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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting
Thursday, December 6, 2001
8:00 p.m.

(No Meeting in January)

Have a great holiday!

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.

Waverly-Schuylkill Park Update

by Eileen White

In October, Frank Shore asked botanist John Parrish to visit Waverly-Schuylkill Park to identify our trees. John informed us that the new woodland addition to the park (formerly the Millard Property) was an "upland forest" in a "healing process" from years of development and use. John spent four hours in the park tagging trees and identified 24 species of trees. He said that one of Waverly-Schuylkill's black oaks was the largest he's ever seen – a single leaf I picked up was over 12 inches long!

So if you're interested in learning to identify trees or teaching the kids to recognize the different species, here's your chance. Take a stroll through Waverly-Schuylkill and look for the long white tags hanging from the trees. The species name is written on each tag. You can find these tags throughout the park, starting with the black cherry at the park entrance on Schuylkill Road, to the huge oaks that border the field over by the railroad tracks, and throughout the wooded section. Hopefully the tags will still be legible in the spring, when the leaves will make identification a little easier.

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Botanist John Parrish tags a tree in Waverly-Schuylkill Park. John identified 24 species of trees.

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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.

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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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Waverly-Schuylkill Park

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Also in October, the Weed Warriors and other volunteers launched an attack on the kudzu, bamboo, and other non-native invasives in Waverly-Schuylkill. Kudzu in particular is a serious problem in the park and requires a vigilant effort by our volunteers to keep it in check. A few intrepid volunteers also hauled trash out of the woods, including the remains of a barbed-wire fence, some tires, and an orange plastic road barrel.

If you are interested in helping the Weed Warriors, please contact Carol Bergmann of Montgomery County Park and Planning at 301-949-2818, or e-mail her at bergmann@mncppc.state.md.us. Being a Weed Warrior doesn't require much of a time commitment, and it's a great way to get outdoors, get some exercise, and help the parks as well. Also, please read Margaret Dikel's excellent article on the Weed Warriors in the September/October 2001 issue of the *Echo*.

Trees of Waverly-Schuylkill Park

Tulip Poplar	Elm
Black Gum	Black Locust
Beech	Sycamore
Red Oak	Black Cherry
Black Oak	Cottonwood
Norway Maple	Silver Maple
White Oak	Ironwood
Hemlock	Sassafras
Box Elder	Hickory Bitternut
Cherry	Red Maple
Pignut Hickory	Black Haw Viburnum
Spicebush	Dogwood

President's Message

by Kevin Kline

The County has various plans to widen Randolph Road. The Montrose Parkway, if built, will run parallel to Montrose Road on a strip of greenery that the County has held easements to for over 30 years. This first project, objected to strenuously by the Montrose neighborhoods, ends in the Mid-Pike parking lot on Rockville Pike. The second project is a massive re-building of the Rockville Pike/Randolph/Montrose interchange. The Pike will go over, and Montrose/Randolph will go under.

At the Giant food store turnoff, Randolph and the new Montrose Parkway join to become one "Parkway."

The present Randolph Road will become a dead-end, with a cul-de-sac at Merchant's Tire, and another cul-de-sac at the 7-11! The combined "new" Randolph/Montrose Parkway will run next to the old Levitz warehouse in Montrose Crossing Shopping Center, over the railroad tracks, and pass thru/over/under the Nebel intersection, finally re-connecting with the present Randolph Road near the 7-11 store! The Maytag and Patrick Signs buildings will be leveled. This new Randolph/Montrose Parkway then ties back into the existing road structure at the Parklawn intersection.

Nebel "Extended" will become a major road, continuing through the Randolph/Nebel intersection, through the dentist's office, and connect with Chapman Avenue North of the Montrose Crossing parking lot. This Nebel Extended will provide access to the new Home Depot to

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President's Message

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be built behind the Giant food store. The alley behind Giant will have the rear of this new Home Depot on the other side. [Note – see late-breaking news on Home Depot on the next page - Ed.]

The RCA is especially concerned about the traffic build-up on Rocking Horse, at both the Randolph and Boiling Brook intersections. Last May, the RCA had a guest speaker from the County's Traffic Management Center. This speaker was open to "studying" our idea of installing a traffic light at Boiling Brook/Rocking Horse, but nothing was ever done. This speaker's main concern, that we respectfully commented on, was in improving traffic flow. Slowing it down, or diverting traffic, or stopping cars from driving through RCA-land was the last thing he wanted to do.

We all desperately want to ease traffic flow, but I firmly believe RCA-land traffic congestion is here to stay. It is standard County policy to widen roads and add turn lanes, then increase zoning capacity, so more build-ings are built, thus increasing traffic. If we ease traffic through RCA-land – on Rocking Horse, Ashley, or Boiling Brook – more cars will be drawn to speed through, and the backups in front of our houses will continue.

I bought this RCA "downcounty" house so I could be near work. I have no sympathy for "upcounty" residents who buy cheaply in the outer suburbs, then expect to commute long distances by racing through RCA-land! Newer "upcounty" neighborhoods have limited entrances, with cul-de-sacs, to stop the very "cut-through" they think it's their right to do in RCA-land.

SAM's Club Card Update

by Richard Zierdt

As of November 11, some new SAM's Club Cards have yet to be delivered. Sorry, folks, I've got a limited bandwidth for responsibilities. By the time you read this however, all cards should be delivered. Also, once you have a SAM's Card, you won't be bothered with this process again, because you keep and use the same SAM's Card for as long as you renew your membership with the RCA. If any questions remain regarding your card, call me at 301-881-0283.

All existing SAM's Club Cards were renewed on October 30.

Minutes of the RCA Executive Meeting

November 1, 2001

Park Committee Chair Frank Rossomondo said he would write a letter to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). The letter will convey the RCA membership decisions from the October meeting regarding the "all purpose field" (signs stating permits are required, and limiting use to children).

A lengthy discussion ensued over letters to the *Echo* newsletter editor and censorship, but no decisions were made. Presently, letters are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and RCA members are welcome to take a pro or con stance. A formal written censorship policy was suggested, but no one volunteered to write it. The only known instance of RCA letter censorship, years ago, was discussed.

Newsletter space is precious, and the Execs would rather you come to the meetings and present your views. An alternate way to express your views is "Calls received on the RCA Hotline" – the most popular article in the *Echo* newsletter. Your phone calls are printed in their entirety: some are serious, some funny; others are long; and a few are ranting – which might explain their popularity.

The President said he would not allow continued rudeness by a few RCA'ers at the general meetings. Other Execs urged tolerance. Finally, Boy Scouts will attend the next general meeting, to earn credit for the citizenship merit badge. In assisting this Scouting effort, the next general meeting will open in a more formal manner, adhering to Roberts Rules of Order.

This Just In: No Home Depot

by Richard Zierdt

Margaret Kai-Zeigler from Park and Planning said that the Home Depot planned for Rockville Pike near Giant Food is **not** going to build on Rockville Pike after all! She said Home Depot concluded it would not be profitable enough. Perhaps the current economy is too uncertain for projects like this.

Civic activists, including me, fought against Home Depot **in that location** because of gridlock traffic already on Rockville Pike. In addition, the property where Home Depot would have been built was "grandfathered" and did not have to meet current APFO (Adequate Public Facility Ordinance) requirements. The grandfather period is over, so I believe no other "large

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RCA Provides Yard Sale Signs

by Richard Zierdt

As approved at the October, 2001 membership meeting, the RCA purchased 10 generic yard sale signs that members can use free of charge to announce their events (see photos). Simply call me, Richard Zierdt, at 301-881-0283 and indicate when you want to pick them up. Return them when your sale is over. Some amount of customization can be done to mark the signs with address and/or direction pointers.

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Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of November 11, 2001, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$9,226.60. Because of additional requests for SAMs Cards, I opened another SAMs account, and one more has to be opened to satisfy all requests. Each SAMs account can hold 9 RCA members, max. We now have 22 SAMs accounts. That's a lot of SAMs!

RCA Checking Register 10/01/2001 through 11/11/2001

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 09/30/2001			3,129.73
10/01		RCAssociation		450.00	3,579.73
		inc:advertising	Preferred Auto	240.00	
		inc:advertising	Motor Works	210.00	
10/04	651	The Sign Shop	10 generic signs	-104.48	3,475.25
10/05		RCAssociation	Local Lawn	60.00	3,535.25
10/15		RCAssociation	inc:membership	3,609.34	7,144.59
10/15		RCAssociation	inc:membership	4,727.00	11,871.59
10/17	E-xfr	Verizon	Sep 22 telephone	-21.34	11,850.25
10/23	652	Quick Printing	Nov ECHO, 20 pgs	-892.50	10,957.75
10/29		RCAssociation			
		inc:advertising	Insulators of Maryland	720.00	11,677.75
10/30	653	SAM's Club	renew 14 accounts	-2,040.00	9,637.75
10/30	654	SAM's Club	renew 8 accounts	-1,300.00	8,337.75
10/30	655	SAM's Club	new SAM's account	-165.00	8,172.75
10/31		RCAssociation	3 memberships	64.00	8,236.75
11/01		RCAssociation	inc:advert: Chef Theos	100.00	8,336.75
		BALANCE 11/11/2001			8,335.75

RCF Checking Register 10/01/2001 through 11/11/2001

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 09/30/2001			1,040.61
10/03	1048	Erie Insurance	community yard sale	-200.00	840.61
10/17		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	890.61
10/31		interest (Estimate) Suntrust	- .31%	0.24	890.85
		BALANCE 11/11/2001			890.85

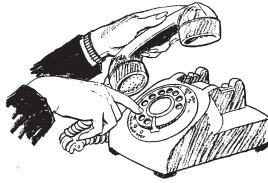
Total RCA+RCF cash assets

9,226.60

Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

301-881-2RCA (2722)

October 10, 2001 to
November 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.

2001-10-10 (Wed) 7:51 am What about large trucks that park on our streets? This morning, there is a panel truck parked across the street.

2001-10-18 (Thu) 2:49 Lauderdale Drive. Out of town for a couple of days. Apparently, there was a bad storm on Tuesday, and trees were damaged. Caller had difficulty getting the phone number for County tree maintenance. [County tree maintenance # is 240-777-6723]

2001-10-25 (Thu) 3:51 pm A house on Ashley Drive has an accessory apartment in basement that is not registered with the County, and causes an excess number of cars to be parked in the street and on the County grass. Who can be called about this?

2001-10-27 (Sat) 11:33 pm Anonymous. White shepherd dog referred to in the last *Echo* in Randolph Hills park is continuously out with its companion dogs and its incredibly foul-mouthed and irresponsible owners. The dog is not under either voice control or leash control. The owner explains that she is training the dogs. Anyone encountering these dogs should call park police. Secondly, there should be a consensus before the RCA donates money. Caller hopes the RCA would not donate to the Ku Klux Klan and would not donate to the Boy Scouts since it discriminates against homosexuals.

2001-10-27 (Sat) 1:51 pm Anonymous. The white shepherd has threatened caller's child. Also, when walking dogs, be aware that dog feces left on the ground leave bacteria and worms that can spread to other dogs. Clearly, not very pleasant in any manner. In the Ashley-Macon-Olden area, there are large dogs – beautiful shepherds and golden retrievers – whose owners never pick up after them. This is very inconsiderate, illegal, and unwise. Please co-operate as suggested.

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2001-10-27 (Sat) 8:56 pm Anonymous. Regarding the parking along Macon and Galena area in front of the school, parking should be limited to one side, otherwise there is no room. Caller has had to back up half a block to allow cars to go through. With respect to the soccer fields in Randolph Hills park, please be aware that it is not simply Hispanics that leave trash behind. People of all origins have done so. Of course, everyone is responsible for their actions.

2001-10-28 (Sun) 6:36 pm Email to RCA via the website (www.randolphcivic.org) cannot get through. *[Like any website, randolphcivic.org may experience difficulty from time to time, but it should be generally "up." Let the RCA know if this continues to be a problem.]*

2001-10-28 (Sun) 7:34 pm Steve Santos, lives on Wilwyn Way. Interested in raking leaves and snow shoveling in RCA-land. Phone 301-468-1756. *[Name/number has been added to "help list" in every Echo. Thanks, Steve!]*

2001-10-28 (Sun) 9:01 pm Anonymous. Pictures of the sidewalk improvements were appreciated in the last *Echo*. However, the guard rail along Garrett Park Road still looks unattractive – it's all rusted. Could the rail be painted with a silver metallic paint? Please see what can be done.

2001-10-29 (Mon) 9:36 am Gemstone Terrace. This is probably an over-sensitive comment for an Association that does such a great job, but the November President's Message has the phrase "The RCA, representing 1340 single-detached homes..." Caller lives in Hilltop Square townhouses, and considers this part of the RCA. Caller just wanted to make this little comment. *[Ed: and pays dues, too!]*

2001-10-29 (Mon) 10:54 am Has a problem with contractor hired by the County to repair our sidewalks.

2001-10-29 (Mon) 12:01 pm Boiling Brook Parkway. Today, on trash day, trash cans have been left in the street, and the recycle bins left in driveway aprons, meaning you have to get out of your car to park. Caller has called the County, and they said to call back if it happens again.

2001-10-29 (Mon) 5:56 pm Wants to advertise in the *Echo*, and become a RCA member.

2001-10-30 (Tue) 5:05 pm Anonymous. Caller wants to cheer on the caller who called in last month about painting over white parking lines in front of a house if they were painted on the street. Caller wishes the speed

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RCA Hotline

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bumps could be painted over and make them go away. Further, caller wants the RCA to know that there are those of us out here who agree that fifteen people of the RCA have no right to mess things up for all 1500 of us. [see "Got a Minute" article in this ECHO.]

2001-10-30 (Tue) 5:53 pm Schuylkill Road. Not received *Echo* yet. Caller would love to have one.

2001-11-01 (Thu) 2:34 pm Anonymous; 40 year Randolph Hills resident. Do you suppose the young lady wearing the black feather who removed the many pumpkins from caller's Halloween display explained to her parents that that was part of a trick, or did she really believe they were a treat? What a shame we can't decorate without the children feeling they're entitled to remove (steal).

2001-11-02 (Fri) 9:45 am New neighbor and parent. Are there any new mother support groups? And are there any licensed day care providers in RCA-land?

2001-11-02 (Fri) 5:35 pm Anonymous. There's a house on Randolph Road whose owner is blowing leaves onto

the street. Caller thought this was illegal and would clog the sewers. Could someone respond to this in the next newsletter?

2001-11-06 (Tue) 11:17 am Renew Montgomery. Tree roots have lifted the sidewalk considerably. The paint spots that the County marked on the trees and sidewalk have washed away. Caller realizes that the County will continue its work next spring, but wants to reiterate that the sidewalk is in bad shape and should be repaired. The tree roots extend from the right-of-way almost to the caller's home.

Got A Minute?!

by David C. Murphy

First off, let me apologize. I was going to write a humorous article, but after reading the RCA hotline last month I got a feeling that I did not like. You know the one that gets that blood pressure up and makes you sick.

The caller did not like the idea of painting white-strips on the roadway to delineate the parking area. I do not have a problem with their belief, in fact I voted against the idea myself.

But the caller's idea that 15 people snuck this past all 1,500 households is what got my blood pressure up. Reminds me of the old adage "if you do not vote do not complain"!!! All officers of the association are elected to represent our community. If you do not like their ideas or decisions then you are free to run for office yourself. (I know they would welcome more volunteers). Also, attending all the meetings, including the executive meetings and all the meetings that are open to all members, would go a long way to make sure you know what is being presented, voted on, and ultimately decided. (I take it that you are a member, if not shame shame.)

For each and every one of us please make your voice heard. I believe there should be about 500 people attending each meeting but, the caller is correct, at best only about 15 of 1500 or more actually attend the meetings. I will voice my opinion and do my best to persuade others to share my ideas and beliefs. So if you do not want me to get everything that I want you better show up and speak up.

To the volunteers of our Community Association, the PTA, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church groups, and many other volunteers throughout our community and nation THANK YOU. A special THANK YOU to Frank Rossomondo for doing the Citizenship merit badge with the Scouts especially during these troubled times. Thank you to all volunteers.

Glad to see the Girl Scouts with us.

Thanks for the minute.



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News from Pack 1081

by Doneby Smith



Pack 1081 Fall family campout at Harpers Ferry on October 13-14 was filled with pup-tents and house-tents scattered all across our group area. One big excitement was Wolf scout **Matt Taylor** having to leave abruptly with his Dad just as they got their tent set up because Mom went into labor (at home) with a new little brother! (All are doing well.)

With the campground just a short drive from the historic area, most families chose to visit there on Saturday afternoon. It was a special day: the Harpers Ferry Historical Association was staging an all-day enactment of Election Day 1860. There were debates, period re-enactors, militia parades and a town readying for war as a response to John Brown's raid the previous year. After dark, all the boys enjoyed the traditional toasted marshmallows around their campfires. Scouts who went were: **Ayinde Warren, Derek Compton, Gregory Gadbois, AJ Taylor, Sasha Hevey, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Joshua Hart, Ben Hawkins, Matt Fieller, Kyle Blakely, Robbie Smith, Tony Caffi, Andrew Costas, John Hilderbrand, Anthony Gadbois, John Pitkin and Moses Hart.** Dwayne Remillard also participated in an

overnight campout at Lake Anna the same weekend. All the boys received a camping patch at the October 18 Pack Meeting.

Our new Tigers have been working hard on some early achievements and the following boys received their Tiger Belt Totem award: **Patrick Owen, Brendon Polk, Ayinde Warren, Krisztian Mazo, Derek Compton and Albert Silva.**

We welcome Boy Scout **Hafez Taghavi** along with **Scott Talbott** as Den Chiefs to help our den leaders. Scott has been with us since September assisting with the Webelos I den, and Hafez will be working with our very full Wolf den.

The Webelos II boys were invited to join Boy Scout Troop 1083 on a "Jamboree on the Air" campout at Gambrills State Park on October 20-21. Due to our Pack family camping trip just the week before, **Anthony Gadbois** was our sole Pack 1081 Webelos II representative. He was introduced to Patrol teamwork, assisted with cooking and cleanup, hiked up a mountain and spoke with scouts in other states via HAM radio, not to mention enjoying the usual evening campfire activities with the "older" guys.

We would like to thank the following adult leaders for giving up an entire Saturday for Cub Scout training at the annual Pow Wow held at Stoneridge High School on October 27: **Moses Hart, Pat Hart, Sharon Barbee, Matt Taylor, Mary Anne Gadbois, Brian McGahey and George Gadbois.** Other leaders gave their time to attend Basic Training sessions: **Sharon Barbee, Matt Taylor, Richard Fieller and Jane Owen.** This dedication goes a long way.

At press time, we look toward Scouting-for-Food, a project to collect non-perishable goods for the needy, on November 10, a duck-pin bowling outing on November 18 and of course, Thanksgiving. Remember and be thankful for all our men and women in uniform this Thanksgiving. As always, our Pack is thankful for the support of our community and, of course, that means you.

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The next *Echo* will be the January/February 2002 issue. Look for it in early February.

Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

A beautiful fall weekend at Gambrills State Park set the stage for Jamboree on the Air. We hiked to the overlook and looked and hiked down. We listened, and talked to people all over the world with Mike Saunders' radio. Several of our Scouts are amateur radio licensees, and everyone got a chance to talk.

We just finished Citizenship in the Community merit badge. The final requirement to meet is to attend a community government meeting, so expect a bunch of Scouts at the December RCA meeting!

In November, we are going to hike the Appalachian Trail near Pine Grove State Park and camp there, as an introduction to backpacking.

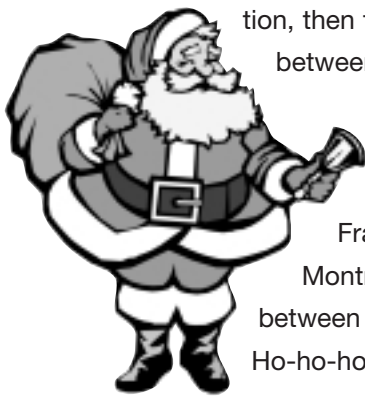
In the month of December, we turn to Christmas tree sales. We will be at the Masonic Lodge at Beach and Knowles. Come and get a tree!

If you want to join the fun, we meet every Monday school is in session at Viers Mill Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. Or call Mr. McGahey at 301 770-7882.

Santa returns to RCA-land!



The Scouts will support candy cane distribution and Santa on the fire truck on the **Sunday before Christmas, December 23th**. We will start in the third section of Randolph Hills at 11 am and work our way through the second section, then the first section between noon and 2 p.m., then on to Westminster, Franklin Park and Montrose Park between 3 and 4 p.m. Ho-ho-ho!



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.

"If a problem has no solution, it may not be a problem, but a fact – not to be solved, but to be coped with over time."

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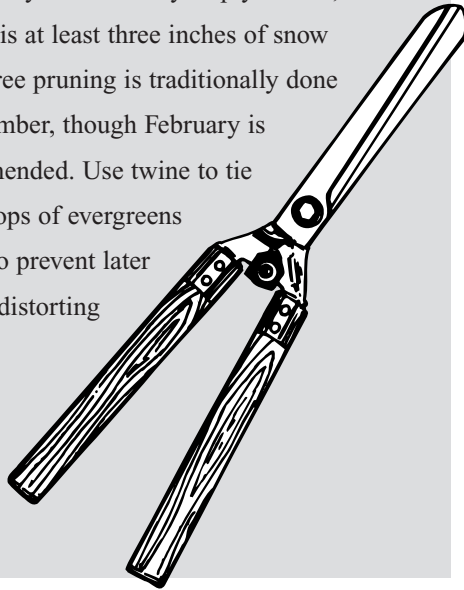
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Gardening Tips

Do not walk on frozen grass. Living grass cells are destroyed with every step you take, unless there is at least three inches of snow (not yet!). Tree pruning is traditionally done in late November, though February is now recommended. Use twine to tie around the tops of evergreens and shrubs to prevent later snows from distorting their shape.



The History of RCA-land

*W*e interrupt our US Civil War history with this news flash: RCA-land is actually Montrose!

Montrose was a settlement that appeared on maps of 1865. Montrose was located at the Georgetown-Frederick Road, south of Rockville – a short distance west of the Randolph railroad station (the same B&O railway that crosses Randolph Road today).

The 1865 map depicts a school, two blacksmith shops, and a post office, (which was opened in 1863). Mrs. L. Ball's tavern lay a short distance to the south. Nearby residents were S.S. Parker, W. Dove, Thomas E. Holmes, Jno. Leffler, R. Geigler, Wm. Hance, T. Curlin, and Geo. Watt. The 1865 map does not show any stores.

The Montrose School you see on Randolph Road near Rockville Pike was built in the 1930s. The chimney and the addition to the rear were added about 1950. The two-room plan in Montrose represented the zenith of schoolhouse design in Montgomery County. After many years of trial and error, the county school system created the efficient two-room schoolhouse design. The two-room design also represented the last of Montgomery County schoolhouses. Increasing school enrollment around 1950, and more intense teaching methods turned the County towards larger, consolidated school buildings. A large school building could replace a dozen schoolhouses and made the teaching staff more efficient. One by one the schoolhouses were closed, and after sixty years of service, the era of a single school "house" came to a close. Four of the original Montrose-type schoolhouses in the county still exist.

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Andrew Souder 301-770-7632 Ashley Drive

Matt Bebawy 301-881-4698 Red Fox

Brett Valenta 301-816-0293 Ashley Drive

Brendon Tolley 301-947-1486

Alex Cassel 301-770-8757 Macon Road

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Sex Offenders Registry

If you were at the community picnic or the last General Meeting, you may have seen the list of convicted sex offenders who live or work in our area that was circulated. Fortunately, it appears that no sex offenders are living in RCA-land. Several people asked where they could obtain a copy of the list. Here are step-by-step instructions to access the Police Sexual Offender's Registry via the Internet:

- Access www.emontgomery.org
- Select "Crime Prevention" then "Sexual Offender's Registry"

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From the Homemakers

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

Layered Fruit Salad

- 2 cups sliced fresh peaches
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 cups halved green grapes
- 1 pkg (8 oz.) reduced-fat cream cheese
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 carton (8 oz.) reduced-fat frozen whipped topping (thawed)
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

In a 2 1/2-quart glass bowl, layer the fruits in the order listed. In a mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and confectioner's sugar until smooth; fold in whipped topping. Spoon over the fruit. Refrigerate until serving. Sprinkle with pecans.

Make 10 servings.

Cream-filled strawberries

- 18 large fresh strawberries
- 1 cup cold fat-free milk
- 1 (1 oz.) package sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups reduced-fat whipped topping
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

Remove stems from strawberries; cut a deep X in the top of each berry. Spread berries apart. In a bowl, whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Fold in whipped topping and almond extract. Pipe or spoon about 5 teaspoons into each berry. Chill until serving.

Don't hate yourself in the morning. Sleep 'til noon.

~from Ann Landers' "Gem of the Day"

No Home Depot

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scale" store could be built there now. There is a Home Depot on Shady Grove Road right off I-270, and one in Aspen Hill at Connecticut and Georgia Avenues.

Speaking of access to I-270, I attended the Focus Group for MD355/Montrose/Randolph Road interchange study November 7. This group, of which I am a member, meets every few months to provide citizen feedback to Maryland Highway Administration officials who are planning an improved intersection, most likely where Randolph Road and Rockville Pike will be grade-separated. The final "candidates" for consideration all block Randolph Road at the railroad tracks, as RCA president Kevin Kline showed us at October's general meeting. Instead, a road will be built starting at Randolph Road/Parklawn Drive intersection, bend north and go east, go over the railroad tracks, cross Randolph Road near Rockville Pike, go under Rockville Pike, then attach to Montrose Road. I do not think this is the best solution, because it will impact several businesses (some buildings will be torn down), road capacity will not be increased at all, and the design looks unattractive. One problem is that to get federal funding (and the Feds will

pay 80% of this if the project is approved), the project must "stand on its own," that is, be "independent" of other projects. In other words, the interchange cannot be planned as a part of Montrose Parkway (although the Parkway will ultimately tie into it). I told the State highway project leader that this rule impacted the way the project was planned. He agreed, but doesn't feel there is much that can be done about it: rules are rules. I want to find out more about the federal rule – perhaps an exemption could be granted.

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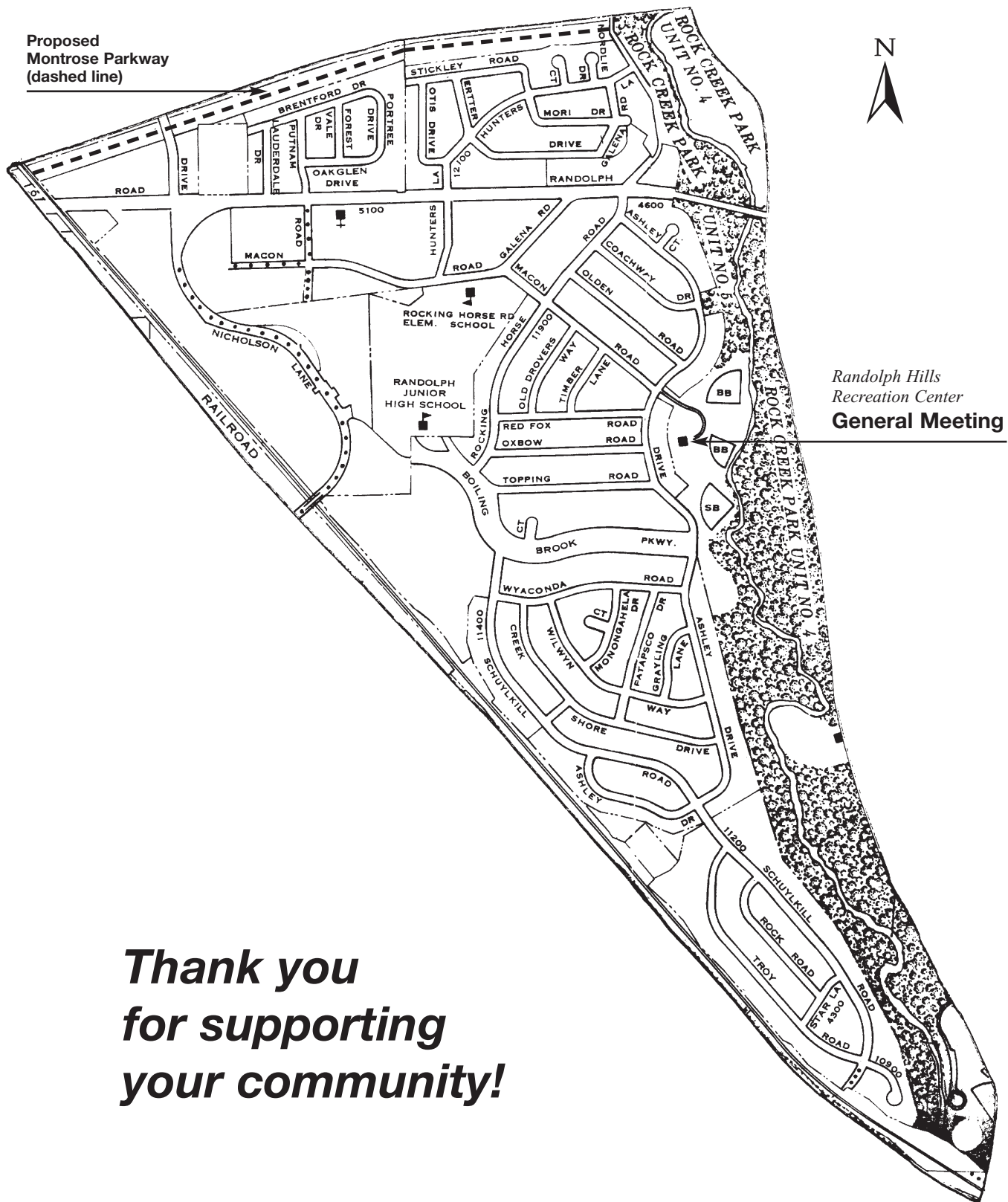
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In Memoriam

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Pug died August 10th.

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