

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

RHCA Meeting Tuesday, March 27 Will Focus on New Development

The Rose Hill Civic Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27 at Rose Hill Elementary School. Representatives of the developers of the property on Rock-A-By Road will present their revised plans and answer questions. It is our intention to have the County engineers present at our April meeting to make a report on the plan's compliance with County rules and regulations. The developer's plan is for information only and should not be construed as having been approved. Of interest will be the developer's answers to questions raised by neighbors back in November.

One thing we need to insist on is protection for Lark Lane during the construction project. We don't want a repeat of what is happening on May Boulevard in connection with the construction going on there. Workers' cars, large trucks, dirt and debris, etc. had made May Boulevard at the site a mess. Development projects in the middle of a community are always tough, but our narrow streets and too much oversized traffic compound the problem.

Also to be discussed are plans for upcoming agendas and programs. If you have a specific questions or concern about any topic, please come and voice them at the meeting. As usual, refreshments will be served.

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Property Value and Taxes

Everyone should have received your 2018 Real Estate Assessment from Fairfax County. It is extremely important because the tax rate for the year will be based on that number. Overall, County assessments increased on an average of 2.17 percent. In our area, the increase averaged 2.6 percent. If you believe your assessment number to be in error, you can file an administrative appeal. The deadline is May 1. If you have questions, call the tax administration staff at 703-222-8234. If you are not satisfied with the results of the administrative appeal, you can petition the Board of Equalization, which will conduct a formal hearing and consider sworn testimony. You can also file an appeal online

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/realestate/assessments-appeals).

The 2019 Advertised Budget proposed by th3e County Executive includes a 2.5 cent increase, which would result in an average tax increase of \$268.00 for each homeowner. If your assessment is higher, your tax increase will be more. The current tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value would rise to \$1.155. The proposed General Fund Budget is \$4.29 Billion, a \$192.32 Million increase over the current budget. The total budget, which includes federal and state grants, user fees, etc., is \$8.42 Billion.

The County budget includes a \$2.26 Billion transfer to Fairfax County Public schools, \$95.10 Million more than the current budget. As proposed, the schools will get 52.8 percent of the total county budget. The School Board has adopted a budget that calls for a \$130.4 Million increase in funds as the County's share.

The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the

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proposed budget on April 10, beginning at 4 p.m. and April 11 and 12, both beginning at 1 p.m. If you wish to comment, call the Board of Supervisors clerk at 703-324-3151 to be placed on the speaker's list. The important Board markup session, where changes are recommended by staff, individual supervisors, the board Budget Committee and voted on by the full Board, is scheduled April 24. The Board of Supervisors then will adopt a budget and set the tax rate on May 1. All of these meetings can be seen on Channel 16.

Of interest to Rose Hill is the addition of six new police officers at the Franconia Station as the County begins to hire staff for the new South County station. Mount Vernon and Springfield also will be getting additional officers. The idea is to add officers over the next few years in order to have a fully trained staff ready when the new station opens. Construction has yet to begin. In the meantime, there will be less room at the already crowded Franconia Station. Plans are being advanced to expand the existing facility or move to another location.

Scam Season

My neighbor and I have been getting calls from our grandson asking for money to get him out of jail. Since neither of us has a grandson, we told the caller to have a nice day and enjoy his stay! Some time back, friends told me that they had heard from me from a foreign country where I was trapped without any money because of a robbery and needed cash to get home. Fortunately, all of them checked on my whereabouts first. The calls and e-mails are designed to hoodwink you into providing financial information so the thief can raid your credit card or bank account. Don't be fooled. Likewise, guard against hucksters knocking on your door and offering to do yard, tree or household work. Particularly if they can't show a valid Fairfax County Business License so you can copy the information and license number. Some of these scam artists just want to get access to either your home or financial information or both. If they persist, call the police non-emergency number at 703-691-2131. If they insist, call 911. The best tactic is to keep the outside screen door locked and respond to visitors with some sense of safety. An even better idea is to not answer if you don't know the person or haven't called anyone for service. There are plenty of honest, licensed contractors around to do whatever you need.

Rose Hill Players

The Rose Hill Elementary Players are busy getting ready for a piratical adventure they will perform on Friday May 11 and Saturday May 12 at Edison High School. The name of the play is "Pirates of the Curry Bean." If you say it real fast, you'll understand what it means! So, we thought we would tell you about the play in advance so you can practice saying **Pirates of the Curry Bean** real fast and tell The Rambler what you think it means in time for the April issue! We'll give you more information about the performance next month, so starting practicing **sayingitrealfast**. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, May 11 and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday May 12. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children. Children can see the matinee on Saturday for only \$1 each. Concessions will be available both days.

Keeping Track of Neighbors

Because of the large number of houses owned by absentee landlords in Rose Hill, it is hard to determine who is living among us. And, the movement toward short-term rentals via the Internet makes it doubly hard. Why should we care, you ask? Well, given the propensity for violation of community and county rules, not to mention criminal activity, county officials, the police and the community need to know. Many renters come and go in the middle of the night, leaving their trash stacked on the street, creating an eyesore until reported and moved at County expense. If you are a renter abiding by the rules, we welcome you to Rose Hill. If you live here and have a problem property nearby, rental or not, let RHCA know. We can check County records to see who owns each property, but we have no way of knowing who resides in rental property. Often, the owner is far away and has no knowledge of what is happening on the property. It would help officials or police if they knew in advance who lives at a particular address. Everyone has a right to privacy, but we have a right to a safe, secure community!

New Virginia ID Cards

If you plan to travel by air, federal standards will require a REAL-ID state compliant ID driver's license or ID card. In Virginia, driver's licenses won't become compliant until this October. So, if you plan to travel and have a five-year driver's license issued before this October, you'll need to get an ID card. Either the license or card can be used for cashing a check or other everyday business activities. In order to apply for the new license or ID, you will need a

passport or a U.S. birth certificate, Social Security card or two proofs of residency such as utility bills, mortgage statements. Contact Virginia DMV with questions.

Best Wishes for Matthew Dailey

Matthew suffered a heart stoke earlier this month but is doing well, according to Cynthia. We'll miss him at the RHCA meetings until he is fully recovered. In the meantime, we need someone to take over his Rambler route. It involves the 26 homes on Rose Hill Drive from Leewood Drive to Franconia Road, East Chester Circle, Greenhaven Place and Franconia Road from Rose Hill Drive to Leewood Drive. Starting in April, we'll need someone to take over the route done so well for so long by the Pinkhams. They are moving to Raleigh, North Carolina. The route involves 30 homes on Carriage Drive. Let us know if you can help.

Don't Forget RHCA!

We are a little past the halfway mark toward our normal membership total. Expenses keep going up and our membership continues to slip a little each year. Please consider joining and contributing to RHCA. It's only \$10 per year plus any contribution you wish to share. Your name will appear in the next issue of The Rambler just the way you choose on the membership form, which is printed in this edition. We need your help in order to continue the printing of The Rambler, seasonal plantings at the entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road, plus several other projects and donations to worthy local causes. Send your membership form and check to RHCA, PO Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310.

-Carl Sell

Around Rose Hill

John Marshall Library

* Still Under Construction

Thomas Edison High School

5801 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA 22310
Office – 703.924.8000; Fax – 703.924.8097

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA 22310
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Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr. Alexandria, VA 22310
Office – 703.313.4200; Fax – 703.313.4297

Advertising in *The Rambler*

Listing in the business directory is free to Rose Hill residents who are members and 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 703.625.7046. Artwork can be sent to scheungjones@gmail.com 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 advertisement and sent to the P.O. Box.

Only those residents who are members of the Rose Hill Civic Association or provide services in kind will qualify for a FREE listing in the business directory. Membership dues are the source of funds for the printing of The Rambler.


Donald Camden

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Sun. 12 pm - 4 pm

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

Need Help?

Pet services (dog walking, vet appointments); errands (pharmacy, dry cleaning, drop off/pick-up product repair); personal shopping (grocery, post office, exchange and item returns); vehicle services (vehicle license and emission renewal, vehicle service repair, vehicle inspection); home services (house sitting, light yard work, wait at home for service personnel); travel and transportation (to and from); medical concierge services (doctor appointments, pre/post-operation assistance). Contact David Sell at 703.971.4716, or email dksell@hotmail.com.

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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.

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 \$___ Donation for RHCA General Fund

Top-notch! Tom and Cindy found a house for us meeting our stringent requirements, very quickly. They did great market research, helping us to make an offer that was accepted with little negotiation. They suggested movers, storage facilities, painters, etc., which made the whole process as painless as possible. We saw absolutely no reason to turn to any other firm for the sale of our house, as well!

– John & Judith Knight

We were very pleased with the service Tom & Cindy provided throughout the selling process. They were diligent in identifying comparable houses so we could develop a realistic asking price; they developed a beautiful brochure that accurately conveyed the features of our home; their open house and advertising brought in many potential customers; and they advised us on which offer to accept. The entire process took less than a week and the house was under contract. They are true professionals. – Karl Hasslinger

Even after 3000 home sales, we still get excited by happy clients.

I highly recommend the real estate services of Tom & Cindy and Associates. Their professionalism and expertise is the reason why I selected them to sell my home in Alexandria, VA. As an out of state seller conducting a 1031 exchange, I knew their team would be able to accomplish the mission. Tom & Cindy and Associates were able to provide great recommendations and execute the transaction flawlessly. I did not even have to return to VA for the transaction.

– Joe Karosky

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