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Mark your calendars!

**RCA Community Yard Sale
Saturday, May 11**

Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2002
8:00 p.m.

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2002
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 meeting.

Montrose Parkway East Has (finally) Arrived

by Richard Zierdt

By the time you read this, the date of an event (March 21) I am about to describe will have passed, but has not happened yet as I write this article (March 14). After over 40 years on the books, it looks like the portion of the Montrose Parkway that runs from Parklawn Drive to Viers Mill Road is finally being given legs. This is the portion that runs behind Montrose and Franklin Parks, and is shown on the RCA map in every *Echo* as "proposed Montrose Parkway (dashed line)."

I received a six-page notice in the mail yesterday (1st class) from the County's Department of Public Works & Transportation regarding the "Phase 1 Facility Planning Study" of "Montrose Parkway East between Parklawn Drive and Veirs (sic) Mill Road." A public hearing is to be held Thursday, March 21, 2002, 7 to 9:30 PM, at Wheaton High School. I don't believe the "hearing" is for pro/con arguments. Rather, it seems to be more of a "dog and pony" show where the Transportation division shows residents what's been planned so far, and taking comments from residents. I'll try to get copies of materials for the RCA general membership meeting in May.

The Planning Study has been funded by the County Council, but not the actual construction. This means that even if the process progresses smoothly, the road would not open until 2007 at the earliest, and the way life, and roads, often works out, it will likely be even later.

Transportation is a Big Deal for RCAers

by Richard Zierdt

At last month's (March) general membership meeting, the RCA voted to support the construction of the ICC and to study, but not necessarily build, a second Potomac River bridge that would connect Reston/Dulles with Gaithersburg. No specific path for these projects has been definitively selected (the ICC has four possible alignments, for example), so the votes taken in March did not advocate a specific path either. However, what these votes indicate is an acknowledgment of a problem, namely, a severe lack of transportation capacity in Montgomery County. The ICC and the 2nd Bridge do not come physically close to the RCA, but the effects of their absence are felt: heavy traffic on Randolph Road. Further, the general quality of life in Montgomery is lower because of poor transportation infrastructure. Yes, we live in RCA-land, but many of us travel to other parts of the County, such as Sam's Club in Gaithersburg, for example.

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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..."

Web site: www.randolphcivic.org

Transportation is a Big Deal

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Some polls indicate transportation has surpassed education as the number one issue for Montgomery citizens. This is an election year, and now is the time to question what candidates propose to do about it. Our current governor, Paris Glendening, campaigned on building the ICC, then reversed himself after he was elected, even after his own study recommended its construction. It is time that Montgomery citizens, and its civic associations, hold all candidate's feet to the fire on this issue.

President's Message

by Kevin Kline

About seven years ago, the County changed the way it collected your trash. It stopped "backyard pickups." Once upon a time, you didn't have to worry about trash day, except to roll over and ignore the early-morning banging of trashcans. The trashmen (oops, civil engineer technicians) would go into your backyard, empty the trash onto a huge canvas tarp, and replace your cans right where you left them. Never were there bits of blowing trash after they left, and the bluebirds of happiness always sang – way too early in the morning.

But that was then, and I don't have to explain the now. Now we play "hide-and-seek" not with kids, but with trashcans. Some RCAers write their address on their trashcan. Not because they're afraid their neighbors will steal them, but instead hoping some good soul, miles from home, will return it from its wandering odyssey.

The good-intentioned County trash representatives were guest speakers at the RCA's March '02 meeting (see meeting minutes on page 4). They attempted to address RCAers' concerns about how to keep trashcans down on the farm. The reps said "we've had a real windy winter," and how school kids and passerbys will put stuff in your trashcans (so THAT'S the problem!). The County trash supervisors acknowledged a simple fact: leaving a light-weight, plastic trashcan out by the curb is just asking it to run away from home.

The RCA hears you. We "feel your pain." But we don't have an answer.

Have you seen the RCA's Web site at
www.randolphcivic.org

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Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

March 7, 2002

President Kevin Kline opened the meeting with three announcements. First, we will have a guest speaker at our Thursday, May 2nd General Meeting: a Metro Flexicar rep will brief us on how we can now rent a car at Metro stations.

Second, the RCA has been contacted by an organization that wants our endorsement. "Marylanders for Better Transportation" wants a steady revenue stream for road projects throughout the State. Presently, the State has a trust fund to pay for road projects, and it has a \$29 billion short-fall. Maryland is one of the few states that does not have a constant revenue stream for road projects.

And third, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) responded to our letter, where we complain about large, unsupervised soccer crowds in our Randolph Hills Local Park. The MNCPPC is considering our proposals to improve the situation.

The RCA's guest speakers were representatives responsible for your trash & recycling collection. Gabriel George and Jim Fustero work for the County's Division of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services. Kevin bluntly warned "we will remain civil" during their presentation, as they had already been cornered in the parking lot.

Jim spoke to a friendly crowd for a half hour, then took questions. Jim gave a blue-bin demonstration, and provided handouts. Highlights included: we can ask for a 2nd blue bin; we should just trash hard-to-clean glass jars, like peanut butter or mayonnaise (environmentally, it takes more resources to clean them than we'll save by recycling). 40% of all household trash is paper, so you can do your part for the environment by simply recycling newspapers, letters, and colored inserts.



Guest speaker Jim Fustero of the County's Division of Solid Waste Services talks to RCAers about trash collection and recycling.

Interestingly, only plastic bottles with "necks" can be recycled – no other plastics. Thin plastic salad bar tops, or plastic covers for cakes or carryout dinners should be trashed as they are not recyclable.

RCAers questions concerned their trashcans, that get banged up and end up everywhere and anywhere. Jim assured us that County reps follow the contractors during pickups, and monitor their work. Cans are re-stacked properly, but the wind blows the empty cans around, and kids after school and others think nothing of putting trash in your can, displacing them. RCAers were skeptical, but gave them a round of applause as they left.

The first order of business was a Randolph Road update. Kevin passed out legal-sized blueprints of the Montrose Parkway West, a project that may start in about 3 years. It involves radical changes for Montrose/Randolph Road, but the work stops at Randolph and Parklawn.

Kevin's concern was Randolph Road from Parklawn through RCA-land, to the Rock Creek Park bridge. Will it also be radically changed or widened? The traffic engineer responsible for the project, who Kevin had spoken to previously, said "I doubt it." Randolph Road may have "spot" improvements (which aren't so minor to RCAers), such as widening it from five lanes to six, but no "major" improvements.

One of the cheaper Montrose Parkway alternatives was to simply flatten houses and widen Montrose Road to nine lanes! The engineers rejected this idea, because it's not very cost-effective. Stoplights, turn lanes, and cars turning onto a road slow down the traffic flow too much.

According to this traffic engineer, a better alternative would be to extend the limited-access Montrose Parkway "East," which would run behind the U-haul (across from Loehmann's Plaza), behind RCA-land's Franklin Park and Montrose Park neighborhoods, over Rock Creek, and end at Veirs Mill Road.

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Kevin also mentioned upcoming roadwork of passing interest to RCA residents: at Rockville Pike and Strathmore Ave, and at Georgia Ave. and Randolph.

Treasurer Richard Zierdt introduced a minor RCA Bylaw change, that would suggest that "major" RCA resolutions be printed in the *Echo* newsletter before a General Membership vote is taken. Presently, important votes can be suggested and voted on without such prior notification. **Passed by majority voice-vote: That Article IV, Section 9, of the RCA Bylaws include the clause "and/or whether such resolution or recommendation requires prior publication in the *Echo*."**

The President brought up the last agenda business items to discuss and vote on: the Inter-county Connector (ICC); a feasibility study for the 2nd Potomac River Bridge; and the White Flint Conference Center. Kevin explained that previously, we never bothered to vote on such grandiose projects outside the realm of RCA-land. Why bother if the RCA cannot change it?

Recently, however, our Treasurer testified directly before the County Council, and realized he could not express the RCA's views on the ICC or the 2nd Bridge Crossing because we never asked RCAers what they thought.

For this reason, the RCA was now going to vote on these issues. Kevin reminded members that RCA influence

is very limited, the vote outcome carried little weight, and hoped we would not get too excited about the issues.

After some discussion and minor debate, **Passed by majority voice-vote: the RCA supports the construction of the ICC. Passed by majority voice-vote: the RCA supports a feasibility study for the construction of a 2nd Potomac River bridge.** The vote on the White Flint Conference Center was dropped because construction is scheduled to start, so such a vote would be superfluous.

The meeting ended early with punch, great cake, and cookies provided by the RCA Homemakers!

RCA Meetings

RCA meetings are held the **first Thursday of every month** (except January, July and August) at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center at 8:00 p.m. Usually we alternate between General and Executive meetings. If you are unsure about meeting times and dates, please call the RCA Hotline (301-881-2722) for verification. All are welcome at every meeting.



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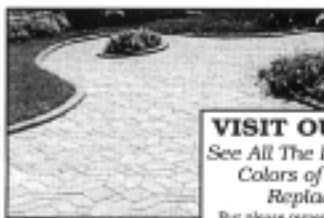
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Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of March 15, 2002, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$9,091.69. We have three more issues of the *Echo* to finance (\$3000), pay for its annual distribution (\$960), and various other expenses (\$500), so we should finish the year in June with about \$4500 in the bank.

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		inc:membership	Walker	5.00	
02/19		Verizon	Sept 22 telephone	-20.91	8,135.29
02/28		RCAssociation	Dr. Flick, DDS	90.00	8,225.29
03/15		RCAssociation		25.00	8,250.29
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BALANCE 03/15/2002					8,250.29

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2/10/02 through 3/15/2002


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BALANCE 02/10/2002					741.29
02/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	791.29
02/28		interest	.21%	0.11	791.40
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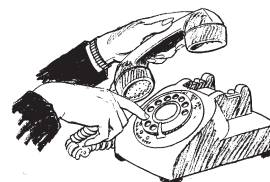
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General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published in the ECHO almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or 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.

2002-02-07 (Wed) 6:20 pm Caller wants information about renting the park facilities at Randolph Hills Recreation Center. [Call Parks Information at 301-495-2525. This number is listed in every ECHO.]

2002-02-11 (Mon) 4:41 pm 4700 block of Boiling Brook Parkway. Trash cans are again being left all over the street. Caller will call trash company as well. Recycling bins are left in the street, sometimes with materials still left in the bins. The quality of the service company could be improved considerably. [RCA hosted an official from the County's Solid Waste Division at the March 7 meeting.]

2002-02-13 (Wed) 2:42 pm Anonymous. Please find out how we can have the paving re-paved at the railroad crossing. It is really damaging a lot of cars. [Caller is likely talking about the at-grade railroad crossing on Randolph Road. CSX fixed this a few years ago. We will see if we can get that repaired again.]

2002-02-14 (Thu) 8:01 pm Caller just sold her house and the house across the street. Caller is a realtor and wants to place an ad in the Echo. Please call. [Done!]

NOTE: tape wrapped around the answering machine's spindle. At least one call from Franklin Park was lost, and probably others couldn't leave a message.

2002-02-18 (Mon) 11:20 am Answering machine fixed.

2002-02-00 (Mon) 12:16 pm Coachway Drive. After trash pickup this morning, caller found trash can lid smashed all to pieces. It looks like the trash truck ran over it. Caller called Solid Waste Services.

2002-02-18 (Mon) 3:54 pm When is the next yard sale at Loehmann's Plaza? Caller would like to participate. [May 11]

2002-02-23 (Sat) 9:54 am Anonymous. Very concerned over these large tow trucks that are now being stored in the school (old Rocking Horse Elementary) and up on Macon Road by Randolph Hills center. Apparently, there was a big debate about two years ago about this storing of trucks up there, and apparently these large vehicles are again being stored on our streets. Caller did not pay \$205,000 for a home to stare at a tow truck operation. Caller would really like to know what the RCA is going to do about this storing of vehicles in this neighborhood. Caller will attend the next RCA meeting where caller will address these issues. It is time to stand up to these people and not let them ruin the value of our homes by storing large tow trucks in our neighborhood. Thank you. (some additional points were omitted on this transcript) *[Richard Zierdt here. Caller sounded almost as angry about the RCA as the caller was about the commercial trucks. The RCA opposes the parking of commercial trucks anywhere in the neighborhood, and it will deal with this situation. However, it would help if the caller would identify her/himself so that the RCA (which is just another name for all of us collectively) can better monitor the neighborhood. Readers of this column know that the identities of all callers are kept confidential.]*

2002-02-00 (Mon) 8:09 am Anonymous. Would you please publish a note to the people on live on Ertter Drive who have the dog that barks incessantly that if they do not manage that barking, caller will call the police or animal control.

2002-03-01 (Fri) 9:31 am Potential RCA resident. Caller is interested in purchasing a home in RCA-land. Caller found RCA's web site and newsletter and has a couple of questions. Caller is wondering about the proposed Montrose Parkway behind Montrose and Franklin Parks. The Parkway would affect caller's purchase decision. Also, what is the status of school boundary changes for RCA? *[We returned caller's message on Monday, March 11. The house the caller was interested in was sold to another buyer, but regarding the caller's two questions, the RCA is on record as supporting the Montrose Parkway. The RCA is also on record as supporting school boundary changes, but these changes (from the Wheaton Cluster to the Walter Johnson cluster) are not part of the school board's plans at this time.]*

2002-03-02 (Sat) 10:55 am Schuylkill Road. Caller's neighbor's dog is allowed to run free, and defecates in caller's yard. Caller has no animals, but caller's children have stepped in this stuff several times. Caller has contacted dog owner several times and even written a letter. What can be done about this? *[Call animal control at 240-773-5960 and choose option 2. Be prepared to have exact address of house in question.]*

(continued on page 11)



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2002-03-03 (Sun) 12:17 pm Anonymous. Several suggestions prompted by March *Echo*. (1) Book club: Check with the public libraries. Caller believes the Kensington Library has a book club. (2) Where to make clothing and other property donations to charitable organizations: Holy Cross Church in Garrett Park has a food and clothing drive the 1st Sunday of every month except during the summer (June, July, August). Service resumes in September on the 2nd Saturday (only for September, since Labor Day is the first weekend). Salvation Army pick-up number is 301-277-7878. Purple Heart's number for pick-up is 301-277-0063. National Children's Center shop, Value Village pick-up number is [see note below]. There is also a clothing box behind the post office in Garrett Park down by the Garrett Park market. [Richard Zierdt here. Interesting note: I called all the above numbers to check them out before publication and Value Village did not want their number listed (!). They said they had "problems with that." Call the RCA if you want it.]

2002-03-?? (???) Rocking Horse Road. The RCA sponsors a community-wide yard sale. When is it...? *End of Tape! [May 11]*

2002-03-11 (Mon) 11:22 am Back in operation.



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News from Pack 1082

by Doneby Smith



Salt Lake City wasn't the only place hosting winter sports. Pack 1081 teamed up with Troop 1083 for the annual trip to Ski Liberty on February 9. On that beautiful, sunny day, we could have used the snow that postponed our Pinewood Derby on the slopes, as the snow there was scanty. Strapping on skis were **Ryan Brown, Tony Caffi, Anthony Gadbois, Krisztian Mazo, Galen Miley, Joseph Owen, Patrick Owen, and John Pitkin**. Other than a couple of boys feeling sick later in the day, everyone had a blast. Our Ice Skating event at the Cabin John Rink on February 17 saw our boys whizzing around the ice. Stoked with hot chocolate in the party room, **John Pitkin, Anthony Gadbois, Miguel Manzano, Moses Hart, Andrew Costas, Joseph Owen, Kyle Blakely, Matt Fieller, Tony Caffi, Jake Blakely, AJ Taylor, Joshua Hart, Jason Beam, Ben Hawkins, Sasha Hevey, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Patrick Owen and Derek Compton** were unstoppable. Apollo Anton Ohno, watch out!

Our annual Blue and Gold Banquet at Viers Mill Elementary School on Thursday the 21st was red, white, blue and gold this year as we celebrated the birthday of scouting with a patriotic theme. The chicken dinner, with side dishes and desserts brought by families, was delicious. The slideshow brought memories and chuckles as we saw ourselves over the past year. The presentation of our 39th annual Charter, flag ceremonies, skits, recognition of our adult helpers and a host of awards to hard-working Scouts rounded out our program.

Cub Scouts maneuvering the bunny slope at Liberty.



Celebrating the Birthday of Scouting at our annual Blue & Gold Banquet.

Our Webelos II earned the following achievements: **Ryan Brown** - Webelos badge, Craftsman Pin, Fitness Pin, Readyman Pin, Showman Pin; **Anthony Gadbois** - Readyman, Scholar; **Moses Hart** - Citizen, Communicator, Handyman, Readyman, Scholar, East Compass Point; **Miguel Manzano** - Webelos badge, Citizen, Craftsman Geologist, Readyman, Showman, Compass Emblem; **Galen Miley** - Readyman. From the Webelos I ranks, these boys earned pins: **Andrew Costas, John Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata, Joseph Owen**. Recipients of the Bear Rank badge and Whittlin' Chip award were: **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Matthew Fieller, and Robert Smith**. Of our brood of Wolf boys, most received their Rank badge too: **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart, Benjamin Hawkins, Sasha Hevey, Dwayne Remillard, and Alexander Taylor**. Rounding out achievements, our Tigers that earned their totems were **Francisco Macalupu and Anthony Muro**.

We're looking forward to March activities including a Webelos Camp-In overnight at the Maryland Science Center, a Webelos II overnight campout to Cabin John with Troop 1083, the District Pinewood Derby finals and an outing to Rockville Putt Putt. Please enjoy a visit to our website:

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Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

We held our annual dinner on February 2 at Millian Methodist Church. We had great food thanks to our dinner coordinators **Lydia Taghavi, Janete Soares** and the moms who helped get the event together.

We recognized attendance at the Klondike Derby, where we placed in the top third. **Nachi Roper, Jacob Bolt, Chris Soares, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, Mark Bushong, Ed Huggins, Andy Wood, and Alex Cassel** competed in the event. They were supported by adults **Mr. McGahey, Mr. Talbott, Mr. Bushong, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Skolnik.**

We awarded Citizenship in the Community merit badges to **Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Collins Murphy, Steven Santos, Hafez Taghavi and Scott Talbott.** The Swimming merit badge was awarded to **Andrew Tao** and First Aid merit badge to **Scott Talbott.**

New boy leaders were sworn in. Our new Senior Patrol Leader is **Chris Soares**, Assistant SPL is **Jacob Bolt** and Junior Assistant Scoutmasters are **Nachi Roper** and **Andrew Tao.** The big news is **Mr. Dave Talbott** is our new Scoutmaster. Good Luck Mr. Talbott!!

Our other February event was skiing at Ski Liberty in Pennsylvania on the 9th. Quite a few families from the Cub Scouts were with us. Troop attendance included **Jacob Bolt, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Ed Huggins, Steven Santos, Chris Soares, Scott Talbott and Andrew Tao.** A lot of progress was made on Skiing Merit Badge. Adults included **Mr. Saunders**, Skiing MB counselor, **Mr. Talbott**, (who survived nicely), **Mr. Skolnik, Mr. Bushong** and **Mr. McGahey.**

Our March outing will be to Cabin John park in Bethesda. We will be showing the Webelos from Pack 1081 what a Boy Scout campout looks like, with swimming at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center.

If you would like to join us call Mr. Talbott at 301-881-6567. We meet every Monday school is in session at Viers Mill Elementary School. You need to be a boy who has finished fifth grade or has turned eleven years old.

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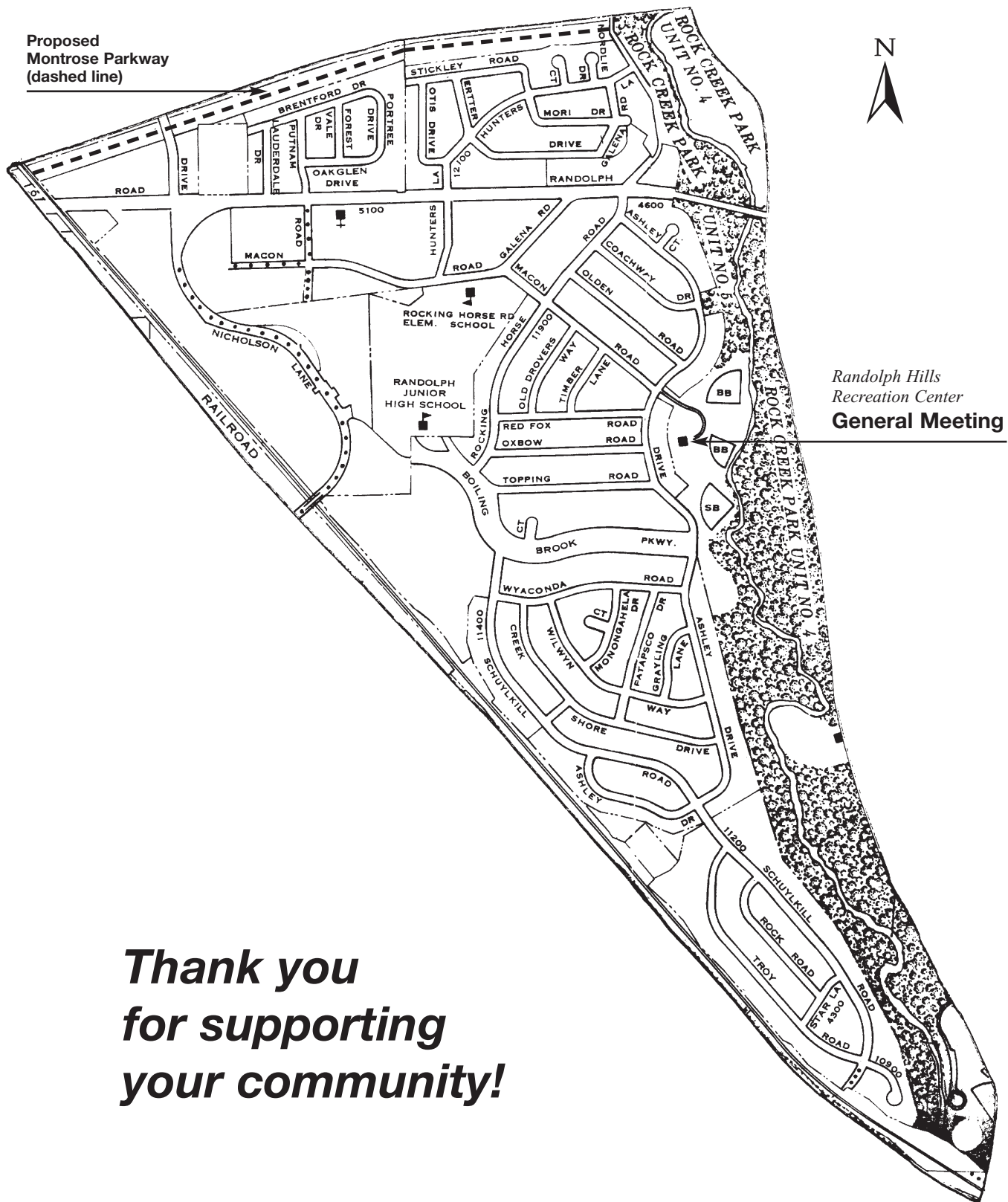
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May issue of *The Echo* is
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4704 Randolph Road	\$165,990	\$165,000	\$0	136
11811 Rocking Horse Rd.	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$0	4
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