

# The Echo

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## Upcoming Events

**RCA General Meeting**  
Thursday, December 7, 2000  
8:00 p.m.

 **Special Guest Speaker from:**   
**RENEW MONTGOMERY**

*Please attend!*

- No meeting in January •

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.

## Renew Montgomery Comes to RCA

Want a new sidewalk? New trees? More lights? Come to the December 7th RCA meeting when we host a special guest from the Renew Montgomery program who will describe what's in store for us next Spring.

Renew Montgomery is a County program where entire neighborhoods are given attention to all aspects of community infrastructure. This was described in the September ECHO, page 3.

If you have concerns about any part of our community, be it streets, trash, trees, and of course, SIDEWALKS, come at 8 pm on December 7th. This is good time to plan for your own home's needs, because the contractors that the County hire to restore our neighborhood can do private residential work at reduced rates to homeowners.



## President's Message

*by Jack Stillwell*

### Civic's Lesson

Civics – did you have that class at school? Learning how the government works, Balance of Power, and adversarial system, the wheels turn slowly, bicameral, advise and consent. Yeah, I forgot most of it too. Nowadays I get most of my lessons from real life. I think I liked school better.

But this is a good week. Today I voted and the results won't be in until after I send this to Eileen, so right now I'm in a good mood. Whatever our newly elected President does or doesn't do over the next four years, the signs today were positive. I never saw the election judges so busy up at the old Rockinghorse school. I know everybody didn't turn out to keep that judge in office. But it was great to see people come out and cast their vote. I'm betting on a 20% increase over normal turnout.

And that's my civics lesson today. Come up with something that people care enough about, and they'll take some action. The Presidency, term limits, House or Senate Representation. Each one's a biggie. Put them all together and you get a real turnout.

We don't usually have real biggies in RCA-land. I'm not moaning, it's probably a good thing. We want a quiet place to spend our nonworking hours and enjoy our friends and families. We want to express ourselves and not be overly inconvenienced by those around us expressing themselves.

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Election Precincts:

4-08 South of Randolph Rd. Vote at Rockinghorse Center.

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..."

Web site: [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)

## President's Message

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We want to have our occasional needs and gripes addressed, but keep Big Brother away.

Therefore, I conclude that we're a community, not a town or municipality. This is important because of the person who addressed the RCA Executive Committee on November 2. Linda Burrell of the Maryland Municipal League graciously drove up from Annapolis to educate us on the process of becoming a municipality. It's a cool idea. Get the designation, and some of the taxes you pay to the County come back to your municipal government. But they don't give that money back easily. You have to give the County a reason for making you a town. In Linda's words, "You need a vision."

Richard Zierdt has a vision. He works hard to achieve that vision for this neighborhood constantly. He started the municipality discussion and brought Linda to the meeting. If we were a municipality, I'd nominate him for mayor; he'd still be doing most of the work, but we could vote him a salary. Unfortunately, I don't see it (pun intended).

Our civic association is great. We put out a classy newsletter, we get listened to at County hearings and we've managed to have success at stopping some things that could damage the community. Unfortunately, we draw about 2% of our voting population to our meetings and about 50% of eligible households pay their membership.

On the County's side, our County services could always use improvement, but they're pretty darned good. When I call with a problem, I get a reasonable response. Our trash service is regular and reliable. Policing could definitely be better but could we afford to replace the service we get? My biggest problem is with the schools, and they're exempted from municipal interference.

So, I don't see a Towne Of Randolphe. But who am I? Exercise your civic rights. Register a complaint. Come to a meeting. Send in your dues. Maybe this is a biggie.

## Municipality For RCA

by Richard Zierdt

Continuing the discussion of becoming the "Town of Randolph" (or "White Flint" ?), the RCA Executive Committee met with Linda Burrell from the Maryland Municipal League November 2nd. She described the process of becoming a municipality, and she stressed the need for a "vision" for our town. Why does the RCA want to become a municipality (and I'm not making any assumptions here)? Where do we want to be in five years, in ten years, etc. Even if there is ample desire to become a municipality, it has to be sold to the County Council, which can reject the proposal. And if it accepts it, there must be a vote for the entire neighborhood.

So here's my vision: I want municipality so that we have a home, an identity. Where do we live now? Rockville? (no.) North Bethesda? (yes, but so do other communities.) What makes us unique? What identifies us, as opposed to say, Old Farm (a neighborhood south of Montrose Road, just east of I-270)?

The RCA is one of the oldest and most active civic associations in the County. It is time for a home. One practical outcome of municipality would be the acquisition of a Town Hall (probably the purchase of an available house), but this requires funding. Municipality provides for such funding, as I described in the November ECHO.

I'd like to see more identifying signs in the neighborhood, more community events, and more beautification. Ms. Burrell stressed that we need to show what services we would provide that the County does not. Trash pickup twice a week could be one. Additional police protection could be another. Maintenance of public flowerbeds is another. Perhaps we could incorporate the Schuylkill-Waverly Park. We could clear the sidewalks after snowstorms by providing riding snowblowers for volunteers (you got anything else to do when there's a foot on the ground?). The list is endless. If ever you thought "wouldn't it be nice if..." then that's something our town could consider. And it will be more likely to become a reality if we are our own town.

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## Minutes of the RCA November Executive Meeting

by Kevin Kline

November 2, 2000

Linda Burrell from the Maryland Municipal League was our guest, and for an hour we addressed the possibility of RCA-land becoming a full-fledged municipality. This issue and your opinion are addressed elsewhere in this newsletter.

President Jack Stillwell received an application for a county beautification grant. We previously received \$2,500 for shrubs and plantings that adorn the RCA sign on Boiling Brook Parkway. The RCA will of course apply again.

Volunteer Doug Basher is going great guns on getting traffic restrictions on Rockinghorse Road. RCA'ers have called wanting restrictions on other streets, but the County warns us not to be too complicated with our formal request. We do not want to slow Doug down, so are keeping it simply for Rockinghorse. When Doug is successful, we will turn our attention to restricting "outsider" traffic on other RCA streets.

The Execs then discussed Maryland's Adopt-a-Highway Program. To get such a sign with the RCA name on it, we have to promise the RCA will keep the roadway free of trash. Did you know there are already RCA volunteers who routinely pick up Randolph Road roadway trash to keep your neighborhood clean? Three cheers for good citizens!

Missing Rockinghorse Road street signs were discussed. President Stillwell reported that, due to his traffic complaints, the County is considering adding a second left turn lane at Boiling Brook and Nicholson.

Jack wondered if we could put high school students to work for the RCA. Students must complete "community service" to graduate, and if the RCA were "certified" then we could administer the student's work.

The Execs discussed how to insert a "pop-out" mailer in this Echo newsletter so RCA'ers could send our School Board protest: "We're the only North Bethesda neighborhood not going to North Bethesda Schools!"

### Presidential Election Results for Our Neighborhood

Precinct	Gore	Bush
4-08 (Rockinghorse Center)	1,074	595
4-26 (Montrose Baptist)	263	148

## The Election – Montgomery's Election, that is

by Richard Zierdt

I spent November 7th watching the election at Rockinghorse Center, precinct 4-08 for District 17 (one of 226 election precincts in Montgomery County). I was a "Poll Watcher/Challenger," meaning I was allowed to monitor the election, but I could not assist voters in any way. This was completely voluntary. As I write this, the outcome of the presidential election is unknown, but I've come away with a much greater appreciation of the election and the voting process.

I'm certain no American will ever feel again that "My vote doesn't count." Even in states where one (major) candidate wins over another, votes for the losing candidate still add to her/his national total, and will be very important in legitimizing that candidate's national approval (the "popular" vote). Even though Bush lost to Gore in Maryland by a large margin, he could have used another 10,000 more votes (for example) to bolster his total national count.

I am impressed by the ballot and process here in Montgomery. No "butterfly" ballots here. I bet my house

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## Election

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that that ballot will never be used again. The atmosphere at Rockinghorse was serious, but cordial. Each of the three stations where a voter gets her/his voting cards, and the station where ballots are turned in (the "ballot box") is manned by two persons of two different political parties, typically Democrat and Republican. If someone needed help in voting, usually two staff persons would assist, just to verify to each other that no "persuasion" was being used in the process.

The voting system is pretty slick: a record is kept of each person who voted, but there is no way to tell for whom any person voted, only that the person participated. And a voter could, conceivably, simply leave the ballot blank and turn it in. I guess that would mean the voter voted, but didn't like any of the candidates. The record that a person voted is public, by the way.

Some voters who came to Rockinghorse were actually registered at a different precinct and were told (after finding out the correct one) how to get there. One voter was registered in Prince Georges County. A few voters could not vote because the registration they filled out with the Department of Motor Vehicles somehow didn't make its way to the Election Board. My advice, if you change your voting address, is to check back with the Election Board before the election to be sure everything is proper.

The official election supervision at precinct 4-08 was provided by several RCAers, and I want to list them here: Susan Walker, Roberta Muck, Nell Dempewolf, Pat Longenecker, Elaine Ingberg, Mary Vanderlinden, Carol Brown, and Catherine Kelly. You provide a great service.

The other precinct where RCAers vote is 4-26 in District 18, at Montrose Baptist Church. This services Montrose and Franklin Parks. Maybe I can "poll watch" this one in 2002!

## SAM's Card Update

*by Richard Zierdt*

Everyone should have received their (new) SAM's Club cards. If not, please call me (301-881-0283). Existing SAM's Card holders are not issued new cards – once you have a card, that card is good forever (as long as you pay for it!).

SAM's cards allow you to purchase lots of fun things in quantity from the nearest SAM's (located in Gaithersburg just off I-270). They have everything from olives to motor oil – even appliances!! Over the life of your card you'll be able to save a bundle, thanks to your membership in RCA.

New Cards: If you are interested in getting a Sam's card and have not joined RCA – it's not too late!! Please contact me, and we'll get you signed up in a jiffy (the following Sunday.) RCA membership is only \$5 with a SAM's card costing only \$14 (regularly \$35!). Membership in RCA allows you to voice your opinion (vote) in community meetings affecting the quality of life in your neighborhood. What a deal!

Hurry, this offer is only good through the end of this calendar year! For more information or a membership form call Pat Longenecker at 301-770-1927. We appreciate your support.

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## Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of November 10, 2000, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$7,406.35. Special thanks to Denise Szczur for her generous donation to the Foundation. While \$7,000 looks like a lot of money, we've got six issues of the ECHO to print (\$5,000), plus delivery (\$1,000). Doesn't leave much. Thanks to all who joined.

### RCA Checking Register 10/09/2000 through 11/10/2000

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 10/08/2000</b>			<b>1,487.59</b>
09/26	615	Staples	rubber stamp	-26.23	1,461.36
10/06	617	SAM's Club	yard sale concessions	-118.84	1,342.52
10/09	618	Tricia Scaletta	move sign off owner's	-350.00	992.52
10/16		RCAssociation	mbrshp, donations, SAMs	5,420.00	6,412.52
10/16		RCAssociation	mbrshp, donations, SAMs	2,032.00	8,444.52
10/17	E-xfr	Bell Atlantic	Sep 22 phone	-20.45	8,424.07
10/20	619	Quick Printing	November ECHO	-787.50	7,636.57
10/22	620	Mauro Biondo	postage, p Office	-96.97	7,539.60
10/24		RCAssociation		795.00	8,334.60
		inc:advertising	Glenmont Heat & A/C	720.00	
		inc:advertising	Chef Theo's	75.00	
10/24	621	Quill Corporation		-55.37	8,279.23
		ECHO:mailings	500 clasp envelopes	-40.00	
		ECHO:delivery	rubber bands - ECHO	-5.37	
		mbership:supplies	SuperDisk	-10.00	
10/28	622	Rentals Unlimited	rent: Community	-80.50	8,198.73
10/29	623	VOID:			
10/29	624	SAM's Club	19 SAMs accounts	-3,155.00	5,043.73
11/02	625	Maryland Municipal	book of Maryland cities	-35.00	5,008.73
11/07		RCAssociation		1,706.00	6,714.73
		inc	mbershp, donations	1,036.00	
		inc:advertising	Richard Viccara	60.00	
		inc:advertising	SOS Children's Vllge	100.00	
		inc:advertising	Shiple Plumbing	240.00	
		inc:advertising	Sounds of Hearing	270.00	
		<b>BALANCE 11/10/2000</b>			<b>6,714.73</b>

### RCF Checking Register 10/09/2000 through 11/10/2000

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 10/08/2000</b>			<b>391.84</b>
10/10		RCFoundation	donation - Denise Szczur	250.00	641.24
10/16		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	691.24
10/31		interest	Suntrust - .70%	0.38	691.62
		<b>BALANCE 11/10/2000</b>			<b>691.62</b>

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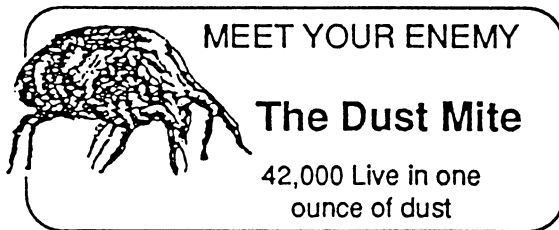
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# RCA EVENTS!

Community Service Day, October 28 • Clean Up at Waverly-Schuylkill Park



▲ Audrey Joyner of Grayling Lane plants flowers in the flower barrels that line the path to Garrett Park.



◀ Hungry volunteers take a break. Seated from left: Eileen White, Frank Shore, Margaret Dikel. Standing: Jennifer Tifford and an out-of-town guest.

*Tons of brush and trash (including tires, boards, a child's swimming pool, and a boat!) were removed from Waverly-Schuylkill Park...even the kitchen sink!*



▲ Rock Road resident Leon Montgomery transports a tire to the pile.



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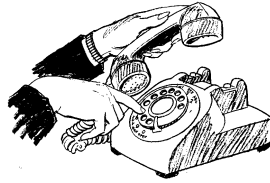
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## Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

October 8, 2000 to  
November 10, 2000



*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.*

**2000-10-09 (Mon) 6:17 pm** Anonymous. House at 4808 Randolph Road has Randolph Civic Association sign on its fence. [Until we get volunteers to erect this sign at an appropriate corner, RCA secretary Kevin Kline has agreed to keep it at his home.]

[machine: "End of Tape"] – this would have prevented callers from leaving messages.

**2000-10-11 (Wed) 11:47 am** RCA resident. Councilmember Howard Denis' office has contacted him to follow up on the issue of excessive traffic on Rockinghorse Road. He will write a letter to the county executive and to the County's transportation division (Marcie Katzman).

**2000-10-17 (Tue) 10:09 am** Date/Time check. One or two messages may have been lost between Oct 11 and Oct 16.

**2000-10-23 (Mon) 11:24 am** Caller sent in membership dues and SAMs club fees.

**2000-10-23 (Mon) 4:02 pm** Caller wants to know where she lives: Rockville or North Bethesda? Voter registration says "Rockville," Motor Vehicle Administration says "North Bethesda." Which is it? [It's North Bethesda to as many organizations, businesses, friends, utilities, credit cards, banks, stores, family members, etc, as will accept it. Many RCAers have "North Bethesda" on their drivers' licenses, bills, credit cards, etc. It is RCA's position that we live in North Bethesda, not Rockville, because we do!]



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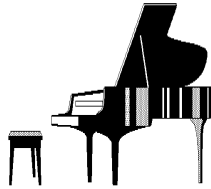
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**2000-10-29 (Sun) 1:30 pm** Paid for SAMs card. Please call.

**2000-10-29 (Sun) 8:16 pm** Old Drovers. Wants to add name to petition for the traffic study on Rockinghorse Road.

**2000-10-30 (Mon) 9:58 am** Schuylkill Road. Caller supports petition for additional traffic controls on Rockinghorse but only if Schuylkill is also included. Traffic on Schuylkill is just as bad.

**2000-10-30 (Mon) 7:26 pm** Also wants to sign petition for additional traffic controls on Rockinghorse Road.

**2000-10-31 (Tue) 10:28 am** David Lawrey, Division of Traffic and Parking Services. Wants to discuss the concept of access restrictions in RCA – explain how the process works, and what we need to do. After the RCA meeting on October 5th, Councilmember Denis forwarded our concerns to him (Mr. Lawrey), and he wants to talk with us. *[We did.]*

**2000-10-31 (Tue) 11:43 am** Wants to sign traffic petition re: Rockinghorse.

**2000-11-03 (Fri) 12:46 pm** Paid for SAMs card. Where is it? *[delivered]*

**2000-11-07 (Tue) 5:21 pm** Former resident of RCA; wants to keep SAMs card. *[This can be done if RCA's membership is kept. This costs \$5 for the RCA and \$5 to mail the ECHO, plus the cost of SAMs.]*

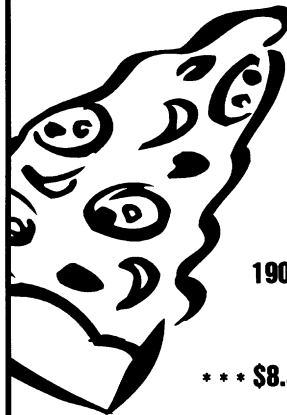
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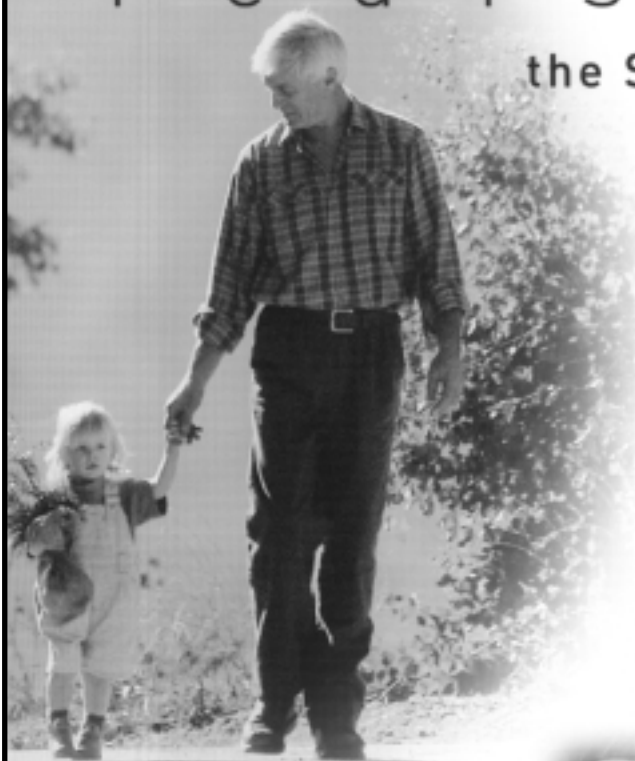
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## MCAFCE

by Mary Lee



On December 4th at 7:30 p.m., we will be meeting at Margaret Lamphier's for our workshop. We will be making Holiday Candles for Meals on Wheels. We will be finishing the Christmas Placemats also.

Our Christmas Party will be at Margaret's on December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring the following:

- a \$5.00 hand-made gift
- 2 dozen cookies for the Scouts
- 2 dozen cookies to exchange (if you wish)
- Your favorite hors d'oeuvre

If you would like to join us, please call Judy Fewell at 301-770-5540. The MCAFCE programs are open to all without regard to race, sex, handicap or religion.



We wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a good and prosperous New Year.

There will be no meeting in January

*Enjoy the recipes!*

### Herbed Turkey Breast

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 T. soy sauce
- 2 T. finely chopped green onions
- 1 T. rubbed sage
- 1 teas. dried thyme
- 1 teas. dried marjoram
- 1/4 teas. pepper
- 1 bone-in whole turkey breast (5 1/2 - 6 pounds)

In a small saucepan, combine the first eight ingredients; bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Place turkey in a shallow roasting pan; baste with butter mixture. Bake uncovered at 325° for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until meat thermometer reads 170°, basting every 30 minutes.

Yield: 10-12 servings

### Delicious Pumpkin Bread

- 5 eggs
- 1 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 15-oz. can solid pack Pumpkin
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 3-oz. pkgs Cook & Serve Vanilla Pudding Mix
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- 1 teas. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teas. salt

In mixing bowl, beat eggs. Add oil and pumpkin; heat until smooth. Combine remaining ingredients; gradually beat into pumpkin mixture. Pour batter into five greased 5 x 2 1/2 x 2 loaf pans. Bake at 325° for 50-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes, remove from pans to wire rack to cool completely.

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## Neighborhood Notes

### Montrose Office Center II

A new office building on Rockville Pike, between the Forum Condo building and the existing Montrose Office Center I, has been approved. The new Montrose Office Center II will have underground parking for 194 spaces. Landscaping enhancements include trees and shrubs along the Pike, a bike trail, and fencing.

### New Director for RCA

George Gadbois, currently the Cub Master for Cub Scout Pack 1081, has volunteered to become a Director (one of three) for the RCA. His counsel will be very helpful for the association, so he will be nominated at the General Meeting December 7.

## News from Pack 1081

by *Doneby Smith*



Pack 1081 is busy this Fall with earning badges and pins. **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Edwin Cruz, Matthew Fieller, Robbie Smith, Patrick Souder, Claudius Solomon, and Dylan Summers** earned their Bobcat badges. **Alan Costas, Alexander Taylor, Gregory Gadbois, Jaccen Schairer, Jake Blakely, Josh Hart, Kyle Arey, Milton Fleming, Dwayne Remillard, and Tommy Shaw** earned the Tiger Paw "Getting To Know You." **Anthony Gadbois, Galen Miley, John Pitkin, Larry Souder, Miguel Manzano, Moses Hart, Oneal Summers, and Tommy Rivas** earned their Webelos Fitness pins. Earning Sports Letters & Pins were **Jake Bennington** for Baseball and **Michael Spitler** for Swimming.

Pack meetings, service projects, outings and fundraisers also keep us on the go. **Mr. Don Thompson** appeared in full costume at one Pack meeting to show us the daily life of an ordinary soldier during the Civil War. We are pleased to have **Collins Murphy** back again this year as our Den Chief. With strikes and gutterballs and everything in between, our Pack had a great time bowling at White Oak Lanes. The Scouting for Food on November 11 went well with lots of Scouts of all ages participating. Thank you for your generous contributions of canned/boxed foods. We also collect old eyeglasses in cooperation with the Randolph Lions Club, so contact a neighborhood Cub Scout if you have any to donate. Our popcorn fundraiser is drawing to a close, so grab a Scout quick if you'd like to make an order – microwave, caramel, chocolate, you choose. And, speaking of chocolate, we will be getting our popular candy bars for sale soon.

## Troop 1083 News

by *Brian McGahey*

Bicycling is on the agenda again in November for Troop 1083. After a successful bike outing at Camp Sonshine during October, we decided to do more biking on the C&O Canal in November, near Antietam Creek and Battlefield.

In January we plan to go winter camping. In February we will be going skiing. Work continues on Computers and Radio merit badges with Mr. Saunders. One Scout, **Collins Murphy**, has already gotten his Technician Amateur Radio License and is on the air with equipment from Mr. Saunders!

In December the Great Christmas Tree Sale begins at the Masonic Temple at Beach Drive and Knowles Avenue. On Dec 2 & 3, 9 & 10, and 16 & 17 you can get a Christmas tree from Peppermint tree farm. This fundraiser allows us to only ask for your support once a year. Please see us first for a tree! Thanks.

Also in December, Santa returns to RCA-land! The Scouts will support candy cane distribution and Santa on the fire truck on Sunday, December 17th. We will start in the third section of Randolph Hills at 11 am and work our way through the second section, first section, Westminster, Franklin Park and Montrose Park, ending at about 3:30 PM. Ho-ho-ho!

### ***Troop 1083 just purchased a new trailer to haul all the Scouts' equipment !***

We are soliciting donations to help defer the costs. We are asking all friends and family of the scouts to help us out.

We have several corporate sponsorships available for donations of \$500.00 or more. The corporate sponsorship includes: painting your business logo, name and phone number on the trailer for a minimum of 3 years.

We also have individual/family sponsorships available for donations of \$100 or more. The individual sponsorship will include: painting your name (or family name) on the trailer, which will remain for a period of at least 3 years.

Donations of any size will be gratefully accepted. You may contact the Scoutmaster Brian McGahey at 301-770-7882 or the treasurer David C. Murphy at 301-984-9312 or any of the assistant scoutmasters or scouts. We are planning to paint the trailer in December 2000; we would appreciate the donations no later than December 15, 2000.

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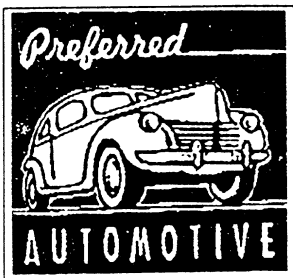
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# The History of RCA-Land

The earliest documented history of RCA-land dates back to a duck shoot in 1756. Before the Revolutionary War the land beneath your house was known as the “Dan,” or “Dann.” A June 2, 1824, National Intelligencer advertisement, complete with run-on sentences, described RCA-land:

“PUBLIC SALE OF [NEWPORT] MILL & LANDS: By virtue of a Deed of Trust from L. H. Johns...will be exposed to public sale...at Newport Mill [at the end of present-day Plyers Mill Road, and down the path to Ken-Gar Palisades Park]...One other tract, part of the aforesaid tract, called “Dan”...distant from the [Newport] Mill about 1 1/2 miles...confidently stated, that property embrac[es] greater advantages rarely to be found in the market. The mill property is situated in a fine and improving wheat country, quite convenient to the flour market; and to a person who would be attentive, might be a source of great profit. The [Dan] lands are unquestionably fertile, and well adapted to the growth of grain, clover, and tobacco; and being immediately in the vicinity of two large cities...”

The description of the first land tract, 1 1/2 miles from RCA-land at the Newport Mill, easily applies to RCA-land: “... One tract of land, lying in said county, near the turnpike road leading from Georgetown to Rockville, about nine miles from the former and four miles from the latter place, supposed to contain 620 acres, 100 acres of which is prime wood land, about 30 acres of first rate meadow land, and the balance a body of fertile and excellent arable land, which with proper cultivation, might be made a most productive farm. The well known stream called Rock Creek passes through this farm, and on which there is erected a substantial stone merchant mill, well known by the name Newport Mill, running three pair of stones; to which is annexed a Miller’s House, and a Cooper’s Shop: there are also on the premises a large two story stone Dwelling House, Barn, and Stables, with other useful Farm Houses; with large Apple and Peach Orchards...”

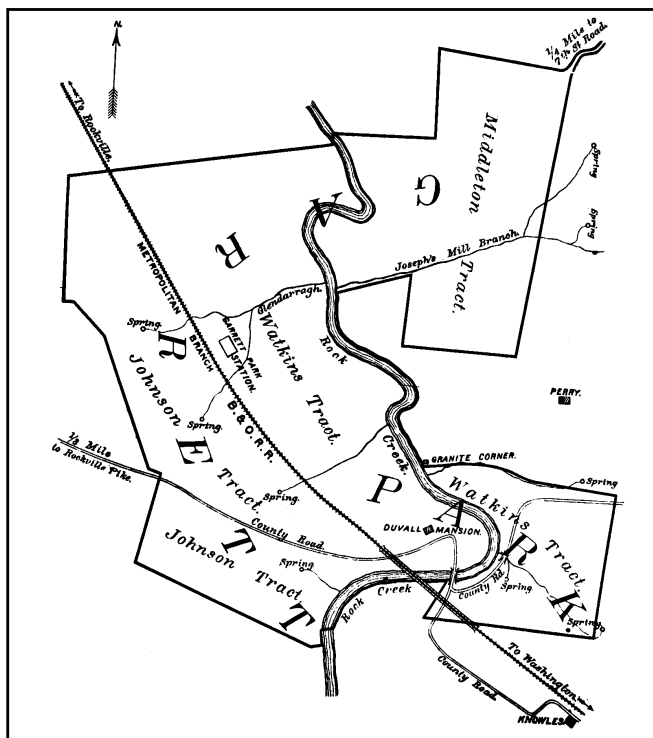
RCA-land history continues in the Civil War, when Union and Confederacy troops marched several times through Rockville and the surrounding area [that’s us]. One of the three Abraham Lincoln

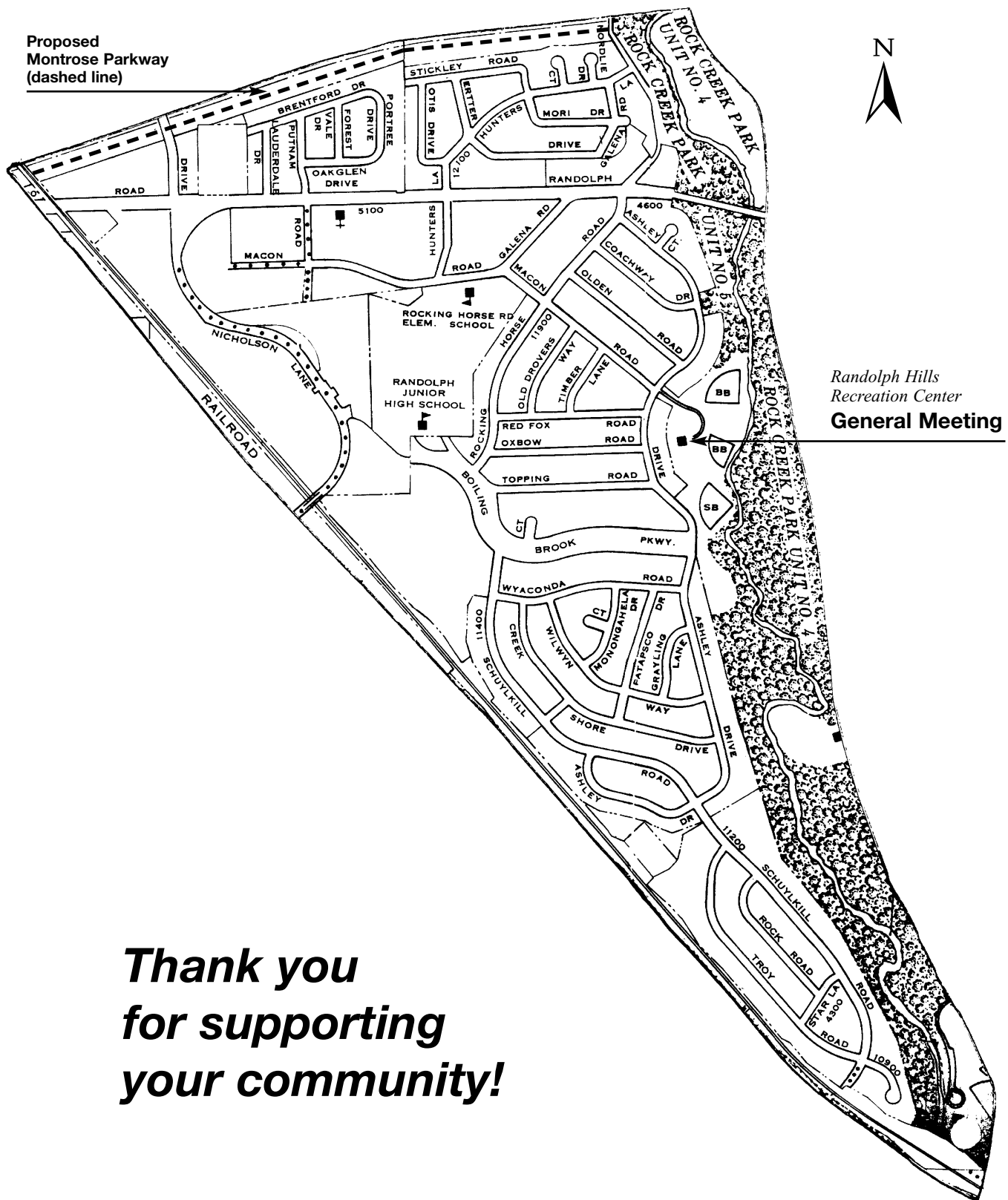
conspirators, George Atzerodt, eluded a huge manhunt, traveling up the Pike, through Rockville, and into Germantown where he was captured with relatives.

In the 1880’s, the B&O Railroad actually re-routed part of Rock Creek, where the train tracks cross overhead. A published personal history, describing Garrett Park life from 1888 through 1961, describes the 1900’s “The Glen, below the [Garret Park train] station was a natural beauty spot everyone loved. Before forest fires destroyed so many of them, wild flowers grew in profusion. Rock Creek is picturesque its entire length...Fishing was good, no license required...The Flacks, whose well-kept farm is now the White Flint Golf Course, served us with milk – good rich milk...”

Before electricity came to Garrett Park in 1915, everyone carried lanterns, which one could watch come and go in the night. You could tell how many visitors a house had by the number of lanterns.

*Map of area that includes part of RCA-land, drawn prior to 1895. At one time this area was part of Garrett Park. The Glen (Glendarragh) was located in the area of present-day Waverly-Schuylkill Park.*





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