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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2005, 8:00 p.m.

No meeting in January

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2005, 8:00 p.m.

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

Minutes of the November Executive Meeting

by Kevin Kline

The Execs reviewed and agreed to a budget, which will be presented to the General Membership for approval. Traffic was discussed, including our request to the County to restrict rush hour traffic from turning from Randolph Road onto Rocking Horse (as voted by the Membership). Note: School buses are exempt from this restriction.

The new bulk purchase of flowering spring bulbs was a huge success (as reported in the last *Echo*). Treasurer Richard Zierdt was responsible for this new initiative, and kudos go to him and the Boy Scouts who re-packed the bulbs and distributed them.

Sam's Club cards have been distributed. Next year the RCA (business) membership price will climb to \$35! Vice-president George Gadbois gave a status update on school issues.

The next topic was the Parks Commission initiative, whereby soccer groups are invited into Local Parks, like Randolph Hills, to play. The Execs planned a strategy to fight this new initiative, and our concerns, communicated over the years to Parks, have been ignored. ■

RCA Yard Sale a Big Success!

Photos of the RCA Yard Sale and the RCA picnic – see pages 10 and 11



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(see article, page 3)

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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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Doug Duncan's press conference on November 14, at the site where the Montrose Parkway is being built, just off East Jefferson Street near Montrose Road. Pictured are from left, local resident Marc Lieber, Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation director Arthur Holmes Jr., Councilmember Nancy Floreen, County Executive Doug Duncan (at microphone), Maryland State Senator Jennie Forehand, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce president Rich Parsons, and a Commerce associate.

Montrose Parkway West in Full Swing

by Richard Zierdt

Construction of Montrose Parkway West is ongoing as I write this. On Monday, November 14, 2005, County Executive Doug Duncan held a press conference (and dirt-turning celebration) at the site where bulldozers cleared some trees (next to the Kaiser Permanente building at 2101 East Jefferson Street, a block south of the intersection with Montrose Road).

I attended the event, as did about 15 protesters. The press conference was uneventful, and went off pretty much without a hitch, except a few of the protesters shouted slogans a few times. As part of the North Bethesda Congress, of which the RCA is a member, I had worked with several of them throughout the years as debate about the Parkway raged on. This does not mean I agreed with them – I don't. But we were civil with one another.

This section of the Parkway will run from Montrose Road west (close to I-270) to Randolph Road. However, the

intersection with Randolph Road is a Maryland State transportation project, where Randolph/Montrose will go over Rockville Pike, and I believe completion of this project is not scheduled until 2010. Mr. Duncan got a question about this at the press conference: Why start Montrose Parkway now when the State won't start until 2010? He replied that the County is going to get the road going, and that the State will follow. Mr. Duncan is running for governor in 2008. If he wins, I'm sure there will be added emphasis to complete the State's project.

This project is **not** the section of Montrose Park East that will run from Rockville Pike to Viers Mill Road - going behind Montrose and Franklin Parks. That section is still in the planning stages, and no funding for its construction has been approved. ■

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RCA-Land Welcome Committee is Off and Running

by Kim Williams

The welcoming committee had its first meeting Tuesday, Nov 8th and is off to a great start. Present at the meeting were Denise Szczur, Ashley Salganik, John Friedhoff, and Kim Williams. After going through the Who, What, When, and Where's, an initial plan was put in place and assignments were given to start collecting items to be put in the kits for our new neighbors. It is not too late to volunteer . . . anyone interested in joining us, please call Kim Williams 301-881-4554 or email at kim.williams@marriott.com.

We still would like to have representation for all neighborhoods, and if you are bi-lingual, that will be an added bonus! We will meet again in a few weeks, and will be communicating by email and phone to determine the next meeting.

This is going to be a lot of fun, so don't miss out. . . . Sign up today! ■

Flower Bulb and Sam's Update

by Richard Zierdt

All flower bulb orders have been delivered. If you haven't received yours, call me immediately, and we'll arrange for a refund or possibly re-order them. All told, RCA residents bought more than 3,000 bulbs. I'm looking for some color this spring!

Also, all Sam's Club requests have been completed. Again, if you haven't received yours, give me a call. There are about 130 RCA/Sam's Club accounts in RCA-land. ■

Dog Leashing, Public Urination Subject of New County Laws

by Eileen White

The Montgomery County Council has passed two new laws, one requiring dogs to be leashed in public places, the other banning public urination.

Under the new law, dogs must be leashed in public places. Previously, leashing was not required as long as a dog was under its owner's verbal or non-verbal control. But council members received complaints that dogs were permitted to run free at public parks, and council members felt that the new law was necessary to protect kids and vulnerable adults. Fines begin at \$100 for the first offense and go up to \$500. The only exception is in designated dog exercise areas. The county currently has three dog exercise areas, at Black Hill Regional Park, Ridge Road Recreation Park, and Wheaton Regional Park.

The council also passed a bill making it illegal for a person to urinate or defecate in public. Violation of the law is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, or arrest. ■



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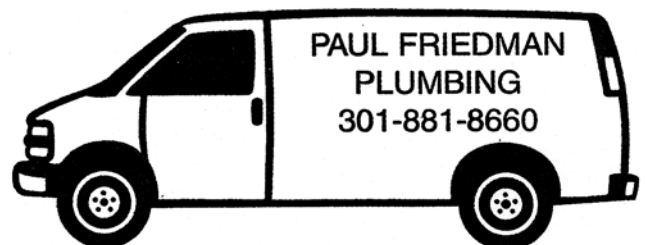
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Treasurer's Report *by Richard Zierdt*

As of November 16, 2005, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$10,556.30. We had a member's check bounce, which incurred a bank charge of \$6.50. After checking with the member, the check was re-deposited and it subsequently cleared. ■

RCA Checking Register 10/14/2005 through 11/16/2005

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
BALANCE 10/14/2005					15,520.15
10/17	Exfr	Verizon	Sep 22 phone	23.86	15,496.29
10/17	769	Sam's Club	membership renewals	5,640.00	9,856.29
10/17		Suntrust Bank	returned check	25.00	9,831.29
10/17		Suntrust Bank	returned check fee	6.50	9,824.79
10/17		RCAssociation	inc:advertizing	140.00	9,964.79
10/20	770	Quick Printing	SPLIT	1,092.00	8,872.79
		ECHO:printing	Nov ECHO 20 pgs	1,000.00	
		membership	1500 membership forms	92.00	
10/21	771	Dutch Mill Bulbs	flower bulbs	790.66	8,082.13
10/31		RCAssociation	inc:advertizing	501.00	8,583.13
11/01		RCAssociation	inc:membership	1,897.20	10,480.33
11/07	773	Sam's Club	new members	210.00	10,270.33
BALANCE 11/16/2005					10,270.33
<i>Suntrust bank balance, October 25, 2005: 8,082.13</i>					

RCF Checking Register 10/14/2005 through 11/16/2005

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
BALANCE 10/14/2005					285.95
10/31		RCFoundation	interest received .08%	0.02	285.97
BALANCE 11/16/2005					285.97
<i>Suntrust bank balance, October 31, 2005: 285.97</i>					

Total RCA+RCF cash assets

10,556.30



Proposed Budget for FY 2005-2006 *by Richard Zierdt*

For simplicity, I've combined RCA and RCF budgets together. As of today, November 16, 2005, combined assets are \$10,556.30 in cash. ■

PROPOSED FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

Income:		Expenses:	
Membership	\$ 3,250	ECHO printing/collating	\$ 7,000
Echo Ads	6,600	ECHO delivery	1,000
Yard Sales	200	Corporate insurance	750
Donations	2,500	Web site hosting (incd 1083)	384
		Verizon telephone (12*24)	288
		M.C. Civic Federation	85
		Post Office Box 2202	75
		Picnic food	200
		Yard Sale food (2 sales)	300
		Beautification	100
		Membership drive	600
		Candy Canes - "Santa"	50
		Welcome Wagon notebooks	50
		Boy Scout Troop 1083	400
		Cub Scout Pack 1081	200
		Girl Scout Troop 1487	300
		Kensington Vol. Fire Dept	100
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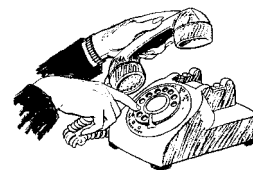


The RCA Hotline

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Calls Received

October 14 to November 16, 2005



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.

The Hotline was inadvertently down for two weeks, which explains the low call volume. If anyone notices it down again, please call Richard Zierdt at 301-881-0283, and/or e-mail the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org. Thanks!

2005-10-xx (Tue) 7:08 pm Anonymous. The house at 47xx Topping Road, a rental house, has a car on the street with expired tags. When caller called the police at the non-emergency number, they acted like the caller was stupid for calling them. If there's a better number, fine. *[The police should be helpful, not belligerent. The phone number to report missing tags/invalid tags on cars parked on the street is 240-840-2454. This number is listed in every ECHO.]*

2005-11-15 (Tue) 6:44 pm Macon Road. Could we have a contractor database or list of recommended and non-recommended contractors who have done work in RCA-land? Such a list would be very helpful to residents. Caller is willing to start such a list. *[Sounds like a great idea! More on this later as we work out details.]*

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all the STUFF!*

*Below: One – or is
that two – satisfied
shoppers at the
RCA Store!*



*Below left: RCA Secretary Kevin Kline and
Director Jack Stillwell check out future wardrobes.*

*Below right: Cary Williams, wife and RCA Special
Projects leader Kim Williams, and Dawn Zierdt
pause from selling and pose for a picture.*





Left: Balloon artist (courtesy of Loehmann's Plaza!) makes creations for the young crowd.

Below: Face Painter (courtesy of Loehmann's Plaza!) creates a masterpiece!



Right: Burger Chef Brian McGahey cooks up a juicy one!

Below: Residents get caught up in local news.



...and lots to eat at the RCA Picnic!

***Saturday,
October 1, 2005***

See you next year!

News from Pack 1081

by Mike Mulcahy



Along with selling popcorn, Pack 1081 Scouts have been working hard on various achievements. Our October Pack Meeting included Physical Fitness Day recognition to all boys that attended that event this past September. Their names were mentioned in the last *Echo* edition. We want to officially welcome this year's Boy Scout Den Chiefs **Scott Talbott**, who is assisting the Webelos, **Joseph Owen**, who is helping the Bears, and **Jonny Hildebrand**, for his aid to the Wolves. Pack Meeting awards for accomplishments and achievements were as follows: Tigers **Andrew Caffi**, **Antonio Garcia**, **Estaban Tellez**, and **Enrique Velasquez** earned the Physical Fitness Belt Loop as did Wolf **Diego Carrillo**, Bears **Alex Mayorga**, **Chris Mulcahy** and **Carlos Delcid** and 1st Year Webelos **Gabriel Hernandez** and **Luis Mayorga**. 1st year Webelos **Sawyer Kibbe**, **Brad Gessford**, **David Villareal**, **Gabriel Hernandez**, **Patrick Loberg**, **Luis Mayorga** and **Steven Escalante** all earned the Fitness Activity Pin. In

addition, 2nd Year Webelos were busy earning Activity Pins as well: **Esteban Hernandez**, **Josh Murtagh**, **Matthew DeMulder**, **Brenton Polk**, **Matthew Loung**, **Matthew Best** and **Patrick Owen** earned the Athlete Activity Pin, and **Esteban Hernandez** and **Clark Cervantes** earned the Aquanau Activity Pin. Furthermore, Scouts **Aidan Gibbons**, **DJ Terry**, **Adam Levengard**, **Colin McLean**, **Mateo Streed** and **Jassir Begazo** earned the Camping Patch. After the Pack's fun fall family campout at Pinecliff was

postponed due to rain from October 7th through 9th, the Scouts successfully camped out the next weekend instead and enjoyed their time outdoors. Also, our Wolf scouts are working to finish up their Bobcat requirements. All Cubs, beyond the Tiger year, earn their Bobcat first by learning things like the Cub Scout Oath and how to properly salute our flag. At the Pack Meeting, Assistant Cubmaster **Mr. Terry** briefed the boys on the Bowling Belt Loop and Pin. Thank you for the pointers, Mr. Terry!



Scouts and their families prepare to cookout while camping at Pinecliff Park.

Scouts and their families enjoy an outdoor meal while camping at Pinecliff Park.



Our Webelos I scout **Sawyer Kibbe** was recognized for achieving his Citizen Activity Pin. In earning the Citizen Award, the boys learn about their rights, about Presidents, flag respect & history, government, laws, and safeguarding our natural resources. And finally lets extend a warm Scout welcome to new Webelos I Scouts **Steven Escalante** and **Jose Samuel Velasquez**. Welcome to the learning and fun!

At press time, we look toward Scouting-for-Food food pick up on November 12, caroling practice for our community service at the Randolph Nursing Center, and last but not least, one of the most exciting events of the year, the Bowling outing on November 13 at White Oaks. Remember and be thankful for all our men and women in the armed services serving our country this Thanksgiving. A Happy Holidays to all as we enter the time of seasonal festivities. If you are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout program for your 1st – 5th grade son, please stop by Viers Mill ES any Monday evening at 6:30 or call Mr. Mark Kibbe at (301) 946-6393. It's never too late to join so please pass the word.

Please visit our website location:
<http://hometown.aol.com/pack1081> for pictures and additional info. ■

"Worry is like sitting in a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere."

~Vance Havner

Girl Scout Troop 1487 News

by Stephanie French

Viers Mill Elementary School Junior Girl Scout Troop 1487 joined other Girl Scouts from the area in a hike on the Capital Crescent Trail in Bethesda on November 5th. It was an urban hike over streets and under highways, past shops and high rise apartments and also through secluded wooded areas. We then gathered at the Bethesda Pool property and had hot chocolate and sang together. We continue to work on badges at the regular troop meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. If you know a girl in 4th, 5th or 6th grade that wants to be a Junior Girl Scout please contact Stephanie French at (301) 770-3171.

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1028 has an excited group of new Girl Scouts eager to try new things. With their new leaders, **Lily Krueger** and **Mayra Rondon**, they, too, went on the November 5 hike in Bethesda. These 1st through 3rd grade girls are working on a visual art Try-It at their regular troop meetings every Monday night at Viers Mill Elementary School.

There is still interest in a Daisy troop for kindergarten girls but there is no leadership yet. If you are interested in volunteering with a troop of kindergarten girls your leadership would be greatly appreciated. Training is provided. Contact Stephanie French (301) 770-3171 if you are interested in the Daisy troop as a leader or for a kindergarten girl. ■

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Troop 1083 News

by Jaime Todaro

Troop 1083's holiday tree sale will be held at the Masonic Lodge, on the corner of Knowles and Beach Drive, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on the following dates: November 26th and 27th, and December 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th. All trees are \$45. Selections include Frasier Fir, Douglas Fir, Blue Spruce, Canaan Fir, Concolor Fir, Balsam Fir and Table Tops.

In October, we worked on rank advancements and completed a 5 mile hike while camping at Smallwood State Park in Maryland. The weather for this outing was excellent. Everyone thought the park was an outstanding place to camp. Scouts who attended: **Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Scott Leveguard, and Scott Talbott.** Leaders/Adults who attended: **George Gadbois, Brian McGahey, and Dave Talbott.**

Philmont Scout Ranch is the ultimate high-adventure experience. It is located on 200 square miles in New Mexico and offers scouts unique opportunities for back-packing and horseback cavalcades. Scouts in Troop 1083 who aspire to attend Philmont in 2006 are known as The High Adventure Crew. The High Adventure Crew is currently working to raise money to help offset the expense of Philmont 2006. The High Adventure Crew worked with RCA to sort, package and deliver flower bulbs to 44 residents of RCA. They appreciate the continuing opportunity to work with the RCA, and the support of the RCA.

In November, Troop 1083 collected non-perishable food items for the benefit of the Washington Area Food Bank. Details of our effort were unavailable at the time this *Echo* issue went to print, but we would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed for your generosity.

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(if needed)

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Horse Center area, and finish in Westminster, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park at about 4 pm, if all goes well. Ho, ho, ho.

During Santa's ride through RCA-land, Santa's elves will be walking alongside the fire truck handing out candy canes. We ask drivers to please remember to yield to these young pedestrians, and please use patience if you happen to get caught driving behind Santa's fire truck. Thanks in advance for helping to make Santa's ride a safe one.

Upcoming events include a weekend campout at Pine Grove Furnace, our annual tree sale and Santa ride, and the Klondike Derby. If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill ES, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the troop web page at www.troop1083.org. ■

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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. The current meeting schedule is:

December 1, 2005 General Membership Meeting

No meeting in January, 2006

February 2, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting

March 2, 2006 General Membership Meeting

April 6, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting

May 4, 2006 General Membership Meeting

June 1, 2006 General Membership Meeting

All are welcome at every meeting.

Santa returns to RCA-land!



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Dear Mrs. Brown



Good manners aren't always in the realm of actions such as how to use a fork properly or place a napkin in your lap. When children are taught to be kind, polite and honest, they also develop character.

KINDNESS DOES COUNT

Children are more sensitive to having their feelings hurt. Talk to your child about feelings and how everyone has them. Don't ever ridicule or make fun of another person in your child's presence. Never tell or laugh at ethnic jokes. If your own child is being teased in a hurtful way by another child, show them how to respond through role-playing and not to respond in kind. If confessing, "That hurts my feelings" doesn't turn the tide, a child is never too young to learn to "walk away" from a bad situation.

Children sometimes display their anger by hitting or screaming at other children. This is an excellent opportunity to teach them how to express their emotions without giving in to knee-jerk reactions. Learning to control emotions at a young age will instill a habit which will benefit them their entire life. Talking to older children with reason is good, but younger children may need a silly game of counting to ten before responding. The idea is to come up with a plan of how to buy time to think before reacting.

Pets should be treated with kind and gentle behavior. Pets are wonderful for the very fact they give unconditional love. For the very young, use stuffed animals to learn how to handle pets. But real animals aren't stuffed and children may tend to hold and hug them too tightly. If your child is loud, rough and ceaselessly chases/annoys an animal, they may be too young for a pet.

POLITENESS GETS YOU A LOT FARTHER

Children learn more from what they see than what they are told. Monkey see, monkey do. If we expect children to say "please" and "thank you," then parents should say it to them. "Would you pick up your toys off the floor, please?" "Thank you so much for cutting the grass. It looks great!" When a request is put politely, the results are usually more favorable than from a demand. Which would you be more apt to respond to with respect? "Turn down that music or I'll shut it off!!!" or "Sweetheart, would you please turn your music down? It's really way too loud."

Peers can be a great influence too. When another child has done something nice, don't waste the example! Be quick to remark, "Wasn't that a polite thing to do?" Likewise, recognize your child's polite moments and praise them. Children will repeat behavior that gets good reviews.

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

Encourage honesty in your children. Honesty can be one of the most important models set by any adult. Let your children see you return the incorrect excess change. Let them hear you turn down an invitation by an honest response, rather than a made-up excuse. Don't brag how you cheated on your tax return. When you make a mistake, admit it! Have you ever met someone who never admits they are wrong or made a mistake? It's always someone else's fault? Teach them its okay to admit to mistakes and when it happens, to apologize. People are generally very accepting of sincere apologies. Honesty in the little things instills the character to be honest in bigger ways. Go out of your way to give a dropped penny or quarter to a customer ahead of you in line.

Let your children know from an early age that lying is simply not acceptable, end of story. Often times children will lie to cover up something they did that was wrong. They should know they will get in more trouble for the lie than for

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what they did. Instill in them how special the truth is and how proud you are when they are truthful. Teach children that a clean conscience is more important than any wrongdoing they may have done. Everyone makes mistakes, that's how we learn. Developing a good conscience in your child will actually curtail deliberate wrongdoing in the future. Honesty is the hallmark of trustworthiness.

Mail your questions to: The RCA, Inc, Attn: Dear Mrs. Brown, P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, MD 20852; or e-mail: dearmrsbrown@msn.com. *Questions used in the column may be edited for brevity and clarification.* ■

Recycling Notes: When Your Items are "Tagged"

From the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services

Recycling crews place orange tags on your materials when they are not accepted for pickup that day. The tag explains why the material was left at the curb. Please contact the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) online or by phone at 240-777-6410 if you have questions about the tag or why your items were not collected.

Some common reasons for tags include:

Yard trim set out in plastic bags. Leaves, grass, brush, and other yard trimmings must be packaged in paper bags, reusable cans, or with twine, as relevant.

Options:

- Repackage your yard trim properly, and set out on your next recycling collection day.
- Take the yard trim bag(s) directly to the Shady Grove Transfer Station. If you go to the Transfer Station, you do not need to repackage, because you may simply empty your plastic bag(s) of material onto the yard trim pile, and then put your bag(s) into the trash.

Non-container items in blue bins. Blue recycling bins are for "commingled" materials – cans, bottles, and jars – only. Items like toilet seats and furnace filters should go into your normal household trash.

Options:

- Place trash items into your normal household trash on your next trash collection day.
- Take the items for disposal to the Shady Grove Transfer Station yourself.

Scrap metal collection not requested for items set at the curb. Large appliances and other bigger metal items are recyclable through the County's scrap metal recycling program. But, scrap metal recycling is done by a special truck; the regular recycling crew (and the trash crew) will leave these large metal items behind.

Restaurant Good!

Salmon with Pistachio, Basil, & Mint Sauce



In blender, mix until coarsely chopped:

- 1/4 cup shelled pistachios
- 1/4 cup fresh basil
- 1/4 cup fresh mint
- 1 garlic clove

Add to blender, mix until smooth:

- 1/2 cup of butter (softened to room temperature)
- 2 Tbls. Lemon juice

Put mixture in refrigerator to chill (can be done up to 4 days in advance) *This can also be frozen and used later if serving for less than six.*

Place in buttered casserole dish:

- 6 Salmon fillets

Pour 1/2 cup of dry white wine over fillets, sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Bake in 400° oven for 10 minutes until top of fillets are opaque.

Remove fillets from oven and distribute butter mixture over each fillet. Return to oven for another 5 minutes or until the fillets are opaque in the middle.

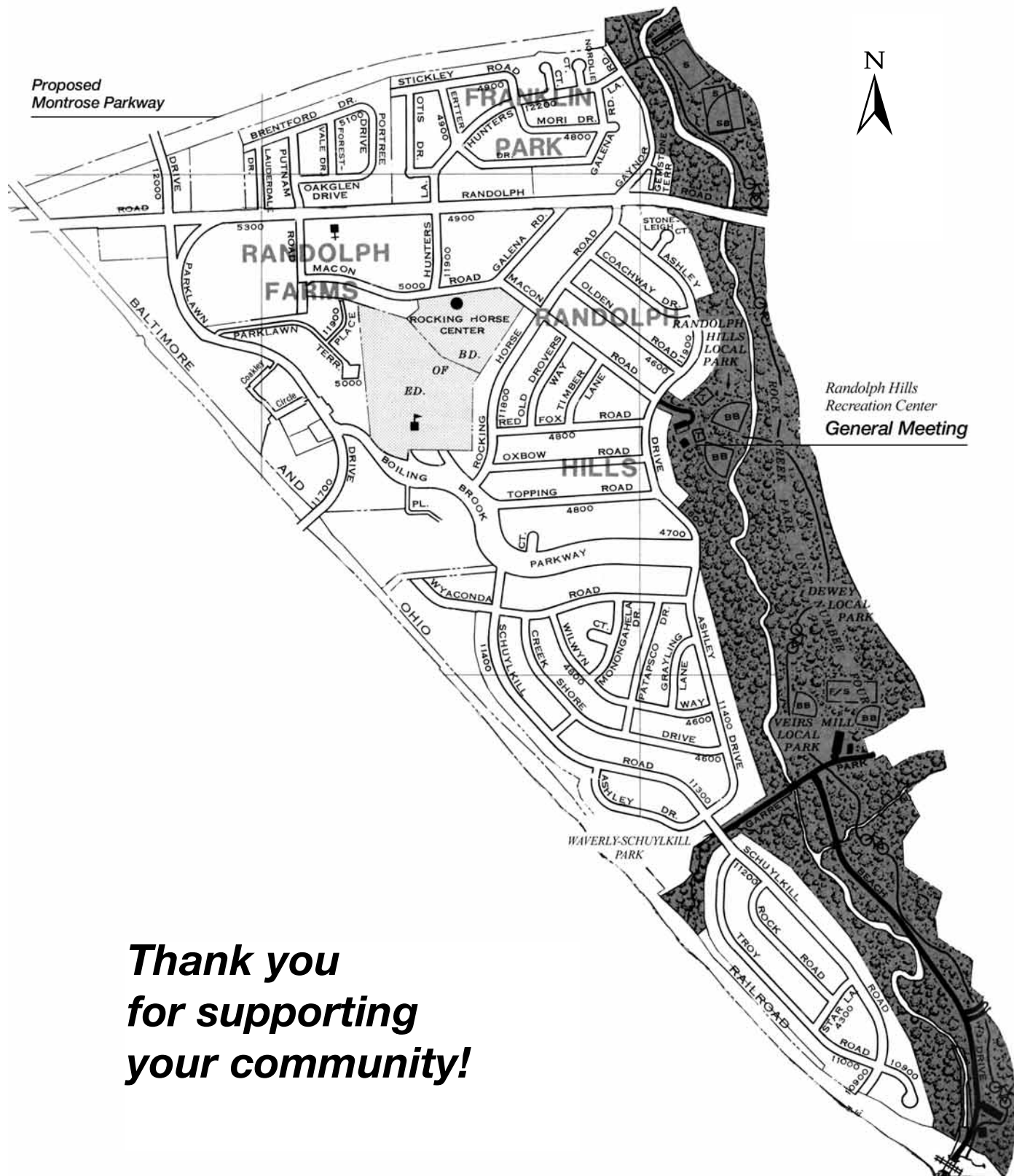
To serve: Ladle sauce from bottom of dish and place on top of each fillet. *Serves 6.*

Options:

- Request a scrap metal collection online or by phone at 240-777-6410. Requests must be received by 9:30 a.m. on the business day before your collection day.
- Take the items for disposal to the Shady Grove Transfer Station yourself.
- If any of the items are in usable or repairable condition, consider offering them to others through The Freecycle Network (www.freecycle.org).

The DSWS blog features a series of seen-at-the-curb photos with examples of tagged items, including explanations of what went wrong and what to do about it. Sample some entries for yourself at <http://mcrecycles.blogspot.com>. For more information waste reduction, recycling, and trash disposal in Montgomery County: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste; recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov; 240-777-6410; TTY: 240-777-6442 ■

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Note to Contributors:
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Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Here's Your Help

Here's a list of boys willing to perform leaf raking, grass mowing, snow shoveling, general yard work, etc. Negotiate cost and payment with each boy.

Andrew Souder 301-770-7632 Ashley Drive

Matt Bebawy 301-881-4698 Red Fox

Alex Cassel 301-770-8757 Macon Road

Steven Santos 301-468-1756 Wilwyn Way

Chris Geerman 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive

Mark Bushong 301-942-5890 Bennion Road

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Moses (Bubba) Hart 301-230-2740

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Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	301-279-1591
Park Police	301-949-3010
<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuylkill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3785
Abandoned Cars (on the street)	240-840-2454
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Building Permits	240-777-6200
Consumer Affairs	240-777-3636
Crisis Hotline (24 hours)	301-315-4000
Department of Natural Resources	800-442-0708
<i>(wildlife nuisance problems)</i>	
Disability Resources	240-777-1246
Fire Non-Emergency	240-777-0744
Housing Code Violations	240-777-3600
<i>(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)</i>	
Large Item Pick-up	240-777-6410
Libraries: Hours, etc.	240-777-0002
Telephone Reference	240-777-0001
Metrorail and Metrobus schedules & info.	202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society	240-773-5960
Emergencies only	240-773-5900
Licensing Dept.	240-773-5946
Motor Vehicle Administration	1-800-950-1682
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance	240-777-7700
<i>(noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leaking motor oil)</i>	
Parking Tickets	240-453-0113
Parks: Information & Permits	301-495-2525
PEPCO: Power Out	toll free 1-877-737-2662
Emergency/Life Threatening	202-872-3432
Post Office, Rollins Ave., Rockville	301-231-5973
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept.)	240-777-3986
RCA Hotline	301-881-2722
Recycling Info (www.mcrecycles.org)	240-777-6400
Recreation Information	240-777-6804
School Information	301-279-3391
Senior Citizens (Holiday Park)	301-468-4448
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Market Update...*

Neighborhood Home Sales Settled Since September 1, 2005

<u>Address</u>	<u>Orig Price</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>	<u>Dom</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Date Settled</u>
4617 Gemstone Terrace	\$445,000	\$445,000	\$445,000	4	\$0	9/22/2005
11806 Rocking Horse Road	\$490,000	\$490,000	\$485,000	13	\$0	9/23/2005
4904 Stickley Road	\$534,900	\$534,900	\$517,000	11	\$0	9/26/2005
4723 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$439,000	\$439,000	\$434,000	65	\$5,000	9/29/2005
12012 Galena Road	\$465,000	\$443,000	\$446,000	77	\$10,000	9/30/2005
4816 Topping Road	\$490,000	\$450,000	\$452,000	32	\$0	9/30/2005
4814 Ertter Drive	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$528,000	4	\$0	10/07/2005
11302 Schuylkill Road	\$399,500	\$399,500	\$400,000	13	\$6,000	10/25/2005
12124 Gaynor Road	\$459,900	\$439,900	\$450,000	76	\$10,000	10/31/2005
12110 Lauderdale Drive	\$449,000	\$449,000	\$442,000	50	\$0	10/31/2005

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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