

Upcoming Events in the RCA-Land Community

RCA General Meeting: Thursday Dec. 1, Veirs Mill Park Activity Bldg.

RCA-Land 2016 Holiday Caroling: Mondays Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19

Adopt-A-Road Boiling Brook Pkwy Cleanup: Sat. Dec. 10; **Santa's Firetruck Ride thru RCA-Land:** Sunday Dec. 18

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Help a Neighbor in Need this Holiday Season

By Karen Duffy

Linkages to Learning, one of several programs of the EveryMind, formerly known as Mental Health Association, is partnering with the RCA this year to collect holiday gifts and other items for families experiencing hardships this holiday season.

Each year Linkages to Learning helps more than 500 families in our area to meet their basic needs and improve their mental health. Linkages to Learning staff works directly with school staff in 11 schools, including our own Viers Mill Elementary School, Loiederman Middle School and Parkland Middle School to provide a school-based program.

Primarily funded by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Linkages to Learning offers mental health services, support, and educational programs to children and families. All families with children enrolled at Viers Mill ES are eligible for services.

Civic associations, churches, businesses and other groups are partnering with Linkages to Learning in November and December to provide grocery gift cards and holiday gifts to families who participate in the Linkages to Learning Program.

This year Linkages to Learning needs our community's help to meet the needs of Viers Mill families! To support a child or family for the holidays, please contact Ashley Salganik at ashleysalganik@gmail.com. You will receive a wish list and clothing sizes for each child. There is a special need this holiday season for winter wear including coats, hats, gloves and shoes.

To learn more about the Linkages to Learning program at Viers Mill, contact the Community School Coordinator, PaulineJo (PJ) Adia, at 240-740-1019 or PAdia@

every-mind.org.

For information about the county-wide efforts of the Linkages to Learning program, contact the Director, Karen Duffy, at 301-424-0656 ext. 518 or by email at kduffy@every-mind.org. Thank you for your kindness this holiday season!

**Holiday Season 2016 is here!
Caroling begins Dec. 5 (see details on p. 5)**



Santa's Firetruck ride is Sunday Dec. 18!





Neighbors!!
Join the conversation and stay up to date on community events.
Register with your street address at
www.nextdoor.com

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NEXT RCA MEETINGS:

RCA General Community Meeting with featured guest speaker: Middle School Magnet Coordinator
Thursday, December 1, 8pm

RCA Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 8pm

RCA Meetings are held at the Veirs Mill Activity Bldg., near the corner of Garrett Park Road and Beach Drive.

Community members are welcome at all meetings.

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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..."

November/December 2016 RCA President's Message

by Matthew Tifford

Membership: This past October we sent out our annual membership drive issue of the echo. With both membership and contributions down over the past few years, we hope to be able to turn things around this year to improve the financial health and future viability of the civic. If you haven't sent in your membership already, please remember to do so. We need you!

December 1 General Meeting Guest speaker: For the December General meeting, we are pleased to welcome Jeannie Franklin, Director of the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services, to speak and answer questions regarding our middle school options. The RCA has featured articles and speakers about our community elementary and high school in recent years, but not much with regard to our middle schools. Students in our community get to pick from three different middle schools, each with a unique program to offer. This is a great opportunity to find out more in-depth information.

White Flint 2 Hearing: While there's plenty of interest in this plan for our community, the most important aspect for most of us will likely be a threat of a reopened connection between Macon and Putnam next to the old Loehmann's Safeway location. I know I've mentioned this here before, and I will likely continue to do so as long as needed. We should not be quiet while the county proposes to harm our community in such a thoughtless and pointless manner. Concerned residents are encouraged to follow these developments closely. We are hopeful that this road connection will not go forward, but if it does we will need to mobilize to put a stop to it.

New Fundraiser? While the Civic has done great things to improve beautification in the neighborhood, there's always more to be accomplished. Is there a beautification project you wish the civic would undertake? Please feel free to share your ideas for future projects. We welcome your input.

Snow Emergency/Power Outage Help: With winter of course comes the prospect of severe weather and power outages. We encourage residents to be ready to ask for help if needed, and to be aware of the many resources available. In addition to the normal options of calling the RCA Hotline 240-668-4722, the County Help Line MC311, Pepco (877-737-2662), and of course 911, our community has online options to reach neighbors for help and advice, as well as to coordinate help efforts throughout the community. In past years we have had great success using social media tools like Nextdoor to coordinate getting volunteer help to residents in need. We encourage residents to sign up at www.nextdoor.com.

Support Your Local Boy Scouts!

Troop 1083 is Selling Christmas Trees



Corner of Knowles and Howard Ave.

Just East of Beach Drive

Saturdays and Sundays

November 26 & 27

December 3 & 4

December 10 & 11

**December 17 & 18
(if needed)**

Time 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Free Local Delivery!

**Remember: the next Boiling Brook Parkway Adopt-a-Road Cleanup is Saturday December 10.
Meet at the corner of Boiling Brook Parkway and Ashley Road at 9am.
Gloves and collection bags will be provided!**

Randolph Civic Association Executive Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 3, 2016

By Colby Prevost

President – Matt Tifford
Vice President 1 – Diane LaGrega Bertocchi
Vice President 2 – Chad Salganik
Director – Brian Hooker
Director – Mark Nensel
Secretary – Colby Prevost

1. Call to Order – Matt Tifford
2. Old Business

RCA Membership Drive: RCA's fall membership drive is in full swing. Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year. In the October 2016 issue of The Echo, RCA membership forms, and envelopes, were sent to all 1340 homes in RCA land. The Board members, noticing a drop in RCA membership over the past few years, has decided that it might be worth a try to spend a couple of Sundays walking door-to-door in RCA land to talk to residents about becoming members of the Randolph Civic Association. The Board was thankful for those residents who contributed and became members. We are hoping that this type of outreach may not only help to increase membership but provide residents a change to meet their Board members.

The Board continues to look for new sources of advertisement from business and residents.

White Flint II Updates

The most recent draft of the White Flint II plans is currently with the County planning board. The planning board will hold a public hearing on the plans Thursday, December 15, 2016. The meeting time will be announced closer to the meeting date. Members of the Board plan to attend. The planning board records all meetings and RCA members will take notes and report on the meeting in The Echo.

Macon and Putnam roads

As part of the redevelopment of the Montrose Christina school land, the County may be planning to connect Macon road to Putnam. Opening this road would provide direct access from Randolph road to Macon road. The RCA Board, along with some of the residents on Macon road, are opposed to connecting these roads. The RCA Board will continue to keep residents informed through the Echo once the plans are released. The Board encourages all concerned residents to attend the planning board meeting as possible to make their voices heard.

3. New Business

Boiling Brook Parkway & Hunters Lane intersection

needs crosswalk. The RCA Board has written to the County multiple times and continues to follow up with the County on painting a pedestrian crosswalk at the Hunters Lane entrance to the Charles E Smith Jewish Day school (CESJDS). This is a very wide street. Having a crosswalk would increase the safety of CESJDS students and residents crossing Hunters Lane.

New community projects/fundraisers

The Board is looking for new activities and ideas to beautify RCA land in addition to raising funds for community projects. Residents who have ideas to beautify the neighborhood, such as planting bushes and flowers in public areas, are encouraged to contact the RCA Board members via the hotline or by email. Some projects may require funding or upkeep and maintenance so the Board would be looking for ways to raise funds for any projects that required financial investments. Ideas to raise funds could be selling RCA t-shirts or RCA water bottles at community day events such as Music Fest.

2017 General Meeting speakers

The Board is currently looking for guest speakers for its upcoming 2017 meetings. The Board would be interested in asking Nancy Navaro, County Council Member, if she could come speak to our community. Other ideas may be a solar panel company or from the Mountgomery County garden plot program. Other ideas for guest speakers are welcome. The middle school magnet program coordinator will address the community at the RCA meeting in December.

Holiday season caroling – host houses

RCA land is looking for volunteers to host the 2016 holiday carolers. Once a week, during the holiday season, RCA residents traditionally gather at a neighbor's home and prepare to go caroling in RCA land. Past volunteers have provided sweets and warm drinks before caroling while other volunteers have hosted after caroling. It is a wonderfully chance to get to know your neighbors and welcome in the holiday season. Several RCA Board members expressed interest in hosting. Anyone interested in hosting, please contact and RCA member. RCF can provide up to \$100 to buy snacks and drinks for those who host.

4. Standard Business and Reports

Committee Chair Reports

Treasury Chair Report – Mara Greengrass:

The RCA currently has \$9,000 in the bank. We've taken in an approximately \$3,000 in advertising and \$1,000 in membership fees.

Next Board meeting will be December 1, 2016.

RCA Meeting Adjournment – Brian Hooker makes the motion to adjourn. Diane LaGrega Bertocchi seconds at 9:18 pm.

***Neighborhood Caroling
In Randolph Hills!***



Bundle up, bring a flashlight, bring your kids and friends.
Bring good cheer, and join us on Mondays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

December 5, around Rock Road & Troy

December 12, around Red Fox & Ashley

December 19, around Hunter & Macon

Call Christiana Drapkin for details: 301-770-7940

RSVP per email at ChDrapkin@aol.com

Happy Holidays!

Around the Neighborhood

Giving back to the Community

By Cameron Davis

My name is Cameron Davis and I am a Boy Scout in Troop 1083 located in Randolph Hills, MD. For those unfamiliar with scouting, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) requires scouts to complete an Eagle Scout project in order to teach leadership and how to start, run and complete a project on your own.

On the weekend of October 15th, 2016, I held my project in hopes of advancing to the highest honor in scouting, Eagle Scout. My service project consisted of a restoration of Winding Creek Park and of the local RCA sign located at the corner of Ashley Ln and Coachaway Dr. The park restoration started in the early morning but at the start time, none of my volunteers had arrived yet which made it look like a daunting task. After a few hours people started to trickle in and then we went to work clearing the excess greenery, replacing the broken rails in the wooden fence and stabilizing the posts for the rails. We all then moved on to sand and paint the sign to finish the second half of the project.

While I was working on the sign, several members of the community stopped by and commented that it was coming along nicely or that they really liked the job I was doing with the sign. While these are not unusual comments for one doing a job, it was nice seeing that my work really did make a difference and brought something to the community despite it not being a huge job. There are many valuable lessons learned throughout this process but most importantly, I experienced a form of overcoming adversity and in addition got to help out a lovely community who deserves all of this. It was an amazing experience getting to give back to a community who supports its Scouts so well and if you have not had a chance to see the new sign, you should go check it out!

Capital Bikeshare Coming to White Flint

By Ken Kopczyk

Capital Bikeshare will be coming to the White Flint area (aka Pike District)! Montgomery County was recently awarded \$240,000 from the State of Maryland to fund four new stations. These stations will be placed in the following locations: White Flint Metro Station, Woodglenn Drive and Executive Boulevard (near Paladar and Whole Foods in the North Bethesda Market development), Citadel Avenue and McGrath Boulevard (near Harris Teeter in the North Bethesda Center development) and the East side of the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Rockville Pike (across from the Pike and Rose development).



Bikeshare station in Rockville Town Center

Capital Bikeshare is a bike rental program where users can rent a bike from one station and return it at another (or the same one). Pricing starts at \$2 per 30 minute trip, and they also offer 24-hour, 3 day, monthly, and annual memberships. The program began operations in 2010 in DC proper and has expanded gradually ever since, including stations in Bethesda, Rockville, Shady Grove, Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Arlington, Alexandria, Reston, and Tysons Corner. There are now more than 400 stations with 3500 bikes, making it the second largest bike sharing network in the United States, behind New York City.

This is an exciting move forward as the White Flint Sector development plan begins taking shape in an effort to transform our area in a transit oriented and walkable community. The county has already started investing in the area's bike infrastructure as it aims to complete a high quality and low stress bike lane network. As of now, the White Flint area is home to the county's only traffic separated bike lanes, located on Woodglenn Drive and on Nebel Street. The Nebel Street bike lanes are brand new, having been completed and opened in October.

For more information, go to www.capitalbikeshare.com and www.tinyurl.com/mocobikeplan for more information.

Talk Yoga classes in Kensington

by Amy Roberts

Talk Yoga is a program that combines speech and language therapy and yoga. We specialize in serving individuals with the following needs: Developmental Language Delays, Articulation Delays, Autism, Down Syndrome, ADHD, Anxiety and Executive Function Disorder.

We are now offering free trial classes on Saturdays at Nimaste Yoga Studio, 1040 Montgomery Ave., Kensington, MD.

If you would like to come to a class with your child please visit our website for more details, and to register for a free trial class! Our website is: www.talkyogaslp.weebly.com. We hope to see some of you soon!

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Around the Neighborhood

Curbs adjusted at Rocking Horse Road

Earlier in the month a work crew was out at the corner of Boiling Brook Pkwy. and Rocking Horse Road tearing up the traffic calming curbs that had been installed there recently. RCA President Matt Tifford sent an e-mail to Kyle Liang at the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to inquire about the reason for the project. Mr. Liang wrote back promptly:

Dear Mr. Tifford: Thank you for your email dated November 2, 2016, regarding Boiling Brook and Rocking Horse Rd. Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) appreciates the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

We [received] requests by businesses [regarding] the truck turning [radius] from [the] shopping area to Boiling Brook Pkwy, and believed that the existing curbs should be modified as [a] mountable curb. The size of the islands and lane width will [remain the] same as [their] current condition.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me. Sincerely, Kyle K. Liang.

White Flint 2 update

The RCA has actively participated in the development of the White Flint 2 Sector Plan. The Plan includes recommendations for land use, zoning and transportation for the area surrounding White Flint, including properties adjacent to our neighborhood.

A working draft of the Plan was approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board on November 10th. You can view a copy of the working draft on the RCA website. A public hearing has been set for January 12, 2017.

The RCA will review the working draft and submit testimony. After additional work sessions, the Plan will go to the County Council with additional public hearings in Spring 2017. It is expected that the Plan will be approved in late 2017 or early 2018.

Do you want to write for the Echo? Do you have a story to tell, an issue to discuss with your neighbors?

Feel free to contribute; the Echo is *your* community's newsletter.

The deadline for article submission for the upcoming January-February 2017 issue is Friday Jan. 13th.

Write to Echo Editor Mark Nensel at marknensel@gmail.com with your ideas, and if you have any questions.

Got Music? RCA MusicFest is April 30, 2017

Do you love playing an instrument? Do you have your own garage band or wish you did? Do you need to brush up your musical skills a bit, or finally reach out and get some musical partners to share the joy of playing together?

We've got our first music group confirmed already: Dean Evangelista with his Savoy Truffle rock band might lead us in a Beatles sing-along. It's never too early to introduce the kids to some of the Old Masters.

So, now is your chance to rustle up some motivation to get ready for prime time. Over the past five years, our Randolph Civic Association has held our springtime RCA MusicFest, which serves as an informal fun- and fund-raiser for our various local efforts like landscaping, beautification, and neighborhood events. It's not too early to get your own musical act in shape, which can be a solo performance; or you come with a whole group. From rock and jazz to folk to hip-hop, from singer-songwriter creations, to ethnic and world music, we'd love to hear it all. Maybe even your kids' teen band? Get ready for a 20 to 30 minute set.

Mark your calendar now: Sunday, April 30, 2017, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Seven Locks Brewery, the same welcoming neighborhood place where we met this past year. Get in touch with me, Christiana Drapkin at chdrapkin@aol.com. I'll answer all your questions, help you get organized, and enter you in our RCA MusicFest talent lineup.



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Mail your membership form to
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Halloween 2016 House Decorating winners

By Kate Bueno

Dear Neighbors, thank you so much to everyone who decorated their homes for Halloween! Our neighborhood looked pretty spooky on Sunday, October 30th when RCF judges went around to find our top three decorated houses. The decision was very difficult as there were many fantastic homes! Here are the winners for each category:



1. Eeriest Haunt (best spooky decor)



2. Boo-tiful Fun (best family friendly decor)



3. Creative Cauldron (most creative decor)

We also created a short video slideshow of all the homes we saw. Check it out at: <https://vimeo.com/189562557>. We hope to do the contest again next year, and if you're interested in being a part of the fun, we will put out an all-call in early October next year. Thanks again for making this day special for Randolph Hills!

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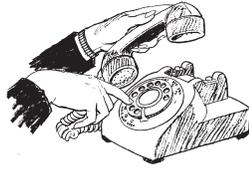
Stephen and April, who bought 400K home in Rockville, MD

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The RCA Hotline

240-668-4722 (4RCA), or
info@randolphcivic.org



Calls and e-mails received Oct. 7,
2016 through Nov. 13, 2016.

General Note: *The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published on the website. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA reserves the right to not publish any calls that could be viewed as solicitations, personal attacks against neighbors or calls longer than 1.5 minutes due to the time it takes to transcribe and cost to publish. You can always email the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org or submit an article for publication to the Echo editor.*

Oct. 18 (Tues); Not Anonymous: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. This is [XX] at 1XXXX Hunters Lane in Rockville, Franklin Park. I received your Echo back on September 29th and made a few notations I wanted to give you a call on but unfortunately it got lost in some pile of papers and I just came across things and was about to put them away and reminded myself of wanting to give you a call. I do hope that nobody pays attention to the Christian article concerning "be ready for the general election", because if they do they will go to the election one day too late. [It] said November 9th. Election day is November 8th. Concerning the "Uh-Oh" article - I took a look at those two pictures and "uh-oh" is right! I certainly hope this spaghetti of roads that they have proposed will go down into the dumpster because I was always under the impression that Randolph Hills was a very quiet residential community with a convenient shopping center in the rear of it for the convenience of those residents as well as the others in the area. But my gosh this looks worse than 495 and 270! I hope that does not go into the back of Randolph Hills because this would invite heavier traffic as well as heavier trucks more than ever before. I am sure that you will do your very upmost to try and prevent this spaghetti nightmare from coming about for the residents of Randolph Hills. Thank you for your time and efforts. They are appreciated. Do have a great one.

RCA response: *We regret getting the date wrong for the election. Thankfully turnout at our local polling place that day was very strong, Also, the Uh-Oh is a humor/parody section. We apologize for any confusion.*

Oct. 23 (Sun); Not Anonymous: Hello. I'm an architect working with one of the residents of the Randolph Hills community. They have asked me to look into some home renovations. They'd like to make minor stuff, mostly to do with the elevation of the house, so they're shifting some minor things here and there and altering their patio condition. I am looking for resources for any sort of various

homeowners association info, and I can go to Montgomery County but I'm trying to find out if the Randolph Civic Association has any particular set of laws and regulations that need to be adhered to on a home renovation. I just want to make sure that we are squared away, not only with Montgomery County in the endeavor of getting a building permit but also want to make sure that we are adhering to all the rules that the Randolph Civic Association may have for the community. If someone could, at their earliest convenience, give me a call back and just kind of educate me a little better or maybe point me in the right direction for the best source of those answers, I'd appreciate it. Thank you very much.

RCA response: *The RCA does not have, nor does it enforce, regulations on home renovations. However homeowners and renovation contractors must comply with county laws and regulations. Go to montgomery-countymd.gov/311 for more information.*

Oct. 26 (Wed); Not Anonymous: Hi this is [XX] at 1XXXX Ashley Dr. I just want to say that the sign on Ashley at Coachway looks great. Thank you for whoever painted it. It looks wonderful, and now we'll just keep trying to plant things that the deer won't eat. Thanks and have a good day.

RCA Response: *Boy Scout Troop 1083 member Cameron Davis and a team of volunteers repaired and painted the sign. Check out the article and photo on p. 12.*

Oct. 28 (Fri); Not Anonymous: Hi, this is (XX) on Hunters Lane. I have a question about our water supply. With all the multi-level family homes coming in and the growth that we're going to see, do you know if the county has done a water survey? Our water does not come from the same place Rockville does, so I almost think we need to do a water survey to see if we can sustain all this growth. Thank you.

RCA Response: *MD State law requires the county to submit and regularly update a water and sewage plan to the Maryland Department of the Environment. All zoning changes and building permits are factored into this plan by the county planning department.*

Oct. 29 (Sat); Anonymous: I'm calling about the roadway between Schuylkill and Creek Shore Drive. Those cars coming from Creek Shore toward Schuylkill speed around that curve. There's going to be a dangerous incident one day if people don't learn to slow down going up or down that curve.

Oct. 31 (Mon); Anonymous: Hi, I'm looking for the special pick up. I have an old mattress and want to know how to call the County truck. The trash is not picked up, so I should be calling for a special pick up. But there used to be a number to call but I cannot find it. Can you please tell me the phone (continued on p. 13)

RCA General Meeting Minutes Thursday Oct. 6, 2016

By Brian Hooker

1. Call to Order: Matt Tifford called the meeting to Order at 8:09 pm

2. Special Guest Speaker: Matt Hawkins, Acting Principal for Viers Mill ES: Mr. Hawkins introduced himself to the RCA residents in attendance. He is the acting principal for the our neighborhood's elementary school. The current enrollment at VMES is about 700 students. VMES is a focus school which helps it to get extra funding to keep class sizes down in some of the lower grades. There are about 16-18 children in grades K through 2nd. It increases to about 28 kids per class in grades 3rd -5th. The Title 1 status, which allowed for even more funding and lower class sizes in all grades was lost 2 years ago. It could be retained with better income reporting. Overall Mr. Hawkins is excited to be Acting Principal and hopes that he is able to continue on, perhaps as principal, in the next year. Mr. Hawkins then fielded questions from the audience on class sizes and partnership opportunities with the RCA.

3. Old Business: Brian Hooker gave an update on Community Day held the previous Saturday. The event was a big hit with a record number of runners in the 5k run and delicious Brazilian BBQ cooked by RCA residents. Brian thanked all the volunteers for their great work in making it happen.

4. New Business: Matt Tifford led a discussion of the upcoming Election Guide that will be printed in the next Echo covering the Board of Education candidates. Mr. Tifford explained the importance of the question asked of the candidates and that the RCA would not be endorsing any candidates but just providing information to RCA residents.

The Election Guide will also have an article about Question B "term limits" that will be on the ballot. Mr. Tifford led a discussion regarding whether or not the Board should take a position on the ballot initiative. After a vigorous debate it was decided that the article would be published as an opinion piece of the author, Brian Hooker.

Chad Salganik gave an update on all things White Flint. Most of the interesting things were happening with the White Flint 1 Sector, specifically Pike and Rose, and more specifically the opening of Owen's Ordinary, a new beer garden slated for opening later in October.

Matt Tifford gave an update on the membership drive and the importance of getting membership up to help support the publishing costs of the Echo newsletter.

5. Standard Business and Reports:

Approval of prior meeting minutes: The meeting minutes for the September 1, Executive Board Meeting were passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurers Report: Mara Greengrass reported that the RCA is covering costs, but will need to raise more money to meet operating expenses this year.

Public Safety Chair (Submitted in writing following the meeting): Residential Burglaries down 25% compared to same time last year in District 2; Auto Crime Suppression Detail from 6/20-8/28 resulted in a 60% reduction in auto related crimes across District 2. The flyer from this effort was included in the Summer 2016 edition of the Echo; District 2 commander advertised "Coffee With A Cop" outreach opportunity where we could book our community service officer for an hour or two to field questions and concerns from the neighborhood if there is enough interest from residents; .Ken Kopczyk has been attending Montgomery County Police's Citizen Academy, a 15 week community outreach program with the goal of raising awareness about the function of the police department.

RCA Meeting Adjournment – Matt Tifford made a motion to adjourn at 9:35pm. All in attendance were in favor of the motion.

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RCF President's Message Nov/Dec 2016

By Ashley Salganik

Holiday greetings to everyone in RCA-land! I would first like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Bueno for coordinating our first ever RCA Halloween Contest! I hope the winners proudly displayed their wreaths for the trick or treaters on Halloween.

The holidays are a wonderful time to build community with our neighbors. Check on those around you as the weather turns cold to offer assistance for those in need. I hope you enjoy the visit from Santa when he and his elves take their annual fire truck ride Dec. 18 through RCA-land. The RCF is proud to support this event. Also, I hope you get into the spirit by joining the Holiday Car-olers on Mondays in December! Finally, I will be collecting gifts for families in need this holiday season. Let me know if you would like to participate. Happy holidays! See you next year!

Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

The Scouts combined their October campout with their fall 2016 Court of Honor at Cabin John campground on the weekend of October 21st-23rd. Although the Troop's weekend campouts usually take place at more distant locations, Cabin John is close enough that moms and dads and siblings can drop by for the Court of Honor and enjoy the ceremonial festivities out-of-doors. All of the Merit Badges, rank advancements, and special awards and recognitions that the Scouts have earned since June—and there are scores of them—were bestowed and celebrated under the stars.

One Scout had to take a rain check on the Court of Honor because of a prior commitment. Kyle McGinley, the Troop's latest nominee for Scouting's "Honor Society," attended the Order of the Arrow induction ceremony at Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg that weekend. Known as The Ordeal, the ceremony emphasizes the selflessness that all good leaders and good citizens should exemplify.



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On October 15th, Life Scout Cameron Davis led a team of volunteers in completing his Eagle Scout service project. Cameron and his crew restored and repainted some of the old wooden "Randolph Hills" signs around RCA-Land and threw in some landscaping of the surrounding areas for good measure (see photo below).

Not long after Cameron completed his project, Jonah Welkie led another team of volunteers in performing his own Eagle service project. Phase 1 of Jonah's project took place on October 29th; he and his helpers delivered flyers to hundreds of houses in Aspen Hill that announcing his plan to collect donations of pet food, toys, and supplies to benefit the Montgomery County Humane Society. The flyers were attached to large shopping bags, in which residents left their donations for the Scouts to pick up in

phase 2 the following weekend (November 5th).

On Saturday morning November 12th, Troop 1083 teamed with Girl Scout Troop 1028, Cub Scout Pack 1081, and Venture Crew 1083 for one of scouting's signature community service events, the annual Scouting for Food drive. Scouts and Venturers went door-to-door and collected non-perishable food items donated by RCA-Land and Holiday Park residents. Each year, your food donations are (continued on p. 13)

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delivered to the Manna and the Washington Area Food Bank, where they are distributed to those in need. Sincere thanks in advance to the many generous food donors, whose spirit makes our neighborhood such a great one.

Don't forget to look for Santa Claus! He'll be coming to town on Sunday, Dec. 18th for his annual fire truck ride through RCA-Land. Santa will begin his ride around 11:00 am in the Troy Road section. Then he and his elves will proceed to the areas south of Boiling Brook. Santa will continue in the areas north of Boiling Brook, until reaching Timber Lane where he and his helpers will stop for a cookie break around 1:30 pm.

After the break, Santa will continue with the remainder of areas north of Boiling Brook and then proceed to the Rocking Horse Center area, finishing in Westminster, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park at about 4:00 pm.

During his ride through RCA-Land, Santa's elves will be walking alongside the fire truck passing out candy canes. We ask drivers to please remember to yield to these young pedestrians, and to please be patient if you happen to get caught behind Santa's fire truck. Thanks in advance for helping make Santa's ride a safe one!

Troop 1083's annual holiday tree sale will be held at the Masonic Lodge, on the corner of Knowles and Howard Avenues just east of Beach Drive, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on the following dates (Saturdays and Sundays):

November 26 and 27

December 3 and 4

December 10 and 11

December 17 and 18 (if needed—shop early before we run out!)

Free delivery to Randolph Hills area! All trees are \$50. Selections include Fraser Fir, Douglas Fir, Canaan Fir, Norway Spruce, and Table Tops (Table Tops will be priced accordingly).

If you are a boy who has finished the 5th grade, you can join Boy Scout Troop 1083. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the troop web page at www.troop1083.org.

Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin

Bright and early on November 6th, the Venture Crew's High Adventure contingent—entering the second full year of its two-and-a-half-year preparation for a July 2017 trip to Philmont Scout Ranch—headed to Sugarloaf Mountain in Barnesville for a 7-mile shakedown hike with a little bit of the ol' altitude change. The Crew is already pretty well

seasoned, so they made short work of the hike, took in a snack and some autumn scenery at the summit, and were back home by midafternoon.

On Saturday morning, November 12th, the Venture Crew participated, as it does every year along with other Scout groups, in the annual Scouting for Food service event. For additional details, see "Troop 1083 News" in this ECHO.

The Crew will be selling fresh wreaths at the **Troop 1083 Christmas Tree lot** (Masonic Lodge, corner of Knowles and Howard; see the ad in this ECHO). Be sure to stop by and say hello!

If you're a girl or boy aged 14 through 20 and you can keep up with us, you might like to join us. Crew 1083 is a friendly bunch, always ready to welcome new members. The Crew meets at 7:30 pm every Monday night that schools are open during the school year; meetings are at Viers Mill ES.

For more information, contact Crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755, or visit www.crew1083.org.

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number? I'm at 4XXX Creek Shore Drive. I'm a member of RCA, and I just want to know who to call so they can pick this up. Thank you.

RCA Response: *Each residential property provided trash collection service in Montgomery County is entitled to five bulk trash collections every year. Either call 311 or go to montgomerycountymd.gov/311 and create a bulk trash pickup service request.*

Nov. 13 (Sun): Not Anonymous: Can you direct me, or can the Association do something about the traffic in Boiling Brook and around our neighborhood? All the bumps and "traffic calming" barriers are not good enough, it would be more helpful if there were stop signs with cameras, for instance, the stop sign at Schuylkill Rd and Garrett Park is often ignored by traffic going south on Schuylkill. On Boiling Brook and Rocking Horse no one seems to know who has the right of way and it seems that the signs saying the traffic from the left does not stop are way too small to read for most people, that intersection almost needs a traffic light with cameras. These roads are not only being used by neighborhood people, but as a cut through between Rockville and Silver Spring/Wheaton, traffic bumps don't seem to do the job either. I don't know if anyone has some good alternatives. Thanks.

RCA Response: *RCA volunteers have communicated with county officials quite a bit on this intersection over the years with little improvement. The primary obstacle is the high cost of a real solution. The RCA welcomes ideas from the community.*

Randolph Hills Resident Goes All Out For Christmas Decorations

By Ned Astilegrave and Randy Hilliard

For Dave Hebler, giving back to his community is simply a way of life. This Christmas, Hebler plans to do so by decorating his home, 11502 Creek Shore Drive. Inspired by last years spectacular 'Garden of Lights' display at Brookside Gardens, Hebler recently purchased an inflatable lawn ornament at the Gaithersburg Walmart.

"This thing's a real beauty," says Hebler as he inspects the picture on the box. "Note the three reindeer in the sidecar, most of them don't have that."

Hebler expects the installation to take nearly fifteen minutes- most of that from running the extension cord. "I have to feed it from the backyard and around the tire pile."

After experiencing the Brookside Gardens display, which boasts over a million dazzling lights in it's decorations, Hebler knew he wouldn't be satisfied unless he went the extra mile. "I had the Frosty the Snowman model in my cart, but when I saw this, I knew I had to have it- even at \$5 more."

Next year, Hebler hopes to add Halloween decorations as well. "There's this

inflatable jack o' lantern I've had my eye on."

Hebler says in the beginning, he was worried about how his neighbors would respond. "I can't believe the

outpouring of support from my community and neighbors. God bless (my neighbors) for putting up with me and this craziness."

Reed Norton, a neighbor at 11503 across the street, supports the display. "I'm fine as long as he doesn't park his truck in front of my house" explains Reed.

It's hard for Hebler to decide which holiday he's most excited to decorate for, since it's for two different audiences.

"I love them both for two different reasons: Christmas I like to do for the kids. Christmas is for family," he said. "Christmas ... is about the kids and their experience of seeing the display."

Before decorating, Hebler explains, it's important to map out his plans for the lawn. "The extension cord only reaches a few feet past the driveway, so that's pretty much where it's going."

Right now, Hebler works a lot and doesn't have time to produce a lot of his ideas. He does hope that once he retires, he'll be able to do a lot more.

The decorations, he said, have become a reflection of himself.



Above top, Garden of Lights, Brookside Gardens.
Bottom: Elaborate decorations at 11502 Creek Shore

"You do put a lot of yourself in it," he said. "I've always enjoyed inflating stuff."

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