

The Rambler

Newsletter of the
Rose Hill Civic Association

President's Message

RHCA Needs Your Help NOW to Slow Traffic on Our Streets

The wheels continue to turn in our effort to curb speeding and aggressive driving on Rose Hill streets. We are expecting VDOT to install stop signs on Apple Tree Drive and Willowood Lane and on Willowood at Bee Street. Those new signs will convert those intersections to four-way stops. Thanks to the residents at those intersections for signing petitions urging VDOT to proceed with the new signs.

We are in the process of working with the County and VDOT to slow traffic on Rose Hill Drive, particularly in the vicinity of Rose Hill Elementary School, and slow the cut-through traffic on Cottonwood Drive between Rose Hill and Split Rock Road on the way to Telegraph Road. Drivers currently use the latter route to avoid the traffic light at Rose Hill Drive and Telegraph Road.

We will have to gather signatures to verify that 75 percent of those residents on the streets are in favor of cut-through and traffic calming restrictions. First, we need volunteers to circulate petitions on Rose Hill Drive, its cul de sacs, and at least the first block of cross streets. The County staff will prepare the petitions and maps for the areas to be canvassed.

On Cottonwood, we will need to contact every homeowner on the street between Rose Hill and Split Rock and all the cul de sacs in between.

A number of people already have indicated their willingness to contact their neighbors. We'd like to complete the lists so they can be presented to the County staff.

If you are willing to help, please attend our meeting on Tuesday, September 26, in the community room at the John Marshall Library. The meeting begins at 7pm. We will go over the procedure for contacting Rose Hill residents. It would be particularly helpful to have people who speak Spanish or other languages used by Rose Hill residents.

Even if you don't live on Rose Hill or Cottonwood Drives, many of you use those streets and have been the victim of speeders. How many times have you been passed on the right on Rose Hill Drive between Leewood Drive and Franconia Road?

The County and VDOT have a procedure in place and we need to follow it in order to obtain additional stop signs and/or traffic calming on Rose Hill Drive and traffic calming on Cottonwood Drive. We need your help in order to satisfy the criteria outlined by the County and VDOT. If you would like to see what a 'speed hump' method of curtailing speed looks like, drive down Old Rolling Road off Franconia Road at the Shell (formerly Crown) station.

Please attend our September 26 meeting and join in the fight against speeders in Rose Hill. We'll outline the procedure, answer questions, and gratefully accept your help. Speeding is like the weather. Everybody talks about it but few do anything. Here's your chance!

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Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7pm, John Marshall Library
Topic: Traffic Calming Update and Franconia History Events

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Highland Drive Development

The owner of almost an acre of ground on Highland Drive has submitted a site plan to Fairfax County for development of a 12,150 square foot

building, 26 feet high, with 59 parking spaces. The property is zoned C-5 and can be used for neighborhood commercial

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or office. It is located directly behind 6407, 6409, and 6411 Maryview Street. It also touches a portion of 6405 Maryview, and borders the Highland Park Swim Club property. It is bordered by the Cox Communications building on the east. According to the engineer who prepared the plan, the building is going to be used for four separate retail establishments. The plan includes retaining walls around most of the property in an effort to stabilize the soil. The entire site is located in marine clay soils, an issue of great concern to RHCA. The applicant has requested a modification of the screening and barrier requirements. RHCA has informed the County that it opposes and modification of the 20-foot screening requirement between the development and the homes on Maryview Street. We have also raised questions concerning the desirability of building on marine clay and water runoff due to the large development envelope. Go to myrosehill.com and click on correspondence to read the RHCA letter to Supervisor Kauffman.

Rose Hill Reserve Update

As reported on myrosehill.com 2 weeks ago, the surveyors that were working on the property were updating information required by the County as part of the second submission of the site plan. To recap where we are, the soils report was approved by the County last Spring. The owner then submitted a site plan. The County returned that first submission to the owner with requests for updated and/or new information. Once again, RHCA has notified the County and the owner that we expect a briefing before any plan is approved. The Special Exception authorizing the development of 45 homes on the 22 acres was approved in June 2004. That Special Exception will expire in December of this year and, if a plan is not approved by then, the Board of

Supervisors will have to authorize any extension. You will recall that the property is zoned R-3, the same as the rest of Rose Hill. Fifty-nine lots are platted as part of the R-3 zoning. The process we are working on now is less 14 homes than previously approved. None of the conditions negotiated by RHCA as part of the Special Exception will be in force if it expires. If you want to review the approved development plan and the conditions, go to myrosehill.com and click on Rose Hill Reserve. The conditions adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the proposed layout, and the previously approved R-3 layout are all there for your information.

Street Light Upgrade

One of the darkest areas in Rose Hill is the intersection of Split Rock Road and Telegraph Road. That's about to change. RHCA, the County, VDOT, and Dominion Virginia Power all are cooperating to upgrade and add new lights on Split Rock and along Telegraph from Rose Hill Drive to the golf course. There have been complaints about not being able to see the turn at Split Rock off Telegraph at night. Likewise, the dark corner has been a magnet for illegal activity. The existing mercury vapor lights (bluish tint) will be replaced by orange high-pressure sodium lights. You'll notice the difference and so will those wishing to operate under the cover of darkness. Thanks to all the residents on Split Rock and at the corner of Telegraph who signed the petition informing the County that they had no objection to the upgrade. We trust it will make things safer in your immediate vicinity. If there are other areas in Rose Hill in need of a lighting upgrade, please let RHCA know and we'll contact the County.

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Franconia History Events

The Franconia Museum will sponsor two upcoming events designed to heighten interest in the history of our area. The first event is a Story Swap, discussing members of families featured in Franconia Remembers, the third volume of the Museum's booklets chronicling our area's past through the reminisces of those who lived here. The Story Swap is scheduled between 1 and 3pm on Saturday,

Donna Joy Beaty

September 21, 1924 – August 10, 2006

On Tuesday, August 29, 2006, Donna Beaty joined her husband, Joe, in the Hallowed Ground of Arlington Ceremony. Both were heroes—Joe for his Army service in three wars and Donna for her support on the home front as a mother, teacher, and worker in the war effort. They truly represented what has been called the ‘Greatest Generation.’ Joe served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Joe and Donna were married on New Year’s Day 1953. When Joe shipped out to Europe, Donna stayed behind and taught school. When Joe was recalled to active duty and sent to Korea, Donna stayed behind and worked in a ‘Rosie the Riveter’ type job at Timken Roller Bearing in Colorado Springs. Donna and the family joined Joe in Japan in 1954. They later lived at Fort Meyer and Frankfurt, Germany. When Joe went to Vietnam, Donna, son Joseph Raymond, and daughter Vikki Sue lived in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Beauty in each year since the program was instituted five years ago. Joe passed away in the late 1990s, but Donna made sure the grounds were kept immaculate in his honor.

On August 13, 2006, a large contingent of Donna’s friends and church members gathered at Franconia United Methodist Church for a memorial service in Donna’s honor. Woody Betts, coordinator of our Neighborhood Watch, and I had the honor of offering our community’s grateful memories of Donna’s service to our community.

If I close my eyes and dream, I can call up the vision of Donna, while walking her dog, greeting neighbors and newcomers with, “Have you heard about our Neighborhood Watch?” She usually signed up new watchers on the spot. That is why Rose Hill has one of the most effective Neighborhood Watch programs in Fairfax County. Donna organized her roster each year and made sure everyone made their appointed rounds.

Donna is gone, but she will not be forgotten. We are a safer community because of her efforts. Even as illness curtailed her activities before her death, she continued to work on Neighborhood Watch. She always started her phone calls with, “I wish I was able to do more.” Donna did more than enough. We all can honor her memory by following her example by serving God, family, country, and community.

If you have occasion to visit the Vietnam, Korea, and the new World War II memorials on the Mall, you can reflect in awe that Joe and Donna Beaty served in all three. I don’t know about you, but that is a thought that humbles me.

—Carl Sell

Donna’s passing leaves a void in the Rose Hill volunteer community. We could use your help in a variety of capacities: Neighborhood Watch, The Rambler delivery and distribution, and advertising sales. Please contact Marty Williams, 703.924.7192, or Carl Sell, 703.971.4716, if you can help out. RHCA would really appreciate it!

September 30, in the community room of the John Marshall Library. Punch and cookies will be available. Volume 3 of *Franconia Remembers* will be on sale, as will the previous two volumes. The latest booklet contains almost 200 pages of text and pictures. On Saturday, October 28, the Museum will present its Fifth Annual History Day celebration from 10am to 3pm at Franconia Elementary School. The theme for this year's events and displays will honor Franconia—Past and Present. All three volumes of *Franconia Remembers* will be available as well as Franconia baseball caps, food, and entertainment by area school groups. Rose Hill is an integral part of the history of Franconia and I'd like to start work on a permanent display depicting the history of our community to be housed at the Franconia Museum's new headquarters in the Franconia Government Center. This item will be discussed at our September 26 meeting. Any volunteers?

One Case Solved, Another Pending

Detectives from the Franconia Station have charged a Lorton man in several indecent exposure cases, including one that occurred on May 9, in the 6200 block of Rose Hill Drive. In that case, the man approached two young girls who were playing in their yard. He told them he was looking for his dog, and then exposed himself to the victims. In another case, he was charged with exposing himself to an 11-year-old girl in her backyard. Investigation revealed that the suspect approached the girl on two other occasions claiming to be looking for his cat. In another case, the man used the ruse that he had a box of rabbits before exposing himself and, in yet another, he attempted to get young girls to follow him to look at stray cats. These other cases occurred in the Lorton and Springfield areas.

Police still are looking for the two suspects who robbed a man who was walking his dog, also in the 6200 block of Rose Hill Drive. That incident occurred about 11pm on July 6. One of the suspects brandished a gun. The robbers took a pocketknife and jewelry. Police described the suspects as black men, in their 20s, approximately 5'10" and about 170 pounds. The first suspect wore a light colored shirt, dark pants, and a colored bandana over his face. The second suspect wore a light colored shirt, dark pants, and sunglasses. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Crime Solvers at 1.800.866.TIPS (8477) or the Fairfax County non-emergency number at 703.691.2131.

Slain Police Fund

Thanks to your help, RHCA was able to contribute \$300 to each of the trust funds established to help the families of the two police officers who lost their lives at the Sully Station earlier this year. Detective Vicky Armel was killed immediately and Master Police Officer Michael Garbarino died of his wounds a week later. As you will recall, we asked Rose Hill residents to channel their contributions through RHCA and we would forward the funds to the trust funds. A personal thanks to each of you who answered the call. Both officers had young children and your contribution will aid their educational needs. If you didn't contribute earlier and want to help, send your contribution to either the Armel Family Trust Fund, c/o Fairfax County Federal Credit Union, 4201 Members Way, Fairfax, VA 22030 or the Garbarino Family Trust Fund at the same address. Why not be like RHCA and send a contribution to both?

Bonds on Ballot

Two Fairfax County bond issues will be on the November 7 ballot. The County is asking \$125 million to renovate and expand police facilities at Fair Oaks, McLean, and Reston; the West Ox Road Animal Shelter; the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Station; and the Fire and Rescue Training Academy. Also included are renovations at various other public safety facilities, including the historic courthouse. Additionally, the Park Authority is asking approval of \$25 million in future projects. Included is \$10 million for land acquisition, \$10 million to convert up to 12 existing natural turf athletic fields to synthetic turf, and \$5 million to further develop the countywide trail network. You can vote yes or no on the total questions and cannot vote on individual projects. For example, the \$125 million public safety bond will be subject to a yes or no vote, as will the \$25 million Park Authority bond request. The County is on record as saying these requests will NOT cause an increase in the tax rate because the County's total bond indebtedness does not exceed three percent of its total market value of taxable real estate and private property. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond. If there is enough interest, we'll schedule a presentation on the specifics of the bonds at our October meeting. My question is that if transportation is our highest priority, why no requests for bonds to finance local road improvements?

—Carl Sell

FCPS Announces 2006 College Fair and College Night Programs

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will hold its annual College Fair on Sunday, October 15, from 7:30 to 9:30pm at Fair Oaks Mall and its annual College Night program on Monday, October 16, from 7 to 9pm at Hayfield Secondary School. High school students and their families are encouraged to attend these two events to explore post-secondary educational opportunities. Both events are free and open to the public.

Representatives from more than 400 colleges and universities from across the U.S., including two-year and four-year colleges, as well as business, technical, and nursing schools, will be on hand to talk to prospective students. An updated list of attending colleges can be found at www.fcps.edu/ss/collegefairnight.

College Night, scheduled for the following evening at Hayfield Secondary School, will offer workshops related to college admissions and:

- ★ The SAT and ACT
- ★ College athletics and the NCAA
- ★ Considerations for students with disabilities in the college admissions process
- ★ Financial aid
- ★ Successful strategies for college-bound students
- ★ Writing the college application essay
- ★ The admissions process for students pursuing the arts

For additional information, contact Beth Westbrook, college fair and college night liaison in the Office of School Counseling Services, at 571.423.4429.

Note: Fair Oaks Mall is located at 11750 Fair Oaks in Fairfax. Hayfield Secondary School is located at 7630 Telegraph Road in Alexandria.

Rose Hill Elementary School

Rose Hill PTA wants to effectively communicate with all families attending Rose Hill Elementary School, but we need your help. Periodically we need the translation of information for flyers or posters. Please contact Sue Reynolds (703.971.8929; msuer64@hotmail.com) if you are fluent in English and Spanish and willing to help us in this manner.

FCPS Schedules Gifted and Talented Parent Information Nights

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will offer its Gifted and Talented (GT) Parent Information Nights in October for parents who are considering available options for their children. The schedule will be:

- ★ Tuesday, October 17, Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Oakton.
- ★ Wednesday, October 25, West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria.
- ★ Monday, October 30, Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

Each of the programs will begin at 7:30pm.

This year, a translator for Vietnamese will be available at Oakton, a translator for Spanish will be available at West Potomac, and a translator for Korean will be available at Langley.

The information sessions will provide an overview of the continuum of GT services; screening, testing, and identification procedures; and the time lines established for GT services.

Note: For more information, contact Carol Horn at 703.846.8670 or carol.horn@fcps.edu.

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, September 26, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Subjects: Traffic Calming in Rose Hill and Franconia History Events.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

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, September 30.** Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge. 9am-6pm. Learn the beautiful art of fly tying and fly fishing. This day-long session will cover the Boy Scouts of America badge requirements. If time permits, we will fish at a nearby pond. Reservations required. Limit 15. \$50/scout.

John Marshall Library

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

- ★ **Tuesday, September 26, 6:30pm.** Personalized Internet Training. Learn how to use the Web, or increase your skills. Call for appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for a story. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, October 4, 10:30am.** Zoom, Zoom, Zoom! Stories and activities about transportation. Age 2-3.
- ★ **Wednesday, October 11, 10:30am.** Lighters & Matches. A fire safety puppet show presented by Fairfax County Fire & Rescue. Age 3-5 with adult.
- ★ **Saturday, October 14, 3pm.** Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. Alturas Duo performs South American folk

and classical music, and Gladys Ilarregui recites original poems. Refreshments by the Friends of the John Marshall Library. All ages.

- ★ **Wednesday, October 18, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Short stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
7:15pm. Book Discussion Group. Love Walked In by Marisa de los Santos. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Thursday, October 26, 4pm.** Curiosity Club. Stories, activities and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Monday, October 30, 1:45pm.** School's Out Fun. After school activities and crafts. Age 6-10.

Edison High School

- ★ **Wednesday, September 27.** Hispanic Leadership Club. The first Hispanic Leadership Club meeting for the year will be held after school in Room 270. Former members and students interested in experiencing elements of Hispanic culture are welcome to attend.
- ★ **Thursday, September 28, 7pm.** Building Trades Career Information Night. Edison Academy and FCPS Facilities Management will host a Building Trades Career Information Night for students, parents, and the community. Presentations will include information about classes and internships for high school students, apprenticeship programs for high school graduates, and career opportunities with Fairfax County Public Schools Department of Facilities Management.
- ★ **Saturday, September 30, 8:30am to noon.** Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Open House. General information will be presented about the TJHSST school program, including the admissions procedures, curriculum, and school life. Families may visit in the laboratories and tour the facilities any time from 8:30am to noon. Throughout the morning identical formal presentations will be held in the auditorium and visitors may talk with students in the gymnasium. Applications for admission for the 2007-2008 school year will become available at Edison High School in November 2006. The deadline for submission is June 1, 2007.
- ★ **Tuesday, October 3, 7 to 8pm.** Junior Student & Parent IB Night in the Cafeteria.
- ★ **Wednesday, October 4, 7 to 8pm.** Senior Student & Parent IB Night in the Cafeteria.
- ★ **High School College Partnership Program.** Will you be the first generation in your family to attend college? Are you a member of an ethnic minority? Could you use

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assistance preparing and paying for college? Do you need someone to help you stay motivated academically? Even if you answered YES to only ONE of those questions, you may be eligible for the High School College Partnership Program. Pick up an application from Mr. Britt (guidance office) or Ms. Figueroa (Room 264). The application deadline is October 11, so come pick it up soon!!

- ★ **Parent Volunteers Needed.** Student Services is looking for parent volunteers who would like to assist in their office periodically. If interested and need more information, please contact Krystal Brooks, Registrar, at 703.924.8022 or via email at krystal.brooks@fcps.edu.
- ★ **Please Make Sure the School Has Your Correct Address.** If you have recently relocated to another address and have not informed the school, please do so to ensure that you receive school mailings. If unsure, please call Guidance to verify. Also, if you have not received any mail from the school for a period of time, please be sure to call and verify address. The person of contact is Krystal Brooks, Registrar, 703.924.8022 or krystal.brooks@fcps.edu.
- ★ **All Night Grad Party Needs Volunteers.** The Class of 2007 All Night Grad Party is a very big event and is still in need of a parent to oversee all of the committees. Would YOU have fun planning the big celebration? Do you like working with others to pull off a night to remember? If so, we ideally need an UNDERGRAD PARENT to take the reins!!! (Senior parents will be working on the planning, but on the day of the event, they will be at graduation, so they will be unable to set up, etc.) Please call or email Maggie Britvec, 703.960.2463 or maggiebritvec@hotmail.com.
- ★ **SAT and PSAT Preparation.** Fairfax County Public Schools offers SAT and PSAT preparation courses for secondary school students at several area schools this Fall, including Edison. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/prek12/prek12-secondary.html>. Current FCPS students may submit registration and payment by phone, by mail, by fax, or walk-in at any Fairfax County adult education registration center. The registration form and information is located at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/register.html#five>. Call 703.227.2377 Monday – Friday during regular business hours to register.
- ★ **2006 Entertainment Books are here!!!** Edison's Future Business Leaders of America and the Business and Information Technology Department are selling the Northern Virginia/DC 2006 Entertainment Book for \$25. Entertainment books are also available for over 150 other cities across North America. Please call to reserve your copy today—703.924.8077.
- ★ **Support Every Class.** The Sally Foster Gifts and Wrapping Paper fundraiser benefits all classes. Money raised will fund graduation, prom, and other class activities. Students earn 50% profit for their own class. Order forms are due with payment on Tuesday, October 3, to Mrs. Carr-Lougee in the main office or Ms. Meinholdt in room 130. Orders will be delivered on Friday, November 10. Extra order forms are available in room 130. Students can also register at www.sallyfoster.com for online orders. Our school account number is 0764375. An XBOX 360, an IPOD NANO, and a Gameboy Advance will be given away everyday during the fall to registered users. Contact Debbie Meinholdt, Debbie.Meinholdt@fcps.edu or 703.924.8141, with questions.
- ★ **Edison Mulch Sale Benefiting Class of '07 All Night Grad Party!** Same great mulch—available for pick up on Saturday & Sunday of Columbus Day Weekend, October 7 & 8 from 9am to 1pm in the school parking lot. If you pre-order, bags are only \$3.75. Not pre-ordered (onsite sales) are \$4. Place orders at Edisonmulch@hotmail.com, or call Nancy Scott at 703.329.4586. Come on by, pick up your mulch, and prepare your garden for winter!! Thank you so much for supporting the 2007 ANGP! (Because of fuel prices, delivery is not available this Fall, our apologies!)
- ★ **Run with the Eagles 5K Fundraiser.** The third annual Run with the Eagles 5K run will be held at Edison on October 21, at 8am. This is a flat, fast course which starts and ends at the school. Students get to take advantage of a discounted cost of \$15 up until race day itself. All runners get a long-sleeve T-shirt and other premiums. Food and drinks are provided for the runners after the race. Runners can register as individuals or run as a team. Cash prizes for the overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place men and women. Trophies for the winners in the various age group categories. Sign up on-line at <http://www.directathletics.com/meets/xc/910.html>. Come on out, enjoy the fun, and help raise funds for the school's athletic programs.
- ★ **The Giant Food A+ Bonus Bucks Program is Back!** This program provides a significant source of funding for our school. Last year we earned over \$2K with only about 200 families registered. Let's try to get more families registered this year. You must re-designate your Giant Bonus Card each year. You may do this by visiting the website: http://www.giantfood.com/aplus/aplus_pin.htm. Have your card in hand as you will need the number. Complete the information on the opening page (first three letters of your last name and your 12-digit Bonus Card number) and click on "Continue to School Listings." Click on "VA – Fairfax" and "Lookup." Scroll down to Edison and select by clicking on the button. If you do not have access to a computer or you do not have your Bonus Card with you, you can designate Edison by calling 1.877.366.2668.

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If you do not have a Bonus Card, you can get one by stopping by any Giant Food Store. We have had great success with this program in recent years and with your support we will continue to do so. Thank you!

- ★ **Saturday, October 28, 9am to 3pm.** Edison High School Athletic Boosters Seventeenth Annual Holiday Craft Show. The Edison High School Athletic Boosters are accepting applications for our annual craft show on October 28. It will be held inside the school and we will be accommodating over 100 crafters and food vendors. To register as a vendor or for more information, visit www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/.

Mark Twain Middle School

- ★ **Back to School Night, 7-9:30pm.** 7th Grade – September 27; 8th Grade – September 28.
- ★ **September 15 – October 15.** National Hispanic American Heritage Month
- ★ **October.** Computer Learning Month and Head Start Awareness Month
- ★ **October 8 – 14.** Fire Prevention Week
- ★ **October 9.** Columbus Day (observed)
- ★ **October 9 – 13.** National School Lunch Week
- ★ **October 15 – 21.** National School Bus Safety Week
- ★ **October 16 – 20.** Custodian Appreciation Week
- ★ **October 18.** Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence in Virginia

Rose Hill Elementary School

- ★ **Thursday, September 28, 7 to 8:30pm.** Rose Hill Gifted and Talented Program Parent Information Night in the Rose Hill library. For more information contact Jennifer Epstein, Gifted and Talented Specialist, 703.313.4200, Ext. 6444.
- ★ **October 9.** Columbus Day Holiday
- ★ **October 11.** 4th Grade National Symphony
- ★ **October 17.** School Picture Day
- ★ **October 18, 19, and 20.** Grade 2 Cogat Testing
- ★ **October 24, 25, and 26.** Bart Testing (Grades 3-6)
- ★ **Cafeteria Tips.** At Rose Hill, we want all students to enjoy a satisfying meal during the school day. Students have many options. They may bring a lunch from home; purchase a full lunch from the cafeteria; purchase plain milk, chocolate milk or bottled water, and purchase

various a la carte items, such as pretzels, yogurt, cookies or ice cream. Certain a la carte items are offered on limited days. Ice cream (\$.60) is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Cookies (\$.35) are available on Thursdays. We welcome visitors during lunch. Parents may sign in at the office then join their student in the cafeteria during the scheduled lunchtime. We ask that adults set an example for making healthy food choices and refrain from bringing in fast food items or soda.

How to Purchase School Meals. Costs of cafeteria meals for 2006-07: Breakfast \$1.10; Lunch \$2; Extra entrée \$1.35; Milk \$.50; Bottled water \$.50. Cash may be used to purchase meals and a la carte items in the cafeteria. Additionally, every child is issued an ID card (gr. K-2) or code number (gr. 3-6) for a prepaid cafeteria account. Parents may send in cash or checks to be deposited onto your child's account for purchasing cafeteria meals (checks payable to Rose Hill ES). For deposits, money should be sent in an envelope marked "cafeteria," with the child's name and teacher's name noted on the check or on a separate piece of paper. Parents may specify whether or not a la carte items or extra entrees are allowed to be purchased. Online payments may also be made using www.mylunchmoney.com. Even if your child plans to bring their lunch everyday, establishing an account with \$4 would cover the possibility of a forgotten lunch.

Low Funds on Lunch Card Account. When your child's account balance is down to three meals, your child will be given a Rose Hill Cafeteria wristband. This is to notify you that a deposit is needed for the account.

Emergency Lunch. We want to ensure that no child goes without food at mealtime. When a child forgets their lunch, or does not have sufficient funds on their lunch card, they will be offered a cheese sandwich and carton of milk. The cost of this meal is \$.50 and will be charged to the PTA Emergency Lunch card. In order to continue this emergency service, we ask that you reimburse the PTA Emergency Lunch account as soon as possible. Each time a student uses this emergency lunch service; they will be given a Rose Hill Cafeteria wristband. The following day a letter indicating the total amount of the reimbursement will be sent to the parents. Parents are asked to promptly make their reimbursements.

- ★ **Wednesday, October 4, 5 – 8pm.** Roy Rogers Family Night in the Manchester Lakes Shopping Center (near Shoppers Food Warehouse). Why come to Roy Rogers Family Night? It's an easy dinner—no hassle, no tickets, and, best of all, no dishes! Plus, every order benefits Rose Hill ES. Bring your friends and neighbors, too, and enjoy a delicious family meal while supporting your school.

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

Fabrications. Invitations, flyers, announcements, menus, business cards, brochures, newsletters, mailers, books, proposals, journals, and all your light editing, printing, and paper needs. Marty Williams, Desktop Specialist, 703.924.7192, or marty@fabrications.us. She is the Editor of *The Rambler* and lives on Cottonwood Drive.

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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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.

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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.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Ronda Edwards. 5004 Eastchester Circle, Through August. \$3 service charge per signature (mandatory by the state of VA), paid in cash only.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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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- * 1/2 pg: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
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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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