

The Rambler

Newsletter of the Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

RHCA To Honor Fallen Detective at May 23 Meeting

The Rose Hill Civic Association will honor the memory of Detective Vickie Armel, the Fairfax County Police Officer who was killed May 9 outside the Sully Police Station. Detective Armel was the first officer to be killed in the line of duty by an assailant in the 66-year history of the department. RHCA will observe a moment of silence in her honor.

Detective Armel left a husband, also a Fairfax County police detective, and two elementary school aged children. The Police Department has established a trust fund for the Armel family. RHCA will be accepting donations for the fund at the May meeting. Those who contribute will receive a blue ribbon, the police symbol of respect and remembrance of a fallen officer. The size of each donation isn't important, but the number of donors is.

We also will pray for the recovery of Officer Michael E. Garbarino, who was shot five times as he sat in his police cruiser outside the Sully Station. As

of this writing, Officer Garbarino remains hospitalized in critical condition and, at the very least, faces a long recovery. If a fund is established to aid Officer Garbarino, RHCA will make a contribution in the name of its members.

Please plan to attend the meeting beginning at 7pm and make a contribution as a gesture of support for all our police officers. If you can't attend,

you can send a contribution directly to the Armel Family Trust Fund, c/o Fairfax County Federal Credit Union, 4201 Members Way, Fairfax, VA 22030. This is the only authorized fund for the Armel family. Sadly, the police have received reports of phone solicitations seeking donations in the name of the deceased detective.

Ironically, Detective Armel was killed just hours after a ceremony at Fairfax County Police headquarters that kicked off a week-long nationwide program to memorialize police officers killed in the line of duty. The national memorial in Washington, DC, now will include the name of Detective Armel.

While we will be honoring the memory of Detective Armel and praying for the recovery of Officer Garbarino, we will also be showing our support for all the officers, including those at the Franconia District Station and the Sheriff's Department where Armel worked before joining the police force. We depend on them to enforce our laws, so support of this time of grief would be meaningful.

Rose Hill Beauties

The 2006 list of Rose Hill Beauties appears on Page 4. Signs will be delivered within a few weeks to RHCA

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Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, May 23, 7:00pm John Marshall Library

Topics: Remembrance of Fallen Fairfax Police Officer Armel, Rose Hill Reserve Update, Planning for Rose Hill Originals Recognition

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members whose properties were selected. Since the cost of the signs is paid by RHCA memberships, only members will receive them. The list is longer this year than in the past, reflecting the general overall improvement in the community's appearance. We had a large number of judges this year and we greatly

appreciate their help. However, that doesn't mean we might have missed someone. If you think your property or that of one of your

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neighbors belongs on the list, we'll take another look. The goal is to recognize everyone who makes an effort above and beyond just general maintenance. There are many repeat 'Beauties' and we thank our long-time residents for their effort. Since Rose Hill has had a tremendous turnover in homeowners in recent years, it's great to see so many newcomers working to improve the look of their property. On that note, we'd like to single out Marlene Hass Smith at 6304 Cottonwood Drive. She is continuing the tradition of a great-looking property nurtured by Helen Hass, who passed away last year. Those that don't keep up their property stick out like a sore thumb. And you can rest assured that RHCA will continue to report violations of County law that detract from all the beauty of our community.

Rose Hill Reserve

I have been informed by the County's Chief Geotechnical Engineer that a decision regarding the site plan for Rose Hill Reserve is imminent. By the time you read this, RHCA may have later information. Check our website at MyRoseHill.com or come to the May 23 meeting at 7pm at the John Marshall Library for the latest information. As you may recall, the County had earlier sent the plan back to the owner's engineer for additional work. That came about as the result of a walk of the property by representatives of the County and RHCA back in January. At that time, RHCA issues involving water runoff, marine clay, and the width of the buffer in a specific area were unresolved. We are approaching the two-year mark since the Board of Supervisors approved the Special Exception that allowed the owner to submit a site plan for 45 new homes on the 22 acres. Previous zoning called for 59 lots, but no

site plan had been approved. The Special Exception for the 45 lots will expire at the end of this year unless it is extended by the Board of Supervisors. Those of you who live on lots bordering the site would do well to take the time to review the conditions of the Special Exception because they contain protections for your property if you take advantage of them. As always, please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. Better yet, come to the meeting on May 23rd for an update on where we stand.

Wilson Bridge Update

It won't be long before traffic on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge will be shifted to the first of the new spans. Northbound, or Outer Loop, traffic will be switched in mid-June and southbound or Inner Loop traffic in mid-July. Each traffic switch will be implemented over a full weekend, during which time one direction of the Beltway/95 will be constricted to a single lane. The operations will be somewhat similar to the Beltway shift that was completed last summer. The new span will carry both north and southbound traffic until the second new bridge opens in 2008. Since each new span has six lanes, the same amount of traffic can be accommodated on the new single span as the old bridge. Soon after the traffic is transferred onto the first new bridge, demolition of the existing bridge will begin in July. The Virginia approach and drawbridge portions will be demolished first and approxi-

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mately one year later the Maryland approach will be demolished. The new drawbridge offers an additional 20 feet of clearance over

the river channel when closed and, therefore, will not have to open as often as the old. Currently, the bridge opens approximately 260 times a year. The new bridge will open and close some 60 times a year and will operate considerably faster. For example, it will take the bridge only 90 seconds to open and another 90 seconds to close. The average traffic stop will be approximately 13 minutes for opening, vessel clearance, and closing. For more information, go to wilsonbridge.com.

More RHCA Members

The following memberships have been received: Nancy and Wilmer Anderson, 4500 Apple Tree Drive; Donna Beaty, 4415 Roundhill Road; Jack Blush, 6607 Cottonwood Drive; Lee and Carole Davis, 6314 Climbhill Road; Ed Funk, 4428 Roundhill Road; Mike and Wanda Nelson, 4425 Roundhill Road; Son and Kim Nimitareansuk, 4507 Apple Tree Drive; Marlene Hass Smith, 6304 Cottonwood Drive. The full list of members is on our website, MyRoseHill.com. If you wish to join for 2006, you'll find the membership form there also.

It wasn't long before Lois had a check from Wal Mart made out to Rose Hill Elementary. Thanks, Lois! Thanks, Wal Mart!

A Gift From Wal Mart

RHCA member Lois Corbin of Blossom Lane works as a greeter at the Kingstowne Wal Mart. She noticed that RHCA was soliciting donations to help offset classroom costs at Rose Hill Elementary. So.....Lois mentioned it at work, knowing that each Wal Mart supports worthy community activities. It wasn't long before Lois had a check from Wal Mart made out to

Rose Hill Elementary. Thanks, Lois! Thanks, Wal Mart! You can thank Lois personally if you visit the Kingstowne Wal Mart in the evenings. She's usually the first person you meet when you enter the store.

Friendly Reminders

With Daylight Savings Time in effect and school nearing its end for the year, we again remind Rose Hill residents to watch out for walkers and joggers crossing at our many intersections. And, keep a sharp eye out for youngsters. Parents are asked to caution their kids

about playing in the street. We don't want any unfortunate accidents. Several residents have asked that people be reminded to keep their grass cut and their dogs as quiet as possible. There are County laws governing both, so be forewarned. And remember, RHCA tries to keep inoperable vehicles and piles of trash from cluttering our community. If you don't respond after a friendly reminder in the mail, we will complain to the proper authorities.

—Carl Sell



1950s Rose Hill Originals

Here is the latest list of Rose Hill Originals from the 1950s who still are represented in the community or reached the 50-year level. The criteria are simple: These folks moved into a new house and they are still there or moved to another location in the community. We are beginning to make plans for a suitable plaque to honor our Originals, so let us know if there are any additions or corrections. Once this list is completed, we will move on to honor those folks who moved into new homes in the 1960s.

- 1954** Connie and Larry Beatty
- 1955** Twila and Essie Noble, Well and Ann Machmer, Jean and William Stemple, Jean and Robert Thomson, Helen Wagness, Alice and Edward Holloman, George and Doris Krapf, Pearl Butler, Tom and Wanda Violette
- 1956** Bev and Tom Eppolito, Ray and Harris Bobby Stone, Kae and John Furneisen
- 1957** Mike and Bea Evans, Macy Watts, Mary and Ken Mann, Beatrice Mulvey
- 1958** Dorothy and Joseph Turner, John and Jane Madaris, Tony and Millie Lane
- 1959** Helen and Robert Flahive, Jane Letsche, Jack and Dot Moore, Raymond and Evelyn Market, Russell, Phyllis and Jack Blush

—Update May 8, 2006

2006 Rose Hill Beauties

Apple Tree Drive	4507, Nimjareansuk* 4511, Palmer 4520, Stinnette* 4522, Stone* 4601, Peyton 4605, Hurtado 4701, Tomlin 4801, Galliot* 4905, Gerke* 4907, Collins 4911, Ortiz	Dew Grass Drive	6120, Weber* 6121, Williams	Rose Hill Drive	6402, Justice* 6406, Lender* 6411, Gregson* 6413, Magnum 6415, Sherfey* 6416, Nichols* 6417, Bearth* 6421, Strah* 6428, Beatty* 6510, Robinson 6514, Tonkphontong 6516, Kim
Bee Street	4501, Lewis* 4511, Borchevsky*	Driftwood Drive	6217, Eppolito*	Roundhill Road	4402, Richey* 4413, Marshall 4415, Beaty* 4417, Unknown 4419, Gill 4422, Madaris 4428, Funk* 4429, Beach* 4434, Buzalsky 4518, Voorhees 4525, Williams 4604, Good 4607, Davidson* 4609, Smith 4611, Holman
Blossom Lane	6217, Digman* 6218, Kandul* 6221, Corbin*	Eastchester Circle	5008, Cannon		
Carriage Drive	6423, Huynh* 6424, Lefler* 6431, Rice* 6434, Simms* 6435, Gries 6503, Mason* 6512, Kannofofsky 6514, Pinkham*	Flower Lane	4700, Kroetch* 4701, Lynch-Upchurch*		
Climbhill Road	6214, Bravy* 6220, McNeeley 6222, Ford 6309, Reiman	Greendale Road	6703, Miller 6707, Caparas 6708, Westgate*		
Cottonwood Drive	6300, Unknown 6301, Fish* 6302, Thomson* 6304, Smith* 6306, Stemple* 6321, Heislap 6321, Thompson 6401, Butler* 6402, Campbell* 6410, Fulk* 6416, Flahive* 6504, Kimberly 6509, Williams* 6510, Suggs 6513, Ridgell* 6603, Messinger* 6607, Blush* 6609, Bakarar* 6610, Vincenzes* 6613, Holliday 6615, Abdelatey	Greenhaven Place	5002, Perla		
Cottonwood Place	4610, Taylor 4612, Ballard 4613, High	Hayfield Place	6408, Tisara* 6409, Finnegan		
		Haystack Road	6424, Broxterman* 6500, Neidermeyer* 6503, Pfefferle* 6509, Lee 6510, Pulman 6511, Ciccotelli* 6514, Flannagan*		
		Leewood Drive	6004, Smith 6006, Jones 6008, Watts* 6014, Cumba 6103, Collins* 6111, Friend/Smith* 6115, Kowalik* 6118, Alston 6121, Ngheim 6122, Mayo*		
		Maryview Street	6322, Snyder* 6328, Poff* 6329, Hughes 6330, Lawrence* 6403, Shifflett 6407, Harkrider 6408, Phillips 6409, Christiansen* 6415, Unknown		
		May Boulevard	6303, Freitag* 6317, Cowhig 6319, Dodson* 6410, Lane* 6412, James*		
		Mayor Place	4608, Market*		
		Redwood Lane	6208, Hoey		
		Rose Hill Drive	6115, Abbou* 6270, Benarick* 6300, Krause* 6328, Morris		
					* RHCA members who will receive signs

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Treetop Lane 5000, Barney*
5008, Dopudja
5012, Hood*

Wayside Place 6404, Wheeler

Willowood Lane 6203, Ponce*
6303, Ramos
6315, Bale*
6329, Saifuddin
6330, Greek*
6403, Spaziaini
6410, McCay*
6411, Evans*
6416, Jencks*

Winston Place 4617, Yereb*
4618, Dillon*
4619, Lynch

* RHCA members who will receive signs

If we misspelled your name, or have the wrong name at the right address or vice versa, please call any of the officers or *The Rambler* editor and we will correct it in the June *Rambler*. If you think we overlooked your property or that of one of your neighbors, please give us a call and we'll take another look. Our goal is to honor all of those who maintain their property above and beyond the call of duty!

Rose Hill Original Jack Blush – In His Own Words

I was 7 years old when my first memories of Rose Hill come to mind. My parents Russell and Phyllis Blush had made a commitment to buy a new home being built in the "New Section" of Rose Hill Farms, on Cottonwood Drive. My dad, who was an Engineer at the rank of Major in the US Army and stationed at Fort Belvoir, decided it was time to buy a house, off base, to raise his family.

After a week of heavy rains, following church one Sunday afternoon, the family headed north to check the progress at the new house. As I recall, the pavement stopped part of the way down the hill on Cottonwood. We were in the back of the family wagon, my sister Kathy and I, and the road was nothing but mud and clay. As we started to slide my Dad said, "Don't worry, we'll just slide all the way down the hill and come back out onto Telegraph at the bottom." Only there was one big problem...as we slid around to the left onto Split Rock, we came to a huge trench across the entire road for the sewer line. WE WERE STUCK! So the car stayed there and off came our shoes and socks. We got a first hand view of the muddy construction project that became our home at 6607. A tractor pulled the car out some days later.

Kathy and I swam at Rose Hill Swim Club and went to Rose Hill Elementary, Mark Twain Middle, and Edison High schools. My father retired from the Army as a Colonel and taught Officer Candidate School until his untimely death in 1969. My mom went to work at Mount Vernon Realty to support us kids. After going to the College of William & Mary, I came back home to work in the Washington area, got married, and bought my childhood home from my mother in 1984. Renovation and additions brought the next generation of Blush's to the original family address. My mom said, "I can't believe that I lived in this house for 25 years—it feels like a completely different home." Mom bought a condo in Kingstowne and worked until the day she passed away in 1985. Her love is felt in this family home, every day, on Cottonwood Drive. When a car comes speeding down the hill, I can still hear my Dad bellow out "SLOW DOWN—there are kids playing here!!!"

I have raised two sons in this house, Phillip and Eric, off to college they go; so far so good. I think my parents had the right idea!

—Jack Blush

Ocean City Rental

Two bedroom, two bath Ocean City condo is available for rent to RHCA members at a special price. Dates are 6pm Sunday, July 16 to 6pm Saturday, July 22, and 6pm Sunday, August 20 to 6pm Saturday, August 26. Times are designed to beat the traffic! Located in North Ocean City, four blocks from the ocean. Includes pool! Fully equipped. Bring your own linens. You clean when you leave. \$550 per week for up to four occupants—far below comparable rates. Call Carl Sell at 703.971.4716. Retirees and Seniors: Ask about special deals for September.

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, May 23, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subjects: Remembrance of Fallen Fairfax Police Officer Armel, Rose Hill Reserve Update, Planning for Rose Hill Originals Recognition.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **Any Day. Give Blood—the Gift of Life.** Inova Woodburn Blood Donor Center, 3289 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA. Monday thru Friday, 8am-8pm; Saturday, 9am-5pm. Help save up to three lives in just one hour! Blood donors are needed year round, and especially type O donors. For more information or to make an appointment to donate at a donor center or community blood drive, call 1-866-BloodSaves (866.256.6372) or visit www.inova.org/donateblood. Thank you for helping save lives in our community!
- ★ **Every Tues. and Thur. through October, 5-8pm.** Doggie Happy Hour. You and your four-legged best friend can socialize at the world-famous doggie happy hour. in the courtyard of Holiday Inn Select, 480 King St. www.doggiehappyhour.com or 703.549.6080
- ★ **May 27-June 3.** America's 400th Anniversary Godspeed Sail. This re-creation of one of the three ships who sailed with Captain John Smith to Jamestown arrives at the City's waterfront to kick off the celebration of America's 400th Anniversary. Exhibitions and festivities will include a scale model of the Jamestown fort, children's activities, entertainment and tours of the boat the Godspeed. www.jamestown2007.org or 757.253.4659
- ★ **May 27-June 3.** Music for America's 400th. To welcome the America's 400th Godspeed Sail, the City of Alexandria spotlights local talent with FREE concerts at Market Square (MS), 301 King St., and King Street Gardens (KSG), at King Street and Daingerfield Road. 703.883.4686
May 27. Melanie Mason Band plays blues 1-3:30pm at MS; the Latin Jazz All-Stars 2-5pm at KSG
May 28. Blue Sky Puppet Theatre entertains children 12:30-3:30pm at MS; the folk-duo Doris & Pete 2-3pm at KSG
May 29. DC-4 and Richard Walton Group perform noon-4pm at MS; two rock groups, Carbon Copy and Lump Dog, perform noon to 4pm at KSG
June 2. Mike & Mike perform swing 7-8pm at MS; David Alberding performs folk 7-8pm at KSG
June 3. Armenian Festival noon to 6pm at MS and Hard Times Café Music Fest, noon-6pm at King and West Sts
- ★ **May 29.** 29th Annual Memorial Day Jazz Festival. Performers include Yvonne Johnson, Al Williams, Larry

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What if you didn't have to feel *embarrassed* to see the Dentist?

Perhaps you're not perfect about brushing or flossing, and maybe it's been a while since you've seen the dentist. Wouldn't it be nice if that were OK; that you wouldn't be judged or scolded or made to feel like you're just about the biggest failure in town? And while you're at it, wouldn't you like your smile to look better, cleaner, healthier?

We are conveniently located with good parking at **6220 Rolling Road in Springfield**. Please call us today at **703-569-6770** and let us see what is possible for you.

Michael J. Twigg, DDS

Calling All Volunteers!

The Rambler needs walkers. Can you spare 9 hours a year? We need people to deliver *The Rambler* door-to-door the 9 months a year it's printed. That's January through June and September through November. Can you help? If interested, please call Don Lynch at 703.971.3836.

Of course, if you'd like to volunteer for anything else your civic association is involved in, please contact any of the officers listed on the front page.

Volleyball season has started at Lee District Park. The sand court is located just this side of the batting cages. We play from 5:45 'til dark every Thursday until the end of September. Come and bring a friend for a time of exercise and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

David and Linda Nichols

Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- Brown Quintet and the James Bazen Big Band. Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. 1-8pm. Food and drinks will be for sale with picnic baskets welcome. Free! In case of rain, festival relocated to the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. 703.883.4686
- ★ **June 3.** Family Dig Day. Be part of a fascinating archaeological investigation and discover the hidden clues that people have left behind! 1:30-3:30pm. Registration required; children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. \$5 per person. www.alexandriarchaeology.org or 703.838.4399
 - ★ **June 3.** National Trails Day: Alexandria Heritage Trail Bike Ride. A two-hour, 20-mile guided loop of Alexandria's historic sites starts at 10am. Some hills and street cycling. Free but helmets and reservations required. Call Alexandria Archaeology at 703.838.4399
 - ★ **June 3.** Soldier-Led Tours of Fort Ward. Learn about the history of Fort Ward, at 4301 W. Braddock Rd., as well as the construction of Civil War forts, and soldier life in the Defenses of Washington. 10am and 2pm. Free! 703.838.4848 or www.fortward.org
 - ★ **June 3.** Hard Times Music Festival. Bands including Mary Ann Redmond, Last Train Home and Leaving TX perform, 1-7pm at the corner of King and West streets. Sponsored by WMZQ radio. Free admission with Hard Times food and cold drinks available for purchase. www.hardtimes.com or 703.608.7725
 - ★ **June 9 & 29.** Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts. The city's oldest performing arts organization performs at 7:30pm on June 9 in Market Square, 301 King St., and again at 7:30pm on June 29 at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Free! 301.883.4686
 - ★ **June 11.** Songs of Freedom. Performances by two acclaimed gospel choirs plus tours, hearth cooking demonstrations, and re-enactments illuminate slave life at Gunston Hall Plantation. Children even pitch in to help with the chores. 1-5pm \$ www.gunstonhall.org 703.550.9220
 - ★ **June 12.** "Harry Potter & The Prisoner of Azkaban." The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra presents this concert, appropriate for ages 7-12. 1pm at the Schlesinger Center. \$ www.alexsym.org 703.548.0885
 - ★ **June 15.** Alexandria Singers. The hometown ensemble performs at 7:30pm at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Free! 703.883.4686
 - ★ **June 17.** Civil War Camp Day. Living history program featuring Union and Confederate re-enactors and civilian interpreters. This late-war event features camp scenes, children's games, period music, vignettes, firing demos. 10am-5pm with torchlight tours 7-9pm. Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. \$2, \$1 for children. www.fortward.org 703.838.4848
 - ★ **June 17.** Juneteenth Celebration. Juneteenth celebrates the joyous day in African-American history when slaves in Texas first learned of their emancipation. Family-oriented celebration includes music, reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, entertainment, and food. 1-6pm, 900 block Wythe St. Free! www.alexblackhistory.org or 703.838.4356
 - ★ **June 17-18.** 25th Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival. Live music, arts & crafts, visiting ships, living history exhibits and concession stands plus special activities just for children. Oronoco Bay Park, Union and Madison streets. 10am-11pm Sat.; 10am-7pm Sun. \$ www.waterfrontfestival.org 703.549.8300
 - ★ **June 18.** Father's Day at Gadsby's. Celebrate with your favorite father at the place where the Father of our Country ate, drank, and influenced history. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., offers free tours for all visiting fathers! 1-5pm. Cost \$4 for all other adults, \$2 for children ages 11-17. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703.838.4242
 - ★ **June 21.** Lunch Bunch Concerts. Enjoy lunch outdoors when school groups perform at 12:15 at 44 Canal Plaza. Free! 703.883.4686
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Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768.2525, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntley/>

Fairfax County Park Authority's largest park (1,428 acres) includes wetlands, forests, meadows, streams, and ponds. It has resident deer, beaver, heron, and other animals. Facilities include a visitor center, auditorium, exhibits, and an interpretive trail with boardwalk and observation platforms. Programs for groups by reservation. The Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday; closed Tuesday. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

- ★ **Saturday, June 3, 8-10:30am.** Summer Birds and Bagels. Adults. Explore the woodland and wetland to observe summer bird life. Following the walk, cool off and enjoy juice and bagels at the Visitor Center. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot. Binoculars and field guides recommended. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$8
- ★ **Sunday, June 4, 8-10:30am.** Birding for Beginners. Adults. Summer is a great time to begin birding. Program starts with a discussion about field guides and optics, then we'll walk to look for resident birds. Reservations required. \$2
- ★ **Sunday, June 4, 12:30-2pm.** Sssnakes! Families. Through discussion and a walk learn about some of

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

Huntley's scaly inhabitants. Appropriate for families; children must be six years or older. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$2

- ★ **Saturday, June 10, 9-10:30am.** Wetland in Bloom. Adults. Take a plant ecology hike to the wetland during peak bloom of buttonbush, swamp rose, and lizard's tail. Search for birds and animals that use the plants for food, shelter, and nesting. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$2
- ★ **Monday, June 12, 3:15-4:30pm.** Young Explorers – Fish. 6-8 yrs. Scales, tails, fins, and gills—learn about our fishy friends through a walk and an activity. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$3
- ★ **Wednesday, June 14 or Thursday, June 15, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30am.** Nature Detectives – Fish. 3-5 yrs. Find out about our fishy friends through a story, an activity, and a craft. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **Sunday, June 18, 12:30-1:30am.** Introduction to Fly Tying. 16 yrs. & up. If woolly buggers and hare's ear nymphs pique your interest, you may want to try your hand at the intricate art of fly tying. Equipment and materials provided. Reservations required. \$10
- ★ **Saturday, June 24, 8-10pm.** Summer Stroll. Adults. Glittering fireflies, gnawing beavers and a parade of raccoons. Huntley Meadows Park never sleeps! Learn about Huntley's night life through a short lecture and a walk to the wetland. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$2
- ★ **Sunday, June 25, 9-11:30am.** Dragonflies. Adults. Learn about the life cycle, behavior and identification of Huntley's many dragonflies and damselflies. Walk to the wetland to observe these acrobatic fliers in action. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$2
- ★ **Friday, June 30, 7-9:30pm.** Café Cattail. Welcome to Huntley Meadows' very own coffeehouse! To commemorate the settlement of Jamestown in 1607, enjoy music, poetry, and readings inspired by the time period. Reservations required for performers only. FREE

Summer Camps

- ★ **Nature Snoopers.** June 28-30 (W-F) 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm. Children ages 5-6 years, who have completed kindergarten, can discover meadows, woodlands, and aquatic habitats through outdoor activities, nature crafts, and games. Limit 15. \$60
- ★ **Artists and Scientists.** July 10-14 (M-F) 9am-noon. Children ages 9-12 can experience the natural wonders of Huntley Meadows Park from two perspectives. Our days will include journal writing, sketching, observation, data collecting, and detailed investigation of plants and animals in the Park. \$85

- ★ **Nature Day Camp.** July 19-21 (W-F) 9:30am-noon. Children age 6-8, who have completed first grade, can participate in outdoor activities, nature crafts, and games to stimulate their interest in natural and cultural heritage. Limit 15. \$60

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive. Events are free unless noted. Reservations are encouraged; call 703.971.0010, TTY: 703.324.8365.

- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn how to use the Web or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Thursday, May 25, 4pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities, and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring a lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, June 1, 7pm.** Teddy Bear Time. Bring a stuffed animal for bedtime stories. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 7, 10:30am.** Hooray for Dads! Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, June 10, 11am.** Senior Navigator. Discover Internet resources on aging and wellness. Adults.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 14, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Short stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 21, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. White Butterfly by Walter Mosley. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Thursday, June 22, 2:30pm.** Wildlife Myths: The Truth Behind the Tails. Nature secrets revealed by The Wildlife Center of Virginia. Age 6-12.

Edison High School

- ★ **Volunteers needed for Edison SOL Testing May 30-June 12.** Two shifts, 7:30-10:30am and 10:45am-2:15pm. Please contact susan.k.clark@fcps.edu or 703.924.8147 to sign up. If you can help recruit other volunteers, please let us know that as well!
- ★ **Anthony Robinson Car Wash.** June 4. 12:30-3pm. Anthony was a 2005 graduate who passed away in April. He was the Eagles quarterback who rushed for 521 yards and 4 touchdowns to lead his team to the 2004 National District Championship. A fund has been established in his

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Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

name with the Edison Boosters Club. Any donations may be dropped off to the Athletic Office or mailed to the school. Please make checks payable to Edison Boosters and note "Anthony Robinson Fund" in memo section. Thank you for your generosity.

- ★ **Pre-participation Sports Physicals.** Pre-participation Sports Physicals for the 2006-2007 school year are being held on June 6 from 6-8:30. This physical will allow a student to be eligible to try-out for any sport in the 2006-2007 school year. It is a fundraiser for the athletic training department and costs \$30 a person. It will evaluate students to tell them what stretches they need to do to increase flexibility, what kind of shoes they should be wearing for their types of feet, what kind of inserts they need for their shoes, and other injury prevention strategies that you would not typically get at a doctor's office.
- ★ **Edison Golf Tournament is Coming!** The 3rd annual Edison Golf tournament will be held on Friday, August 4th starting at 2pm, at the Ft. Belvoir Country Club. For more information, please contact Amy Wimberly, 703.924.8090, or amy.wimberly@fcps.edu. Register today at <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/>

Mark Twain Middle School

- ★ **8th Grade Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball.** The PTA still needs parent volunteers to make the 8th Grade Dance a success. The theme will be a Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball, to be held on June 16th from 7:00 to 9:30pm. The attire for the evening is School Casual in accordance with FCPS dress code. This is not a formal night! If you are interested, help is still required in these areas: Sales Reservations Decoration and Set-Up Food Donations and Set-Up Chaperones Please contact Berta Holmes at 703.960.4042/ptdsi@verizon.net or Anne Clark at 703.719.9559/clarkganda@cox.net to volunteer.
- ★ **May 22.** SOL make-up day
- ★ **May 23.** SOL testing: English 8
- ★ **May 24.** SOL testing: Science 8
- ★ **May 25.** SOL testing: Math 7 & 8
- ★ **May 26.** SOL make-up day
- ★ **May 29.** Memorial Day
- ★ **May 30.** SOL make-up day
- ★ **May 31.** SOL make-up day

Kingstowne Farmer's Market is Back!
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Rose Hill Elementary School

- ★ **May 19–23.** Grade 5 SOL Testing
- ★ **May 23–26.** Grade 6 SOL Testing
- ★ **May 23.** Tutoring 7:50-8:20 am, Cafeteria
- ★ **May 25.** 5th Grade Field Trip, Hemlock Overlook, 9:15-6:00 pm; Tutoring 7:00-8:30 pm, Library
- ★ **May 27, 28, 29.** Memorial Day Holiday
- ★ **May 30.** SOL Testing Make-Up; Tutoring 7:50-8:20 am, Cafeteria
- ★ **May 31.** SOL Testing Make-Up
- ★ **Kindergarten Picnic.** The kindergarten picnic will take place on Monday, June 5 from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Parent volunteers are needed to help with the picnic lunch.

Technology Adventure Camp...Where Technology and Careers Come Alive

Fairfax County Public Schools' Office of Career and Technical Education is sponsoring a Tech Adventure Camp this summer from July 10-July 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The camp is for students currently in grades 5-7 and it will be held at Stone Middle School and at Edison Academy. Tuition is \$350 for county residents and \$450 for out-of-county residents.

Campers will rotate through three units:

- **Technology Transfer:** Fiscal Fitness—expand their money sense; CSI Forensics—explore the world of criminal investigation and the use of technology to solve crimes
- **Artistic Expression:** Computer Animation—design and create animated displays; Extreme Design-Home Edition—select a virtual home site, design a house, and sell it using CAD software
- **Life Matrix:** Sports Medicine—learn about sports injuries, treatment, and first aid; Kitchen Chemistry—learn food preparation skills to create and enjoy snacks and other foods.

Registration information and applications are in the summer school catalog *Encore*, which was mailed to homes in late March. Register early—space is limited. For additional information call 703.208.7789 or visit the website <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OCTE> and click on Tech Adventure Camp.

Lee District ReCenter is looking for a few good men and women. Volunteering there really pays off...work four hours/week and your use of the facility is free! Contact Mike Guinard at 703.922.9841.

Rose Hill Business Directory

Residents who own or operate a company are eligible to have their business listed monthly in *The Rambler* free of charge. Businesses are encouraged to provide Rose Hill residents with quality service and products at a fair price. *The Rambler* reserves the right to print recommendations from consumers, both pro and con. To have your business listed or to provide updates, call Marty Williams at 703.924.7192.

CHILD CARE

Mama High's Pre-School and Day Care. Mrs. Carola High has 16 years of experience in training and caring for children ages 3 weeks through 5 years old. Excellent preparation for those starting kindergarten. We talk with babies and toddlers in simple language. State Licensed, Former Teacher. Full- or part-time. 4613 Cottonwood Place, 703.971.0741.

Llewellyn Family Daycare. 14 years experience providing care for children of all ages. State Licensed, CPR- and First Aid-Certified. Accepting applications for full-time and part-time care. Before and after school care. Transportation provided for Rose Hill Elementary School. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 6:30 am-6:30 pm. Weekend and evening care available upon request. Year-round preschool curriculum. Fun-filled days of learning and exploring. Every month a different theme. Daily activities include reading, arts and crafts, circle time, letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and outdoor play. Plenty of space for activities! Excellent references. Fairfax County Child Care Assistance Program accepted. To schedule an appointment, call Jessica at 703.765.1661.

DECK AND FENCE

B&B Deck & Fence, Inc. Cliff James, Owner, 6412 May Boulevard, T-703.719.7015, F-703.922.3779.

DIGITAL DESIGN

DG Designs. Web pages, registration, scanning services, hosting, and custom graphic art work. (Great service, too [Ed.].) Ronald G. Dillon, 1.877.233.2224, 703.971.2125 or www.dgdesigns.com. Ron, Donna, and their daughters live on Winston Place.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

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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.

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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.

MEMORY BOOKS

Creative Memories. Sally Dankers, 571.331.7245. Get your precious photographs out of the drawer and organized in a beautiful photo-safe album. Sally has lived on Carriage Drive since 1990.

PAINTING

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

PET SITTING

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

QUILTS

Hand-Made Quilts. Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. If interested, please call 703.924.3704 or email oraclemarjorie@aol.com.

REAL ESTATE

Re/Max Allegiance. Karen Davidson, 703.927.4448. www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson, www.karen-davidson.com, email: kedavidson@aol.com. Karen lives on Roundhill Road.

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Business Directory, Continued

REAL ESTATE, CONTINUED

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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- * 1/4 page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- * 1/2 page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
- * Full page: 7 1/2" x 9 3/4", \$100

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Advertising in *The Rambler* is an excellent way to reach the 700+ homes in our community. In addition, the ads are placed on our website, www.MyRoseHill.com for the world to see.

Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.924.7192. Artwork can be sent to marty@fabrications.us in tiff or jpeg format or hardcopy mailed to P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Checks made out to RHCA should be included with ads and sent to the P.O. Box.

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