

# Rose Hill Rambler

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A quarterly newsletter for Rose Hill, Sunny Ridge Estates and Guilford Estates neighborhoods from the Rose Hill Civic Association

## New Police Commander to Speak at RHCA Meeting

By Daniel Bearth

The Franconia District Police Station has another new commander, the third in the last three years, and she has agreed to appear at the next meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association to meet with community residents and respond to questions. The meeting is set for Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library.

Major Marisa D. Kuhar was named to head up the Franconia Station in July following the promotion of Capt. Kevin Shaw to deputy chief. He is now in charge of the Resource Management Bureau at the Fairfax County Police Department headquarters in the city of Fairfax.



Capt. Shaw, who joined the FCPD in 2002 and first served as a patrol officer at the Franconia Station, replaced Capt. John Lieb as commander in August 2023 after Lieb was promoted to the rank of Major and tapped to head up the Internal Affairs Bureau at police headquarters.

Both Capt. Shaw and Capt. Lieb took steps to prioritize traffic enforcement while serving as Franconia District commander and Major Kuhar said she will be prepared to discuss the issue of speeding on Franconia Road and concerns about road safety hazards near

Twain Middle School where a student was struck in the crosswalk last year. (Continued on page 3)

## Seen on the Street

A pink flamingo named Phoenix is standing tall once again at Rock and Donna Kulisch's home at the corner of Franconia Road and Bernard Ave.

The iconic 12-foot tall lawn ornament was first erected by Donna's brother Charley and his wife Sandy in the front yard of their home at 5325 Franconia Road nearly 30 years ago. After Charley passed away in 2020, Donna and her husband pledged to restore the neighborhood landmark at their newly built home, which they did with an elaborate "Raise the Flamingo" ceremony with food and live music on July 20.



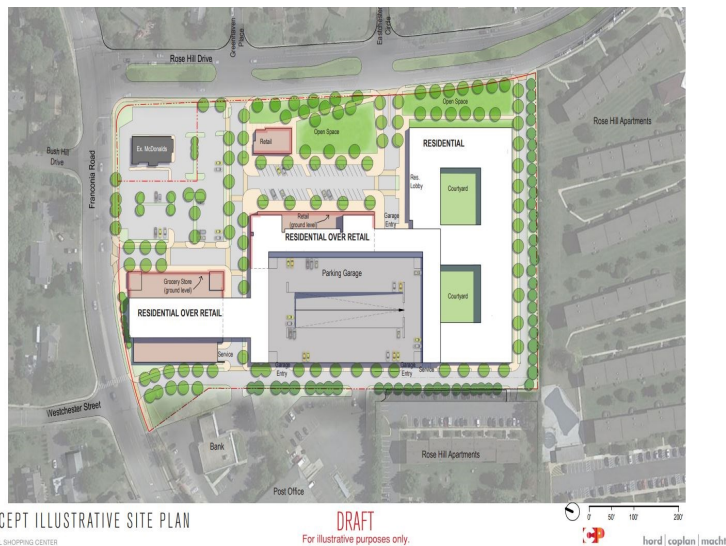
Charley and his wife worked as tattoo artists and were known for their eclectic tastes. They once built a structure around an old truck and covered it with license plates. "My brother was one-of-a kind," Donna says. "I miss him terribly." — Daniel Bearth



# New Rose Hill Plaza Redevelopment Survey

It's been more than two years since Combined Properties Inc. first unveiled its proposal to replace the Rose Hill Plaza shopping center with a mixed-use development consisting of as many as 400 apartments with garage parking and ground-floor only retail, a separate building for a grocery store and pedestrian-oriented green space along Rose Hill Drive.

A survey by the Rose Hill Civic Association found widespread opposition to the proposal and Franconia District Supervisor Rodney Lusk has held up consideration by the Fairfax County Planning Commission until the property owner comes up with a different proposal that addresses community concerns about the loss of retail, increased traffic and compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood.



The latest plan for redevelopment of Rose Hill Plaza would replace current center with a mix of apartments and retail space, garage parking and green space. (Source: Combined Properties)

While Combined Properties has not yet submitted a new proposal for the property, RHCA is concerned that having no new input from residents of Rose Hill and surrounding neighborhoods could result in approval of the original proposal.

To ensure your voice is heard, fill out the following survey and bring it to a RHCA meeting, or send a copy in the mail to RHCA, Box 10891, Alexandria, Va., 22310. The survey will also appear on the RHCA website, myrosehill.com, and will be distributed via email where you will be able to submit your response electronically.

### ROSE HILL PLAZA SURVEY (check one)

- I support redevelopment as originally proposed.
- I would like to see the shopping center remain as it is.
- I would like to see improvements to the shopping center with no new residential units.

Please describe what kinds of businesses or changes you would like to see:

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PHONE AND/OR EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



## Traffic Safety and Parking Are Issues of Concern to Rose Hill Residents

(From page one)

A traffic safety audit is planned to document the problems near Twain M.S. (See related story below.)

Another concern is congestion on Willowood Lane where workers employed at the Brightview Senior Living building site on Telegraph Road are parking their cars too close to driveways, making it dangerous for residents to get to and from their homes. Residents on Apple Tree Drive also have complained about cars speeding and ignoring stop signs, while school officials at Rose Hill Elementary have fought a losing battle to stop cars from using the bike lanes along Rose Hill Drive to pick up or drop off students during the school year.

Major Kuhar started her FCPD career as a cadet in 2000 and has previously worked at the Sully, Mason and McLean District Stations. She serves as commander of the FCPD Crisis Negotiations Team and has also worked as commander in the Resource Management Bureau.



At left, cars parked on both sides of Willowood Lane are making it difficult for residents to safely get in and out of their driveways. Above, cars are blocking bike lanes on Rose Hill Drive in front of Rose Hill Elementary. (Photos: Daniel Bearth)

“I am excited for my new role as the commander of the Franconia District Station,” she stated in a post on the station website. “I have heard many great things about this community and the officers that serve in this district. I understand a primary community concern is traffic and thefts. I welcome any feedback to address the major concerns of both the community and the officers.”

## Volunteers Needed for Road Safety Audit on Franconia Road Near School

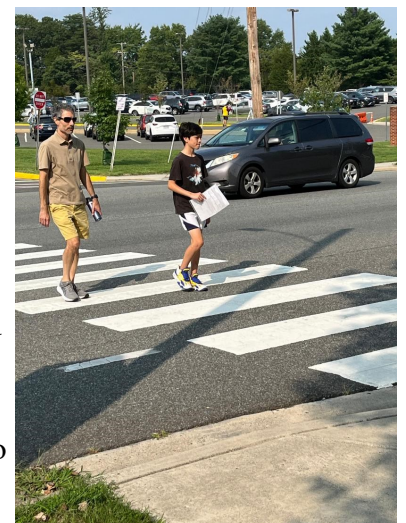
The Rose Hill Civic Association is seeking volunteers to conduct a Road Safety Audit on Franconia Road near the crosswalk to Mark Twain Middle School.

The purpose of the audit will be to document traffic conditions on that busy stretch of road and to make recommendations for improving the safety of students using the crosswalk to get to and from school. We are concerned about vehicles going too fast and motorists not following traffic signs or road markers.

We need 12 volunteers on Thursday, Aug. 29 (Sept. 5 if inclement weather intervenes) to work one or more of three shifts: 7-9 a.m. (drop off), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (lunch) and 2-5 p.m. (pick-up and late dismissal/bus days). Each shift will have six people with a team of two stationed at the corner of Craft and Franconia Road, two at the bus/car ingress and egress points, and single auditors where Peverill Drive and Dove Drive intersect with Franconia Road.

Each volunteer will be given a notebook (5-8 pages) with specific questions to answer. Auditors simply pay attention to traffic behavior and how vehicles interact with pedestrians crossing Franconia Road. Notes taken by auditors can be enhanced with photos or videos using smartphones to capture any condition that volunteers think exemplifies a critical issue.

To volunteer, please contact Bob Riccio by phone 703-282-8504 or via email at [robertjriccio@verizon.net](mailto:robertjriccio@verizon.net).



A Twain M.S. student crosses busy Franconia Road. (Photo: AnnMarie McBride)

## Frank Bale: California Native Claimed Rose Hill as His Home

By Daniel Bearth

Frank Bale was born and raised in California, but for the past 46 years, he has made a home for himself and his family on Willowood Lane in Rose Hill. The Navy veteran, reservist and disc jockey came to Virginia in 1977 to work as a sound engineer and photo-journalist at Voice of America.

Bale passed away unexpectedly on May 20 while recovering from injuries suffered in a car crash several weeks earlier. He was 91 and is being remembered fondly by family and friends, former coworkers and neighbors who shared his love of music and travel.

Following the death of his wife Darlene in 2020, Bale's daughter Rayma Joy Gibbs said she tried to get Frank to sell the house and move closer to family members who are scattered around the country.

"We tried to get him to move closer to us in Tennessee," Gibbs told me. "But he refused. That house was his home."

Debbie Page, who lives across the street with her husband Louis, said she will miss the daily phone



calls and text messages from "our buddy, neighbor and friend who has brought (us) so much joy."

"I look out the window and think of all our memories. It puts a big smile on our faces," Debbie wrote in a comment posted online by the Demaine Funeral Home. "Louis and I still talk about him and his lovely wife every day."

After retiring from Voice of America in 2006 at the age of 74, Frank used a record player and computer in a basement studio to record music for friends and family members.

"He was a music lover," Gibbs noted. "He especially liked blues and jazz."

Bale served aboard the USS Blue, a Navy Destroyer, during the Korean conflict, earning a number of service awards, including the China Service Medal and Navy Occupations Service Medal.

"The military was a big part of his life," Gibbs recalled. "He loved going to the base and getting groceries and picking up his meds. He loved chatting with all the vets and sharing 'war' stories."

## Amanda's Cleaning

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## Plan for GSA Site Shows Housing, Senior Living Complex

The owner of the vacant government office building on Telegraph Road across from Greendale Golf Course has offered a plan that would allow for development of new homes on a portion of the property that is currently mostly a parking lot and the conversion of former office space into an affordable senior living complex and Montessori school.

Scott Herrick, a land use expert and CEO of Landmark Atlantic Holdings, met with Carl Sell, president of the Rose Hill Civic Association, to discuss a preliminary land plan for the 10.5-acre property on behalf of Sandeep Lohia, the McLean, Va.-based business investor who purchased the property at auction from the General Services Administration earlier this year. Herrick also has agreed to present the plan to residents of nearby neighborhoods at a meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association in October. RHCA is not endorsing the plan, but is seeking reaction to it.



Preliminary land plan shows layout for potential redevelopment of property at 6801 Telegraph Road. (Source: Scott Herrick)

The plan would allow for construction of 20 modest-sized cottages and 12 duplexes alongside a new roadway connecting Telegraph Road and South Kings Highway. According to Herrick, the property owner would anticipate partnering with an established senior living housing operator to remodel the existing buildings for use as residences and provide space for childcare. Sandeep Lohia already owns two Montessori schools in Fairfax and Loudon counties. – *Daniel Bearth*

## Fire Damages Sign, Little Dreams Childcare Opening This Fall

On Aug. 14, a fire broke out in the sign for El Guanaquito Restaurant in Rose Hill Plaza, forcing a temporary evacuation of several businesses and causing minor damage to the exterior façade of the shopping center.

“I’m so very proud of my staff,” said Martha Day, owner of Sonny’s Place doggie daycare. “They were able to evacuate all of our fur babies without incident and keep everyone safe.”

The owner of the restaurant said she was able to reopen the following day after cleaning up water that had seeped inside as firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze.



Fire damaged the sign for El Guanaquito restaurant. (Photo: Daniel Bearth)

In other shopping center news, two new businesses will be opening this fall. One is Spirit Halloween which will return for a second year and occupy the former Tuesday Morning space through

the holiday season. The other is Little Dreams Daycare, a bilingual, home-based business in Alexandria, which will move into a space next to the Ohn Top Martial Arts studio and the Virginia ABC Store. Owner Cecilia Biancas says she hopes to be ready to open by October or November.

Jon Stollberg, marketing coordinator for Combined Properties, which owns the shopping center and has expressed a desire to redevelop the property as soon as 2027, declined to provide details of the lease for Little Dreams and said, “There are no updates to share regarding the redevelopment.” – *Daniel Bearth*

# Meet Jenny and David: New Rec Center Program Directors

Franconia Rec Center welcomes two new staff members who will oversee land and aquatic programs.

My name is Jenny Pizano and I just celebrated my one-year anniversary with the Fairfax County Park Authority. As a land programs director for Franconia Rec Center, I schedule a wide variety of classes and workshops for adults and children, including martial arts, dance, gymnastics, sewing, sports and STEM. I'm thrilled to bring fun and learning together through our classes and summer camps. I love helping people discover new hobbies and create lasting memories.

My name is David Barr and I'm the new aquatics director at Franconia Rec Center. I've been in aquatics for 26 years and with the Fairfax County Park Authority for 22 years. I have a BS in physics from George Mason University. I didn't start out intending to make a career in aquatics, but I got hooked on how it feels to make a difference in someone's life every single day.

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# Andre's Chevy Corvette C8 Z06 'Is a Dream Realized'

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Andre Claros shows off his dream car at Chessie's Big Backyard playground in Franconia Park. (Photo: Andre Claros)

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ACTIVE	6107 Squire Lane	4	\$739,000	1,498	Sunny Ridge Estates
PENDING	4601 Eaton Place	4	\$739,000	2,090	Sunny Ridge Estates
PENDING	6315 Willowood Lane	4	\$625,000	2,132	Rose Hill Farms
CLOSED	5412 Franconia Road (1)	2	\$1,125,000	1,119	Guilford
CLOSED	6114 Clovergrass Drive	4	\$540,000	1,352	Rose Hill Farm
CLOSED	6404 Hayfield Place	3	\$640,000	1,418	Rose Hill Farms
CLOSED	6000 Leewood Drive	5	\$785,000	2,347	Rose Hill Farm
CLOSED	4515 Roundhill Road	4	\$700,000	2,267	Rose Hill Farm
CLOSED	6313 Cloverglasss Drive	4	\$639,000	1,352	Rose Hill Farms
CLOSED	6315 Saddle Tree Drive	3	\$649,900	1,844	Rose Hill Farm
CLOSED	4516 Sturbridge Place	4	\$635,000	1,862	Rose Hill Farms

(1) This property consists of two houses on three lots covering 1.43 acres.

## Homes For Rent (August 2024)

ACTIVE	4537 Eaton Place	5	\$3,730/mo.	2,108	Sunny Ridge Estates
ACTIVE	6232 Park Terrace	6	\$5,500/mo.	3,512	Guilford
ACTIVE	6206 Redwood Lane	5	\$3,900/mo.	2,920	Hawthorne Manor
CLOSED	6101 Craft Road	3	\$3,400/mo.	1,396	Sunny Ridge Estates
CLOSED	6025 Craft Road	3	\$2,850/mo.	1,390	Sunny Ridge Estates
CLOSED	6215 Gum Street	4	\$3,150/mo.	1,080	Silver Springs
CLOSED	6318 Willowood Lane	3	\$3,000/mo.	1,222	Rose Hill Farm

Source: Tom & Cindy and Associates



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**Kim Barber**, chair of the **Community Advisory Committee** for the Franconia District Police Station, is giving "a huge shout out" to **Home Depot** for donating a refrigerator that is used to store snacks and drinks for officers on duty. The CAC is made up of volunteers from the community and meets monthly with police to keep abreast of safety issues and to offer residents a chance to engage directly with local police commanders.

## Volunteers Needed to Help RHCA With Community Concerns

As a volunteer-led organization, we depend on the willingness of residents to help out with issues of importance to the communities we serve.

The Rose Hill Civic Association is looking for people who can help monitor issues such as public safety, land use and zoning. Maybe you would like to help organize a community-wide block party, or help maintain the median strip and entrance sign on Rose Hill Drive. We always need help to deliver the Rambler and we welcome interest in serving as an officer in the association.

If you can help, please contact RHCA President Carl Sell at [sellcarl@aol.com](mailto:sellcarl@aol.com), or Rambler editor Daniel Bearth at [idmbearth@aol.com](mailto:idmbearth@aol.com) to volunteer.

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Nancy Anderson

### Blossom Lane

Barbara Digman

### Carriage Drive

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Gerry Mason, Douglas & Jennifer  
Malone

### Cottonwood Drive

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Danny Adams, Carl & Marti Sell,  
Alberta Taylor, Ian MacIntire, Luis  
Castro, Elizabeth Kohm, Daniel Bird &  
Diane Lochte, Catherine Mitchell,  
William Stemple

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Philip & Carol Bishop

### Craft Road

Sachlis Family

### Dewgrass Drive

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Rebecca Bagdasarian

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Matthew & Cynthia Dailey

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Emma & Jesus Rodriguez, Beverly  
Walker

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Dan Witmeyer & Terry Blatt, Ann Ma-  
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Pfefferle, Chris & Susie Guinto,  
Jesusa Guinto

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Christine Duffy, Alice & Tom Mangum,  
Malcolm Towle, Thomas Ackley

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### Saddle Tree Drive

Helen Cofer, Joyce Ruggero

### Silo Road

Linda Walton, Danielle Sturgis, John &  
Penny Cashmire

### Squire Lane

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Ann Abernathy

### Sturbridge Place

Janelle Welch, Linda & Tim Hestvik,  
Janet Kazimir

### Telegraph Road

Mimi Minarik

### Thornwood Drive

Elizabeth Biddle

### Treetop Lane

Ann Schappi, Lori Scheibe, Edwina  
Brooks-Whitfield

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# Talking About Trees with Jim McGlone, ISA Certified Arborist



It has been a long hot summer with record heat not just in Rose Hill, but around the globe. Heat is now the number one environmental cause of death and illness locally, regionally, nationally and globally: ahead of floods, fires, storms and cold. While heat-related deaths are a cause for concern, as I drove down Rose Hill Drive and saw all those houses with their big front lawns and no trees baking in the sun, I thought of another concern: electric bills.

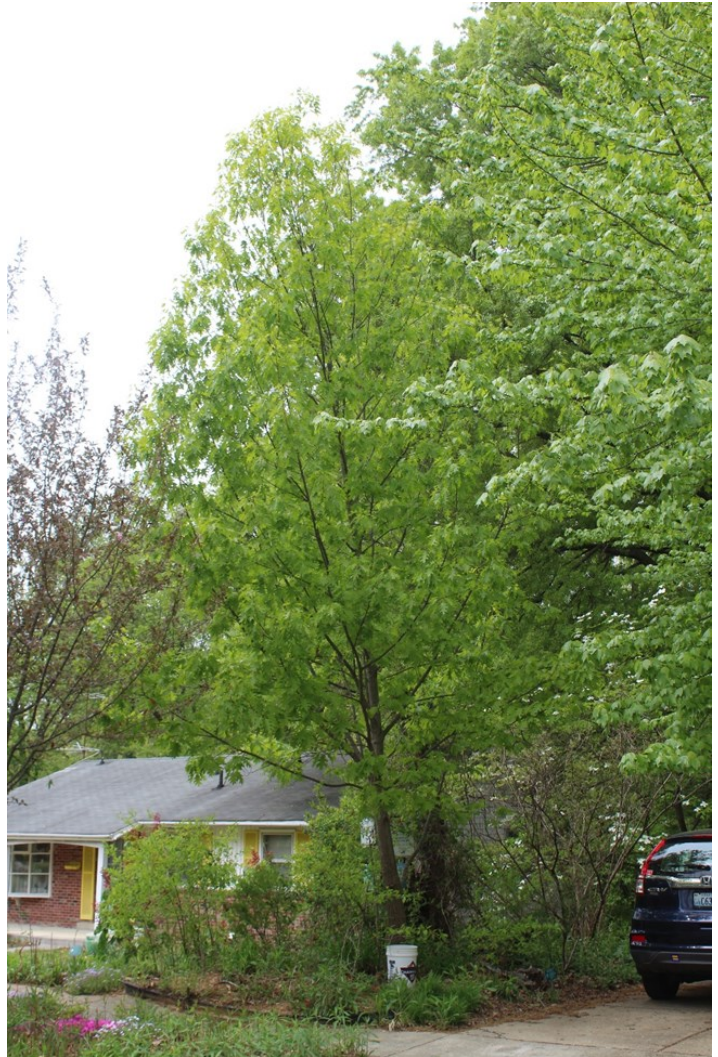
Everybody knows that sitting in the shade of a tree is cooler than sitting in the sun. The same is true for houses as well as people. Tree shade has been shown to reduce air conditioning bills by 10 to 30 percent. It's hard to think of this year's heat without also thinking about climate change, which made the heat wave 2 to 4 times more likely according to NOAA. In this respect, trees are at least a climate change twofer – they turn CO<sub>2</sub> into wood, and they reduce CO<sub>2</sub> production by reducing demand for electricity.

This summer trees were found to have another tool to fight climate change. In a study published in Nature the authors reported that microbes living in tree bark consumed 27 to 55 million tons of methane worldwide. This fills a big gap in our understanding of the methane cycle and increases the value of trees in climate regulation by 10%.

Methane is a much more potent greenhouse gas than CO<sub>2</sub>. How much depends on the timescale: over 20 years methane is 84 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>, but only 28 times more over 100 years. This is because while methane traps more heat, it has an atmospheric life span of 12 years compared to 100's of years for CO<sub>2</sub>.

The main source of methane in Rose Hill is gas pipes and emissions from our furnaces and gas appliances. We now know that planting trees can help offset both CO<sub>2</sub> and methane emissions. Nevertheless, to effectively combat climate change, we need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, say by planting trees to shade our houses.

*Jim McGlone welcomes your questions and comments about trees and plants. He can be reached via email at [dofmcglone@gmail.com](mailto:dofmcglone@gmail.com)*



*In 14 years this Red Oak went from an acorn to shading Jim's house*

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# Gardening in Rose Hill With Peggy Riccio, Virginia Horticulturist

This past spring I saw many daffodils blooming in Rose Hill. Daffodils are great investments for the garden. They are truly deer resistant, will last many years, can be divided to produce more for your garden or to share with others, can be grown in large containers as well as in the ground, and can be cut for indoor floral arrangements in the spring. Usually there are no problems with pests or disease.

While most garden centers will sell a few types of daffodil bulbs in the fall, there is a wide spectrum of colors, sizes, and bloom times. In fact, the spectrum is so great that daffodils have been categorized into 13 divisions and there are thousands of cultivars. To obtain a wider range, check out specialty bulb companies and place your order now for the bulbs to be shipped in the fall.

There is an American Daffodil Society ([daffodilusa.org](http://daffodilusa.org)) and a Virginia Daffodil Society (but this one does not have a website). Look for the Virginia organization on the American Daffodil Society website for contact information.

In this area, we plant daffodil bulbs after our first frost which could be mid to late October. Bulbs can be planted up until the ground freezes, so think Christmas. Daffodils prefer full sun but will tolerate part sun (a half a day of sun). They are not particular about soil but because they are bulbs the soil must drain well to avoid rot.

When planting, apply a balanced fertilizer. On an annual basis apply a low nitrogen fertilizer in the spring and fall. Daffodils do not need to be divided, they multiply naturally, but they can be dug up and divided if you want to increase your number of bulbs. Division should occur after the blooming period. In fact, after the daffodils bloom, leave the foliage as is and do not fold over or tie with a rubber band. Let the foliage die back naturally. When the leaves are yellow, you can dig up the plant to divide the bulbs. Replant all the bulbs immediately if possible. If that is not possible, store the bulbs in a dry area with good air circulation until you can plant in the fall.

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Daffodils in bloom on Lark Lane. (Photo: Daniel Bearth)

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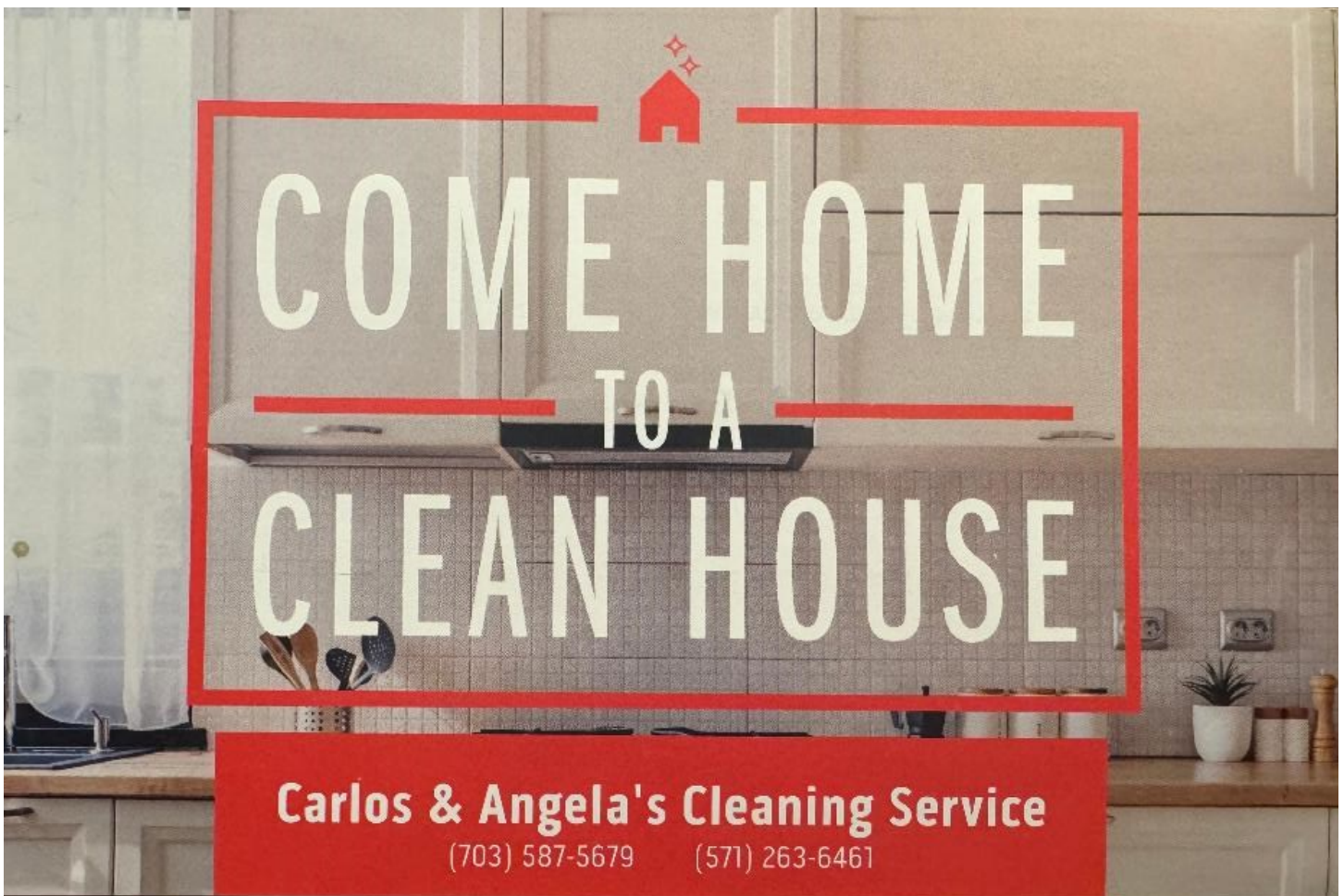
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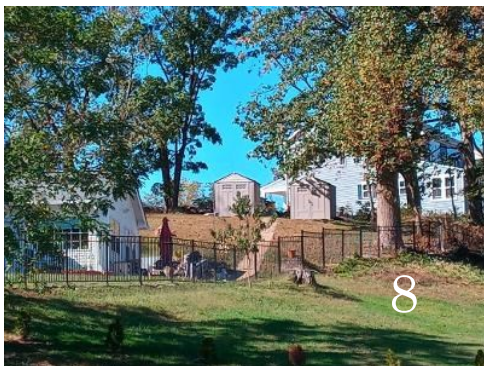
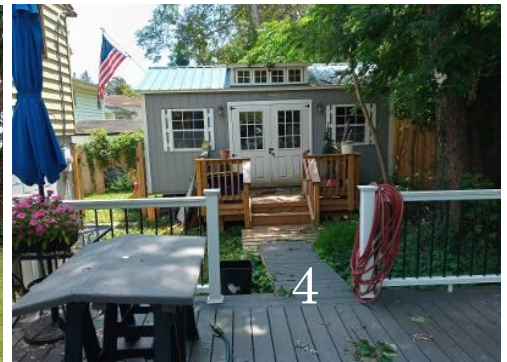
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# Sheds of Rose Hill

The humble shed can be so much more than just a place to store garden tools and lawn mowers. It can be a pleasant backyard retreat or a busy workshop. My own shed was built to resemble a Garten Haus in Germany (at right). Here are some of my other favorite sheds in the neighborhood.

1. Drive-in sheds on Saddle Tree Drive. 2. Party sheds next to an outdoor patio on Roundhill Road. 3. Shed and abandoned car on Willowood Lane. 4. A shed and woodworking shop on Lillian Drive. 5. A shed built by volunteers for Operation Renewed Hope Foundation on Bee Street. 6. A shed with bird nests and skylights on Hayfield Place. 7. A quiet retreat on Roundhill Road. 8. Twin peak sheds on Telegraph Road. 9. Shed with satellite dish on Rose Hill Drive. (Story and photos: Daniel Bearth)







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