

## President's Message

### Learn About the Taliban in the Far East from an RHCA Member Who has Been There at the October 22 Meeting

Most every day, we read, hear or see something in the news about Taliban, the fundamentalist Islamic group that wields wide influence in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We are fortunate to have in our midst someone who spent many years in the area and is willing to share her experiences with us. The idea for this program was prompted by David and Linda Nichols report on their visit to Israel at our February 2013 meeting. RHCA member Joanne Thompson is a retired U.S. State Department employee who spent many of her 33 years in government service as a narcotics officer in both countries. She will tell us firsthand about her visits to the poppy fields operated by the Taliban, some of whom treated her with respect even though she is a woman! One of Joanne's station locations was in Pakistan near where Osama Bin Laden, the founder and head of the Islamic terrorist group Al Qaeda was killed in a raid by Navy Seals in May of 2011.

The meeting will be held starting at 7 pm in the community room of the John Marshall Library. Joanne will speak and answer questions after a short update on the May Boulevard church proposal. When she is through, you might want to stick around for a special celebration.

**Next RHCA Meeting: October 22, 7:00 pm  
John Marshall Library**

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## ROSE HILL RAID!



Mosby heads down May Boulevard for the capture



Colonel Dulany listens to Don Hankenson's version of the raid

*(Read the account of the Raid in the President's message.)*



A native of Kansas City, Joanne attend the University of Chicago. Right after graduation, she took a government exam and was immediately hired by the State Department. In Rose Hill, she is heavily involved in community and RHCA activities serving as a Neighborhood Watch block

captain and representing the community on the Franconia District Station's Senior Advisory committee.

If there are other Rose Hill residents with interesting backgrounds and are willing to talk about them, we would enjoy hearing from you at a future meeting. Give Linda or I a call and we'll work on a date.

### **May Boulevard Church Update**

As a result of the September RHCA meeting, the applicant has suggested some additional conditions limiting the number of special events, such as weddings and conferences, to 12 per year. The events would be held only on weekends. They also have suggested that meetings during the week be limited to 25 persons and shall be held between 7 and 9:30 p.m. And, they commit to "appropriate measures" that music associated with the place of worship is not audible off site. The applicant made an information only presentation to the Lee District Land Use Committee on Monday, October 7. I was there to present the community concerns. I hope to be able to present a community-wide position on the application at a Land Use committee meeting in the near future. The issue then will go to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors for action. As always, any citizen has the right to testify at a Land Use, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meeting. We will further discuss the church issue during the first half hour or so of the October 22 RHCA meeting. Come early as we have a full schedule of events that night.

### **Veteran's Day**

Once again, RHCA will honor its veterans on Veteran's Day, with a display of individual signs on the front lawn of the Krause home, 6300 Rose Hill Drive across from Rose Hill Elementary School. At this time, we have three new names to add and one correction to make on a present sign. The new names are Harry L. Dodson, USMC, Malinda Price, Air Force and William Bennington, Air Force. We need to reassign Larry Fulk from the Marines to the Navy. If you are unsure your veteran is not already included, check our website, myrosehill.com. Click on Photo Gallery, then go to the 2012 veterans' list at the top. If you

aren't on the internet, call me and I will check for you. If you have a new name, either e-mail me at sellcarl@aol.com or give me a call at 703-971-4716. Call quickly so we will have time to make a sign. Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11. We will be putting up the signs several days prior to that date and removing them several days later.

### **Rose Hill Raid Wrap-up**

The September 28 reenactment of Mosby's Rose Hill Raid, exactly 150 years to the day when it occurred during the Civil War, was a huge success. Many people lined May Boulevard to see Confederate Major John Singleton Mosby (played by Jimmy Fleming) and young French Dulany (one of his raiders played by Christopher Wolf), capture Union Colonel Daniel Dulany (played by David Hillier) at the exact spot where the action took place in 1863. French Dulany was Daniel Dulany's son! Mosby and the young Dulany tied the elder Dulany's hands, put him on a horse and led him back to Rose Hill Elementary for a program before an overflow crowd. There, Don Hakenson told the story of the raid (despite several angry outbursts from the prisoner). Anne Frobel (played by Susan Hillier) then read passages from her diary written in 1863 that told of the hardships living under Union rule despite friendly acts by Dulany. Frobel lived at Wilton Hill, located where Wilton Woods Elementary School now stands on Franconia Road. The day ended on an upbeat note provided by the Carter Gospel Singers and their stirring renditions of gospel songs that fit any occasion or period of time. All the while, those in attendance enjoyed a wide range of concessions provided by the Rose Hill Elementary School PTA.

As sponsoring organizations, the Rose Hill Civic Association and the Franconia Museum wish to thank numerous people and organizations that made the day possible at no cost. The list starts with Jimmy Fleming (Mosby), Christopher Wolf (French Dulany) and David and Susan Hillier (Daniel Dulany and Anne Froebel). Steve Sherman of Sherman Properties and the Museum board paid for the chairs and Judy Hutchinson of Kingstowne Business Services and the Museum board printed the color programs at no cost. The programs were designed by Debbi Wilson, vice

president of the Museum. Special thanks to Rose Hill Elementary for providing the use of its grounds for a unique historic event. RHCA paid for a custodian to make sure the school bathrooms were available, as well as other support for the event. Thanks to Agata Gluszek and Joshua Fikentscher for the use of their house and yard at the end of May Boulevard where the original manor house once stood. Donnie Krause let Mosby use his side yard across Rose Hill Drive as a staging and forage ground for the horses. Judging by the consumption of Donnie's grass, the horses enjoyed the visit. Finally, the entire Board of Directors of the Franconia Museum voluntarily gave their time to make sure everything went smoothly. Cary Nalls of Nalls Produce on Beulah Street used his truck to pick up and return the chairs and books and artifacts from the Museum. Fall is a great time to visit Nalls for seasonal items such as flowers and cider.

The large number of people crossing Rose Hill Drive on a busy Saturday was handled without a hitch by the Auxiliary Police volunteers from the Franconia Station. They guided Mosby, young Dulany and his captured father, the two horses and the large crowd safely across the road to the school for the ceremony. A remarkable feat, given the excitement of all involved.

There still are a number of the popular Rose Hill Raid Tee Shirts available in sizes medium, large, extra large and extra extra large. The mediums, larges and extra larges are priced at \$15 plus tax. Extra extra large are \$17 plus tax. They are available at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Remember, the Virginia State tax is 6 percent. If you live in Rose Hill, send me an e-mail and a shirt(s) will be brought to you in exchange for a check or cash. Make checks payable to Franconia Museum.

### **Another Milestone**

Next year will be the 60th anniversary of the beginning of Rose Hill. Ten years ago, on the 50th anniversary, RHCA honored those who were original residents of the community who still lived here. So, next year, we will be compiling another list of those who have lived in the community for 50 years or more. We already have several names. The plan is to

memorialize the names on a plaque under the original Rose Hill historic sign on Rose Hill Drive at the Library. If the list gets too long, we may have to consider erecting a new sign that includes the additional names of 50-year residents. Also, we are going to investigate the ability to update our community entrance signs from 50 years to 60 years. This will require financial support from the community in the form of contributions in excess of dues during our membership drive that begins in the November Rambler.

### **Rose Hill Reserve HOA**

The owners of the homes in Rose Hill Reserve have taken control of their Homeowners Association, as prescribed by law. One of the first actions was for its board to meet with the President of RHCA to compare notes and coordinate activities. Membership in the Rose Hill Reserve HOA is mandatory for all homeowners while RHCA is a volunteer organization. The Rose Hill Reserve HOA can establish dues, architectural control and is responsible for the maintenance of the community and the open space. The first thing shared by RHCA was a copy of the development conditions under which Rose Hill Reserve was built. Several members were not aware of the conditions, nor where they aware of the long-term dangers of building on marine clay. They didn't know, for example, that a large number of piers had been placed deep in the ground to protect both the older and new homes. Even with the safeguards, the new owners already have noticed shifting soils and depressions in their streets. They also have noticed a number of springs on the property that do not seem to be properly drained. The HOA currently is working with Stanley Martin, builder of the homes, to correct these and other problems. They expressed dissatisfaction with the pace of the improvements so far. RHCA noted that it, too, has outstanding issues concerning landscaping and water runoff. Although some progress has been made, there remain some items on our checklist to be completed. It was agreed that the two organizations would work together on mutual problems with the developer. There was discussion of delivery of the Rambler to the new homes, including room for info provided by the HOA. The issue was left unresolved with the understanding that the new home owners

would be expected to participate in the cost of printing the Rambler and providing volunteers to deliver the publication nine times per year. Rose Hill Reserve residents were encouraged to join RHCA and attend its meetings.

### Rose Hill Drive Median

Thanks to all of you who contribute toward the planting and maintenance of the flower bed in front of our entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road. Plantings are updated four times a year at start of each season. And special thanks to the Rose Hill Apartments for keeping the grass mowed in the median from Franconia Road to Rose Hill Elementary. Although the median is state property, VDOT doesn't have the funding to mow the grass on a regular basis. As a result of the plantings and the mowing, we have an attractive entrance to our community. There is a problem, however. Too many unthinking drivers and passengers use the median as a dumping ground for trash and other debris. RHCA will try to keep the median clear of trash. You can help by taking a few minutes to pick up the trash when you see it accumulate to the point it is unsightly. Finally, RHCA will remove any signs that are posted in front of our entrance sign. They are illegal!

### Storm Drain Labeling

As part of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's campaign to keep our storm drains clear of debris, NO DUMPING labels are being placed on storm drains on our streets. Many drains were marked last year and the volunteer program is continuing. Clayton Mottley, a senior at Edison High School, has placed plastic decals on the drains reminding residents and visitors to refrain from using them as trash and yard debris receptacles. Clayton is a member of the Edison National Honor Society and Key Club. He is performing the labeling as part of his 20 hours of community service commitment. The effort is part of the program to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay. It also helps keep debris out of the ponds on Greendale Golf Course, which uses some of Rose Hill's storm water runoff to irrigate the course. You can help by heeding the NO DUMPING sign on the storm drains on our streets. There are some storm water inlets in back yards, so also keep them clear of debris

and yard waste.


- Carl Sell

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# Rose Hill Community Calendar

## Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday. BINGO!**  
Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm.  
Regular sessions, 8pm.

## John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr., 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events. Hours: M,T – 10am - 9pm; W, F – 10am - 6pm; Th - 1pm - 9pm; Sat – 10am - 5pm.

- ★ **Ongoing Event.** Book Sale! Throughout the month.
- ★ **Ongoing Event.** English Conversation. Each Thursday at 2:00pm. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults.
- ★ **October 21.** A to Zoo. 10:30am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 3 - 5 w/ adult.
- ★ **October 24.** Real Kids Real Books. 7:00pm. Join us for a book discussion of Jean Craighead George's *My Side of the Mountain*. Ages 10-13 w/ adult.
- ★ **October 26.** E-Book Workshop. 1:00pm. Get your eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader and library card. Adults.
- ★ **October 26.** The Future of Fairfax County Public Library. 2:30pm. Please join us for a public meeting on what services our Fairfax County Public Library branches currently offer and discuss how they will change to meet the needs of our community. Adults.
- ★ **October 30.** Monster Mash. 10:30 & 11:00am. Come in Halloween costume for stories and activities. Ages 2-3 w/ adult.
- ★ **November 4.** Baby Lap Sit. 10:30am. Come for early literacy programs for you and your baby. Ages birth-12 months w/ adult.
- ★ **November 6.** Toddler Time. 10:30am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 13-23 months w/ adult.
- ★ **November 11.** Fairfax County Public Libraries Closed for the Veteran's Day holiday.

- ★ **November 18.** A to Zoo. 10:30am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 3 - 5 w/ adult.
- ★ **November 20.** Fun For Twos and Threes. 10:30am & 11:00am. Come for stories and activities. Ages 2-3 w/ adult.

## Thomas Edison High School

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- ★ **There were no updates as of press time.**

## Mark Twain Middle School

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- ★ **There werer no updates as of press time.**

## Rose Hill Elementary School

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- ★ **There were no updates as of press time.**

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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 27 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 38 years.

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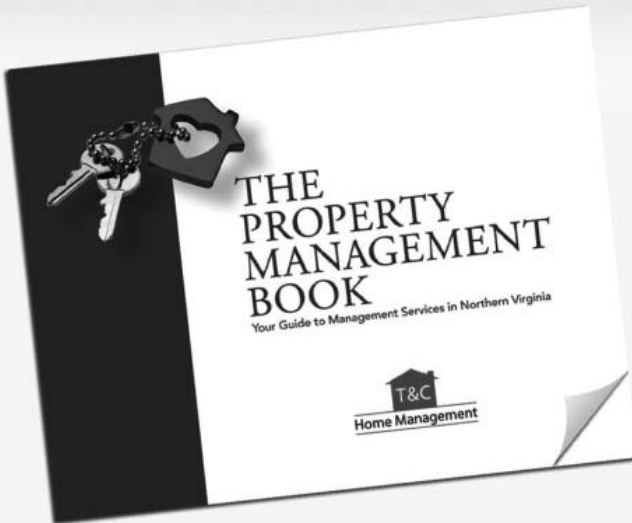
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