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RCA Explores Measures to Improve and Restore Boiling Brook Creek

by Matthew Tifford

Following the record rainfalls and flooding in 2006, the county shored up the banks of Boiling Brook with gabion baskets (wire mesh baskets filled with rocks) to prevent erosion from damaging the nearby roadway. Soon after



A stretch of Boiling Brook

the work was complete, many in the community began to express concerns that the resulting rock walls, with steep twelve foot drops to the creek bed in some areas, were too dan-

gerous and unattractive to be acceptable in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

Beginning last year, RCA Director Karen Helfert initiated the effort to improve Boiling Brook. After much negotiation with MCDOT (Montgomery County Department of Transportation) the first steps toward improving both the



Chad Bolt (r) from the office of Councilmember Berliner surveys the state of Boiling Brook with RCA's Matthew Tifford (l) looking on

safety and appearance of the area are complete. Extensive plantings completed in December are intended to fill in over time, creating an attractive natural barrier. However, while MCDOT considers this to be a sufficient solution to the problem, concerns still remain about safety. The RCA is continuing its dialogue with both MCDOT and Councilmember Roger Berliner's office to explore ways to achieve a more satisfactory solution for the community. Please contact us with suggestions or ideas.



Looking down at Boiling Brook

County Council Sub-Committee Wrestles with White Flint

RCA Working to Retain a Complete Sector Plan with a Nicholson Court MARC Station

by Dan Hoffman

The County Council Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) committee overturned three years of hearings and public testimony in December by choosing against Nicholson Court as a location for a new MARC station in the White Flint Sector Plan. The PHED committee is also considering dangerous staff recommendations that would in essence strip the plan of the broader vision. The Nicholson Court

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Upcoming Events

RCA General Membership Meeting: Special RCA Education Forum

February 4th, 2010 8:00pm-10:00pm

We will be joined by County Councilmember Valerie Ervin (Council Education Chair), Laura Berthiaume (School Board), and Pat O'Neill (School Board President). Bring your questions about all things education related including the budget, school capacity, program and curriculum.

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President's Message

by Matthew Tifford, RCA President

This month I am going to use this space to talk about safety concerns in RCA land. As you may have read in the last Echo, resident David Matera has revived the RCA Safety Committee and is looking for volunteers interested in putting together a Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhood Watch programs have a proven track record of dramatically reducing criminal activity in communities all across the United States. However, implementing a Neighborhood Watch program is something that some communities have a tough time pulling off. Why? Because it can be difficult to get enough volunteers to make it work.

Just like the rest of Montgomery County, we have a continuing problem with car and home break-ins. What we have seen in cases here in our community is that the perpetrators rarely get caught, and residents rarely get their valuables returned to them. However, if we can put a Neighborhood Watch program together, we can put a stop to many of these crimes by making our streets unattractive to would-be criminals. Can you commit to spending a couple evening hours once or twice a month hanging out with fellow neighbors? If so, give David a call, or e-mail. We can do this. Let's get this thing off the ground and make our community a place criminals know to avoid!

Finally, don't forget to add our upcoming February 4th General Meeting to your calendar. We will be hosting an education forum with guests including Councilmember Valerie Ervin and School Board President Pat O'Neill and School Board member Laura Berthiaume. Since there is normally about a two week gap between when the *Echo* goes to print and when it reaches your door, be sure to check out www.randolphcivic.org and the RCA Yahoo Group for the most up-to-date information on the forum.

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

Neighborhood News in Brief

- **It has come to our attention that a long overdue thank you is in order to Mauro Biondo for his many years of service to the RCA community as Advertising Editor of the Echo.** Mauro and his wife Penny are original owners in the community and have lived here since 1957. During that time he has volunteered his services to the community in many ways, including helping with the formation of Cub Scout Pack 1492 in the early 60s. Without the income generated from Mauro's relationships with local business owners, the Echo might have ceased to exist. After over 15 years of service to the Echo, Mauro has turned his duties over to the very capable Kendra Fletcher. Thank you so much, Mauro, for all that you have done for our community!
- **Know of someone new to the neighborhood?** Let the Welcome Wagon know! The Welcome Wagon volunteers deliver baked goodies and a welcome letter from the neighborhood to our newest neighbors. If you know of a new owner or renter or you'd like to help with the Welcome Wagon, email Alison Dewey at sabaly@hotmail.com.
- **A community meeting with MNCPPC has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 11th, to discuss plans for improvements to the park.** On the agenda will be a proposal for a new Dog Exercise Area, and plans for the coming Picnic Shelter. Further details will be posted at www.randolphcivic.org as they become available.
- **Interested in the revitalization of the industrial property around the Randolph Hills Shopping Center and the properties along Parklawn Drive and Randolph Road?** RCA is putting together a group of energetic individuals to help lead the effort. You'll work with other communities, property owners, and county officials to develop what is currently being referred to as White Flint Two. This long range planning effort will have tremendous impact on RCA neighborhoods and will compliment the improvements coming from the White Flint Sector Plan. Email dan@randolphcivic.org if you'd like to be involved.
- **Thank you to Dean Evangelista for the photos on the cover of this edition of the Echo!**

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 by the deadlines posted on page 15 of this issue. Thank you!

RCA to Host Special Education Forum at February Meeting

County Council Education Chair and School Board President will Attend

With a tremendous number of new RCA-land families preparing their children elementary school or with children already attending school, the RCA has arranged a special education forum for neighborhood residents. At the February membership meeting (Thursday, February 4th at 8:00pm at the Viers Mill Rec Center) our guests will be Valerie Ervin (County Council Education Chair), Laura Berthiaume (School Board), and Pat O'Neill (School Board President). For more information visit www.randolphcivic.org.

Parents and neighbors are encouraged to bring questions related to school construction, the budget, curriculum, and special programs. The most pressing topic of concern for many RCA-land residents has been the capacity challenges at Viers Mill Elementary. In the latest Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) the School Board approved an addition for Viers Mill Elementary, rather than a new school at Rocking Horse Center. The County Executive has since released his County-wide CIP (which includes the requests of the School Board) and Viers Mill Elementary remained in the plan. The modernization of Wheaton High School, which has been delayed in recent years, is also in the plan. The RCA supports the timely delivery of this modernization and no further delays.

School Board member Berthiaume has attended RCA membership meetings in the past and has had regular communication with RCA. Councilmember Ervin was scheduled to attend the RCA membership meeting last November but had to cancel due to an emergency. Although she is not a district or at-large representative of RCA-land, Councilmember Ervin has been very supportive of other RCA initiatives, such as the MARC station at Nicholson Court. This will be the first RCA meeting for Pat O'Neill.



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Homebuyer Tax Credits Update for 2010

by Mark Nensel, Echo Editor

Attention RCA-land Home-owners! With the start of the new year, responsible citizens of all stripes must turn their attention to that most patriotic and joyful of duties – filing one's federal income taxes. Yes, Thursday April 15, 2010 is not very far off.

Housing Broker Denise Sczcur, of Long and Foster Brokers, has brought to our attention a new Tax Credit that may prove useful to First-Time Homebuyers, as well as current home owners. "This is a topic that homeowners [should] be very interested to learn about," Ms. Sczcur said.

First, some background. According to the www.irs.gov website, "the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009, signed into law on November 6, 2009, extends and expands the first-time homebuyer credit allowed by previous Acts. Under the new law, an eligible taxpayer must buy, or enter into a binding contract to buy, a principal residence on or before April 30, 2010 and close on the home by June 30, 2010. For qualifying purchases in 2010, taxpayers have the option of claiming the credit on either their 2009 or 2010 return. The new law also 1) authorizes the credit for long-time homeowners buying a replacement principal residence, and 2) raises the income limitations for homeowners claiming the credit."

First-time homebuyers [FTHBs] (i.e., people who have not owned a home within the last three years) may be eligible for the tax credit. The credit for FTHBs is 10% of the purchase price of the home, with a maximum available credit of \$8,000.

For current home-owners, the tax credit program now gives those who already own a residence some additional reasons to move to a new home. This incentive comes in the form of a tax credit of up to \$6,500 for qualified purchasers who have owned and occupied a primary residence for a period of five consecutive years during the last eight years.

Additionally, the amount of income someone can earn and qualify for the full amount of the credit has been increased. Single tax filers who earn up to \$125,000 are eligible for the total credit amount. Those who earn between \$125,001 and \$144,999 can receive a partial credit. Single filers who earn \$145,000 and above are ineligible.

Joint filers who earn up to \$225,000 are eligible for the total credit amount. Those who earn between \$225,001 and \$244,999 can receive a partial credit. Joint filers who earn \$245,000 and above are ineligible.

To qualify for the credit, the maximum purchase sale price for a property is \$800,000.

What, exactly, is a tax credit? A tax credit is a direct reduction in tax liability owed by an individual to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In the event

no taxes are owed, the IRS will issue a check for the amount of the tax credit an individual is owed. Unlike the tax credit that existed in 2008, this credit does not require repayment unless the home, at any time in the first 36 months of ownership, is no longer an individual's primary residence.

Anyone who has not owned a primary residence in the previous 36 months, prior to closing and the transfer of title, is eligible for the First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit. This applies both to single taxpayers and married couples. In the case where there is a married couple, if either spouse has owned a primary residence in the last 36 months, neither would qualify. In the case where an individual has owned property that has not been a primary residence, such as a second home or investment property, that individual would be eligible.

Additionally, if a parent (who will not live in the property) cosigns for a mortgage, their child is eligible for the credit, provided that the child meets the other requirements for the tax credit.

Note that there are restrictions to taking the FTHB Credit. According to the IRS, if any of the following describe a homebuyer's situation, a credit would not be due: 1) if the purchaser buys the home from a close relative. This includes a spouse, parent, grandparent, child or grandchild; 2) if the purchaser does not use the home as their principal residence; 3) if the purchaser sells the home before the end of the year; 4) if the purchaser is a nonresident alien; 5) if the purchaser is, or was, eligible to claim the District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit for any taxable year [this does not apply for a home purchased in 2009]; 6) if the purchaser's home financing comes from tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds [this does not apply for a home purchased in 2009]; and 7) if the purchaser owned a principal residence at any time during the three years prior to the date of purchase of the new home. For example, if someone bought a home on July 1, 2008, they cannot take the credit for that home if they owned, or had an ownership interest in, another principal residence at any time from July 2, 2005, through July 1, 2008.

Ms. Sczcur advises all homeowners considering the tax credit to "consult your personal tax/financial advisor to see if you meet all qualifications." She also reiterates "the maximum available credit is \$8000. So if the price of the house is less than \$80,000 ... then the tax credit would be 10% of the purchase price. For homes that are \$80,000 up to \$800,000, the credit [is] \$8000 ... the maximum available credit. The \$8000 is for first-time buyers. The credit for move-up buyers is \$6500."

RCA 2010

Membership List

by John Kehoe

Fellow RCA-ers, we beat our membership drive from the previous year! As of January, our count is at 500 -- 26 more households than last year. This is a 5% increase after several years of decline. This was due in no small part to the group of volunteers who went door to door recruiting and reminding neighbors to renew their membership. Thank you for all your hard work!

Remember: You can still become a member at any time of the year, simply use the form in the Echo or head to our web site and pay via Paypal. If you joined but your name does not appear on this list, please contact info@randolphcivic.org.

Street, followed by Last name:

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Bradley
Breon
Broun
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Churchill
Clarke
Cline and Pillers-Cline
Cummings
Diamond
Dikel
Drapkin
Dvoskin
Eckloff
Evangelista
Hammersley
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Howard, M.D.
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Ingberg
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Osborne
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Roesch
Sanmartin
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Madsen
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Pavel
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White Flint Sector Plan

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location is the preferred site of the RCA and is a central part of the revitalization of the industrial property around the Randolph Hills Shopping Center.

Both of the potential new MARC locations would impact service at the Garrett Park station (the alternative station to Nicholson Court is on Nebel Street, across from the new Harris Teeter). The Nebel Street site faces strong opposition from the family that owns the property (Montourri Family Trust), and the county would be forced to purchase the land, resulting in millions of additional dollars in expense. Councilmember Elrich indicated that he choose the Nebel Street location because it would better serve residents coming into White Flint from points north (Frederick and Germantown). The RCA maintains that the difference in service is negligible and the Nicholson Court location would provide better service to the neighborhoods on the eastern side of White Flint.

In response to the concerns of Councilmember Floreen, RCA has begun a dialogue with the Mayor of Garrett Park and the Garrett Park Town Council in order to reach an understanding. At the time this Echo goes to print, RCA representatives were extremely optimistic that an understanding would be reached with Garrett Park that would save the Nicholson Court MARC location. A primary concern of RCA is that the Garrett Park MARC station may face closure in coming years due to lack of ridership. The Garrett Park MARC station has the 3rd lowest ridership in the MARC system and serves approximately 20-25 people daily (many of whom are Randolph Hills residents). A site at Nicholson Court would provide reasonable walking access to more communities and could retain the Garrett Park name. "We want to respect the role the MARC station plays in the identity of Garrett Park. If we can find a way to retain the Garrett Park site, with at least some level of service, or have a site that bears their name, then I feel that is positive," said RCA President Matt Tifford. The town of Garrett Park has not taken an official position on a which MARC site to support (Nicholson Court or Nebel Street). The RCA has been very pleased with the meetings they've had thus far with the Garrett Park leadership; both have been very constructive. The RCA is also pleased with the response they have gotten from Councilmembers thus far in addressing this issue. Many have indicated

support for the Nicholson Court site and expressed that a 'win/win' solution was very possible. The County Council will finalize the plan in February or early March.

Another development has been a recommendation by staff to only approve near term segment of the plan. Given the plan's dependence on long-term financing and private sector support to pay for transit and infrastructure improvement, this recommendation would eliminate the vision of White Flint that the residents have spent almost four years creating. In response to this, RCA reached out to its Yahoo group to begin a rapid response email campaign aimed at influencing the County Council. The effort was successful and the PHED committee has indicated they have little interest in the staff recommendation. RCA, along with neighboring communities (including Garrett Park, the Wisconsin, Old Farm and others) and the Friends of White Flint all emailed the Council asking for a complete plan.

It is doubtful that the plan will be approved prior to delivery of this Echo the Council will have finalized and approved the plan. Please visit www.randolphcivic.org to find out how you can lend your support to this effort. For some excellent and balanced insights on the White Flint Sector Plan, visit www.friendsofwhiteflint.org to get more details.

Author's Note: As one of the people heavily involved in the WF Sector Plan and having attended the meetings with the town of Garrett Park, personally I'm very happy with the dialogue that has been established with them. I'm also pleased with the attention members of the Council are giving this issue. By the time this Echo reaches you, a decision on the MARC station may be close at hand. Please email me directly at dan@randolphcivic.org if you have any questions or would like to get involved with the revitalization of areas surrounding RCA-land.

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Fletcher
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Kotzalas
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Laitin
Lima
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Palomino

Gaynor

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Ott
Preston
Tungcod

Gemstone

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Brown
Foulkes
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Reed
Troy

Grayling

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Nemecek
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MacWilliams
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Morlando
Pitcher
Rezapkin
Rodriguez
Saunders
Singh
Teachum
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Valenzuela
Williams
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Wilson
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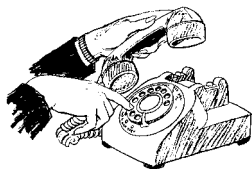
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The RCA Hotline

240-668-4722 (4RCA)

Calls Received November 28,
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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.

12-03-09 (Thurs) at 1:28pm. Anonymous. Caller has a request. In the past, in the Echo, there has been a listing of emergency numbers – utility numbers, park police and so forth. Caller doesn't see that listing in the November issue and it would be handy to have as a quick reference. Caller asks that it be resumed. Thank you. *(Thank you for the call. This is actually something we're currently working on updating. The old list was outdated and was pulled until we were able to update it. Once up-to-date we will post it back in the Echo probably every other issue and it will always be available at www.randolphcivic.org)*

12-07-09 (Wed) at 10:53am. Anonymous. Caller is a concerned neighbor. Caller has a friend who has a boyfriend. He comes over once in a while and has a car alarm on his car. The neighbors are complaining about the car alarm but, what's the purpose of having a car alarm on your car if people complain about it? If Randolph Hills is supposed to be quiet, caller thinks the neighborhood should become a retirement home for older people. This way, people don't have to complain about car alarms anymore. So, caller thinks people ought to start looking in their own backyards and stop looking at their neighbors. Have a good day. (

12-07-09 (Wed) at 11:15am. Same Caller. Caller is a concerned neighbor. Caller has people who park in front of caller's house and there's no room for anybody to park. Caller doesn't know if this is illegal or whether it's supposed to work out this way. All caller knows is that when caller's neighbors or visitors come, there's no place to park. Caller was wondering if there was anything we could do about this.

12-07-09 (Wed) at 11:49am. Anonymous. Caller is very concerned that some people on Schuylkill Road are dumping trash outside their yards, halfway to the

tracks. The latest people are at 114xx. They threw a huge black bag of trash out the back and caller doesn't know if the Association can do anything about it. Caller would think this would be against the law and caller has no idea what kind of trash it is and why they'd have to do that. Caller wanted to let the Association know. Thank you. *(Dumping trash in certain places is illegal and we suggest you follow up with the RCA Environmental Committee Chair Matt Tifford if you have not been contacted already.)*

12-07-09 (Wed). Received by email at Info@RandolphCivic.org. Not anonymous. I am a bit concerned about the dogs running around the neighborhood. Specifically, there is a house on the corner of Randolph and Rocking Horse whose dogs run across the Randolph Road intersection. On my short commute over Randolph, down Rocking Horse, and then down Boiling Brook, I repeatedly see dogs running free with no owners with them. I know the owners think that their dogs stick close to home when they let them out but they really don't and I'm so worried about the dogs getting hurt. I have seen the dogs from the house at Randolph and Rocking Horse at the Medical Center multiple times. It's not safe!

12-21-09 (Mon) at 10:16am. Not anonymous. Caller lives at 120xx Ashley Drive and wants to thank Richard Zierdt on Coachway for his help on Sunday, the 20th, with snowblowing and clearing the sidewalks. He particularly helped caller's dear friends a few houses down. Caller just wants it on record that Richard's been a wonderful person to clear the sidewalks after this awful, awful snowstorm. So, again, thank you very much! *(Agreed! Richard has been a wonderful and dedicated asset to our community for years. We are all very lucky to have him as part of our community!)*

12-28-09 (Mon) at 1:01pm. Anonymous. Caller has lived in this neighborhood most of caller's life. Caller is elderly and has medical problems. There are about 20 young people who live around caller. During this blizzard, not one person came over to see if caller was OK and no one asked caller if caller needed anything from the grocery store. No one even offered to help caller shovel caller's snow. These people shoveled themselves out. Caller would say it took them an hour to get their sidewalks and cars cleaned and driveways clear. It took caller five days to be able to get out. Caller just thought caller would call and say that it's really a shame that people don't look after their neighbors. It's a great disappointment. *(See previous call. The RCA is happy to coordinate volunteers to assist neighbors in need. Simply contact any of the Board members on page 2. Also, see the announcement on page 3 regarding a new aging in place initiative.)*

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RCF NEWS

President's Message

by Chad Salganik, Interim RCF President

Happy New Year! We just celebrated the first anniversary of the Randolph Civic Foundation being a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. This is a good time to remind you that donations to the RCF are tax deductible. We are classified as a "public charity" according to the IRS. Our EIN number is 26-0869458. We are actively soliciting donations for our sign beautification project. We intend to replace some of the older signs around our neighborhoods. In addition, we are working with a landscaping contractor to help with the Randolph Hills sign on Boiling Brook. We'd love to hear your thoughts as we proceed on our beautification projects. Do you have an idea? Is there something on your block that could use some attention? Please let us know by emailing info@randolphcivicfoundation.org. The RCF will be developing procedures and criteria for disbursing the funds to the various projects.

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Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

For the second consecutive month, two of troop 1083's senior scouts conducted their Eagle Scout service projects, each over several weekends ending



Working on one of two Eagle Scout service projects completed in December.

in December 2009.

First Joseph Owen gathered a work crew of fellow scouts, along with assorted siblings, friends, and parents, to construct a meditative labyrinth on the grounds of the Lutheran Church of St Andrew in Silver Spring. The finished labyrinth features an intricate design, strikingly rendered in gray paving block and red-brick gravel.

Shortly thereafter Scott Levensgard assembled his own work crew to build six large, sturdy shelving units to hold food donations received by the nonprofit community service organization A Wider Circle. Scott designed the shelves with an eye toward strength and

maximum capacity, oversaw their construction, and arranged their transport from a staging area in Garrett Park to the organization's Silver Spring service center. He also supervised the collection of 500 pounds of food donations to stock the shelves!

Both projects required many hours of advance planning, coordination, logistics, and team building. Both were also very successful. Congratulations Joseph and Scott!

Also in December, another troop 1083 scout, Ben Safford, directed a Faith in Action service project, for which he collected donations of food, clothing, and personal items to be packaged and gift wrapped (by Brownie Troop 1238) and delivered to So Other May Eat (SOME) of Washington DC, for distribution to homeless people during the holidays.

The troop is very proud of its scouts and their commitment to community service!

In January the scouts will be putting their winter weather preparation and scout skills to work at the Klondike Derby campout at Little Bennett State Park, and in February they will enjoy the annual skiing/snowboarding trip to Ski Liberty in

Pennsylvania.

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.

For more information about getting your son involved with Boy Scout Troop 1083, contact Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048 or visit www.troop1083.org



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News from Girl Scout Troop 1028

by Jennifer Tifford

Troop 1028 is a combined troop featuring Daisies, Brownies, and Junior Girl Scouts. We meet at Viers Mill recreation center every other Thursday.

We have officially started our Girl Scout Cookie sales in RCA land, and will be taking orders from friends, family, and neighbors. Be on the lookout for girls going door to door. The first orders of cookies will be delivered at the beginning of February.

Boxes of cookies are priced the same this year as in the past (\$3.50) and the boxes are the same size. We are selling a new variety, Thank-U Berry-Munch, plus all the old favorites: Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Do-si-Dos, Trefoils, Lemon Chalet Creams, Dulce de Leche, and Samoas! This year our cookie sales will go to help with the cost of a spring camping trip in addition to all the other fun and educational activities we do all year.

Troop 1028 will also be enjoying a Gymnastics party in January at the new Dynamite Gymnastics Center off Wyaconda Road. We are looking forward to getting together as a troop and working with the instructors at Dynamite. If you like gymnastics, this is a beautiful brand-new facility right here in the neighborhood. Make sure you check it out!

If you have any questions about our troop feel free to contact Jennifer Tifford at tiffordband@gmail.com

News from Venture Crew 1083

By Ben Pitkin, Corresponding Secretary

December was a bit of a slow news month for Venture Crew 1083. Our much-anticipated outing to the Potomac Curling Club was, ironically enough, postponed by snow. Curling, if you're wondering, is a peculiar yet very fun-looking winter Olympic sport played on ice with brooms and "rocks." The rocks look sort-of like flat-bottomed bowling balls with handles, or spout-less, 25-pound tea kettles. How can that not be fun? So we'll try again later this winter.



Q: What exactly is this? A: It is awesome.

December's snow could not stop the crew from designing and assembling a vehicle for use in January's Klondike Derby, a midwinter campout. The crew is entered in a skills competition against other crews and scout troops. Part of the competition involves racing the vehicle. Since January can bring any kind of weather, the crew's vehicle is part sled and part chariot, with detachable wheels and ski runners. We're not sure what to call it, but whatever it is, it's deluxe.

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 21. Crew meetings are every second Monday night, from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Why not join us? Bring a like-minded friend so you'll already know someone else at the meeting! For more information (including the Mondays on which we're meeting), contact crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755.

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Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park 2009 Market Review!



<u>Randolph Hills</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Average List Price	\$343,071	\$429,402	\$443,736	\$433,882	\$353,967	\$313,250
Average Sale Price	\$344,496	\$433,028	\$441,028	\$424,703	\$339,295	\$306,915
Lowest Sale Price	\$289,900	\$350,000	\$368,000	\$315,000	\$220,000	\$219,900
Highest Sale Price	\$410,000	\$510,000	\$505,000	\$519,000	\$437,000	\$370,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	17	19	64	89	95	61
Sales per Year	60	47	58	29	25	30

<u>Franklin Park</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Average List Price	\$398,553	\$459,507	\$458,686	\$452,684	\$374,500	\$358,700
Average Sale Price	\$396,626	\$457,536	\$454,000	\$448,129	\$366,000	\$358,725
Lowest Sale Price	\$318,500	\$400,000	\$425,000	\$430,000	\$333,000	\$335,000
Highest Sale Price	\$480,000	\$545,000	\$522,000	\$465,000	\$399,000	\$400,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	30	22	80	105	102	25
Sales per Year	15	14	7	7	2	4

<u>Montrose Park</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Average List Price	\$415,087	\$435,967	\$499,000	\$486,600	\$404,475	\$365,667
Average Sale Price	\$414,437	\$437,333	\$489,000	\$460,000	\$370,000	\$362,333
Lowest Sale Price	\$380,000	\$420,000	\$489,000	\$430,000	\$350,000	\$302,000
Highest Sale Price	\$441,000	\$450,000	\$489,000	\$479,000	\$415,000	\$395,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	22	7	16	103	29	10
Sales per Year	8	3	2	3	4	3

<u>Randolph Farms</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Average List Price	\$440,600	\$574,778	\$520,580	\$550,000	\$435,267	\$266,633
Average Sale Price	\$444,211	\$571,000	\$527,160	\$535,000	\$423,967	\$271,633
Lowest Sale Price	\$359,900	\$435,000	\$405,000	\$535,000	\$395,000	\$245,000
Highest Sale Price	\$527,427	\$716,000	\$695,900	\$535,000	\$469,000	\$319,900
Average # Days on Mkt.	52	27	47	104	171	110
Sales per Year	6	5	5	1	3	3

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