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Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2001
8:00 p.m.

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2001
8:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center at the corner of Ashley Drive and Macon Road on the **first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.**, except January, July, and August. Usually, we alternate between General and Executive meetings. All are welcome at every one.

President's message

by Jack Stillwell

A Destination or a Roadside distraction?

Randolph Hills and connected subdivisions. Are we a community of more than 1300 households conveniently located on the east side of North Bethesda, distinctive for its friendly residents, mature greenery and beautiful azaleas? Or are we a bunch of brick houses you zoom past on that shortcut on your way to work? Before I moved here, it was definitely the second. And you can see many people with the same idea driving by every morning. Our identity will probably never be real important to anyone but residents, but the attitude of our present residents can definitely have an effect on our future ones. Understanding the majority attitude is the ongoing challenge for your civic association.

Case in point. We had a County traffic light expert at our General Meeting last week. He talked about the central control facility, the mechanics of traffic signals and how the County tries to do its best in controlling an ever-increasing number of cars on the road. He said projections are for traffic to double in 10 years. Yikes! It led to a discussion about traffic through our neighborhood and a discussion on whether we should be trying to ease it through or slow it down. The slower-downer's reason that extra turn lanes and right-turn-no-stop-signs merely make RCA-land a more attractive shortcut for commuters. The ease-it-throughers felt like we all benefit from an efficient system. Who's right?

We all know that Rocking Horse to Boiling Brook is usually faster than Randolph, through the lights around Loehmann's. But if you lived on Rocking Horse, would you let your kids play in the front yard? Have you ever tried to walk across Boiling Brook during rush hour?

Do we want the County to think of our neighborhood as a shortcut? What about all the other shortcut neighborhoods that have speed bumps and a stop sign on every block? Do we want that? Does it matter what we want?

Yes. That is the ultimate answer. We can influence the County. It's tiring and difficult. It's political. It takes forever. But the squeaky wheel does get the grease. The really hard part is getting consensus from our members. As stated above, different people have different opinions.

But if we think about our neighborhood as the community described in the first paragraph and if we act to protect that image, soon the people zooming past will wish they lived here instead of just passing through. Join us at a meeting this spring and get an attitude.

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4-26 North of Randolph Rd. Vote at Montrose Baptist Church.

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RCA Telephone Number: 301-881-2722 (881-2RCA).

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

Membership in the RCA is \$5.00 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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Minutes of the RCA March General Meeting

by Kevin Kline

President Jack Stillwell opened the meeting late, just as our guest speaker entered the door. Bill Corder is the manager of the Traffic Management Center, Department of Public Works and Transportation. Bill said 30 years ago when he started, there were only 200 stoplights in the County, and now there are 750! All of Montgomery's stoplights are networked, so the Center can adjust the red to green timing. The Center has many responsibilities, including Ride-on Bus scheduling, traffic cameras (but not the County's 10 red-light cameras), and even traffic monitoring from a light plane! Bill said there are not enough new roads being built, so better traffic management is more important than ever. He discussed how the camera information is shared with the 911 center, news stations, and Virginia. He gave out their website, and said on snow days it receives over 1/2 million "hits."

The RCA President emphasized our main concern: the intersection at Rockinghorse and Boiling Brook. We strongly believe a stoplight is desperately needed. Bill said he is open to the idea, understood our stoplight suggestion has been studied before, and opened the floor to questions. In one response, he said that yes, Los Angeles has the worst traffic in the nation, but it is "just slightly ahead of DC"! Bill does not see any one way out of bad traffic, and thinks people will begin using public transportation only when they cannot take driving anymore. He answered questions on street lighting, overfilled bus stop trash cans, and the way commuters cheat the Boiling

Chana Schwartz, front row center, is student president of the Charles E. Smith School. ▼



◀ *County transportation senior engineer Bill Corder discusses traffic light timing.*

Brook/Nicholson intersection by looping through the Texaco. Bill spoke for 55 minutes, and was given a round of applause as he left.

RCA President Stillwell noted that Chana Solomon Schwartz, Student President of the Charles E. Smith School, was present at our meeting, and welcomed her. Mr. Stillwell then turned to the meeting agenda, and RCA'ers, in a notably calm and relaxed way, discussed and voted on various agenda items. Traffic, especially on our local roads of Rockinghorse and Boiling Brook, remain a primary RCA concern.

The RCA Secretary proposed RCA by-laws revisions, listed in February's *Echo*. However, the motion got bogged down on the precise wording, so the President suggested tabling the issue. Instead **Withdrawn: the motion to revise the RCA by-laws.**

Next the Secretary referred to February's *Echo* article regarding "Development Impact Tax," and what he

would testify to before the County Council. He suggested that the development tax on new upcounty townhouses and apartments should cover not only needed roads but also all services required. **Passed by unanimous voice vote: that the new tax on upcounty [only] housing developments cover more than just transportation, but also include the total cost of bringing basic services to these new Montgomery County residents (e.g.: schools; fire stations; libraries; and roads).**

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The Secretary proposed the RCA support a two-percent increase to our State "Piggy-back" tax. This is the County's portion of the MD state income tax. Many RCA-ers were opposed to this tax increase, and no formal vote was taken.

Passed by unanimous vote-vote: to work to get all of RCA-land represented by the same State legislative district. Presently RCA'ers north of Randolph Road are represented by District 18 (most of which is on Veirs Mill Road), and RCA'ers south of Randolph are represented by District 17. Using Randolph Road as a dividing line may look reasonable when using a map, but only serves to dilute RCA-land political power.

A suggestion to give out RCA "parking tickets" to cars that block RCA sidewalks was discussed and rejected. Instead, our objection to blocking public sidewalks, which is illegal, will be emphasized in this newsletter.

The RCA will Adopt-a-Road, Randolph, and apply for a sign with RCA's name on it. Several zoning issues, including blueprints of the White Flint Conference Center, and the new Home Depot were reviewed and discussed.



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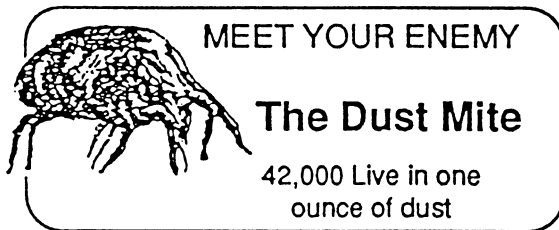
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Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of March 10, 2001, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$6,970.15. Our bank returned one of our neighbor's check. I appreciate the neighbor's efforts, but the return fee was \$5. We pay our web hosting service, Electric Web Avenue, \$20/month. This keeps www.randolphcivic.org on the air.

RCA Checking Register 2/09/2001 through 03/10/2001

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		Balance 02/09/2001			6,702.26
11/09		RCA	income(reported last mn)	315.00	7,794.21
11/23		RCA		417.30	7,953.15
		inc:Sams	9 SAMs	168.00	
02/09		RCAssociation		344.00	6,702.26
		inc:advertising	Sound of Life	225.00	
		inc:membership	Mbrshp, donations	119.00	
02/19	636	Quick Printing	March ECHO, 20 pages	-787.50	5,914.76
02/20		returned check	Chk(\$5) + Bank Chrg(\$5)	-10.00	5,904.76
03/08	637	Electric Web Ave.	11 months, Webpage	-220.00	5,684.76
03/10		RCAssociation		490.00	6,174.76
		inc:advertising	Insulators of MD	360.00	
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		inc:membership	Frew	5.00	
		inc:membership	Hoffeld	5.00	
		inc:membership	Ocheni	5.00	
		inc:membership	Poole	5.00	
		BALANCE 03/10/2001			6,174.76

RCF Checking Register 2/09/2001 through 03/10/2001

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		Balance 02/09/2001			745.05
02/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	795.05
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February 9, 2001 to
March 10, 2001



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 in the Echo almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA is here to help everyone keep our neighborhood as orderly as possible, so please use these numbers. Please call the RCA as well. We appreciate knowing and learning about our community.

2001-02-10 (Sat) 5:40 pm Ashley Drive. Renew Montgomery. Interested in tree service, and walkway repair leading from the sidewalk to the house.

2001-02-10 (Sun) 12:00 pm Hunters Lane. Did not receive Jan/Feb Echo. Would appreciate one.

2001-02-12 (Mon) 8:08 am Old Drovers Way. Renew Montgomery: Could front tree be replaced? It is uprooting the sidewalk.

2001-02-12 (Mon) 10:13 am Caller thought s(he) had paid dues, but was not listed in the Echo. Where to send RCA membership dues? *[Thanks for asking. Dues (\$5) should be sent to the RCA membership chair, Pat Longenecker, 4703 Wyaconda Road.]*

2001-02-12 (Mon) 00:00 pm Renew Montgomery: Pine tree in front of house; ideally, it would be nice to remove this tree and plant one on the county strip. Also, there's a house on Ashley with many people living in it. US Mail box at Schuylkill and Ashley – hit and run over 15+ years ago; it would be nice to get it replaced.

2001-02-13 (Tue) 12:34 pm Rock Road. Junk car, no tags, but is driven on the street.

2001-02-13 (Tue) 8:20 pm Reports trash dumped behind Sloan's Auction house, around the "No Dumping \$500 Fine" sign. Absolute pits.

2001-02-14 (Wed) 3:07 pm Hunters Lane. Renew Montgomery, sidewalks. Called the county before, but nothing has been done. What to do? Also, where do I send membership dues? *[This spring and summer, all sidewalks in our entire neighborhood will be inspected and bad sections replaced with concrete. However, it doesn't hurt to report specific addresses. Thanks for calling. Membership dues are sent to RCA's Membership*

Chair, whose name and address appear on page 2 of every Echo.]

2001-02-20 (Tue) 12:04 pm Lauderdale Drive. Renew Montgomery. Tree needs replacement.

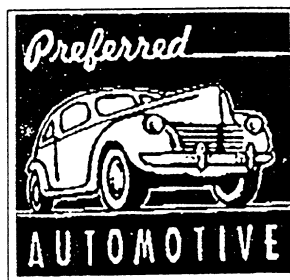
2001-02-20 (Tue) 4:21 pm February Echo reports that the County (its contractor, actually) will replace driveway aprons for \$25 per square yard. Caller has different information. Please call. *[Attempted callback on 02/21; could not get through. Caller may want to call back.]*

2001-02-21 (Wed) 6:47 pm Boiling Brook Parkway. Renew Montgomery. Sidewalk and driveway problems. Wants to discuss with contractor about additional work. *[RCA will notify the community when the contractor is picked.]*

2001-02-00 (Thu) 2:11 pm Old Drovers Way. Can anything be done about the mailman walking on the lawn? Could he walk on the sidewalk? *[The post office on Rollins Avenue is where the mail originates. Anyone got a number for this office?]*

2001-02-27 (Tue) 8:00 am Anonymous. Two issues. There are always articles about the Boy Scouts in the Echo. Why are there never any articles about Girl

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RCA Hotline

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Scouts? Do RCA dues go to the boys' organizations? If so, caller has a problem with that because the Boy Scouts do not take everyone – they discriminate. Also, what about the (proposed) Montrose Parkway? Does the RCA have a position on this? [Ans: The RCA encourages participation by all its members. The reason there are no articles regarding girls' activities is that no one submits them. The RCA has, on several notices in the Echo, promised funding for any organized group that supports girls. So far, no takers. There used to be a 4-H group organized in RCA that did submit articles for the Echo. The RCA supports the Boy Scouts with an annual donation of about \$400, and \$120 per issue of the Echo for its delivery. Assuming the caller is referring to the Boy Scouts policy on gay leaders, the RCA has taken no position. Anyone may bring this up for discussion at an RCA meeting, or may call any RCA exec, or the Scout leaders. Names/numbers are listed on page 2. Regarding the Montrose Parkway, the RCA voted at its March 1999 meeting to support it, with conditions.]

2001-02-28 (Wed) 8:10 am Anonymous, Ashley Drive. Homeowners are buying homes and renting the basements without permits. What can be done about this?

2001-03-02 (Fri) 1:44 pm Franklin Park. Renew Montgomery. Is it too late for a streetlight installation? Caller has form from the Jan/Feb Echo (page 7). Who gets the application? The County or the RCA? Also, is it too late for concrete work? [Streetlight applications should be given to Frank Shore, 11230 Troy Road, or Richard Zierdt, 4707 Coachway Drive. Also, this form can be taken from the online version of the Echo: www.randolphcivic.org. It is not too late for concrete work or streetlight applications. The contractor has not been picked yet; the RCA will let everyone know when this is decided (by the County).]

2001-03-02 (Fri) 5:50 pm Ashley. Did not get Echo; did not know about the RCA meeting. [Because of the President's Day holiday, the scouts did not get the Echo on time, so they could not deliver on time. In these cases (and it is no excuse), we hope that signs placed in the neighborhood will remind residents of General Meetings. Also, RCA meetings are always held on the 1st Thursday of the month.]

2001-03-02 (Fri) 8:08 pm Anonymous. Ashley Drive. Sidewalk needs to be fixed. Also, area around Coachway Drive is in need of repair. Caller notified the county. [Renew Montgomery, a program designed to rejuvenate

older neighborhoods, will be in RCA-land this spring and summer and will repair all sidewalks, with concrete. See article in the Jan/Feb 2001 Echo, available online.]

2001-03-04 (Sun) 10:58 am Boiling Brook Parkway. Two concerns. (1) problem with soccer players in the park openly dressing, drinking beer, leaving trash, etc. Caller has called the police on several occasions. Sometimes, arrests are made. Perhaps the ball field policy could be changed so that they could be used by permit only. (2) Soccer players park in both directions on Boiling Brook, which is one-way (on each side of Boiling Brook). Caller left three trash cans out, and they were filled with Corona [beer] bottles. Can the RCA help in this situation?

2001-03-05 (Mon) 12:56 pm Would like to get a SAMs Club card.

2001-03-05 (Mon) 4:19 pm Ertter Drive Tree roots have buckled the sidewalk. *[Renew Montgomery]*

2001-03-05 (Mon) 9:12 pm Caller heard that a couple of thousand dollars were proposed for "Do Not Block the Sidewalk" stickers. Instead, call the Commission for People with Disabilities. Also, a resident reported that a neighbor replaced his home's gutters, but threw the old gutters into the park. There is a \$1000 fine for dumping in the park. Our parks should not be used as a dump. Also, the park at Coachway Drive and Ashley Drive has lots of trash. Code enforcement has been lacking in this area. Pictures in the *Echo* may enlighten our neighbors to the problem. We need more community pride. *[Please, neighbors, dispose of trash properly. Call trash collection for large-item pickup (240-777-6410). We don't want anyone cited with a \$1000 fine. On the other hand, everyone has been warned!]*

2001-03-07 (Wed) 12:52 pm Franklin Park. Caller's son was bitten by a dog and required 18 stitches. Caller notes that several dogs are loose, or can jump the fence. Put the welfare of our children ahead of the dogs. Please, neighbors, keep dogs secure.

2001-03-08 (Thu) 10:48 pm Anonymous. Concerned citizen, member of the RCA. Caller sees many nice homes in RCA, but also sees many homes in need of repair. Some residents do not realize that for most of us, our homes are our biggest assets. Why don't they take care of them? Help themselves, and their neighbors, by keeping their properties in good shape.

2001-03-09 (Fri) 4:40 pm Ashley Drive. Renew Montgomery. Due to the utility company's "uglification" project, caller's tree should either be cut down or replaced. Also, sidewalk is broken up on Ashley Drive between 11913 and 12001 in two places (it's pretty bad).



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Zoning News

Nearby Building Construction Begins

"White Flint Place" is a new development now being constructed where Serios used to be, at the NE corner of Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road. The site complies with permissible zoning, meaning it will be huge and we cannot do anything about it! Commercial offices and stores will fill 259,430 sq. ft. and residential condos will be 493,326 sq. ft! Building #1 will be on the Pike, with offices and retail space (a restaurant, health club, and stores). Buildings #2 and #3 will be 500-525 residential condos. There will be two matching plaza entryways, cul-de-sacs facing Old Georgetown Road. The second entryway will be a pickup/drop-off for the two condo buildings. An underground garage will have access from a small service road abutting the new Jefferson Villas apartments next door. The RCA reviewed the design plan and it looks nice. Our concern is that we will be buried in gridlock traffic once this project, the new White Flint Conference Center & Hotel, and all the other projects in the pipeline are complete.

Nearby Road Construction Planned

State Highway Planners presented to the county Planning Board proposals for rebuilding the intersections at Randolph Road and the railroad tracks, and Rockville Pike & Montrose Road. These two intersections will be rebuilt as one big project, with three different alternatives considered.

Two of the alternatives have Randolph Road going underneath Rockville Pike, so that drivers and pedestrians do not have to cross Pike traffic. The third plan simply expands the present at-grade intersection, so that 18-lane roads converge at a massive intersection! This 18-lane road plan (nine in each direction) is seriously considered because it is the cheapest, at \$60 million. The other two options would each cost \$73-80 million.

Nebel will be extended, so that it runs from Nicholson Lane, through the Randolph Rd intersection, with a new part along the railroad tracks, ending at Bou Avenue, past the Montrose Crossing (Giant) Shopping Center.

Have you seen
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One new problem is the Montrose Parkway: how will it tie in with these plans? The Montrose Parkway is a controversial county highway (above are state plans) that will run from I-270 to Veirs Mill Rd. This Parkway is in the 1992 North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan, and it is being designed now, but the County Council has not funded it.

Special Exemption and Waivers

RCA Execs are increasingly concerned about the County Planning Board issuing waivers or special exemptions to zoning regulations. RCA-land is described as "single-family detached homes." Since the 1950's, RCA-land homes were designed and built for nuclear families (mother, father, children) to live side-by-side. The Randolph Civic Association exists, according to our by-laws, to maintain this way of life. We understand group homes for troubled teens, the elderly, and the poor are needed, but Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY).

The RCA Execs mention this now because as our area becomes increasingly urban, more pressure will mount to insert "facilities" in our neighborhood. For example, the neighborhood civics along Old Georgetown Road continually fight to stop all manner of good and needed facilities from being built next door to them (doctor's offices, clinics).

Aspen Hill is fighting off a \$10 million, low-income, 180-apartment complex, including 30 assisted-living units, from being built in their area by a non-profit group (Victory Housing). This project was originally planned for a 12-acre site in Hampshire Village, but neighbors protested. So it was then proposed for a 7-acre site in Aspen Hill. County Executive Duncan said, "It is crucial this project be moved forward and constructed in a timely fashion." Aspen Hill civics assert the planned site is way too small for that many apartments. If "past is prologue" we can expect Aspen Hill to run this project out of their area, and into a neighborhood near you.



Neighborhood pride?

Gutters dumped in Rock Creek Park behind a Randolph Hills home. See RCA Hotline, page 11, March 5, 9:12 p.m. entry.

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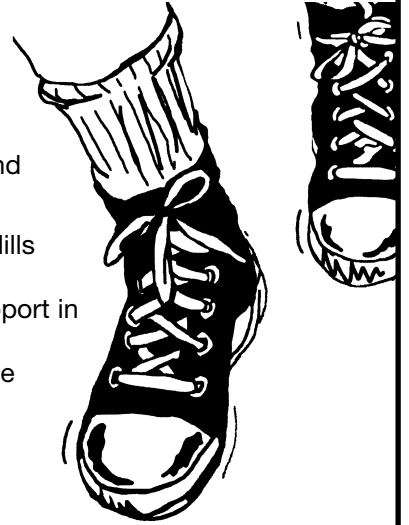
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News from Pack 1081

by Doneby Smith

Hello again from Cub Scout Pack 1081!

Anthony Gadbois, John

Pitkin, Tommy Rivas, and Oneal Summers recently attained Webelos rank. As usual, our scouts keep working on their "paws" badges and pins. The following Tigers earned a "paw" for Helping Others: **Kyle Arey, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart, Dwayne Remillard, Jaccen Schairer, Thomas Shaw, Alexander Taylor, Diego Vallejas**. These Webelos earned activity pins: Athlete – **Tommy Rivas**; Aquanaut – **Oneal Summers**; Scholar – **Oneal Summers**; Showman – **Tommy Rivas**; Traveler – **Larry Souder, Oneal Summers**; Citizen – **Oneal Summers**; Family Member – **Oneal Summers**; Handyman – **Larry Souder, Oneal Summers**; Forester – **Oneal Summers**; Naturalist – **Oneal Summers**; Outdoorsman – **Oneal Summers**.

Three scouts and two adult leaders had a great time at Ski Liberty; for some of us, it was the first time. No broken bones despite a few falls – mostly on the part of the adults! At the time this article is going to print, we are looking forward to a joint Webelos 2/Troop 1083 camping trip in Gettysburg, an outing to the Newseum, and the district Pinewood Derby finals. Details in a future *Echo* issue.

Check out the pack website at <http://hometown.aol.com/jph3190/1081.html>.



RCA Hotline – 24 hours

Call 301-881-2722

The RCA invites you to call the RCA Hotline at any time and leave your comments on topics concerning the neighborhood. The Executive Committee is notified of each message left on the answering machine. Be assured your calls are heard and that we appreciate your input.

Gardening Tips

Enjoy your spring garden, the harvest of your hard work last fall. The first "Robins of Spring" (and Orioles: Maryland's state bird) are on your lawn pecking after earthworms, chinch bugs, and grubs. Now is the best time to transplant azaleas & rhododendrons, but you will lose all the blossoms. Attack newly hatched gypsy moths with Bt (also available as Depel or Thuricide) or Sevin.

Most moths are at the tops of trees. By May they will be everywhere, and you will know with certainty if you have an infestation.



Did You Get Your Echo?

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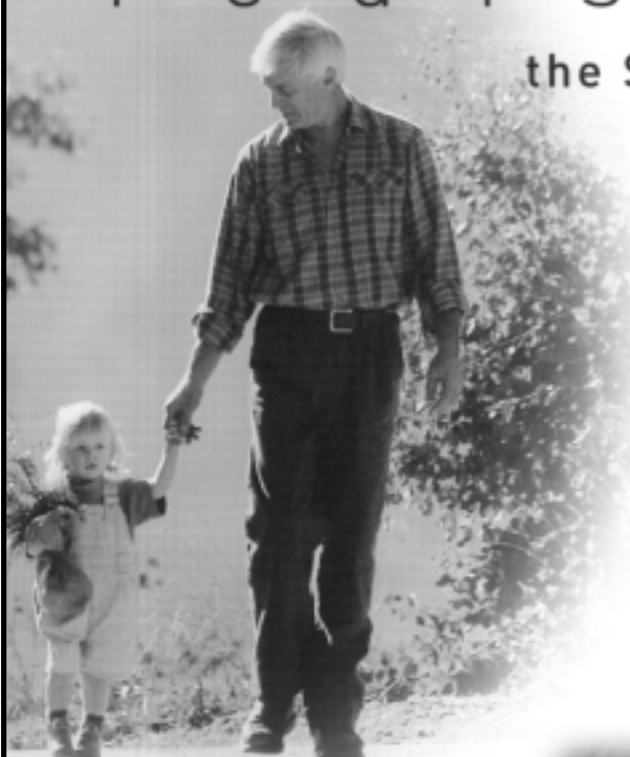
The next *Echo* will be the May 2001 issue. Look for it in early May.

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Last time we reported that in June 1861, Federal troops began camping in RCA-land. We continue with daily Civil War reports of actual events.

Friday, July 19, 1861: James Henning, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, offered a \$200 reward for information on the attempt to burn down his house two weeks ago. Little damage was done, but Henning, an outspoken Unionist, has hosted several meetings at his house for the Union Cause.


Wednesday, August 14, 1861: There have been reports that soldiers encamped near Watt's Branch have been enticing the Negroes of local residents to run off. Several soldiers from the New York 2nd actually entered Mrs. Wotton's kitchen and persuaded her slave man and woman to come to their camp, promising them protection. She had to send her son to the camp to bring a captain back and compel the soldiers to leave. Colonel Gorman, Commander of the brigade at Seneca Mills, attempted to ease the concerns of local slave-owners by issuing orders that all slaves of Maryland residents and the District of Columbia are prohibited from his camp.

Wednesday, October 9, 1861: Today it was reported that Levin Hoskinson, an apprentice at the Sentinel newspaper, had been killed at the Battle of Bull Run the previous July. Levin was the first Rockville boy to die in the Civil War. Eli Moulden enlisted with Levin into the 7th Virginia Infantry the previous May. Eli was severely wounded in the same engagement, and taken to a Confederate field hospital.

From the Homemakers

Thanks to our (former) MCAFCE members for these delicious recipes. Enjoy!


Baked Shrimp and Asparagus

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- 1 - 12 oz. pkg frozen cut asparagus
 - 1 - lb. medium shrimp, peeled & deveined
 - 1 - 10 3/4 oz. can condensed cream of shrimp soup, undiluted
 - 1 - tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
 - 1 - teaspoon soy sauce
 - 1/2 cup salad croutons (optional)
 - Hot cooked rice

Combine the first 5 ingredients. Spoon into a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 425° for 20 minutes or until shrimp turn pink. Top with croutons if desired; bake 5 minutes longer. Serve over rice.

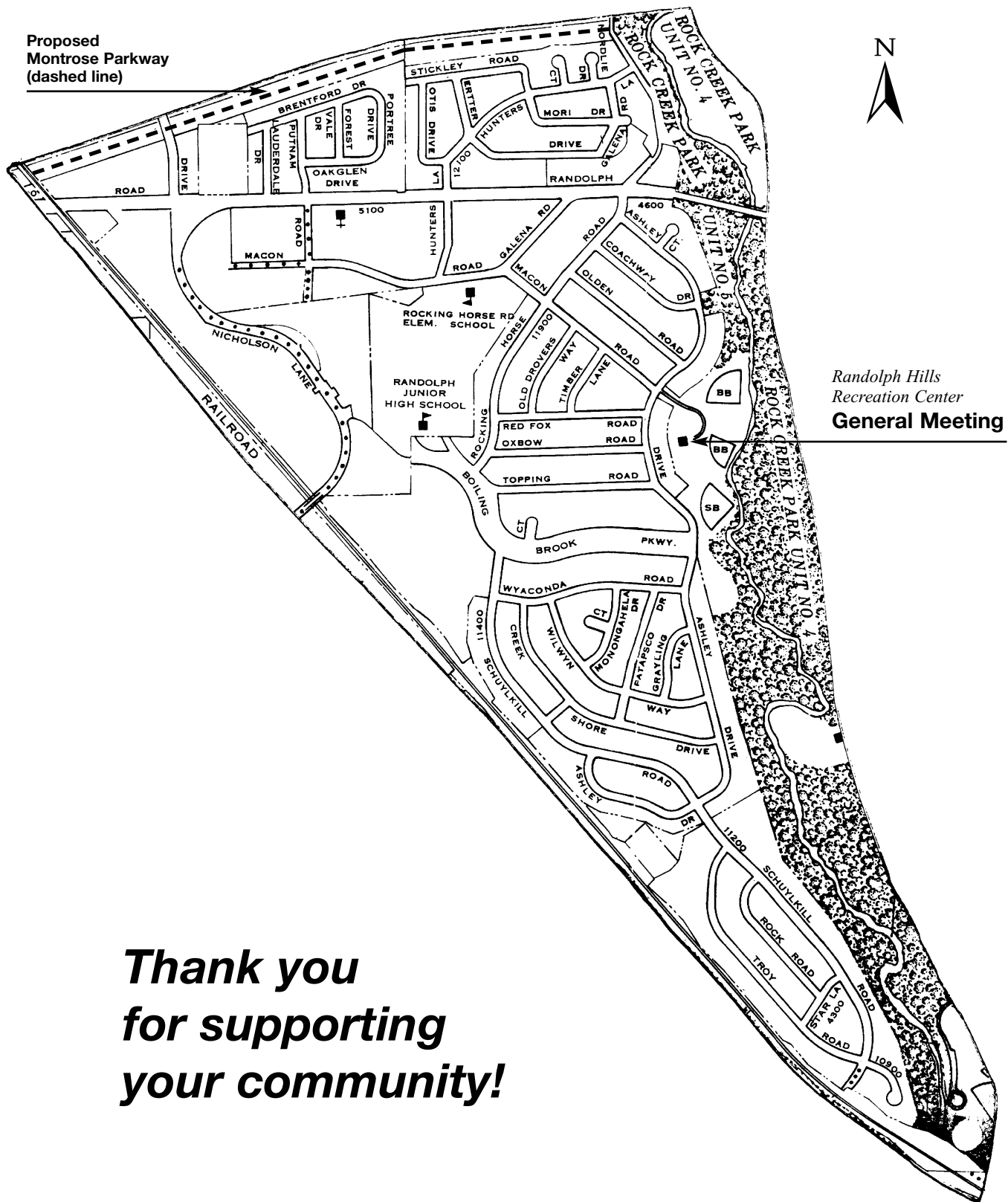
Makes 4-6 servings.

Taco Potato Shells

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- 3 - large baking potatoes
 - 1 - tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
 - 1 - pound ground beef
 - 1 - 14 1/2 oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained
 - 1 - envelope taco seasoning
 - 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1/3 cup sour cream
 - 2 - green onions, sliced

Scrub and pierce potatoes. Bake at 375° for 1 hour or until tender. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Carefully scoop out pulp, leaving a thin shell. Brush inside and outside of shells with butter. Place cut-side up on an ungreased baking sheet; bake uncovered at 375° for 20 minutes. In a skillet, cook beef until no longer pink; drain. Add tomatoes and taco seasoning. Bring to a boil, reduce heat; simmer uncovered 20 minutes. Spoon into potato shells, sprinkle with cheese. Bake uncovered 5-10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Top with sour cream and onions.

Make 6 servings.



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Note to Contributors:
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May 2001 issue of *The Echo* is
APRIL 6.



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<i>(wildlife nuisance problems)</i>	
Disability Resources	240-777-1246
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