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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2002 8:00 p.m.

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 meeting.

Reporting Streetlight Outages Online

by Richard Zierdt

It's getting easier all the time! You – Yes, You – can now report malfunctioning streetlights online, 24 hours a day, and you don't need to walk out in the night to get the utility pole number! Here's how (one of many ways to get there):

- 1. Go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov
- 2. Click on "Departments" (left side of screen)
- 3. Click on "Public Works and Transportation" (right side, pan down a bit)
- 4. Click on "Information About Services..." (pan down left side, under "Customer Services Index")
- Click on "Streetlight Maintenance" (pan down left side, under "OnlineServices")

You're there!

There are a variety of ways to report online; I like method 2: click on "Report a malfunction using a street address or nearby intersection." Enter street name and cross street (lower right-hand corner), and click on "Locate."

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Click on Red dots to zoom in. Yellow dots signify streetlights (their pole numbers are next to the yellow dots). Click on the yellow dot that is closest to your location and a pop-up window appears with the pole number. Just fill in your name and telephone number and that's it!

SAM's Club Update

by Richard Zierdt

All *existing* RCA/SAM's Club memberships were renewed in early November. However, as I write this, not all *new* SAM's members have been started. However, by the time you read this, I've returned from vacation and will finish the rest. I apologize for the delay.

Some residents have called the RCA hotline asking how to add a person to their SAM's account, since SAM's now charges \$30 per business membership, but allows two persons on it, officially from the same address (unofficially from two different addresses if you are an RCA member). Here's how: Go to the Sam's Club membership desk with the person you want to add. If that person lives at the same address as you, there's no problem, and no charge. If that person lives elsewhere, the clerk might not

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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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Sam's Club Update

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add her/him (but there's no harm in trying). In these cases, the RCA will have to add her/him using the relationship the RCA has established with SAM's over the years. When the addresses are different, the surest way to add someone is to call RCA treasurer Richard Zierdt, 301-881-0283, and ask him to add your other person.

President's Message

by Matt Shore

There is a new builder trying to get permission to build an all-inclusive community behind the White Flint Metro. The group is called LCOR and has told us that they will give a presentation to the RCA at the March General Meeting. I know that everyone is thinking of the traffic implications on Rockville Pike and the surrounding area and I don't blame you!

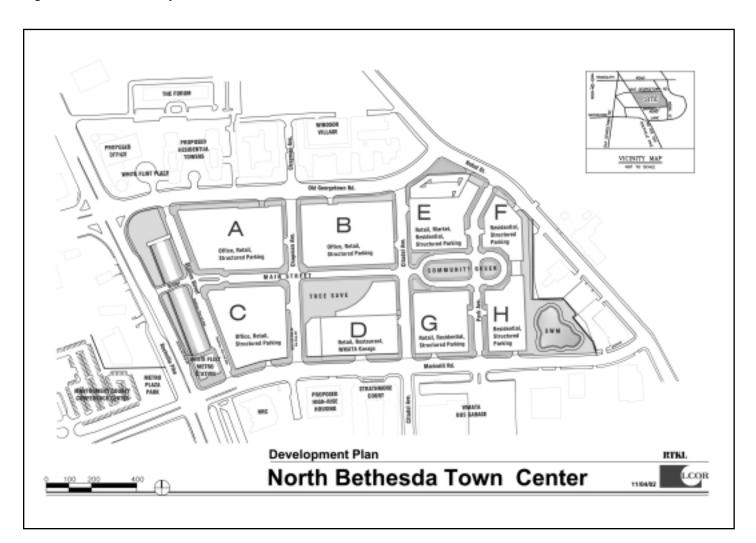
That is why we have these people from LCOR coming to the meeting. You will be able to have all your questions answered and be able to voice your concerns about the added congestion. I will try to give a brief overview of the project.

LCOR will stretch from the White Flint Metro all the way down to Nebel Street and sideways from Marinelli to Old Georgetown Road. It will include two high rise office buildings, two luxury apartment buildings, shops and a movie theatre. If it sounds like a big development to you, you're right!

Mike Smith from LCOR will give the presentation of this mammoth development at the March meeting. RCA representatives have seen smaller plans (see below) but this should be the finished product. It just seems that everyone who wants to build in Montgomery County wants to build on Rockville Pike. This development is no different.

Happy Holidays!

Below: plan for the proposed North Bethesda Town Center.



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Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of November 13, 2002, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$11,988.41.

Things to note: Suntrust Bank claims an "addition error" of \$83 in the 10,165 deposit of November 4. At my request, Suntrust is investigating. After triple checking, there is no "error in addition," but probably some checks did not get deposited by me or the bank. I received one returned check Nov 7: account closed. The RCA member is good for it; the check was not deposited soon enough. I VOIDed check 674 made out to SAM's for \$3390 on March 28 in an attempt to beat SAM's price increase, but it never cashed. Thus, I've added the \$3390 back to our accounting.

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 10/13/2002			2,147.97
10/15		RCAssociation	El Torito	50.00	2,197.97
10/17		RCAssociation	E&H Home Improvement	100.00	2,297.97
10/17	E-xfr	Verizon	September Telephone	-21.63	2,276.34
10/24	688	Quick Printing	Nov ECHO: printing	-945.00	1,331.34
11/04		RCAssociation	mbrshp, Sams, donations	10,165.00	11,496.34
11/04		Suntrust Bank	Bank claims add'n error	-83.00	11,413.34
11/07		RCAssociation		662.00	12,075.34
		inc:advertising	Ford Paper Hanging & 140	.00	
		inc:advertising	Paul Friedman Plumbing 140	.00	
		inc:advertising	Winston's Chimney Re 90	.00	
		inc:advertising	Local Lawn Care 20	.00	
		inc:advertising	Preferred Auto 272	.00	
11/07		Suntrust Bank	returned check & fee	-40.00	12,035.34
11/08	689	Sam's Club	188 member memberships	-5,640.00	6,395.34
11/10	690	Sam's Club	propane tank / picnics	-23.50	6,371.84
11/12		RCAssociation	membership	546.00	6,917.84
11/12		RCAssociation		190.00	7,107.84
		inc:membership	40	.00	
		inc:advertising	Martha Seigel 5	.00	
		inc:refund	MNCPPC deposit refnd 145	.00	
11/13	691	Postmaster	P.O. Box rental annual	-90.00	7,017.84
11/13		WAS: Sam's Club	VOIDed check 674	3,390.00	10,407.84
		BALANCE 11/13/2002			10,407.84

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Treasurer's Report

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RCF Checking Register 10/13/2002 through 11/13/2002					
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 10/13/20	002		550.35
09/12	1054	Erie Insurance	community yard sale	-200.00	500.24
09/16		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	550.24
09/30		interest	.20%	0.11	550.35
10/02		RCFoundation	cash from yard sale	480.00	1,030.35
10/04		RCFoundation	Denise Szczur donation	500.00	1,530.35
10/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	1,580.35
10/31		interest	20%	0.22	1,580.57
		BALANCE 11/13/20 RCF Bank balance,	002 October 31 statement: 1,580.57		1,580.57
		Total RCA+RCF cas	sh assets		11,988.41

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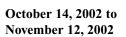
In response to the plea for volunteers last month, Shelby Hurt of Schuylkill Road stepped up to the plate to manage yard sale signs for RCA members who want to hold their own yard sale (as opposed to the RCA's yard sale at Loehmann's). Her name/address now appears on page 2 of every Echo.

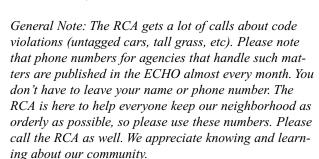
These Yard Sale Signs were purchased for RCA member's use so they wouldn't have to make their own. Plus, these signs have the heavy wire supports that stick in the ground so you don't have to nail them to telephone poles, trees, etc.

Call her when you want to hold your yard sale. She will set the signs aside for you, and she has a supply of old sign stock so you can customize these standard signs if you want. When your yard sale is over, simply return the signs to Shelby.

Calls received on the RCA Hotline

301-881-2722 (2RCA)





2002-10-30 (Wed) 12:43 pm Randolph Farms. What's the latest on a possible plan for Randolph Road after the public meeting on the subject? Will Randolph be widened between Loehmann's Plaza and Rocking Horse? The caller proposes the idea of making Galena Road a cul-de-sac. The turn from Randolph Road onto Galena is already difficult; widening Randolph will only make this worse. [It is assumed caller's intent is to end Galena at Randolph, not at Macon. Nothing has been decided regarding Randolph Road widening, but it is one possibility, and is under consideration by the County. The RCA Executive Committee is against this. Regarding closing Galena at Randolph Road, would caller be willing to

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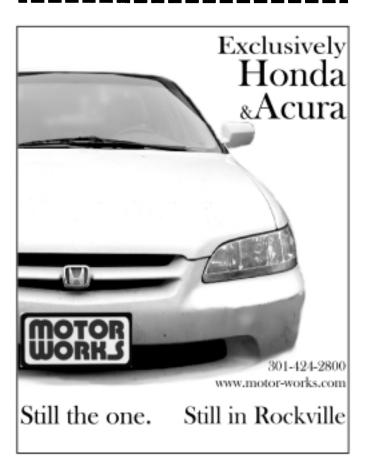
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RCA Hotline

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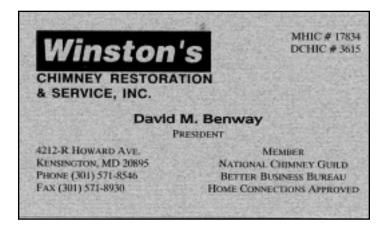
research this? (start with the County's Transportation Division 240-777-7623). A public hearing would likely be required, but this is not a showstopper.]

2002-11-05 (Tue) **10:43** am Anonymous. When will the County clean up the Macon Road cul-de-sac? Someone dumped a sofa and the grass is 3 feet high, really high.

2002-11-05 (Tue) 10:57 am Randolph Hills, 2nd section. Caller is trying to call a person in the County Council, but the numbers *[in the Echo?]* are wrong. Caller says it's to a construction company. *[The number in the Echo, 240-777-7900 is the general County Council phone number, and it works. Not sure what happened.]*

2002-11-06 (Wed) 2:09 pm Anonymous. Any regulation about the number of people who can live in a house (single, detached) in RCA? What if two families live in the same house? [Montgomery County housing code says that no more than five unrelated persons may live in the same house. Caller can call housing code enforcement 301-777-3600 to alert that office. RCA is also interested in cases such as these.]







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2002-11-06 (Wed) 7:25 pm Randolph Hills, 1st section. Caller finds it interesting that the *Echo* writes about "anonymous" callers and addresses them as "members." First of all, if they are anonymous, how do you know they are members? Secondly, if the issue is so important, why don't callers leave their names? Don't do it anonymously. Caller does not even like reading about anonymous callers. [RCA Execs at the RCA wish callers would feel more comfortable about leaving their names, but we cannot require it. In many cases, it's the situations that callers report that are most important. Of course, sometimes callers report a problem, but fail to report the location. We agree that anonymous calls must be considered carefully, but they must be considered. Caller is correct, we don't know who calls anonymously (and the RCA does NOT have Caller-ID!), but we take that fact into consideration as well.]

2002-11-08 (Fri) 4:15 pm Franklin Park. At the corner of Hunters Lane and Randolph Road there's a street light that has been consistently out for the past several weeks, perhaps two months. Caller knows there was a report that said all the lights had been fixed, but that is not correct. You guys really need to go around and check every street, every light bulb in our neighborhood no matter how long that takes because that's part of the civic job. Maybe you can get other people to do it also, but please

don't assume everything's done without actually seeing it yourself. Hearsay doesn't work. Anyway, enough. We need the streetlight fixed. It just should not linger. Caller thinks the RCA does a pretty decent job, but we could always do better also. Have a good weekend. [Whoa. The RCA doesn't claim that all lights have been fixed, rather, that all the new streetlights that were requested to be installed two years ago were, in fact, installed. (In addition, there is another round of new streetlights that the RCA is currently pushing to get installed.) Streetlights burn out all the time, but we don't have the volunteers to look for and report them. Everyone in RCA should notice when their "local" streetlight is out. Fortunately, there are two easy ways to report outages: Call 240-777-2190 (this number is listed in every Echo under "Street Light Out" under "Important Phone Numbers"), or report outages online (see article on page 1). If you telephone, you will need the pole number, which is attached to every utility pole. If you report online, the address is sufficient.]

2002-11-10 (Sun) 12:37 pm Randolph Hills, 1st section. How can another name be added to caller's SAM's card? [Go to Sam's membership desk with the person you want to add. If that person lives at the same address as you, there's no problem, and no charge. If that person lives elsewhere, the clerk might not add her/him (but there's no harm in trying). In these cases, the RCA will have to add her/him using the relationship the RCA has established with SAM's over the years. When the addresses are different, the surest way to add someone is to call RCA treasurer Richard Zierdt, 301-881-0283, and ask him to add your other person. See article SAM's Club Update on page 1.]

2002-11-12 (Tue) 10:54 am Franklin Park. Caller works with maps, and has prepared a display program of census data and maps of RCA-land which may be placed on a CD and copied (legally!). The maps include street maps and aerial photos so that a user could see, for example, tree coverage of our neighborhood. [Thanks, caller! Your CD can be copied and distributed, or perhaps even run from the RCA web site. RCA will work with caller to see how to best present caller's data.]

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.



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News from Pack 1081

Along with selling popcorn and

by George Gadbois

working on various achievements, Pack 1081 enjoyed a wet but educational fall family campout at Gettysburg Battlefield on October 12-13. Though we missed our Tiger and Wolf families, those from the Bears and Webelos dens were represented with pack pup-tents to personal house-tents scattered about our "sultry" area. Boy Scouts from Troop 1083 shared our group site that weekend with us and took in a little history as well. Our Webelos II contingent, though arriving a little late, set up with the troop and participated with them in a few activities, learning about Patrol teamwork, cooking and cleanup. The McMillan Woods campground is actually located in the historic area, and was a short walk to Seminary Ridge where the Confederate Army mounted their attack. Scouts and leaders alike took a rainy hike down the road along Seminary Ridge and viewed many of the monuments as well as the field that General Pickett charged across in one of the final Gettysburg battles. After dinner on Saturday, all the boys enjoyed toasted marshmallows and other treats around the campfire. Cub Scouts attending the Gettysburg trip included Jason Beam, Gregory Gadbois, AJ Taylor, Sasha Hevey, Alan Costas, Joshua Hart, Matt Fieller, Andrew Costas and Johnny Hilderbrand. All these boys received a camping patch at

Our October Pack Meeting also included Physical Fitness Day recognition to all boys that attended that event in September. Their names were mentioned in the

the October 24th Pack Meeting.

last Echo edition. We welcomed back Boy Scouts Hafez Taghavi and Scott Talbott as Den Chief to help our den leaders. We also welcomed new Den Chiefs Alex Cassel and Andy Wood who will work with the Webelos I den and Wolf den respectively. Scott has been with us since last year and assists with the Webelos II den and Hafez is also in his second year working with our Bears. Awards for Cub Scout accomplishments and achievements followed. The Recruiter patch was awarded to Dwayne Remillard and Ayinde Warren for bringing Kevin Benitez and **Devin Kenny**, respectively, on board as new scouts. Kevin is in the Bear den and Devin is with the Wolf den. Thanks to Dwayne and Kevin for your efforts. Webelos I scouts were presented their Webelos Colors (Webelos scouts wear this insignia on their shoulder to display



Happy to be dry, a Boy Scout and a Troop Leader are hoping the cook won't burn the eggs.

their Activity Pin awards) and at the same time awarded their Forester Activity Pin. This pin teaches the boys to be more observant and appreciative of trees as well as more conservation-minded and was earned by **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Matthew Fieller** and **Derick Pineda**. Our Webelos II scouts were presented their Athlete Activity Pin along with their Compass Points emblem. Earning Athlete encourages pride in growing in mind and body; the Compass Points emblem is presented after earning four activity badges in addition to those required for their Webelos badge (a total of seven). A metal compass point is then awarded for each four subsequent activity badges earned. Additionally, the same

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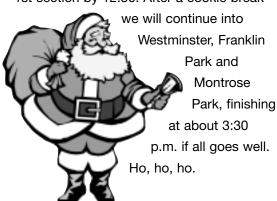


Cub Scouts gathered around a rainy, but warm morning campfire at Gettysburg.

Santa returns to RCA-land!

Santa rides the fire truck on Sunday, December 22, 2002.

As in past years we will begin in the 3rd section of Randolph Hills at 11 a.m., then continue into the 2nd section and 1st section by 12:30. After a cookie break



Pack 1081

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Webelos II scouts completed requirements for their Physical Fitness Sports Pin from the Sports and Academics Program. These Webelos II high-achievers were **Andrew Costas**, **Johnny Hilderbrand**, **Fredis Mata** and **Joseph Owen**.

Before we wound down October's meeting, we had two special ceremonies. The first was the presentation of the infrequently awarded religious square knot (a scout is reverent). The square knot is worn on the scout uniform signifying the boy's earning the scout religious medal of his faith. Sasha Hevey received his purple knot for completing requirements for the "God and Me" Episcopal medal, of which the medal had been previously received in a separate service. We hope many more boys consider earning the emblem of their faith. Our second ceremony was the induction of new Bobcats and their parents. The Bobcat badge is earned when the Cub Scout learns such basics as the Pledge and Law of the Pack. Recipients of Bobcat rank were Kevin Benitez, Diego Vallejos (Bears), Matthew Best, Devin Kenney, Krisztian Mazo, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Kenneth Rodas and Ayinde Warren, all Wolves. The parents promised to help the Pack and will be awaiting "good turns" from their sons in the coming weeks, all of which was part of this special ceremony. The Bear den then entertained us with a spectacular Circus theme skit



acted out in song and action. There were clowns and strong-men to elephants and lions performing for parents, guests and other scouts.

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 26th: **Sharon Barbee, Matt Taylor, Brian McGahey** and **George Gadbois**. This dedication goes a long way to help all the boys.

At press time, we look toward caroling practice for our community service, a duck-pin bowling outing on November 24 and of course, Thanksgiving. Remember and be thankful for all our men and women in law enforcement this Thanksgiving after the events of this past fall. A Happy Holidays to all as we enter the time of seasonal festivities.

Please visit our website: http://hometown.aol.com//jph3190/1081.html for more pictures.

Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

Troop 1083 went camping and collected food in November. Our camping trip was to Bears Den near Bluemont, VA. We stayed at Bears Den cottage and practiced patrol cooking and did a service project for the Hostel next door. The cottage and hostel have both been recently refurbished and were quite comfortable. Most of the Scouts slept on the deck amongst the trees. Attending were: Jake Bolt, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood, Bubba Hart, Galen Miley, Anthony Gadbois, Hunter Wyatt and Tito Fuentes. Adult support was provided by Dave Talbott, Ken Wood, George Gadbois, Moses Hart and Brian McGahev.

Scouting for Food was a big success. The boys distributed the bags for food with last months *Echo*. We picked them up on November 16 and collected over a ton of food.

THANKS, to all who donated food. It went to the Manna facility in Rockville. Pack 1081 helped us. Boy Scouts from Troop 1083 who worked the project were: Chris Soares, Jake Bolt, Hafez Taghavi, Nachi Roper, Hunter Wyatt, Scott Talbott, Bubba Hart, Anthony Gadbois, John Pitkin, Galen Miley, Mark Bushong, Edward Huggins, Andy Wood, and Alex Cassel. Adult support was provided by a herd of people. Dave Talbott, George Gadbois, Moses Hart, with Amy, Jeff Dahn, Lydia Taghavi, Anne Stidham, Jeanete Soares, Judi Talbott and Marianne Gadbois. You can see why it is called a community service project.

If you would like to be a part of this and are a boy who is eleven years old, we meet every Monday at Viers Mill Elementary at 7:30 p.m. Or call Mr. Dave Talbott, Scoutmaster at 301-881-6567.

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Third Annual "War on Weeds" Event a Success!

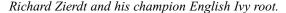
by Margaret Dikel

For the third year in a row, a group of volunteers spent the last Saturday in October working in Waverly-Schuylkill Park, cleaning up trash and removing invasive weeds as a part of Make a Difference Day and Montgomery County Community Service Day.

Volunteers worked from around 9 am to 3:30 pm, and as before we had a varied group with some people coming out early and some late. It was also a beautiful day outside, just perfect for visiting and working.

The morning crew was made up of Margaret Dikel and Frank Shore (Weed Warriors for M-NCPPC), Lester Bollinger,

Bud Cline and Dell Pillers-Cline. Bud and Dell arrived early and were well into the job when the rest arrived, attacking the porcelain berry ("wild grapes") at the top of the hill between the trees on the former Millard property (now part of our park!) and the railroad tracks. We worked several yards up the tracks before heading back into the kudzu right by the trail, removing trash, old wire fencing, and other interesting items like an old circular saw (I think someone later took it to Home Depot for a trade-in credit). We also cut the kudzu growing up one of the old telephone poles and into the Black Oak, taking down some fallen wires in the process.







The crew just after lunch: Lester, Margaret, Frank, "a friend," and Richard.

Frank and Josie Shore provided lunch for the volunteers.

In the afternoon, Margaret, Frank, and Lester were joined by Dennis Hernandez, Jen Guan, Martha Loop, and Richard Zierdt. Matt Shore provided the entertainment, bringing up a battery-operated TV so we could keep track of the Terps and the Fighting Irish, and Leo Montgomery stopped by to see if we needed any help moving things with his motorized cart. The afternoon was spent working on the hill from the Black Oak up to the railroad tracks. Dennis Hernandez pulled out some of the tools he used when he worked as a landscaper, including a trimmer which was extremely helpful for clearing the kudzu vines from the hillside up to the tracks behind the Black Oak. When we finished for the day, we had cleared about half of the hillside and left enormous piles of weeds and trash for the M-NCPPC crews to pick up the next week.

We're planning another "war on weeds" event in the spring (April or May). Information will be in the *Echo* in early 2003.

Meanwhile, if you want to help whack weeds in your local park, consider joining the M-NCPPC Weed Warriors. You don't need to be a gardener, just someone willing to cut and pull. Training consists of one two-hour training seminar with one of the coordinators, and then you schedule your own time in the parks and work at your own pace. We can even coordinate with other local Weed Warriors to form a team and schedule a time to tackle a particularly bad area, thereby making the initial startup a lot easier. For more information, call Jody Powell (301-949-4135) or Carol Bergmann (301-949-2128) at M-NCPPC.



Left: Margaret, Lester, RCA President Matt Shore, and Leo Montgomery (seated).

Right: Lester Bollinger and Dell Pillers-Cline going after kudzu.

Gardeners Wanted!

We are looking for a few good gardeners to help us to plant and care for garden beds and barrels around RCA-land. We have expanded the garden at the Schuylkill Road entrance to Waverly-Schuylkill Park, and we are planning to add a garden at the intersection of Coachway Drive and Ashley Drive (under the new Randolph Hills sign).

Carmen Chee You did most of the work establishing and populating the two original garden beds at Waverly-Schuylkill Park, but her health has limited the amount of work she can now do. We also lost Anne Martin, another intrepid gardener, to cancer last year. (Those are Anne's irises you see under the three Bald Cypress trees.)

If you'd like to help, even if it is just to come by once in a while and do some weeding, we'd appreciate it. We're trying to get the new bed filled

with perennials

that require very little care after they are established, but occasional annuals brighten the beds. If in the spring you find you have extra plants that can tolerate full to partial sun, we'll be happy to take them. Please call Margaret Dikel (301-881-0122) or Frank Shore (301-468-1225).

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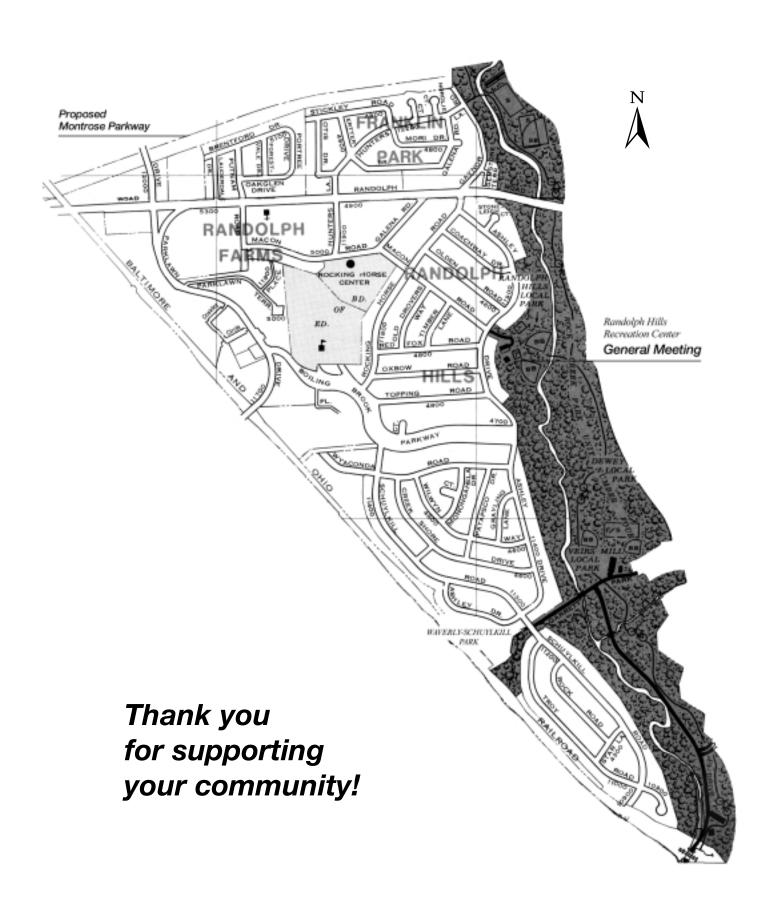
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Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Here's Your Help

Here's a list of boys willing to perform leaf raking, snow shoveling, general yard work, etc.

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Note to Contributors:

The deadline for the January/February issue of *The Echo* is January 3rd.

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5007 Randolph Road	\$289,000	\$289,900	\$5,900	6
11100 Schuylkill Road	\$284,000	\$281,000	\$2,000	7
4702 Wilwyn Way	\$279,900	\$279,900	\$0	4
12124 Gaynor Road	\$279,950	\$279,000	\$0	28
4709 Oxbow Road	\$275,000	\$270,000	\$0	3
11515 Patapsco Drive	\$272,000	\$272,000	\$2,390	51
11804 Ashley Drive	\$269,900	\$269,900	\$0	23
11301 Ashley Drive	\$269,900	\$269,900	\$0	1
11909 Rocking Horse Road	\$264,900	\$264,900	\$0	28
12106 Lauderdale Drive	\$263,100	\$263,100	\$0	69
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