

The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Last Call for Rose Hill Originals Before We Order the Memorial

Over the last several years, we have been collecting the names of Rose Hill residents who were here at the community's beginning and continue to live here a half century later. In some cases, one of the spouses has passed away; in other cases, like Twila Noble who just passed away nine months ago, one spouse has left us to be with their late beloved. Twila lived at the corner of Rose Hill Drive and Apple Tree Drive for 50 years.

We have 20 other family names where at least one of the originals continues to live in Rose Hill. In one case, one family moved around the corner. In all the others, they continue to live in the same house.

The plan is to develop a memorial honoring our Rose Hill Originals from the 1950s and place it on or near the Rose Hill historic marker on Rose Hill Drive at the John Marshall Library. We'll save space to add Originals from the 1960s.

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Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, April 25, 7:00pm John Marshall Library

Topic: Community Issues and Gang Violence

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Reminder: Follow the Rules to Avoid Problems

It's good to see so many residents cleaning up and improving their property. The Spring Cleanup usually results in a large amount of household debris. Don't assume that just because you place it at the curb that the trash service will haul it away. Call Virginia Trash or AAA to schedule a special pickup for yard and household debris.

If the debris isn't removed within a reasonable time, RHCA will complain to the zoning inspector and/or Health Department. You can avoid a violation notice and a potential fine by simply arranging to have the debris removed.

Also, residents need to remember that the community's original covenants remain in effect. Check before you plan that renovation or expansion. Violation of a covenant could result in a civil complaint by any Rose Hill resident and the unnecessary time and cost of litigation. The covenants are posted on our website, myRoseHill.com.

The most restrictive covenant bars the building of a fence in any front yard. There also are restrictions on side-yard fences. Check out the covenants before you build.

And don't forget to educate yourself about the County's zoning laws. Violations could result in prosecution. A couple of the ones most cited involve the parking of commercial vehicles in a residential neighborhood, parking on more than 25% of the front yard, and inoperable, abandoned or unlicensed vehicles on either streets or private property unless screened from neighboring lots on private property.

You'll need a permit from the County for additions, improvements, rewiring, etc. Make sure the County inspects all work, even if you do it yourself; that protects your homeowners insurance.

Finally, here's another friendly reminder that parking is illegal on the grass strip between the sidewalk and curb on Rose Hill Drive. Violators are subject to be ticketed. Several citations have been issued recently. ★

Most important, we want to make sure we haven't missed anyone. Please check the list below for spelling, correct year, etc. If your name should be on the list, contact us immediately. If you think someone else's name should be on the list, let us know, and we'll check it out.

After checking our list at least twice, we'll order the appropriate plaque. A dedication ceremony will also be scheduled.

You can read more about our Originals online at myRoseHill.com where you'll also find the history of our community.

RHCA is extremely proud of its long-time residents. They have helped keep the community a great place to live, which in turn attracts a continuous flow of newcomers and allows us to reinvent ourselves without sacrificing any quality of life.

Here's the honor roll of Rose Hill Originals:

1955

Twila and Essie Noble, Connie and Frank Beatty, Well and Ann Machmer, Jean and William Stemple, Jean and Robert Thompson, Helen Wagness, Alice and Edward Holloman, George and Doris Krapf, Pearl Butler, Tom and Wanda Violette

1956

Bev and Tom Eppolito, Ray and Harris Stone, Kae and John Furnisen

1957

Mike and Bea Evans, Helen and Robert Flahive, Jane Letsche, Macy Watts, Mary and Ken Mann, Beatrice Mulvey

1959

Raymond and Evelyn Market

PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE AN ADDITION OR CORRECTION!

Rose Hill Beauties

It's time to reward those Rose Hill residents who keep their property in tip-top shape. The judges will be making their rounds in the next few weeks, compiling a list of those that look particularly good. Coveted Rose Hill Beauty signs will be awarded to members of RHCA for display in their yard. Since the membership pays for the signs, it is only proper that signs be awarded to members only. If you haven't joined for 2006, do so this month! The form can be found at myRoseHill.com. Our 2006 list of members

is printed on the next page. You can assist the judges by helping make sure no property is overlooked. If you think your property or that of a neighbor deserves consideration, please e-mail or give one of the officers a call. Don't be bashful about nominating your own property. We want to make sure everyone who deserves to be considered is nominated. There are 700 homes in Rose Hill so the judges could use your help.

County Budget Update

When the Board of Supervisors adopts a budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and running through June 30, 2007, one thing is for certain: the tax rate will go down and your bill will go up as compared to last year. The County Executive proposed a bud-get of almost \$3.2 billion with a residential real estate tax rate of 93 cents per hundred of assessed value, seven cents less than last year. At that rate, the real estate tax bill for an average Fairfax County homeowner would rise to approximately \$544 more than a year ago.

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Almost immediately, there were calls to reduce the tax rate to 90 cents or even lower. Since the County Executive's budget included more than \$150 million in unallocated funds, it was relatively easy to get down to 90 cents. Each penny cut produces \$56 million in budget cuts. The scramble then was on to cut the budget even further although the special interest groups lined up at the Board budget hearings on April 3-5 in an effort to protect or enhance funding. There was also testimony from individuals and groups who complained about the continuing increase in actual dollars paid for taxes.

Suffice it to say that we here in Rose Hill are just like most everyone else in the County. We'd like to see our tax bill go down, not up. At the same time, we don't want to see specific items we support reduced. On that note, we were glad to see the budget includes 24 additional police officers, including three at Franconia. RHCA proposed an increase in officers last year and it was included in this year's budget. The new officers are specifically being hired to help reduce response time, further develop community

RHCA 2006 Members as of April 15, 2006

This is the final list of members for 2006 to be printed in *The Rambler* this year. Any further updates can be found at myRoseHill.com.

Nouri & Suham Abbou, 6115 Rose Hill Drive
Nida & Jerry Antonio, 6406 May Boulevard
Betty Balch, 6400 Hayfield Place
Frank & Rayma Bale, 6315 Willowood Lane
Nour Barakat, 6609 Cottonwood Drive
Jo Ann Barney, 5000 Tree Top Lane
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Shirley & Bill Bennington, 6405 May Boulevard
Daniel & Ingrid Bearth, 6417 Rose Hill Drive
Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbhill Road
Ann Borchevsky, 4511 Bee Street
Jeannetta Bottomley, 5003 Eastchester Circle
Judith & Thomas Bowles, 6510 Haystack Road
Bill Braswell, 6307 Climbhill Road
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbhill Road
P.G. Bauserman, 4531 Roundhill Road
Sandra Benarick, 6270 Rose Hill Drive
Woody & Tammie Betts, 6306 Saddle Tree Drive
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Mark & Lorraine Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road
Kimberly Bush, 4612 Cottonwood Place
Pearl Butler, 6401 Cottonwood Drive
Tracy Campbell, 6402 Cottonwood Drive
Jason & Maureen Cardone, 6418 Willowood Lane
Ralph & Altha Carico, 6112 Leewood Drive
John & Penny Cashmire, 4907 Silo Road
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Bev & Norm Cherkis, 6300 Saddle Tree Drive
Beatrice & Robert Christensen, 6500 Carriage Drive
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Bob Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Mike & Karen Cleary, 4905 Silo Road
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place
Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
Lois Corbin, 6221 Blossom Lane
Sam Covington, 6302 Saddle Tree Drive
Jane & Margo Cunniffe, 4609 Mayor Place
Virginia Dahlgren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
Bill & Sally Dankers and Marjorie Parkyn,
6511 Carriage Drive
E & K Davidson, 4607 Roundhill Road
Barbara Digman, 6217 Blossom Lane
Ron & Donna Dillon, 4618 Winston Place
Peg Dockery, 6430 Carriage Drive
Robin & David Dodson, 6400 Wayside Place
Harry Dodson, 6319 May Boulevard
Brian & Mary Ellen Duy, 6309 Climbhill Road
John & Betty Elliott, 6411 Maryview Street
Beverly Eppolito, 6217 Driftwood Drive
Stien Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
Michael & Bea Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane
Dawit Eyob/Kongit Eyassu, 6206 Redwood Lane
Bernard Farley, 6502 Haystack Road
Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road

Thomas J. Felleisen, 6406 Hayfield Place
Rosemarie & Michael Field, 4426 Roundhill Road
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
Trigg & Beverly Flannagan, 6514 Haystack Road
Gordon & Cheryl Flockhart, 6223 Driftwood Drive
Jane & Larry Fowler, 6320 Maryview Street
Barry & Zoe-Ann Freitag, 6303 May Boulevard
Larry & Constance Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane
D. Furr, 6412 Cottonwood Drive
Ed & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
William & Christina Gerke, 4905 Apple Tree Drive
Kathleen Gregson, 6411 Rose Hill Drive
Mike & Bonnie Greek, 6330 Willowood Lane
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
Elmer & Alice Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive
Lucio Herrera, 4525 Apple Tree Drive
Linda Hestvik, 4515 Sturbridge Place
Fredy & Maxine Heyer, 4704 Flower Lane
Douglas Hoey, 6208 Redwood Lane
Don & Lynn Hoffman, 5002 Tree Top Lane
Alica & Edward Holloman, 4518 Sturbridge Place
Emilie Hood, 5012 Tree Top Lane
Kevin & Kelli Hoover, 6314 Saddle Tree Drive
James & Susie Hudson, 6413 Maryview Street
Yancy & Patricia Hull, 6113 Leewood Drive
Tri Huynh, 6423 Carriage Drive
John & Erika Good, 4604 Roundhill Road
Clifford & Barbara James, 6412 May Boulevard
D.J. Jamison, 4707 Split Rock Road
Frank Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Helen Johnson, 4517 Apple Tree Drive
Cynthia Johnson-Cavey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
Jim & Lynda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
Jack & Terry Kannofsky, 6512 Carriage Drive
Edwin & Lylian Kesler, 4405 Roundhill Road
Audrey Kick, 4517 Sturbridge Place
Yong S. Kim, 6211 Thornwood Drive
Yun Soo Kim, 6205 Thornwood Drive
Ollie King, 4512 Lark Lane
Bob & Beth Kohm, 6429 Carriage Drive
Marty & Judy Kowalik, 6115 Leewood Drive
George Krapf, 6322 Rose Hill Drive
Donald Krause, 6300 Rose Hill Drive
Susan & Brent Kroetch, 4700 Flower Lane
Millie Lane, 6410 May Boulevard
John & Patricia Lawrence, 6330 Maryview Street
Steve & June Lefler, 6424 Carriage Drive
Ronald & Katherine Lender, 6406 Rose Hill Drive
Jayne K. Letsche, 6502 Cottonwood Drive
Edward & Anna Lewis, 6117 Leewood Drive

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John & Jackie Lewis, 6206 Thornwood Drive
Eloise & Randy Lewis, 4501 Bee Street
Charles Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
Peter & Lynn Luginbill, 6327 Rose Hill Drive
Charles Lutman, 6309 Willowood Lane
E. Lynch-Upchurch, 4701 Flower Lane
Well & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Drive
Leahsa McCaw & Richard Sandoval, 6402 Rye Court
Ken & Mary Mann, 6107 Leewood Drive
M.C. Mayo, 6122 Leewood Drive
Chris & Melissa McCay, 6410 Willowood Lane
Frank & Marge McConnell, 6220 Thornwood Drive
Madge McKay, 6402 Wayside Place
Dolores McKinney, 6303 Cottonwood Drive
Susan & George McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
Nancy McMinn, 4804 Apple Tree Drive
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
Melvin Market, 6211 Redwood Lane
Obdulia Mason, 6311 Saddle Tree Drive
Marnie Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
Mimi & Charles Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
Edna Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
Dot & Jack Moore, 6512 Cottonwood Drive
Harold & LaVera Murray, 5003 Treetop Lane
Jean Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
But & Mien Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive
Thakor Patel, 6401 Maryview Street
Stella & Anthony Peters, 4610 Mayor Place
Larry & Lucy Pettit, 6501 Carriage Drive
Charles & Jeska Pfefferle, 6503 Haystack Road
Robert & Ginny Pinkham, 6514 Carriage Drive
Roy & Susan Poff, 6328 Maryview Street
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane
Louise Prystaloski, 4910 Silo Road
Nick & Vivian Rashidi, 6506 Rose Hill Drive
Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood Lane
Monica & Alan Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
Jim & Nancy Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road
James Ridgell, 6513 Cottonwood Drive
David & Nancy Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place
Eric & Deborah Rumph, 6409 May Boulevard

E. Wayne Ryan, 6518 Haystack Road
Frank Schoenle, 6302 Climbhill Road
Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive
Ann Schappi, 4914 Treetop Lane
Cragin & Kay Shelton, 4403 Roundhill Road
James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive
Diana & Marty Shupack, 6419 Haystack Road
Chris & Sara Sicks, 6606 Cottonwood Drive
George & Joan Simms, 6434 Carriage Drive
Burton & Debbie Slack, 4803 Apple Tree Drive
Carolyn Slenska, 6308 Climbhill Road
Michael Smith & Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive
Mark & Dottie Snyder, 6322 Maryview Street
Don & Nita Stallings, 6407 Willowood Lane
William Stemple, 6306 Cottonwood Drive
Fred, Nancy & Steve Stinnette, 4520 Apple Tree Drive
Ray M. Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road
Terence Stone, 4522 Apple Tree Drive
Tom Strah, 6421 Rose Hill Drive
C. & D. Szamborski, 4615 Winston Place
Jean Thomson, 6302 Cottonwood Drive
Rex & Linda Taylor, 6505 Haystack Road
Barbara Taylor, 4433 Roundhill Road
Nina Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Place
Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road
M&H Varney, 4520 Roundhill Road
Derek & Angie Vereen, 6222 Thornwood Drive
Wanda & Tom Violette, 6408 May Boulevard
Gerardo & Virginia Villareal, 6301 Climbhill Road
Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive
Macy Watts, 6008 Leewood Drive
Fran Watts, 6508 Haystack Road
Don & Nina Weber, 6120 Dew Grass Drive
Linda & Lauck Walton, 4900 Silo Road
Jonathan & Janelle Welch, 4516 Sturbridge Place
Louise Westgate, 6708 Greendale Road
Karen Wheelless, 6709 Greendale Road
Alice Wilder & Thomas Mangum, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
Dwight & Marty Williams, 6509 Cottonwood Drive
Jeffrey Williams, 6121 Dew Grass Drive
Charlie Worley, 4513 Roundhill Road
Pam & Jon Yereb, 4617 Winston Place
Walter Zalatoris, 6609 Cottonwood Drive
Elisa Rolon-Zurita, 6503 Rose Hill Drive

Ocean City Rental

Two bedroom, two bath Ocean City condo is available for rent to RHCA members at a special price. Dates are 6pm Sunday, July 16 to 6pm Saturday, July 22, and 6pm Sunday, August 20 to 6pm Saturday, August 26. Times are designed to beat the traffic! Located in North Ocean City, four blocks from the ocean. Includes pool! Fully equipped. Bring your own linens. You clean when you leave. \$550 per week for up to four occupants—far below comparable rates. Call Carl Sell at 703.971.4716. Retirees and Seniors: Ask about special deals for September.

policing, and engage residents to partnering in reducing crime. Through our Neighborhood Watch and the Franconia District Station Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC), we here in Rose Hill work closely with our police to help identify problems before they

start. We welcome new professional help. With that in mind, I want to publicly commend Woody Betts and Donna Beaty for their work with the

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While the budget battles have been local for a number of years, I expect there will be renewed pressure on the General Assembly to limit future percentage increases. All of Fairfax County's powers have to be specifically granted by the Commonwealth of Virginia. A California-style tax revolt or version of Prince Georges County Maryland's TRIM rule appear to be on the horizon. I would much rather see the County better live within its means than be subject to a State-mandated percentage increase limit on future budgets.

Park Lighting Update

Once again, we have advised the Park Authority in writing of the community's opposition to the extensive lighting plan for the six reconfigured athletic fields. Given the fact that the actual lighting of the fields is years away and advancing technology is making illumination and shielding of athletic field lights less of a problem for neighbors, we hope our fears in that direction will be mitigated. However, the noise and traffic issues still concern us. In short, we think the new plan has the potential to change the character of Lee District Park from a good neighbor to a mega-complex in our midst. Unlike many District Parks in Fairfax County, Lee District can only be reached by driving through stable, quiet, single family neighborhoods. Rose Hill will bear the brunt of the park's planned new-found popularity for patrons from miles away. The compressed ballfield use between 6 and 10:30pm will only add to our traffic and noise.

Auto Thefts on Rise

There were 232 autos stolen in the Franconia area last year. Ninety of them were not recovered. Seventy-six were stolen and recovered in Fairfax County and 56 were stolen and recovered outside of Fairfax County. Thirteen were stolen at Springfield Mall last year. In North America, a vehicle is stolen every 19 seconds. Among the most common myths is that if your car is stolen, your insurance company will give you a new one. That couldn't be farther from the truth. Insurance companies will pay the depreciated value of your car and won't pay the tax when you purchase a new one. And, your personal belongings that were stolen along with the car are subject to you homeowner's policy deductible. The Franconia police station's March/April newsletter passes on these suggestions to reduce auto theft:

- ★ Keep valuables out of sight.
- ★ Place personal property in the trunk and take any valuables with you.
- ★ Take your keys.
- ★ Never leave your car unattended with keys in the ignition, especially at convenience stores and gas stations.
- ★ Lock your car (approximately 50% of stolen vehicles were left unlocked).
- ★ Don't leave the registration in the car.
- ★ Park in well-lit areas at night.
- ★ If you have a garage, use it!
- ★ Park in commercial lots where there is an attendant.
- ★ Use an anti-theft security device such as a steering wheel lock, gearshift column lock, or an audible car alarm.

Earth Day/Arbor Day

Clean Fairfax Council is the producer of the Fairfax County Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 29, from 11am to 4pm at the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike. The campus is located just outside the Beltway at the West Route #236 exit. The event is FREE.

The entire plaza of the college is packed with exhibits, programs, and demonstrations. There are many children-orientated activities including games,

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puppet shows, a petting zoo, and rain forest demonstrations. Billy B, an environmental performer, will be on the main stage at noon and 2pm.

Free parking is available in the student parking lot. Food vendors will be on hand and food is the only thing you have to pay for.

County Demographic Study

The County has released a comprehensive demographic study that highlights the past, present, and future of the County. I thought you might be interested in some of the data as compiled by the County. According to the study, the County's population is aging in place. The median age of residents has significantly increased since 1970 from 25.2 years to 37.6 years of age. The number of residents over the age of 65 is expected to grow by 80% from 2000 to 2020. At the same time, while proportionally decreasing as a percent of the total population, it is expected that by 2020 the County will add nearly 43,000 new residents under the age of 19. In 1970, 36% of the County residents who worked outside the home worked in Fairfax County; today nearly 55% live and work in the County. Despite the growth to a

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population in excess of one million, a current Fairfax County resident is less likely to be the victim of either a violent crime or a property crime than during the three previous decades. As of 2004, the violent crime rate was 44% lower than it was in 1980 and the property crime rate was 61% lower.

Racial and ethnic minorities have grown from 6.8% of the population in 1970 to 38.2% in 2003. By 2010, approximately 45% of the County's population may be racial and ethnic minorities and 39% may speak a language other than English at home. Many of the County's children are children of immigrants. As of 2000, an estimated 38% of Fairfax County children under age 18 had at least one foreign-born parent. Yet, more than 75% of the children in Fairfax County who are the children of immigrants were born here, automatically making them U.S. citizens.

The full report can be reviewed online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aboutfairfax. Printed copies can be purchased for \$4 from the Maps and Publications Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Va. 22035, Suite 156, 703.324.2974.

—Carl Sell



Bicycle Safety

Although young bicyclists should learn the "rules of the road" and this release will provide safety tips, it is important *drivers* remember that as the weather warms up, they should keep watch out for bicyclists, especially in residential areas. The most important thing drivers can do to avoid striking a bicyclist is obey the speed limit, normally 35 mph in residential areas or 25 mph in school zones, but be mindful of the speed limits where you live and drive, and stay focused on the road and the possibility of young ones riding or running into your path.

During one of the first warm days of 2006, Monday, March 13, two young bicyclists were struck by cars. Both incidents demonstrate the importance for bicyclists of every age to be taught bicycle safety before being allowed to ride. The first incident

occurred around 4:30pm on King Centre Drive. A 10-year-old girl was riding her bicycle southbound on King Centre Drive when she failed to yield the right of way to a car driving eastbound. She struck the car and was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. She was not wearing a helmet. The second incident that day occurred at 5:50pm. A 7-year-old girl was riding her bicycle when she struck the back of a car traveling westbound on Lauralin Place. She was transported to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries. In both cases, the young bicyclists were at fault in the crashes. Bicycling is a great opportunity for children to have fun, but let's ensure they stay safe as well. Make sure your children are aware of the following bicycle "rules of the road."

- ★ Pedestrians have the right-of-way on sidewalks.
- ★ When riding in the street, travel in the same direction as vehicle traffic.
- ★ Children under 15 years of age are required to wear a helmet.
- ★ A bicyclist in the street has all the rights and responsibilities of any other driver.
- ★ Bicyclists should know all the hand signals to indicate direction of travel.
- ★ When coming out of a driveway or crossing a street, bicyclists must make sure there is no other traffic before proceeding — “look both ways before entering the street.”
- ★ Bicyclists must obey highway signs such as stop signs.
- ★ Remember: many times drivers do not see bicyclists, so bicyclists should use bike flags and bright colored clothing to help drivers see them.
- ★ Young bicyclists should not bike after dark.
- ★ Bicyclists should look out for cars, other bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders, animals, or any other potential obstacle in their path, and they should also be careful when passing parked cars to make sure a driver is not about to pull out from the space or open a car door.

—Fairfax County Police Department,
Franconia District Station

What if you didn't have to feel *embarrassed* to see the Dentist?

Perhaps you're not perfect about brushing or flossing, and maybe it's been a while since you've seen the dentist. Wouldn't it be nice if that were OK; that you wouldn't be judged or scolded or made to feel like you're just about the biggest failure in town? And while you're at it, wouldn't you like your smile to look better, cleaner, healthier?

We are conveniently located with good parking at **6220 Rolling Road in Springfield**. Please call us today at **703-569-6770** and let us see what is possible for you.

Michael J. Twigg, DDS

Thursday, April 27

Take Your Child to Work Day

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, April 25, 7pm. Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting.** John Marshall Library. Subject: Community Issues and Gang Violence.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday. BINGO!** Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **Any Day. Give Blood—the Gift of Life.** Inova Woodburn Blood Donor Center, 3289 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA. Monday thru Friday, 8am-8pm; Saturday, 9am-5pm. Help save up to three lives in just one hour! Blood donors are needed year round, and especially type O donors. For more information or to make an appointment to donate at a donor center or community blood drive, call 1-866-BloodSaves (866.256.6372) or visit www.inova.org/donateblood. Thank you for helping save lives in our community!
- ★ **April 22-May 13. "Love, Sex and The IRS."** A tax-time comedy about what happens when an out-of-work musician claims his male roommate as his wife. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Shows at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 3pm Sun. Tickets \$14-\$17 at www.thelittletheatre.com or 703.683.0496.
- ★ **April 23 and 30. Garden Days Tea and Tour.** Learn about the tea customs of the 19th century while enjoying a special blend of tea and period confections. Seatings at noon and 2pm at Woodlawn, the beautiful home of George Washington's adopted granddaughter, 9000 Richmond Hwy. \$25 includes tea and tour of Woodlawn, \$5 additional for tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House. Reservations required; 703.780.4000, ext. 33.

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **May 1-7. Gardening Days at Mount Vernon.** George Washington's Estate and Gardens are their most beautiful. Herbalist Betsey-Ann Golon demonstrates 18th century gardening techniques; guided landscape tours offered at 11am, 1 and 3pm daily. Famous garden and gift sale, featuring heirloom plants, some from Mount Vernon. Open daily 9:30am-4:30pm. Included in admission of \$13, \$12 for seniors, \$6 for students, with ages 5 and under free. www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000
- ★ **May 4. First Thursday in Del Ray.** Family-oriented street festival, 6-9pm, the first Thursday of every month through September. Free! www.visitdelray.com or 703.683.2570
- ★ **May 11. Second Thursday in Old Town.** The Torpedo Factory Art Center, shops and galleries stay open 'til 9pm with special events and live entertainment the second Thursday of the month, May-September. www.secondthursdays.com or 703.838.4565, ext. 6
- ★ **May 12. Piano Fireworks: Music for 2 to 8 Hands.** Four accomplished pianists perform works by Bach, Gershwin, Copland and Saint-Saens at 8pm at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St. Admission is free with donations accepted for Arlandria Neighborhood Health Services. www.opmh.org or 703.549.6670
- ★ **May 13. Annual Teddy Bear Tea.** Children ages 5-10 have the opportunity to be educated on etiquette, 1-3pm at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Children must be accompanied by an adult and proper dress is requested. Tickets \$15; reservations and payment required one week in advance. 703.838.4356
- ★ **May 13. "Orphans in Alexandria."** This popular car meet returns to the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Their manufacturers may have gone out of business, but "orphan" cars have loyal fans. Check out about 15 of these cars, 10am to 4pm. Free! www.alexandriahistory.org or 703.838.4994
- ★ **May 19-21. Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour.** This elegant evening celebrates the history of wine and highlights the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors. The evening also features live entertainment, reenactments, and tours of the rarely open cellar vaults. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. 6-9pm. Advance tickets required and available April 1 at www.ticketmaster.com or at the estate. www.mountvernon.org 703.780.2000

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntley/>

Fairfax County Park Authority's largest park (1,428 acres) includes wetlands, forests, meadows, streams,

and ponds. It has resident deer, beaver, heron, and other animals. Facilities include a visitor center, auditorium, exhibits, and an interpretive trail with boardwalk and observation platforms. Programs for groups by reservation. The Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday; closed Tuesday. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **May 6, 1-4pm. Photography Show Reception.** Meet artist Norma Heim at the opening for her two month exhibition, "Nature in Mixed Media." FREE
- ★ **May 7, Noon-3pm. Wetlands Awareness Day.** Enjoy an afternoon of wetland interpretation, wildlife presentations and a "Fun Fair" for kids. Bring your friends and family to celebrate the importance of wetlands to wildlife and you. There is a modest fee for some activities. FREE
- ★ **May 15, 3:15-4:30pm. Young Explorers — Turtles.** 6-8 yrs. Through a story and walk learn about sliders, snappers, and box turtles. Reservations required. \$3
- ★ **May 17 and 18, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30am.** Nature Detectives — Turtles. 3-5 yrs. Through story, activity and craft learn about sliders, snappers, and box turtles. Reservations required. \$5

Other Park Authority Spring Events

- ★ **Water Mine Gold Rush Season Pass.** Guarantee a summer of fun and great savings with a Season Pass to the Water Mine. Buy your Season Pass before May 27th and save! <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/watermine/>
- ★ **April 29. Virginia Hunters Horse Show Series.** 8am, Frying Pan Farm Park, 703.437.9101. Walk, trot, canter to this beginner horse show. Classes include hunters, ponies, equitation, and more. Spectators FREE
- ★ **May 6. Trailfest.** The Park Authority invites communities to join the celebration of the opening of the 40-mile Cross County Trail. Trailfest will feature dozens of programs and activities along the trail. The agency is asking us and other neighborhood organizations, associations, and clubs along the trail to come out that day displaying their community spirit by walking together and representing their community by wearing their t-shirts or hats, or carrying a flag. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trailfest/>

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive. Events are free unless noted. Reservations are encouraged; call 703.971.0010, TTY: 703.324.8365.

- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Personalized Internet Training.** Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Thursday, April 27, 4pm. Curiosity Club.** Stories, activities, and a simple science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7pm. Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Fridays, 12pm. Lunch Bunch.** Bring a lunch and enjoy stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 3, 10:30am. May Flowers.** Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, May 4, 7pm. Teddy Bear Time.** Bedtime stories. Bring a stuffed animal. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 10, 10:30am. Small Wonders.** Short stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Monday, May 15, 1:45pm. School's Out Fun.** After school activities and crafts. Age 6-10.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 17, 10:30am. Mommy & Me.** Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 17, 7:15pm. Book Discussion Group.** Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Thursday, May 25, 4pm. Curiosity Club.** Stories, activities, and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.

Edison High School

- ★ **April 28 & 29 and May 5 & 6, 7:30pm. Drama Production: The Pajama Game.** Labor and management at the Sleepite Pajama Factory aren't getting much sleep lately: a proposed 7 1/2 cent hourly wage increase is the reason—and a job action may be the result. But don't worry: negotiating strategies here involve snappy characters, terrific tunes and dynamic dances!
- ★ **Parents of Freshmen.** Please join the Class of 2009 officers, sponsors and administrator for a meeting, April 25, 7pm in the Lecture Hall. We will discuss class activities, fundraising efforts and ways to get involved with your student's class. Contact Ms. Ayala at meredith.ayala@fcps.edu or 703.924.8240 with any questions.
- ★ **Attention Edison Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors!** April 29, 8am, join us at Edison High School's Lecture Hall to take an official SAT practice exam. This practice exam simulates every aspect of a real SAT exam. On May 10 at 7pm, we will reconvene at Edison to receive a complete 8-page diagnostic with analysis of your scores, essay score explanation, areas of strengths and weaknesses, and test taking strategies. There will be questions & answer session with an SAT expert! The cost is only \$5 with all proceeds going to the PTSA. Sign up in the Career Center or call 1.800.783.1SAT.

- ★ **April 26, 7-9pm. King Street Blues in Kingstowne.** A percentage of all meal checks with "Edison Boys Lacrosse" written on the back will be donated to the Edison's boys lacrosse program.

Mark Twain Middle School

- ★ **April 27, 6-8pm. Twain Night**
- ★ **May 8-12. Teacher Appreciation Week**
- ★ **May 29. Memorial Day**
- ★ **June 16, 7-9:30pm. 8th Grade Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball**

Rose Hill Elementary School

- ★ **April 25, 7pm. Kindergarten registration.** Please contact the school office at 703.313.4200 if you have questions.
- ★ **April 26, 9:30am, 1:30pm, and 7pm. Rose Hill Singers Spring Concert.** This will be a very unusual concert because it will involve a little audience participation. It's a mystery on Old MacDonald's Farm and Piglet is missing!! Who took him and will he be returned unharmed? Come to our concert and find out!
- ★ **May 1-5. Rose Hill Book Fair.** Family Night, May 4, 3:30 to 8pm.
- ★ **May 2, 9:30am. Principal's Coffee.** Rose Hill School Library. This is an informal opportunity for conversation, questions, and getting to know you.

The Jungle Book

The Rose Hill Players of Rose Hill Elementary School will perform the musical adaptation of "The Jungle Book." This classic tale follows the adventures of Mowgli, a young boy who is raised in the jungle by a family of wolves. When Shere Khan, the sinister tiger, threatens the child, Baloo and Bagheera befriend and protect him. Join Mowgli as he discovers the dangers and hilarious surprises of the jungle.

This production is suitable for the whole family. All performances are held at Edison High School. Tickets will be available at the door: Adults \$4, Children \$2. Performance times are: Friday, May 19 at 7pm; Saturday, May 20 at 12 noon; and Saturday, May 20 at 7pm.

Rose Hill Business Directory

Residents who own or operate a company are eligible to have their business listed monthly in *The Rambler* free of charge. Businesses are encouraged to provide Rose Hill residents with quality service and products at a fair price. *The Rambler* reserves the right to print recommendations from consumers, both pro and con. To have your business listed or to provide updates, call Marty Williams at 703.924.7192.

CHILD CARE

Mama High's Pre-School and Day Care. Mrs. Carola High has 16 years of experience in training and caring for children ages 3 weeks through 5 years old. Excellent preparation for those starting kindergarten. We talk with babies and toddlers in simple language. State Licensed, Former Teacher. Full- or part-time. 4613 Cottonwood Place, 703.971.0741.

Llewellyn Family Daycare. 14 years experience providing care for children of all ages. State Licensed, CPR- and First Aid-Certified. Accepting applications for full-time and part-time care. Before and after school care. Transportation provided for Rose Hill Elementary School. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 6:30 am-6:30 pm. Weekend and evening care available upon request. Year-round preschool curriculum. Fun-filled days of learning and exploring. Every month a different theme. Daily activities include reading, arts and crafts, circle time, letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and outdoor play. Plenty of space for activities! Excellent references. Fairfax County Child Care Assistance Program accepted. To schedule an appointment, call Jessica at 703.765.1661.

DECK AND FENCE

B&B Deck & Fence, Inc. Cliff James, Owner, 6412 May Boulevard, T-703.719.7015, F-703.922.3779.

DIGITAL DESIGN

DG Designs. Web pages, registration, scanning services, hosting, and custom graphic art work. (Great service, too [Ed.].) Ronald G. Dillon, 1.877.233.2224, 703.971.2125 or www.dgdesigns.com. Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Place.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Fabrications. Invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your light editing, printing, and paper needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, 703.924.7192, or marty@fabrications.us. She is the Editor of *The Rambler* and lives on Cottonwood Drive.

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 19 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 31 years.

HOME REPAIRS

Hugh Watts. From a new roof to the smallest of problems, contact Hugh Watts at 703.593.5908 or pearlwatts@aol.com. Pearl, as he is known, grew up on Haystack Road and his mom still lives there. A number of Rose Hill residents provide glowing references concerning work Pearl has performed for them at a fair price.

INVITATIONS/PERSONALIZED STATIONERY

Sicks-Pack Productions. Sara Sicks, 703.922.6299. Sara offers personalized stationery and invitations for every occasion—from

weddings to birth announcements to parties—all at 10 to 20% less than what you would pay if you bought the same item at a stationery store. Come by to browse the selection with no obligation. Sara lives on Cottonwood Drive.

KITCHEN REMODELING

Southern Kitchens. Bill York, 703.548.4459. Complete kitchen remodeling. Our showroom is in Alexandria on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Please call for an appointment. Bill lives on Clovergrass Drive.

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.

Dan's Lawn & Leaf Service. Daniel P. Bishop, 703.719.7806. We guarantee fast, friendly, and affordable service. Located in the Rose Hill subdivision and serving its residents for 4 years.

LICENSED NOTARY PUBLIC

Chrissy Blackwell. 703.971.5840, after 6pm and on weekends. Chrissy lives on Willowood.

MEMORY BOOKS

Creative Memories. Sally Dankers, 571.331.7245. Get your precious photographs out of the drawer and organized in a beautiful photo-safe album. Sally has lived on Carriage Drive since 1990.

PAINTING

Painting by Sherry. Cheryl Matey, 703.921.9422. Exterior/Interior. Cheryl has lived in Rose Hill 20 years.

PET SITTING

Welcome Waggin' Professional Pet Sitting. www.welcomewaggin.com, 703.819.0809. Welcome Waggin' is a small company offering extremely personalized service. We do mid-day dog walking as well as pet sitting visits to the home for people who are away on business or vacation. Bonded, insured, and references available. Proud members of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters and The Northern Virginia Professional Pet Sitters Network. Janelle Welch lives on Sturbridge Place.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Tisara Photography. Nina Tisara, 703.838.8098. Tisara Photography is a family business with a full-service studio in Old Town, Alexandria, since 1990. They specialize in portraits and special events. Nina lives on Hayfield Place.

QUILTS

Hand-Made Quilts. Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. If interested, please call 703.924.3704 or email oraclenmarjorie@aol.com.

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REAL ESTATE

Re/Max Allegiance. Karen Davidson, 703.927.4448. www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson, www.karen-davidson.com, email: kedavidson@aol.com. Karen lives on Roundhill Road.

Re/Max Metro 100. Steve Dougherty, 703.971.3886 (home) or 642.3380 (office). Steve, his wife Holly, and their 6 children live on Roundhill Road.

ROOFING

Timothy's Roofing Company, Inc. Timothy Jenkins, 703.820.6065. Timothy has installed several roofs in Rose Hill since moving to our neighborhood (Appletree Drive) in 2002. He has a Class A Contractors License and has been in business for 24 years. Free estimates.

TREE SERVICE

Arbor Experts. Brad Campbell, 703.339.6451. Removal, trimming, pruning, etc. Brad lives on Roundhill Road and wants to serve his home neighborhood in Rose Hill. Local references available.

Advertising in *The Rambler*

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

- * Business card: 3 1/2" x 2", \$10
- * 1/4 page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- * 1/2 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 703.924.7192. Artwork can be sent to marty@fabrications.us 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.

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