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2nd Annual RCA Community Day-5K and Kids Fun Run Re-Cap

by Brian Hooker

On October 5th, fun, fitness, and food were once again delivered to RCA residents on a warm and sunny morning. The 2nd annual race saw a doubling of last year's participation with 24 neighbors competing in the 5K loop course through the RCA neighborhood. The race kicked off at 10am and the runners raced off onto the Rock Creek Park hiker/biker trail, down Ashley, around the CES-JDS and the community garden, and back into Randolph Hills Park.

This year's winner was Kfir Lavi who finished the course in 18 minutes and 27 seconds setting a new course record. The first place female was Heather Sisan. We would also like to recognize Aidan Neal, the youngest finisher at 7 who finished in under 25 minutes and who also went on to race in the fun run later in the morning besting the 6 and older field.

We like to thank all the participants and course volun-

teers Ashley Salganik, Kristen and Amelie Tessier, Caroline Rourk, Amber Tedesco, Cindy, Sophia and Leonardo



Runners make their way through Randolph Hills

Zelaya; and Jenna Moran for making the whole thing come together on race morning.

This year the Kids Fun Run was in the softball field closest to the playground and also had quite an impressive field of participants. First up were the five-and-unders who did one loop around the field at a breakneck pace that only five-and-unders can accomplish. The six-and-older field was a little smaller but completed an endurance-testing two laps of the field.

It was great once again to have cow-bells, cheering, and laughing in our local park! We hope you will join us next year to continue to build on the success of the event.



Runners gather for instructions

Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Board Meeting

November 7th, 2013 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

Scout Troop 1083 Food Drive

November 9th, 2013 9:00am, Your Front Door

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President's Message

by Chad Salganik, RCA President

Hello neighbors and thank you to all who came out on Community Day. It was hot, but a good time was had by all. We had a substantial increase in participants for the 5K and Kids' Fun Run this year. Thank you too to Alison Dewey and Brian Hooker for pulling together these events. This was the second year, so we can go ahead and call it an RCA tradition. The picnic was great as well, we bought extra hot dogs this year and all but a few were eaten. If you couldn't make it, I'd encourage you to come next year.

We are in the midst of our annual membership drive. If you've already sent in your membership fee this year, thank you for supporting our neighborhood organization. Your membership supports the RCA as we work to improve the neighborhood. Membership in the RCA costs \$10 annually. Membership provides many benefits. For example, your membership pays for the printing of the Echo. Additionally, membership dues fund our community events, the hosting of the RCA website and support the activities of our Neighborhood Watch.

I recently testified in favor of the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan which our planning department prepared for the County Council. The Plan lays the groundwork for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Montgomery County. This is the first hurdle of many that BRT will need to overcome before it becomes a reality. I believe that BRT is the only viable solution to easing our worsening traffic congestion. See my article in this month's Echo for more information on BRT.

Lastly, a flurry of emails to the RCA Yahoo Group (<http://randolphcivic.org/email>) spurred a great discussion about the intersection of Boiling Brook Parkway and Rocking Horse Road at the last RCA meeting. I am following up with Montgomery County DOT to see if we can find a way to make improvements to the intersection. I will keep you posted on the Yahoo Group and in the Echo. Thank you to those that came out to the meeting to discuss the issue and participate.

RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.

Recorded announcements of community events, 24 hours a day. Callers may leave messages.

Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.

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The Randolph Civic Association was formed in 1955 and incorporated in 1958. As stated in the original Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of the RCA are "to stimulate interest in all community problems and improvements that will better the general welfare of the community [and] to pay strict attention to any attempt to lessen the value of property within its borders..."

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October 2013 Update

Last 10 Randolph Civic Area Home Sales

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	11104 Rock Rd	3	2	\$350,000	\$345,000	9/26/2013	\$0
Sold	11518 Monongahela Dr	3	2	\$349,900	\$365,000	9/18/2013	\$0
Sold	4803 Bolling Brook Pkwy	5	2	\$349,700	\$340,000	9/13/2013	\$4,500
Sold	4602 Olden Rd	4	3	\$434,990	\$435,000	8/30/2013	\$6,525
Sold	4703 Coachway Dr	3	2	\$374,900	\$377,500	8/22/2013	\$0
Sold	4733 Wyaconda Rd	3	2	\$405,000	\$405,000	8/20/2013	\$0
Sold	11003 Schuylkill Rd	4	2	\$420,000	\$420,000	8/19/2013	\$500
Sold	11814 Old Drovers Way	3	2	\$379,900	\$375,000	8/19/2013	\$5,000
Sold	11418 Schuylkill Rd	4	1.5	\$375,000	\$355,000	8/16/2013	\$0
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Neighborhood News in Brief

- **Each month that we have an issue, Boy Scouts from Troop 1083 go around the neighborhood delivering the Echo to doorsteps.** They do their best to deliver on dry days, but sometimes an Echo does get rained on. We have received requests to place them in plastic bags, but for a number of reasons we are unable to do so. If your Echo is unreadable for any reason please contact us through the hotline or e-mail and we will make sure you get a new one.

September Executive Meeting Minutes

by Jason Ott

1. Call to order: 8:00 PM
2. Old Business
 - The Boy Scouts will be organizing the Fall Yard Sale and Bazaar. Matt Tifford will confirm that they have what they need for the day.
3. New Business
 - A meeting will be held at Wall Park Aquatic Center on September 18th at 7 PM. The Parks department is seeking community input on Wall Park Renovations. Also, a meeting on the abandonment of Executive Boulevard will be held at 7:30 PM. This will involve the re-routing of Executive Boulevard. The plans involve having a shared parking lot adjacent to the aquatic center.
 - Recently, the Capital Budget Forum was held. MCDOT presented plans for a section called the Western Workaround that did not include all of the desired attributes with the implementation committee. The Friends of White Flint advocated for funding this section, and Chad Salganik expressed a desire to build it right the first time to avoid later efforts to correct it. Also, it was confirmed that the CSX crossing on Randolph will remain open, which RCA worked for on behalf of the community.
 - The White Flint Implementation Advisory Committee has also been active. Chad Salganik is a co-chair. Saul Center presented plans for a pure residential space. Based on input, Saul Center reworked and re-presented their plans. It is now a mixed-use building that will be built in phases. Folger Pratt and Promark will be building two six-story buildings at Marinelli and Nebel.
 - A request came to look at removal of a speed bump on Schuykill. RCA typically advocates for traffic calming measures. Chad Salganik will contact MCDOT to communicate that a few bumps have holes that need to be repaired.
 - The crosswalk at Randolph Road has provided a safer crossing for pedestrians. People are stopping at the crosswalk to allow people to cross. However, sometimes drivers behind the stopped cars are failing

to stop. RCA will follow up with DOT to see what else can be done.

- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Public Hearings will be held on September 24th and 26th. A draft plan was presented to the County Council. RCA encourages BRT and the connectivity that it provides. RCA will work for a stop on Randolph at Rocking Horse.

- The county has a Nighttime Economy Task Force. The committee of business owners, residents, and civic activists are looking at improving the nighttime economy of the White Flint area.

- The RCA Hotline receives many calls. The RCA Board confirmed that it reserves the right not to publish Hotline calls in the Echo.

4. RCA Community Day and Fun Run

- The 2nd Annual RCA Day 5K and Fun Run will be held on October 5th. The fields have been reserved. Registration for the 5K starts at 9:30 AM with the race at 10 AM. A Kids' Fun Run will follow the race. Join us at Randolph Hills Local Park.

- A Community Day picnic will follow at Randolph Hills Local Park from Noon to 2 PM. Come out, and meet neighbors from the community.

5. Standard Business

- The minutes from the June 6, 2013, General Membership Meeting were approved.

- The Treasurer reported that most expenses have been submitted. We have been using an online payment system. Costs for Echo advertising coordination and insurance premiums were paid over the summer. The current balance is just over \$14,000.

- The Membership committee reported that the upcoming Echo will have the membership renewal form and envelope. There is currently no Membership Chair.

- The Safety Committee reported. The crosswalk and bump out on Dewey are definite safety improvements. A Neighborhood Watch Open House will be held at the Public Safety Headquarters on September 21st. RCA will try to have an officer come so that we can meet them since much of RCA-land has been redistricted and to talk about safety.

- The Education Committee reported that the principal at Wheaton HS has been promoted. An interim principal is currently in place. The Viers Mill ES construction is done. A walking path was installed, and a Community Health Center is attached to the school for children who attend Viers Mill. Back to School Night is September 10th, and a Book Fair will be held September 30th

6. RCA meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Halloween Safety Tips and Advice

by Amber Tedesco

So it's that time of year again when the nights become cool and our children become ghosts, goblins, princesses, ninjas, fairies, superheroes and pretty much anything in between. They start planning what they want to be the next year as soon as this year's Halloween is over. Because this event only happens once a year it's hard to remember what we all need to do to keep children safe and fun for everyone.

The 2d-Bethesda Police district has posted some guidelines for trick-or-treaters and those giving treats.

1. Children should only go trick or treating in neighborhoods and houses that they know.
2. There should always be a responsible parent, adult or family member with children while trick-or-treating.
3. Older children should plan out their routes with their parents, carry a cell phone, wear a watch, and return home on time.
4. Children should only go to homes that have their front porch light on. If there is no light on, do not go up to the door.
5. Children should not eat any candy until a parent or other responsible adult has inspected and approved it.
6. Never eat unwrapped or partially wrapped candy. It should be thrown out.
7. Keep yard and walkways clear of ladders, hoses or other items that could injure or make children fall.
8. Instead of putting real candles in jack-o'-lanterns use battery candles or other battery operated lights to illuminate.
9. If you are using candles, place items that have a real flame away from trick-or-treaters.
10. Keep other items such as paper, cloth and yard decorations away from real flames.

Other safety tips include: carry a flashlight, use side-walks instead of walking in the street, cross the street at the corner or at crosswalks, wear costumes that are bright or have reflectors and aren't a tripping hazard. It is suggested that children wear face paint/make-up opposed to wearing a mask. If a mask is worn, make sure the child's vision is not impaired.

To drivers - make sure when coming home that you drive extra slow and look out for little ones. If you notice anything suspicious - vehicles or people -- please contact the police. Emergency - 911; Non-Emergency - 301-279-8000.

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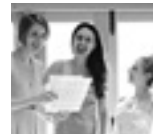
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Where Do We Live? Part 1 of 3: North Bethesda? Sure. Anything but Rockville!

by Matt Tifford

With this Echo issue, we continue the argument, er, conversation about the proper name for where we live – are we in Rockville? Or North Bethesda? Or White Flint?

Last month Mara Greengrass argued in favor of maintaining the name “Rockville” for our area and community. One of her primary arguments was that Rockville is the term we historically have used when trying to find goods and services and that this proved that Rockville was the ideal name. However, I believe that this argument actually serves as the primary argument against this.

It’s important to point out that the position I am staking out is not so much in favor of North Bethesda per se, but rather an “anything but Rockville” position. I sympathize with folks who find the term North Bethesda a bit snooty, but favor it just because it has become the lead contender to replace Rockville.

Ages ago a shaggy man-ape got fed up with pointing and grunting and figured out that giving things names helped him get what he wanted. “No, not ungh-ungh, ungh-UNGH!” At least that’s how I imagine it all started. Ever since, we have used names to help us communicate important points like what and where.

Unfortunately, sometimes we find ourselves in a situation where our words start to lose their proper meaning and adjustments have to be made. A good example can be found in the development of last names. When everyone is named “John,” the name loses its primary purpose of identification and requires more information, like “John, the bakers son”. Having a last name to pair with it has pretty much solved that problem. We have a similar communication problem when using the name “Rockville.” Rockville is an incorporated city quite far from us. About the same distance as Bethesda, and twice as far as.....Wheaton. Uh-oh! No matter how much you want to believe that we live in Rockville, look at any map and it’s plain to see. Why does this matter? Because names are meant to communicate information. In particular, place names should convey information about where a place is, right? That’s why no one would think it a good idea to call ourselves Germantown. The truth is, whenever you tell someone you live in Rockville, you are giving them truly useless information, kind of like telling someone to “go ask John” without clarifying which one. You now have to follow up with information that actually communicates your location, like “near White Flint Mall”, or “by Loehmann’s Plaza”, or “do you remember where the Amazing Savings used to be?” Is it really acceptable to have to navigate all this confusion just to get someone to your house? If you are going to have to do all that, why use a name at all? You could just use something

like this:

11xxxx Schuylkill Rd, Like You Are Going To
Amazing Savings Then Turn Right, MD 20852

To take Mara’s advice, I tried searching for “tires Rockville, MD”. The first listing was right in the heart of Rockville, about five miles away. Our two closest tire shops weren’t even on the list. Guess what search did turn them up? North Bethesda! Now, it is true that a lot of these merchants are still using “Rockville” for their addresses. But this still goes to my point. Using Rockville causes confusion, and the remedy is for our area to have its own identity. North Bethesda, White Flint, Town of Randolph Hills.... it really doesn’t matter as long as it’s unique enough to convey the message.

Most importantly, we now have a rare and exciting opportunity to rectify this situation. Those poor saps in Silver Spring (now just slightly smaller than Texas) would love to be in our shoes. Let’s ditch Rockville, its time is past.



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08-30-13 (Fri) at 1:41pm. Not Anonymous. I would like to get a copy of your newsletter. I live in the surrounding area of Randolph Road and you had a good article in the March issue about Wheaton High School, where my children attend. I wanted to know how I can get copies of your newsletter. *[RCA Note: The RCA does not deliver the Echo outside the borders of our association, but anyone can access the Echo online at www.randolphcivic.org]*

09-05-13 (Thurs) at 4:53pm. Anonymous. I'm a resident here in Randolph Hills and I'm calling about 47xx and 47xx Boiling Brook Parkways. I'm calling about the front of their house. It is just absolutely unbelievable; I don't know if you've seen it. They have actually strung a clothesline in their front yard on which they hang undergarments. The clotheslines are constantly full of clothes day in and day out. Could someone please go past and look at it? Maybe post something on the site? Two years ago, they had about thirty stalks of corn growing in the front yard and now it's the clothes.

09-13-13 (Fri) at 5:45pm. Anonymous. I got my latest Echo and after leaving it on the table to dry for a day, I could finally read it and much to my amusement I'm reading entries in the hotline about other people asking for a dry Echo. Well, I just left mine on the table and let it dry for a day. It's a little crinkly but I can still read it. It would be nice to read it as soon as you get it. It doesn't take Albert Einstein to put in somehow at our residence in a fashion that would let it be dry when we get it. Thank you. *[RCA Note: See the Neighborhood News section on page 4 for more information.]*

09-13-13 (Fri) at 7:27pm. Anonymous. We have opened a new church in our neighborhood. It's called the Open Door Baptist Church. It's located at 12022 Parklawn Drive, right across the street from U-Haul

at the corner of Parklawn and Randolph. It's in the ground floor of that office building. We've got to start somewhere. Come on out and hear the message - Sunday mornings at 11, Sunday evenings at 6. We'll be glad to see you. Everybody's welcome. Thank you and see you there.

09-14-13 (Sat) at 4:39pm. Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. What number do we call to register a loud noise complaint? A residence on Creek Shore Drive plays very loud music in their backyard at all hours. *[RCA Note: Call the police non-emergency number. The RCA is also following up on this.]*

09-14-13 (Sat) at 11:45pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Hi, I am new the RCA community and interested in joining as a member. On the membership form I received today it states that I can join online but am having difficulty doing so. What is the process for joining online? Please confirm. *[RCA Note: You can now renew for the 2013-2014 membership year online at www.randolphcivic.org]*

09-16-13 (Mon) at 4:42pm. Anonymous. I'm calling to complain about Boiling Brook Parkway, two houses that are hanging clothes in the front yard. That's not fair because this area is so nice so will you please take it up? One house, he's hanging every single day. Thank you. *[RCA Note: The RCA is also following up on this.]*

09-17-13 (Tues) at 10:13pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. I was going to do a donation and membership renewal online but all that seemed to come up was the donation portion. Since I wanted to do both a donation and membership at the same time, I stopped after the donation screen as I did not see anything about renewal. The newsletter seemed to say I could do both. Could I be looking in the wrong place on the site? Please let me know. *[RCA Note: You can now renew for the 2013-2014 membership year online at www.randolphcivic.org]*

10-1-13 (Tues) at 9:18am. Not Anonymous. I'm calling regarding the flea market at Loehmann's shopping center. My wife wants to purchase a table so please call us back.

10-2-13 (Wed) at 1:59pm. Not Anonymous. I'm calling because I'm one of the residents of Patapsco Drive and I have a concern. There's a house at 115xx that has a huge white truck that looks like a movers truck that has been parked for over a week. It's been just left there. It looks bad for the neighborhood. And it's giving other neighbors the OK to park their work vehicles here, too. So, if you can help us out in removing that vehicle, the neighborhood looks really bad. *[RCA Note: The RCA always follows up with the County on complaints, but we first ask that you call 311 and file the complaint with the County. Then provide the RCA the service request number from 311. We have no authority to move vehicles, it's the best way we can help you.]*

Community Corner: El Patio

By Brian Hooker

It has been a couple years since the Argentine restaurant El Patio left its highly visible location on the corner of Twinbrook Parkway and Chapman Avenue and moved right into our backyard at Loehmann's Plaza. When the restaurant was at its previous location I had heard positive recommendations several times, and on warm bright summer evenings when I drove past their outdoor seating I always wanted to transport myself from the car to their table sipping some Argentine wine. So when they moved to within walking distance my wife, Alison, and I were excited to try them out.

We have since eaten there a few times. The first time we brought our three young (all under six years of age) children. We were a little intimidated when we saw the large wine selection in the back, and the generally tasteful décor, that this place might not be kid friendly. However, when we were seated, shown the menu, and treated warmly by the wait-staff our fears subsided. In fact the longer we were there we saw several more families with young children as well. So I give it positive reviews in terms of family friendliness. Our kids ordered and enjoyed some standard kids fare off the kids menu while Alison and I tried some their signature Argentine dishes.

We started out with a few of their delicious empanadas. You can have them filled with beef, chicken, ham and cheese, or veggies like corn and spinach. For the main course I had their sautéed steak El Patio, which I had with French fries. Alison had potato gnocchi. Both our meals were delicious and just the right size. I'm not a fan of some of the super-sized portions that some restaurants are known for. The waiter helped us pick a nice Argentine wine to accompany our meal.

Since that first visit Alison and I have been back a few times, mostly when we find ourselves in the rare, unplanned, situation where our children are under the watchful eyes of some visiting relatives and we are given a free evening pass. On our last visit the weather was nice and we decided to try the outdoor seating. Well, unfortunately Loehmann's Plaza is no Italian or even Argentine plaza (although my Google-image search of Argentine plazas turned up some desolate-looking Andean base camp – depending on your lifestyle Loehmann's might have that one beat), not by a long shot. Although we generally enjoyed being in the open air, the piped-in music of Loehmann's and the view of the vast parking lot, probably made that a one-time thing. Although, I would consider sipping coffee and reading a paper there, but even then the 9am opening time is a little late for my schedule.

So bottom line, if you haven't checked them out please do. El Patio is a great local restaurant that we want to keep around.

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RCA 5K Results – October 5, 2013

Place	Name	Time	Age/Gender
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2.	Kevin Weaver	00:19:33.1	29 M
3.	Shai Neal	00:22:28.9	12 M
4.	Niko Neal	00:22:32.5	10 M
5.	Mark Santoro	00:23:59.2	41 M
6.	Aidan Neal	00:24:58.0	7 M
7.	Brian Mitchell	00:25:02.9	33 M
8.	Mark Nensel	00:25:18.2	52 M
9.	TJ Carlin	00:25:20.1	32 M
10.	Chris Moran	00:25:23.4	31 M
11.	Allen Smith	00:26:09.3	29 M
12.	Heather Sisan	00:26:28.2	37 F
13.	Phillipe Tessier	00:26:38.0	45 M
14.	Julie Foster	00:26:43.1	40 F
15.	Matt Duran	00:27:42.0	31 M
16.	Craig Duran	00:32:57.3	35 M
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18.	Kerry Neal	00:33:47.0	39 F
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RCA Backs BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)

By Chad Salganik, RCA President

Recently I testified in favor of the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan in front of the County Council. The RCA Board unanimously voted to support the Plan, which is the first step in bringing Bus Rapid Transit to Montgomery County. The Plan lays out essentially three things: the 10 recommended routes where BRT will run, general station location along each route and the recommended right of way for each segment of each route. The Plan provides the basis for which more detailed planning can proceed. There will be many public hearings and chances for input if the Plan is approved. For example, important issues such as financing have not been discussed yet. In addition, each route will undergo engineering and traffic analysis. Many of the concerns at the public hearings were for issues that haven't been decided yet, but will be open to public input in the future.

It is my belief that BRT is the only viable solution to our worsening congestion. The County's population will grow by 200,000 new residents in the next 30 years and traffic congestion will increase by 70%. We do not have room to build additional roads. Better bus service will be subject to the same congestion. As a County, we must remain competitive with other local jurisdictions competing for businesses and residents. The White Flint Sector Plan, approved in 2010, anticipated these trends and provided solutions in the form of an award-winning transit-oriented development plan. Per the Sector Plan, Rockville Pike is to

be transformed into a unifying multi-modal boulevard with dedicated lanes for BRT. White Flint is projected to generate almost \$7 billion in tax revenues over the next 30 years. Those projections are dependent on a successful implementation of the White Flint Sector Plan, including critical components like BRT.

A BRT route is also recommended on Randolph Road, though it is recommended that the buses on Randolph operate in mixed traffic and not in dedicated lanes. I requested an additional station be added to the Plan at Rocking Horse Road and Randolph Road to serve our neighborhood.

Many folks have asked how BRT differs from regular bus service, and here are a few key points. These elements are critical to the success of BRT: dedicated transit lanes, frequent and reliable service, Metro-like features that help to save time and improve convenience such as level boarding and off-board fare collection, and investment in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to get riders to stations safely and comfortably. BRT features fewer stops than local bus service, but more stops than Metro.

Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to provide feedback on BRT. Feel free to email me if you have questions or comments at chad@randolphcivic.org.



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Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

The first three troop meetings of the new scouting year took place in September, after a busy summer of camping, high adventure, and community service activities. The Troop also held its first outing of the year, a campout at Pine Cliff Park in Frederick. Pine Cliff is emerging as one of the Troop's favorite camping venues. The distance is manageable for a Friday evening's drive, and the setting is great for autumn camping. Some of the Troop's newest members worked on Tenderfoot skills and hiked at Cunningham Falls State Park in nearby Thurmont. As the young Scouts hiked, many of their parents spent the day taking Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training to ensure that, as adult leaders, they will be equipped with ample knowledge of first aid, plant and wildlife species, knots and lashings, outdoor cooking and cleaning, and fire building (and extinguishing) -- among other skills -- to provide the scouts with the best and safest of outdoor experiences. Even though Saturday afternoon brought a steady rain for a couple hours, it couldn't dampen the campers' spirits.

Also taking place was yet another Troop 1083 Eagle Scout service project. On September 28, Brady Grundy led his work crew in the construction of a hiking trail on the grounds of Little Bennett Regional Park near Clarksburg. The project involved digging and grading several hundred yards of trail on varying terrain; the trail has to be carefully planned and laid out to prevent erosion from heavy storm runoff. There's much more to building a trail than simply clearing brush from a pathway. It's a science, and it requires lots of hard work, removing roots and rocks from the new trail bed. Brady's advance planning and onsite leadership made it possible for his team of volunteers to work productively and efficiently that day, completing the trail in less than the allotted time. Of interest: Brady's project is located near the site of his sister Emily's October 2010 Girl Scout Gold Award conservation project.

In other Eagle news, on September 20, Esteban Hernandez passed his Eagle Board of Review, marking the final step in his long climb to Scouting's highest rank. It's official now: Congratulations, Esteban!

In October, the Troop's activities will include a court of honor to recognize all advancements and awards achieved since June, coinciding with a campout at Little Bennett. If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill Elementary School. You can call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048, or check out the troop web page at www.troop1083.org.

Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

Traditionally, September is something of a low-profile month on the Venture Crew 1083 calendar, as the Crew members focus on planning activities for the coming year. And September 2013 kept to that tradition, with one exception: On September 30, the Crew held its first "Venture Out" event of the year.

"Venture Out" refers to the one Monday night each month when the Crew meets at a special venue, rather than at Viers Mill Elementary School alongside the Troop 1083 Scouts. In the recent past, Venture Out events have featured laser tag, bowling, rock-wall climbing, and in-home DVDs and pizza. The September 2013 Venture Out, sited at Crew member Aidan Gibbons' home, celebrated the Crew's trip-of-a-lifetime high adventure experience at Philmont this past summer. Crew members chowed down on barbecued ribs, rode the backyard zipline, and shared reminiscences from the trail (funny, no one was able to remember any trail food that could quite match the quality of the barbecued ribs.) It was a very relaxing, low-key evening; so enjoyable, in fact, that no one objected to deferring the more formal planning session to a later date. There will be time for that!

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 21. The Crew will meet every Monday night during the school year, from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Why not join us? Bring a like-minded friend so you'll already know someone else at the meeting! For more information, contact crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755.

News from Girl Scout Troop 1079 (Cadettes)

By Leora Hernandez

Girl Scout Troop 1079 is for girls in grades 6th-12th. At the Cadette troop level the girls have opportunities to grow leadership skills, earn SSL hours, and have fun!

The Troop recently held their first meeting and discussed possible outings and service projects they were interested in doing. In brainstorming they came up with ideas to visit an art gallery, go camping on a beach and help out a brownie troop by running a meeting for them. They also talked about planning another trip somewhere. This year should be full of adventures and opportunities for the girls to grow their leadership skills.

We are participating in the Fall Product sale to help raise funds for our troop and Girls Scouts in general. Sorry, though, our famous cookies won't be available until February for our area.

Girls in 6th-12th grade, are you interested in joining us? Contact Leora Hernandez at 240-593-9318 or leorah20@yahoo.com for more information.

Beautify Our Neighborhood

by Lindsay Hoffman

The Randolph Civic Foundation is a neighborhood, non-profit organization focused on the improvement, betterment and beautification of our community. If you're new to RCA-land, you can see our work in the signs welcoming you to the neighborhoods and the benches at many bus stops. Our projects, like litter clean-ups and the colorful flowers and plants surrounding the signs, also require upkeep. In addition to physical contributions to the community, we also support activities like the local Scout troops, our annual neighborhood caroling and resident block parties.

We are always open to ideas on how to improve and beautify our neighborhood. Pride in this place is an extension of the pride we take in our individual homes and makes RCA-land a lovely place to live. This fall, we have the added benefit of some handy Scouts looking for projects to fill out their community service requirements. They've been a great force of labor for many of our efforts, so if you've seen a way that we can make a tangible difference in our neighborhoods, please email me at LindsayHoffman@aol.com. Also be in touch if you'd like to pitch in on what we do!

Join Your Neighbors Online

The RCA Yahoo Group is a great resource for keeping up with happenings in RCA land. Need a recommendation for a local handyman? Looking for a babysitter or dog walker? Want to learn more about local activities? Have an idea to improve our neighborhood?



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News from Cub Scout Pack 1081

By Leora Hernandez

Cub Scout Pack 1081 is accepting boys from first grade to fifth grade into their pack. The boys enjoy learning all kinds of life skills and experience a wide variety of activities such as camping, trips to museums, bowling, and skiing.

The first pack meeting was held September 26, 2013. The following were celebrated for summer activities:

Webelos II: S. Hernandez, W. Metelko, J. Tallman, W. Tun, T. Kyaw received their pins and belt loops earned at Camp Tuckahoe. Achievements and skills earned by scouts included: Readyman, Naturalist, Wildlife, Outdoorsman, Archery, BB gun, Sportsman, Aquanaut, Swimming, Geography, Language and Culture, Fishing, and Hiking.

Webelos I: T. Parker, C. Hackenberg, M. Ayala, J. Levy received their pins and belt loops earned from Camp Tuckahoe. Achievements and skills earned by scouts included: Wildlife, Outdoorsman, Archery, BB gun, Sportsman, Aquanaut, Swimming, Geography, Language and Culture, Fishing, Flag Football, and Ultimate.

The pack enjoyed Raingutter Regatta at the meeting and celebrated Summer and September birthdays. Physical Fitness Day was held at Wheaton High School; the participants were Brittany, Jefferson, Conrad, AG, Trace, Thirein, Kaylyn, James, and Josh.

Upcoming events include: Family Camping at Cunningham Falls October 11-13th; Billy Goat Trail (Loop A) November 9th; and Scouting for Food – November 9th.

The Pack meets Mondays at Viers Mill Elementary School during the school year starting at 6:30 pm. Boys in grades 1st - 5th are welcome to join. You can contact our Pack Master at rchackenberg@verizon.net



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Mark your Calendars for Holiday Caroling In Randolph Hills!

By Christiana Drapkin

Can you believe it? This will be our fifth year of door-to-door holiday caroling in our neighborhood. I know, we've barely begun to put up our Halloween decorations, but it's not too early to mark your Mondays in December for our home-grown holiday tradition.

We're lucky to have four Mondays before Christmas Eve this year, and we'd love to have you join us for as many evenings as possible for home-grown holiday cheer.

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

If you want to host us at the start of our caroling tours, or welcome us at the end, we're always grateful for your hospitality. Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, Moms and Dads, let us know if you want to team up with us again. Each week we'll try to hit another part of our Randolph Hills neighborhood within a comfortable walking radius. One Monday we might be over by Schuylkill, another week in Franklin Park, which leaves us plenty of ground to cover between Rocking Horse and Boiling Brook on two more Mondays.

We'd also love to pay a visit to some houses of our elderly or homebound neighbors, who might appreciate being serenaded on their front lawn (with no further intrusion or obligation).

Contact Christiana Drapkin on the RCA listserve, or at chdrapkin@aol.com, or at (301) 770-7940. You can join in on any or all of the above dates.

If you haven't already, don't forget to renew your membership!

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