

The Rambler

September 2013

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

RHCA to discuss proposed Church on May Boulevard on Tuesday, September 24

The owner of the property on May Boulevard that once was a community center proposes to sell the property to the Amanuel Ethiopian Evangelical Church, which will move its religious services and operations to the site. The Rose Hill Academy will continue to operate its child care center and school there, sharing parking with the church.

A child care center and school has operated on the site for many years, including as Heritage Academy, Kindercare and now Rose Hill Academy. The child care center and school operate Monday through Friday. The church plans worship services on Sundays as well as smaller services on Thursday and Friday and bible study and choir practice on Saturdays. The application for an amended Special Exception also includes other activities typically found in association with a place of worship, including the choir practice and bible study.

A representative of the zoning attorney firm as well as church officials will be on hand to discuss the proposal. The Planning Commission will recommend and the Board of Supervisors will rule on the application. The opinion of the community and the proposal's conformance with the County's comprehensive plan will weigh heavily in the deliberations. Although

**Next RHCA Meeting: September 24, 7:30 pm
John Marshall Library**

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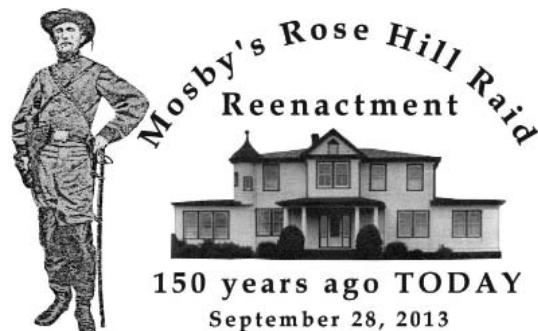
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The Rose Hill Raid will take place Saturday on May Boulevard and at the school. The programs runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the capture at noon. Please be aware that traffic will be affected in the vicinity of the school and May Boulevard. Watch out for pedestrians, horses and raiders! The school restrooms will be open courtesy of RHCA. The Rose Hill PTA will provide concessions. Commemorative T-shirts will be available. Complete details inside this edition of The Rambler.



churches are allowed by right in a residential community, they first must receive "special" approval from the county.

The proposal will be discussed at the Rose Hill Civic Association's meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24 in the community room of the John Marshall Library. Other business, including a discussion of the upcoming Rose Hill Raid reenactment of the capture of Union Colonel Daniel Dulany at the Rose Hill manor house by Confederate Major John Singleton Mosby, will be discussed. The raid reenactment will take place on Saturday, September 28; 150 years to the day after the actual event.

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As part of the church application, the owner proposes to delete a portion of the site from the previously approved plan in order to develop six single-family units in conformance with the underlying R-3 zoning, the same as all of Rose Hill.

Although not overly concerned about a church and religious activities, several residents have voiced objections to use of the site for large events such as weddings or other special gatherings that could result in parking on nearby residential streets. Others have asked if music will be part of the services, and if so, what controls will there be on volume. The applicant has promised to address these and other concerns at the meeting. Other concerns will be addressed at the meeting.

If you have questions, plan to attend the meeting so they can be answered. I will carry forth the community's concerns and recommendation to the Lee District Land Use Advisory Committee, a citizen's group appointed by the independent civic organizations, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Here's your chance for your voice to be heard at the grass roots level!

Update on Signs

The cover on the Rose Hill Originals plaque below the historic sign on Rose Hill Drive at the library has been repaired. Vandals cut the Plexiglas covering over the list of names but did not blemish the sign itself. Thanks to Hugh (Pearl) Watts for making the repair. Pearl had installed the wooden and Plexiglas cover over the sign back in 2005, at no cost to RHCA. He grew up on Haystack Road and his mom still owns the home there. The historic sign above the Rose Hill Originals sign is being refurbished. We have been assured that it will be back on its perch prior to the September 28 reenactment of the Rose Hill Raid. And, the No Parking sign has been moved so that the Civil War Trails marker can be seen by those passing by on Rose Hill Drive. When the tablet was installed earlier this year, parking was allowed in front of it. Of course, a big truck parked in front of the sign every evening, so there was nothing left to do except move the No Parking sign so that couldn't happen. You can't imagine the time it took for that to be accomplished. Anyway, there is now a No Parking sign in

place to allow visibility for the tablet and there is a Civil War Trails marker at the site. And, the No Parking signs on Apple Tree Drive from Willowood to Rose Hill Drive appear to be effective in allowing vehicles cars to use the street during schools starts and dismissals and special events.

Walking Around Rose Hill

As I continue to recover from open-heart surgery last spring, I spend a lot of time walking around the community as part of my rehabilitation. I am constantly amazed at the amount of people who enjoy walking and jogging in our community. It also makes me proud that so many people consider Rose Hill a safe and convenient community in which to exercise. For the most part, the sidewalks are clean and free of obstacles. I have started taking a trash bag along on my walks, periodically, and invite others to do the same. Of course, all are reminded of Fairfax County's law requiring pet owners to clean up any deposits. Sidewalks on both sides of Rose Hill Drive, on Willowood, Bee Street, Round Hill Road, Cottonwood and Apple Tree Drive are heavily traveled, so there is a need for them to be kept clean by both homeowners and pedestrian traffic. Finally, residents are reminded NOT to put grass clippings and other debris in the storm drains as it backs up the system, causing flooding downstream during storms as well as adding to the pollution in the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

Rose Hill Raid Info

A reenactment of the Rose Hill Raid during the Civil War will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2013, exactly 150 years to the day after the historic event. The program will take place in front of Rose Hill Elementary School, 6301 Rose Hill Drive. It is being sponsored by the Rose Hill Civic Association and the Franconia Museum. The program begins at 11 a.m.

In the original raid, Confederate raider Major John Singleton Mosby went to the Rose Hill manor house located on what is now May Boulevard and captured Colonel Daniel Dulany, an aide to the Union appointed governor of the Restored State of Virginia. One of Mosby's men on the raid was Dulany's son, French.

The actual raid and the taking of Dulany will occur at noon. The party will ride on horseback up May Boulevard to the school where a program explaining the raid will take place. Local historian Don Hakenson will tell the story of the raid and introduce reenactors in period costume who will explain their characters involved in the raid. A reenactor portraying Anne Frobel, who lived at nearby Wilton Hill, will recite passages from Frobel's diary that mentioned her neighbor, Dulany, and the report of the raid.

Other highlights include an appearance by the famed Carter Gospel Singers and reenactors portraying a Confederate Signal Corps using flags to communicate with distant units and commanders. The flag-bearers will give advance notice of the Mosby raiding party's arrival at the school. The singers are from nearby Woodlawn United Methodist Church and are celebrating 44 years of providing gospel music that fits any time period.

Throughout the event, visitors can browse through artifacts and information provided by the Franconia Museum as part its annual History Day program. The Museum's series of seven books entitled "Franconia Remembers" will be on sale along with other items such as caps, book bags, etc. Special tee shirts commemorating the Rose Hill Raid also will be available. Refreshments will be available for purchase to benefit the Rose Hill PTA.

Various local Civil War authors have been invited to sell, sign and explain their works. Included will be Hakenson, who has written several excellent books on Mosby and the Franconia area and Eric Buckland, whose books on Mosby's men provide insight into the unit. Hakenson also will discuss items that were the property of two of Mosby's men from the Franconia area.

Carl Sell, the president of both the Franconia Museum and the Rose Hill Civic Association, will sign his books about his great grandfather's and great uncle's service as privates in the Confederate army who were wounded during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. Sell's granddaughter, Danielle Clarke, will be there to tell about her relatives on both sides during the war.

Featured performers will be Jimmy

Fleming, a living historian whose portrayals of Mosby have highlighted many events about the Civil War, and Susan and David Hilliard from the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. David will play Colonel Dulany while Susan will be cast as Anne Frobel. Susan is the past president of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society, which operates its own museum at 13938 Braddock Road, Centreville, Virginia, in the heart of the Fairfax County area that involved troops from both sides.

After the program, all the reenactors involved will be available to answer questions and pose for pictures with Civil War buffs and other interested parties who attend the event. Mosby's horses will be quartered in an area across the street for those who wish to see them up close.

Rose Hill Manor House

RHCA has been collecting pictures of the original Rose Hill house going back to 1925. They are posted on our web site, myrosehill.com. Go to the web site, click on Photo Gallery, then click on Rose Hill Manor House for the display. Sadly, the last picture of the house shows it on fire in the early 1960s in order to make room for additional houses on May Boulevard. You also can learn the history of the house and its original owner, Daniel French, by reading the early days history posted on the web page. We continue to search for pictures and information about the house, which dates back to 1723. History that dates back to the start of this country is right here at our doorstep in Rose Hill. We don't know if George Washington ever visited Rose Hill, but we do know that he owned property on Telegraph Road as far north as Belvale, which was located on Dogue Creek. Belvale, the home of Washington's lawyer, George Johnston, still stands at 7001 Telegraph Road. The Franconia Museum is trying to get the house and property listed on the National Register of Historic sites. Johnston also was a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses with George Mason and colleague of the fiery Patrick Henry.

Coming in October

Last February, we heard a report from David and Linda Nichols about their recent trip to Israel. The night was such a success

that it occurred to me that we should feature talks by other Rose Hill residents who have traveled the world or have been stationed in foreign countries. Joanne Thompson has spent considerable time in Afghanistan and is willing to share stories of her experiences with the Taliban. Should be an interesting evening. More in the October Rambler. If there are other residents with stories to tell, we'd like to hear them at subsequent meetings.

Support Your Firehouse

They come when we need them in a hurry. Recently, they were making the rounds in Rose Hill making sure everyone's smoke detector is working. The men and women of the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, both firefighters and emergency medical personnel, are always on call. There also are countless volunteers who raise the money to buy vehicles and equipment so we don't have to. Franconia also provides the emergency vehicles at nearby Kingstowne so we don't have to. Much of the funds come from the bingo activities at the firehouse on Beulah Street on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Help out by either becoming a volunteer at bingo or sending them a check in support of their annual fund-raising drive. Or, do both! They save us millions of dollars, protect our lives and property and deserve our support. They don't bother us with appeals by phone and that's enough reason to respond to the mail request.

- Carl Sell

Andrea Day
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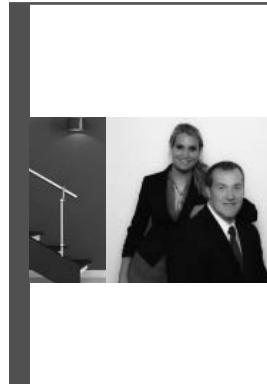
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Around Rose Hill

- * **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,T – 10am - 9pm; W, F – 10am - 6pm; Th - 1pm - 9pm; Sat – 10am - 5pm.

- * **Ongoing Event.** Book Sale! Throughout the month.
- * **September 23.** Baby Lap Sit. 2:30pm. Come for stories and activities for you and your baby. Ages birth - 12 months w/ adult.
- * **September 25.** Toddler Time. 10:30am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 13-23 months w/ adult.
- * **September 26.** English Conversation. 2:00pm. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- * **September 28.** No Sand in the House. 10:30am. Come for stories and activities with children's author Jennifer L. Crawford. Ages 4-8 w/ adult.
- * **September 28.** E-Book Workshop. 1:00pm. Get your eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader and library card. Adults.
- * **October 2.** Toddler Time. 10:30am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 13-23 months w/ adult.
- * **October 3.** English Conversation. 2:00pm. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- * **October 7.** Baby Lap Sit. 10:30am & 2:30pm. Come for early literacy programs for you and your baby. Ages birth-12 months w/ adult.
- * **October 9.** Fire! Fire! 10:30am. Come hear about fire safety. Ages 3-5 w/ adult.
- * **October 10.** English Conversation. 2:00pm. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- * **October 10.** Nighttime Tales. 7:00pm. Come for bedtime stories and activities. Ages -5 w/ adult.
- * **October 12.** Reptiles & Amphibians. 10:30am. Meet reptiles and amphibians native to Fairfax County and learn about their ways in the wild. All ages.
- * **October 12.** E-Book Workshop. 1:00pm. Get your eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader and library card. Adults.
- * **October 14.** Fairfax County Libraries closed for Columbus Day holiday.

- * **October 16.** Fun For Twos and Threes. 10:30am & 11:00am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 2-3 w/ adult.
- * **October 17.** English Conversation. 2:00pm. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- * **October 17.** John H. Wagonner: Empty Soul for Hire. 7:30pm. Meet James H. Waggoner, author of the suspense novel, *Empty Soul for Hire*. Adults.

Thomas Edison High School

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- * **October 14.** Closed for Columbus Day Holiday.
- * **October 25.** Homecoming Football Game. 7:30pm. Edison will celebrate Homecoming with a football game against Fall Church.
- * **October 26.** Homecoming Dance. 8:00pm.

Mark Twain Middle School

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- * **September 23.** PTA Meeting. 7:00pm. MTMS Library.
- * **October 14.** Closed for Columbus Day Holiday.

Rose Hill Elementary School

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- * **October 8.** PTA Meeting. 7:00pm. RHES Cafeteria.
- * **October 10.** Picture Day.
- * **October 14.** Closed for Columbus Day Holiday.
- * **October 17.** 6th Grade Family Night. 6:30pm.

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.

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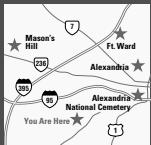
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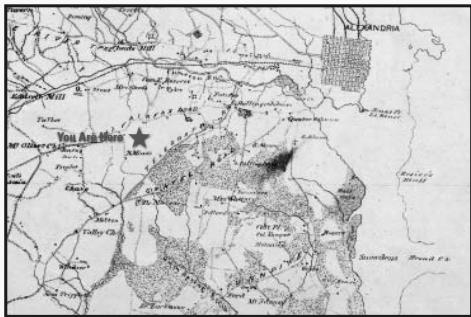


A Not-So-Tender Reunion



Rose Hill
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On September 28, 1863, Confederate Maj. John S. Mosby raided the house that stood nearby on the bluff at the end of May Boulevard. The day before, Mosby and eight of his men rode from Fauquier County toward Alexandria, where Mosby planned to capture Francis H. Pierpont, the provisional governor of the Restored Government of Virginia.



Alexandria and part of Fairfax County, 1864 – Courtesy Library of Congress



"The Rose Hill Raid" – Painting courtesy John Paul Strain

Mosby expected to find Pierpont at the City Hotel, known today as Gadsby's Tavern, but was disappointed to learn that Pierpont had gone to Washington City. Mosby and his men burned a railroad bridge within sight of Forts Ellsworth and Lyon, then rode along Telegraph Road to the Rose Hill Plantation to surprise the governor's aide, Col. Daniel F. Dulany. One of Mosby's Rangers, French Dulany, was Col. Dulany's son.

Anne S. Fobel, a Rose Hill neighbor, wrote in her diary that a "party of Mosby's boys came very unexpectedly to Rose Hill, and took off Col. Dulany. One of them was his own son. ... This boy's first greeting to his father when

"The Colonel sarcastically remarked to his son that he had an old pair of shoes he had better take, as he reckoned they were darned scarce in the Confederacy, whereupon the son holding up his leg which was encased in a fine pair of cavalry boots just captured from a sutler, asked the old man what he thought of that." — Maj. John S. Mosby, October 1, 1863

he rushed into the room where his father was in bed [was] ... 'How do Pa—I'm very glad to see you,' and the father's answer sitting up in bed, with proper dignity, 'Well sir, I'm d-sorry to see you.' But they took him down to Richmond nevertheless."

Dulany was imprisoned, exchanged, and survived the war. His son, however, was mortally wounded in 1864. The house burned in 1895.



City Hotel, Alexandria
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