

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

RHCA to Honor Community Veterans at Special Memorial Day Meeting

Although its monthly meeting will be one day after Memorial Day 2008 is celebrated nationwide, RHCA will honor and remember our veterans and those currently serving in the Armed Forces. The May meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, May 27, at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library. All living veterans and those currently serving are invited to attend and share their experiences. We also will honor the memory of those who lost their lives while serving their country or subsequently passed away with a special moment of silence and thankful recognition of their sacrifice.

If you have been looking for a public way to show your support for our veterans and current troops, plan to attend this special meeting. Those who served their Country, particularly those who gave their lives in order to keep us free deserve our gratitude and respect. Join your friends and neighbors in honoring them as part of our Memorial Day program.

As a special feature, we will hear from a member of the Armed Forces who recently returned from Iraq.

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Here's a chance to hear a first-hand report from someone who has served in Iraq and interacted with the Iraqi people.

Information will be available on the World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials on the Mall in Washington. Hopefully, we will have a DVD presentation that shows overseas cemeteries such as Normandy and other World War II and World War I final resting place of those who gave their lives.

Refreshments in the form of cake and ice cream will be served to those who attend. Please join us in honoring our veterans, hear some of their experiences, and share camaraderie with your neighbors.

Rose Hill Beauties

The rainy start for the Spring of 2008 has produced a bumper crop of Rose Hill Beauties! Flowers bloomed in a dazzling array of color in our community. Although the rain played havoc with grass-cutting operations, it also produced lush, green lawns that accented the flowing shrubs. The list of properties being honored as 'Rose Hill Beauties' appears on Page 3. Congratulations to those who were selected. The judges readily admit they made have missed someone, given the magnitude of our large community. If you think your property or that of your neighbor should be on the list, call any of the RHCA officers, and the judges will take another look. Remember, only members of RHCA receive the coveted Rose Hill Beauty signs to display in their yard. In an effort to

Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 7pm
John Marshall Library

Topic: Honoring Our Community Veterans

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save money, we will update the year with stickers for those who have saved their sign from last year. If you still have your sign, please leave it in place so we can update the year. We'll be around soon with signs and stickers. During the year, we spend a lot of time reporting violations at addresses that do not present our community in a positive light. It is with great pride that we note that one of this year's 'Beauty' winners was formerly a problem address. If we see or hear about a problem, we report it. At the same time, we are pleased to give a pat on the back to those who keep their properties looking great and help make Rose Hill a great place to live.

Lower Assessment? Thank a Member

Many Rose Hill property owners have received a third notice from Fairfax County that actually lowers the assessed value of their property and, therefore, could mean lower taxes even though the annual rate has been raised three cents. This welcome, if not unprecedented, news is a direct result of our RHCA meeting with the tax assessors in March. A large, orderly, and vocal crowd of RHCA members convinced the County representatives that prices had fallen more than the County estimated. As a result, a new analysis of home prices in Rose Hill showed that values had gone down and, therefore, the assessments should also decrease. It all goes to prove that you can fight City Hall and win if you are organized and have the facts on your side. Although assessments and taxes are a volatile issue, our members were extremely respectful yet forceful in their discussions with the representatives of the assessor's office. As a result, most everyone in Rose Hill came out a winner. If you ever wonder why it is important to have an effective Civic Association, this issue should erase any doubts. We continue to work on numerous issues that directly affect our community. Resolution of problems most often takes time, but we usually are successful. If you are not already a member of RHCA, won't you help by joining the team? If you are unsure if you are a member or not, check the membership list at myrosehill.com.

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More New Members

Welcome Ron & Nancy Buzalsky, 4434 Roundhill Road; Walter & Julia Calhoun of 4523 Apple Tree Drive; Jane & Margo Cunniffe, 4609 Mayor Place; Brian & Mary Ellen Duy, 6309 Climbhill Road; Jack & Terry Kannofsky, 6512 Carriage Drive; Paulette and Stanley Martin, 4517 Lark Lane; Joe & Joyce Ruggero, 6310 Saddle Tree Drive; and E. Wayne Ryan, 6518 Haystack Road as 2008 members of the Rose Hill Civic Association. Jack and Terry Kannofsky have moved to Greenspring after 42 years in Rose Hill. Although sorry to lose long-time friends, RHCA wishes them well in their new home.

Police Activity

There were two incidents involving numerous police in Rose Hill within the last month. On April 24, police charged a 14-year-old for bringing a knife onto school property at Rose Hill Elementary. The incident occurred around 5:30pm after school had closed for the day. The youngster was being questioned on a separate, unrelated incident when officers discovered a knife in a flower pot. The suspect was sitting beside the flower pot and allegedly buried the knife in the soil. In the other event, which happened in the afternoon of May 6, a subject with an outstanding warrant was arrested on Telegraph Road across from Split Rock Road after a search that involved officers, the canine corps, and the police helicopter. The subject fled a known location before the officer's arrival but later was taken into custody without incident.

Reporting Violations

A growing number of Rose Hill residents have joined in RHCA's campaign to report various violations of zoning, excessive noise, high grass, unlicensed vehicles, and vehicles that have out-of-state license tags. For zoning violations such as overcrowding, vehicles parked in the front yard, trash or debris, code violations such as construction without a permit, illegal business operation, call zoning enforcement at 703.324.1300. Use the same number to report excessive noise, including barking dogs, between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. For all other times, call the police non-emergency number at 703.691.2131. If grass at a specific address is more than 12 inches tall, the number to call is 703.324.1937. For inoperative, unlicensed, or lack of valid inspection sticker on vehicles parked on the street, call 703.691.2131. If they are on private

property and can be seen from any property line, call the police traffic division impound section at 703.280.0587. It is illegal to park cars on the median strip between the sidewalk and the street on Rose Hill Drive. If you see a violator, call the police non-emergency number at 703.691.2131. You can report vehicles that are parked in our community for any length of time that have out-of-state license tags. Report them online at fairfaxcounty.gov/dta. Click on

other tax information, then on tax evaders to call up the reporting form. If you are uncomfortable reporting any violation, contact RHCA and we will file a complaint in the name of the Association. In some cases, we will send a friendly letter to the homeowner, particularly if it is a first offense. Our collective diligence will result in maintaining Rose Hill as a great place to live.

—Carl Sell



2008 Rose Hill Beauties

Apple Tree Drive

4508, Kurucz
4515, Benuvides
4520, Stinnette *
4525, Herrara*
4801, Galliot*
4905, Gerke
4907, Collins

Bee Street

4501, Lewis*
4510, Robertson
4511, Borchevsky*
4513, Corley

Blossom Lane

6217, Digman*
6218, Kandul*
6221, Corbin*
6222, Taylor

Carriage Drive

6424, Lefler*
6425, Beamon
6429, Kohm*
6430, Dockery
6431, Rice*
6433, McLean
6434, Simms
6435, Gries
6503, Mason
6506, Harper*
6511, Dankers*

Climbhill Road

6214, Davis*
6220, Hudson-Minto
6222, Ford
6303, Braswell
6309, Duy*
6310, Bishop*
6311, Peyton
6314, Davis
6317, Jones

Collonwood Drive

6300, Lopez
6301, Fish*
6302, Thomson*
6304, Hass-Smith*
6306, Stemple*
6323, Thompson*
6401, Butler*
6410, Fulk*
6413, Centeno
6416, Flahive*
6504, Kimberly
6510, Suggs
6601, Sell*
6603, Messinger*
6609, Bakarar*
6610, Vincenzes*
6611, Dahlgren*
6613, Holliday

Collonwood Place

4609, Ridgeway*
4613, High

Dew Grass Drive

6119, Kahn*
6120, Weber*

Driftwood Drive

6317, Eppolito

Flower Lane

4700, Lynch-Upchurch*
4701, Kroetch*

Greendale Road

6703, Miller
6707, Caparas
6708, Westgate*
6709, Wheelless*

Greenhaven Place

5003, Quinn

Eastchester Circle

5003, Bottomley
5009, Johnson-Dailey*

Kayfield Place

6401, Coler
6403, Davis
6408, Tisara*
6409, Finnegan*

Kaystack Road

6424, Broxterman *
6500, Neidermeyer*
6503, Pfefferle*
6504, Yeang
6505, Taylor*
6511, Ciccotelli*
6514, Flannagan*

Lark Lane

4517, Martin*
4519, Ballard*

Leewood Drive

6004, Smith
6006, Jones
6008, Watts*
6011, Slater
6103, Collins*
6111, Smith/Friend*
6115, Kowalik
6117, Lewis*
6122, Mayo*

Maryview Street

6321, Efrain
6322, Snyder*
6324, Carlos
6328, Poff
6329, Hughes
6330, Lawrence*
6331, Caesar
6401, Thakor/Parvati

Maryview St., cont.

6403, Shifflett
6408, Phillips*
6409, Christiansen*
6410, Hunter*
6411, Elliott*
6415, Unknown

May Boulevard

6303, Freitag*
6319, Dodson*
6410, Lane*
6412, James*

Mayor Place

4608, Market*
4609, Cunniffe*
4610, Peters

Redwood Lane

6208, Hoey*

Rose Hill Drive

6115, Abbou*
6270, Bernarick*
6316, Noble
6402, Justice*
6405, Pacheo
6406, Lender*
6411, Gregson*
6413, Wilder/Mangum*
6415, Sherfey*
6416, Nichols*
6417, Bearth*
6421, Strah*
6422, Reed*
6428, Beatty*
6503, Rolon*
6512, Nguyen*
6514, Tonkphontong
6516, Kim

Roundhill Road

4402, Richey*
4405, Kesler
4415, Beaty*
4422, Madaris
4423, Bise
4425, Nelson
4429, Beach*
4510, Ventura-Diaz
4513, Worley*
4518, Voohees
4525, Williams
4604, Good*
4607, Davidson*
4609, Smith

Silo Road

4903, Chniki
4907, Cashmire*

Saddle Tree Lane

6214, Hoover
6216, Thibeau*
6302, Covington*
6306, Betts*

Split Rock Road

4701, Thomas
4702, Prompol
4703, Oroc*
4705, Feagley*
4707, Jamison

Sturbridge Place

4517, Kick*

Telegraph Road

6516, Downey*
6702, Partridge

Thornwood Drive

6202, Weekly
6205, Kim
6206, Lewis*
6207, Benitez
6208, Haupt*
6209, Janik
6210, Dzierzawski*

Treetop Lane

5000, Barney
5008, Matchett

Wayside Place

6400, Dodson*
6402, McKay*
6404, Wheeler

Willowood Lane

6200, Machmer*
6303, Ramos*
6309, Lytman
6312, Childress
6328, Sookmeewiriya
6329, Saifuddin
6330, Greek*
6400, Jones
6403, Young/Springer*
6416, Jencks*
6417, Parker*
6418, Cardone
6419, Foster
6421, Nguyen

Winston Place

4617, Yereb*
4618, Dillon*

*RHCA Member

myRoseHill.com — A Great Place To Be!

Special Ocean City Beach Rental for RHCA Members

Rent a two-bedroom, two bath condo in North Ocean City in July. Four blocks from the Atlantic Ocean in a quiet residential neighborhood. The small complex has a pool. The condo is fully furnished with all the creature comforts. Dates in July from Sunday to Sunday (to avoid beach traffic). OC is only a half tank of gas away and there is 24-hour public transportation on Ocean Highway. Take your bike(s). Special price for RHCA members. References from other Rose Hill residents who are regulars are available. You won't beat the price in OC. Call Carl Sell at 703.971.4716 or email sellcarl@aol.com.

FYI

Attention Seniors: Fairfax County Police Want You!

The Police Department is reaching out to county residents over 55 years of age, who are interested in serving on new Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) councils. These groups will serve the important function of helping to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and this fast-growing demographic.

The focus of the new councils will be to enhance law enforcement's response to crime-related issues experienced or feared by older residents. The Police Department wants to hear first-hand from older residents about any of their unmet needs and quality of life issues. It is anticipated that these councils will play an important role in helping guide police department programs and policies.

Potential members should be willing to express their concerns about crime issues and may be asked to help share police-related information with their peers. The councils will be based in local police districts, with meeting times and spaces to be coordinated with local district officers. Police plan a training component to the councils to help new members better understand the police department and its function in the community.

The Fairfax County Police Department places a high priority on meeting needs of the senior community and welcomes them into their planning process.

For more information on SALT councils, or to volunteer, call 703.246.4564. You will be directed to your local crime prevention officer.

—FCPD

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges for Rose Hill

Staples gives \$3 for recycling certain ink and toner cartridges. Rose Hill has earned about \$200 so far. Ink cartridges can be dropped off in the white bin in the lobby. Please send in only name brands of Dell, Lexmark or HP.

If you have larger toner cartridges, please contact Anne Holic at Anne.Holic@verizon.net for drop-off information. Thanks for recycling and helping the school!

—RHES

IB Connections Summer Camp

The IB Connections Summer Camp faculty is pleased to announce the fifth year of summer enrichment designed to engage students in IB higher-level thinking skills.

Dates: Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27
Time: 9am - 1pm
Place: Thomas A. Edison High School
Theme: "It's Easy Being Green"

IB Connections Summer Camp is open to all rising 9th - 12th grade Edison students.

For registration information, please contact: Dr. Linda Blair, 703.924.8047 or Linda.Blair@fcps.edu; or Ms. Kimberley Daly, 703.924.8248 or Kimberley.Daly@fcps.edu.

—FCPS

Positions Available — Volunteer, of course

RAMBLER DISTRIBUTOR Requirements: *2-3 hours a month, transportation to Kingstowne and around the neighborhood, ability to count. Contact Marty Williams, 703.910.6316 or marty@fabrications.us.*

RAMBLER EDITOR Requirments: *proofreading, editing, experience with a layout software program. Contact Marty Williams, 703.910.6316 or marty@fabrications.us.*

WEBMASTER Requirements: *knowlege of website design, development, and maintenance. Contact Jim Sapp, 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, May 27, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Topic: Honoring our Community Veterans
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

April 24 – Sept. 8. *“Living Legends of Alexandria.” The Lyceum: Alexandria’s History Museum. 201 S. Washington St. This photo-documentary exhibition, featuring the work of Rose Hill’s own NINA TISARA, identifies and honors individuals whose vision and dedication have made a tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. Of the 50 individuals nominated in 2006, all of whom are included in this exhibit, 12 were featured in articles published by the Alexandria Gazette Packet. Free! www.alexandriahistory.org 703.838.4994. See Nina’s ad in the Business Directory, Pg. 9.*

- ★ **Alexandria - National Harbor Water Taxi.** 20-min one-way service. Operating daily:
Alexandria-Gaylord National, Mon-Sun, departing Alexandria hourly 10am-10pm; Departing Gaylord National hourly 10:30am-10:30pm. The final departure from Gaylord is one-way.
Alexandria-National Harbor, Tues-Sun, departing National Harbor hourly 10am-10pm; Departing Alexandria hourly 10:30am-10:30pm. The final departure from Alexandria is one-way.
Fee is \$7 one-way and \$14 round trip. Group rates available for groups of 20 or more. To schedule service before and/or after the normal hours, or for more info, call 703.684.0580.
- ★ **New FREE King Street Trolley.** 10am-10pm daily. This free trolley runs between N. Union St. and the King St. Metro station, making lots of stops for hopping on and off to check out all the shops, restaurants, and attractions found along Old Town’s main thoroughfare.
- ★ **May 26 1-7pm.** 31st Annual Memorial Day Jazz Festival. Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. Featuring big band, swing, contemporary jazz music – a different band each hour. Amphitheater seating; picnic may be brought to the park; food and beverages will also be available for sale. No pets, please. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be relocated to Lee Center, Richard Kauffman Auditorium. Free! www.alexandriava.gov/recreation 703.883.4686
- ★ **June 2.** Mount Vernon Celebrates Martha Washington’s 277th Birthday. Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, south end of the GW Parkway. All guests named Martha get in free with a valid ID. Free! www.MountVernon.org 703.780.2000
- ★ **June 5-8.** The Yacht Show at National Harbor. National Harbor, 137 National Plaza, National Harbor, MD 20745. This premier showcase will feature only discriminating yachts of imposing size available for purchase or worldwide charter plus an abundance of exhibitors providing equipment, services, and materials for the type of yacht displayed. Tours of adjacent historic Alexandria by water or land will be available as an option. Admission \$16 & \$30. www.yachtshownh.com 410.268.8828
- ★ **June 6 - August 29.** Summer Lantern Tours. Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. After happy hour or dinner in Old Town, see the 18th century in a whole new light! On Friday evenings from June through August, tour by candlelight with a costumed guide the historic tavern (c.1785) and City Hotel built in 1792 and see how guests experienced the site before the advent of electricity. Tour times are 7-10pm. \$5 per person, ages 5 and up. Museum may be closed on some occasions, so please call ahead to verify tour dates at 703.838.4242. www.gadsbystavern.org
- ★ **June 7.** Arlington & Alexandria Community Bike Ride. 2121 Crystal Dr., Crystal City. This non-competitive ride gives a first-hand view of some of the best trails, bike routes, and facilities the region has to offer. After, riders enjoy valet bike parking, entertainment, prize giveaways! Tour includes the Mount Vernon Trail, Old Town Alexandria, Del Ray, Four Mile Run, and more with two routes: one 23 miles and one for families that is eight miles. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$34 for families. www.waba.org/events/cbr/index.php 703.519.3400
- ★ **June 7-28.** “The Underpants.” The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Theodore Maske has an unusual problem: his wife’s underpants won’t stay up! When they accidentally fall down in front of the Kaiser, Theo swears to keep his bride at home until the incident is forgotten. Amid this chaos, he’s trying to rent a room in their flat, but is the room the only thing the prospective lodgers have in mind? www.thelittletheatre.com 703.683.0496 \$fee
- ★ **June 8, 2-4pm.** Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Children’s Festival. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Ahoy, mateys! Set your course for the ASO’s Children’s Festival featuring musical selections from “The Pirates of Caribbean,” dance and art activities, and even a costume contest! Tickets only \$5! www.alexsym.org 703.548.0885
- ★ **June 12, 6-9pm.** Second Thursday Art Night, Dancing in the Streets, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Browse open studios, interact with the artists, and enjoy refreshments. The event is free and open to the

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public. Visit Target Gallery from 6-8pm for the reception for the "Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year" show.

www.torpedofactory.org/thursday.htm 703.838.4565 Free!

- ★ **June 14-15.** 27th Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival. Oronoco Bay Park, Oronoco & N. Union Sts., Alexandria. This fundraiser offers historic ship tours, arts & crafts, rides, music, kid's crafts and games, food, and exhibits. \$15 for Adults - one child free, \$5 for each additional child. Take Metro to King or Braddock stations and ride the FREE shuttle. Or ride your bike - a bike valet will be available at the festival. www.waterfrontfestival.org 703.299.2524

For more fun activities, visit <http://visitalexandriava.com/> or <http://www.torpedofactory.org/>

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

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. The Visitor Center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday (closed Tuesdays).

- ★ **Sunday, June 8, Noon-1:30pm.** Sssnakes! Through discussion and a walk, learn about some of Huntley's scaly inhabitants. Appropriate for families; children must be six years or older. Reservations required. Cancelled if rain. \$6/adult, \$4/child
- ★ **Monday, June 9, 3:15-4:30pm.** Young Explorers – Snakes. 6-8 yrs. Through indoor and outdoor activities learn, about these fascinating scaly wonders. Reservations required. Cancelled if rain. \$3
- ★ **Wednesday, June 11, or Thursday, June 12, 10-10:45am.** Nature Detectives – Snakes. 3-5 yrs. Through story, activity, and craft learn about these fascinating scaly wonders. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **Saturday, June 14, 9-11am.** Wetland in Bloom. Take a plant ecology hike to the wetland during peak bloom of buttonbush, swamp rose, and lizard's tail. Search for birds and mammals that use these plants for food, shelter, and nesting. Reservations required. Cancelled if rain. \$6
- ★ **Sunday, June 15, 12:30-1:30pm.** Introduction to Fly Tying. 16 yrs. and up. If woolly buggers and hare's nymphs pique your interest, you may want to try your hand at the intricate art of fly tying. Equipment and materials provided. \$10
- ★ **Friday, June 20, 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

- ★ **Saturday, June 21 and Saturday June 28, 2-6pm.** Digital Photography Class. 18 yrs. and up. Want to get more from your digital camera? Photographer Corey Hilz will teach you how. Through outdoor photography sessions and indoor photo critiques, learn how your camera can capture the beauty of nature in summer. Reservations required. \$90

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.

- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Mondays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group of people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 4, 10:30am.** Picnic Times. Come for stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 11, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Short stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, June 17, 7pm.** Mother-Daughter Book Discussion. Join us for a lively book discussion. Call for title. Age 9-11 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 18, 2:30pm.** Lutindo! Stomp your feet and clap along with Ssuuna as he presents traditional African music, dance, and stories. All ages.
- ★ **Wednesday, June 18, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion Group. Ask for title. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Tuesday, June 24, 10:30am.** What's the Matter? Chemistry with fizz, foam, and flash presented by Maryland Science Center. Age 6-12.

Thomas A. Edison High School

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

Dear parents of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen: We need a few hours of your time to help ensure that this year's graduates are not casualties of drinking and driving after their graduation. Each year for the past several years an "all night grad party" has been held to allow students to celebrate their graduation in a fun filled, safe, and alcohol-free environment. Traditionally this event is staffed by parents of underclassmen

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so that parents of graduates can attend the graduation ceremony and other important events relating to the graduation. We need people to put bags of goodies together for graduates to take home at the end of the party. This task involves teams of approximately four people to work two to three hour shifts from 4pm to 5am, June 13 - June 14. Through the evening students will be bringing items to place in their respective bags, and eventually collecting them to leave. Volunteers will need to be there to keep items properly managed and accounted for. Come out, and support this year's seniors so that you can relax in the knowledge that your child is safe after his/her graduation in coming years. If you can help, please sign up with Carolyn Blackman, cblack7376@cox.net and/or relton30857@cox.net. It's a simple job that makes such a difference. Thanks in advance.

Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703.313.3765.

- * **May 26.** No School: Memorial Day
- * **May 27.** Reading 7 & 8 SOL
- * **May 28.** Math 7 & 8 SOL
6-7pm Rising 7th Grade GTC Information Night
- * **May 29.** Math 7 & 8 SOL
- * **May 31.** Math 7 Honors SOLs
- * **June 2.** History 7 SOLs
- * **June 3.** History 7 SOLs
- * **June 5.** Science 8 SOLs
- * **June 6.** Civics 8 SOLs
- * **June 13.** 8th grade Field Day

Rose Hill Elementary School

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

- * **May 26.** Memorial Day – school holiday
- * **May 27, 3:30 – 5pm.** After School Club, Trailer 3
- * **May 28.** SOL testing, grade 4 – math
- * **May 29.** SOL testing, grade 5 – math
6 – 8pm. Preschool Family Picnic, pod
- * **May 30.** SOL testing, grade 6 – math
- * **June 2.** SOL testing, grade 3 – social studies
- * **June 3.** SOL testing, grade 4 – social studies
7pm. PTA meeting, library
- * **June 4.** SOL testing, grade 6 – social studies
- * **June 5.** SOL testing, 3rd grade – science
- * **June 6.** SOL testing, 5th grade – science
- * **June 9.** SOL testing, makeups
- * **June 10.** SOL testing, makeups
Election Day Primary
Sound Waves concert, preschool, grades 4–6, 1:30 – 2pm, gym
Sound Waves concert, grades K–3, 2 – 2:45pm, gym
After School Club, 3:30 – 5pm, trailer 3
Sound Waves Concert, 7pm, gym
- * **June 11.** SOL testing, makeups
- * **June 12, 10:30am – 2:30pm.** Sixth grade picnic, US Coast Guard Station
- * **June 13, 9am.** General Awards Assembly, grades K–3
10am. General Awards Assembly, grades 4–6, gym
- * **June 16, 9 – 10am.** Sixth grade promotion ceremony, gym
- * **June 17, 9am.** Talent Show, gym
Last day of school, 11:10am Dismissal
Report cards distributed



Kingstowne Farmers Market

Fridays, 4 to 7pm, through October 24 in the parking lot near the Sunoco service station.

All products sold at the Farmers Market are produced by the vendors within 125 miles of Fairfax County. Buy local and support sustainable agriculture in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. You will find the freshest and most desirable fruit, vegetables, plants, baked goods, eggs, dairy, and meats available.

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.

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 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 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.

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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.

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.

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