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RCA MUSICFEST IS SUNDAY APRIL 24 at 7 LOCKS BREWERY 5:30-7:30pm! AND IT'S FREE!!!

Local Eagle Scout Makes Good: Josh Hart leads Villanova to NCAA Mens Championship *(read more on p. 14)*



RCA Board for 2016-2017 Elected

Attendees at the April 7 RCA General Meeting elected a new Executive Board for the Randolph Civic Association's 2016-2017 term. Matt Tifford is returning as President of the RCA. Diane Bertocchi and Chad Salganik will serve as first and second Vice Presidents, respectively. Brian Hooker and Mark Nensel will serve as Directors. And RCA newcomer Colby Prevost will serve as Secretary. Current RCA Director Chris Moran and Treasurer Mara Greengrass complete the full RCA board roster.

Congratulations and thanks to all of our board leadership, past and present, with special thanks and appreciation to departing board members Amber Tedesco and Jason Ott.

The RCA and the community continue to be in good hands (if we do say so ourselves). Now it's up to the rest of the community -- yes, *you*, dear readers -- to continue your participation as well.

Nearby Stretch of Randolph Road Audited for Pedestrian Safety

by Alison Dewey

The Randolph Civic Association participated in the Pedestrian Road Safety Audit hosted by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT) on Thursday, April 7.

The area of focus was along Randolph Road between Hunters Lane and Selfridge Road, a segment just over a mile in length.

The audit was conducted due to a number of crashes that have occurred in that stretch over the last year which have included pedestrians and bicyclists.

Within these seven crashes there was one fatality, three serious injuries, two moderately injured, and one possible injury.

The County DOT has contracted with STV, an engineering and planning firm, to conduct the safety audit. The audit will consist of observations, analysis, traffic counts, pedestrian counts. Collecting feedback from residents and road users is also part of the audit.

There are five main intersections within this mile stretch that the audit will pay particularly close attention to:

1. Hunters and Randolph Rd.
2. Rocking Horse Rd/Gaynor and Randolph Rd.
3. Dewey Rd and Randolph Rd.
4. Colin Rd and Randolph Rd.
5. Selfridge Rd. and Randolph Rd.

The field portion of the evaluation was scheduled for completion the week of April 10th. Maintenance that comes out of the audit will be completed over the next few months and then the report will be issued this fall.

If you have thoughts about this stretch of road please send it to: info@randolphcivic.org.

Upcoming Events

Community Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 16, 9am-noon, Randolph Hills Shopping Center

RCA MusicFest 2016: Sunday April 24, 5:30-7:30pm, 7 Locks Brewery, Wilkins Ave. FREE this year!!

RCA Community Bazaar/Yard Sale: Saturday, May 7, 8am-1pm, Loehmann's Plaza

RCF Annual Community Meeting/Spaghetti Dinner: Thursday, June 2, 6pm-8am Veirs Mill Rec Ctr

RCA President's Message April 2016

by Brian Hooker

This message will be my last as RCA President. Per the by-laws of the association I am not allowed to run as president for a third one-year term. Being president of the association has taught me an enormous amount regarding our neighborhood, our county, and a little bit more about myself. I was reluctant to accept my nomination two years ago. However, I knew I had a strong, experienced executive committee to support me. That said, there is a great amount of responsibility to the neighborhood that comes with being its megaphone. We are a diverse community with many opinions about traffic, schools, crime, and future commercial and residential developments. I continue to believe that our neighborhood is stronger and more effective with an engaged and vibrant civic association.

If there is one thing I learned about our neighborhood while I was president, it is that we can really pull together when the need arises. Whether it be one block pooling its snow-blower power together to dig out of snow, or speaking in a united voice regarding something that directly impacts our quality of life. Regarding the county, the one thing I learned is how strong the voice of the civic association can be in effecting change, and getting our opinion heard by decision makers. I don't think this is nearly as possible on an individual basis. Regarding myself, I learned that I could muster up just that little bit more strength to write an Echo article, or a letter to the county when needed, even after a long day of work and minding three young children.

I'm not sure how many people actually read my Echo messages. I'm sure it is far less than those who flip straight to the back of the Echo to read the Hotline, but they have helped me bring put a spotlight on things in the neighborhood. Lately the issues have been around the Montrose Baptist Church development, the future of Loehmanns Plaza, the future of the MCPS Rocking Horse Center, and the Randolph Hills Shopping Center. All of these tie neatly into the visioning that is being done through the White Flint 2 Sector Plan. That plan is now being drafted by County Staff and we'll definitely be commenting on that when it comes out. I will continue to stay active in the RCA just as previous officers did for me. I will be on the executive committee as a director to the officers. Thank you again for the opportunity to be your president these last two years.

WJHS Long-Range Planning Roundtable Report

by Ilana Brunner

On Wednesday, March 2nd, the Montgomery County Public Schools Division of Long-range Planning held its third roundtable meeting of the Walter Johnson Cluster Roundtable Discussion Group (hereinafter RDG) [*There were two prior RDG meetings that I did not attend. According to the RDG calendar, the February 17th meeting went over the roundtable process, background and development information, and enrollment projections for the WJ cluster, and the February 24th meeting was a brainstorm session for possible secondary school approaches*]. Once again, the meeting was run by Deborah Szyfer, a Senior Planner in the Division of Long-range Planning, and her colleagues, Corinne Blackford and Julie Morris. The purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss the secondary school approaches that were raised at the brainstorming session at the previous RDG meeting. (To be clear, there has been no discussion of elementary school approaches yet.)

According to Ms. Szyfer's introduction, the Division of Long-range Planning took the list of approximately twenty ideas from the brainstorming session, merged them where it made sense to do so, and narrowed the list of possible approaches to eight. These eight were the topic of discussion. In addition to the RDG members, Michael Zarchin, the Director of School Support and Improvement at Montgomery County Public Schools (and formerly the Principal of Pyle Middle School), and Scott Murphy, the Director of Department of Secondary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs (and formerly the Principal of Watkins Mill High School), were present at the meeting, along with perhaps a dozen members of the public. The approaches were each raised and discussed one at a time, and for each one, Mr. Zarchin and Mr. Murphy provided their thoughts and insights, and roundtable members had the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions.

Despite the fact that it sounded very much like a discussion of pros and cons of each approach, Ms. Szyfer stated that this meeting was not intended to be a listing of pros and cons for each approach, because that is part of the agenda for the next meeting set for March 16th [*I was unable to attend the meeting on March 16th. The RDG calendar*

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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..."

Web site: www.randolphcivic.org

Randolph Hills Sales

April 2016 Update

Last 10 Sales

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	4600 Stoneleigh Ct	4	3	\$447,750	\$447,750	3/24/2016	\$0
Sold	4817 Boiling Brook Pkwy	3	2	\$359,900	\$380,000	3/21/2016	\$0
Sold	4603 Creek Shore Dr	3	2	\$327,600	\$328,000	2/26/2016	\$0
Sold	11507 Patapsco Dr	3	2	\$360,000	\$360,000	2/26/2016	\$9,000
Sold	11809 Old Drovers Way	3	1.5	\$343,990	\$354,500	2/17/2016	\$6,800
Sold	12112 Lauderdale Dr	3	2	\$435,000	\$436,000	2/15/2016	\$7,500
Sold	5105 Randolph Rd	3	1.5	\$365,000	\$372,500	2/12/2016	\$0
Sold	11501 Ashley Dr	3	1.5	\$320,000	\$325,500	1/28/2016	\$0
Sold	10905 Troy Rd	4	3	\$445,000	\$440,000	1/15/2016	\$0
Sold	11710 Rocking Horse Rd	4	2	\$399,900	\$395,000	12/11/2015	\$5,000

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RCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2016, Veirs Mill Rec Center

by Christopher Moran

8:05: Meeting called to order.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Echo Delivery: Current process is working. Counting/sorting Echoes (into delivery routes) is tedious, but manageable. People are needed to help the counting/sorting. Matt Tifford and Mara Greengrass have done most of the sorting to date, need to share the load.

Next Echo (April issue): deadline for articles will be April 1. To the printers week of April 11. Mara will not be able to help with distribution to the Printer/Post Office. Need to identify replacement.

MusicFest: All is on track. Matt Tifford and Christiana Drapkin are working on acts.

Budget Status: N/A

Membership update: about \$1000 in checks received (all in envelopes that were distributed via Echo).

Discussed possibility of recognizing members who gave extra recognition to be given by name and amount given. Mara will analyze the amount given and determine appropriate tiers.

RCA Slate of Candidates: One person new to the RCA Executive Committee expressed interest. Brian provided him/her with information regarding positions.

Future General Meeting: Principal of Wheaton HS has offered a tour of the new high school. Brian Hooker will work with George Gadbois to schedule a time likely a Thursday evening. Likely in May so that we can advertise in Echo. Will ask if there is limit on number of people on tour.

April Meeting: Seth Adams (MCPS) discuss Parking lot at Rocking Horse Center. Matt Covell home contractor will speak on home renovations.

Motion made by Amber Tedesco to become a paying member of Friends of White Flint with a \$100 donation. Motions seconded by Brian Hooker. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote to donate \$100 to Friends of White Flint.

Motion made by to approve February minutes. Approved motion.

The Executive Committee discussed the state of the sign facing the intersection of Coachway and Ashley. May need to paint the sign and add flowers.

Mark Nensel recommending asking MCDOT about the feasibility of a bus shelter at the corner of Rocking Horse and Boiling Brook. Brian Hooker will look into it.

Adjourned at 9:30.

WJHS Roundtable *(continued from p. 2)*

indicates that at that meeting RDG members would share pros and cons of the secondary school approaches and determine if additional secondary school approaches are necessary as well as brainstorm elementary school approaches].

Members of the public were permitted to submit written questions that were addressed by Ms. Szyfer at the end of the meeting. The eight secondary school approaches are as follows: (1) construct additions to the current high school and middle schools; (2) reopen Woodward as a high school for grades 9-12; (3) reopen Woodward as a high school for grades 9-10; (4) reopen Woodward as a school for grades 8-9; (5) use nearby commercial space as an annex for the current high school for either grade 9 or grades 9-10; (6) employ an alternative schedule meaning extend the operating hours of the current high school to provide for two different school sessions each day; (7) online education meaning encourage all grade 12 students to attend school half day and take half their course load online; and (8) purchase locations for a new middle and new high school. Additional information about the approaches and handouts from the March 2nd meeting can be found at:

http://gis.mcpsmd.org/roundtablepdfs/WalterJohnsonCluster_Meeting3Handouts030216.pdf.

Each school in the WJ cluster is responsible for holding a PTA meeting open to the public/community to discuss the approaches and gather any feedback. The meeting dates and locations (some not all) are listed at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/roundtable.aspx>. You may contact your local PTA for additional information or if your school's meeting is not listed.

An RDG meeting on Wednesday, April 6th further reviewed and discussed the elementary school approaches raised at the March 16th brainstorm session, plus continued discussion on second round secondary school approaches.

The second public information meeting on approaches for the Walter Johnson Cluster Roundtable is set for May 11th in the WJHS cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. The full calendar can be found at:

http://gis.mcpsmd.org/roundtablepdfs/WalterJohnsonCluster_RoundtableRevisedScheduledDates.pdf.

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Please recycle this Echo properly when you have finished reading it! Thank you!

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NEXT RCA MEETINGS:

**RCA Executive Board Meeting,
 Thursday May 5, 8pm**

**RCA Community General Meeting,
 Thursday June 2, 8pm**

**RCA Meetings are held at the Veirs Mill
 Rec Center, near the corner of Garrett
 Park Road and Beach Drive.**

**Community members are welcome at
 all meetings.**

Around the Neighborhood

Waverly-Schuylkill Park Update

by Matthew Tifford

In the winter of 2008, Montgomery Parks began the streambed restoration project at Waverly-Schuylkill Park. Construction took nearly four months, wrapping up mid-April 2009. The completed project, with its "step-pool design," gradually slows the water discharge to prevent erosion and create a habitat for wildlife.

During construction, this large scale project closed off access to most of the park, including the asphalt trail that connects Schuylkill Road to the train station, necessitating installation of a mulch trail bypass with safety fencing. Later, the Waverly-Schuylkill project won the engineer in charge a state design award. Since 2009, Waverly-Schuylkill Park has become a favorite hangout in the community, but many (particularly those newer to the neighborhood) don't realize how we came to have this unique oasis in RCA land.

After years of urging by the RCA, Parks is finally in the process of creating informational signage for Waverly-Schuylkill Park. Below is a recent draft of what the signage will include.

Welcome to the Waverly-Schuylkill stream restoration project. The goals of this project included stabilizing eroding stream banks caused by excessive flows from storm drain outfalls, improving water quality by promoting infiltration and filtration of stormwater runoff, improving the quality of the stream buffer, and enhancing wildlife habitat.

Originally called Glendarragh, these tributaries (which were historically spring fed) became a selling point to Garrett Park in the late 1800's due to its natural beauty and close-in location. In the late 19th century Garrett Park was a small 'Rail-road Station' town with a population of just over one hundred and had about 30 buildings. However, the community of Randolph Hills which surrounds Waverly-Schuylkill Neighborhood Park was constructed after World War II during a

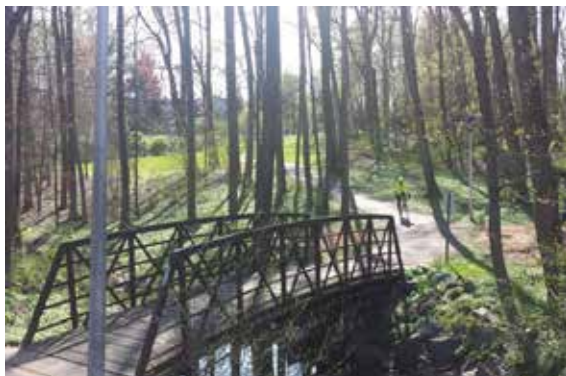
period of significant development within Montgomery County, and now residential home sites cover approximately 77% of the watershed. At the urging of residents of Randolph Hills, M-NCPPC acquired the land surrounding these two tributaries to Rock Creek for the dual purpose of providing public land for community use and protecting the natural resources associated with the stream valleys.

The rapid development at Randolph Hills occurred prior to the advent of modern stormwater management control; therefore, as development increased, so did the amount of stormwater entering the tributaries. In a forested watershed, a significant portion of rainfall is either infiltrated into the soil, stored in small depressional areas, or intercepted by trees and other plants. However, as the watershed is developed, trees are cut down, soils are compacted,

and impervious surfaces (roads, roofs, and driveways) cover the landscape. These changes reduce

the amount of rain which is stored in the watershed, significantly increase the amount runoff, and degrade water quality and wildlife habitat. This process ultimately leads to the degradation of stream systems that we often seen in urban areas.

The Department of Parks and local residents observed the ongoing degradation of these tributaries over time, and identified the area for restoration in 2005. The restoration project was completed in 2009.



Left and above, a sunny springtime Sunday: April 10, 2016 in Waverly-Schuylkill Park



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Keeping RCA-land Safe: Crime Prevention Tips from Officer Janney

By Ken Kopczyk

During the RCA General Meeting this past February, we were fortunate to have Community Services Officer Oliver Janney of Montgomery County Police Department's 2nd District as our guest speaker. Janney is a 15-year veteran with the Department and has also served with the Secret Service during the Clinton administration.

In his presentation, Officer Janney provided an overview of the types of crime in our neighborhood and important prevention tips.

The most common crime in our neighborhood, as well as Montgomery County at large, is theft from auto. In about 90% of these cases, the car doors were left unlocked.

In other cases where there was a forced entry, valuables taken from the car had been left exposed in plain sight. The easiest way to reduce your chances of becoming a victim is to ensure that your doors are locked, windows are closed, and valuables are removed from the car.

It is also important to ensure that a spare key or valet key is not left inside the car. In a recent trend, a number of cars in the county have been stolen because a door was left unlocked and a spare key was found.

When it comes to home burglary prevention, alarm systems are terrific deterrent and offer peace of mind, but there are many other measures you can take to "protect your castle".

For the exterior of the home, lighting is paramount. Flood lights with motion sensors are recommended for the back and sides of the house, while porch lights that clearly illuminate the house number are important so that an officer can easily locate your home in the event of an emergency.

In addition to exterior lighting, trimming your shrubs and trees will prevent them from being used as hiding places for intruders.

Care should also be taken when you are away from your home. Ensure all doors and windows are locked when you are not at home; it's easy to forget about an unlocked window. If you are going to be out

of town, have a neighbor pick up your mail and remove your empty garbage cans from the street. You could also arrange for the lawn to be cut or snow to be shoveled while you're away. These steps will make the house appear occupied.

Above all else, don't be afraid to call the police! As residents of our neighborhood, we know our neighborhood best. So while the police serve us 24/7/365, they are most effective with the support of the community.

Even if you notice little things that just don't seem right (ie. abandoned cars, suspicious person, unidentified person going door to door, etc.), the non-emergency is there for you.

Do not feel embarrassed or bothersome, instead, think about what could have happened if you did not act. If you see something, say something.

If you see a crime in progress or need immediate assistance, dial 911.

If you need to report a suspicious activity or situation that does not require an immediate urgent response, dial the non-emergency number at 301-279-8000.

Having the non-emergency number programmed in your

phone is a good idea so that it's available when you need it. It only takes about 10 to 15 minutes to file a police report, and resources will not be deployed to our area

unless they are aware of a problem, so don't be shy.

For emergency, call 911.

For non-emergency, call 301-279- 8000.



Above: MCPD 2d District CSO Oliver Janney speaks at the Feb. 2016 RCA General Meeting.



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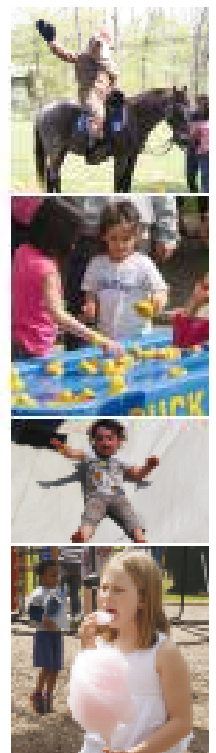
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Urban Land Institute convenes panel to conceptualize Pike District 'Identity'

by Chad Salganik

In late March, I had the opportunity to represent the RCA in a Technical Assistance Panel sponsored by the White Flint Downtown Advisory Committee on the topic "Identifying and Branding the Pike District." This Technical Assistance Panel is a volunteer group of experienced individuals who have been assembled by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Washington for their relevant expertise.

In particular, this Panel had been tasked to develop and present an illustrative program of concepts to visually identify the Pike District (such as signage of various types at various locations, way-finding measures, streetscape criteria, and application of the Pike District logo).

The purpose of the Panel was explicitly not to consider, validate or debate the name of this growing area, but to explore and recommend concepts for creating a sense of place. They noted in the presentation that a name and logo printed on banners alone won't create a sense of place.



Above, Intersection concept developed by the Technical Assistance Panel

The Panel toured the area and moderated roundtable discussions with various types of stakeholders, residents, developers and County representatives, notably, Council President Nancy Floreen. The Panel then presented its findings and will issue a full report in 2-3 months. You can find the slides from the presentation on the RCA website.

The Panel had 3 main recommendations:

1) Embrace the Pike as a seam, not an edge. There was an emphasis on neighborhoods as nodes within the area, and a reluctance to establish well defined borders and gateways into the area.

2) Focus on improving key Pike intersections with art, lighting, and pedestrian safety. Art should work at the vehicular and pedestrian scale to create a unique sense of place.

3) Find opportunities to distinguish the area through the deployment of art and street furniture in public spaces.

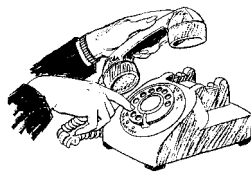
To realize the recommendations the Panel advised setting up a public-private partnership or Business Improvement District (BID) to raise funds for implementation. Both options would leverage private funds for a public benefit to create a sense of place for our area. The presentation was fascinating, and painted a great vision for the area.

The RCA Hotline

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No calls received February 21, 2016 through March 20, 2016.

But we did receive this really nice and interesting e-mail:



Dear Editor,

I have been reading some of your Echo newsletters and I find them very interesting, especially since we were original owners in Randolph Hills. We bought our house on Old Drivers Way while it was under construction in 1954. We moved in October, just about the same time Hurricane Hazel roared through that area. They had sodded the front yards and about 10 feet of the backyard. You can imagine the muddy mess in the rest of the backyard. We moved away when we got an overseas assignment in 1962.

When we lived there, White Flint was a golf course on Rockville Pike. The only nearby shopping was Viers Mill shopping Center which had a pharmacy, a bank and a movie. There might have been a grocery store but my

memory is dim on that subject. I do remember grocery shopping in Wheaton. Both of our children started school at Rockinghorse Elementary school.

Should I mention how much we paid for that newly constructed house in 1954? OK, you'll be as surprised as I am when I see the current prices for recent sales. We paid \$13,500 in 1954, if you can believe that.

One other thing that we remember about that newly constructed home right after we moved in. The original windows were steel casement. That first cold spell in the fall of 1954 made the metal windows sweat very badly, to the point that water ran down and off the sill and down the sheet rock wall. After that first cold spell those newly constructed homes were prime targets for storm windows and the salesman who came through door-to-door made a killing selling storm windows.

It has been fun reading about our old neighborhood and the progress that is evident over these sixty-odd years and we'll plan to check by again from time to time.

Regards, Hal Cummings, Opelika, Alabama

[Editor's note: We will hear from Hal again in the May Echo; he has submitted very interesting observations on RV'ing.]

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RCF President's Message April 2016

by Ashley Salganik

Happy Spring! As soon as the weather turns warm, that means it's time to start planning our Randolph Civic Foundation Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner. This year's event will be on June 2nd at 6pm - I hope you can join us to spend time with your neighbors and enjoy a delicious meal. The meeting and dinner will be held at the Viers Mill Recreation Center - please mark your calendars! As part of this meeting, we will be electing new officers to the Randolph Civic Foundation. If you are interested in getting involved in our community's philanthropic committee, please email me at ashleysalganik@gmail.com by the end of April for more information or if you are interested in a position.

It's also time to start thinking about planting flowers at our neighborhood signs. If you would like to help out and make your neighborhood sign look great by planting some colorful flowers, please send me an email at: ashleysalganik@gmail.com. A little help with planting, watering and weeding will be very much appreciated!

Also, I would like to say thank you to the Charles E Smith Jewish Day School for agreeing to sponsor the largest of our neighborhood signs at Boiling Brook Parkway. I drove by the sign recently and they have already planted some flowers and it looks great!



Remember: the annual Boiling Brook and RCA-Land Spring Community Cleanup is Saturday April 23rd. Meet at Randolph Hills Shopping Center at 9am. Gloves and collection bags will be provided! Come out and do your part to beautify our neighborhood and stop litter and pollution from getting into Rock Creek!!

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Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, corresponding secretary

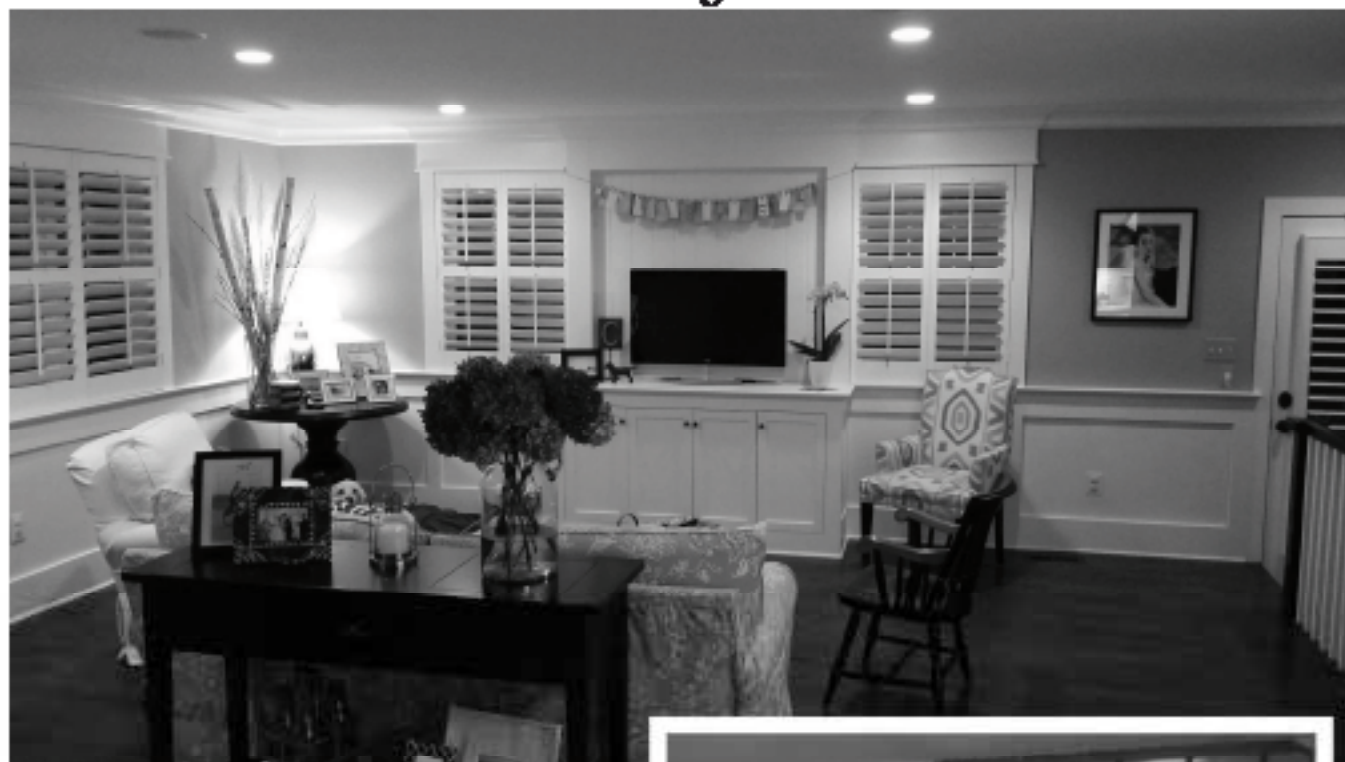
On Saturday May 7 from 8 am to 1 pm, Venture Crew 1083 will host the RCA Spring Bazaar at Loehmann's Plaza, an annual tradition still known by many as the RCA Yard Sale. Drop by and say hello to your neighbors and see what interesting items are available for sale! The crew will be grilling burgers and dogs; they'll have chips too, and sodas to wash it all down. Be sure to arrive hungry! Proceeds help fund the Crew's High Adventure activities.

Speaking of the Crew's High Adventure contingent... on March 19th, they went on a seven-mile "shake-down" hike on the Cabin John Stream Valley Trail. Now in the second year of their preparations for a 2017 trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, the Crew is building stamina and sharpening outdoor skills. This summer will bring a weeklong trek on the High Knoll Trail at the Blue Ridge Mountains Council's Scout reservation in Virginia. This will be only the second time a 1083 Philmont Crew-in-training has visited High Knoll, in rugged high-altitude terrain amid the Jefferson National Forest, located southwest of Roanoke. It's sure to be memorable!

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 20. The Crew meets at 7:30 pm every Monday night that schools are open during the school year, 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.

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Troop 1083 News

by Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

Since January, Troop meetings have focused on merit badges; that work continued from late February through March. Any scout with ambitions of reaching the Eagle rank must earn at least 21 merit badges, of which 12 must be from a specific "core curriculum." The troop's current offerings include three of those Eagle-required merit badges: Family Life, Citizenship in the Nation, and Personal Fitness. Also available are "elective" merit badges such as Law and Automotive Maintenance. Scouts working on the latter badge performed an oil change at the Motor Works repair shop in Rockville!

On February 28th, a couple dozen Scouts and family members took a day trip to the Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Gaithersburg. Many of the Scout outings are tried-and-true annual events, but the Sky Zone was a first-time destination. By all accounts, this won't turn out to be the last time!

On Friday and Saturday, March 11th and 12th, the Troop delivered (for free, as always) the thousands of bags of mulch that our customers had pre-ordered in January and February. The annual mulch-sale fundraiser supports Scouting activities year-round, and the Troop is ever grateful for the solid support it has always received from RCA-Land residents. Thank you, neighbors!

On Sunday, March 13th, with the mulch all delivered and some back muscles still a little sore, the Troop gathered at the Rockville Elks Lodge to celebrate **Kevin Oakes'** Eagle Scout Court of Honor. As is typical of these events, there were lots of laughs, fond memories, some solemn ceremonial moments, and great food choices at the buffet table. Congratulations Kevin!

The following weekend, March 18th –20th, brought the annual Webelos weekend campout at Cabin John Regional Park, at which the Troop welcomes the senior Cub Scouts who will officially "bridge over" into the troop in April. For a couple hours on Saturday night, the Scouts broke camp for a side trip to the Rockville Aquatic Center and some swimming; after returning to camp, they toasted marshmallows and made s'mores at the campfire.

And finally, on April 4th, an international web and TV audience saw the Villanova men's basketball team win the NCAA national championship in one of the most thrilling and memorable games in tournament history. **Josh Hart**, a junior who plays guard, was one of that game's Villanova heroes; in fact, most experts point to Josh, the team's leading scorer this year, as their brightest of many stars. Josh was a Troop 1083 Scout in his younger days; he collected food donations, participated in stream cleanups, helped Santa hand out candy canes, and delivered Echoes right here in RCA-land on

his way to becoming an Eagle Scout and a nationally recognized athlete. Truly a local boy makes good story!!

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 ES, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933- 0048. Check out the Troop's web page at www.troop1083.org.

Around the Neighborhood

Vintage Furniture Showroom in Randolph Hills

by Ken Kopczyk

I'm always surprised with some of the great businesses that seem to pop up in the industrial buildings surrounding our neighborhood (think Vignola Gourmet and 7 Locks Brewing).

For those interested in vintage furniture, antiques, and collectables, take a walk down to The Market House, tucked away behind Moti's Market on Wyaconda Road. They specialize in the refurbishment and resale of furniture sourced from estate sales. Whether you're trying to find the perfect "mid-century modern" table, or if you're just interested in browsing, their showroom is stocked with lots of cool pieces to look at.

Check out www.themarkethouse.net for more information. Their address is: 4980-C Wyaconda Road.



Above and below, some of the goodies to be found at The Market House on Wyaconda Road.



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11501 Ashley Drive	\$320,000	\$325,500	3	\$0	28-Jan-16
5105 Randolph Road	\$365,000	\$372,500	14	\$0	12-Feb-16
12112 Lauderdale Drive	\$435,000	\$436,000	11	\$7,500	15-Feb-16
11809 Old Drovers Way	\$343,990	\$354,500	14	\$6,800	17-Feb-16
4603 Creek Shore Drive	\$327,600	\$328,000	21	\$0	26-Feb-16
11507 Patapsco Drive	\$360,000	\$360,000	162	\$9,000	26-Feb-16
4817 Boiling Brook Pkwy.	\$359,900	\$380,000	5	\$0	21-Mar-16
4600 Stoneleigh Court	\$447,750	\$447,750	10	\$0	24-Mar-16
12114 Otis Drive	\$400,000	\$414,000	7	\$4,500	31-Mar-16

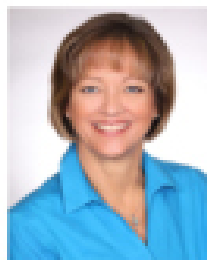


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