

# The Rambler

Newsletter of the  
Rose Hill Civic Association

## President's Message

### Rose Hill Originals Plaque To Be Unveiled On June 23

The Rose Hill Originals plaque will be unveiled in a short ceremony before the June meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association. The unveiling will take place at 7pm at the Rose Hill historic marker facing Rose Hill Drive at the John Marshall Library. It includes the names of the original owners who were still living here on the community's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Connie Beatty, whose name appears first on the plaque, will handle the unveiling. She still lives in her rambler on Rose Hill Drive.

We have been searching for an appropriate place to display the plaque and finally settled on adding it to the historic marker. Thanks to Hugh (Pearl) Watts IV, who grew up on Haystack Road, the plaque has been encased in plexiglas to withstand the elements.

After the unveiling and a few remarks, we will gather in the community room of the library for cake, ice cream, and lemonade, compliments of RHCA. At this point, there is no business on the agenda. Should something come up, we will announce it at the meeting.

#### **Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, June 23, 7pm John Marshall Library**

**Topics: Unveiling of Rose Hill Originals Plaque**

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## NEWS BULLETIN

The New Agape Ministries has abandoned its feasibility study for a new church and related facilities at the site on May Boulevard now occupied by Kindercare. We will keep you advised if there is any other activity on the site. Thanks to all of you who attended our February meeting on the issue. As a result of that meeting, RHCA conveyed a list of concerns to the representatives of the church. After careful consideration, the church decided to look elsewhere.

Please arrive promptly at 7pm for the unveiling. In case of rain, there will be a mock ceremony inside and Mrs. Beatty will uncover the plaque later.

### Remembering Ed Holloman

Ed Holloman passed away on April 30. He and Juanita were the 15<sup>th</sup> family to move into Rose Hill back on January 1, 1955. Their names are on the plaque to be dedicated June 23. The Hollomans would have celebrated their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. Alice Juanita Holloman still enjoys the home on Sturbridge Place. The Hollomans are long-time members of RHCA.

Ed and Juanita were living in Huntington in 1954 when they decided to take a drive out Franconia Road. They saw a sign for the new houses to be built in Rose Hill and decided to take a look at the model home. Juanita recalls she had \$25 in her purse that she intended to pay the milkman with. (Remember when the milkman delivered to the door?) As it turned out, the milkman had to wait because \$25 was exactly the cost of a deposit on the new Rose Hill Ramblers! The Hollomans watched their house being built and couldn't wait to move in.

Ed was in the Army in those days, working at Fort Belvoir. After he left the service, he stayed on at

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Belvoir. Juanita worked for the Army at Belvoir and later the federal government at Cameron Station for a total of 32 years. Ed and Juanita raised three daughters: Patricia Ann lives in Woodbridge, Helen Carol in Lorton, and Pamela Sue in Falls Church. Ed was originally from Petersburg, VA, and Juanita was born in the old Alexandria Hospital.

**Rose Hill Beauties**

The Spring rain brought out a bumper crop of Rose Hill Beauties. All of them are listed on Page 4 of this edition of *The Rambler*. They also are listed on our web site, myRoseHill.com. Everyone who is a member of RHCA will receive either a sign or a sticker updating their present sign. Because of the larger number of members whose properties are Beauties, we have gone to the stickers in an effort to save money. Thanks to those of you who save your sign from year to year. We will replace damaged or lost signs. Given the increased costs of the signs, the sticker system has saved us several hundred dollars. Thanks to the judges who took the time to collectively visit every street in Rose Hill and compiled the list of Beauties. If you think we missed your property or one of your neighbors, please call either Linda Nichols or myself and we'll take another look. The idea is to reward those who keep their property looking nice and there is no limit on the number of awards. If we misspelled your name or have a name wrong, please let us know so we can correct the list on the website and acknowledge it in the September *Rambler* (no *Rambler* in July or August).

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Out picnic on Tuesday, August 4, in Dave and Linda Nichols' front yard at 6414 Rose Hill Drive. Dove Plumbing and Heating is providing hot dogs with all the trimmings, lemonade, and water. Residents are asked to bring side dishes and desserts that can withstand the heat. Serving begins at 6:30pm.

**Library Hours Cut Back**

Because of budget cuts, the John Marshall Library will close at 8pm during the week starting July 1. Our July 21 summer potluck dinner will have to clear the room by 7:45pm, which brings us to our future RHCA meeting schedule. We need to decide to either start and finish meetings earlier or find another location. It's a little tough to conduct business, hear from speaker, and provide a question-and-answer forum in one hour. We need to either start earlier or move. Any suggestions?

**Grass in Median**

You might have noticed in mid-May that the grass in the median strip on Rose Hill Drive next to the shopping center was knee high. Thanks to Donnie Krauss for cutting it while we sorted out who actually was responsible. Due to a mix-up, the company contracted by Rose Hill Apartments to handle its landscaping and grass cutting failed to cut the grass in the two medians closest to Franconia Road. In the past, the apartments have handled all the grass cutting in the medians. It took only one call to straighten it out. The apartments will continue to pay to have the grass cut in the medians all the way to Franconia Road. The owners of the apartments agree that we can't have overgrown medians at the entrance to our community. Thanks to A.J. Dwoskin & Associates, the owners of the apartments, for their continued splendid cooperation. And thanks to those of you who contribute to the seasonal plantings in front of the entrance sign. We try to keep politicians, businesses, and groups from erecting signs in front of the entrance marker.

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**Summer Activities**

RHCA is planning a summer potluck dinner this year. The date is Tuesday, July 21, in the community room of the John Marshall Library. The dinner starts at 6pm and RHCA will provide sandwiches, lemonade, and water as well as plates, paper products, and plastic utensils. Residents are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. If the turnout is anything like last year, you won't want to miss this treat.

Also, join RHCA in supporting our local law enforcement and fire personnel at the annual Night

There are those of us who will remove them if they are spotted; if you notice it first, feel free.

### **Eye on Crime and Poor Upkeep**

The record number of homes being honored as Rose Hill Beauties has a direct link to those dedicated volunteers who keep their eye on their immediate neighborhood. We report suspicious activity of any sort to the police as well as other zoning or ordinance violations to the proper authorities. If you see the green stickers on houses, that indicates they have been served noticed that the County has either or is about to cut the grass and will bill to the owner. Slowly, but surely, we are getting rid of overcrowded and poorly maintained properties in our midst. Neighborhood deterioration affects all our property values. As the housing market recovers, we want to make sure the value of our property increases and isn't held back by unthoughtful neighbors. If you would like to join our Neighborhood Watch, give Linda or I a call. If your area isn't covered, we'll put you to work! All you have to do is keep your eye on your neighborhood and report suspicious activity and violations. We'll provide you with some guidelines provided by the police and zoning enforcement.

### **Gang Activity**

You may have missed the recent short article in the paper about the arrests for gang activity at Edison High School. Eight people were arrested for participating in a beating of a potential gang member as part of an initiation. The only person over 18 was identified as being from Rose Hill. RHCA previously has been told by police about gang activity at Mark Twain. Thanks to Supervisor McKay for helping to restore the proposed budget cut that would have curtailed or eliminated the school resource officers who keep an eye out for gang activity. In this instance, it was the school resource officer who cracked the case. RHCA is a strong voice in supporting police efforts in eliminating gangs and gang violence. Add your voice by becoming a member (membership forms available on myRoseHill.com). We plan to get a first-hand report from the police on gang activity at one of our Fall meetings.

### **More Members**

It's never too late to support RHCA! Thanks to Harold and Pearl Ballen of 6632 Telegraph Road, Tracy Campbell of 6402 Cottonwood Drive, Lee and

Carole Davis of 6314 Climbhill Road, Mike and Jo Ann McLean of 6333 Carriage Drive, Mark and Dottie Snyder of 6322 Maryview Street, Pam and Jamie Yereb of 4617 Winston Place, and Kenneth and Crystal White of 6322 Haystack Road for their support by becoming 2009 members. If you haven't joined as yet, go to myRoseHill.com, print out an application, and mail it to RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310.

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### **New LDACO Rep**

Thanks to Stephanie Young of Willowood Drive for taking on the job of Rose Hill's representative to the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations. The group, which consists of the presidents or representatives of all organized communities in Lee District, meets monthly with Supervisor McKay at the Franconia Government Center. The group also hears reports by various County agencies. Stephanie will report any items of interest at RHCA meetings, in *The Rambler*, and on the web site. She joins Woody Betts of Saddle Tree Drive, Joann Thompson of Cottonwood Drive, and I on groups that forward the concerns of Rose Hill to the County. Woody is our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and serves on the Community Advisory Committee at the Franconia Police Station. Joann serves on the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) council. I represent Rose Hill on the Lee District Land Use Committee, which makes recommendations on development and zoning issues.

### **Purple Heart Stamp**

The United States Postal Service has reissued the Purple Heart stamp for the fifth time since 2003. Let's hope it's permanent this time. Each time the issue has run its course, the Postal Service is besieged with calls for a reissue. Interestingly, the most recent reissue features a picture of one of two Purple Hearts awarded to James Loftus Fowler of Alexandria who was battalion commander of the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines serving in Vietnam. We encourage you to ask for the Purple Heart stamp when you visit the post office — a perfect way to honor our wounded veterans.

—Carl Sell

## 2009 Rose Hill Beauties

\* Denotes RHCA member. Only RHCA members receive Rose Hill Beauty signs. If we have misspelled your name or the name has changed or your address is marked unknown, please get in touch with Carl Sell at sellcarl@aol.com or Linda Nichols at dovefellow@aol.com. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

<p><b>Apple Tree Drive</b> 4502, Tobar 4507, Nimjareansuk* 4508, Kurucz 4515, Acosta 4520, Stinnette * 4523, Calhoun 4525, Herrera* 4601, Peyton 4701, Tomlin 4801, Gailliot* 4905, Gerke 4907, Collins</p> <p><b>Bee Street</b> 4501, Lewis 4510, Robertson 4511, Borchevsky 4513, Corley</p> <p><b>Blossom Lane</b> 6217, Digman* 6218, Kandul* 6221, Corbin*</p> <p><b>Bluegrass Place</b> 6115, (unknown)</p> <p><b>Carriage Drive</b> 6423, Cao 6424, Lefler* 6425, Beamon 6426, Navarro 6429, Kohm 6430, Dockery* 6431, Rice* 6433, McLean* 6434, Simms* 6435, Gries 6503, Mason 6506, Harper 6511, Dankers* 6512, Kannofsky 6515, Watts</p> <p><b>Climbhill Road</b> 6214, Davis* 6220, Hudson-Minto 6222, Ford 6303, Braswell* 6309, Duy 6310, Bishop* 6311, Peyton 6314, Davis* 6317, Jones</p>	<p><b>Cottonwood Drive</b> 6300, Lopez 6301, Fish* 6302, Thomson* 6303, McKinney 6304, Hass-Smith* 6306, Stemple* 6323, Thompson* 6401, Butler 6410, Fulk* 6413, Centeno 6416, Flahive* 6503, DeSapio 6504, Kimberly* 6510, Suggs 6513, Ridgell* 6601, Sell* 6603, Messinger* 6609, Bakarat* 6610, Vincenzes* 6611, Dahlgren* 6613, Holliday</p> <p><b>Cottonwood Place</b> 4609, Ridgeway* 4613, High</p> <p><b>Dew Grass Court</b> 6120, Weber* 6121, Williams*</p> <p><b>Driftwood Drive</b> 6317, Eppolito*</p> <p><b>Flower Lane</b> 4700, Lynch-Upchurch 4701, Kroetch</p> <p><b>Greendale Road</b> 6703, Miller* 6707, Caparas 6708, Westgate* 6711, Nguyen*</p> <p><b>Greenhaven Place</b> 5003, Jeffries</p> <p><b>Eastchester Circle</b> 5003, Bottomley* 5009, Dailey*</p> <p><b>Hayfield Place</b> 6401, Coler* 6408, Tisara 6409, Finnegan*</p>	<p><b>Haystack Road</b> 6422, White* 6424, Broxterman * 6500, Neidermeyer* 6503, Pfefferle* 6504, Yeang 6505, Taylor* 6511, Ciccotelli* 6514, Flannagan*</p> <p><b>Lark Lane</b> 4516, Whitt 4517, Martin* 4519, Ballard*</p> <p><b>Leewood Drive</b> 6004, Smith 6006, Jones 6008, Watts* 6110, Collins 6111, Smith/Friend* 6115, Kowalik* 6117, Lewis* 6118, Alston* 6122, Mayo*</p> <p><b>Maryview Street</b> 6321, Efrain 6322, Snyder* 6324, Carlos 6326, Wong 6328, Poff* 6329, Hughes 6330, Lawrence* 6333, Ali 6401, Thakor/Parvati 6403, Shifflett 6407, Macorol 6408, Phillips* 6409, Christiansen* 6410, Hunter 6411, Elliott* 6413, Gonzales 6415, (unknown)</p> <p><b>May Boulevard</b> 6303, Freitag* 6319, Dodson 6410, Lane* 6412, James*</p> <p><b>Mayor Place</b> 4608, Market* 4609, Cunniffe* 4610, Yordy</p> <p><b>Redwood Lane</b> 6208, Hoey</p>	<p><b>Rose Hill Drive</b> 6115, Abbou* 6270, Bernarick* 6316, Noble 6402, Justice* 6406, Lender* 6407, Garcia 6411, Gregson* 6413, Mangum* 6415, Sherfey* 6416, Nichols* 6417, Bearth* 6421, Strah* 6422, Reed* 6428, Beatty* 6503, Rolon* 6510, Robinson 6512, Nguyen* 6514, Tonkphontong 6516, Kim</p> <p><b>Roundhill Road</b> 4402, Richey* 4405, Kesler 4413, Erb 4415, Beaty* 4421, McBride* 4422, Madaris 4423, Bise 4429, Beach* 4430, Gundermann 4434, Buzalsky* 4511, Harris 4512, Rios 4513, Worley* 4518, Voohees 4519, Ballard 4520, Varney* 4522, Dougherty* 4525, Williams 4604, Good* 4607, Davidson* 4609, Smith</p> <p><b>Silo Road</b> 4907, Cashmire*</p> <p><b>Saddle Tree Lane</b> 6216, Thibeau 6302, Covington* 6314, Hoover*</p> <p><b>Split Rock Road</b> 4701, Thomas* 4702, Prompol 4703, Oroc* 4704, Greear 4705, Feagley* 4707, Jamison*</p>	<p><b>Sturbridge Place</b> 4517, Kick*</p> <p><b>Telegraph Road</b> 6514, Melendes/Reyes 6518, Minarik* 6702, Partridge 6704, Girard 6706, Gardner</p> <p><b>Thornwood Drive</b> 6202, Weekly 6205, Kim 6207, Benitez 6208, Haupt* 6209, Janik 6210, Dzierzawski*</p> <p><b>Treetop Lane</b> 5008, Matchett 4914, Schappi*</p> <p><b>Wayside Place</b> 6400, Dodson* 6402, McKay* 6404, Wheeler</p> <p><b>Willowood Lane</b> 6200, Machmer* 6203, Ponce* 6302, Shupe 6303, Ramos* 6307, Ball 6309, Lutman 6310, (unknown) 6315, Bale* 6327, Wolfing 6328, Sookmeewiriyaya 6329, Saifuddin 6330, Greek* 6401, Pagach 6403, Young/Springer* 6404, Gable 6411, Evans* 6412, (unknown) 6413, Castillo* 6416, Jencks* 6417, Parker* 6418, Cardone 6419, Foster</p> <p><b>Winston Place</b> 4617, Yereb* 4618, Dillon*</p>
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# Lee District Nights 2009 Program...

HELD AT LEE DISTRICT PARK AMPHITHEATER WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:30 PM 6601 TELEGRAPH RD, FRANCONIA, VA 22310

WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/PARKS/PERFORMANCES

CONCERTS ARE CANCELLED IF THERE'S A TREAT OF BAD WEATHER. CALL 703-324-SHOW (7469) AFTER 6:00 P.M. FOR CANCELLATION UPDATES.

## June

- 3 **The United States Navy Band**  
"Cruisers" (Pop/Rock)
- 10 **Chinese Dance & Music**  
(Chinese Dance & Music)
- 17 **Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie**  
(Traditional Bluegrass)
- 24 **The United States Navy Band**  
"Country Current"  
(Country Bluegrass)

## July

- 1 **Rick Franklin & His Delta Blues**  
Boys w/ Mike Baytop (Delta Blues)
- 8 **King Teddy** (Swing)
- 15 **Alexandria Klezmer** (Klezmer)
- 22 **The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra**  
"Summer Band" (Classic)
- 29 **The Nighthawks** (Rockabilly)

### 4th of July Celebrations

Music for the entire family 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## August

- 5 **The United States Army Band**  
"Blues Jazz Ensemble" (Jazz)
- 12 **Pietasters** (Ska)
- 19 **John McCutcheon** (Folk)
- 26 **The Irish Breakfast Band** (Irish)



The United States Navy Band  
"Country Current"



Nighthawks



Pietasters

Welcome to Lee District Nights. This series of free public concerts features a wide variety of musical acts from jazz to big band, classic to bluegrass, and swing to folk and vintage rock 'n roll. We encourage you to enjoy an al fresco musical evening with family and friends. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and sit back and enjoy the show. Volunteers are welcome to help with all aspects of the concert series. If you are interested in helping out, please contact my office at 703-971-6262. I look forward to sharing a wonderful summer of music with you.

Jeffrey C. McKay  
Lee District Supervisor

### SUPPORT THIS SERIES

#### BECOME A "FRIEND OF LEE NIGHTS"

- Yes!** I want to help ensure funding for future Lee District Nights Concert Series:

##### CORPORATE STARS

- Presenting (\$4,000 plus)
- Premier (\$2,000-3,999)
- Shining (\$1,000-1,999)
- Media Supporter  
(call for details)

##### COMMUNITY STARS

- Community (\$100-\$999)
- Family (\$50)
- Individual (\$25)
- Student (\$5)

(Please be our Presenting STAR)

Your contribution to the Fairfax County Park Authority for Lee Nights is tax deductible.

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make donations payable to: FCPA - Lee Nights

Mail to: Fairfax County Park Authority  
Park Services - Volunteers/Special Events  
12055 Government Center Plwy, Suite 425  
Fairfax, VA 22035-1118

#### ENSURE FUNDING FOR LEE NIGHTS



Springfield Mall

TAGS



MOUNT VERNON VOICE



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY  
Appropriate accommodations may be provided upon request.  
703-324-8727 TTY 703-803-3354



# FCPD Report

## MODIP

The Fairfax County Police Department offers residents 55 years of age and older enrollment in the Mature Operator's Driver Improvement Program (MODIP). This eight hour course, which provides safe driving information, is sanctioned by the American Automobile Association (AAA) and is presented by certified Fairfax County Auxiliary Police Officers. Upon completion of this course, drivers are eligible for the Virginia State-mandated insurance premium reduction (check with individual insurance carriers for the amount). The classes are normally held the second Saturday of each month at the Franconia District Station. The next seminar is scheduled at the Franconia District Station, located at 6121 Franconia Road, from 8am to 4pm on July 11, 2009. Registration is required and can be done by contacting the MODIP reservations line at 703.924.6588.



## Gang Recruitment/Gang Participation/Hazing/Arrest

**Gum Street/Woodway Drive:** Nine high school students have been charged with gang recruitment for the initiation of another student into a gang. A police investigation began on Tuesday, March 31 when the School Resource Officer at Edison High School discovered that a student had been jumped by a gang on Friday, March 20. The nine students reportedly walked with the victim, a 16-year-old boy, to a path near Gum Street and Woodway Drive around 3pm and allegedly punched and kicked the victim for about a minute. Chaimongkhon Ruengvivatanakij, 18, of 4524 Roundhill Road in Alexandria, was arrested on May 8 and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The eight minors, between 14 and 16 years old, were also arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center. Everyone was charged with gang participation, gang recruitment, and hazing.

## Truck Safety Inspections

Fairfax County Police conducted comprehensive truck safety inspections as a part of the national RoadCheck 2009 annual safety effort on Thursday, June 4. Officers assigned to the Motor Carrier Safety unit inspected 21 vehicles in the Chantilly area. Almost half of the trucks were placed out of service for significant safety infractions and officers noted a total of 117 safety violations. The safety check ran from 9am until 3pm and was one of many held across the country that week in conjunction with the annual RoadCheck 2009 campaign, coordinated by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. Motor Carrier Safety Officers are an integral part of the Fairfax County Police Department. Of the 1,768 trucks and trailers inspected in 2008, nearly 46 percent were ordered off the roads for safety violations. RoadCheck 2009 is sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and mobilizes federal, state and local inspectors for a 72-hour enforcement and educational truck safety effort. Photos of RoadCheck 2009 may be viewed on the police public Web site: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police).

## Phone Scams

Several seniors across Fairfax County have been victimized by a phone scam in recent weeks. Thousands of dollars have been lost by these few individuals and many others have nearly lost money. The scam begins with a phone call from a "grandchild." The caller tells the senior they have been involved in an accident or arrested for DWI. They plead with the senior to wire money and not tell "mom and dad." They also say the money cannot be sent directly to them because their wallet is in the car which was impounded. Instead, they ask for the money to be sent to a "friend" or "attorney." In some cases, another person posing as the "attorney" calls the senior a few minutes later and supports the claims made by the initial caller. This technique, known as social engineering, is preying on the fact that most seniors will do anything to help a family member. Steps need to be taken to not fall victim of this attack. If you get a call from anyone asking for immediate money, you need to:

- \* Verify who the caller is by asking personal questions.
- \* Be cautious; don't give personal information.
- \* Call other family members before sending any money.
- \* Call the location where the "family member" is being held or treated.



Franconia Police Station/Government Center

# Rose Hill Community Calendar

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## Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, June 23, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Topic: Unveiling of Rose Hill Originals Plaque.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

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## John Marshall Library

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

**Hours as of July 1:** M, T, W—10am - 8pm; Th, F—10am - 6pm; Sat—10am - 5pm.

- ★ **Ongoing Event: Personalized Computer Training.** Basics for beginners: Internet and Microsoft Word. Call branch for appointment. Adults.
- ★ **June 23, 2:30pm.** The Wright Stuff. Discover the mystery of flight with the Maryland Science Center. Age 6-12.
- ★ **June 29, 2:30pm.** Spectacular Science. Mad Science presents indoor fireworks, bubbling potions, and more. Age 6-12.
- ★ **July 3 and 4.** Library closed.
- ★ **July 6, 10:30am.** Fun with the Creature Teacher. Meet a variety of animals from different habitats with Bar C Ranch. Age 6-12.
- ★ **July 13, 10:30am.** Kaydee Puppets Presents. Family fun with the "Princess and the Pea" and the "Little Red Hen's Wacky Week." All ages.
- ★ **July 13, 7pm.** Gum Art. Jamie Marraccini shows you how to create amazing art with your chewing gum. Age 12-18.
- ★ **July 14, 7pm.** Mother-Daughter Book Group. Join us for a lively book discussion. Call for the title. Age 9-11 with adult.
- ★ **July 15, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. Call for title. Adults.
- ★ **July 16, 10:30am.** Monkeys in the House. Flap your arms, tap your feet and release your inner monkey with John Hadfield. All ages.
- ★ **July 20, 10:30am.** Read Yourself Silly With Flow Circus. Take a trip to the circus with juggling, magic, and more. Age 6-12.
- ★ **July 23, 1pm.** Get Curious with George. Come for stories and meet Curious George. Bring your camera. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **July 27, 7pm.** Magic Around the World With Fish the Magish. Storytelling, magic, and fun. Age 6-12.

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## Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, 703.768.2525.

**Hours:** April 18 through June 30 — 9-5 everyday except closed Tuesdays, noon-5 on holidays; July 1 through August 31 — 9-5 M-F closed Tuesdays, 9-1 Sat., Sun. and holidays.

- ★ **Saturday, June 27.** Summer Stroll. Glittering fireflies, gnawing beavers, and a parade of raccoons — evidence that Huntley Meadows Park never sleeps! Learn about Huntley's night life through a short lecture and a walk to the wetland from 8 to 10pm. The cost is \$6 per adult. For information, call 703.768.2525.
- ★ **Sunday, June 28.** Dragonflies. Learn about the life cycle, behavior and identification of the many dragonflies and damselflies at Huntley Meadows Park from 9 to 11:30am. Venture to the wetland to observe these acrobatic fliers in action. Reservations are required. The cost is \$6 per adult. To reserve, call 703.768.2525.

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## Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310, 703. 313.3700, Fax: 703.313.3797



- ★ **FCPS Best of the Web Winner, Ms. Farrelly!** This just in! Ms. Farrelly has received the FCPS Best of the Web 2008-2009 Award for the MTMS website! The best middle school website in FCPS!
- ★ **Has the Mark Twain MS staff been diligently committed to excellence on behalf of your child's social, emotional, and academic success this year?** Emails and written notes of appreciation are priceless to educators—especially when they come from students and parents/guardians.
- ★ **Summer Reading!!!** At Mark Twain MS, all rising 8th graders (current 7th graders) will be expected to read the novel *Crossing the Wire* by Will Hobbs this summer. Students will receive this assignment through their 7th grade English classes on Monday, June 15, 2009. Students need to get the book on their own (bookstore [\$5.99] or public library). Families who cannot purchase a book may contact Halissa.Delphin@fcps.edu to borrow a copy through school. The Borders Books and Music (across from Springfield Mall) will have 200 copies for Twain students to buy; the books will be available at the register for Twain students. The assignment is due in 8th grade English class on the first day of school, September 8, 2009. Please contact Halissa Delphin at Halissa.Delphin@fcps.edu if you have any questions.

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## Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **New start and end times (bell schedule) for Twain MS:**  
8:05am-2:55pm.

### Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr.,  
Alexandria, 22310,  
703.313.4200  
Fax: 703.313.4297



- ★ **Tuesday, September 8,**  
8:45am - 3:25pm. First Day of School
- ★ **Thursday, September 3, 11am - 12pm.** Kindergarten Open House\*
- ★ **Friday, September 4, 2pm - 3pm.** Grades 1 - 6 Open House\*
- ★ **Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm.** Rose Hill Back-To-School Night

*\*Class assignments will be distributed to students during open house.*

- ★ We think reading is so important that we are opening the Rose Hill library for book check out on Tuesdays from 9am to 11am. We will begin this service to Rose Hill students on Tuesday, June 30. Summer dates for checkout:

June 30  
July 7, 14, 21, 28  
August 4 and 11

Who can check out books from our library? Any current Rose Hill student who is accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you there.

- ★ Preschoolers and students of all ages are invited to "Read Around the World" this summer during the library's 2009 puppet shows, animals, music, magic and more at special programs all summer. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/srp/> for details or stop by the John Marshall Library.
- ★ **Rose Hill Elementary Summer Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9am to 2pm.

- ★ **Register your child for school today!** New to the Rose Hill community this summer? Please register for school today! Stop by the school office to pick up a registration packet. To register you need the following:

- FCPS registration forms
- Photo ID
- Student's birth certificate
- Proof of residence (deed, lease, notarized affidavit w/ supporting documents)
- Current physical and immunization records.

Questions? Please call 703.313.4200. Registration forms are available at <http://www.fcps.edu/forms.htm> and specific information about kindergarten registration is available at <http://www.fcps.edu/start/kindergarten.htm>.

- ★ **Summer of Success Resource packet.** The PRC has posted a resource packet — keep your children actively engaged for a Summer of Success! <http://www.fcps.edu/ccopr/documents/SummerofSuccess.pdf50109.pdf>. For a complete list of all upcoming workshops and activities go to the PRC web site, <http://www.fcps.edu/ccopr/workshops.htm>, or contact us by email at [prc@fcps.edu](mailto:prc@fcps.edu), or phone, 703.204.3941.

New School Hours 2009-2010	
<b>K – 6</b>	
Mon	8:45am – 12:55pm
Tue – Fri	8:45am – 3:25pm
<b>Preschool</b>	
Mon : AM Session	9am – 11:00 a.m.
Mon : PM Session	11am – 1:00pm
Tue – Fri : AM Session	9am – 12:15pm
Tue – Fri : PM Session	12:15pm.– 3:30pm
<b>PAC</b>	
Mon	9am – 1pm
Tue, Thu, and Fri	9:00am – 3:30pm
Wednesday	9am – 12:15pm

## Volunteer Positions Available

### **RAMBLER EDITOR**

**Requirments:** proofreading, editing, experience with a layout software program.  
Contact: Marty Williams, 703.910.6316 or [marty@fabrications.us](mailto:marty@fabrications.us)

### **WEBMASTER**

**Requirements:** knowlege of website design, development, and maintenance.  
Contact: Jim Sapp, [jimsapp7@msn.com](mailto:jimsapp7@msn.com)



# 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 703.910.6316.

## 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](http://www.dgdesigns.com). Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Place.

## ELECTRICIAN

**Electrical Solutions.** 703.922.2040. Electrical service upgrades, whole house surge protection, troubleshooting, repairs, additions, & remodeling. Audio/video sales and professional installation (high definition TV calibration), and much, much more! Same day service, FREE phone estimates, Class "A" contractor, licensed (VA, MD, DC), bonded, insured. 24 hour emergency service. Your friendly neighborhood electrician for your home or office.

## GRAPHIC DESIGN

**Fabrications.** Invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your editing, printing, and paper needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, has more than 13 years experience and can be reached at 703.910.6316, or [marty@fabrications.us](mailto:marty@fabrications.us). She is the Editor of *The Rambler*.

## HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

**Dove Heating and Air Conditioning.** We service and install heat pumps, air conditioners, furnaces, hot water heaters, and humidifiers. David and Linda Nichols, 703.971.8897. The Nichols have been in business for 24 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 34 years.

## HOUSE CLEANING

**Ingrid.** 703.362.5672. I've lived in the Rose Hill area for 13 years. I clean houses in the general area and also do move-outs.

## 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.

**Independence Landscape and Lawn Care.** For all your landscape and lawn care needs please call Curt Greene at 703.967.7639. Our services range from mowing, lawn care, leaf removal, and snow removal to patios, landscape design, and construction. Using the latest most efficient methods and equipment gives us the advantage to effectively service our customers at a competitive price. Discounts offered to all Rose Hill residents. Check us out on the web at [www.independencelandscape.com](http://www.independencelandscape.com). Curt lives on Thornwood Drive.

## PAINTING

**Sherry and Cindy's Painting.** Sherry Matey, 703.921.9422. Exterior/interior, drywall repair, deck staining, pressure washing. Sherry has lived in Rose Hill for more than 20 years and has received well-deserved referrals from many residents [including your editor].

## PET SITTING

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

## PHOTOGRAPHY

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

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

### REAL ESTATE

**Exit Metro Realty.** Angelique Vereen can be reached at 703.740.2260 (business) or 571.233.6395 (direct). Her office is located at 114 S. Pitt St., Alexandria 22314. She and her family have lived on Thornwood Dr. for many years. The Vereen house always sparkles with holiday lights!

**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.

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

### ROOFING

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

### TREE SERVICE

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

### Advertising in *The Rambler*

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

- ★ Business card: 3 1/2" x 2", \$10
- ★ 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](http://www.myRoseHill.com), for the world to see.

Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.910.6316. 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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