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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher

No meeting in January

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Meetings are held on the **first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.**, except January, July, and August, at the Veirs Mill Rec Center, 4425 Garrett Park Road. Usually, we alternate between General and Executive meetings.

All are welcome at every meeting.

President's Message

by Matt Tifford, RCA President

Hello neighbors. I want to start by thanking all of the new faces we've seen at RCA meetings recently. Although November was only an Executive Board meeting, I want to remind everyone how important it is to remain active and attend RCA meetings like the one we had in October and the upcoming one in December. At our December meeting we'll have one of our delegates to the State House of Representatives, Jeff Waldstreicher, as a guest speaker. He will be discussing some of the current activities in Annapolis and taking your questions.

I have several things to update you on in preparation for our December meeting. Attendees will be voting on two important items at the meeting. First is an update to our current association By-Laws. This is the first major update in about 25 years, and a needed step to ensure we are compliant with the By-Laws. The new By-Laws also require us to maintain an annual budget. This leads me to the second major item up for a vote in December. For the past several years, rising costs have forced us to operate at a deficit. We can no longer afford to operate in this manner. Last spring the RCA was bailed out by a couple of large donations, but we cannot rely on this every year. At the meeting in December we will have an up or down vote on the proposed budget and the new By-Laws. We will not be debating specific items of either, because we would rather get your comments ahead of time. Both the revised By-Laws and budget are available for your review either in this *Echo* or on the RCA website. Please contact any member of the Executive Board with your feedback, and attend the meeting in December to make your voice heard.

With these administrative issues out of the way, we have updates on items with a direct impact on our neighborhood. First and foremost is the possible re-opening of Rocking Horse Center as Rocking Horse Elementary School (RHES). With Viers Mill Elementary (VME) facing serious and increasing capacity problems, the prospect of our community getting RHES back is becoming more of a reality. RCA and its representa-

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Delegate Waldstreicher Our Guest December 4

Our own Maryland State District 18 Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher is our guest at the next RCA meeting, Thursday, December 4, 2008, 8 PM, Veirs Mill Rec Center. Del. Waldstreicher serves on the Judiciary Committee and its Criminal Justice Subcommittee. In the legislature, his priorities include investing in education, protecting the environment, and preserving civil rights and liberties.

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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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President's Message

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tive to the White Flint Sector Advisory Board have been in talks with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and members of Planning Board staff to have a new RHES named as a potential solution to the anticipated growth stemming from development in the White Flint Sector. MCPS has acknowledged that we will be in serious need of a new elementary school in the next 3-5 years. The question is, "Can we get them to make it happen in 3-5 years?" The Planning Board staff has been resistant to naming potential sites outside of the sector (technically RCA is outside the boundaries, but borders the sector), and the process has not been without controversies. Recently a last minute deal that would have ignored the needs of our community and only benefited Garrett Park was stopped by the County Council in response to lobbying by members of the RCA executive board. This should serve as a reminder to all our residents that we only have as much influence as we do participation. So when I asked you if we can get RHES re-opened in 3-5 years, I wasn't being rhetorical, because the answer could very well be "NO" unless we take several steps now. MCPS and the School Board have already shown that they will allow elementary schools within the Downcounty Consortium to get much more overcrowded before they will take action, and we will be no different unless we can organize and increase participation from our residents. The positive transformative effects of a new neighborhood elementary school, which possibly feeds into a new high school, cannot be understated. It will not happen though without your help. So stop by the meeting in December and find out how you can help.

Another positive development point is the possibility of a new and improved MARC station to service Randolph Hills. Several months ago RCA voted unanimously to endorse a new MARC station at Nicholson Court, which would have pedestrian access and parking accessible from our side of the tracks. The new, handicap accessible MARC stop would also be serviced by Ride-On bus service and have a regular taxi service. This stop would also have more frequent stops than the current stop at Garrett Park. As I write this, I am receiving updates on a meeting that was held earlier today with the Maryland Secretary of Transportation. The RCA, working with commercial property owners, met with the Secretary and he voiced his support for the idea, while acknowledging that the county planners must be the ones to name the specific location. This is an area where we again are at odds with county planners. They continue to lean towards a site farther north and out of walking distance for residents. We are confident that the level of support for the Nicholson Court location will win the day, but it will not come without effort. Your participation is the key and I again urge you to attend the RCA meeting in December.

As I indicated earlier, the general membership meeting in December is an important one. Come, be heard, and don't forget about those cookies. ■

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Minutes of the November RCA Executive Meeting

by Angelee Marques, RCA Secretary

November 6, 2008

Hello fellow neighbors! Before you become engrossed with the minutes from the first Executive Meeting of the new RCA Board, I would like to take just a moment to introduce myself. My name is Angelee Marques and I am the new Secretary for the RCA. I have been a resident of Randolph Hills for the past six years, during which time my husband and I have grown our family from 2 to 4 and formed many long lasting friendships with our neighbors. I have been very pleased to see the hard work and great strides of the RCA over this time and I now look forward to contributing to the community myself. Please always feel free to reach out to me to say hello (you can easily find my contact information on page 2 of the *Echo*) and share your thoughts and ideas for our neighborhood.

Before we move on, I would also like to send a special Thank You to Kevin Kline, our outgoing Secretary and someone who has been and continues to be an enormous asset to our community. Over Kevin's tenure with the RCA, he has held every position on the Board and has continually brought a deep knowledge of the neighborhood, Association, and civic affairs to the table. Kevin will continue to play an important role in the RCA as one of the three RCA Directors.

Now – on to the November Executive Meeting:

The meeting began at 8pm with President Matt Tifford welcoming all in attendance and setting the agenda for the evening. Attendees introduced themselves and their role. Two new neighbors, who had just moved to RCA within the week, joined the meeting and were a welcome addition to the evening's discussions. The topics to be discussed were:

1. Approval of the October Meeting Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Committee Reports
4. Old Business
5. New Business

1. Approval of the October Meeting Minutes

Quick and easy – Kevin Kline raised the motion for approval of the meetings, the group unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lauren Lehman provided a report on the finances of the RCA.

Lauren held a discussion on how to handle donations in excess of the \$10 RCA membership fee as many people had given more; some contributors had made specific requests as to how they would like their money delineated, ex. \$10 to RCA, \$30 to RCF. The recently formed RC Foundation is a non-profit charitable entity, thus donations to it are tax-

deductible; as such, excess donations should automatically be funneled to the RCF. To make this clear and simple for both RCA residents and the Treasurer accounting, it was decided that the RCA Membership Form would be redesigned to clearly delineate donations to the Randolph Civic Association and/or Foundation.

3. Committee Reports:

A. Membership Committee

John Kehoe, chair of the Membership Committee, reviewed the status of the Fall Membership Drive. To date, there are 442 paid RCA Members (the RCA Membership fee is \$10) out of 1340 homes, or 33% of the neighborhood. There have also been \$550 dollars in spring bulb orders (bulbs are ordered with the Membership form).

President Matt Tifford raised the question on whether our current membership numbers are lagging historical trends. John Kehoe stated that we had 518 Members by Jan of 2008 (for 2007-2008 Membership Drive) and that he expected and was already seeing more memberships trickle in throughout the end of the year. The overall sentiment of John and the Board was that we continually need to have a greater percentage of the neighborhood participating in the RCA.

B. Budget Committee

Members – Kevin Kline, Lauren Lehman, Nick Kreisle, Dell Pillers/Cline

Kevin Kline and team put together a draft budget for the meeting, sharing it with each person in attendance. The creation and use of a living budget was unanimously voted for at the October Meeting and has been signed into the revised RCA By-Laws (more on this topic below). Kevin reviewed the overall premise of the budget and line items within.

A discussion was held on whether to include RCF funds in the RCA budget. The group decided to not include RCF funds, that two budgets will be created and maintained, and that the RCF will cover expenses where possible to utilize its Non-Profit benefits. Kevin also explained the need for an 'Emergency Fund' to cover expenses, such as *Echo* printing, in case the RCA does not receive enough membership funds to cover basic yearly costs.

Lauren Lehman, Treasurer, also raised the request for a review of all expenses and activities to ensure that we receive value from each. Matt Tifford noted that all activities that at minimum remain revenue neutral should remain intact as many events are enjoyed by the community and help in its unity. A motion to approve the budget with the discussed revisions was made and passed by unanimous voice vote.

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November RCA Executive Meeting Minutes

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4. Old Business:

A. Rocking Horse Center Re-Opening

Dan Hoffman, Vice President, gave an overview of the latest dealings with the White Flint Sector Plan (WFSP) and its link to the potential re-opening of the Rocking Horse Center as our neighborhood elementary school. An amendment to the WFSP was recently raised by Nancy Floreen, At-Large County Councilmember, to expand the boundaries of the WFSP to encompass outside areas, treating them as 'community amenities.' This amendment, although it first sounds beneficial to the RCA as the RCA is an outside community to the WFSP, was not supported by the RCA as it was not written fairly to provide benefits to all surrounding communities. Thanks to the voices of Kevin Kline, Matt Tifford, Dan Hoffman, and others, the amendment was not passed.

A question was also raised on the likelihood of the Rocking Horse Center re-opening as our elementary school. Dan Hoffman stated that there is a confirmed and acknowledged need for an elementary school to service our neighborhood and surrounding areas in the next 3-5 years. This fact is what the RCA is using to push forward with our Government Representatives and the Montgomery County Public Schools to make a move with the existing building.

B. By-Laws Revision

Karen Helfert, RCA Webmaster, along with Kevin Kline and Dan Hoffman, lead the project of revising the existing RCA By-Laws as they were dated and did not represent the actions of the RCA in operation today. The team had previously provided the Board with a draft revision, asking all for comments to be discussed at this meeting. A discussion was held on outstanding issues, with focus on a few key sections:

- Clarification of RCA boundaries, and issues such as: should RCA represent only single family homes?
- Spending of more than \$500 dollars outside of the approved annual budget could be done without full Association approval
- Current communication channels added, i.e. internet, email list serv, website
- Organization of topics and clarification of references to and actions such as: proxy voting by the board, election process, meetings, and terms for officers.

The group unanimously approved the revisions; Karen with the help of Angelee Marques, RCA Secretary, will finalize edits to the By-Laws for delivery to the community for approval at the December Meeting.

A very big **Thank You to Karen Helfert** for organizing and taking on the enormous task of updating the By-Laws!

The By-Laws are always available for public viewing on the RCA website at: <http://www.randolphcivic.org/>

C. Website Updates

Chad Salganik, RCA 2nd Vice President, provided an update on the change in hosting of the RCA website to Godaddy.com. The move has been tested but one snag exists with a linked webpage that is built using software no longer supported by Godaddy.com. A discussion was held on how to handle the issue; Chad will finalize actions.

5. New Business

A. December Meeting Speaker

Delegate Jeffrey Waldstreicher, District 18, will be the guest speaker for the December General Meeting (Thurs, Dec. 4th, 8pm). Matt Tifford will send Delegate Waldstreicher an agenda for the meeting. (Please attend as this is a great opportunity to speak with our district representative!)

B. Vagrants in Park

To be discussed at the next meeting due to lack of time.

C. Councilman Berliner Meetings

Matt Tifford, RCA President and Dan Hoffman, RCA Vice President will meet to discuss neighborhood issues and agendas with Councilman Berliner on November 24th. A recap of the meeting will be delivered to the Board at a later date.

D. White Flint Steering Committee

The White Flint Advisory Group, a group of area representatives (the RCA has two representatives in this group) assisting the development and approval of the White Flint Sector Plan, is coming to a close. In continuance of local representation and advice for the White Flint development, a new, smaller (10 person) and more focused group, the White Flint Steering Committee, is now being formed and accepting requests to join. Matt Tifford and the RCA have appointed as our representatives for the Committee Dan Hoffman, primary and Kevin Kline, secondary. Dan and Kevin will follow the appropriate steps to be considered for a position on the Committee.

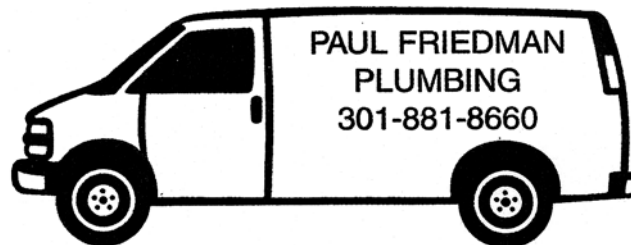
E. Farmers Market in RCA Land

Christiana Drapkin, a very new member to RCA (moved here last week) was present at the Executive Meeting and opened up a discussion on the idea of sponsoring a Farmers Market within RCA. Christiana had been heavily involved in similar events in her former location of Brooklyn, NY and would like to work with representatives in the RCA to explore the idea here.

If you are interested in assisting with this idea, please reach out to Karen Helfert at khelfert1@comcast.net or Angelee Marques at angeleemarques@yahoo.com.

In closing, we would like to extend a big Thank You to RCA'ers that volunteered their time and energy in the Presidential and Local Election Process last week: Karen Helfert, Lauren Lehman, Shaul Kopyto, Joseph Kopyto, Philip Turner, Gil and Eleanor Austin, Daniel Boston, and William Donahoe.

Executive Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm. ■



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RCA Treasurer's Report *by Lauren Lehman, CFA, RCA Treasurer*

My first month as treasurer saw the receipt of our annual dues, bulbs, Sams Club renewals and RCF donations. Advertising income and dues are still flowing in, so we should see our balance rise over the next few months.

This year will be the first that the RCA creates and closely follows a budget. This should ensure we maintain a healthy cushion of cash, and avoid last minute drives for donations. We will also be more plainly separating the assets of RCA and RCF. Donations for RCF are typically received in the same check as annual RCA dues. For this reason they are initially deposited into the RCA account, but will shortly be transferred to RCF's coffers. ■

RCA Checking Register 10/08/2008 through 11/03/2008

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 10/08/08			\$ 3,810.33
10/22/08	DEP	Advertising Income		140.00	3,950.33
10/28/08	1069	facilities use		-223.00	3,727.33
10/29/08	DEP	Inc:dues		5.00	3,732.33
10/31/08	1070	ECHO:printing		-1,113.00	2,619.33
10/31/08	DEP	inc:bulbs		548.58	3,167.91
10/31/08	DEP	inc:dues		4,440.00	7,607.91
10/31/08	DEP	inc:Sams		2,470.00	10,077.91
10/31/08	DEP	RCF_donations		3,196.06	13,273.97
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		BALANCE 11/03/08			13,303.97

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RCA Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

A budget provides an estimate of revenues and expenditures, and projects how a business might perform financially if certain plans are carried out. Usually a budget is measured against actual revenues and expenses and adjusted as the fiscal year progresses – that's EXACTLY what the RCA Execs are going to do. RCA'ers get to vote on expenditures before the Execs spend any money (this is YOUR organization). Notice the RCA is projecting a healthy reserve fund AND an ending balance. ■

RCA BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

REVENUE	AMOUNT	NOTES
Advertising Income	\$6,300	Echo newsletter.
Donation Income	\$0	
Membership & Donations	\$10,000	
REVENUE TOTAL	\$16,300	
EXPENSES	AMOUNT	NOTES
MCCF dues	(\$85)	Umbrella org for civic association like RCA.
Bank charges	(\$25)	Returned checks.
Scouts (Boy; Cub; Venture	\$0	RCA funds already transferred to RCF for Scouts.
Scouts, Girl)	\$0	RCA funds already transferred to RCF for Scouts.
RCF Transfers	\$0	RCA funds already transferred to RCF.
Santa's Candy Canes	(\$125)	Santa's annual fire truck ride through RCA-land.
Community Srv: Improvements*	(\$100)	Spring mulching of RCA neighborhood signs, plants.
RCA Picnics (Spring & Fall)	(\$700)	2 yard sales @\$350 each for hamburger & hot dog sales.
Echo Delivery	(\$1,100)	Echo delivery by Boy Scouts
Echo Mailing	(\$80)	Mail newsletter to local politicians.
Echo Printing	(\$11,000)	Slight increase estimated over last year's cost.
Echo Production	(\$300)	Film; photos, printer ribbons.
Insurance	(\$700)	Required. Slight increase estimated over last year.
Bulbs	\$0	bulbs sales and expenses net to zero.
Postage	(\$550)	Used in membership drive.
Sams	\$0	Sams credit card revenue & expenses net to zero.
Supplies	(\$50)	Used in Echo production: paper clips, rubber bands.
Office	(\$100)	Office supplies.
RCF Donations	\$0	No additional transfers to RCF anticipated.
Telephone	(\$12)	Significant cost reduction from last year.
Other	(\$110)	Miscellaneous expenses.
	(\$100)	
Yard Sale Concessions	\$0	Combined with RCA picnics, above.
Emergency Fund	(\$1,100)	Reserve fund based on Echo production costs for 1 month.
EXPENSE TOTAL	(\$16,237)	
SURPLUS	\$63	Remaining available funds for discretionary spending.

FOOTNOTES. The purpose of budgeting is to:

- 1. Provide a forecast of revenues and expenditures, i.e., construct a model of how a business might perform financially if certain strategies, events and plans are carried out.*
- 2. Enable the actual financial operation of the business to be measured against the forecast. The process of calculating the budget begins with a list of all necessary purchases and services. The budget should contain a narrative explaining how you decided on the amount of this reserve and a description of the expected financial results of your business activities.*

Crime in RCA-Land – A Call for Community Action

The RCA received the following letter from a concerned citizen in RCA-land. It has been edited slightly due to space limitations. The author's name has been withheld.

November 11, 2008

Dear Mr. Tifford:

I hope this letter comes to you in time for printing in the *Echo*. I wish to share a recent experience with the members of our community and express my concerns. I believe that what happened is crucial for the entire community to know, but also as encouragement for us all to take steps against any obstruction of justice and peace.

Around mid-October, I was enjoying the weather on my front lawn when two rowdy teenagers strolled down the street and suddenly charged into my neighbor's property. For no reason, one of them kicked an ornament off its pedestal and ran into the backyard of the other neighbor then ran from yard to yard. They were very violent and provoking as they caused trouble during a time when most people were either still at work or just on their way back home. Shocked at their outrageous behavior, I went forward and appropriately told them to stop what they were doing and leave. One of them then physically assaulted me and pulled out a knife, in which I responded by walking away while he used terrible language towards me. I immediately returned home and called the police for assistance. Thanks to the prompt response of the Montgomery County Police Department, especially of Officer Cullar, both of the teens were arrested in minutes. Their level of aggression was incredible; while I was speaking with Officer Cullar, the young men returned with two more of their friends to Ertter Drive, though their arrival quickly ended with their arrest.

On Monday, November 3, the young man who assaulted me went through trial and was placed on probation with home electronic monitoring and is now prohibited from entering the 4800 block of Ertter Drive as well as any contact with me.

I fear for the safety of my neighborhood, particularly within the jurisdiction and surrounding areas of Franklin Park. While no severe harm was brought onto me, I am astonished that such crime is taking place in what I have always known as a safe community. Living here for at least 15 years now, I am finding that the safety of our community is fading. I trust that we are all putting in effort and taking action against any sort of crime here, however in order to prevent violence, we must all watch carefully for any signs of mischief and act upon it immediately before it escalates out of hand. With times being more tense and busy, it may be increasingly difficult to do this, however the only way we can fight against its reoccurrence is if we all work together.

I care strongly for the RCA area and I do not want to have anybody else getting hurt. Our local police forces are fantastic,

though their assistance can only go so far if we ever decide to turn a blind eye towards injustice. I should mention, that I had only one person give her name to police officers as a witness!

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Your help will be highly appreciated and will be of great support towards the RCA community. ■

RCA By-Laws

An update for the 21st Century

by Karen Helfert

Recently the Executive Committee took a look at the 1983 RCA Constitution and By-Laws and recognized the need for an updating – what was appropriate for 1983 seemed out of date in 2008. So a committee was formed to suggest revisions to update our RCA By-Laws. The Committee started by taking the 1983 version and making fixes starting from the top and working through, but we soon realized that, in addition to other considerations, there were many sections/articles which really needed to be rearranged to keep similar issues together and to make it flow more logically. So the current draft does not follow the old By-Laws matching up article/section by article/section. Another issue encountered was that some sections had rather confusing language, for example, in places it was not clear if it was referring to general members or Executive Committee members or if it was referring to general Association meetings or Executive Committee meetings. Most of the suggested revisions are housekeeping updates, such as correcting the description of the RCA boundaries. Thus the need is to review this draft as a whole...does it say what RCA needs? Will they serve as an appropriate, adequate guide for the operation of the RCA?

The committee also believed that no matter how complex and specific you write a set of by-laws, one can never, by writing more and more intricate by laws, anticipate every situation or keep someone bound and determined to circumvent by-laws. So we tried to keep it simple, flexible and appropriate.

At the general meeting in December, the membership will be asked to approve the new By-Laws. A copy of the proposed new By-Laws are posted on the RCA website: randolphcivic.org. ■

Election Results - How did our Precinct vote?

Election results from our Precinct, 04-15, are available on the RCA website, www.randolphcivic.com. Our own Karen Kelfert and Shaul Kopyto were some of the election judges, so you know these figures are good!

President's Pen

by George Gadbois, RCF President

Seasons Greetings Neighbors! As we approach the coming holiday season, like years past please try and remember the less fortunate. Where your time and generosity can afford, give food, clothing and money to those who have less than you during this special time of the year. Most churches as well as the Salvation Army can ensure your donations get to those in need. In these particularly difficult economic times for us all, know that others have it even tougher.

We have news to report about the 501(c)3 application process. The 1023 form and its numerous attachments, including a set of RCF By-Laws, was reviewed by counsel and sent out on October 30 to meet IRS submission timeline criterion. Other than an acknowledgment card, we don't expect to hear back from them for a number of weeks, if not months, depending on their backlog. We expect them to eventually contact us with follow-up questions and upon a satisfactory response, the RCF would be officially granted the 501(c)3 exemption. We hope to have it by next spring, but we'll see.

Some school notes include the DCC high schools all having their Open Houses as part of the process for eighth graders choosing one of five high schools to attend. RCA eighth graders that are not in the WJ Cluster (i.e. not currently attending Tilden), should be fully involved in this selection process. Please contact MCPS DCC if this is new information to you.

As fall sports wind down, I am proud to report the Wheaton High School JV Football Knights have come away with a winning season at 5-4. Special thanks to Coaches Ortega, Brown and Culliton for training and educating a group of boys to not only play the game well, but to keep up



Wheaton JV celebrates after their Homecoming game win over Einstein.

with their studies at the same time. There were few, if any, JV players that could not play due to eligibility this year; truly a positive sign. Varsity did not fare quite as well, but have won two at press time, and that's an improvement over last year's 0-for. WJ's Varsity is struggling a bit too with having won only one game themselves as we go to press. For our other DCC Varsity football teams: Blair and Einstein are winning at 5-4, while Kennedy and Northwood are both 2-7.

It's worth repeating last year's seasonal educational and safety note to please take particular care during this joyous season to consume spirits responsibly, keep those live indoor Christmas trees watered, watch your electrical loads when in plugging in decorative lighting, and drive carefully in the coming wintry weather.

Have a happy and safe holiday with family and friends and let's all look forward to a more prosperous and fulfilling new year. ■

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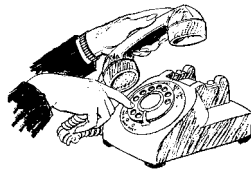
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The RCA Hotline

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Calls Received August 24, 2008 to November 14, 2008



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.

If anyone notices that the hotline is not working, please call Richard Zierdt at 301-881-0283, and/or e-mail the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org. Thanks!

Lots of messages this issue, since I missed the November Echo! (RZ)

2008-08-29 (Fri) 3:12 pm Not Anonymous, Oxbow Road. Caller reports a medical walker stolen from the front of caller's house today, between 6:30 am and 1:00 pm. Can't imagine who would have done this (kids?). If anyone should find one laying around, please call the hotline. *[This message was posted on the RCA's listserve on YahooGroups.]*

2008-09-10 (Wed) 6:47 pm Anonymous, from Randolph Hills 3rd Section. Caller received the Echo today, in caller's mailbox. Caller reminds the RCA that only mail with postage may be placed in mailboxes. *[Yes, the caller is correct, but this is not done on a regular basis. Occasionally, perhaps when it's raining, and the storm door is locked, and with no other reasonable alternative, the ECHO might be placed in a mailbox, but this is rare.]*

2008-09-13 (Sat) 1:17 pm Franklin Park, Ertter Drive. Caller reports that the Echo was placed under the windshield of caller's car. Please do not do this. Thank you very much.

2008-09-13 (Sat) 4:56 pm Anonymous, Red Fox Road. Caller went to the RCA website (www.randolphcivic.org) to download the RCA membership form, and found that it is for last year. Caller asks that the current membership form be posted. *[Done!]* Caller also asks that contact information for the webmaster be provided so that problems with the website can be reported. *[Comments can always be sent to info@randolphcivic.org, but we'll see if a webmaster contact can be implemented.]*

2008-09-13 (Sat) 5:06 pm Anonymous. Caller read the hotline, but was amazed someone would write and complain

about drying clothes on a clothes line. Caller thought that people who throw glass bottles out of moving cars that come crashing in the middle of the road, throwing trash, dogs going to the bathroom in neighbor's yards – that's what caller thought made neighborhood bad, not clothes lines. Caller thinks caller will put one up, too.

2008-09-15 (Mon) 5:32 pm Anonymous, Randolph Hills. Caller is wondering why on July 6, when we had a drive-by shooting on Wyaconda Road, everybody was not made aware of it in this month's Echo (Sept-Oct). Also, four tires were punched on the same vehicle. The police were called. But there has been nothing done about it, and caller is a concerned resident.

2008-09-15 (Mon) 5:45 pm Not anonymous, Old Drovers Way. This is in response to the caller complaining about hanging clothes out on the line in the back yard saying that it is disgusting and bad for the neighborhood. Caller totally disagrees. Callers feels that if there's a little old-fashionedness in a few of us, then that should be refreshing. Caller likes the fresh smell in caller's sheets and towels that come from line drying. If the other caller doesn't like it, maybe that person can move to a development where there are rules to abide by: paint your door a certain color, don't hang your clothes out, etc. There are homeowner associations all over the place that do this. Maybe the other caller has too much time on their hands. Thank you. *[Thank you for calling. There are many different people who live in RCA-land with many different views. The RCA welcomes all, even those who oppose line-drying.]*

2008-09-19 (Fri) 11:52 am Not anonymous from Franklin Park. Caller thanks the RCA, Andy Wood (Eagle Scout), and the leadership of Mike Saunders for the new fence at Gaynor and Hunter. Mike accomplished a whole lot during his presidency. Thank you very much.

2008-09-24 (Wed) 08:24 am Not anonymous on Ashley Drive. Hi – caller just wanted to let the RCA know that the e-mail address for Congressman Chris Van Hollen is no longer in service. Instead, please go to his web site where one can e-mail him (www.vanhollen.gov). Thank you.

2008-09-24 (Wed) 08:57 am Not anonymous on Rock Road. On Monday morning, about 3:40 am, caller and several of caller's neighbors were awakened by gunshots. Caller heard eight shots. They actually cordoned off Rock Road. Caller is concerned that no one seems to know what's going on. Should caller contact Montgomery County police? Park Police? It's uncomfortable knowing that there were gunshots. *[Yes, it is OK to call the police on the non-emergency numbers 301-279-8000 (county wide) or 240-773-6070 (Rockville station). Park Police (301-949-3010) will refer you to County Police if County Police handled it.]*

2008-09-25 (Thu) 4:27 pm Anonymous. Do we have a new motorcycle group around here? They are constantly going up Randolph Road, Viers Mill Road, and down past where I live. It is most annoying, going on for hours at a time. Is there any way we can stop this? Thank you very much.

2008-09-25 (Thu) 4:27 pm Not anonymous, Ashley Drive. Caller has not received the *Echo*, and knows they have been delivered. Three weeks is more than enough time – they should have been delivered. Caller is wondering when the RCA picnic and yard sale events are. *[ECHOs were soon delivered. There was a mix-up on caller's route.]*

2008-09-26 (Fri) 4:19 pm Not anonymous. Caller was wondering about the RCA picnic that will be held this Saturday. Rain is predicted, so will it be cancelled? Caller would like to attend. *[And the RCA is glad you want to! The fate of the picnic is always decided the morning of the event. There is never a rain date. This year, the weather threatened, but we partied nonetheless!]*

2008-09-29 (Mon) 6:31 pm Anonymous. Caller is reporting that caller called Park Police concerning three individuals smoking marijuana in Randolph Hills Park. Park Police said they would send a vehicle here to investigate. Thank You.

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RCA Hotline

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2008-09-26 (Mon) 8:01 pm Not anonymous. Two calls asking for information about the community yard sale this Saturday.

2008-10-02 (Thu) 12:57 pm Not anonymous, Schuylkill Road. Caller received yellow RCA Membership Renewal Form this morning, but caller got someone else's form. What to do? *[This happens occasionally. The information can be crossed out and replaced with your name, etc., or a "fresh" form can be downloaded from the RCA website. Additionally, if you're up for it, the form might be taken to the neighbor to whom it was addressed. That won't likely help your own form, but your neighbor would appreciate it.]*

2008-10-02 (Thu) 4:54 pm Not anonymous. Four calls asking for information about the community yard sale this Saturday.

2008-10-06 (Mon) 4:38 pm Anonymous. Caller is calling about a house on Red Fox Road. Their dog stays tied up and it barks, on and off, all day long and often into the night. The police have been called as well as Animal Control. Caller feels sorry for the dog and also for caller and neighbors.

Caller has lost many hours of sleep, and can't sleep with the windows open. Is there anything else that can be done. Maybe the dog owners will read this. Thank you. *[Yes, hopefully, the pet owner will read this. Animal control should stay on top of this; calling them regularly will help. Call an RCA officer if the County is not responsive.]*

2008-10-13 (Mon) 1:22 pm Anonymous. Are you aware of, or do you care that Randolph Road, Ashley Drive, Oxbow Road are being used every day and night, sometimes after midnight, by motorcycle riders? This is most disconcerting to people who live here and cannot hear other people talking to them. We're really afraid; we don't know where these people are coming from. They are here every day and every night. Thank you. *[Please call an RCA officer; they are listed on Page 2 of every ECHO.]*

2008-10-15 (Wed) 9:57 am Not anonymous. Caller ordered flower bulbs with the RCA membership drive. When will they be delivered? *[The weekend of November 15-16.]*

2008-10-17 (Fri) 11:31 am Anonymous. Complaint about Olden Road. There are lunch wagons at the bottom of the street; people who drive work vehicles, such as a dry-cleaning truck, home with them park it on the street in front of their houses. And when the street in front of the house is too full with cars, they park it up on the county strip. Our



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neighborhood is going down the hill, not up the hill – just because people are being so inconsiderate for their other neighbors. Thanks. *[Although rarely enforced, it is illegal to park a commercial truck on a residential street – it must be parked in a driveway. Some Council Members are taking a look at this situation. Caller's frustration is far from unique.]*

2008-10-19 (Sun) 9:18 am Anonymous. 4700 block of Olden Road. One of caller's neighbors repeatedly plays really loud music on Sunday mornings and wakes up caller and caller's child. A couple of weeks ago, someone called the police about a loud party there on a Sunday night. Police took care of it, but caller doesn't want to have call the police in order to get this addressed. Caller is not trying to harass, but just be respectful. Many like to sleep in on Sunday mornings, and get ready for work on Sunday night. Caller is looking forward to it being really cold, so that these parties and loud music won't be played during fall and winter.

2008-10-30 (Thu) 6:01 pm Anonymous. A resident is calling that a light is out at 4704. *[We're assuming caller means a street light. A street name would be helpful. By the way, residents can report street light outages via the County's website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov. Click on Online Services on the left.]*

2008-10-31 (Fri) 9:52 am Anonymous. Caller suggests assigned parking on residential streets so that neighbors aren't blocking other neighbor's driveways, or blocking the sidewalk, or parking on the County strip. Just an idea.

2008-11-01 (Sat) 3:38 pm Not anonymous. Putnam Road. Caller reports no Scouting For Food bag that was supposedly delivered with the *Echo*. Could one or two bags be delivered?

2008-11-01 (Sat) 7:42 pm Not anonymous from Franklin Park. Caller reports no Hotline Calls in the November *Echo*, and far too much space devoted to the RCF (Randolph Civic Foundation). People should be able to choose their charities. Caller doesn't see any need for charities being endowed by the RCF. We have far more important problems as outlined in the November *Echo*. So caller hopes caller will see the Hotline section in the December *Echo*, and more attention paid to real problems. Thank you. *[Thank you for calling. Evidently, the RCF has some distance to go in explaining itself. The purpose of the RCF, as it is with any charity, to be crude about it, is to raise money. Franklin Park was the first section within the RCA to benefit directly from the RCF in the tax-deductible donations residents made specifically to fund the beautiful sign at Hunters Lane and Randolph Road. The RCF is not designed to solve "real problems" per se, but to improve life in general within its boundaries. Part of that mission is to provide guidance and activities for our youth, thus the RCF's sponsorship of its Girl and Boy Scout Troops. The RCA, by contrast, may be more of what the caller had in*

mind when referring to "real problems" such as traffic, schools, code enforcement, crime, etc. Both organizations have distinct purposes, and we are fortunate to have both. Many neighborhoods in the County have neither. The Hotline does return with this issue, with lots of calls, such as this one. Thank you, caller, for your interest in the ECHO and our neighborhood.]

2008-11-01 (Sat) 8:07 am Not anonymous in Montrose Park. Windows were broken in several cars, including caller's. Caller will report this to the police. More fun for Halloween.

2008-11-02 (Sun) 4:52 pm Not anonymous. Caller is calling about the street map that appears in the *Echo*. The map show that Putnam and Macon intersect, but they don't. Could the map be updated to show that Putnam ends before it intersects with Macon? Thank you.

2008-11-03 (Mon) 7:15 pm Not anonymous, Galena Road. Today, caller's trash was not picked-up. Also, the next door neighbor moved out yesterday, leaving much trash behind. What to do? *[Call Solid Waste services (Trash Collection) at 240-777-6410. If your trash was out by 7 am on Monday, they will schedule another pick up. Tell them about your neighbor, and ask for a special pick-up. If the trash is not near the street, you may have to call housing code enforcement at 240-777-3600.]*

2008-11-07 (Fri) 11:12 am Not anonymous. 47xx Boiling Brook Parkway. Caller has been getting mail for someone who does not live at caller's home. Some of the mail looks like a court document, and caller is wondering if the RCA might have an address for this person.

2008-11-12 (Wed) 10:54 am Anonymous, Galena Road. Caller reports that yesterday, on Veteran's Day, between 1 pm and 4:30 pm, someone broke into caller's home and stole jewelry. Caller would appreciate anyone who saw anything suspicious or had solicitors knocking on their door (looking for empty houses) on Veteran's Day, to please call Officer Malco of the Rockville Police, 240-773-6070. ■

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News from Pack 1081

by Don Gibbons



Pack 1081 Cub Scouts have had a busy fall schedule. At our October Pack Meeting, Cubmaster **Sandra Kimball** noted the October Cubscouting theme was "Adventures in Books" and took time to highlight a story or two. The Cubmaster also welcomed two new scouts, **David Ghuniam** and **Victor Guerrero**, into the pack.

Also at the pack Meeting, the following WOLVES earned the Astronomy Sports & Academic Belt Loop: **Nathaniel Harley, Thomas Alder, Adrian Streed, Galen Gibbons, David Ghuniam, Damien Raber** and **Daniel Hernandez**.

BEARS earning Sports and Academic Belt Loops for Marbles were **Pedro Cerriteno, Wolfie Woolard, Mark Kimball, Victor Guerrero** and **Emmett Gideos**. Sports and Academic Belt Loops in Physical Fitness were earned by **Victor Guerrero, Wolfie Woolard, Mark Kimball**, and **Jordan Pitts**. Bowling was earned by **Jordan Pitts** and **Wolfie Woolard**. Belt loop for Flag Football was earned by **Mark Kimball** and **Jordan Pitts**, Chess belt loop was earned by **Mark Kimball**. Belt loop for Swimming was earned by **Mark Kimball** (pin), **Jordan Pitts**, **Wolfie Woolard** (pin). The Fishing belt loop was earned by **Wolfie Woolard** and **Jordan Pitts**.

Webelos I earning Sports and Academic Beltloops & Pins were **Devon Parker, Sebastian Jardine** for Archery. **Devon Parker** and **Sebastian Jardine** earned BB Shooting.

Devon Parker and **Sebastian Jardine** also earned some Webelos Activity Badges for Showman. **Sebastian Jardine** also earned Webelos Activity Badges for Outdoorsman and Aquanaut.

Webelos II earning Sports and Academic Beltloops & Pins were



Reenactors teach scouts about life in the Union army.

Matthew Kimball for Marbles, Flag Football, Fishing & Archery. Earning Webelos Activity Badges for Showman were **Matthew Kimball, Cameron Lett, Mateo Streed**. **Matthew Kimball** also earned Scientist, Sportsman and Traveler.

Our September outing was a camping trip to the Washington Monument State Park near Antietam Battlefield and Sharpsburg, Maryland. Many scouts and their families attended, including **Thomas Alder, Damien Raber, Daniel Hernandez, Galen Gibbons, Matthew Kimball, Mark Kimball, Sebastian Jardine, Emmett Gideos, Wolfie Woolard, Nathaniel Harley**. Besides enjoying a historical movie at the visitor center, the boys hiked around the battlefield to learn first-hand the historical significance of the area and spoke with soldiers reenacting life in the 1860's. Rain dampened the nighttime, but partly sunny weather treated all to an enjoyable Saturday.

In October, we had our annual Physical Fitness Day at Wheaton HS athletic field. The boys did push-ups, softball throw, long-jump, 50 yard dash and 1/4, 1/2 or 1 mile runs. The boys also participated in events

required to complete the Presidential Fitness Award including timed runs, flexibility and strength tests. Our scouts that participated include: **Matthew Kimball, Mateo Streed, Cameron Lett, Devon Parker, Sebastian Jardine, Pedro Cerriteno, Wolfie Woolard, Jordan Pitts, Victor Guerrero, Galen Gibbons, Adrian**

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Streed, Daniel Hernandez, Nathaniel Harley, Thomas Alder, Damien Raber, and David Ghuniam. The pack's overall winners are: Wolf Den - Nathaniel Harley, Bear Den - Wolfie Woolard, Webelos I - Sebastian Jardine, Webelos II - Matthew Kimball.

Our fall fundraiser is selling Trails-End Popcorn, and we hope to raise enough funds to support our program for the upcoming year.

Thanks to ALL for contributing to support Scouting!

In November we are planning a visit to the National Archives to see the Declaration of Independence and other historical documents. We are also planning a fun outing to the local bowling lanes to see how well we can make spares and splits. A good time to test some of our athletic abilities on the lanes in the bowling alley.

As always, Pack 1081 is actively looking for other boys to join the ranks to enjoy the fun and adventure in the Cub Scouts. Visiting Mt. Vernon in December and Pinewood Derby races in January are just two of our upcoming exciting activities. If you're a boy in the 1st to 5th grade, please visit us on Monday nights @ 6:30 pm at Viers Mill Elementary School to get more information and join up! Call Ms. Sandra Kimball, Pack 1081's Cubmaster, at (301) 603-9078 for more details. Also, check our website www.pack1081.org for updates on our activities and additional information. ■



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Yet Another Playground Update

by Matt Tifford

After much effort over the last three years, the Randolph Civic Association successfully lobbied Park and Planning for two new playgrounds in our parks. The first of the two has now been completed at Veirs Mill Park, and has become quite a popular spot! The second will hopefully go in this winter. The old rec center site has been cleared, and as of this writing Parks is waiting for Pepco to clean up the old electrical hookup from the building. Once that is done, they should be able to start construction for the new playground. So, keep an eye on Randolph Hills park. With any luck we'll get the new playground by year's end. ■

Troop 1083 News

by Dave Talbott, Scoutmaster

Santa Claus is coming to town on **Sunday, December 21st** for his annual fire truck ride through RCA-land. Santa will begin his ride around 11:00 am in the Troy Road section, and then Santa will proceed to the areas south of Boiling Brook. Santa will continue in the areas north of Boiling Brook, until they reach Timber Lane where they will stop for a cookie break around 1:30 pm. After the break, Santa will continue with the remainder of areas north of Boiling Brook and then proceed to the Rocking Horse Center area, finishing in Westminster, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park at about 4:00 pm. During Santa's ride through RCA-land, Santa's elves will be walking alongside the fire truck passing out candy canes. We ask drivers to please remember to yield to these young pedestrians, and to please be patient if you happen to get caught behind Santa's fire truck. Thanks in advance for helping make Santa's ride a safe one!

In October, we camped nearby at the Parklawn Campsite, where we held our fall Court of Honor. At this Court of Honor, we recognized the Philmont Crew who had a successful trek at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Those receiving the Philmont Awards were **Bryan Bravo, Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Joseph Owen, John Pitkin, Edwin Fuentes and Jack Hanlon**. In addition, the following crew members received the 50 Miler Award: **Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Joseph Owen and John Pitkin**.

We also presented all of the merit badges worked on during our first-ever mini summer camp which we affectionately call "Goshen North." As we previously reported, during this three-day event the boys earned in excess of 50 merit badges, as follows:

Backpacking: **Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Joseph Owen, John Pitkin**

Camping: **Matthew Luong, Patrick Owen**

Cit In Community: **Galen Miley**

Collections: **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely**

Communications: **Matthew Best, Steve Hernandez, Johnny Hilderbrand, Scott Johnson**

Emergency Prep: **Scott Levensgard, David Santos**

Engineering: **Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Greg Gadbois**

Family Life: **Galen Miley**

Fingerprinting: **Cory Byrne, Maxwell DeMulder, Aidan Gibbons, Brady Grundy, Adam Levensgard, Christopher Mulcahy, Kevin Oakes, Chuck Reese, Noah Reidinger**

First Aid: **Scott Johnson**

Forestry: **Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Brad Gessford, John Pitkin**

Law: **Jason Beam, Anthony Gadbois, Scott Johnson, Joseph Owen, John Pitkin**

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Nature: **Cory Byrne, Maxwell DeMulder, Aidan Gibbons, Sawyer Kibbe, Adam Levensgard, Christopher Mulcahy, Kevin Oakes, Chuck Reese, Noah Reidinger**

Personal Fitness: **Mark Bushong, Galen Miley**

Personal Mgmt: **Galen Miley**

Radio: **Anthony Gadbois, Greg Gadbois, Scott Johnson**

Rifle Shooting: **Aidan Gibbons, Brady Grundy**

Snow Sports: **Brad Gessford**

Space Exploration: **Aidan Gibbons, Brady Grundy**

Swimming: **Aidan Gibbons**

Weather: **Jason Beam, Brad Gessford, Brady Grundy, Scott Johnson, Sawyer Kibbe, Joseph Owen**

Wood Carving: **Scott Johnson**

Totin' Chip: **Andres Valencia**

The following Rank Advancements have also been achieved since the last Court of Honor:

Tenderfoot: **Aidan Gibbons, Adam Levensgard, Kevin Oakes**

Second Class: **Kevin Oakes**

The following Special Awards were presented:

IMPRESSA: **Jason Beam, Greg Gadbois, Scott Levensgard,**

Duty to God: **Scott Johnson**

Congratulations to everyone!

In November, Troop 1083 Scouts and Venturing Crew 1083, along with Cub Scout Pack 1081, worked together to collect non-perishable food items for the benefit of the Washington Area Food Bank. We would like to extend out sincere thanks to everyone who contributed for your generosity.

Both the Scouts and the Venturing Crew will camp at the Harpers Ferry Hostel during the weekend of November 14-16. By now, you should have received your flower bulbs. If you have not received your order, please call Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048.

Troop 1083's annual holiday tree sale will be held at the Masonic Lodge, on the corner of Knowles and Howard Avenues just east of Beach Drive from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on the following dates (Saturdays and Sundays):

November 29 and 30

December 6 and 7

December 13 and 14

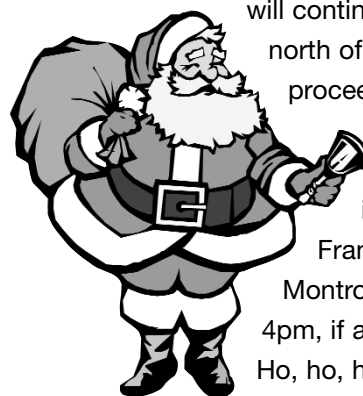
December 20 and 21 (if needed)

Santa returns to RCA-land!



Santa rides the fire truck on
Sunday, December 21, 2008.

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will continue in the area north of Boiling Brook, then proceed to Rocking Horse Center area, and finish in Westminster, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park at about 4pm, if all goes well.
Ho, ho, ho.

Free delivery to Randolph Hills area! All trees are \$50. Selections include Fraser Fir, Douglas Fir, Canaan Fir, Concolor Fir, Balsam Fir and Table Tops (Table Tops will be priced accordingly).

In addition, Venturing Crew 1083 will be selling live Christmas Wreaths and will have hot chocolate, hot cider and snacks available at the tree lot.

It has been one year now since Venturing Crew 1083 was established. During this year, they have participated in a lot of fun activities and are gearing up for their trip of a lifetime in July 2009 to Philmont Scout Ranch. The Venturing program is open to coed youth ages 14 through 21. If you are looking for high adventure, Crew 1083 may be your answer. For more information on Crew 1083 visit their web page at **www.troop1083.org/crew**.

If you are a boy who has finished the 5th grade, you can join us. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the troop web page at **www.troop1083.org**. ■

Keep in touch with your neighbors!
Join the RCA Yahoo Group at
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/>

News from Girl Scout Troop 1028

by Leora Hernandez

This troop is a multi-level troop which consists of Juniors (3rd-5th grade), Brownies (1st – 3rd) and Daisies (K).

Since the last *Echo* we have learned more about how girl scouts started in America. Our founder, **Juliette Low**, learned about Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from Sir Robert Baden-Powell in Great Britain. She then started a troop in Savannah, Georgia in 1912. She enjoyed time a guest speaker who has been involved in Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 5 different countries. She brought posters of the different uniforms that girls wear throughout the world and taught the girls some fun songs. They played a game called Hawk and Hens from Zimbabwe.

The Juniors planned a troop meeting for the Brownies. They showed them how to make trail mix and a drink called frosty orangeliciousness. It was a great experience for the older girls to teach and the younger girls not only enjoyed the activities but gained perspective on their future in scouting.

Troop activities: Our troop worked along side the Pack 1081 and Troop 1083 in Scouting for Food. Our girl helpers were **Jazel, Areal, Amanda, Erica, Fernanda, Siobhan, Deidre, Marie Rose, and Katherine**. Thank you to the parents who help out as well. We thank all of you too for making this another successful food drive. We are planning on participating in the Thanksgiving Parade at Downtown Silver Spring on November 22nd.

The grapevine has began buzzing with interests in Girl Scout cookies. We will start taking orders for them in January and begin delivering them in February. More information will be coming out in the next *Echo*. I have heard the new cookie is a yummy one!

Girls in K – 5th grade interested in Girl Scouts? We meet every other Thursday at the Veirs Mill Recreation Center at 4425 Garrett Park Road from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Contact Leora Hernandez at 301-933-0460 email jleads6@verizon.net (evenings) or Rosi Muehlstedt (hablo Español) 240-603-1847 for more information. ■



Troop 1028 girls help with the Scouting for Food drive.

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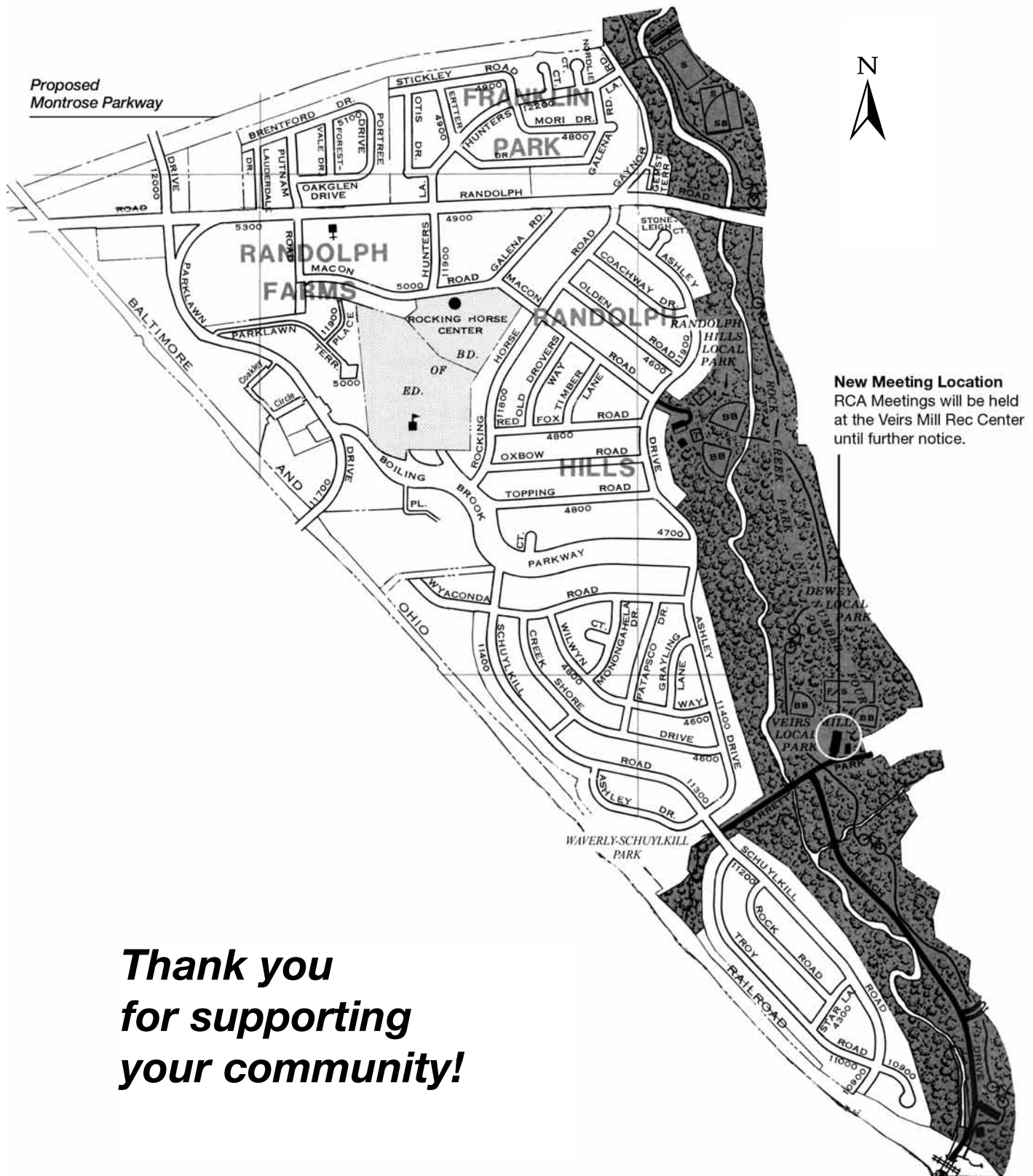


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WATERCOLOR CLASSES. Learn to paint in nearby Garrett Park! Small, informal classes for adults. All levels welcome, including complete beginners. Held in teacher's Victorian home. Martha Seigel, MFA, the American University, 27 years experience. Call 301-946-5388.

GIVEAWAY – Fiesta Optima four-burner gas grill with side burner. Works, but gas line to side burner has leak. Has cover and owner's manual. Call Richard and leave message 301-881-0283.

Note to Contributors:

Deadlines for the remainder of the 2008-2009 Issue year are:

January/February 2009 January 2
March 2009 February 6
April 2009 March 6
May 2009 April 3
June/July/August 2009 May 8



Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Here's Your Help

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

Moses (Bubba) Hart 301-230-2740

Jennifer Moy 240-672-4921

Anthony Gadbois 301-770-5386

Gregory Gadbois 301-770-5386

David Santos 301-468-1756

Noelle Valenta 301-816-0293
(also available for babysitting and petsitting)



Important Phone Numbers



Police: Emergency ONLY	911
Police: Non-Emergency (County-wide)	301-279-8000
Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	240-773-6070
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)	301-840-2454
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.mcrcycles.org)	240-777-6400
Recreation Information	240-777-6804
School Information	301-279-3391
Senior Citizens (Holiday Park)	240-777-4999
Street Light Out (metal poles)	240-777-2190
Street Light Out (wooden poles)	202-872-3432
Transportation (Highway Services)	240-777-7623
<i>(to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.)</i>	
Transit Information Center (www.dtwp.com)	240-777-7433
Trash Collection	240-777-6410
Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist)	240-777-7623
Voter Registration	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-8000
Weeds/Rubbish Complaints	240-777-6400



Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park Market Update...

<i>Address</i>	<i>List Price</i>	<i>Sold Price</i>	<i>DOM</i>	<i>Subsidy</i>	<i>Date Settled</i>
4901 Stickley Road	\$349,000	\$333,000	33	\$10,250	03-Sep-08
11306 Schuylkill Road	\$237,500	\$220,000	29	\$0	19-Sep-08
4722 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$349,900	\$335,000	58	\$5,000	30-Sep-08
4721 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$315,000	\$280,000	40	\$14,000	29-Oct-08
5005 Macon Road	\$390,000	\$395,000	202	\$15,000	31-Oct-08

Currently, there are 13 listings on the market in Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms,
Franklin Park and Montrose Park... the average list price is \$339,054
and the average number of days on the market is 159.

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