

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

Real Estate Assessments Subject of March 25 RHCA Meeting

A representative of the Real Estate Division of the Fairfax County's Department of Tax Administration will discuss the 2008 assessments at the March 25 meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association. The meeting begins at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library.

Originally, the Department of Tax Administration notified property owners of the 2008 assessments that included a relocation of assessed value between land and improvements. For many in Rose Hill, the value of the improvements went down and the land values went up. Because of concern by the Board of Supervisors reflecting constituents' questions throughout the county, the Department has decided to revisit its calculations. However, they had said that the overall assessment will not change although the values of the land and improvements will be adjusted.

Since real estate taxes are based on the assessments, it is imperative that homeowners understand the process and have the opportunity to ask questions. That's what this meeting is all about. If, after the

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meeting, you remain dissatisfied with your assessment, you can file an administrative appeal by April 4. If you are not satisfied with the answer to the administrative appeal, you have until June 1 to file an appeal with the Board of Equalization.

Perhaps the biggest concern involves the downgrading of the value of the house under the formula. The Department of Tax Administration admits the house assessment does NOT equal the cost to replace a house. For assessment purposes, the improvements value reflects years of normal depreciation.

The Department says that generally insurance companies use their own estimate of what it would cost to rebuild your house if it is destroyed. However, insurance companies operate differently in the case of automobiles, providing Blue Book value when replacement costs are higher. That's one issue that has residents concerned about the new system.

Don't miss this important meeting concerning the assessment of your home.

Condolences

Our community lost two of its originals recently with the deaths of Gladys Tutterow and Catherine (Penny) Mulner. David and Gladys Tutterow moved to Rose Hill on the last day of 1956. Ed and Penny Mulner settled here in 1958. David Tutterow still lives

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, March 25, 7pm John Marshall Library

Topic: Real Estate Assessments

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Gladys and Penny were among the original owners who helped make Rose Hill a great place to live. They are memorialized as 'Originals' who spent 50 years in the community. We'll miss them both. Our condolences to the families.

on May Boulevard while Ed Mulner preceded Penny in death several years ago. The Tutterows were active in the civic association and Meadowview Swim Club, with David serving as president of the Board of Directors. Penny Mulner was a fixture at RHCA meetings. Until her health no longer permitted, she provided coffee, soft drinks, cookies, and snacks at the monthly meeting. Gladys and Penny were among the original owners who helped make Rose Hill a great place to live. They are memorialized as 'Originals' who spent 50 years in the community. We'll miss them both. Our condolences to the families.

Painting Sponsors and Members

The final list of sponsors of the Rose Hill Raid painting is printed on Page 6. Please check the list to make sure your name is correct. If not, notify any of the officers ASAP. The information about the raid and the names will be displayed with the painting in the Gladys Keating Community Room at the John Marshall Library. Also in this issue is the list of 2008 members (Page 4) as of March 12, 2008. The 2008 membership drive ends with this issue of *The Rambler*. Of course, we will be pleased to accept additional memberships. Fill out the membership form on Page 5 and mail it, along with your check to RHCA, Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. Additional members will be acknowledged in future editions of *The Rambler*. We desperately need as many members as possible to print *The Rambler* and continue other programs. No one will knock on your door soliciting your membership, but we would appreciate your help. If you aren't already a member, join your neighbors listed on Page 4.

Strike Team Update

As the result of the presentation by Fairfax County's Zoning and Code Enforcement Strike Team at our February meeting, a number of potential violations in Rose Hill are under review. The Strike Team, which includes representatives from Zoning, the Health Department, Fire Marshall, Police, and the Department of Public Works, checks out reports of over-

crowding and boarding houses in single family homes. The team looks for illegal alterations in homes including electrical outlets, kitchens and bathrooms installed without permits, and sleeping areas that have inadequate methods of escape in case of an emergency. Zoning violations also include parking on more than 25 percent of the front yard, trash or debris on the property, loud music, and other issues. RHCA is determined to rid our community of illegal uses of property and will forward reports of violations to the proper authorities for investigation. This is a neighborhood of single-family homes and subdividing into multi-family residences is prohibited by law. Residents are reminded that inoperable vehicles cannot be parked on a public street or on a private lot unless it is shielded from view from all property lines. And, remember parking in the median between the sidewalk and street along Rose Hill Drive is illegal and will result in a ticket.

Nostalgia Night Kudos

Thanks to the folks at Rose Hill Elementary, our Nostalgia Night was a tremendous artistic success. Too bad so many of you missed it. The student Sound Wave 12 ensemble put on a great show. Thanks to the performers and Diane Piecuch-Siebert, the music instructor who steered her students to excellence. Even Diane was pleased with the performance and that's high praise! Many parents of the students were in the audience and they had to be proud of their children. RHCA is making a contribution to the Sound Waves to help continue the legacy. Principal Terri Czarniak praised the group, welcomed the crowd, and enjoyed the recollections of former parents and students. Special thanks to Linda Nichols, Carolyn Slenska, and Connie Beatty for their help during the event; Carolyn, Marie Sherfey, Marti Sell, and Monica Reed for cookies and other goodies; Dianne Sweeny of Rose Hill Elementary for helping set up the event; and Alicia Ogodney of Rose Hill Elementary for setting up the sound system and coordinating the showing of the video marking the 50 years of Rose Hill's existence.

Suburban or Urban?

As you know, here in Rose Hill we are diligent in monitoring any new development to make sure it is at or below the planned density and meets all of the County ordinances, particularly those that deal with problem soils. Several years ago, we supported down planning of vacant parcels along Telegraph Road in

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an effort to thwart higher densities and more traffic. We do so in an effort to preserve our suburban neighborhood. Unfortunately, there are those in Lee District who support higher density and a more urban form of living. Worse, they have gained the upper hand on the Lee District Land Use Advisory Committee. Several years ago, they supported a condo development at the corner of Memorial Street and Richmond Highway with a density of more than 30 units per acre. This month, they narrowly won approval of a mixed use development on Beulah Street near Manchester Lakes that had a library and 200 units on SIX acres, a residential density of more than 25 units per acre. There is in the mill a doubling of the size of Springfield mall, including residential towers of 18 stories. In the Beulah case, the developer will build a regional library sooner than current County plans, provide senior housing, and 'workforce' housing for those County, school, and hospital employees who don't earn enough to live in the County. Noble aspirations, except the County ultimately will pay back the developer for the library and Federal law will prohibit limiting the workforce housing to our own service employees. All that density at an intersection that already gets a failing grade of 'F' from VDOT in the evening rush and 'E' in the morning rush. As the Rose Hill representative on the Land Use committee, I voted against both proposals and am opposed to the introduction of additional traffic in the Springfield Mall area. Certainly the Mall needs upgrading, but not with even tighter gridlock. And, you might have read that the County has asked the Army to move some of its density from the Engineer Proving Grounds just west of I-95 to the GSA warehouse site across from the mall to, I guess, spread the misery. Well, even before the decision is made, developers are proposing high density office on the periphery of the EPG. No doubt the Urban Cowboys will embrace both higher densities at the Mall and around the EPG. At the same time, everyone agrees that TRAFFIC is our Number ONE problem. I will continue to fight and vote against increased density that impacts our already overcrowded roads. I believe that is in our best interest. I also believe most of the residents in other communities would disagree with their land use representatives who support higher density if they knew what is going on.

Students will be knocking on doors asking for donations for the many programs at Edison. Just so you know, athletic teams, the band, and clubs do NOT receive funding from the County for uniforms and equipment so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Odds and Ends

The Edison High School Tag Day, originally scheduled for March 8, was postponed to Saturday, April 5, with a weather date of Sunday, April 6. Rain and high winds caused the postponement. Hopefully, things will be calmer and brighter on April 5. Students will be knocking on doors asking for donations for the many programs at Edison. Just so you know, athletic teams, the band, and clubs do NOT receive funding from the County for uniforms and equipment so your support would be greatly appreciated.

We reported in the February *Rambler* that your cell phone could open locked car doors from a distance. All you had to do is call someone who would hold the phone next to the lock, push the remote into your cell phone and like magic, the door would open. Not so, said several readers. I haven't tried it because I don't have a remote to lock and unlock my car. I do it the old-fashioned way!

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will hold a low-cost clinic for rabies shots on Sunday, April 6, at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center. Shots will be only \$10. The Mount Vernon Recreation Center is located at the corner of Belle View Boulevard and Fort Hunt Road. The clinic is held for dogs, cats, and ferrets. Dogs must be on a leash and cats and ferrets in carriers. If you miss that clinic, others are being held May 18, July 13, September 14, and November 16 at the Animal Shelter headquarters at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax. The hours are from 2-4. The clinics are sponsored by the Animal Shelter and Deepwood Veterinary Hospital.

—Carl Sell

Thank A Member, *Rambler* Readers!

Thanks to your neighbors listed below, you receive *The Rambler* nine times a year. And, pat yourself on the back if your name is listed! An average edition of our newsletter costs approximately \$300 and is delivered to all of the 700+ homes in our community, regardless of whether they are members or not. We believe everyone should be informed about what is going on in their community. Won't you join your neighbors in supporting RHCA? A membership form is included on the next page. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, *The Rambler* is delivered to your door nine times a year at no cost to the Association. As you can see, membership dues alone don't keep RHCA afloat. Contributions, in addition to membership fees, help keep *The Rambler* in print and also pay for the landscaping at our entrance sign on Rose Hill Drive at Franconia Road. Most important, a large and active membership is very helpful as we deal with the County regarding community issues. Please include your e-mail address so we can communicate quickly on community issues. We will NEVER give your e-mail address to a third party!

2008 Members as of March 12, 2008

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Bob Brown, 4526 Apple Tree Drive
Ralph & Pauline Carico, 6112 Leewood Drive
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Roger & Carol Christiansen, 6409 Maryview Street
Raul & Kelly Castillo, 6413 Willowood Lane
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Helen Flahive, 6416 Cottonwood Drive
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 Charles Long, 4602 Apple Tree Drive
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 Raymond & Evelyn Market, 4608 Mayor Place
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 George & Susan McKittrick, 6113 Clovergrass Drive
 Donald & Nancy McMinn, 4804 Apple Tree Drive
 Marnie Messinger, 6603 Cottonwood Drive
 Marlene Minarik, 6518 Telegraph Road
 Edna G. Mitchell, 6305 May Boulevard
 Hal & LaVera Murray, 5003 Treetop Lane
 Jorge Navarro & Amy Christianson, 6426 Carriage Drive
 But Nguyen, 6512 Rose Hill Drive
 J. Neidermeyer, 6500 Haystack Road
 Herbert & Grace Newman, 4910 Silo Road
 David & Linda Nichols, 6416 Rose Hill Drive
 Sam & Kim Nimjareansuk, 4507 Apple Tree Drive
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 Alice Wilder, 6413 Rose Hill Drive
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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 Membership
 - \$25 Sponsorship of the 'Rose Hill Raid' painting and have your name on display with the painting
 - \$___ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign
 - \$___ Donation for RHCA General Fund

Rose Hill Raid

This canvas reproduction of the painting by famed Civil War artist John Paul Strain depicts his interpretation of the raid on Rose Hill on September 28, 1863, by legendary Confederate Col. John Singleton Mosby and his rangers. Mosby, operating behind Union lines, raided the Rose Hill house that was located at the end of May Boulevard on a hill overlooking the valley and the Potomac River beyond. Mosby came into Alexandria to attempt to capture Francis H. Pierpont, who had been appointed provisional Governor of Virginia by President Abraham Lincoln; however, the good governor had been called into Washington City so Mosby had to change his plans. Mosby decided to destroy a trestle at Cameron Run and then found out that Pierpont's aide, Col. Daniel F. Dulany, was staying at the Rose Hill house. Mosby captured Col. Dulany and took him away for shipment to prison in Richmond. One of Mosby's raiders was Dulany's son, French, who was later killed during a raid near Herndon. Col. Dulany survived the war. The Dulanys were descendants of Daniel French, the original owner of the house who was involved in the construction of Pohick Church. In the painting, Mosby stands in the foreground with Col. Dulany on horseback with his son over his left shoulder. Can you find the red fox the artist included in the painting? Additional history about Rose Hill can be found on myRoseHill.com. More information concerning the raid can be found at www.hakenson.com. This signed and numbered reproduction is presented to John Marshall Library by the Rose Hill Civic Association and members listed below.



In Memory of Donna Joy & Joseph Myron Beaty

In Memory of Dominic & Mildred Ciccotelli

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Marty Williams

Your Association Needs Volunteers!!

If you can spare a couple of hours a month, have transportation to Kingstowne and around the neighborhood, and can count, RHCA could use you. The distributor position that is vacant is currently being filled by our President and we need you to step up and help!

Marty Williams has moved and is looking to step down from The Rambler Editor position. If you have experience proofreading, editing, and using Microsoft Word or Publisher or another layout software program, please contact Marty for further information at marty@fabrications.us or 703.910.6316.

Jim Sapp does such a great job with our website you can't tell that he seamlessly maintains the site remotely from Colorado. If you have experience with website design, development, and maintenance, and are willing to volunteer to take Jim's job, please contact him for specifics at jimsapp7@msn.com.

RHCA LOVES ITS VOLUNTEERS ... IT WOULDN'T BE WITHOUT THEM.

GET INVOLVED ... YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, March 25, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Topic: real estate assessments.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **Everyday Green.** Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Adult and Community Education (ACE) is offering a new series of lectures this spring that address the practical considerations consumers face daily in pursuing an environmentally aware lifestyle. The lectures will be held from 7 to 9:30pm in the Lake Braddock Secondary School auditorium, located at 9200 Burke Lake Road in Burke. Tuesday, April 8, the topic is Cosmetic Conscience. What we put on our bodies is as important as what we put in our bodies. Get the skinny on product contents, animal testing, and environmental responsibility. On Tuesday, May 13, the topic is the Informed Consumer. Are organic foods and natural household products really worth it? Confused by product labeling? You won't be after this lecture. The Everyday Green lectures are designed to help consumers make informed decisions in three areas of ecological concern: homebuilding, body care, and the world of organic foods and home products. A registration fee of \$15 per lecture can be paid in advance or at the door. More information is available at www.fcps.edu/aceclasses/green.htm or contact Lynne Plante at 703.658.2798 or lynne.plante@fcps.edu.
- ★ **Trout Fishing.** Fridays, February 8 - April 20. Cast your line and catch your limit at Lake Accotink and Lake Fairfax parks. A Virginia State Fishing License is required for participants age 16 or over. A state-issued trout stamp is not required. Season pass: \$35 (\$30 for ages 11-15 and 60 and older). Daily pass: \$10 (\$9 for ages 11-15 and 60 and older). One child aged 10 or under may fish free with a paid adult. Passes purchased at either park are valid at both sites. Fishing is open from 7am to dark daily at both parks. Anglers are limited to one fishing pole per person and six fish per day. For more information, call Lake Accotink Park at 703.569.0285 or Lake Fairfax Park at 703.471.5414.
- ★ **Potomac Watershed Clean-Up Day.** Saturday, March 29. Individuals, students, families, scouts, and community groups can collect tires, bed springs, bottles, cans, and other debris from 9 to 11:30am. Wear boots, old clothes and bring gloves. Trash provided. Please call to reserve a section of the watershed: Frying Pan Farm Park, 703.437.9101; Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 703.941.1065; Hidden Pond Nature Center, 703.451.9588; Huntley Meadows Park, 703.768.2525; Riverbend Visitor Center, 703.759.9018; Sully Historic Site, 703.437.1794; Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 703.631.0013 (repeated 1 to 3pm).
- ★ **FCPS Regional Parent Meetings.** FCPS will present two more regional parent meetings in April: Thursday, April 3, from 5:30 to 9pm at Robinson Secondary School and Saturday, April 5, from 8:30am to noon at Chantilly High School. Open to all FCPS parents, the meetings are

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designed to share strategies for increasing student success, to enhance home-school communication, to provide curriculum information for parents, and to gather feedback from families. The same program will be presented at all sites. Parents are invited to attend the meeting at the time and location that is most convenient. Free age-appropriate group childcare and light refreshments will be provided for all events. Representatives from FCPS and community organizations and agencies will provide families with specific information about services and community resources. The events will offer the opportunity for parents and the school system to learn from each other and strengthen the school-family relationship while supporting student achievement. These meetings are free to all FCPS families; however, advance registration is required because space is limited. Fliers were sent home with all FCPS students in early February. More information about the meetings, including the list of workshops, is available at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/parents.htm>.

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22306, 703-768-2525, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley/>

One of Fairfax County Park Authority's largest parks (1,428 acres) includes wetlands, forests, meadows, streams, and ponds. It has resident deer, beaver, heron, and other animals. Facilities include a visitor center, auditorium, exhibits, and an interpretive trail with boardwalk and observation platforms. Programs for groups by reservation. In March the Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Friday; noon-5pm Saturday and Sunday. Beginning April 19, the Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday. The Visitor Center is closed Tuesday.

- ★ **Mondays, 7-9:30am.** Informal Birding Walks. Adults. Want to bird with a small group of knowledgeable bird watchers? Then this ongoing birding walk is for you! Meets in the Visitor Center parking lot every Monday morning. FREE
- ★ **March 24, 3:15-4:30pm.** Young Explorers – Woodpeckers. 6-8 yrs. Through indoor and outdoor activities, learn more about these tree-drumming wood workers. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$3
- ★ **March 26 or 27, 10-10:45am.** Nature Detectives – Woodpeckers. 3-5 yrs. Through story, activity, and a craft, learn more about these tree-drumming wood workers. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **April 5, 8-11am.** Birding for Beginners. Adults. Learn about optics and field guides as you bird watch with a park naturalist. Reservations required. \$2

- ★ **April 6, 2-4pm.** Nature Photography by the Feldmans. Photography show opening of images taken at Huntley Meadows and around the world by award winning photographers Bob and Jorja Feldman. Reservations suggested. FREE.
- ★ **April 9, 7:15-8:45pm.** Swamp Serenade. 5 yrs. and up. Listen to the frogs and toads as their courtship songs fill the wetland. One flashlight per family is recommended. Canceled if cold. Reservations required. \$2
- ★ **April 11, 7-9:30pm.** Café Cattail. 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
- ★ **April 13, 12-4pm.** New! Eco-Savvy Expo. Families. Please join us and we'll send you home with the best native plants, bee boxes, rain barrels, wildflower seed mixes, shade-gardening tips, rain garden plant lists, wildlife brochures, and everything you've ever wanted to know about attracting local native wildlife! \$3/adult
- ★ **April 14, 3:15-4:30pm.** Young Explorers – Frogs and Toads. 6-8 yrs. Through a story and walk, learn about these master jumpers and evening singers. Reservations required. \$3
- ★ **April 16 or 17, 10-10:45am.** Nature Detectives – Frogs and Toads. 3-5 yrs. Through story, activity, and craft, learn more about these fascinating animals. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **April 19, 8-11am.** Spring Birds and Bagels. Adults. Search for warblers, thrushes, waterfowl, and a host of other birds as we approach the peak of spring migration. Following the hike, recap the sightings during a continental breakfast at the center. Binoculars and field guides recommended. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. \$6

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.

- ★ Have you seen the library's cable show on Channel 16? Watch "Check It Out" to find out what books should be on your must-read list. The show airs at the following times: Sundays at 12:30 and 3:30pm; Tuesdays at 2:30 and 7:30pm; Fridays at 12:30pm; Saturdays at 12:30, 8:30, and 10:30pm.
- ★ **Mondays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group of people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Thursday, March 27, 4pm.** Science and Stories. Stories, activities and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, April 1 - Wednesday, April 30.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn how to use the Web or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Tuesday, April 8, 7:30pm.** Friends Annual Meeting. Franconia History Comes Alive. Presented by the Franconia Museum cosponsored by the Friends of the John Marshall Library. Adults.
7:30pm. What's New in Picture Books. Learn about new books to use with preschoolers. Childcare certification available. Adults.
- ★ **Thursday, April 10, 10:30am.** Spring Is Here! Springtime stories. Ages 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, April 12, 10:30am.** Kaydee Puppets. Rumpelstiltskin & Noddaberry Good Day. Come for a puppet show to delight the whole family! All ages.
- ★ **Tuesday, April 15, 7pm.** Mother-Daughter Book Group. Join us for a lively book discussion. Please call for title. Age 9-11 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 16, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 16, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. Ask for title. Adults No registration is required.

Thomas A. Edison High School

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



- ★ **2008 Virginia School Census.** The 2008 Virginia School Census will begin on March 1 and end on July 15. This census, which occurs every three years and is mandated by the commonwealth of Virginia, determines the fair distribution of state sales tax revenues throughout the state. The census counts every child through age 19, whether or not the child attends public or private school or is home-schooled. For each child counted between the ages of 5 and 19, approximately \$3,000 will be returned to our schools. For further information about the census, users can go to www.fcps.edu/news/census.htm.
- ★ **Attention Fall & Spring Semester Marketing Students!** Get a first hand "behind the scenes" tour of the Washington Nationals new ballpark on Tuesday, April 22. Cost is \$20.

See Mr. Bodner in room 524 for details. There are a limited number of slots available!!

- ★ **Planet Aid Drive.** The Human Rights & Awareness Club is sponsoring the Planet Aid Drive. Donate old clothes and drop them off in the yellow bins located in the front right corner of the school by the faculty parking lot. The money made from your clothing donations will help aid projects in Africa, and a portion of the money made will be donated back to the school. Thanks for donating!
- ★ **Attention Edison Parents!** Please sign up to volunteer for the Class of 2008 All Night Graduation Party, June 13 at Lee District Recreation Center. You don't have to make a huge commitment but just two to three hours of your time on June 13 is all that is needed.
- ★ **Concession Stand Coordinator and Advertisement Coordinator.** Edison's Athletic Boosters is currently looking for an individual or a team of individuals to volunteer for the Concession Stand and Advertisement Coordinator Positions for the 08-09 school year. Any person(s) interested should contact the Athletic Booster's President Bill Shuttleworth at wshu@loc.gov or 703.922.0217. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Boosters as soon as possible in order to coordinate for the new school year.

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Road,
Alexandria, VA 22310,
703.313.3765.



- ★ **Twain Family Fun Night at Edison.** Mark Twain Middle School will be hosting their annual Family Fun Night at Edison High School on Tuesday, March 25. The night includes a Student/Faculty Basketball Game, a Pizza Dinner, Bake Sale, Art Exhibit, and performances by Twain's Chorus, Band, and Orchestra! Tickets are \$7 each and include pizza, salad, soda and admittance to the game. Tickets will be available at the door. The fun starts at 6pm in the Edison Cafeteria and the tip off is at 7pm.
- ★ **March 27.** Dough Raising Night - Order from Domino's
- ★ **April 4.** 3rd Quarter Ends
7:30pm. Spring Musical: Charlotte's Web (Tickets will be sold in advance.)
- ★ **April 5, 2:00 & 7:30pm.** Spring Musical: Charlotte's Web (Tickets will be sold in advance.)
- ★ **April 6, 3:30pm.** Spring Musical: Charlotte's Web (Tickets will be sold in advance.)

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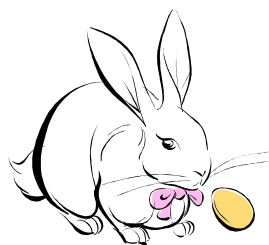
Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **April 7.** No School for Students: Teacher Workday
- ★ **April 8, 7:30-8:30pm.** PTA meeting in the library
- ★ **April 14.** 3rd Quarter Report Cards distributed
PTA Fundraiser at Silver Diner, Springfield
- ★ **April 26, 8am.** Science Olympiad Solo/Ensemble Band Festival (Holmes MS)

Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310,
703.313.4200, 703.313.4297 Fax.

- ★ **Recycle Your Printer's Ink and Toner Cartridges.** Staples will give \$3 for each cartridge and almost all cartridges are accepted. Cartridges should be deposited in the box near the lobby drinking fountain.
- ★ **The Rose Hill Physical Education** department is planning Field Day for grades K-6. We thank our PTA for funding this activity! Students will participate in activities that are associated with the Olympics. Mrs. Jones, Mr. Safi, and Mr. Upthegrove are excited as they plan Field Day activities for grades K-6. The Field Day schedule is:
April 16 - 9-10:30am: Grade 2
April 16 - 1-2:30pm: Grades K & 1
April 18 - 9-10:30am: Grades 3 & 4
April 18 - 1-2:30pm: Grades 5 & 6
We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers. As an incentive the classes at each grade level with the highest number of volunteers will receive a special treat. If you would like to volunteer, please contact any PE teacher by Friday, April 4:
Mrs. Jones, 703.313.4226 or Juliette.Jones @fcps.edu
Mr. Safi, 703.313.4227 or Ahmed. Safi @ fcps.edu
Mr. Upthegrove, 703.313.4227 or Steven.Upthegrove @fcps.edu.
- ★ **March 24, 3:30-5:30pm.** Play Rehearsal, gym
- ★ **Tuesdays, 7:50am.** Morning Tutoring, cafeteria
- ★ **Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:15am.** Before School Remediation Program (BSRP)
- ★ **Thursdays, 3:20-5pm.** Mexican Dance, pod
- ★ **Thursdays, 3:25pm.** Mad Science, Rm. 111
- ★ **March 27, 3:30-5:30pm.** Play Rehearsal, gym
- ★ **March 31, 3:30-5:30pm.** Play Rehearsal, gym



- ★ **April 1, 7pm.** PTA Meeting, library
- ★ **April 2, 6:30-7:15pm.** Preschool Integration Information Meeting, Room 108
- ★ **April 3, 9:30-11:30am.** Grade 6 to Planetarium, Shumann, Giammittorio, Edison HS
3:30-5:30pm. Play Rehearsal, gym
- ★ **April 4, 9am-3pm.** White House Performance, Grade 3 classrooms
9:30-11:30am. Grade 6 to Planetarium, Nichols, Monroy, Edison HS
- ★ **April 7.** Student Holiday; Teacher Workday
- ★ **April 8, 10am-1:30pm.** Grade 4 Trip to Gunston Hall
- ★ **April 9.** B.A.R.T. testing
- ★ **April 11, 1-2pm.** Buffalo Soldier Theatre Presentation, Grades 4-6, gym
7-9pm. School Play, Edison HS
- ★ **April 15, 5-8pm.** PTA Roy Rogers Night
- ★ **April 16, 9-10:30am.** Field Day, Grade 2
1-2pm. Field Day, K and Grade 1
- ★ **April 18, 9-10:30am.** Field Day, Grades 3 and 4
1-2:30pm. Field Day, Grades 5 and 6
- ★ **April 21, 9:30-11:30am.** Grade 6 Students visit Hayfield Middle School
- ★ **April 22, 9:30-10:50am.** Transition Trip, Twain Middle School
4:30-6:30pm. Kindergarten Registration
7-8pm. Kindergarten Orientation
- ★ **April 23, 2:30pm.** 6th Grade Photo
- ★ **April 24.** 6th Grade Field Trip to Monticello
- ★ **April 25, 12:15-1:15pm.** Sixth Grade Incentive Program Introduction, pod

Happy Easter Rose Hill!

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. 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, 703.910.6316, or 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 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.

HOUSE CLEANING

Ingrid Heislup. She's lived in the Rose Hill area for 12 years. She cleans houses in the general area and also does move-outs and office buildings. For more information, please call 703.362.5672.

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. Curt lives on Thornwood Drive.

PAINTING

Sherry's 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, 703.819.0809. Welcome Waggin' is a small company offering extremely personalized service. We do mid-day dog walking as well as

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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.

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

Exit All Star Realty. Angelique Vereen can be reached at 703.317.0030 (business) or 571.233.6395 (direct). She and her family have lived on Thornwood Drive for many years. The Vereen house always sparkles with holiday lights!

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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Air Conditioning, Inc.*

DAVID F. NICHOLS (703) 971-8897
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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 703.910.6316. 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.


—Marty Williams

Andrea Day
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