

## President's Message

### Lee District Park, Rose Hill Apartments On September 25 RHCA Meeting Agenda

The Rose Hill Civic Association will present certificates of appreciation to representatives of Lee District Park and the Rose Hill Apartments at its first fall 2012 meeting on Tuesday September 25 at 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Come and meet our neighbors who support efforts to make Rose Hill an attractive and pleasant place in which to live. You can also renew friendships with other residents of your community. Refreshments will be served.

Leon Plenty, long-time manager at Lee District Park, will be on hand to receive a certificate thanking him and his staff for their efforts to make sure the volleyball courts at the park, which had been removed due to construction of the water park, were rebuilt even better. Linda Nichols, RHCA Vice President and her husband Dave host a volleyball competition and fun each Thursday night during the summer. They report the new courts have added to the enjoyment of those who join in.

Earlier in the year there was some confusion about the mowing of the median strip

**Next RHCA Meeting: September 25, 7:00 pm  
John Marshall Library**

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in Rose Hill Drive between Franconia Road and Rose Hill Elementary School. Once again, the Rose Hill Apartments stepped up and made sure the median was mowed and trimmed on a regular basis.

Melanie Conley, manager of the apartments, will join with us and accept the certificate. She quickly reinstated the mowing program for the median after there was some confusion when a new contractor came on board to handle the mowing and landscaping at the apartments. We are looking for community volunteers who will keep the median clear of debris in between mowing operations.

Come and meet Leon and Melanie and help us thank them for their efforts on behalf of Rose Hill.

#### Development Proposals

There are two new development plans on properties in Rose Hill with a history of attempts to build in areas where problems exist. Both are on properties zoned R-3, the same as the rest of Rose Hill, and can be developed by right as long as County rules are followed. The first is for three houses on Rock-A-By Road at its connection to Lark Lane that would seriously limit options for the rest of the property owners on the road. The second is for four houses on 2.3 acres on Telegraph Road between Rose Hill Drive and Split Rock Road. The latter proposal is in an area of marine clay, steep slopes and a storm water outfall easement. It also proposes two accesses to Telegraph Road in an area where sightlines will be a problem. RHCA has notified the County and Supervisor McKay's office of its concern in both cases. We will continue to monitor both proposals, neither of which is in the best interest of adjacent landowners.

Also on RHCA's work program this fall is to meet with County officials to make sure all of the conditions as part of the Rose Hill Reserve development are fulfilled. There are numerous dead trees that need to be replaced and some of the neighbors have not had their concerns addressed in a satisfactory manner. We have asked the County NOT to release any cash bonds until those issues are settled.

### **Parking, Traffic Calming Issues**

We are moving ahead with plans to limit parking on one side of Apple Tree Drive between Willowood Lane and Rose Hill Drive and traffic calming on Cottonwood Drive between Rose Hill Drive and Split Rock Road. The Apple Tree issue is in response to parking on both sides during opening, closing and events at Rose Hill Elementary. With cars parked on both sides, it is difficult for residents on that stretch of Apple Tree to access their homes or through traffic to get past the bottleneck. There have been several near misses and we hope to improve the situation before there is an accident. The Cottonwood Drive issue is in response to speeders and others cutting through on a residential street in an effort to avoid the traffic signal at Rose Hill Drive and Telegraph Road. Residents of Apple Tree and Cottonwood are encouraged to be involved in the process.

### **Veteran's Day Program**

RHCA is planning a short program to honor its veterans and mark the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the playing of Taps at the end of the military day and funerals. And, it all started right here in Virginia! Once again, we will display the names of our veterans around the United States flag on the power line easement across from Rose Hill Elementary. If there is a veteran in your house, or a member of your family served and once lived in Rose Hill, please make sure we have the name and branch of service. Veteran's Day is Sunday, November 11. We will display the names for a few days before and after that date. If you would like to see last year's display, go to [myrosehill.com](http://myrosehill.com), click on photo gallery and then Rose Hill Salutes our Veterans 2011. This year's program will take place at 3 p.m. and will include the playing of Taps and a presentation about the origin of

the song. We chose 3 p.m. because that most closely matches the time of the 11th hour or the 11th Day of the 11th month in Europe when the Armistice ending World War I took effect. We do need someone who can honor our veterans by playing Taps. Please give Linda or I a call if you know of anyone. The 2012 program is dedicated to Elmer (Mo) Haupt, who came up with the idea and chaired last year's effort. Mo passed away earlier this year.

### **Loss of a Friend to Rose Hill**

Most people in Rose Hill never met him, but Olawale Ayodeji was a good friend to Rose Hill. As the county engineer most familiar with marine clay, Wale for years helped us discourage development on problem soils. He (and RHCA) was determined not to repeat the mistakes of the 1950s and 1960s. Wale often overruled the position of others that development was safe on steep slopes and problem soils. Only in recent years, after Wale moved on, did the County allow development to proceed. His warnings did result in additional methods to protect old and new home owners alike. Already, some events have begun to prove Wale right. Unfortunately, he succumbed to a three-plus year battle with cancer on September 3, 2012. He is survived by his wife Carolyn and two daughters, Laide and Biola. Wale was an honest, hard-working County employee and friend to Rose Hill. We will miss him.

### **And A Neighbor**

Joe Finnegan, who lived on Hayfield Place, died August 8 at Fairfax Hospital after a long illness. Joe was a skilled auto mechanic who worked for Foreign Car Service in Alexandria until his illness. He grew up in Maryland, loved the Redskins and foreign cars. He bought his Rose Hill home in 2001. His service was conducted by Reverend David Nichols, one of his neighbors.

### **Just Imagine**

Imagine that Fairfax County had established mandatory fines for code violations such as littering and other quality of life problems as well as minor traffic issues and had authorized the issuance of tickets by

Neighborhood Watch volunteers, who could keep 80 percent of the proceeds. Boy, that would clean up Rose Hill in a hurry! The New York Times reports that's how a cash-poor city in the Chinese province of Hunan unleashed a small army of roughly 1,000 citizens to solve its monetary and neighborhood code compliance problems in one fell swoop. The watchers are identified by red arm bands and also keep an eye out for terrorists and petty criminals. Needless to say, many of those who have been ticketed by their newly empowered neighbors aren't that happy with the process. Some in the city of Shaoyang claim the program has been a rousing success. Others are calling for an end to it. Here in Rose Hill, we'll just continue to report alleged violations to County officials and let them handle it. However, it is fun to drive 25 miles per hour on Rose Hill Drive and watch the parade of disgruntled drivers in the rear view mirror!

### **Items of interest**

The agenda for the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations meeting scheduled for September 26 includes a discussion about ways to combat disease-carrying insects such as mosquitoes and ticks. Dr. Jorge Arias and other members of the County's Disease Carrying Insects Program will talk about how you can "Fight The Bite" and let you know what the County is doing to fight this public health problem. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the community room of the Franconia Governmental Center. All are welcome. And, the Kingstowne Center for Active Adults invites you to see and purchase crafts made by local artists between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 29. The center is located in the Lansdowne Center next to the Kingstowne Library. It faces Telegraph Road just past Beulah Street. On the way, you can marvel at the widening of Telegraph Road in that area.

### **Civil War Tour, Accolades**

The Franconia Museum is sponsoring a Civil War bus tour on Saturday, October 27 that will follow the Union and Confederate Virginia campaign of 150 years ago. Stops will include Cedar Mountain near Orange, Second Manassas and Ox Hill right here in Fairfax County near the government center where two

Union generals were killed. The tour begins at 8 a.m. and ends around 6:30 p.m. at the Franconia Museum in the Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Go to [myrosehill.com](http://myrosehill.com) or [franconiamuseum.org](http://franconiamuseum.org) or call Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 for information. I was pleased to read positive reviews of my book about my great grandfather in the Civil War News and on the Manassas Museum web site. Information about the book "Thank God He Survived Pickett's Charge" is also included on the Rose Hill and Franconia Museum web sites.

- 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.

- ★ **Ongoing Event.** Personalized Computer Training. Basics for beginners: Internet and Microsoft Word. Call for appointment. Adults.
- ★ **October 2.** Toddler Time 10:30 am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 13-23 months w/ adult.
- ★ **October 8.** Fairfax County Libraries closed for Columbus Day holiday.
- ★ **October 9.** Fun For Twos and Threes. 10:30 am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 2-3 w/ adult..
- ★ **October 18.** Book Discussion Group. 7:15 pm. Join us for a discussion of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Adult.
- ★ **October 19.** Fire! Fire! 11:00 am. Come for stories and activities about fire safety. Ages 3-5 w/ adult.
- ★ **October 20.** Hidden Pond Nature Center. 10:30 am. Learn about wildlife in Fairfax County. All ages.

## Thomas Edison High School

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## Rose Hill Elementary School

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## KINGSTOWNE CENTER FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

### CRAFT FAIR

The Kingstowne Center for Active Adults is Holding its annual crafts fair on Saturday, September 29 from 9 to 3 at our center located at 6488 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria, VA 22315. We are currently looking for crafters. Anyone who is interested can contact Kate Wildman at 703.339.7676 or [m.mcgraw-wildman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:m.mcgraw-wildman@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## 5K FOR PANCREATIC CANCER

The Kingstowne Striders present the 3rd annual Jack T. Farrar, Jr. "Fill the Shoes" 5K in Hayfield Farm on Saturday, Nov 3rd at 8am. Come run, walk, or volunteer in your community for a worthy cause. This event will have official timing and awards in nine age groups. Participants will receive a long sleeve event t-shirt and a one-of-a-kind surprise event give-away. A post-race gathering with food and raffle prizes awaits you at the finish line. All net proceeds benefit the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Additional info and registration at <http://www.kingstownestriders.org/FilltheShoes5K.html>

# 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.**

## 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.

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**Exit Metro Realty.** Angie Vereen, 571-233-6395, [angie@exitmetroliving.com](mailto:angie@exitmetroliving.com). Our extensive experience and expertise in the Alexandria, Lorton, and Vienna real estate market will benefit you whether you are looking to buy or sell a home in the area. Licensed in Virginia and Maryland.

## 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.

**Freedom Lawn & Landscape.** Matt Downey, 571.218.2881, [freedomproviders@gmail.com](mailto:freedomproviders@gmail.com). We would like to thank all of our Rose Hill clients for their business in 2011! We are preparing to make 2012 our best year yet and would love to add more Rose Hill clients! Have your home make this year's Rose Hill Beauties list! Discount for RHCA members.



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- \* Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
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— Richard Downey

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