

# The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

**President's Message**

## We're Still Trying to Find More Rose Hill Originals

Cottonwood Drive, near its intersection with Apple Tree Drive, was a dirt road when Jean and William Stemple moved there in early 1955. Soon thereafter, the Thomsons (Jean and Robert) moved in a few doors away. They knew the Stemples were the only other residents because it was the only house with the lights on. And, just across the street on Apple Tree, Helen Wagness arrived in November of 1955. The Stemples, Jean Thomson, and Helen Wagness are still there.

A couple of years later, Mike and Bea Evans moved to Willowood Lane near Telegraph Road. They didn't have far to go, having moved from Virginia Hills. Later that year, Helen and Robert Flahive moved to Cottonwood Drive west of Rose Hill Drive. They arrived before the house was finished so their kids could start school in the fall. Not long thereafter, Jane Letsche move a few doors away from Helen, and Jack and Dot Moore took up residence at the corner of Cottonwood and Winston Place. Jack was one of the early Boy Scout leaders in Rose Hill. The Evans, Helen Flahive, Jane Letsche, and the Moores are still there.

RHCA is seeking information on other Rose Hill 'originals' who still live here. As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are planning to put their names on a plaque at the historic marker in front of the John Marshall Library. We'd like to get the plaque installed by early summer of 2006.

Since Rose Hill was built over a number of years, we want to honor those long-term residents who have either reached or are closing in on 50 years in the community. The only criterion is that they have lived in an original Rose Hill address since it was built.

We have identified other long-time residents in earlier editions of *The Rambler*. All are listed on our website, myrosehill.com. If you know of any others, please give me a call at 703.971.4716 or email me at sellcarl@aol.com. We don't want to miss anyone. Check out William Stemple's story on page 10.

**January Meeting**

Although we don't have a speaker for the RHCA meeting on Tuesday, January 24, at the library, there will be lots going on. The meeting starts at 7pm. The grading plan for Rose Hill Section III (Rose Hill Reserve) will be available, along with the RHCA letter to the County engineers. We hope to be able to further update those who are interested in the dilapidated house on Roundhill Road. Also, the latest information on traffic calming will be made available and discussed. RHCA will be participating in a meeting on that subject the day after the meeting, so

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**Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting  
Tuesday, January 24, 7:00pm  
John Marshall Library**

**Topics:** Section III, Dilapidated Roundhill House, and Traffic Calming Updates; Future Meeting Topics

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it is important that the concerns of the community are discussed again beforehand. We also will be planning future topics and speakers for RHCA meetings. Finally, we'll give everyone a chance to ask questions or make suggestions about how to continue to improve our community. Make plans to be with us at 7pm on Tuesday, January 24, at the John Marshall Library.

### **Holiday Lights**

Once again, Rose Hill was ablaze with outdoor lights during the Holiday season. If you didn't drive around the community and enjoy the displays, you missed a good time. Two of the grand prize winners were off the beaten path while the Downeys on Telegraph Road continued to provide a pleasant sight for Rose Hill and the surrounding communities. The Dillons on Winston Place and the Corbins on Blossom Lane had over-the-top displays. All three earned grand prizes. Once again, the Luginbills had their large tree lighted on Rose Hill Drive and the Dodsons did the same around the corner on Wayside Place. Cynthia Johnson-Cavey on East Chester once again won the prize for the best entrance display. Exceptional awards went to the Fulks and Campbells on Cottonwood Drive, the Szamborskis on Winston Place, The Palmers on Apple Tree Drive, the Karanwals on Telegraph Road, and the Barneys on Treetop Lane. Also, the Alstons and the Friend/Smith combo on Leewood Drive, the Masons on Saddle Tree Drive, and the Calunguis on Roundhill Road had exceptional displays. There were numerous excellent and outstanding displays. The compete list of winners is on the next page. Certificates for the major categories will be available within a few days.

### **Lee District Park Lights**

Despite the objections from RHCA and numerous Rose Hill residents, it appears the Park Authority is going ahead with plans to light the athletic fields at Lee District Park. Supervisor Kauffman said in an email to several residents that he does not believe that traffic on Rose Hill Drive will increase significantly and that the lights should not cause enough glare to adversely affect our community. He did say that he has asked for more information concerning the latter issue. RHCA has asked to be informed of any lighting updates. We also have been told that there likely will be restriction on the hours the fields will be lighted. If the Park Authority is so sure the lights will not be a problem, why then restrict their use? Apparently, we have hit a nerve. The Park

***The Dillons on Winston Place and the Corbins on Blossom Lane had over-the-top displays.***

Authority is scheduled to take up the proposed new master plan in February. As of this writing, RHCA has not received a reply from the Park Authority to a letter stating the community's concerns. Perhaps the most disturbing element of this issue is that it appears the Park Authority staff apparently decided to move forward and ignored input from the community. I want to be clear that the staff at Lee District Park always has been cooperative with and sensitive to the concerns of our community. Too bad the staff at headquarters in Fairfax didn't follow that good neighbor policy.

### **Dilapidated House**

The house at 4612 Roundhill Road is falling down and we're having a tough time getting the owner or the County to do anything about it. RHCA's New Year's resolution is to apply pressure on both to get the eyesore cleaned up. The neighbors on Roundhill Road, Willowood Lane, and Dew Grass Drive shouldn't have to live next to such a mess. We have talked to Supervisor Kauffman and he has agreed to put pressure on the appropriate County agencies to get something done. The Health Department has notified the owners that the property must be secured in order to prevent outside entry. If that is not done, the Health Department has the authority to secure the property. RHCA supports that **first** step in order to prevent unauthorized occupancy and the possibility of any neighborhood youngsters entering the house and suffering an injury. More important, the Health Department records indicate that it can attest that the property has been vacant since April of 2002. The neighbors say it's been longer. In any event, that's enough time for the County's Blight Abatement Office to move forward with rehabilitation plans should the owner not do it himself.

The property is owned by John A. Ruth of Springfield. RHCA has contacted Mr. Ruth on several occasions in an attempt to get the property cleaned up and repaired. According to court records, the house was sold at foreclosure sale on November 7, 1997. The sale was conducted by an attorney as the substitute trustee under a deed of trust from John A. Ruth that secured a loan held by Chevy Chase Bank, FSB. The property was sold to a third party. However, after the closing, Mr. Ruth filed an action in Fairfax County Circuit Court contesting the sale on the ground that the bank had allowed him to cure (satisfy) the default under his loan prior to the foreclosure sale. The parties negotiated a settlement on

## 2005 Holiday Lighting Awards

### GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

The Dillons  
4618 Winston Place

### GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

The Downeys  
6516 Telegraph Road

### GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

The Corbins  
6221 Blossom Lane

### BEST OUTDOOR TREE

The Luginbills  
6327 Rose Hill Drive

### OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR TREE

The Dodsons  
6400 Wayside Place

### BEST ENTRANCE DECORATION

Johnson-Cavey  
5009 East Chester Circle

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Szamborskis*  
4615 Winston Place

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Palmers*  
4511 Apple Tree Drive

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Alstons*  
6118 Leewood Drive

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Karanwals*  
6710 Telegraph Road

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Fulks*  
6410 Cottonwood Drive

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Calunguis*  
4512 Roundhill Road

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Campbells*  
6402 Cottonwood Drive

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Barneys*  
5000 Treetop Lane

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*The Masons*  
6311 Saddle Tree Drive

### EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*Friend/Smith*  
6111 Leewood Drive

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### EXCELLENT DISPLAY

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The Kaminskys, 6501 Haystack Road  
The Morrises, 6328 Rose Hill Drive  
The Vasquez, 6405 Rose Hill Drive  
The Caparases, 6707 Greendale Road  
The Wyckoffs, 6309 Saddle Tree Drive  
The Goods, 6404 Roundhill Road  
The Williams, 6121 Dew Grass Court  
The Webers, 6120 Dew Grass Court  
The Martins, 6115 Blue Grass Drive  
The Kalkorans, 6112 Clover Grass Drive  
The Shapiros, 6221 Driftwood Drive  
The Vereens, 6222 Thornwood Drive  
The Grigsbys, 6409 Willowood Lane  
The Cardones, 6418 Willowood Lane  
The Fosters, 6419 Willowood Lane



*Best Outdoor Tree: The Luginbills*

*Holiday Lighting Awards Continued on Page 4*

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## OUTSTANDING DISPLAY

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The Harpers, 4501 Apple Tree Drive  
The Chaunceys, 4502 Apple Tree Drive  
The Herreras, 4525 Apple Tree Drive  
The Peytons, 4601 Apple Tree Drive  
The Zentenos, 4800 Apple Tree Drive  
The Wangnesses, 4804 Apple Tree Dr.  
The Collins, 4907 Apple Tree Drive  
The Borchevskys, 4511 Bee Street  
The Kanduls, 6218 Blossom Lane  
The Yeteslers, 6222 Blossom Lane  
The Browns, 6114 Blue Grass Drive  
The Beamons, 6425 Carriage Drive  
The Rices, 6431 Carriage Drive  
Christiansen, 6500 Carriage Drive  
Unknown, 6509 Carriage Drive  
The Dankers, 6511 Carriage Drive  
The Murnames, 6513 Carriage Drive  
The Fedakes, 6219 Climbhill Road  
The Mintos, 6220 Climbhill Road  
The Santos, 6221 Climbhill Road  
The Villareals, 6301 Climbhill Road  
The Peytons, 6311 Climbhill Road  
The Heislaps, 6321 Cottonwood Drive  
The Butlers, 6401 Cottonwood Drive  
The Tribinos, 6403 Cottonwood Drive  
The Wolfes, 6411 Cottonwood Drive  
The Adams, 6409 Cottonwood Drive  
The Suggs, 6510 Cottonwood Drive  
The Taylors, 4610 Cottonwood Place  
The Kroetchs, 4700 Flower Lane  
The Rabys, 4705 Flower Lane  
The Taylors, 4807 Flower Lane  
The Westgates, 6708 Greendale Road  
The Perlas, 5002 Greendale Place

The Gillespies, 6507 Haystack Road  
The Pulmans, 6510 Haystack Road  
The Abegazs, 6513 Haystack Road  
The Guintos, 6515 Haystack Road  
The Ryans, 6518 Haystack Road  
The Perrys, 4515 Lark Lane  
The Cumbas, 6014 Leewood Drive  
The Palmers, 6101 Leewood Drive  
The Hatchers, 6102 Leewood Drive  
The Collins, 6110 Leewood Drive  
The Mayos, 6120 Leewood Drive  
Unknown, 6309 Maryview Street  
The Lawrences, 6330 Maryview Street  
The Caesars, 6331 Maryview Street  
The Phillips, 6408 Maryview Street  
Unknown, 6415 Maryview Street  
The Loarcas, 6406 May Boulevard  
The James, 6412 May Boulevard  
The Cunniffes, 4609 Mayor Place  
The Eyobs, 6206 Redwood Lane  
Sandy Benarick, 6270 Rose Hill Drive  
The Krauses, 6300 Rose Hill Drive  
The Justices, 6402 Rose Hill Drive  
The Lenders, 6406 Rose Hill Drive  
The Swyers, 6407 Rose Hill Drive  
The Salgados, 6409 Rose Hill Drive  
The Gregsons, 6411 Rose Hill Drive  
The Mazos, 6425 Rose Hill Drive  
The Martinez, 6504 Rose Hill Drive  
The Nguyens, 6512 Rose Hill Drive  
The Cochrans, 4424 Roundhill Road  
The Duffs, 4430 Roundhill Road  
The Fields, 4432 Roundhill Road  
The Doughertys, 4522 Roundhill Road

The Williams, 4525 Roundhill Road  
The Davidsons, 4607 Roundhill Road  
The Hoovers, 6314 Saddle Tree Drive  
The Thomases, 4701 Split Rock Road  
The Orocs, 4703 Split Rock Road  
The Greears, 4704 Split Rock Road  
The Friedlanders, 6504 Telegraph Road  
The Vos, 6714 Telegraph Road  
Unknown, 6203 Thornwood Drive  
The Lewises, 6206 Thornwood Drive  
The Haupt, 6208 Thornwood Drive  
The Peerkis, 6224 Thornwood Drive  
The Hoffmans, 5002 Treetop Lane  
The Lelanskys, 5004 Treetop Lane  
The Martinezs, 6311 Willowood Lane  
Unknown, 6314 Willowood Lane  
The Wolfings, 6327 Willowood Lane  
Unknown, 6410 Willowood Lane  
The Evans, 6411 Willowood Lane  
The Castillos, 6413 Willowood Lane  
The Parkers, 6417 Willowood Lane  
The Lynches, 4619 Winston Place

If we misspelled or had your name wrong, please give us a call and we will correct it in the February *Rambler*. If you think the judges missed an address, please let us know. Sometimes, it's just a matter of the lights not being on when the judges made their rounds.



*Outstanding Outdoor Tree—The Dodsons*

the matter, which basically entailed rescinding the foreclosure sale and restoring Mr. Ruth as the owner of the property.

RHCA will continue to pressure the County on a regular basis. Any new developments between issues of *The Rambler* will be updated on our website, myrosehill.com. Make sure you log on to the website and add your name to those who wish to be notified when there are updates of any kind.

### **Rose Hill Reserve Update**

The owner of Rose Hill Section III, the 22-plus acres generally located west of Rose Hill Drive and Cottonwood Drive and north of Carriage Drive has filed a site plan with the County. It appears to follow the plan negotiated by RHCA and approved by the Board of Supervisors in July of 2004. The plan calls for 45 houses, a reduction of 14 from what previously was approved. RHCA continues to have questions about the feasibility of developing two houses behind Winston Place, a water runoff problem behind the houses on Rose Hill Drive near the new community's entrance at Wayside Place, and the width of the buffer in several specific locations. We have asked the County engineers to take note of our concerns during their review. Also, since the project is to be built on marine clay, a review by an independent board of engineers will be undertaken. We have asked the County engineers to report their findings at an

RHCA meeting prior to any action of the site plan. They have agreed to do so.

### **Building Permits**

Recently, the Rambler at 6711 Greendale Road was torn down and a new two-story house began to rise in its place. However, the company doing the work had not bothered to obtain either a demolition permit or a building permit. Fairfax County was notified of the violations and ordered the work stopped until the proper permits were issued. The situation should give pause to anyone in Rose Hill who plans to tear down an existing house and build a bigger one in its place, or plans to build an addition of any kind. Building, mechanical, and electrical permits should be in place before work begins by a licensed contractor. The permit process is not an easy one, so allow enough time to obtain them. And, remember, you can't get a permit unless your addition is built within the zoning envelope. Since Rose Hill is zoned R-3, that means it must be 12 feet from the property line on the side, 30 feet in the front, 25 feet in the rear, and the height limitation is 35 feet. In the event you build an addition without a permit and get by with it, your troubles are not over. A closer reading of your homeowner's insurance policy could reveal that additions or improvements built without the proper permits are not covered.

—Carl Sell

## **2006 RHCA Membership Drive Underway**

The early birds listed on the next page have already renewed their Rose Hill Civic Association membership for 2006. We hope you will fill out the membership form (also on the next page) and mail it to RHCA at your earliest convenience.

The regular dues help pay for the printing of *The Rambler*, provide the Rose Hill Beauty signs (you don't get one unless you are a member), and help support Neighborhood Watch and various charities that benefit our community. For example, we support Koinonia, the Edison All-Night Graduation party, the Christmas Eve dinner for police on duty, and food for the staff at Lee District Park who work July 4.

In addition, RHCA takes on various projects each year that help support the community. For example, last year we funded the supplies and plants for the new garden at the library facing Rose Hill Drive. We

also pay for the seasonal plantings at the entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive. We ask for contributions to support these projects.

This year, we are establishing a fund to help offset costs incurred by the staff at Rose Hill Elementary that are not paid for by the school system. Principal Terri Czarniak will work with RHCA to make sure the money is used for legitimate purposes that will help either needy students or buy supplies needed by classroom teachers.

We also appreciate contributions to the general fund for unforeseen items that may come up such as the expensive damage to the entrance sign two years ago.

2006 members as of January 13, 2006, are listed on the next page. They can also be found online at myrosehill.com.

**Rose Hill Civic Association Members as of January 13, 2006**

Betty Balch, 6400 Hayfield Place  
Jo Ann Barney, 5000 Tree Top Lane  
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive  
Philip & Carol Bishop, 6310 Climbhill Road  
Gary Bravy, 6214 Climbhill Road  
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive  
Mark & Lorraine Broxterman, 6424 Haystack Road  
Tracy Campbell, 6402 Cottonwood Drive  
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  
Sally Coler, 6401 Hayfield Place  
Virginia Dahlgren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive  
Bill & Sally Dankers and Marjorie Parkyn, 6511 Carriage Drive  
Ed & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive  
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road  
Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive  
Fredy & Maxine Heyer, 4704 Flower Lane  
Douglas Hoey, 6208 Redwood Lane  
John & Erika Good, 4604 Roundhill Road  
John & Jackie Lewis, 6206 Thornwood Drive  
Leahsa McCaw & Richard Sandoval, 6402 Rye Court

Frank & Marge McConnell, 6220 Thornwood Drive  
Dolores McKinney, 6303 Cottonwood Drive  
Marnie Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive  
Jean Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road  
But & Mien Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive  
Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive  
Thakor Patel, 6401 Maryview Street  
Stella & Anthony Peters, 4610 Mayor Place  
Jo Ann Ponce, 6203 Willowood Lane  
Louise Prystaloski, 4910 Silo Road  
Gopal & Krishna Ray, 6412 Willowood Lane  
Jim & Nancy Richey, 4402 Roundhill Road  
David & Nancy Ridgway, 4609 Cottonwood Place  
Eric & Deborah Rumph, 6409 May Boulevard  
E. Wayne Ryan, 6518 Haystack Road  
Carl & Marti Sell, 6601 Cottonwood Drive  
James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive  
Michael Smith & Ratri Friend, 6111 Leewood Drive  
Fred, Nancy & Steve Stinnette, 4520 Apple Tree Drive  
Ms. Ray M. Stone, 4528 Roundhill Road  
Nina Tisara, 6408 Hayfield Place  
Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road  
Wanda & Tom Violette, 6408 May Boulevard  
Connie Vincenzes, 6610 Cottonwood Drive  
Linda & Lauck Walton, 4900 Silo Road  
Karen Wheelless, 6709 Greendale Road

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***To join or renew your membership in the Rose Hill Civic Association...***

**Please fill out this form or online at [MyRoseHill.com](http://MyRoseHill.com) and mail, along with your check, to the  
RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310.**

**If you have questions, feel free to call any of the officers listed on the front page.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is a check for:
- \$10 for membership
  - \$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign
  - \$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for Rose Hill Elementary School
  - \$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for RHCA General Fund

***Thank you!***

# Rose Hill Community Calendar

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## Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, November 22, 7pm. Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting.** John Marshall Library. Subjects: Section III, Dilapidated Roundhill House, and Traffic Calming Updates; Future Meeting Topics.
- ★ **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](http://www.inova.org/donateblood). Thank you for helping save lives in our community!
- ★ **January 14 - February 4. "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."** An imaginary, twisted, and hilarious meeting between Picasso and Einstein could only spring from the "wild and crazy" mind of Steve Martin, this year's Mark Twain Award for American Comedy recipient. Watch as the two men and a few surprise guests join in the banter! At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Shows at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 3pm Sun. Tickets \$14-\$17 at [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) or 703/683-0496.
- ★ **February 2, 9, 16. 18th Century Dance Classes.** In preparation for the George Washington Birthnight Ball, learn the dances popular in his era! Led by expert dance master Corky Palmer. 7:30-9:30pm, \$12 per class, \$30 for the series. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or 703/838-4242.
- ★ **February 3-March 3. "Ageless Spectrum."** This exhibit features paintings and drawings by residents of local nursing homes, where art has been effective therapy. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., 11am-3pm Wed.-Fri., 1-3pm Sat., 1-4pm Sun., with opening reception 10:30am-12:30pm February 3. Free! [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or 703/548-0035.
- ★ **February 4. "Black History Above and Below Ground."** Archaeologist Pamela Cressey leads this two-hour tour of little-known Civil War sites associated with African Americans. 10am-noon, leaving from Dutch Treat coffee shop across Diagonal Road from the King Street Metro stop. Free! Registration required. 703/838-4399.
- ★ **February 4. Alexandria Symphony — "Shakespeare & Love."** The acclaimed professional orchestra performs works by Mendelssohn, Prokofiev, and Elvis Costello, all inspired by Shakespeare. 8pm the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets available at [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or 703/548-0885.
- ★ **February 5. Music: The Food of Love.** Ensemble Gaudior presents masterpieces of chamber music from the Baroque and Classical eras. 4pm at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St. Free; donations requested to benefit Bienvenidos, a mentoring program for Latino students. [www.opmh.org](http://www.opmh.org) or 703/549-6670.
- ★ **February 5, 12, 19, 26. Slave-Life Mansion Tours: Black & White Together.** Learn about the daily life of George Mason's family and the slaves who worked in service and lived in close proximity to them with this tour appropriate for all ages. Noon, 1:30 and 3pm at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Admission \$8, \$7 for seniors, \$4 for ages 6-18, free for children under 6. [www.gunstonhall.org](http://www.gunstonhall.org) 703/550-9220.
- ★ **February 5, 12, 19, 26. Walking With Washington.** Take this FREE, two-hour walking tour to learn about Alexandria's favorite son. Leaves from 1:30pm from the fountain in Market Square, 301 King St. For more information, call Alexandria Archaeology at 703/838-4399.
- ★ **February 11. Black History Book Signing.** The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., hosts a book signing for local authors at 11am. Free! [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or 703/838-4356.
- ★ **February 11. Symposium on George Washington.** This annual event looks at a specific time period in Washington's life, this year looking at the years after 1788, the Constitution, and Washington's first term as president. 8:30am-4pm at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Tickets include lunch, with discounts for students. [www.washingtonbirthday.net](http://www.washingtonbirthday.net) or 703/991-4474.
- ★ **February 18-20. George Washington Birthday Celebration!** A city-wide celebration for Alexandria's favorite son. For the latest in schedules and weather updates, check out [www.washingtonbirthday.net](http://www.washingtonbirthday.net) or 703/991-4474.
- ★ **February 18. George Washington Classic 10K Race.** 8:30am, Eisenhower Avenue, east of the Holiday Inn. \$20 in advance; \$22 the day of. 703/991-4474.  
**Birthnight Banquet & Ball.** Tavern fare, toasts to George Washington and 18th-century dancing, 5:30-11pm at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. \$75 for banquet and ball; \$30 for ball only; advance reservations required. Tickets available at [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or 703/838-4242.
- ★ **February 18-19. Breakfast with George Washington.** Join Gen. Washington for a sample of his favorite breakfast, "hoecakes swimming in butter and honey," while supplies last at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. 9 a.m.-4pm. Free with regular admission of \$9; \$8.50 seniors, \$4.50 children 6-11. [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) or 703/780-2000.

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## Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **February 19. Revolutionary War Encampment.** Living history presentation with authentic skirmish at 2pm at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. 10am-4pm Free! 703/838-4848.
- ★ **February 20. Birthday Celebration at Mount Vernon.** Admission is free to George Washington's home with a wreath-lying ceremony at 10am followed by musical performances. 9am-4pm, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) or 703/780-2000.
- ★ **February 20. Open House at the Friendship Firehouse.** Established in 1774, the Friendship Fire Company now is housed in a firehouse that was built in 1871. Come view the exhibitions and historic firefighting equipment at 107 S. Alfred St., 10am-4pm. Free! 703/838-3891.  
**Open House at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.** Celebrate George Washington's birthday in the same tavern where he celebrated it at 134 N. Royal St. 11 a.m.-4pm. Free! 703/838-4242.  
**Open House at Carlyle House.** Tour this beautiful and historic home while you are in Alexandria for the birthday celebrations. 121 N. Fairfax St. 11 a.m.-4pm. Free! 703/549-2997.  
**Open House at The Lyceum.** Learn about George Washington's hometown at the city's history museum, 201 S. Washington St. 11 a.m.-4pm. Free! 703/838-4994.  
**Ceremony Honoring the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution.** Ceremony held at the grave of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St. 11am. Free! 703/549-6670.  
**George Washington Birthday Parade.** The largest parade honoring the first president and Alexandria's hometown hero features marching bands, floats, military and reenactment units, Masonic groups, equestrian entries, antique cars, and of course, George and Martha Washington throughout Old Town Alexandria. 1pm. Free! [www.washingtonbirthday.net](http://www.washingtonbirthday.net) or 703/991-4474.

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### Huntley Meadows Park

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525. 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. In January and February, the

Visitor Center is open 9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday-Friday; noon to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday. The Visitor Center is closed Tuesday. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **Friday, January 27. Café Cattail.** 7-9:30pm. Welcome to Huntley Meadows' very own coffeehouse! Enjoy a relaxing evening applauding our community's talents. Musicians, dancers and poets are encouraged to share their arts with a nature theme. Reservations required for performers only. FREE.
- ★ **January 30 and 31, February 4 and 5. Winter Chills and Thrills.** 5-10 yrs., 10am-1pm. What a fun way to spend the day off from school. Drop in to play games, make crafts and explore self-guided activities. Discover how wildlife copes with winter. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$2/child.
- ★ **Saturday, February 11. Winter Tree Trek.** 16 yrs. & up. Learn to use keys and other tools to identify winter trees from such clues as shapes, twigs, and bark. Then explore the winter woods to practice your skills. Participants will receive a Tree Finder book. Reservations.
- ★ **February 18, 19, 25, and 26. Sherlock Bones.** 1-3pm. Skulls, skeletons, and self-guided activities will be set up in the classroom to bring out the Sherlock in you. FREE.
- ★ **Saturday, February 25. Winter Birds and Bagels.** Adults. Enjoy the winter season during this morning search for resident birds. Following the walk, warm up with hot chocolate and fresh bagels. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$5.

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### John Marshall Library

Events are free unless noted. Reservations are encouraged for library activities; call 703.971.0010.

- ★ **Monday, January 23, 1:45pm.** School's Out Fun. After school activities and fun. Age 6-10.
- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Thursday, January 26, 4:00pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities and a simple science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7:00pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Fridays, 12:00pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring a lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, February 1, 10:30am.** Quiet as a Mouse. Stories, activities and a craft about mice. Age 2-3 with adult.

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## Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Wednesday, February 8, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Short stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Monday, February 13, 1:45pm.** School's Out Fun. After-school, activities and crafts. Age 6-10.
- ★ **Wednesday, February 15, 10:30am.** Let's Be Friends. Stories, activities and a craft to celebrate friendship. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, February 15, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. The Emperor of Ocean Park by Stephen Carter. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Saturday, February 18, 2:00pm.** The One-Step MagiCompany. Join Beowulf T. Wonderbunny for magic and balloon sculpting. All ages.
- ★ **Thursday, February 23, 4:00pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities and an age appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.

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### Edison High School

- ★ **January 27.** Student Holiday
- ★ **January 28.** SATs 7am-2:30pm
- ★ **January 30.** Student Holiday
- ★ **February 1.** Career and Transition Resource Fair 6-9pm
- ★ **February 20.** School Holiday
- ★ **Edison Drama's Baja Fresh Night.** Mark your calendars for Edison Drama's Baja Fresh night on Tuesday, January 24, 4 to 10pm at the Manchester Lakes location. Please present the flyer available at [www.edisondrama.com](http://www.edisondrama.com) for Edison to receive 15% of your purchase. On the Edison Drama website, you can continue to support the Drama Department by clicking on the links for Amazon.com and/ or BarnesandNoble.com.
- ★ **Eaglepalooza is back!** Eaglepalooza 2006, a "lip-sync" concert and contest presented by the marketing department, is seeking students and faculty interested in performing at the show. Imagine YOU as Jay-Z, Beyonce, Faith Hill, or Cold Play for ONE NIGHT! Those interested in finding out more about Eaglepalooza 2006 should attend an interest meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 2:30pm in room 524. See you there.

- ★ **EHS Classes 1964-1967.** A multi-class reunion is planned for July 14-15, 2006 at the Waterford Reception Center in Springfield, VA. Classmates from the classes of 1964-1967 are invited to take part. Complete details and registration info can be found at <http://EdisonHS.org> or by emailing [EdisonHS@EdisonHS.org](mailto:EdisonHS@EdisonHS.org).
- ★ **EHS Class of 1981.** We, Eileen (Keating) Carnaggio, Heidi (Goins) DeMocker, Shelley (McClary) Fink, Vera Embick, Bert (aka Rob) Schoenddel, Jean (Watts) Mallory are in the process of getting our 25th Reunion together. It is planned for the Fall of 2006, please send any contact information to me, Jean (Watts) Mallory: [j.mall13@verizon.net](mailto:j.mall13@verizon.net).

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### Mark Twain Middle School

- ★ The second grading period ends on January 26 and there will be no school for students on January 27 and 30 due to teacher workdays.
- ★ Twain PTA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

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### Rose Hill Elementary School

- ★ **January 23.** Principal's Coffee, 9 to 10am. "I'd like to extend an invitation to parents and guardians to a Principal's Coffee here at Rose Hill in the library. There is no set agenda. Just an 'informal' opportunity for conversation and to get to know you. Come to relax or come with questions!"  
—Terri Czarniak, Principal
- ★ **January 27.** Student Holiday
- ★ **January 30.** Student Holiday
- ★ **February 7 and 8.** BART tests, grades 3-6 (SOL preparation)
- ★ **RHES Skate Nights.** Franconia Skating Center, 5500 Franconia Road. Time: 6:30 to 8:30pm. Dates: Wednesday, February 8; Monday, March 13; Wednesday, April 5; Monday, May 8; and Wednesday, June 7. Cost: \$3.50 admission; \$1.65 skate rental.

**Rose Hill Community Directory and the 2006 Membership List  
now available online at [MyRoseHill.com](http://MyRoseHill.com)**

## In His Own Words: William Stemple, a Rose Hill Original

In the summer of 1954, we lived at Ft. Myer and were looking for a house to buy. In early September, we saw an ad for three bedroom, bath and a half, brick ramblers. On a weekend, we took a drive to the country and drove up the long driveway to the Rose Hill model homes. Our home was completed early February and we moved in on February 12, 1955. We were one of the first residents on Cottonwood Drive.

Not long after we moved into our home, a lady stopped at our house and asked if she could look at the layout. This was Jean Thomson, and after seeing our house she and her family bought the house two doors from us. Jean is another of the Rose Hill Originals that still lives in Rose Hill.

We got to know all of our neighbors and had many social gatherings. In the Fall of 1956, I was transferred to Ft. Holibird, MD. My wife, Jean, and our children stayed here in Rose Hill and I came home on weekends. In the Summer of 1957, I was transferred to Germany. My family accompanied me and we stayed in Germany for three years. We returned to Rose Hill in the Summer of 1960 but many of our original neighbors had moved.

We've enjoyed living in Rose Hill and still live in our home on Cottonwood Drive.

## Make History

In 2007, Virginia celebrates the 400<sup>th</sup> year since the founding of the Jamestown colony in 1607. Fairfax County plans to publish a book commemorating the past 400 years of Fairfax County history, and you're invited to submit items for this book. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2006.

The book will feature at least four essays or anecdotal articles about each of the last four centuries, for a total of at least 16 selections. You can submit articles or photos about events, people, places or related subjects that have had historical significance within today's Fairfax County geo-graphical boundaries. You must own the work (or show proof that the owner has given permission for its use) and it should not have been published elsewhere. There's no compensation for any submission.

Selections will be made by September 2006. Articles or photographs not selected for publication will be filed in the unpublished manuscript file in the library's Virginia Room. The book should be published in early 2007, and will be distributed to Fairfax County library branches, historical sites and schools, and will also be sold throughout the county.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed submission form. For a copy of the form and other requirements, go here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2005/05263.htm>.

—FCPL

## Healthy Heart Pass On Sale

**From January 1 to February 14, save 12 to 17 percent. This New Year, make your resolution to be more fit and healthier. Lee District RECenter can help!**

Lee District RECenter, approximately 83,600 square feet, is comprised of three major areas: Natatorium, Gymnasium, and Fitness Center.

The Natatorium includes a heated, indoor 50-meter by 25-yard pool, a Superslide, three diving boards, spa, spectator seating, locker rooms, family changing room, saunas, showers, an outdoor sun deck, and grassed sunbathing area.

The 20,400 square foot gymnasium includes one regulation size basketball court which is convertible to two half courts or two volleyball courts. Also included are electronic scoreboards, spectator seating, boxing equipment, volleyball nets, and a three-lane, 1/10 mile running track.

The Fitness Center is well equipped with Cybex VR2 machines connected to the FitLinxx network, a wide selection of cardiovascular equipment, free-weights, and a stretching area.

In addition to these main features, the RECenter also contains racquetball/wallyball courts, two mirrored dance rooms, three multi-purpose rooms, a mezzanine, and preschool.

The surrounding 193-acre park has one soccer field with two overlay t-ball fields, two football fields with two overlay softball fields, four basketball courts, an amphitheater, four picnic areas (one sheltered), horseshoe pits, a sand volleyball court, a playground and tot lot, four lighted tennis courts, a tennis practice wall, walking trails, and a carousel.

## Rose Hill Business Directory – Just Updated!

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.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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### PAINTING

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

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### 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 [oraclemarjorie@aol.com](mailto:oraclemarjorie@aol.com).

### REAL ESTATE

**Re/Max Allegiance.** Karen Davidson, 703.927.4448. [www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson](http://www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson), [www.karen-davidson.com](http://www.karen-davidson.com), email: [kedavidson@aol.com](mailto:kedavidson@aol.com). Karen lives on Roundhill Road.

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## Business Directory, Continued

### 2REAL ESTATE

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

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1/2 page: 7 ½" x 4 ¾", \$50	Full page: 7 ½" x 9 ¾", \$100


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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](http://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](mailto: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.

—Marty Williams

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## Volunteers Are The Backbone of Our Organization

I would like to thank the small army of volunteers that make *The Rambler* possible on all levels. First of all, there's Carl Sell, RHCA President, who provides his President's Message, the backbone of *The Rambler* every month. Please remember that anyone can write articles for the newsletter—it's yours, why not contribute?

Then there's Don Lynch, a man with a strong back, literally. He picks up the big box of *Ramblers* from The UPS Store, counts them out into smaller piles, and then drives them to the homes of the individuals who walk them to your door.

That small army of walkers are out there nine times a year, no matter the weather, delivering your community newsletter to your door. A big thank you goes out to them. They include but not limited to: Dan Bearth, Mark Broxterman, Bev & Norm Cherkis, Karen Collins, Sam Covington, Margo Cunniffe, Theresa Eppolito, Helen Flahive, Larry Fowler, Zoe-Ann Freitag, Ollie King, Cody Palmer, Carl Sell, Marie Sherfey, Sarah Shoaee, Carolyn Slenska, Tom Strah, Cynthia Thomas, and Pam & Jamie Yereb.

*The Rambler* is online, too, at MyRoseHill.com. That website is still being maintained by our Colorado webmaster, Jim Sapp. I can't thank him enough for all the work he does for *The Rambler* and Rose Hill in general (still!). He's willing to continue his duties as webmaster, however, we would like someone in the community with web experience to step up and take over those duties so Jim can enjoy his retirement and lovely wife and adorable grandchildren a little more. If you are interested in the position, please contact Jim at jimsapp7@msn.com, and he'll explain what goes on behind the pages of MyRoseHill.com.

While I'm on the subject of needing volunteers...we also would like someone to volunteer to sell ads for *The Rambler*. If you're a people person, this job is a piece of cake and spending just a couple hours a month can yield big returns for RHCA. The rates are so reasonable, many businesses can't resist.

If you'd like to help out in a different arena, at a different time, contact Woody Betts about Rose Hill's Neighborhood Watch (703.971.0520 or rosehillwatch@aol.com). Not only would I thank you, but your neighbors would, too.

Thanks again to everyone involved in Rose Hill from those elected officials to the people that call and simply give information. It is a volunteer civic organization and wouldn't be if not for you. If you want more information on volunteering, contact me (703.924.7192) or Carl Sell (703.971.4716).

—Marty Williams

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