk Fries - Manchester Lakes.
- ★ October 10. Fairfax County Public Schools closed for Columbus Day holiday.



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Digital Design. Ron Dillon, 703.971.2125; www.dgdesigns.com. Webpages, registration, scanning services, hosting and custom graphic art work. Ron and Donna Dillon live on Winston Place.

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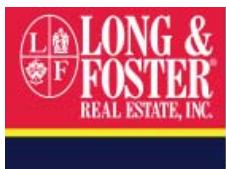
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—Richard Downey