



# The Rambler

Newsletter of the  
Rose Hill Civic Association

## President's Message

- What To Do About Speeders**
- on Rose Hill Drive Highlights**
- October 24 RHCA Agenda**

Now that the repaving and restriping of Rose Hill Drive is finished and we have our shiny new speedway complete with bike lanes, we need to decide what we want the County of Fairfax and the Commonwealth of Virginia to do about speeding and aggressive driving through the middle of our community. Both the County and State traffic engineers classify Rose Hill Drive as a major connector route between Franconia Road and Telegraph Road, the fact that it travels through our single-family community notwithstanding. Franconia Road already is four lanes and Telegraph Road is planned for four lanes.

In recent years, the Rose Hill Civic Association has asked the County to consider four-way stop signs and speed tables as ways to slow traffic through our community. Both have been rejected. There are, however, options that we need to consider. They will be discussed at the RHCA meeting Tuesday, October 24 meeting in the cafeteria of the Rose Hill Elementary School beginning at 7 p.m. If you have an interest in

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### October RHCA Meeting

#### Will be the Last of 2017

*Because of the Thanksgiving holiday and scheduling conflicts, the Rose Hill Civic Association will NOT meet in November. Since we normally don't meet in December because of the Christmas holiday, the next meeting won't occur until January. The Rambler will be published in November and delivered on a schedule that won't conflict with holiday plans. In the meantime, keep up with RHCA on its Facebook page (Rose Hill Farm) and our website, myrosehill.com. Contact any of the officers with questions. We will be in contact via e-mail if any situation warrants an announcement. Don't forget to keep your holiday lights shining during Christmas week so the judges don't miss anyone!*

helping control the speeding and aggressive driving on Rose Hill Drive, you need to be there. Whatever is decided will affect all of us, so we urge all to be involved. Seasonal refreshment will be served.

It has been suggested that RHCA petition the Lee District Supervisor's Office and the Franconia Police substation to make radar monitoring a regular occurrence on Rose Hill Drive. Before, we do that, we would like clear direction from a majority of those who will be affected. That option will be discussed and voted upon at the October 24 meeting.

The County has two other options under its Residential Traffic Administration Program. The first involves adding a provision that would allow an

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additional \$200 fine for speeding on Rose Hill Drive. That would be in addition to the normal fine for speeding. Signs would be added to the normal speed limit signs notifying motorists that the addition \$200 fine is in effect. RHCA will ask for addition speed limit signs so the penalty would be clear to all who use Rose Hill Drive.

The additional fine for speeding program requires only a request from the Association to the Lee District Supervisor. A traffic count and speed survey then will be undertaken. Rose Hill Drive qualifies for the program in that the speed limit is 25 miles per hour and the traffic volume is more than 600 cars per day. In order for the additional fine to be imposed, the 85 percentile speed of vehicles has to be greater than or equal to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. RHCA will vote on whether or not to ask the county to consider this program. If the survey for the bike lanes was accurate, at least a portion of Rose Hill Drive should qualify. If you would like to read all about this program, go to the County's website, click on the Office of Transportation and then the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP).

The other option involves restrictions on cut-through traffic. These involve turning restrictions, diverters or other traffic calming provisions to reduce the volume of traffic cutting through the community. This option requires the support of 75 percent of the community to request that a comprehensive study of traffic volume counts on Rose Hill Drive, along with a trip generation analysis of neighborhood traffic patterns. Since Rose Hill Drive meets the qualifications for consideration, the first step is to decide if the community wants to go that route. If so, we make a request to the Lee District Supervisor, who in turn forwards it to the Office of Transportation, which will issue a primary use area map and petitions for the community.

The cut-through restrictions require a lot of work by RHCA. We will need your help to gather signatures for the petition. We should be able to allow residents to sign a petition on line, but we will need someone to collect the signatures and monitor the program. We also will need help to accumulate

signatures the old-fashioned way from those who do not use a computer.

Plan to attend our October 24 meeting and voice your concerns about these options. We will NOT move forward without a clear mandate from the community and commitments to help with the petition drive, if necessary.

We also will discuss your reactions to the new bike lanes and what, if anything, should be done. We have a commitment from the Supervisor's Office that parking for yard sales on Rose Hill Drive will not be restricted. Although there is no signage (as of yet), parking is now restricted on Rose Hill Drive from the school to Telegraph Road because of the bike lanes. That is not the case from the school to Franconia Road. Parking issues have arisen in that stretch with cars blocking driveways.

Remember that Rose Hill is a designated Residential Parking District, meaning that commercial vehicles CANNOT be parked on our streets. Each residence is limited to one commercial vehicle that must be parked in the driveway. This includes taxicabs and limousines. No parking is allowed within 15 feet of a fire hydrant and within 10 feet of a driveway. Call the police non-emergency number at 703-691-2131 to report violations.

### **2018 Membership**

The application for 2018 membership in the Rose Hill Civic Association is presented in this issue of The Rambler. It will be repeated in the months to come. You can also access the application at myrosehill.com and with the e-mail announcements of upcoming meetings and information. Your membership in RHCA adds to our community's voice before federal, state and local officials. We are monitoring development projects on both May Boulevard and Rock-A-Bye-Road and will only be heard effectively if we truly represent the community. We constantly report violations of laws that detract from our community, and your support will help RHCA keep Rose Hill a safe and attractive community in which to live. Since our dues of \$10 (set by our by-laws) aren't adequate to even cover the printing of the Rambler

nine times a year, we ask your additional support. Among our other obligations are the quarterly upgrades of the plantings at the community entrance sign at Franconia Road and Rose Hill Drive, the Rose Hill Beauty and Veterans Day signs and contributions to worthy local charities that directly benefit our community. Any membership dated after October 1, 2017 will be carried forward to the 2018 membership list.

### **Help Wanted**

RHCA needs help to maintain its electronic outreach program, organize and maintain a system by which residents can join RHCA on Pay Pal, and maintain our list of e-mails used to announce meetings and deliver updates on important community information. Please contact Carl or Linda if you can help and we will explain our needs further. We could use a couple of helpers, each taking responsibility for one or the other efforts. Communication with our members is our most important asset and we would like to improve on our efforts. Your ideas and support are vital!

### **History Day Update**

The Franconia Museum History Day will be held on SUNDAY, November 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, 6301 Beulah Street. The Museum will be introducing Volume VIII of its Franconia Remembers book series. This edition includes articles about many Franconia families, many of them written by family members. All of the previous editions of the series will be on sale. Each one presents stories about days gone by and the people who lived them in Franconia. The program also will include many artifacts collected by the Museum over the years. Old fashioned music will be provided as you browse the collections, books or just tap your feet and clap your hands to the familiar songs for days gone by. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be available at reasonable prices. There even may be a story or two told about Civil War activity in Franconia, the railroad, the fire department or the gravel pits. Admission and parking

is free. Park and enter the activities hall from the rear of the building.

### **Development Update**

Work has begun for the new houses on May Boulevard. We already have reported concerns about the condition of the entrance and our community street. The County has told the contractor to improve its methods of making sure May Boulevard is not filled with construction dirt and debris or damage and the Noise Ordinance is observed. We have made contact with the County Inspector for the site and will pass on any concerns by the neighbors. The final plan for the Rock-A-By Road site has not yet been approved by the County. When it is, we will obtain the name of the County's site inspector so we can pass on complaints. We are expecting a presentation from the County engineers at an upcoming meeting BEFORE the plan is approved. We already have passed along questions about tree save and storm water management issues.

-Carl Sell

### **Around Rose Hill**

#### **Thomas Edison High School**

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

- \***Financial Aid Workshop.** Oct 21 at 9am
- \***Underclass Picture Makeup.** Oct 23 at 830am
- \***2 Hr Early Release.** Nov 3.
- \***Student Holidays.** Nov 6-7

#### **Mark Twain Middle School**

4700 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA 22310  
Office – 703.313.3700; Fax – 703.313.3797

- \***Falloween Dance.** Oct 27 at 7pm.
- \***2 Hr Early Release.** Nov 3.
- \***Student Holidays.** Nov 6-7

#### **Rose Hill Elementary School**

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

- \***Book Fair.** Oct 23-26.
- \***Rose Hill Spirit Night.** Oct 24 at Chick-Fil-A.
- \***PTA Meeting.** Nov 14 at 7pm.

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**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.**

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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M - F 8:30 am - 8 pm  
Sat. 9 am - 5 pm  
Sun. 12 pm - 4 pm

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**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 30 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 41 years.

**Real Estate**

**Re/Max 100.** Steve Dougherty, 703.746.8720. [www.stevedougherty.com](http://www.stevedougherty.com). Steve and his family have lived in Rose Hill and been active in civic affairs for 30 years. He has been a Realtor of 20 years and specializes in service to his neighbors in the community.

**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.

**Photography**

**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](mailto:dksell@hotmail.com).

**Handyman**

Your honey-do list getting out of hand? Call my honey! Offering free quotes and estimates. Rose Hill references available. Please call Rick (a Rose Hill resident) at 703.943.7102.

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RHCA, PO BOX 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$\_\_\_ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of RH entrance sign

\$\_\_\_ Donation for RHCA General Fund