

# The ECHO

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## A Happening Holiday!

by Mark Nensel

Wow it's December 2010 already! How'd that happen? Where does the time go? Weren't we all just sweating through that sweltering summer, like, last week? It was three months ago? Okay well we might as well accept that winter is coming again and right now the holiday season is upon us. We hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving weekend. Hanukkah begins at sundown on December 1st and continues to December 9th. The Islamic New Year is on December 7th and the Muslim holiday of Ashura is on the 16th. The Winter Solstice is on December 21st. Christmas is on the 25th. Kwanzaa starts on the 26th. Boxing Day is on the 26th. And then there's New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Plus, people will be throwing holiday parties over the three Saturdays leading up to Christmas (December 4th, 11th, and the 18th). So much to celebrate, so little time. You may recall last December we had the first of the winter's mega snow-storms. On Saturday December 19, 2009, over 18 inches of snow fell in the Randolph Hills area. We suggest you get your replacement snow shovel now.

Just in case all these holidays aren't providing enough entertainment, we at the Echo have compiled for your convenience a selection of holiday diversions and events available to you as residents of Rockville and the Washington DC metropolitan area. We may forget sometimes, but we live in a fantastically diverse and culturally

active area, one of the greatest in the world. So get out there and do something, be with your neighbors, see the sights, go see the National Christmas Tree and the National Chanukah Menorah on the Ellipse by the White House. And have happy and safe holidays, everyone!

The Rockville Civic Ballet is performing "The Nutcracker" at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater (603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville MD 20851) on Saturday December 4 (2pm and 7:30pm), Sunday December 5 (2pm), Saturday December 11 (2pm and 7:30pm), and Sunday December 12 (2pm). Advance tickets at: <https://rockvillemd.ticketleap.net> or call 240-314-8690

The Fitzgerald Theater will also present the Rockville Concert Band's "Winter Wonderland" performance on Sunday December 19 at 3pm. The Rockville Chorus will have a performance that same evening, at 7:30pm. Call 240-314-8690 for more information.

The Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, located at 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville MD 20851, is

hosting three free events as part of their Holiday Open House Series. Sunday December 5 is "Art, Music and Holiday Cheer", featuring artworks, vocalists, and a bell choir. The open house is from 1 to 4 pm. Sunday December 12 is "Children's Sunday" and will feature visits by Santa, Rudolph and Frosty, as well as musical performances. This event also goes from 1 to 4pm. And Sunday December 19 is "Music and Merriment" featuring three different singing groups including, at 3:15pm, the Victorian Lyric Opera Company. For (continued on page 6)



*RCA-Land Caroling Returns. See page 3 for details.*

## Upcoming Events

***Santa Claus is Coming to Randolph Hills!***

***The Annual Fire Truck Ride is December 19th***

The ride begins approximately 11:00am on Troy Road

***RCA Membership Meeting***

February 3rd, 2010 8:00pm-10:00pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

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## President's Message

by Dan Hoffman, RCA President

What are your priorities? Family, career, and/or faith may top your list. Perhaps you have a specific set of goals like finding a new job or kicking a bad habit. Do you ever take a moment and reassess what your priorities and goals are as you approach a new year? That's what the RCA does at this time each year to determine what neighborhood-specific issues it should work on. At our next meeting we'll do this again, and you're invited to come help us decide our priorities and goals for the year.

Last year we had a nice dialog and came away with three topics: schools, safety, and neighborhood revitalization. In those three areas we identified some fairly straightforward goals. When it came to schools we wanted to improve communication and involvement with our PTAs. The Gadbois continued their strong work at the cluster level, while two RCA members are now on the Board of the Viers Mill Elementary PTA. One of them, Michele Canick, is President. They have helped us keep tabs on the status of our additions and modernizations that are in the pipeline. For public safety we began the reinvigoration of our Neighborhood Watch program. However it has been slow going and the program still desperately needs volunteers. All those who felt so strongly about Neighborhood Watch during the past summer should consider reaching out to our public safety chair to volunteer if you have not already.

In the area of revitalization, we were a driving force behind the White Flint Sector Plan and are now working with County officials to ensure the proper infrastructure gets funding. Our plans to spearhead the development of White Flint Two (which would address the Randolph Hills Shopping Center and our section of Randolph Road) have been delayed until the financing plan for the first White Flint Sector Plan is finally approved. By the time you get this Echo that finance plan may be finalized. If that is the case we will begin arranging substantive discussions regarding White Flint Two after the New Year.

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**RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.**

**Recorded announcements of community events, 24 hours a day. Callers may leave messages.**

**Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.**

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The Randolph Civic Association was formed in 1955 and incorporated in 1958. As stated in the original Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of the RCA are "to stimulate interest in all community problems and improvements that will better the general welfare of the community [and] to pay strict attention to any attempt to lessen the value of property within its borders..."

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

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## Neighborhood News in Brief

- **Ambulance Fee Defeated in Montgomery County.** The ambulance fee which was approved by the County Council in the last budget was defeated by referendum (you probably saw many signs around regarding 'Question A' on the ballot). A Point-Counterpoint on the ambulance fee was featured in the May 2010 Echo with contributions by the County Executive and the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association.
- **New County Council to be sworn in on December 6th.** On December 6th the nine-member County Council and the County Executive will be sworn in for another term. Current County Executive Isiah Leggett will serve a second term, while seven of the nine incumbent Councilmembers will return. Craig Rice defeated Royce Hanson and Sharon Dooley in District Two (upcounty) after Mike Knapp decided to not run again. The four Councilmembers garnering the most At-Large votes were Marc Elrich, Hans Riemer, George Leventhal, and Nancy Floreen. Incumbent Duchy Tractenberg was defeated in the primary and challenger Hans Riemer was successful.

**Do you have a quick bite of news you'd like to share with the neighborhood? Please feel free to submit a few sentences to [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) by the deadlines posted on page 8 of this issue. Thank you!**

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## *Christmas Caroling*

**Returns to Randolph Hills! Join us for great fun for young and old!**

**Mark your calendar:**

**Mondays, December 6, 13, 20**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

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## Around our Neighborhood: A Walk Along the Creek (Part 2 of 2)

by Christiana Drapkin

*(In our series "Around our Neighborhood" we invite you to highlight points of interest right here in and around Randolph Hills, from stores and schools, to nature spots. The Echo welcomes your contributions to this series, so pick up a pen or fire up that keyboard and send us your own stories about your personal favorites in the neighborhood.)*

Here we are, at the little wooden bridge that crosses Rock Creek. No trolls to appease, no Billy Goats Gruff to stare down who'd keep us from crossing. But I do remember a certain magical feeling as a very young child, when my own mom would take me across such a little bridge on our walks. She always had a story to tell, and I had to knock on wood each time to ensure our safe crossing. In the middle of the bridge, of course, we would break out our stale bread and feed the ducks down below. One bread crumb for them, one into my mouth, another one for the ducks.... I don't know what happened to our resident ducks here at the Rock Creek bridge, but I haven't seen them in two years. Maybe they moved further upstream to find a more secluded area? I also hardly ever notice any fish in the water, their heads facing upstream, undulating slightly, keeping their steady place in the current.

There are days when our creek emanates a noxious odor -- a combination of sewage and sulfur, it seems -- and I wonder where that comes from. I know that Rock Creek emanates from Lake Needham further to the north, and that it must absorb quite a lot of runoff from some of our major traffic roads and many other street sewers. I don't want to think of our creek as not much more than an open sewer. But I do worry. How is this water course managed and protected?

I'm sure we all remember the violent storms we had in July and August, with repeated power outages, trees downed and countless fallen limbs, and an overturned SUV in our swollen creek. With each severe rain-storm we can see the effects on our creek. The water levels (even if they are somewhat regulated by the water management dam upstream) can vary quite dramatically. Alas, we have a new tell-tale sign for our high-water marks: our ubiquitous plastic shopping bags. Right up to the level of the bridge, we see dozens of this plastic debris caught in the tangle of branches and in the weeds along the banks. We see the strain of the current engraved

in the bent-over stalks of the plants that managed to hold on there through the flooding. We see new "dams" further downstream, where sizable limbs got piled up by the force of the water, again festooned with dozens of shredded plastic bags in muddy colors. Our all-out springtime neighborhood efforts to clean up Rock Creek Park, spearheaded by our boy- and girl-scout chapters and held in conjunction with RCA and other environmental organizations, has certainly reduced this blight and raised awareness against littering. But it remains a scourge which we encounter almost every day. Rather than resign, let's remind ourselves that it's also the little things we practice every day, that count towards making a better world. (I almost always forget to take along a garbage bag myself, to pick up just a little bit; but as a rule I like to leave any place behind cleaner than when I found it.)

Now comes my favorite part of the walk. I could stay on the macadam and head straight across to Dewey, or make a left and continue towards Randolph Road and then some. That's my preferred turn when I'm on my bicycle. But on this beautiful evening, I hang a right and pad along the foot trail that many feet have created through the thicket and the forest, meandering downstream alongside the creek. A couple of summers ago, this path was impassable during the summer months, because the vegetation (especially the mighty strands of poison ivy) would just take over. The past two summers, it seems, enough outdoor enthusiasts have persisted in taking this path and kept the encroaching greenery at bay.

In the winter, everything is wide open here. One can see the "bones" of this *(continued on page 9)*



*The bridge in Randolph Hills Local Park crossing Rock Creek*

## Neighborhood Fixtures:

### Barry's Magic Shop

by Christiana Drapkin

Halloween may be long gone, but that doesn't mean that all the magic is gone! While the witches' hats and Harry Potter wands are forgotten or packed away, there are plenty of year-round magicians plying their trade.

Right here, at the edge of White Flint, we have a wondrous emporium of all things magical: Barry's Magic Shop! Did you ever notice the building, when you drive on Nicholson coming from the west, right after you cross Rockville Pike, to the right, behind the gas station? You'll have to look up, to the second floor, where you'll see in blazing letters "Barry's Magic Shop!" Step on the brakes, turn into the parking lot at 5544A Nicholson Lane, and allow yourself to abandon your routine for an unexpected half hour.

As soon as you step into the empty lobby downstairs, the cinder block walls are covered with posters celebrating the famous and the infamous: Harry Houdini the legendary escape artist, or "Cato the Great! Swaps the Search of the Sphinx and Marvels at the Tomb of Old King Tut to the Modern World!" You pause and linger, and you probably detect an incredulous smile on your own face, as you head towards the staircase. There are hundreds of "Genii" cover pages on the walls, all sporting names and faces of more magicians and illusionists than you ever thought existed. As you ascend the stairs you pick up the subliminal messages: Welcome to Barry's Magic Shop! Make your next

Party Magical! In your home or at your event! Just as you're about to enter the door, there's a notice tacked up: Very famous tonight "Gregory Wilson Show" sold out! Enter if you dare...

The first time I opened the door to the shop upstairs I was startled by a rustle. A mid-sized border collie greeted me with a quick glance giving me the once-over, deemed me not worthy of any further attention, turned tail and disappeared behind the counter. This was Frankie the Wonder Dog, I was informed by a staff member. Well, it's true. I saw Frankie with my very own eyes, working wonders and doing tricks with a ball, tricks that I could never begin to do myself (I know I'm a klutz, but it still smarted being outdone by a canine). Frankie even has his own video posted on the store's website at <http://barrysmagicshop.com/>

I gazed all around. What a wonderful place, with magic paraphernalia all over the shelves and counters. There were eyes that glow in the dark; a fortune-teller's mechanical head, rings, scarves, hats, capes, and magic wands of course. All this gives a rich impression of this storied shop and its proprietors, Barry Taylor and his wife, Suzie Kang.

Barry and Suzie met almost 40 years ago, right out of college, and they've been running their own magic shop ever since. Barry told me that it was always his great passion to do magic and illusion. In 1974, they opened their first magic shop in Wheaton, in a creaky old building, upstairs from a veterinarian, at the corner of Georgia Avenue and University Boulevard. To support his passion, Barry worked all day in the shop, put in extra hours at the nearby Safeway, and then returned to the shop to perform magic shows, sometimes until 2 a.m. After that first year, they moved downstairs into expanded quarters where they were a neighborhood fixture until 2007. That year, they came to their new location, right here by White Flint. Barry speaks with humor and eloquence about his mission to help weary grown-ups "out of the routine" of daily life. His aim is allow adults to rediscover a bit of amazement, wonderment, and to join in the "universal language" of the magic acts.

Check it out. There is a small theater stage and audience seating that accommodates about 50 people. Often, they host magic shows for private parties, birthdays, and other occasions for young and old. One can book a show complete with giveaways for all the party guests, a special magic hat for the birthday child, and the special Las Vegas Levitation! The 50-minute party packages range from \$295 to \$450, which may include cake and ice cream, and a special magic lesson for all the guests. At other times, Barry hosts famous magicians and illusionists who travel through the area, and who will perform a special show in the evening. These shows sell out quickly. There seems to be a grapevine of magicians, professionals and illusion enthusiasts, who jump at the opportunity to see some of their illustrious colleagues in a close-up setting, sometimes even in a workshop format, where

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#### PLANNING ON SELLING YOUR HOME?

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**Fixtures: Barry's Magic Shop**

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certain secrets are being shared.

The other staff members - I met Jolly and Peter - are themselves well-versed in the arts of illusion. I pointed to an item on the counter, asking what would I do with this? With ease and grace, and a sly sense of humor, they'd not only show me, but perform their magic tricks with it right away. I stood there, with my mouth and eyes wide open, goose bumps on my arms, and with a delight that I hadn't felt since I was a little girl. Of course, I had to buy the thumbs that glow in the dark and seem to come off your own knuckles (if you do it right) right away. Oh, yes, I'm hopelessly clumsy, but it's so much fun for us at home to try to get the hang of my first simple trick. I am doing a bit better with the magic scarf that reverses colors when you blow on it and say the right word.

Our neighbor Debbie here in Randolph Hills wholeheartedly endorses Barry's Magic Shop. "We love Barry's!" Debbie enthuses. "He does magic shows sometimes for our preschool. And the shop has do-it-yourself magic tricks for aspiring magicians, preschool-age and up. They have a very helpful staff."

Additionally the magic shop staff performs for high-school audiences, as well as shows for grown-ups, and corporate events. In addition to magic trick items, the store offers a whole host of books, how-to DVDs and videos. Peter and Jolly can help you find that special present in a cordial and supportive atmosphere. Just before I was leaving, a young woman, maybe a college freshman, darted in and asked for spring flowers. Peter immediately supplied her with the desired product. No, not tulips or freesias, but a bouquet of flowers that will spring up - as if by magic - out of your sleeve or out of your hat.

Barry's Magic Shop is at 5544A Nicholson Lane, Rockville MD 20852. They are open 11am to 7pm weekdays, 11am to 6pm Saturdays. Closed Sundays.

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**President's Message**

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What will we focus on next year? That is in large part up to you. I plan on asking the Board and our members to consider our continuing challenges around sensible code enforcement as a priority. Too many times this year I've heard or witnessed complaints about the manner in which code infractions are handled by the County. They are either ignored or dealt with in a lackadaisical manner. There are many other potential areas of focus, and the more volunteers we have the better equipped we are to address them. Please email me your suggestions. Regardless of how you provide input, it's important that you add your two cents. This is your neighborhood too. Stand up, voice your opinion, and get involved. Otherwise we have no way of knowing what your priorities are. Thank you and have a safe holiday season!

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additional information, visit <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview/HolidayOpenHouse2010.pdf>. Or call 240-314-8660

The Mansion at Strathmore is hosting two "Mrs. Claus Tea" events on Saturday December 4th, at 10 am, and 12:30pm. The event features 'special holiday music, a child-friendly tea menu and holiday stories with Mrs. Claus.' Pre-paid reservations are required, \$26 plus tax. Call (301) 581-5108.

On Friday December 10, the Music Center at Strathmore will present "Bowfire: Holiday Heart Strings" at 8pm. Expect a 'virtuoso string performance that spins across genres from Celtic to gypsy to Bluegrass and beyond in this high-energy, dramatic and powerful stage show that also features seasonal holiday favorites'. Tickets are \$30-\$65, or call (301) 581-5100 or [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org)

On Sunday December 19, at 7:30 pm, the Mansion at Strathmore presents The Baltimore Consort, performing 'a renaissance Christmas of traditional European carols'. Tickets are \$28. The 3 p.m. show is sold out. Call (301) 581-5100 or [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) for tickets to the 7:30 pm show.

Additionally, the Mansion at Strathmore holds Afternoon Teas at 1pm on December 7-9, 13-15, 20-22. Live music accompaniment is featured on all days. Pre-paid reservations required, \$21 plus tax. Call (301) 581-5108 .

Zoolights at the National Zoo will be running from December 3-5, 10-12, 17-23, 26-30, and January 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Expect to see 'a seasonal display of thousands of sparkling animated lights, winter-themed crafts, ice sculpting demonstrations, choral groups, and storytellers.' This is a free event. For more information visit <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ActivitiesAndEvents/Celebrations/ZooLights/default.cfm>

Brookside Gardens at Wheaton Regional Park, located at 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902, is offering its annual (and legendary) Garden of Lights Holiday light show thru Sunday, January 9, 2011. Brookside will be open every night except December 24 & 25, and January 3-6. They are open New Year's Eve until 10pm with last car admitted at 9:30pm. Weekdays hours are 5:30 to 9:00pm, with last car admitted at 8:30pm. Weekends (Friday - Sunday) hours are 5:30 to 10:00pm, with last car admitted at 9:30pm. Pedestrians cannot be admitted due to safety regulations. Visitors must drive to the entrance gate. After paying at the gate, visitors drive into the parking lot, park their vehicle, and walk through the light show display. Cars and Vans (Monday - Thursday) cost \$20 (cash only); Cars and Vans (Friday - Sunday) cost \$25 (cash only). Advance Sale Tickets are available for \$20. Call the Garden of Lights Information Line at 301-962-1453 or visit

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[http://www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/garden\\_lights.shtm](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/garden_lights.shtm). Additionally, the Brookside Conservatory offers an indoor Winter and Train exhibit (for free).

Another excellent Holiday train set-up can be seen at the US Botanic Garden, located at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC at the foot of the U.S. Capitol. The train exhibit will run through January 2, 2011. The overall holiday program at the Botanic Garden is entitled 'Seasons Greetings' and 'celebrates the plant world and how humans use plants in holiday traditions'. The exhibit includes Washington landmark buildings all created with plant materials set amidst pathways and pools of blooming poinsettias and other holiday plants. [The] famous garden railway will feature world landmarks from the continents of Africa, Asia Europe and South America'. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings in December 2010, the Botanic Garden will have extended hours featuring live musical performances from 6 to 8 p.m. The US Botanic Garden is free of charge, and is open every day of the year from 10 am to 5 pm. Call 202-225-8333 or visit [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).

Ford's Theater (at 511 Tenth St, NW, Washington, DC 20004) is presenting its annual holiday version of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" through January 2, 2010. According to Ford's website, many performances are close to selling out. The best availability is for: December 7 at 7:30; December 14 at 7:30; December 21 at 2:30; and December 28-January 2. Call Ticketmaster at (202) 397-SEAT (7328) about availability, or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Ford's website is: <http://www.fordstheatre.org>

At the Sidney Harman Hall (at 610 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20004), the Shakespeare Theater Company is presenting Leonard Bernstein's musical "Candide" through January 9, 2011. Tickets range from \$20 to \$108. Visit <http://www.shakespearetheatre.org> for more information.

The Kennedy Center Opera House is presenting Rogers and Hammerstein's (continued on page 8)

## November General Meeting Minutes

by Brian Hooker

The November general RCA meeting was called to order by RCA Vice President Chad Salganik at 8:10pm. Dan Hoffman, RCA President, was scheduled to arrive later. Mr. Salganik read the agenda for the evening before ceding the floor to the first speaker of the evening, George Scola, a community outreach specialist with PEPCO.

Mr. Scola passed out information to the audience regarding how to prepare for a power outage due to weather-related event as well as information on PEPCO's reliability enhancement program. However, instead of just reading through the information Mr. Scola primarily discussed the importance of reporting power outages and the number to call (1-877-737-2662) in the event you experience a power outage. Many members of the RCA community in attendance expressed frustration with PEPCO over recurring and seemingly avoidable power outages in RCA-land. Issues ranged from lack of response to downed wires to changes (e.g., burying lines or changing pole configuration) that could help certain homes or streets that experience power outages more frequently than others. Many residents expressed support for an online system that could help RCA identify which streets or homes are more prone to power outages than others. Currently PEPCO staff has to scroll through a list to find outage information on a home-by-home basis. Mr. Scola took RCA resident names and street addresses and promised to look into individual cases.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the previous general meeting agenda as printed in the Echo. The motion to approve was made by Karen Helfert and seconded by Nick Kreisle. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The RCA Treasurer, Nick Kreisle, next gave the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Kreisle reported that RCA funds were in good shape. He noted that because of the number of transactions allowed per month by the current RCA business account, he deposits RCA membership dues in batches, so deposits may not show up immediately. In addition, Mr. Kreisle noted the efforts of Kendra Fletcher for her efforts in securing advertisers for the Echo. Karen Helfert motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Salganik, and it passed by unanimous consent.

Next it was decided to discuss new business ahead of old business in the interest of some RCA members' schedules. In new business Matt Tifford discussed building code enforcement around RCA-land. In particular, the RCA has been concerned about the lack of maintenance for some unoccupied/foreclosed homes and apparently abandoned or permanently disabled vehicles on the streets. The County's Department of Permitting Services conducted a walk-through of the neighborhood and has made note of some of the RCA's concerns and will con-

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tinue to work with the RCA to ensure that quality-of-life concerns for RCA residents do not go unheard.

In old business Matt Tifford reported that the recent Community Bazaar at Loehmann's Plaza was successful. However, Mr. Tifford recognized that the RCA needs to do a better job utilizing neighborhood sellers to promote the event. Also, it was recognized that a checklist or simple instructions should be made for the set up of the event in the case that an organizer has a last-minute emergency.

Next, RCA President, Dan Hoffman gave an update of the White Flint Sector Plan. Mr. Hoffman reported that in order to fill a financing gap for infrastructure improvements, the County Council is looking at imposing a tax increment financing (TIF) on new residences and businesses in the White Flint Sector (RCA abuts, but is not inside, the White Flint Sector boundaries). Mr. Hoffman thanked Mr. Salganik for testifying before the County Council on behalf of the RCA in support of the implementation of the White Flint Sector Plan. RCA members were encouraged to check out the Friends of White Flint website at: <http://www.friendsofwhiteflint.org/> for more information.

Mr. Salganik next gave an update of the RCA membership enrollment. Currently there are approximately 450 contributing members. Mr. Salganik recognized and thanked Cindy Zelaya for taking over as the RCA Membership Chair. Mr. Salganik next thanked RCA residents and neighbors for their help in working as election judges at the Rocking Horse Center polling station, for both the primary and general elections. Local judges included Karen Helfert, Gilbert Austin, G. Cicotte, Eleanor Austin, Jeffrey Hoffeld, Joseph Kopyto, Shaul Kopyto, Louise Marshall, Giovanna Garcia, and Deborah Brooks. Mr. Salganik next opted to table the discussion of RCA priorities until the next meeting due to time constraints. There were no objections.

In other business RCA residents were reminded that, as the holiday season approaches, RCA residents interested in spreading cheer through neighborhood caroling, are encouraged to contact Christiana Drapkin to sign up. George Gadbois gave an update on the Wheaton High School renovation and reminded residents of the Girl and Boy Scout Food Drive on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. *[Editor's note: For a full story on the Wheaton High School renovations see the November 17th article in the Gazette featuring Mr. Gadbois]*

The motion to adjourn was made without objection ending the meeting at 10pm.

**Remember!**  
**It's never too late to send in your**  
**RCA Membership dues. Just go to...**  
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## Happening Holiday

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classic "South Pacific" from December 14, 2010 to January 16, 2011. Tickets range from \$39 to \$150. Visit [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org) for more information.

The newly re-opened and remodeled Arena Stage (located at 1101 Sixth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024) is presenting Rogers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma", featuring a racially diverse cast in a highly acclaimed production. The show runs through December 30, 2010. Tickets are \$60 and \$75. Visit <http://www.arenastage.org/> for more information.

## Join Your Neighbors Online



The RCA Yahoo Group is a great resource for keeping up with happenings in RCA land. Need a recommendation for a local handyman? Looking for a babysitter or dog walker? Want to learn more about local activities? Have an idea to improve our neighborhood?

**Get in on the conversation at:**

**<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/>**

### Note to Contributors:

Deadlines for the remainder of the 2010-2011 Issue year are:

January/February 2011.....	January 7th
March 2011 .....	February 18th
April 2011.....	March 11th
May 2011 .....	April 15th
June/July/Aug 2011 .....	May 20th

## Around the Neighborhood

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stretch of forest, the tall hardwood trees with immense trunks, soaring up into the sky, while many skinny, younger upshots are vying for sunlight and space. In those cold winter days, the ground underneath is unyielding and frozen, every small twig snaps with a loud crack underfoot. A breeze can get dry branches to rub against each other and create an eerie, moaning sound that makes you go all quiet. You notice there is no birdsong, just the cackle of a flock of crows that settles in the tops of the trees before heading off to the dumpsters behind the White Flint Mall. Then you hear it, the intermittent knocking of a woodpecker, tock-tock-tock-tock-tock. If you're lucky and you proceed cautiously, you'll finally spot it way up high, a gorgeous-looking bird with black and white plumage, and a fiery-red crest on the top of his head, clinging to the tree trunk, hunting for insects under the bark. You startle from the sound of a squirrel chasing through the dead leaves, clawing up to a branch at lightning speed, an acorn in its mouth.

In the weeks when we had hip-deep snow blocking the whole route (even to the playground) I missed my daily explorations there. Even when we finally had some cross-country skiers' trails and some dogged boot prints marking the first trails again, it was tough going. I managed to slog through, enjoying the winter light reflected on the snow cover, only to find the pedestrian walkway at Randolph Road completely blocked by mounds of gray, rocky, frozen-over

slush from the snow ploughs that had cleared the road. These tall ice-dams remained in place long after the big storms had passed, making it unsafe and extremely hard for pedestrians waiting at the bus stops.

But snow or not, we can mark Valentine's Day by the return of the first chirping birds: the starlings are back, the males have their black plumage all speckled, glinting in the sunlight that gets markedly stronger by mid-February. They're prancing and preening and chittering away, making a spectacle that no female will be able to ignore for long. This always gets me giddy, and I can almost hear the rustle of the spring melt and the rising of the sap in the sugar maples. Talk about spring fever!

Everything in nature seems to go bonkers all of a sudden: if you pick up a dead log on the ground by the wayside, you're sure to find tiny pale-green shoots underneath. The witch hazels lead the way with their spindly

yellow, orange, or russet blossoms. The grey, dry-looking trees are sprouting red buds, and suddenly there is a green juicy sheen to the weeping willow along the river bank. The wild spring bulbs jump up and so does the skunk cabbage. With the first warm spring rain, the new leaves, baby-green and luminescent bring us color, and there is so much sunlight coming through the branches! Flowers and blossoms are all over, and the songbirds have made a comeback. One night, a chorus of tiny peepers takes up residence in the moist patch, hidden by the thicket, and starts their nightly singing match. How I love springtime along the creek!

From one week to the next (while I'm gratefully counting every single day where it hasn't happened yet) the summer heat arrives. The greens on my forest walk have deepened, and the shadows have darkened. The mid-day heat is curiously still. Busy bumble bees seem to tumble drunkenly from one blossom cluster to the next. I walk more slowly now, taking a rest on the little bench, watching the water-weavers make circles on the surface of the stream that comes lazily around the bend. The air is heavy with the shrill of the cicadas, growing in intensity,



*A view of the creek from the trail*

culminating to an earsplitting crescendo, and then subsiding and taking a little break until they start all over again. Oh, and the mosquitoes and no-see-ums have finally discovered me! I startle a herd of deer who can't quite believe that I'm disturbing their grazing in mid-day, and I pick up a discarded six-pack of empty beer cans and carry them out. Yes, the summer mood has even altered the bird songs: they are still singing, but less so, and only in the early morning and

in the evening. They are no longer the wooing displays of courtship, but more the parents' after-work cocktail chatter, after a whole day's work of feeding the brood. The summer nights, though, have their own characteristic goings-on when the evening scene starts up for the lightning bugs. They keep rocking out with their electric disco lights high up in the tree canopies until after midnight.

Our summer storms have obstructed our footpath and created quite some erosion along the river bank. I don't know whether I should report this to the county or to one of our departments that deal with environmental and parks issues, or not. After all, this is an unmarked path, our own little "wilderness" which some of us enjoy as a place to be away from it all for a little while. But I remember the man in the electric wheelchair, whom I met before the storms, how he managed to come through here, with his beautiful dog leading the

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## Around the Neighborhood

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way. He was holding a gigantic telephoto lens on his camera, enjoying his birding outing. With several large limbs lying across our path, his passage is now barred.

I've reached the open patch of grass now on my route. I can head for civilization again at the Veirs Mill Rec Center playground. That gives me a chance to cross the bridge over to Schuylkill and walk home on Ashley through my neighborhood, saying hello to the neighbors, admiring some of the gardens, making mental notes of contractors signs for my own impending renovation works. Or, I hang a left on the asphalt path that brings me up to Dewey Park. Racers on bicycles whiz by me, and I know how hard they have to pump to make it up to the top of that rise. Good for them! There's a family picnic going on with balloons and music, and a spirited soccer match. The tennis courts are empty, except for some lethargic basketball kids waiting for some more players to come along. Two Scotties romp on the playground, while three girls sit in party dresses on a bench under a tree, thumbing their gameboys. I wonder what structure is underneath these perfectly level playing fields. A transmission tower and a nondescript building with a cooling unit are in plain view but manage to appear invisible at the same time. A gated back road behind the playground leads to a large metal gate, and no information is given. Ever nosy, I spot an electric generator in the bushes, and I wonder. Then I am reminded that we're right outside our nation's capital, and that there must be lots of nondescript structures around for some purpose or another, and for one event or another that is not really public knowledge.

I'm on my homestretch now. Walking down from Dewey Park, I see the setting sun through the foliage. I cross the little bridge again, glance one more time upstream and downstream and keep those beautiful images in my mind.

Then I step out from the leafy canopy, cross the meadow by the freshly-mown baseball field and see our houses up on the rise.

A song from the year 1917 comes to my mind with a setting that I've certainly never lived through, but I feel a bit nostalgic and happy at the same time:

"Back Home again in Indiana,  
And it seems that I can see  
The glowing candlelight still shining bright  
Through the sycamores for me.  
The new-mown hay sends all its fragrance  
From the fields I used to roam.  
When I dream about the moonlight on the  
Wabash,  
Then I long for my Indiana home."

(RCA Note: Granted it's now winter, but we hope this article gives you a little something to look forward to in the Spring!)

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## Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

Between its many outings and activities, the Venture Crew hardly has time to catch its breath. The themes this month were community service and backpacking under challenging conditions (Hah! Piece of cake!).

On October 30, Crew members gathered at Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg to help Emily Grundy complete her Gold Award service project, representing Girl Scouting's highest achievement. Emily planned, procured the materials for, and led her volunteer work crews in executing a conservation and erosion-control project that involved planting 20 native-species saplings and encircling them with wire fencing to protect them from nibbling deer. Then, on November 13, the Venture Crew participated in the annual Scouting for Food service event.

The backpacking adventures included a nighttime four-mile hike at Green Ridge State Park on October 22, necessitated when it was discovered that the first-come-first-serve campgrounds had been filled by campers who didn't have to drive three hours to get to the park. Then on November 6, the Crew went on the Venturing Hike-O-Ree in Shenandoah National Park. We hiked the Massanutten Mountain Trail, 10 beautiful ridgeline miles on a crisp autumn day. Overnight lows were in the 20s!

The Crew will be selling fresh wreaths at the Troop 1083 Christmas Tree lot (Masonic Lodge, corner of Knowles and Howard). Be sure to stop by and say hello!

If you're a girl or boy aged 14 through 21 and you can keep up with us, why not join us? Crew 1083 is a friendly bunch, always ready to welcome new members. Upcoming Crew meetings will be on December 6th and 20th and on January 3rd, 17th, and 31st (all Mondays), from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. For more information, contact Crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755, or visit <http://www.crew1083.org/>.



Venture Crew 1083 Hiking the Blue Ridge on a Frosty Morning

## Troop 1083 News

*By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster*

Santa Claus is coming to town on Sunday, December 19th for his annual fire truck ride through RCA-Land. Santa will begin his ride around 11:00 am in the Troy Road section. Then he and his elves will proceed to the areas south of Boiling Brook. Santa will continue in the areas north of Boiling Brook, until reaching Timber Lane where he and his helpers 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 his 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!

Recent Troop activities have centered on community service. In October, David Santos conducted the final stages of an Eagle Scout service project he began planning back in August. David collected donations of books and magazines from RCA residents for delivery to Holy Cross hospital. David led his fellow scouts in delivering flyers to request book donations from the residents of RCA-Land on October 15th, went door-to-door to collect the donations on October 31st, and delivered over 2,000 volumes to Holy Cross on November 1, where they are now being read by patients and visitors during their hospital stay.

On November 13, Troop 1083 teamed with Girl Scout Troop 1028, Cub Scout Pack 1081, and Venture Crew 1083 for one of scouting's signature community service events, the annual Scouting for Food drive. Scouts and Venturers went door-to-door and collected non-perishable food items donated by RCA-Land and Holiday Park residents. Each year, your food donations are delivered to the Manna and the Washington Area Food Bank, where they are distributed to those in need. Sincere thanks to the many generous food donors!

In the afternoon following Scouting for Food, Troop 1083 joined Kyle Blakely and his family in celebrating Kyle's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. There were smiles all around as the celebrants reflected on Kyle's progress from Cub Scout to Eagle.

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 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on the following dates (Saturdays and Sundays):

November 27 and 28

December 4 and 5

December 11 and 12

December 18 and 19 (if needed)

Free delivery to Randolph Hills area! All trees are \$50.

Selections include Fraser Fir, Douglas Fir, Canaan Fir, Norway Spruce, and Table Tops (Table Tops will be priced accordingly).

In addition, Venture Crew 1083 will be selling fresh Christmas Wreaths at the tree lot.

If you are a boy who has finished the 5th grade, you can join Boy Scout Troop 1083. 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](http://www.troop1083.org).

### Support Your Local Boy Scouts

#### Troop 1083 Selling Christmas Trees



Corner of Knowles and Howard Ave.  
Just East of Beach Drive

#### Saturday and Sunday

December 4 & 5

December 11 & 12

December 18 & 19

(if needed)

Time 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

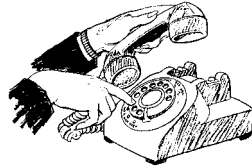
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## The RCA Hotline

240-668-4722 (4RCA)

Calls Received October 11th, 2010  
through November 22nd, 2010



*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 on the website. 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.*

10-12-10 (Tues) at 9:50am. Not Anonymous. Caller is calling about the flea market coming up on the 23rd. Caller wants to double check caller's information and details and set up a table.

10-24-10 (Sun) at 5:00pm. Anonymous. Caller is calling to register a complaint. Evidently there's something going on in Garrett Park because everyone going up there is parking their cars in front of caller's home on Schuylkill, Troy and the vicinity of the park leading to Garrett Park. Caller doesn't think this would happen if we wanted to park in their neighborhood. Neighborhoods should work together but that doesn't seem to be happening. *[RCA Note: When we got the call we contacted Garrett Park but there wasn't a clear reason for the additional parking. It should be noted that parking on our streets is public with only limited restrictions.]*

10-26-10 (Tues) at 10:13am. Not Anonymous. Caller has questions about an RCA TV caller purchased at the Wal-mart in Norfolk, Virginia. Caller is having problems with the TV and would like some direction. *[RCA Note: We get these calls more frequently than you might think. We feel as though the message on the answering service is pretty clear that we are not the hotline for service on RCA televisions.]*

10-27-10 (Wed) at 9:23am. Not Anonymous. This is caller's second message for the Randolph Civic Association. Please return call regarding the RCA television. *[RCA Note: Case in point. The message clearly states we are not the company that makes RCA TVs.]*

10-31-10 (Sun) at 12:17pm. Anonymous. Caller is calling about the person who called hotline about two large dogs that bark all day long. In Montgomery County, according to the summary of animal control laws, a pet owner must not allow an animal to cause noise that is loud and persistent enough to disturb

another's quiet enjoyment. What you need to do is go up to 14645 Rothgarb Drive in Rockville (phone: 240-773-5960) and fill out a form requesting that these people be given a violation and that they pay \$100 because they are allowing their animals to make noise. It is a law under the Department of Police that they cannot do that.

11-8-10 (Mon) at 9:05am. Not Anonymous. Does anyone in Randolph Hills make slipcovers for furniture? Please call 240-355-2947 if you're available for this service.

11-13-10 (Sat) at 11:21am. Not Anonymous. Caller is on Galena Road and, for the second time, has not gotten a copy of the Echo. Caller doesn't think anyone on the street has. Caller looks forward to it and would appreciate getting a copy. *[RCA Note: Please email us in the case that you have not gotten the most recent Echo. The scouts will make sure you get a copy in a timely manner.]*

11-14-10 (Sun) at 9:43am. Not Anonymous. Caller is calling regarding service on a Toshiba. AT&T directed caller to this company to get a picture on caller's TV. *[RCA Note: Toshiba?! We have no idea why AT&T would refer someone to our hotline for service on their Toshiba television.]*



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## RCF NEWS

### News from Girl Scout Troop 1028

by Jennifer Tifford

We would like to thank the entire community for their incredible generosity during the November Scouting For Food day. It was wonderful to see a true spirit of charity when we knocked on doors to ask for canned goods for the Capital Area Food Bank. Thank-you!

This month we have one of our Girl Scouts reporting on our troop activities:

Hey cookie fans!!! My name is Erica and I am a Junior Girl Scout in Troop 1028. In my troop we are having fun in the fall with activities such as play writing, learning picture codes and a visit from a professional artist. COOKIE SEASON is soon to arrive!!! In December we will have our yearly favorites such as, Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, and Tagalongs. Cookies are \$4.00 a box. We will be selling in your neighborhood and local supermarkets (Wheaton Giant and Loehmann's Safeway). With our cookie sales, we look forward to a great camping trip in the spring of 2011. We thank you for your support -- Erica

### RCF Executive Committee for 2010-2011

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### News from Girl Scout Troop 1079 (Cadettes)

by Leora Hernandez

This troop is for girls in the 6th-8th grades. At the Cadette troop level the girls have opportunities to grow leadership skills, earn SSL hours, and have lots of fun!

We currently meet at Viers Mill Elementary School every other Monday from 7:00 – 8:30pm on the stage in the all-purpose room. We are looking for additional girls and parents to join us in providing a fun and meaningful program.

At the time this article was written the troop had its first meeting and planned a Bring-A-Friend event to attend a dinner and movie. The event was a success with 4 new girls and 2 members attending.

Upcoming plans and service projects:

- The girls are learning about different herbs and foods they can use for pampering their face, hands, and feet. We are planning to have a spa day!
- COOKIES – Cookie sales will be starting earlier than usual this year on November 20th. The cookies will cost \$4.00/box.
- Working with Girl Scout Troop 1028 by either running a badge workshop or helping with their meetings.
- Planning December rededication ceremony.
- Lodge camping sometime during the cooler month.

Are you a girl in the 6th-8th grade who may be interested in joining us? Contact Leora Hernandez at 240-418-2984 for more information.

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The Randolph Civic Association, P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, MD 20852

**It is important to fill out this membership form completely and clearly.**

As a resident of a home within the boundaries of the Randolph Civic Association (RCA), we request that you renew your membership. Your membership dues allow us to publish the Echo, hold community meetings, beautify, protect and advocate for our community. Please fill out the following form by printing clearly:

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<b>Address:</b>	
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All email addresses and all name/contact information are kept entirely private.  
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<p>Would you be interested in helping as a volunteer?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please contact me by email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please contact me by phone</p> <p>¿Quisiera tener mas noticias en español?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ¡Sí!</p>
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**Want to donate online?**  
If you would prefer to pay your membership dues or donation online, just go to [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org) and click on 'Membership'. You will still have to mail in this form, but the money will reach us immediately. If you choose to do this, fill out the form completely, including dollar amounts, and check the box letting us know you paid online. Thank you!

Please note: Make checks payable to the Randolph Civic Association. Please do not mail cash. If you would like us to come pick up your form or check in-person, please email [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) to schedule a pick up. The RCA will not be coming door-to-door this year, so please renew promptly. Also, the RCA no longer sells flower bulbs or participates in the Sams Club Membership program.

Description	Amount
2010-2011 RCA Membership Dues	10.00
Additional RCA Donation (Supports publication of the Echo, advocacy, community events, the Neighborhood Watch and other civic improvements)	
Additional Randolph Civic Foundation (RCF) Donation (Supports activities such as youth groups, neighborhood beautification, and education - This amount is tax-deductible)	
RCF Sign and Entrance Beautification Fund (A targeted donation for improvements to our neighborhood entrances - This amount is tax-deductible)	
<b>Total:</b>	

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Have you forgotten to renew your RCA membership? New to the neighborhood? If so, please detach the membership renewal form above and mail it in to: The Randolph Civic Association, P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Your membership dues make it possible for us to have the Echo printed and delivered to your home eight times a year! That's a great deal for only \$10! If you have already sent in your dues but your check hasn't cleared, please be patient. Because of the volume of checks, it sometimes takes us 30-45 days to get the checks log the check and deposit it. Thank you for your patience.

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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.

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

<u>Address...</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>	<u>DOM *</u>	<u>Subsidy**</u>	<u>Date Settled</u>
11203 Schuylkill Road	\$410,000	\$400,000	13	\$2,300	2-Sep-10
4711 Creek Shore Drive	\$369,900	\$365,000	17	\$5,000	3-Sep-10
4905 Macon Road	\$239,000	\$247,000	18	\$0	17-Sep-10
12108 Hunters Lane	\$363,450	\$345,000	36	\$0	13-Oct-10
4729 Wyaconda Road	\$359,000	\$359,000	62	\$10,770	18-Oct-10
11012 Troy Road	\$359,900	\$356,500	65	\$0	20-Oct-10
4626 Creek Shore Drive	\$365,000	\$362,000	10	\$0	9-Nov-10
11423 Schuylkill Road	\$310,000	\$300,000	10	\$10,000	10-Nov-10

\* DOM is the number of days the property was on the market.

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*Happy Holidays!*



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