

# The Rambler

Newsletter of the  
Rose Hill Civic Association

## President's Message

### Important Development Issues Require RHCA Action on September 23

There are important issues involving development and zoning that require the Rose Hill Civic Association's attention at the September 23 meeting at 7pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library.

Here's a rundown of the issues and action needed to be taken:

**Highland Drive:** The owner of a four-acre parcel zoned for commercial development that borders houses in the 6400 block of Maryview Street unilaterally began clearing trees several weeks ago. Despite protests from the neighbors and RHCA, there was little the County could do because the potential developer owns the land. There is, however, something we can do for the future. The owner does NOT have an approved plan to build on the property. A previous plan was rejected because of marine clay problems, lack of adequate buffers, etc. The owner has not submitted a soils report to the County to be checked for accuracy. RHCA has been monitoring this proposed development for many years. A reaffirmation of our concerns about developing on marine

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clay in this specific location would be in order. Please plan to attend and support our members on Maryview Street.

**Rose Hill Reserve:** The owner of this 22-acre parcel west of Rose Hill Drive and Cottonwood Drive and north of Carriage Drive has asked for another 18-month extension of the Special Exception that allows development on the property. This will be the second extension. Believe it or not, it has been four years since RHCA supported this scaled-down development from what had previously been approved. The original Special Exception ran 30 months and there has been one extension. This development is for 45 homes instead of the 59 in the original zoning. RHCA negotiated buffers and protections for existing contiguous homes. This extension requires approval by the Board of Supervisors and we need to communicate our position to our Supervisor. Plan to attend if you have any questions about the development. However, given the housing market, don't look for anything to happen soon. To review the conditions, go to myrosehill.com, click on Rose Hill Reserve, then click on the conditions line at the bottom of the page.

**4612 Roundhill Road:** This long-time eyesore is about to bite the dust, if it hasn't already done so. What happens in its place is of concern to the neighbors and RHCA. Because of the rectangular-shaped lot, redevelopment in accordance with the side and rear yard requirements in the R-3 zoning district needs to be strictly enforced. We don't want another McMansion towering over the neighbors. We can't stop a large house being built on the property, but we can make

**Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting  
Tuesday, September 23, 7pm  
John Marshall Library**

**Topic: Development and Zoning Issues**

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sure the ordinances are followed. The widow of the previous owner sold the property to a group called Full Spectrum on August 20, 2008. By court order, the property is to be demolished by September 24, 2008, the day after our meeting. As of September 3, the demolition permit was on hold until some utility issues were settled. In the meantime, the interior of the house is being cleaned out. We will continue to work with the supervisor's office, zoning inspectors, and building permit reviewers to make sure all the rules are followed. We have been working on getting rid of this eyesore for six years. What replaces the eyesore is of community interest.

**4509 Apple Tree Drive:** As the result of complaints by the neighbors and RHCA, numerous zoning violations were issued to the owners months ago. Because there was no action and the house was vacated, the County moved to court to force the owners to correct the violations. Some cleanup finally occurred and an abandoned car was moved from the driveway. The owners then did not appear for a hearing in the Circuit Court. The judge then issued a default judgment ordering the owners to bring the property into compliance within 30 days or face further court action. Any updated information will be available at the September 23 meeting.

Unfortunately, we continue to have properties in Rose Hill that are not in compliance with County ordinances. RHCA reports each and every one of them. If our complaints are found to have merit, the owners are issued citations ordering them to make improvements. It is a long and tedious process but one worthy of our attention as we protect our property values. If you have any specific complaints that we have not yet heard about, please voice them at the September 23 RHCA meeting.

### **Community Parking Districts**

At present, there is a cumbersome process to prohibit the parking of watercraft, motor homes, campers, trailers, vehicles with three axles, vehicles with a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or more, and vehicles transporting 16 passengers (except school buses) on public streets in residentially zoned areas. It requires a petition verifying 60% support for the proposed district and 50% support along each block. There is a \$10 fee per petitioning address. The cost in Rose Hill would be in excess of \$4,000. In August 2007, the Board of Supervisors established a pilot program of establishing community parking districts on a magisterial wide basis with no cost to the homeowners.

The supervisors set up a pilot program in the Mount Vernon District. Results of enforcement of that program are due soon. If favorable, the supervisors may decide to extend it to other districts. Here in Rose Hill, there have been numerous complaints about parking of the vehicles mentioned above, particularly trailers and large trucks, on our narrow streets. We need to discuss this issue and forward to our Supervisor the community's position on the establishment of a community parking district for Rose Hill and Lee District at no charge to the homeowners.

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### **Budget Decisions**

The County estimates it will face a \$400 million deficit for the 2010 budget year that begins July 1, 2009. Falling values in the residential real estate market, an unprecedented number of foreclosures, and a stagnant commercial market are blamed for the deficit. The County is required to operate under a balanced budget; therefore there are three choices....raise taxes, cut spending, or a combination of both. The Board of Supervisors and the School Board have said they are committed to a review that will produce multi-year opportunities for cost reduction and savings. They have scheduled small-group discussions designed to provide information on the budget and gather suggestions regarding approaches to deal with the projected shortfall. I plan to attend such a meeting on Thursday, October 16, at 7pm at the South County Government Center. Any suggestions from members before then would be appreciated. I plan to gather information at the October 16 meeting and then present our views at a meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 9:30am at the John Marshall Library. Anyone with budget experience is invited to join me at these meetings. This is our chance to have a direct impact on the budget process. It might interest you to know that some supervisors have estimated that it would take a 10 cent increase in the real estate tax to offset the shortfall. Your comments will be welcome.

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## Holiday Lights Will Shine In Memory of the Downeys

Long-time resident and RHCA supporter, Myrna Downey, passed away in August, but her memory and that of her husband, Willard, will live on. The Downey house on Telegraph Road will remain a beacon of holiday cheer for Rose Hill and many visitors from throughout Northern Virginia who enjoyed the lights and religious displays in their front yard.

Son Richard Downey, Sr., his wife, Debbie, and children Richard, Jr., 25, Mathew, 22, Shannon, 19, and Nicholas, 14, plan to continue the tradition. Richard Downey, Sr., grew up in Rose Hill and has helped put up the lights for

as long as he can remember. He lives in Lorton but plans to spend time in Rose Hill. Shannon is a student at Old Dominion University and Nicholas attends Hayfield Secondary. Mrs. Downey also leaves a son, James Mills, by a previous marriage.



*The award-winning display 'The True Meaning of Christmas' at Downey's, December 2007.*

Willard died in October 2003. He was a construction superintendent for the Pomponio companies that built Roslyn and Crystal City. Myrna retired in 2006 after 35 years as a bookkeeper for a trade association. She also previously worked for Pomponio. Willard served as a medic in the Army during the Korean War. Myrna was buried with him at Arlington National Cemetery on September 17. They both grew up in Covington, VA.

Since retiring, Myrna volunteered with her church and her community in order to keep busy. She will be missed by both groups. She was involved in Rose Hill's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2004,

arranging for a beautiful floral display donated by Hayfield Florist. You can honor Myrna's memory by making a contribution to the Myrna Downey Memorial Fund, Faith Fellowship Assembly of God, Alexandria, VA 22315.

This coming holiday season, plan to walk or drive by 6516 Telegraph Road, just around the corner from Rose Hill Drive, stop and remember our good friend Myrna Downey. She will be thinking good thoughts for us.

—Carl Sell

### Positions Available — Please Help!

#### **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](mailto:marty@fabrications.us).*

#### **RAMBLER EDITOR**

Requirements: *proofreading, editing, experience with a layout software program. Contact Marty Williams, 703.910.6316 or [marty@fabrications.us](mailto:marty@fabrications.us).*

#### **WEBMASTER**

Requirements: *knowledge of website design, development, and maintenance. Contact Jim Sapp, [jimsapp7@msn.com](mailto:jimsapp7@msn.com).*

**RHCA LOVES ITS VOLUNTEERS ... IT WOULDN'T BE WITHOUT THEM.**

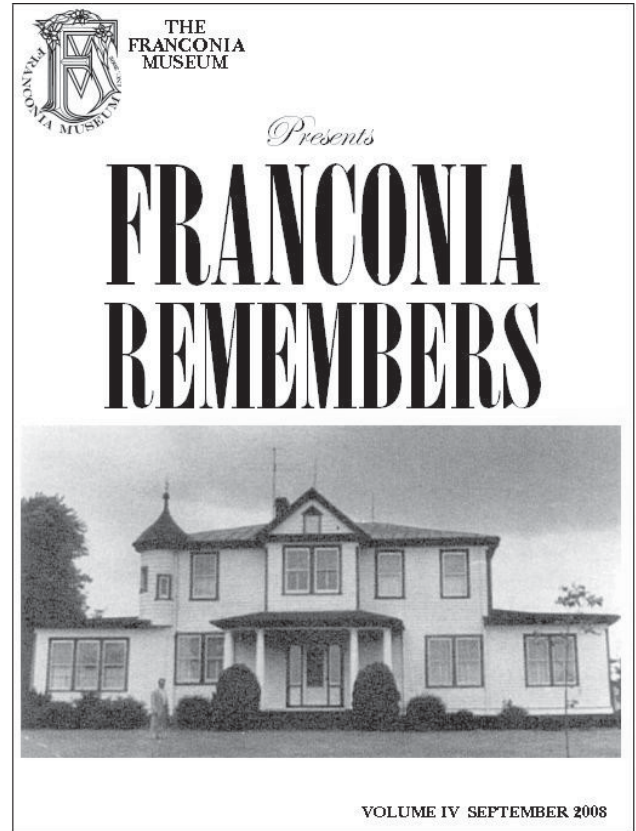
**GET INVOLVED ... YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!**

### **Rose Hill and History**

The Franconia Museum will unveil Volume IV of *Franconia Remembers*, the latest in a series of books that chronicle the history of our area, at a special program on Saturday, September 27 from 2 to 4pm at the Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Rd. The volume features a story about the history of Rose Hill. The cover features a colorized version of the original Rose Hill Manor house that stood at the end of what is now May Boulevard. The book also includes reminiscences from other long-time Franconia residents, including Jac Walker, who has lived on Valley View Drive for more than 80 years. Representing Rose Hill will be Connie Beatty, who has lived in Rose Hill since 1955. The book will be sold for the discount price of \$25 at the event on Saturday, September 27 only. After that date, the cost will be \$30. Copies of Volumes I, II, and III also will be available for sale. You can buy all four volumes, with a tote bag thrown in, for \$75. The Museum's annual History Day will be held on Saturday, November 8 at the Franconia Elementary School. Living history, artifacts, displays, and entertainment are included on the program. The hours are 10am to 3pm. Rose Hill will be providing historic bean soup and corn bread for sale with all proceeds going to the museum. We need people to whip up pans of corn bread, using their favorite recipe, to add to the spread. We already have a chef for the bean soup. Please contact Carl Sell (703.971.4716 or sellcarl@aol.com) or Linda Nichols (703.971.0755 or doveffellow@aol.com) if you can cook up some corn bread or volunteer as a server on the day of the event.

### **Rose Hill Elementary News**

Principal Terri Czarniak sends along her thanks for the patience of those affected during August when the school's staff had to park on local streets because their parking lot was closed. The lots were closed so utilities could be installed for the new modular classrooms. The new facilities replace the trailers that had been in use. The modular classrooms include restrooms and are wired to accommodate the latest technology. If it seems like only yesterday when the money was approved for the modular units, you are close to the truth. The \$3 million was included on *last year's* school bond that was approved by the voters. The units were purchased and installed in less than a year. Hats off to everyone connected with the schools that had a hand in quick action to get rid of the unsightly trailers. Principal Czarniak promises an open house to show off the new classrooms as soon as everything is in place to serve our kids.



Franconia Remembers, Volume IV cover featuring Rose Hill Manor.

### **Summer Events**

RHCA sponsored two events over the summer that were judged huge successes by all who attended. First, at the suggestion of Vice President Linda Nichols, we put together a community dinner in July at the John Marshall Library. RHCA provided summer-style sandwich wraps, chips, lemonade, and bottled water. Rose Hill residents added salads, other summer-style goodies, and deserts to the spread, which covered two large tables. To say a good time was had by all would be an understatement! The good food and fellowship once again proved what a special community we have. If you missed it, shame on you! You can be sure there will be more community dinners, so bring your appetite.

On Tuesday, August 7, Rose Hill joined communities all across the nation in staging a Night Out gathering designed to support local police and emergency personnel. We served hot dogs, lemonade, water, and a variety of other fare and deserts provided by many who attended. The event was held on the front yard of the Nichols residence on Rose Hill Drive. Not surprisingly, we were visited by local politicians and

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representatives of the Franconia police station. The event was featured in *The Mount Vernon Voice*, a local newspaper, by a series of pictures. Thanks to everyone who stepped up make each of these events a success!

### **New Moped, Scooter Rules**

If the high gas prices has you contemplating buying a moped or scooter, you need to be aware of some laws governing their use that went into effect July 1. If a moped is driven over 35 miles per hour, it is now considered a motorcycle, which means the operator needs to have additional driver certifications and a motorcycle license. Additionally, the moped needs license plates, proper registration, and insurance. If the moped is driven under 35 miles per hour, the driver does not need a license (but must carry an identification card) and vehicle does not need license plates or insurance. Police also remind parents that drivers must be 16 years or older to operate a moped. The police suggest that moped operators wear bright and reflective clothing. Also, mopeds must stay on then right side of the road and are not allowed on sidewalks.

### **Mid-Year Crime Report**

Police report that overall crime in Fairfax County increased 12.1% during the first six months of 2008 as

compared with 2007. The good news in the mid-year report is that robbery is down 25.3% (218 cases as compared to 292). The bad news is that burglary (a leading statistic in communities such as Rose Hill) is up 11.1% (692 to 623). Recent local cases include a wedding ring taken from a home on Driftwood Drive in July and a vacuum taken from a vehicle on Cottonwood Drive, also in July. Motor vehicle theft decreased 4.5% although several cars were stolen from the Rose Hill apartments during the first half of the year. In other categories, there were nine murders as compared to six last year, 51 rapes as compared with 55. Larceny cases were up 15.7% (7,451 to 6,442).

Rose Hill residents are reminded to watch out for scammers and others they allow in their homes. Recently, a man was arrested in a rental home scam where potential renters were defrauded of money after signing contracts. They later learned the properties were actually bank-owned and in foreclosure. One such case was in neighboring Virginia Hills. And, a trusted, long-time house cleaner was arrested for stealing jewelry and selling them to a pawn shop in Arlington. One of the cases was in nearby Kingstowne. Residents are reminded to check references, including police reports, before allowing service people into their homes.

—Carl Sell

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***One hundred ninety-four Fairfax County Public Schools students have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for 2009. The semifinalists are eligible to compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$35 million, to be awarded in Spring 2009.***

***One of the winners is our own Katherine Lambertson of Edison High School.  
Congratulations Katherine!***

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### **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.

## ***ABA Parent Monthly Workshop***

This workshop is intended for families of elementary and preschool students with autism.

### **Analyzing and Modifying Behaviors in the Home**

**Thursday, September 25, 2008**

**8:30-10:00 a.m.**

**7:00-8:30p.m.**

**Devonshire Administrative Center (Conf room A)**

2831 Graham Road  
Falls Church, VA 22042

**Presented by:**

**Becky Crissey**

ABA Program Manager  
Fairfax County Public Schools  
8:30:-10:00a.m.

**Kelly Galbraith**

ABA Coach  
Fairfax County Public Schools  
7:00-8:30 p .m.

**Registration:** Send completed form to Renee Lyons by email to [renee.lyons@fcps.edu](mailto:renee.lyons@fcps.edu); or fax at 571-423-4117. **Confirmation will not be sent unless you are on a waiting list.** For additional information please call 571-423-4174.

I / We plan to attend the morning session on Thursday, September 25 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at Devonshire.

I / We plan to attend the evening session on Thursday, September 25 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Devonshire.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rabies Clinic**

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter announces its 2008 low-cost rabies clinic dates for dogs, cats, and ferrets. The cost for rabies shots at the clinic is \$10. All dogs should be on leashes and all cats and ferrets in carriers.

Fairfax County 2008 dog licenses will be sold separately at the clinic and cost \$5 for altered dogs and \$10 for unaltered dogs (please bring proof of your pet's spay or neuter).

The clinic is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division and Deepwood Veterinary Hospital. For more information, please call 703.830.1100. Cash or checks only—NO CREDIT CARDS—will be accepted for payment at the clinic. It will be held Sunday, November 16, from 2-4pm at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22043.

For more information about the rabies clinics, visit the Fairfax County Animal Services Division Web site at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices>.

## **FYI...**

Edison Academy students, along with heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) instructor Robert Stringham, recently presented information to the U.S. House of Representatives Career and Technical Education conference. Students highlighted and explained the importance of carbon monoxide safety in homes and businesses, demonstrated the proper installation of carbon monoxide detectors, and explained how to detect the early warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning. Student presenters also explained how career and technical education courses, such as HVACR, are preparing them for the future in the work force and for postsecondary education. The event was sponsored by the Association of Career and Technical Education and Career and Technical Student organizations. Edison Academy's Carbon Monoxide Awareness project was created by Stringham last year and earned a \$10,000 grant from SkillsUSA and the Lowe's Corporation. As part of the project's outreach, students distributed hundreds of free carbon monoxide detectors to the public. Contact Edison Academy administrator Brad Rickel at 703.924.8100 or [brad.rickel@fcps.edu](mailto:brad.rickel@fcps.edu) or Robert Stringham at [robert.stringham@fcps.edu](mailto:robert.stringham@fcps.edu).

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# Rose Hill Community Calendar

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## Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Tuesday, September 23, 7pm.** Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting. John Marshall Library. Topic: Development and Zoning Issues.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

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## Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, 703.768.2525,  
**Hours:** September 2 – October 31 – 9am to 5pm every day except closed Tuesdays, noon to 5pm on holidays.

### FAMILIES

- ★ **Friday, September 26.** Café Cattail. 7-9:30pm. End your busy work week with relaxing, nature-inspired music, poetry, and dance at this popular open-mike coffeehouse. Reservations required for performers only. Free
- ★ **Saturday, October 11.** Birth of a Wetland. 10am-noon. Walk along wooded streams with Park Manager Kevin Munroe tracing the wetland from its beginning in the Woodstone neighborhood down Barnyard Run to the marsh boardwalk. Cancelled if rain. Reservations required. \$6/adult, \$4/child  
**Video-Eagles (also Sunday, October 12).** 1-1:45pm. Follow a family of bald eagles as the adults make their nest, raise their chicks, and coax them to fly. Enjoy spectacular aerial photography, natural sounds and original music during this 45-minute video. Free
- ★ **Saturday, October 18.** Watershed Clean-up Day. 9-11:30am. Give the waterways in your community a clean bill of health! Wear boots, old clothes, and gloves. Reservations required. Free
- ★ **Sunday, October 19.** Historic Huntley Fall Open House. 2-4pm. Learn about the history of the house through a tour and a puppet show, during this twice-a-year open house. Free
- ★ **Saturday, October 25 & Sunday, October 26.** Creatures of the Night. 1-3pm. Step into the night-time world of bats, owls, and beavers through self-guided displays, hands-on activities, and a movie with popcorn! Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$4/child
- ★ **Sunday, October 26.** Oh Deer! (6 years and up) 12:30-2pm. Go off-trail with two of the Park's "deerstalkers" to look for signs of deer activity. Reservations required. Cancelled if rain. \$6/adult, \$4/child

### CHILDREN

- ★ **Monday, October 20.** Young Explorers - Wild Turkeys (6-8 yrs.) 3:15-4:30pm, Visitor Center. Learn about this shy gobbler through discussion, an activity, and a walk through the woods. Reservations required. Cancelled if rain. \$3
- ★ **Wednesday, October 22 & Thursday, October 23.** Nature Detectives - Pumpkinfest (3-5 year-olds) 10-10:45am. Bring

a small pumpkin to celebrate the season in style. Through a story and an activity, enjoy the wonders of autumn. Reservations required. \$5

### ADULTS

- ★ **Sunday, September 21.** Birding for Beginners. 8-11am. Interested in birding? We can get you started! Learn about the birds in the park and some basic identification skills. Program begins in the Visitor Center parking lot. Reservations required. \$2
- ★ **Saturday, September 27.** Fall Birds and Bagels. 8-11am. Enjoy an early morning walk in search of resident and migrating birds, then relax and recap the sightings during a continental breakfast at the Visitor Center. Binoculars and field guides are recommended. Reservations required. \$6
- ★ **Sunday, October 5.** Introduction to Fly Fishing (14 and up) 11am-2:30pm. Bring your own fully-rigged rod and reel, or rent one from the instructor, and learn casting, knots, tackle, and gear, fly selection, and how to read the water. Supply fee of \$5 to the instructor. Reservations required. \$50  
**Connections-Art Show Reception.** 2-4pm. Meet painter and printmaker Lyndia Terre at the opening of a retrospective show to benefit Becca's Ark Animal Rescue and Huntley Meadows Park. Free
- ★ **Saturday, October 25, 4-6pm.** Park Manager Walk & Talk. Join Park Manager Kevin Munroe on a walk. Share questions and concerns about the Park and look for the wildlife for which the Park is known. Reservations required. Free

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## John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, 703.971.0010. Open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 9pm; Friday, 10am to 6pm; Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

- ★ **Mondays, 7pm.** Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. No registration required.
- ★ **Thursday, September 25, 4pm.** Stories and Science. Stories, activities, and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Fridays, 12pm.** Lunch Bunch. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **October 1 – 31.** Personalized Computer Training. Basics for beginners: Internet, Microsoft Word, or database searching. Call for appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Tuesday, October 7, 10:30am.** Harvest Time! Stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult.  
**7pm.** What's New in Picture Books. Learn about new books to use with preschoolers. Childcare certification available. Adults.
- ★ **Wednesday, October 15, 10:30am.** Small Wonders. Stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.

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## Rose Hill Community Calendar, continued

- ★ **Wednesday, October 15, 7:15pm.** Book Discussion. Call for title. Adults. No registration is required.
- ★ **Saturday, October 18, 11am.** Jessie and James with Mutts Gone Nuts. Join us for a fast-paced, interactive show complete with juggling, comedy, and amazing dog feats. All ages.
- ★ **Monday, October 20, 3:30pm.** Early Reader Book Discussion. Join us for early reader book activities. Call for titles. Age 6-8 with adult.
- ★ **Tuesday, October 21, 7pm.** Mother-Daughter Book Discussion. Join us for a lively book discussion. Please call for title. Age 10-12 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, October 23, 4pm.** Stories and Science. Stories, activities, and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.

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### Thomas A. Edison High School

5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, 703.924.8000, 703.924.8097 fax.

- ★ **PSAT Preparation Workshop.** Saturday, October 4, 9am—1pm, The Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The Northern Virginia Urban League Guild would like to invite students in grades 9 to 11 to attend. Call 703-836-2858 or 703-780-0097 for reservations.
- ★ **Yearbook Orders.** Interested in ordering a yearbook? Stop by room 253 (Ms. Weiss) to pick up an order form or to turn in a completed form with payment, or order online at <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/?jobnumber=5211>. Order now to ensure you receive the 2008-2009 Talon – the first full-color yearbook in Edison history!
- ★ **Let Your Views Be Known!** The Current, Edison's student newspaper, is encouraging students, parents, teachers, and neighbors of the Edison High School community to write letters to the editor. Your opinion could be published in our next issue! For details and submission requirements, as well as more information on the newspaper, please visit "Current Newspaper" under the Student Life tab at <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/>.
- ★ **Congratulations Coach C!** Ivan Chirinos, Edison's Technology Education Instructor, has been selected by the Virginia Technology Education Association as the 2008 Northern Regional High School Technology Education Teacher of the Year. This award was presented to

Mr. Chirinos at VTEA's summer conference in Virginia Beach in August. Mr. Chirinos was selected by the organization for the excellence of his instructional program at Edison HS which ensures that students in his technology education courses learn about design, engineering, and technology as part of their total high school experience. Congratulations to Coach C on receiving this prestigious award!

- ★ **Blackboard and Family Connections.** It is important for ALL students to log on to their Blackboard accounts this week and reset their passwords. Student access to Family Connection is temporarily unavailable, but will be restored by FCPS once sufficient numbers of high school students countywide have logged on to Blackboard AND reset their passwords for this school year. From Family Connection, students can search for scholarships, explore careers, find college matches, complete a personality assessment, etc. It's our 24-7 resource for planning for the future. Questions? Ask Dawn Allison, Career Center Specialist, at [dawn.allison@fcps.edu](mailto:dawn.allison@fcps.edu) or 703.924.8028.

- ★ **Boys' Basketball Needs Volunteers.** Boys' Basketball is looking for reliable and responsible volunteers for the following positions:

**Home and Away Games:**  
videographer/filmer (Varsity & JV)  
photographer (all levels)  
statistician (all levels)

**For Home Games Only:**  
clock operator (JV & freshmen)  
scorebook keeper (JV & freshmen)

Contact Coach Q at 703.505.4707 or [kevinquinlan@gmail.com](mailto:kevinquinlan@gmail.com) for more details. Thank you!

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### Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Road, Alexandria, 703.313.3765.

- ★ **Book Fair.** September 22-26 in the library. The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! We will also be open late for Back to School Night (9/25). Don't miss this chance to light up a young reader's face with a good book!
- ★ **After School Program.** Starts Monday, September 29.
- ★ **Late Buses.** Available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays leaving at 4:30 starting on September 29.

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### Volleyball in the Park

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Lee District Park. The sand court is located just this side of the batting cages. We play from 6pm 'til dark every Thursday until the end of September. Come and bring a friend for a time of exercise and fellowship. All ages welcome. Hope to see you there.

David & Linda Nichols (Call us for info — 703.971.0755)



# 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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## Business Directory, Continued

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.homesdatabase.com/karendavidson), [www.karen-davidson.com](http://www.karen-davidson.com), email: [kedavidson@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

—Marty Williams

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