

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Two Developments Top Agenda For First Meeting of New Year

The Rose Hill Civic Association will start 2007 with updates on two development proposals at its January 23 meeting at 7pm in the community room at the John Marshall Library. Rose Hill Reserve, the 22-acre addition to our community located west of Rose Hill Drive and north of Carriage Drive, is in the final stages of site plan approval. A preliminary plan for Ellison Estates, a four-plus acre site located between Thornwood Drive and Climbhill Road with access to Driftwood Drive and Telegraph Road was filed with the County on November 29, 2006.

Rose Hill Reserve is a 45 lot subdivision that was the subject of a Special Exception approval for cluster by the Board of Supervisors 2½ years ago. It includes a large number of conditions negotiated by RHCA as part of the approval process. Those conditions are available on our website, myRoseHill.com. Click on Rose Hill Reserve and read the conditions adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2005. The area previously was approved for 59 lots under R-3 zoning.

Ellison Estates also is zoned R-3 and the proposal is for a cluster arrangement to include 11 new homes and the retention of two existing homes on the site. Unlike Rose Hill Reserve, Ellison Estates does not have to go

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through a Special Exception because of a change in the law that took effect two years ago. The State legislature approved, and the governor signed into law, a proposal that exempts cluster development within a zoning envelope such as R-3 from additional public scrutiny. Therefore, Ellison Estates is a by right development and no public hearings will be held.

However, RHCA intends to be heard on site plan issues that include development on marine clay and storm water runoff. Given the recent flooding in the area, we have suggested that the County allow no additional development in the area until existing problems are resolved. A preliminary plan must be followed by detailed engineering studies and a separate geotechnical study outlining how development will take place on marine clay. Copies of the site plan are available on myRoseHill.com by clicking on Ellison Estates.

We plan to allocate an hour to each development. Which one goes first will be determined in consultation with the County staff present. If there is no preference, we'll flip a coin and proceed. Since there are similar issues involved, there will be something for everyone in both presentations. There should be time for questions after each presentation. However, each is limited to an hour and we must vacate the building by 9pm. If your question is not answered, get it to RHCA and we will forward it to the proper staff person for you. Remember, the County staff works for us and will try to accommodate our concerns within the scope of the law.

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Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 7pm, John Marshall Library

Topic: County Staff Update on
Rose Hill Reserve and Ellison Estates

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Holiday Lighting Awards

If you passed the corner of Leewood Drive and Rose Hill Drive (and most of us do daily), you noticed the terrific holiday lighting displays by Mary Mayo at 6122 Leewood Drive and her neighbor, the Alstons. They sure brightened the holidays for all of us in Rose Hill and everyone who passed through our community after dark. Maybe not seen by as many but just as bright were the displays at the Fulks at 6410 Cottonwood Drive and the Campbells at 6402 Cottonwood Drive. The latter is a family effort as Tracy Campbell is the Fulks' daughter.

Those four houses were awarded grand prizes for 2006. You can see pictures of the grand prizewinners, plus other displays that caught our photographer's eye, on our community website, myRoseHill.com, and on Page 3.

Cynthia Johnson-Cavey of Eastchester Circle once again captured the award for the best window and door display. One look at the picture of her creation will tell you why (see Page 4). And, the Szamborskis on Winston Place had Santa and all of his friends all puffed up with hot air for our viewing pleasure. Outdoor trees at the Luginbills on Rose Hill Drive (photo on Page 9), the Dodsons on Wayside Place, and the Eppolitos on Driftwood Drive also were awesome. There were a number of manger scenes and we created a separate category for them because, after all, it is the Baby Jesus' birthday. The best one was at the Downeys on Telegraph Road, but then we've come to expect that from our Hall of Fame award winner. And the Lewises on Willowood once again had an awesome front door. And the Nguyens on Rose Hill Drive said it all... 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.'

The full list of awards starts on Page 3. If we missed anyone because their displays weren't lighted the night the judges made their rounds, we will be happy to give them credit in the February *Rambler*.

Safety First for Seniors

Given the two murders of elderly women in the Springfield last year and the stabbing of another on Christmas Eve, the police are reminding us about safety in our homes. In addition, another case was uncovered while police were canvassing the area looking for clues in the stabbing incident. A young woman who lives in the same general area reported that she returned home earlier on Christmas Eve and found a man in her house. He fled without incident.

On January 10, police arrested a 25-year-old Hispanic man who fit the descriptions provided by the victims

RHCA has arranged for the police to conduct a Senior Safety Seminar at our February 27 meeting. Mark the date on your calendar.

of the incidents on Christmas Eve. He was identified by residents of the area as the result of a composite sketch. The suspect was found in the shopping center at Backlick Road and Commerce Street. After questioning by the police, the man was arrested and taken to the Adult Detention Center in Fairfax.

Although all of these incidents occurred several miles from Rose Hill, we need to be on guard so it doesn't happen here. Seniors, and everyone for that matter, are reminded by police not to open their door unless they know the visitor or the person is from a legitimate organization and has made a prior appointment. Make sure all your windows and doors are locked when you are inside the house or leave for an errand. If you suspect anything to be wrong, call the police either at 911 or the non-emergency number, 703.691.2131, depending on the situation.

All of us should keep an eye out for strangers in the community and report their presence to the police. And, if you have an elderly neighbor who lives alone, keep an eye out for their safety. It would be a good idea for those seniors to arrange for a relative or neighbor to accompany them when they return to an empty house.

Traffic Calming Update

We received information from the County transportation staff concerning plans for a survey to determine the community's interest in curbing cut through traffic on Rose Hill Drive and traffic calming on Cottonwood Drive west of Rose Hill Drive. At first, the County staff outlined an area as part of the petition drive as including the community of Sunnyridge and all of Rose Hill with the exception of those houses that front on Telegraph Road. The streets involved in Sunnyridge were Craft Road, Eaton Place, Lillian Drive, Squire Lane and part of Picot Road. RHCA protested the size of the area and the fact that those aforementioned streets were outside our community. The County subsequently agreed and we will move ahead with a petition drive that includes Rose Hill only. The study area within Rose Hill also has been reduced to something more manageable for citizen volunteers. The petition asks for support to investigate ways to curtail speeding by traffic that cuts through our community on Rose Hill

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2006 Holiday Lighting Awards

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

6402 Cottonwood Drive, The Campbells

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

6410 Cottonwood Drive, The Fulks

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

6118 Leewood Drive, The Alstons

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL

6122 Leewood Drive, Mary Mayo

HALL OF FAME AWARD

*6516 Telegraph Road
The Downeys*

MOST ANIMATED DISPLAY

*4615 Winston Place
The Szamborskis*

EXCEPTIONAL ENTRANCE DISPLAY

*5009 East Chester Circle
Johnson-Cavey*

EXCELLENT OUTDOOR TREE

*6217 Driftwood Drive
The Eppolitos*

OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR TREE

*6327 Rose Hill Drive
The Luginbills*

EXCELLENT OUTDOOR TREE

*6400 Wayside Place
The Dodsons*

MANGER SCENE

*6310 May Boulevard
The Lambertsons*

MANGER SCENE

*6405 Rose Hill Drive
The Vasquez*

MANGER SCENE

*5007 Treetop Lane
The Gagnes*

OUTSTANDING MESSAGE DISPLAY

*6512 Rose Hill Drive
The Nguyens*

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*4511 Bee Street
The Borchevskys*

OUTSTANDING DOOR DISPLAY

*6411 Willowood Lane
The Evans*

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*4705 Flower Lane
The Rabys*

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*6417 Rose Hill Drive
The Bearths*

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*6714 Telegraph Road
The Vos*

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*6222 Thornwood Drive
The Vereens*

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*5000 Treetop Lane
The Barneys*

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY

*6421 Willowood Lane
The Nguyens*



6402 Cottonwood Drive, The Campbells



6410 Cottonwood Drive, The Fulks



6118 Leewood Drive, The Alstons



6122 Leewood Drive, Mary Mayo

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2006 Holiday Lighting Awards, *continued*

EXCELLENT DISPLAY

6501 Haystack Road, The Kaminskys	6221 Driftwood Drive, The Shapiros
6404 Roundhill Road, The Goods	6409 Willowood Lane, The Grigsbys
6121 Dew Grass Court, The Williams	6418 Willowood Lane, The Cardones
6120 Dew Grass Court, The Webers	6419 Willowood Lane, The Fosters
6115 Blue Grass Drive, The Martins	4601 Rose Hill Drive, The Peytons
6112 Clover Grass Drive, The Kalkorans	

OUTSTANDING DISPLAY

4521 Apple Tree Drive, The Sullivans	4520 Roundhill Road, The Varneys
4525 Apple Tree Drive, The Herreras	4604 Roundhill Road, The Goods
4601 Apple Tree Drive, The Tomlins	6306 Saddle Tree Drive, The Betts
4605 Apple Tree Drive, The Hurtados	4701 Split Rock Road, The Thomases
4804 Apple Tree Drive, The Wangnesses	4703 Split Rock Road, The Orocs
4806 Apple Tree Drive, The Montequins	6208 Thornwood Drive, The Hauptts
6431 Carriage Drive, The Rices	6211 Thornwood Drive, The Kims
6513 Carriage Drive, The Murnames	6311 Willowood Lane, The Martinezs
6221 Climbhill Road, The Santos	6314 Willowood Lane, The Mateos
6401 Cottonwood Drive, The Butlers	6327 Willowood Lane, The Wolfings
6403 Cottonwood Drive, The Tribinos	6313 Willowood Lane, The Kirbys
6411 Cottonwood Drive, The Wolfes	6409 Willowood Lane, The Grigsbys
6409 Cottonwood Drive, The Adams	6413 Willowood Lane, The Castillos
4700 Flower Lane, The Kroetchs	6417 Willowood Lane, The Parkers
6708 Greendale Road, The Westgates	4618 Winston Place, The Dillons
5002 Greenhaven Place, The Perlas	
6518 Haystack Road, The Ryans	
4515 Lark Lane, The Perrys	
6110 Leewood Drive, The Collins	
6322 Maryview Street, The Snyders	
6330 Maryview Street, The Lawrences	
6330 Maryview Street, The Lawrences	
6402 Maryview Street, The Peeles	
6408 Maryview Street, The Phillips	
6409 Maryview Street, The Christiensen	
6304 May Boulevard, The Freitag	
6406 May Boulevard, The Loarcas	
6412 May Boulevard, The James	
6270 Rose Hill Drive, Sandy Benarick	
6402 Rose Hill Drive, The Justices	
6500 Rose Hill Drive, The Trejos	
6504 Rose Hill Drive, The Martinez	



*Exceptional Entrance Display
5009 East Chester Circle
Johnson-Cavey*

Drive. If enough people agree, the County will propose several methods of slowing traffic on Rose Hill Drive. On Cottonwood Drive, the issue is the acceptance of speed tables or other devices to slow traffic trying to get to and from Telegraph Road by avoiding the light at Rose Hill Drive and Telegraph. The petitions are just another step in a long process necessary to stop speeders on Rose Hill Drive and Cottonwood Drive. And, if we are successful on Rose Hill Drive, outsiders may not be as likely to use Climbhill, Saddle Tree, Willowood, Apple Tree, and Bee as short cuts to Rose Hill Drive because they won't gain any time once they get there. And, remember, we are awaiting the installation of four-way stop signs on Willowood at both Bee and Apple Tree. When a neighbor knocks on your door and identifies himself as being from RHCA, please take the time to sign the petition. We are in the process of providing identification for our citizen petitioners.

Membership Drive Continues

If you haven't yet done so, renew your RHCA membership for 2007 by filling out the form on Page 6 and mailing it to us at PO Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Dues are only \$10, but we do ask for your additional contributions for the general fund and the plantings at the community entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road. The \$10 dues don't cover the cost of printing *The Rambler* for the year, not to mention the post office box, Rose Hill Beauty signs, and contributions to area charities and worthwhile causes. That's why we need your continued support. And, just as important, we need you as part of the choir as we serenade the County and others on issues that concern Rose Hill. There are a small group of dedicated individuals that make RHCA work. We could use your help, but if you can't spare us some time, at least become a member! The roster of those who have signed up for 2007 as of January 10 is on Page 6.

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Area Police Activity

On Monday, January 1, 2007, at about 4:40pm, two men robbed a cashier at Advance Auto Parts on Franconia Road in the Rose Hill Shopping Center. The men entered the store; one of them picked up a soda and presented it to the cashier. The employee opened the cash register and the second man ran behind the counter. He displayed a handgun and took money from the drawer. The pair fled with an undisclosed amount of money. The suspects were described as black men in their 20s. The first was 5'10" and approximately 145 pounds, wearing a gray sweatshirt. The second was between 5'8" and 5'10" and weighed about 260 pounds. He was wearing a gray and black hooded sweatshirt and a black baseball cap. Anyone with information should call Crime Solvers at 1.866.411.TIPS (8477) or the police non-emergency number at 703.691.2131. Remember, telephone tips led to the arrest of the person who exposed himself on Rose Hill and Drive and another who robbed the BB&T Bank last year.

Police have arrested a 44-year-old man from Southeast Washington in connection with a number of robberies and grand larcenies at numerous area 7-11s, including the one in Rose Hill Shopping Center. Early Sunday morning January 7, the man was in the process of robbing a 7-11 on Annandale Road. A citizen saw what was happening and flagged down a police cruiser that was nearby on Annandale Road. The officer entered the store and arrested the suspect. He was implicated in the other robberies including the one at Rose Hill where he was caught on the store's surveillance camera. He took hundreds of packs of cigarettes and other items at more than a dozen 7-11 locations.

A 56-year-old woman was arrested for murder January 8 in the stabbing death of her 22-year-old niece in an apartment on Edsall Road. The incident occurred on December 11 and the suspect had been hospitalized with what police called self-inflicted wounds. She was arrested upon her release. The suspect was taken to the Adult Detention Center where she was found dead in her cell on Tuesday, January 9. An autopsy to determine the cause of death and an investigation into the incident are underway. A man and two children who were in the apartment at the time of the murder were unharmed.

Three young men and a 14-year-old girl have been arrested for a robbery of a 17-year-old about 3:45pm, January 2, on the pedestrian overpass that traverses Loisdale Road and I-95. Officers quickly arrived and found one of the suspects in the garage at the nearby

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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 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.

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 RHCA General Fund

Thank you!

2007 Members as of January 10

Rick & Patti Ballard, 4519 Lark Lane
Margie Beach, 4429 Roundhill Road
Connie Beatty, 6428 Rose Hill Drive
Gary Bravy, 6214 Roundhill Road
Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Pearl Butler, 6404 Cottonwood Drive
Ron & Nancy Buzalsky, 4434 Roundhill Road
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Robeerty G. Ciccotelli, 6511 Haystack Road
Helen Cofer, 6218 Saddle Tree Drive
Shirley Mae Collins, 6103 Leewood Drive
Jane & Margo Cunniffe, 4609 Mayor Place
Virginia Dahlgren, 6611 Cottonwood Drive
Wendy Darwell, 6403 Willowood Lane
Brian & Mary Ellen Duy, 6309 Climbhill Road
Stien Van Egmond, 6508 Cottonwood Drive
Susan Feagley, 4705 Split Rock Road
Joseph Finnegan, 6409 Hayfield Place
Anna Fish, 6301 Cottonwood Drive
Trigg Flanagan, 6514 Haystack Road
Larry & Connie Fulk, 6410 Cottonwood Drive
Kae Furneisen, 4912 Treetop Lane
Edward & Shirley Gailliot, 4801 Apple Tree Drive
John & Erica Good, 4604 Roundhill Road
Chris & Susie Guinto, 6515 Haystack Road
Joe & Lorraine Hatcher, 6102 Leewood Drive
Theresa A. Harper, 6506 Carriage Drive
Emilie Hood, 5012 Treetop Lane

F.E. & P.A. Jencks, 6416 Willowood Lane
Chris & Meredith Hunter, 6410 Maryview Street
Cynthia Johnson-Cavey, 5009 Eastchester Circle
Marvin & Frances Justice, 6402 Rose Hill Drive
Jim & Lynda Kandul, 6218 Blossom Lane
Ana & Charles Kimberly, 6504 Cottonwood Drive
Ken & Mary Mann, 6107 Leewood Drive
Randy & Eloise Lewis, 4501 Bee Street
Well & Anna Machmer, 6200 Willowood Lane
Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
Melvin Martin, 6211 Redwood Lane
Mary Mayo & Sandra Johnson, 6122 Leewood Drive
George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
Marnie Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
Teal Norris & Fred Obermeyer, 6012 Leewood Drive
Jeska & Charles Pfefferle, 6503 Haystack Road
But The Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
Monica Reed, 6422 Rose Hill Drive
Adam & Rita Rice, 6431 Carriage Drive
James & Marie Sherfey, 6415 Rose Hill Drive
Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive
Judy Taylor & Carlos Rolon, 6503 Rose Hill Drive
Donald & Carolyn Szamborski, 4614 Winston Place
Joanne M. Thompson
Paul Turner, 4414 Roundhill Road
Norma Youmans, 6303 Climbhill Road
Linda Walton, 4900 Silo Road
Jeff Williams, 6121 Dewgrass Drive
Michael & Lisa Wolfe, 6411 Cottonwood Drive



4511 Apple Tree Drive, Alexandria

HOUSE FOR RENT—AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

Well-kept single family home in Rose Hill Farm. Two-levels with bright, walkout basement to fully fenced large paved patio and deck—great for entertaining. Driveway parking can take up to 5 cars.

Four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, spacious den, living, dining, storage, utility rooms, and kitchen. Wraparound covered front porch and plenty of light and windows throughout.

\$1850/month with one month's security deposit. For details call Clayton and Susan Palmer at 703.884.0435 (after 6pm) or 703.499.6635.

Franconia-Springfield Metro and another on a train. After all four were in custody, police learned that one man was from Springfield, another from Maryland, and the third from the District of Columbia. The 14-year-old girl is a runaway from Burke. All the stolen items were recovered and charges included robbery and possession of cocaine.

Police are looking for a 27-year-old Hispanic man who stabbed a roommate to death in Springfield on December 17. The suspect fled the scene in a Honda with Florida plates. The police have his name and the car's license number. They also are on the lookout for two people who were involved in the stabbing of a 44-year-old man at Ace Temporaries on Vine Street (located just off Van Dorn Street at the Beltway) on December 15. Once again, police know the identities of the suspects. The victim was treated for non life-threatening wounds.

A 56-year-old Springfield area man was carjacked on the fourth level of a parking garage at the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station, located at 6775 Frontier Drive. On Wednesday, January 10, at approximately 6am, the victim parked his car in the garage and exited his red 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix. A white pickup truck drove up to the car and a passenger in the truck exited with a shotgun. The suspect pointed the shotgun at the victim and demanded personal property including keys. The victim relinquished the items; the suspect entered the victim's vehicle and then fled in the stolen car. The second suspect, the driver of the white truck, followed the stolen car out of the garage. The suspects were described as black men in their 20s. The first suspect was described as 6'2" tall, with a thin build and wearing a white T-shirt with black pants and a white hard hat. The second suspect was described as 6' tall, with a heavy build and wearing a white T-shirt with a white hard hat. The stolen car has Virginia license plates YKM-7638.

A Springfield area woman was getting into a friend's car in the 6700 block of Frontier Drive in Springfield when a man grabbed her purse and ran. This occurred on Friday, January 5, around 10pm. The victim, 18, received minor injuries caused by the purse being yanked off her arm, but did not require any medical treatment. The suspect was described as a black male in his 20s, about 5'8". He wore a navy blue hooded sweatshirt, black cap, and dark jeans.

We currently are circulating a petition to upgrade the streetlights on Cottonwood Drive east of Rose Hill Drive. The County agrees that area needs more light. Again, safety is the main concern. If you think your street could use upgraded lights, please contact RHCA.

Property Upkeep Reminders

Rose Hill residents are reminded that wrecked, inoperable, or unlicensed cars or those without valid inspection stickers cannot be parked on either public streets or private property. They are subject to ticketing and towing. Residents who pay little attention to upkeep of their property, houses being used as more than a single family residence, failure to keep the grass cut, trash or debris on the property, and multiple cars on the front lawn are subject to citations, fines, and even jail terms under the zoning ordinance. And, remember, commercial activities except home offices are not lawful in a residential community. RHCA is determined to keep our community looking good, thus protecting the property values of all. We will report violations. And, yes, the mess at 4612 Roundhill Road has our continued vigilance. We hope changes in the law as of January 1, 2007, will make it easier for the County to clean up the property that has been a blight on our community for more than five years. If you see a problem in your neighborhood, report it to RHCA. We first send a letter to the property owner suggesting the problem be solved. If it is not, we contact the proper authorities. Your help will keep Rose Hill as a pleasant, safe, and convenient place to live.

Streetlight Update

The new streetlights have been installed on Split Rock Road. Thanks to those residents who signed the petition to make it happen. Hopefully, the new light and brighter fixtures will add to safety. We currently are circulating a petition to upgrade the streetlights on Cottonwood Drive east of Rose Hill Drive. The County agrees that area needs more light. Again, safety is the main concern. If you think your street could use upgraded lights, please contact RHCA. The process includes a review by the County staff and Dominion Virginia Power. Upgraded streetlights are part of RHCA's program to make us safer in our homes and on our streets.

—Carl Sell

— In My Opinion —

The Rambler is starting this new section for **your** views. If you have an opinion on a subject that affects Rose Hill, please submit it to the Editor of The Rambler. The Editor and the Board of RHCA reserve the right to edit submissions for space or reject items that are not backed up by facts.

Around The Hill—Rose Hill That Is

Hi! My name is Elmer H. Haupt. My wife, Alice, and I currently reside at 6208 Thornwood Drive. We have lived in the Rose Hill area since 1969. Aside from reading *The Rambler* for these many years, this is my first submission for publication, and who knows, maybe my last! My Rose Hill comments are found in the following paragraphs.

My original reason for writing occurred after July 4th, Flag Day, and the numerous national holidays in the year 2006 which customarily result in the display of the United States flag. Our street consists of twenty or so houses, however, just six homes displayed the flag! It is not expensive to purchase a flag and the attachments to it, nor is it difficult to install one on your home. Have we become a nation too busy, lazy, or disinterested to honor our country by flying the flag? It is not an insult to be called patriotic and fly our flag. Many are currently serving under this same flag and many others have forfeited their lives fighting for this same banner. We in our area should pay homage to our flag and fly it when appropriate. As Rose Hill residents, we can express our rightful pride in being an American. This truly is a Land of the Free and Home of the Brave. Please honor our flag and display it when appropriate. The national holidays are marked on most calendars.

Now that I have said my piece on the flag, some other items of concern in Rose Hill seem worth mentioning:

I had occasion to report an automobile parked on Roundhill Road with two flat tires. The vehicle had been there for some time and was an eyesore. Upon receiving the report, our Rose Hill Civic Association (RHCA) president, Carl Sell, wrote a letter to the car owner which resulted in repair of the flats and movement of the vehicle.

Another automobile issue is the habit of some in Rose Hill to park their vehicles on their front lawns. Some of these homes resemble a used car junk yard. This simply cheapens the area and results in a negative reflection on both the individual and the nearby area. Please park the car or truck either in the driveway or on the street.

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While Everyone Talks About Traffic, Another Issue Comes to the Surface

As the County and State allow more and more development and more and more cars on our crowded roads, another situation has been building quietly beneath our feet. And, like traffic, the increased development overwhelms us.

I'm talking about storm water management! The system that serves Rose Hill was installed when the various sections of the community were developed. Parts of the system are now more than 50 years old. Imagine what it would be like if our roads had never been improved at all.

Recently, a number of homes on Thornwood Drive and at least one on Leewood Drive were flooded because of a backup of the storm sewer system during heavy rain. On Thornwood Drive, a storm water inlet spouted a geyser six feet or more in the air, onto neighboring properties and into basements because the system couldn't handle the volume.

Now, more development is proposed contiguous to the flooded homes on Thornwood Drive. RHCA is demanding that the County solve the current problem before new rooftops, driveways, and streets are allowed to add to the volume. And, in at least one instance, the system on Leewood Drive is inadequate to handle current volume.

At least the runoff from Rose Hill Reserve will be channeled outside Rose Hill. But that doesn't diminish the problems from those downstream, including Greendale Golf Course. The Corps of Engineers recently blamed an accumulation of sediment from development upstream as the cause of the flooding in the portion of Huntington adjacent to Cameron Run. Yet developers and some members of the Board of Supervisors are promoting additional development at Tyson's Corner, which drains into Cameron Run. The lessons learned in older communities should make us wary of additional storm water runoff from new development.

The County requires new development to install what is called an adequate outfall and contain storm water onsite during a 10-year storm and then drain it off later. That's why you see ponds, either dry or wet, as part of new development. The problem is that storms

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A final vehicle comment, when one notices a number of vehicles parked in front of a single family dwelling, the question of how many families live in the home arises. Fairfax County law limits the numbers of families in a single family home, yet some Rose Hill homes park numerous modes of transportation in front of their abode. Again, call Carl Sell for detail on this issue.

During September’s leaf raking activity, I was surprised to see a neighbor dumping leaves into the storm drain opening next to the street! Such action on Thornwood Drive can simply worsen an already inadequate storm water discharge system, which was designed in the 60s. This inadequate system caused 10 homes on the south side of Thornwood Drive to be flooded this past June! Because the poor system often results in flooding, it is important to do our part and not dump leaves, road litter, oil or chemicals, etc., into the storm drains. Not only does this help prevent local buildup in the drains and increase its flow capacity, but will also reduce the flow of pollutants into the Potomac River.

On a more positive note, congratulations to whoever reported the expanding pot hole at the corner of Roundhill Road and Saddletree Road. Also, hooray for rapid fixing of the same pothole – I believe it was VDOT. A great big thanks!

See you around “The Hill” and at the RHCA meeting on January 23 at 7pm in the John Marshall Library meeting room.

—Elmer H. “Moe” Haupt

Editors Note: Flags are available in local stores such as Wal-Mart and Fisher’s Hardware. We’ll provide further information as to where you can purchase flags in our February issue. Lets try to make Rose Hill the flag capital of the United States!

Please Help!

RHCA could use your help in a variety of capacities: Neighborhood Watch, The Rambler distribution, and advertising sales. Please contact Marty Williams at 703.924.7192 or Carl Sell at 703.971.4716 if you care to volunteer for one of these roles. RHCA would really appreciate it!

in excess of the County standard, and we have many, overwhelm the current system.

As existing homes in Rose Hill grow due to tear downs and additions and driveways widen to handle more cars, the new surfaces pour more water into the system. When I was younger, they called that a blivet. You know, 10 pounds in a five-pound bag!

The County and State need to revise building codes and public facilities ordinances in order to recognize that current systems are being overwhelmed. In addition, a program should be implemented to begin to systematically upgrade inadequate facilities. In the meantime, they need to be very selective in allowing new development.

—Carl Sell



*Outstanding Outdoor Tree
6327 Rose Hill Drive
The Luginbills*

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, January 23, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subject: County Staff Update on Rose Hill Reserve and Ellison Estates.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **January 3–February 4.** "A Winter's Tale." Special show of enamel work at the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Enamelists Gallery, Studio 28, 105 N. Union St. Free! www.torpedofactory.org 703.836.1561
- ★ **January 4–February 2.** "Ebb and Flow: Coastal Life". All-media membership show plus the printmaking of Carolyn Witschonke at The Art League Gallery, Studio 21, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free! www.torpedofactory.org 703.683.1780
- ★ **January 9- February 4.** January at Potomac Craftsmen Fiber Gallery. "New Year/New Ideas" emphasizes fiber art using traditional techniques taken in new directions. Studio 18, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Open 10am-4pm Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm Sat. & Sun. Free! www.Potomaccraftsmengallery.com 703.548.0935
- ★ **January 13–February 3.** "Footloose." Based on the 1984 hit movie, this high-energy musical tells the story of a big city kid who moves to a small town where dancing is banned. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Shows at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 3pm Sun. www.thelittletheatre.com or 703.683.0496
- ★ **January 17–February 25.** "Bricktop." MetroStage presents this electrifying new musical that celebrates the lives of three remarkable women – Ada "Bricktip" Smith, Alberta Hunter, and Mabel Mercer – in a tapestry of words, music, and dance. Tickets \$35-\$40. www.metrostage.org 800.494.8497 or 703.548.9044
- ★ **January 19–February 3.** "Anton in Show Business." This madcap comedy follows three actresses performing Chekhov in turn-of-the-century Texas. Presented by Port City Playhouse at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St., at 8pm Fri. & Sat. \$14. www.telgo.com/pcp/ 703.838.2880
- ★ **January 20–February 25.** "Trading Spaces: An Art Center Exchange." The Torpedo Factory Art Center, considered the premier art center in the US, hosts an exhibition of artists from Artspace in Raleigh, NC, the country's second-largest center. In the Torpedo Factory's Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Open noon-5pm Wed.-Sun; opening reception 2-4pm Jan. 20. Free! www.torpedofactory.org 703.838.4565, x4
- ★ **February 3.** Alexandria Symphony. The professional orchestra recognizes Shakespeare with a performance of colorful musical compositions based on "A Midsummer Night's Dream," including works by Elvis Costello, Britten, and Mendelssohn, accompanied by an actor reading passages

from the comedy. 8pm, the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beaugregard St. Tickets available at www.alexsym.org or 703.548.0885

- ★ **February 4, 11, 18, 25.** Walking With Washington. Take this free, two-hour walking tour to learn about Alexandria's favorite son. Leaves at 1:30pm from the fountain in Market Square, 301 King St. For more information, call Alexandria Archaeology at 703.838.4399
- ★ **February 17–19.** 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, 703.991.4474, or thefunside.com

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/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. Holidays, noon to 5pm. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **January 25 and 26.** 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
- ★ **January 26.** 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 27 and 28.** Winter Chills and Thrills. 5-10 yrs., 1-3pm. What a fun way to spend a winter day. 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
- ★ **February 17, 18, 24, and 25.** 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
- ★ **February 24.** Winter Birds and Bagels. Adults, 8-10am. Enjoy the winter season during this morning search for resident birds. Following the walk, you'll warm up with hot drinks and fresh bagels. Reservations required. Canceled if inclement weather. \$8

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310-6299, 703.971.0010. Open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 9pm; Friday, 10am to 6pm; Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

- ★ **Wednesday, January 24, 10:30am.** Snowy Day. Stories and activities about winter weather. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, February 7, 10:30am.** Eek – a Mouse! Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, February 10, 2pm.** Jonathan Austin. Juggling and magic fun. Cosponsored by the Friends of the John Marshall Library. All ages.
- ★ **Tuesday, February 13, 10:30am.** Will You Be My Valentine? Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult.

Thomas A. Edison High School

5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.924.8000, 703.924.8097 fax.

- ★ **All Night Grad Party of 2007.** The All Night Grad Party of 2007 is looking for some dedicated parents that can take charge of a committee of their choice!! We have lots of folks wanting to help, but need chairs to coordinate these committees. They include: decorations, security, and small games. Please contact Craig Liddell, ANGP chair, at 703-795-7622 for more information. (Monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month in the Principal's Conference Room.)
- ★ **PTSA Volunteer Opportunities.** Volunteers Make A Difference. Go to the PTSA website <http://www.tehsptsa.org> to see a list of volunteer opportunities available at Edison.
- ★ **Parent Volunteers Needed.** Student Services is looking for parent volunteers who would like to assist in their office periodically. If interested and need more information, please contact Krystal Brooks, Registrar, at 703.924.8022 or via email at krystal.brooks@fcps.edu.
- ★ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid—Get Help Today.** Seniors, if you're planning on attending college OR community college this coming fall, it's time to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid, otherwise known as the FAFSA. Stop by the Career Center after school today for tips to get you started on this process.
- ★ **Safe Youth Coalition.** The Safe Youth Coalition supports programs that foster an atmosphere where all youth can grow up in a safe environment free of violence, prejudice, and substance abuse. The coalition is committed to strengthening family-community-school partnerships and is working to make a difference for youth in the Greater Springfield/Lorton and

Alexandria areas. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.safeyouthcoalition.com/>.

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.313.3765.

- ★ **Job Opportunity for Teens After School Program; Helpers Needed!** Mark Twain MS is in need of several volunteers to help with after-school programs in a variety of areas: tutoring, sports, cooking, dance, drama, creative writing, computers, and life skills building. Duties include supervising youth and helping the Facilitator with coordinating activities. There is potential to make \$6-9/hr. depending on experience and education level. This volunteer opportunity is great for teens needing extra \$\$ or community service hours. Teen helpers must be 15-18 years old. All candidates must have experience in working with children, be willing to serve as positive role model, have good communication skills, have own transportation, be available 1 to 5 days a week, and work 1 to 3 hours a day between 2:30 and 6pm. Please call After School Specialist, Earl Edwards, at Mark Twain MS for more information at 703.313.3705.
- ★ **Job/Volunteer Opportunity After School Program; Facilitators Needed!** Mark Twain MS is in need of many volunteers to help with after-school programs in a variety of areas: tutoring, sports, cooking, dance, drama, creative writing, computers, and life skills building. Duties include coordinating and facilitating activities and supervising youth. There is potential to make \$15-22/hr. depending on experience and education level. Must be age 18 and over, have experience in working with children, be willing to serve as positive role model, have good communication skills, and able to establish good rapport with students and communicate with school staff, teachers, administrators, and parents. Must be available 1 to 5 days a week and work 1 to 3 hours a day between 2:30 and 6pm. Please call After School Specialist, Earl Edwards, at Mark Twain MS for more information at 703.313.3705. Email your resume to earl.edwards@fcps.edu or fax to 703.313.3797.
- ★ **January 24.** End of second quarter
- ★ **January 25-26.** Teacher workdays – NO school for students
- ★ **January 29.** Third quarter begins/start of second semester
- ★ **February 2.** Second quarter report cards distributed to students
- ★ **February 5-9.** National school counseling week
- ★ **February 13.** Honor roll assembly: 8th grade – 8:15am; 7th grade – 9:30am
- ★ **February 13, 7pm.** PTA meeting, Twain cafeteria
- ★ **February 15.** Snow date for honor roll assembly (see 2/13)
- ★ **February 19.** President's day – NO school

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **February 22, 7pm.** Orchestra pyramid concert at Edison HS
 - ★ **Up the Down Staircase.** March 16, 17, 23, and 24, 7pm.
Tickets are \$5 and go on sale March 9 during all lunch periods or order by phone at 703.313.3784. Be sure to get tickets early since last year all four shows were sold out.
 - ★ **Student/Faculty Basketball Game and Spaghetti Dinner.** Tuesday, March 27, 6-8:30pm. Presale Reservations ONLY (no tickets will be sold at the door the night of the event). Reservations will be taken during lunch a few days prior. Buy early—seating is limited and this event has traditionally sold out! Interested in helping (you're guaranteed a reservation)? Contact Jennifer Jarmin at 703.922.8465 or jjarmin@cox.net.
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- Rose Hill Elementary School**
- 6301 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310,
703.313.4200, Fax: 703.313.4297.
- ★ **January 23.** Before school tutoring, 7:50–8:20am, cafeteria
Group candid photos (Band, Safety Patrols, SCA, etc.)
 - SOL After School Remediation, grades 3–6, 3:15–5:30pm
Spanish Immersion Informational Night, 7pm, cafeteria
 - ★ **January 24.** SOL After School Remediation, grades 3-6, 3:15–5:30pm
 - ★ **January 25-26.** Teacher workdays, student holidays
 - ★ **January 30.** Before school tutoring, 7:50–8:20am, cafeteria
SOL After School Remediation, grades 3–6, 3:15–5:30 pm
Snow date Spanish Informational Night, 7pm
Rose Hill Night at Kingstowne Burger King, 5–9pm
 - ★ **January 31.** Rose Hill Singers Concert, 9am, 10am, and 7pm, gym
SOL After School Remediation, grades 3–6, 3:15–5:30pm
 - ★ **February 8, 6:30 – 8pm.** Math and Science Family Fun Night, an evening to bring the entire family to visit classrooms and participate in math and science activities throughout the school! Join us for this "open house" activity where the whole family can participate! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

"Riding The Wave 2: Tools for Parents and Youth to Safely Surf The Elementary through High School Years!"

Saturday, March 3, 8:30am - 12:30pm
South County Secondary School
8501 Silverbrook Rd., Lorton, VA 22079
Check-in at 8am.

Continental Breakfast
Door Prizes for Youth
Exhibitors
Great Workshops!

The Safe Youth Coalition, Inc., a substance use and violence prevention coalition under the umbrella of the Fairfax County Public Schools Safe and Drug Free Youth Office, will be hosting a FREE Prevention Conference for the community residing within the Cluster 5 school boundaries (Lee, Edison, Hayfield and South County High Schools) and welcoming the West Springfield and Robinson Community Coalitions.

The half-day conference, expected to serve 300-400 youth and adults, will feature local experts addressing hot prevention topics for youth (12-18) such as: Preventing and Understanding Eating Disorders; Gang Prevention; A Live Game of Life; Boyfriend and Girlfriend Relationships; Suicide and Depression; Self Defense for Girls; Empowering Kids; Hemlock Overlook Indoors; Race Relations and Stereotyping, and more!

Hot topics for adults will cover: Internet Safety; Suicide and Depression; Single Parenting; How to Talk to Your Child About Sex, Death & Divorce; Effective Communication Techniques; Gang Prevention; Raising Responsible Children; Underage Drinking/Driving/Safety; Self Defense for Females; Anger Management; Understanding and Preventing Eating Disorders, and more! Translated sessions for speakers of other languages will be provided upon request.

This conference is FREE to residents and the general community within the boundaries of Lee, Edison, Hayfield, West Springfield, Robinson and South County Secondary Schools. Donations, however, are strongly encouraged to help offset conference costs. A continental breakfast comes with your registration and midday snacks will be available at our concession stand.

Visit our website at <http://www.safeyouthcoalition.com> and print off a registration form. Email the information asked for on the registration form to Lkadler@cox.net or fax the form to 703.690.6808. Phone 703.690.6808 if we need to mail you a registration form.

Share this information with your community and especially encourage elementary school parents to attend. It's never too early to prepare for the teen years!



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Friday, February 2, 2007



Hilton Garden Inn Fairfax
3950 Fair Ridge Drive
Fairfax, VA 22033
Tel: 703-385-7774

8:30- 11:30 AM DynaVox Technologies

Communication for Participation: AAC in the Classroom

At DynaVox, we believe that every augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) system should support successful day-to-day communication while encouraging the development of novel language skills. Quick access to frequently used messages combined with the flexibility of single words and grammatical elements can allow an individual to be the most successful communicator possible. This is true for communication in the classroom as well as communication in home and community environments. During this session, participants will see many practical ways to provide students with both of the important elements of an AAC system. Attendees will learn tools that will allow them to assess their students' current classroom participation and the changes that occur after introducing more balance into the communication system. Examples will be given across the curriculum and across all levels of communicators from emergent to independent. By focusing on balanced communication, students' classroom participation can become richer and stronger.

11:30-12:30 PM Lunch provided

12:30-3:30 PM Mayer-Johnson (please bring your laptop – trial software provided)

Hands-on Introduction to Boardmaker Family Version 6: Curricular Instruction

This session will combine application and hands-on training of the Boardmaker Software Family. State standards of learning through the use of symbol support and adaptations and modifications to the curriculum will be demonstrated. Hands on training will focus on the most popular features in the newly released Version 6.0 Boardmaker Family of Software such as Resizing, Aligning and Centering, Swap and Shuffle, Free Form Buttons, the MJ Sound library, Movable Buttons and much more. These features are sure to renew enthusiasm for the power of Boardmaker.

Registration is FREE!

If you are a parent/caregiver of a child that attends Fairfax County Schools, please contact Marsha Goldberg from the Parent Resource Center, 703.204.3941 TDD 204.3956 to register.

Quote of the Month:
"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

–Jay Leno

**New Year's Resolution
Phone Message:**

"I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

The College Planning Process For Students Who Receive Special Education Services or Have 504 Plans

The Parent Resource Center of Fairfax County Public Schools Presents Vickie Barr of
People-First Educational Services

Opportunities for students have expanded tremendously in the past few years and Ms. Barr brings practical planning tips to parents and college-bound students with special education needs. Parents will take away from this workshop a list of resources and a list of websites, plus Ms. Barr will be available for parent questions after the workshop.

Ms. Barr is affiliated with the Association on Higher Education And Disability (AHEAD), Higher Education Consultants Association (HECA), Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA), and the Potomac & Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling (PCACAC).

Sessions are February 15, 9:30 – 11:45am, or February 28, 7:30 – 9:15pm at Dunn Loring Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Please email jane.thatcher@fcps.edu or call Jane Thatcher at The Parent Resource Center to reserve your space 703.204.3941.

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. Ronald G. Dillon, 1.877.233.2224, 703.971.2125 or www.dgdesigns.com. Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Pl.

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.

HAULING

I am a teen with a truck. Need a trip to the dump? Need help hauling from the hardware store? I have an 8 foot bed truck and willing to help. Call Brian Whitney at 703.971.3273.

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.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Ronda Edwards. 5004 Eastchester Circle, Through August. \$3 service charge per signature (mandatory by the state of VA), paid in cash only.

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 Pl.

PIANO/KEYBOARD

Chris McCay. Chris McCay teaches piano/keyboard in your home. Special discount for Rose Hill residents is \$25 for a half hour lesson. Chris lives with his family on Willowood Lane, two doors down from where his wife, formerly Melissa Anderson, grew up. 571.237.5559.

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Business Directory, Continued

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 703.971.8064 or email oraclemarjorie@aol.com.

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.

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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
- ★ Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- ★ Half 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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