

The Newsletter of the Randolph Civic Association and Randolph Civic Foundation

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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2004 8:00 p.m.

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, April 1, 2004 8:00 p.m.

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

President's Message

by Matt Shore

In December 2003 I called CSX and the Maryland Government concerning the railroad crossing at Randolph Road. As you recall, the crossing is in bad shape and is in desperate need of repair. I received good news back about the crossing! There was a temporary fix that took place in December. They will do a more comprehensive repair job in the summer of 2004. This is a repeat of something they did five years ago. The County had to shut down Randolph Road so the repairs could take place. Traffic was detoured onto Twinbrook Parkway, Nebel Street, Nicholson Lane and Parklawn Drive. I am certain that this will happen again this summer. We are going to have to be patient during the repairs but you know it's going to be a much smoother ride as a result of the work.

On another note, a public meeting concerning Montrose Parkway East took place at Veirs Mill Elementary School on Tuesday, January 27, 2004. This section of the Parkway would run from Parklawn Drive to Veirs Mill Road behind Montrose and Franklin Park. This has been talked about for years but has never broken ground and laid pavement. If you have any questions about Montrose Parkway you can call Uzair Asadullah, Project Manager at 240-777-7242. I don't envision any work taking place anytime soon but if I hear anything I will keep you posted.

See you at the RCA meeting!

Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

December 4, 2003

by Kevin Kline

President Matt Shore and Vice-President Mike Saunders opened the meeting with housekeeping business. Passed by unanimous voice-vote: to accept the November meeting minutes as published in the December *Echo*. Also passed by unanimous voice-vote: to approve the Treasury's Report as published in the December *Echo*.

The President recognized Frank Shore, who has focused on getting the railroad crossing repaired at Randolph Road. A permanent fix would require Randolph Road to be closed for one week. Instead, a temporary repair is planned for the worst stretch of road in our area. Frank was given a round of applause for his successful efforts. In an unrelated matter, Treasurer Richard Zierdt personally visited Sam's Club, and ironed out the problems members had in using their RCA-sponsored Sam's Club Cards.

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RCA Telephone Number: 301-881-2722 (881-2RCA).

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

Membership in the RCA is \$5.00 per year.

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

Web site: www.randolphcivic.org

RCA General Meeting

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Next on the agenda was the soccer fields problem. The December *Echo* reports on a rowdy incident between two soccer teams in Randolph Hills Local Park (RHLP). Unfortunately, problems at the park have escalated over time. The large pickup soccer games are often accompanied by drinking, fighting, and illegal parking. The RCA had Police intervene regarding these problems two years ago. Last September, hundreds of people were involved in a soccer game that degenerated into a dangerous situation, with arrests and others transported to the hospital.

One solution, previously suggested by Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) representatives at an RCA meeting, is to post the field "Youth and Permit Only," with signs at the entrance at Boiling Brook Parkway and Ashley Drive. Only youths could use the field, and youth groups with a permit would take precedence over pickup games. RCA'ers could then call the Park Police if rowdy adults use the field. The Police have previously stated they would clear the field of adult users, as opposed to arresting them. Interestingly, the RCA voted down this same measure a few years ago, because technically no adults could use the field. The Police have reported they would not arrest some dad playing ball with his son. Passed by unanimous voice-vote: to request the M-NCPPC to designate and post the RHLP playing field as "Youth and Permit."

On December 1, 2003, all trash cans were removed from Rock Creek Park. The purpose was to save money. Passed by unanimous voice-vote: The RCA opposes the County's policy of removing trash cans from all parks, and at a minimum, want trash cans replaced in RHLP and Winding Creek Park (north of Randolph Road). The RCA has called M-NCPPC directly to voice its opposition, and will follow-up with an email. The RCA again asks you to call spokesperson Carolyn Wainwright at 301-495-2572 and complain!

Members discussed new RCA signs, what type, and where they should go. A Sign Committee was created, to come up with suggestions. The *Echo* newsletter will also ask RCA'ers for suggestions. The damaged sign at Schuylkill and Garrett Park Road will be repaired (using the negligent driver's insurance payment). A new RCA sign is needed at Boiling Brook and Nicholson, and for Montrose Park. The Franklin Park sign either needs updating or replacement. The RCA Sign Committee is directed to make its recommendations in February, and the choices and cost will be put to a General Membership vote in March.

George Gadbois gave a briefing on the status of Belt Middle School, which is scheduled to re-open in

2005/06. There are to be two schools in the building: one is a middle school, and the other a charter school. There are two organizations vying to run the charter school.

Kevin Kline quickly presented four items. He passed out copies of the Montgomery County Police Sex Offender Registry – a list of all County offenders, and where they live and work. One lives on Dewey Road, and five live at the halfway house at Nebel and Marinelli. Kevin also passed out printouts of the County's road project's "wish-list" planned around RCA-land. The third item was a blueprint of the "loophole" project being built at the Montrose Shopping Center. This project is openly referred to as a "loophole" project because it evades the present zoning code, which would prevent the 300,000 square foot apartment building from being built on one acre at Chapman Ave. & Halpine. The zoning for the new Target being built behind the Giant was also approved.

Richard Zierdt briefed membership on the possibility of re-regulating the electric industry in Maryland. Given the low opinion the RCA holds for PEPCO, this is a welcome initiative.

Richard also discussed a Dept. of Public Housing initiative to loosen the regulation of accessory apartments. The RCA opposes allowing houses like our to be sub-divided, allowing one family to live upstairs with a

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RCA General Meeting

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second family in the basement.

Passed by majority voice-vote:

The RCA opposes any loosening of the regulations governing accessory apartments.

An RCA'er asked about "Fort Ashley" – the house in gross violation of the housing codes. The judge set a deadline of November 16th to clean it up. The house was still out of compliance at presstime. The next step is for the County to clean it up, hauling away all the debris, and billing the homeowner. A tax lien could be placed against the property.



Update: As the Echo went to press in January, County crews were cleaning up the code violations at the house on Ashley Drive.

County Holds Meeting for Montrose Parkway East

The Montgomery County Dept. of Public Works held its second public meeting for the Montrose Parkway East on January 27th, at Veirs Mill Elementary School. Unfortunately, this meeting will have already taken place by the time this issue of the *Echo* is distributed. The purpose was to present the planning study, and discuss community concerns. This meeting is very important to RCA'ers because this Parkway will run directly behind the Montrose Park and Franklin Park neighborhoods, from Parklawn (behind the U-Haul), across Rock Creek Park, ending at Veirs Mill Road. A diagram of a typical road section depicts 2 lanes in each direction, separated by a treed center meridian. Running alongside is a separated hiker/biker trail.

This Parkway is only in the planning stage. It is intended to be a continuation of the Montrose Parkway West, that will begin at I-270 and end at Parklawn.

MCCF to Host BoE Candidates Meeting Feb 12

The Montgomery County Civic Federation, an umbrella group of civic associations of which RCA is a member, is hosting a Candidates Forum for the upcoming Board of Education primary election later this year (Tuesday, March 2).

The event will be held Thursday, February 12, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Crossway Community, 3015 Upton Drive in Kensington, 20895. Crossway

Community Center is behind the McDonalds in Wheaton, off University Boulevard. Take Veirs Mill Road south, turn right onto University, then right at the first light, East Avenue (McDonalds is on your right). Turn first left onto Upton Drive.

Come out and meet and question those who would run our schools. The election of the Board of Education is non-partisan, so even if you don't vote in your political party's primary, everyone may vote for BoE candidates.

Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Here's Your Help

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

Andrew Souder 301-770-7632 Ashley Drive Matt Bebawy 301-881-4698 Red Fox Alex Cassel 301-770-8757 Macon Road Mike Couture 301-984-8647 Creekshore Drive Steven Santos 301-468-1756 Wilwyn Way Chris Geerman 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive Mark Bushlong 301-942-5890 Bennion Road Andy Wood 301-946-4634 Idlewood Road

Need Babysitting Services?

Cristin Smith 301-881-2423 Troy Road

Treasurer's Report by Richard Zierdt

As of January 17, 2004, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$15,570.25.

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		,		7	
		BALANCE 10/18/2003			17,147.72
10/22	712	Sam's Club	Sam's Club membership	-5,100.00	12,047.72
10/24		Randolph Civic Assn	Preferred Auto	272.00	12,319.72
10/27	713	Quick Printing	Nov ECHO - ECHO:print	-1,017.50	11,302.22
11/10	714	Sam's Club	Sam's Club mbership	-270.00	11,032.22
11/10	715	Sam's Club	Sam's Club mbrship	-270.00	10,762.22
11/10	716	Sam's Club	Sam's Club membership	-210.00	10,552.22
11/13	717	MCCF Montgomery	2003-2004 assoc_dues	-20.00	10,532.22
11/13		RCAssociation	Mass Mutual ad	20.00	10,552.22
11/17		Randolph Civic	membership —SPLIT—	4,484.00	15,036.22
		inc:membership	mbshp, Sams, donation 4,	339.00	
		inc:refund	Park key deposit	145.00	
11/17	E-xfr	Verizon	Oct 22 Telephone	-23.25	15,012.97
11/19		Suntrust Bank	—SPLIT—	-11.50	15,001.47
		inc:membership	returned check	-5.00	
		Bank Chrg	returned item penalt	-6.50	
11/24	718	Quick Printing	Dec ECHO - ECHO:print	-997.50	14,003.97
11/26		RCA	Steve Kelly	408.00	14,411.97
12/04		Randolph Civic	commercial inc:advert	190.00	14,601.97
12/10		Randolph Civic	commercial inc:advert	122.00	14,723.97
12/17	E-xfr	Verizon	RCA Nov 22 pho Telephone	-23.26	14,700.7
12/20	719	Sam's Club	Sam's Club membership	-30.00	14,670.7
01/09	720	USPS - Postmaster	P.O. annual membership	-90.00	14,580.7

RCF Checking Register 11/16/2003 through 01/17/2004						
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance	
		BALANCE 10/15/2003			909.40	
11/17		Randolph Civic	donation	50.00	959.40	
11/22	1063	Boy Scout Troop Scouting charity:Boy Scout	—SPLIT—	-90.00 -90.00	869.40	
11/28		interest receive .10%	inc:intere	0.07	869.47	
12/15		Randolph Civic F automatic	donation	120.00	989.47	
12/31		interest receive .10%	interest	0.07	989.54	
		BALANCE 01/17/2002 RCF bank balance, December	er 31, 2003: \$989.54		989.54	
		Total RCA+RCF cash asset	ts		15,570.25	



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Safeway	(301) 770-3665
SunTrust Bank	(301) 998-8580
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Subway	(301) 881-2477
Urban Accents	(301) 881-4451
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Randolph Civic Association Paid Members for 2003-2004

A record number of residents joined this year: 671, over 50%, which is very good for a volunteer association of our size. Michael Young of Boiling Brook Parkway was the first membership to be received on September 9, 2003.

Stars by a member's name is the extra contribution amount: **** \$21 and up

The largest gift was \$100 from Charles Middleton of Ashley Drive. Thank you, Charles!

Ashley Drive

Anderson & Grave*

Astner*** Austin

Bartlett ***

Behram

Bleicher

Bollinger*

Boston*

Bradlev Breon ***

Broun **

Burleigh

Canick**

Carawan***

Churchill***

Clarke**

Cline and*

Crown *

Cummings *

Dellasanta

Dikel **

Evangelista ***

Fagley**

Gibbons & Tincknell***

Guynn **

Hamasian *

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Hauser**

Haynes

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Hudgins**

Ingberg***

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Keller

Laranjeira* Lhulier, Crede

Logee **

Mantz ***

Marshall ** Martin

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McGann

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Nichols

Patten*

Paulson***

Paysen

Phelps***

Primmer

Prock **

Puente**

Ramirez**

Rossomondo

Shaw

Sherman

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Souder**

Souder**

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Swick Tarello

Tifford Tyler ***

Valenta**

Vanderlinden Virtue*

Walker**

Walling****

Ward**

White & Biondo **

Wiacek Woitach**

Wvnn

Zetti

Boiling Brook Court

Madison*

Weisemann*

Boiling Brook Parkway

Abelmann

Aposporos**

Bowles**

Brunetto *

Carmen***

Cregger*

Duarte***

Eggleston**

Evers

Greening *

Guie*

Hagberg*

Houser*

Johnson &*** Kennedy*

Klain *

Long

Mendes***

Osborne Penafiel **

Robinson & Stone *

Roche *

Roesch*

Sanmartin

Santoro

Schwartz Young

Brentford Drive

Basiliko

Bell

Brocca*

Collins**

Coral

Mulquin

Rosenstein

Strock*

Trainor

Uston * Weber

Coachway Drive

Aboulnaga

Freideman

Gilliand

Gobleck** Hunsicker****

Jones **

Kelly

Lalos ***

Larew & Lentz

Pasola**

Strobell ***

Tedder

Zierdt****

Creek Shore Drive

Alderson *

Boyarsky *

Burroughs***

Casciano *

Christian**

Couture*** Dempewolf

Dick*

Diethrich***

Gouveia

Hamadi

Harmon*

Harper & Walsh *** Johnson-Weider

King*

Leary

Lepre *

Lewis

Madsen*

Marella*

Marques*** McCauley

Monahan*

McGlynn Mock**

Navecky***

Ramsey***

Scappa Sheng

Shutta

Snyder*

Stone

Tao Trinquero*

Warren* Weeks **

Williams

Ziese **

Creek Shore Place

Burns ** Linthicum**

Ertter Drive Cogdell**

Hilty **** Hundrup

Jackson*** Kopyto***

Lopaz * Luong *

Marr

Martinez ***

Murray Olson **

Pometto*

Preston*

Rabinovitz

Samari

Shrestha *** Smith *

Turner** Vatter*

Forestvale Drive

Durgavich

Gzirian Nemirovsky*

Sullivan *

Galena Road

Bowdren Craft **

Jones **

Kotzalas ** Nix

Palomino * Shahani*

Shlomo & Dubitsky ** Voisin

Walker

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Paid Members 2003-2004

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Gaynor Road

Bartholome**

Lacey ****

Linares****

Preston

Santiago ****

Scherf & Cooper

Gemstone Terrace

Brennan*

Jordan**

Reed***

Stewart

Troy**

Grayling Lane

Bailor

Bender^{*}

Calderone***

Joyner**

Leffler**

Nicro **

Royster

Sloan & Miller

Ventura

Whitaker

Hunters Court

Bledsoe

Grossman

Valenzuela

Woo

Hunters Lane

Alfonzo**

Buonomo

Campbell

Chism

Clark ****

Correia* Gehlhar

Ghirlando****

Guthrie

Houseknecht *

Kwan

Laguerre *

Lee

Linthicum**

Miller & Green **

Moeller

Morlando **

Perez

Rezapkin ****

Rodriguez*

Rodriguez*

Saunders ****

Shiflett ** Sienkiewicz '

Singh

Teachum

Tremonti

Vlahov Walters*

Lauderdale Drive

Lopez

Lopez *

Roh*

Schwartz

Senko *

Stockslager **

Wilson**

Zayas ****

Macon Road

Zelaya**

Alota-Tordil*

Amemiya

Baratz

Brandler *

Bucher***

Fick***

Gaunaurd **

Hudson** Karslo

Konrad***

Kroos *

Lawson*

Marshall

McDuffee

Mohan *

Orenstein** Park

Peppin

Pierce***

Reyes ***

Rojas *

Rukus

Santorocco

Sawyer**

Scott

Sonnenberg***

Stillwell**

Tigert**

Tolson

Vaughan

Vissari**

Wickum

Monongahela Court

Batay

Biondo** Flores*

Riegel

Monongahela Drive

Bonanno

Chrisafis

Fishman Hash***

Loyd

Mitchell



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show up at all. But that's not all. When you are lucky enough to get a plumber to show up he can talk rude, smell like a goat, leave your house in a mess, charge you "an arm and a leg"...and as a final insult, act like <u>be's</u> doing you a favor. I believe.

Enough is Enough

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- water leak stopped drain
- no hot water

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Howard

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Lopez & Wood***

Martin**

Milihram **

Zmudzka

Putnam Road

Block **

Davol ****

Levv** Zeitlin

Randolph Road

Aker**

Archibald**

Diamantidis ***

Ecuacion ** Kline ****

Lamas

Lowe

Schlutz, D.M.D.

Stevens***

Williams **

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Come Visit Our New Dining Room!

We feature Armand's Original Deep Dish & Thin Crust Pizza.

Now offering new menu items including pasta entrees, beer & wine and desserts.

Lunch Buffet daily from 11:30am-2:30pm, includes pizza, pasta & salad. \$6.99 per person.

FREE DELIVERY

or if you pick-up, a free slice or soda for the road

301.231.5000

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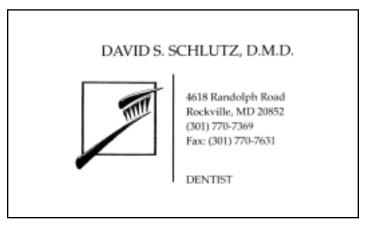
* \$10.00 MINIMUM DELIVERY ORDER * * *



Congressional Village formerly Congressional Plaza South Not valid with any other offer, \$10.00 minimum delivery

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Rockville Automotive & Truck Service

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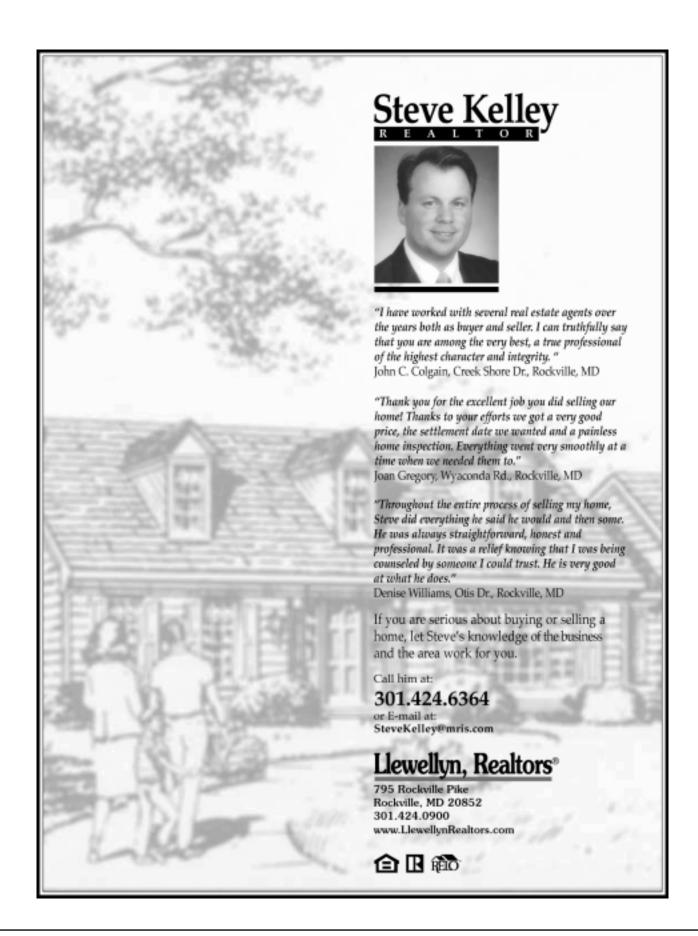
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Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

301-881-2722 (2RCA)

November 15, 2003 to January 17, 2004



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.

2003-11-18 (Tue) 9:26 pm Anonymous. Calling about people parking their cars so that you can't walk down the sidewalk, especially at 121xx Hunters Lane. You have to walk in the street to get by. You can't walk to work or come home. [Richard Zierdt here. This has been and remains a long-standing issue in our neighborhood. It is the policy of the RCA to support enforcement of parking regulations in RCA, especially the prohibition of blocking the sidewalk. We have talked with police officials several times about this. No one parks in handicapped zones, so why block the sidewalk? The RCA is home to several people with disabilities. Some residents do report blocked sidewalks to police (301-279-8000) with some success. My experience has been that a tag number and exact street address adds considerable weight to a report. The police dispatcher sometimes asks if the caller wants a police office to drop by her/his house. Why the police do this, I don't know. Maybe to check if you're serious. It is OK to answer, "No, I'd rather the police did not." I answer, "Yes, an officer can stop by, but he's wasting his time. The car is still blocking the sidewalk."]

2003-11-21 (Fri) 6:29 pm Anonymous, Ashley Drive. For the third time, caller's car has been hit. It is time for the RCA to petition the County to have speed humps installed all throughout Ashley Drive. Thank you. [Richard Zierdt here. The petition process takes some effort. If someone along Ashley would like to start one, call the RCA and volunteer. No guarantees. Many residents oppose them. However, a compromise might be to install one or two humps along curves where I suspect most cars get hit. Caller did not leave a house number.]

2003-11-28 (Fri) 4:41 pm Westminster. Caller's car was stolen in June of 2003. Three weeks ago, one hubcap was stolen. Sometime between Wednesday and Thursday of this week, my new hubcap was stolen plus an old one.

Caller would like to know what is going on in this neighborhood. Thanks for taking caller's message. [RZ: I hope caller notified police, but thanks for calling the RCA to remind us all to keep a heads-up. This is terrible no matter where it happens, and I don't have any easy answers. But if it's any consolation, the upscale Kentlands neighborhood had a rash of adolescents shooting up several cars in mid-January. This stuff happens everywhere. Sometimes police can make arrests, sometimes not. Personally, I'd like security cameras installed on utility poles in any neighborhood that requests them. Big Brother? You bet. But it's a call each of us must make in a free society.]

2003-11-30 (Sun) 2:36 pm Anonymous. Caller read the December *Echo* regarding prohibiting adult use of the soccer field at Randolph Hills Park. Caller is in support of these efforts. Caller is concerned that the former users of that park will use the field behind the old Randolph Junior High building instead. If so, equal regulations should be enforced there as well (no adult play). [RCA officers believe the most likely outcome is that unscheduled adult play will occur in the fields off of Dewey Road south of Randolph Road, or off Dewey Road north of Randolph Road.]

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RCA Hotline

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2003-11-30 (Sun) 3:26 pm Anonymous. Caller is the one who asked about painting traffic lines on Beach Drive. Caller thanks the RCA for printing this in the December *Echo*. Caller will call the park maintenance number 301-670-8175 and follow-up. *[Thanks! - rz]* Caller is a 40-year resident, and sometimes complains about some RCA actions, but appreciates the RCA.

2003-12-03 (Wed) 6:39 pm Coachway Drive. Caller seconds the comments about leaf collection in the December *Echo* Hot Line column. Also, picking up after one's dog, which are plentiful in our neighborhood. However, caller has trouble with animals, though caller likes them very much, coming up to caller's steps and into caller's yard. It's an invasion that caller does not value. With winter coming up, our pets are vulnerable, and so are the people who are out walking on icy streets. So those people who let their animals run free endanger all walkers. One person on Coachway and one on Ashley were knocked down by the same brown lab that lives on Ashley. Happy Holidays to all residents.

2003-12-04 (Thu) 5:14 pm Anonymous. While there are troubles with the railroad tracks at Randolph Road, there

are also troubles right here in our own neighborhood at Hunters Lane and Randolph Road. There must be a noparking sign installed on one side or the other of Hunters Lane turning north off of Randolph. Now.

2003-12-04 (Thu) 5:14 pm Anonymous. 47xx block of Boiling Brook Parkway. Caller would like to correct an impression left by the 2003-10-13 message as printed in the December *Echo*. Caller did not cuss the speeder out; rather, it was the other way around.

2003-12-04 (Thu) 5:20 pm Anonymous. Boiling Brook Parkway. Outgoing message on the hotline is too old. Caller noted that a driver of one of the yellow highway safety transportation trucks (a spreader truck) that roam the neighborhoods threw a cigarette butt out the window. Caller called highway services (240-777-7623) but had to wait 20 minutes for an available operator. This is too long. Could the RCA publish the number of the supervisors of the truck drivers?

2003-12-05 (Fri) 5:45 pm Anonymous. Franklin Park. Caller notes that several calls have complained about the railroad tracks at Randolph Road. Why is nothing being done about it? [Part, if not all, of the problem is with CSX, the owners of the railroad. CSX seems to own the road at that point as well, so there is no County or State maintenance of it.]



2003-12-06 (Sat) 6:31 pm Anonymous, Ashley Drive. Caller and caller's spouse are very afraid of large dogs. A woman on 11000 block of Ashley Drive has her dog off leash many times. It would be better to have all dogs on leash. This would be better for people and other dogs. [It is against County ordinance to have any dog not under control of its owner. If anyone sees an unrestrained dog, please call Animal Control at 240-773-5960, 24 hours a day. You do not have to leave your name. It helps to report situations like this immediately.]

2003-12-07 (Sun) 8:56 am Not anonymous, 114xx Ashley Drive. Caller believes the Montgomery County Council was the governmental body that requested that trash cans be removed from most County parks in an effort to reduce costs and manpower. Maryland State has done this successfully. [Richard Zierdt here. OK, but wait until the RCA's picnic in September, always held in Randolph Hills Park. I also note that our taxes were not reduced because of this reduction in service.]

2003-12-08 (Mon) 5:32 pm 121xx Hunters Lane, in North Bethesda. Caller did not receive December *Echo*, but caller's neighbor did.

2003-12-09 (**Tue**) **11:31 am** Anonymous. Caller knows the hotline has heard this many times before, but what can be done about the railroad tracks at Randolph Road? Thank you very much.

2003-12-12 (Fri) 2:09 pm 112xx Troy Road. Caller has not received December's *Echo* and would like to receive one.

2003-12-18 (Thu) 7:06 pm Anonymous. Caller is calling about rental house at 47xx Topping Road. This house seems to have an abundance of cars. Two cars in the driveway without tags. Other cars park in front of caller's home. Also, trash from this address is a problem. What can be done about this? [Call housing code enforcement about the two untagged cars in the driveway. 240-777-3600. Use the same number to report trash violations.]

2003-12-20 (Sat) 1:01 pm 49xx Macon Road. A week ago, Dec. 12, a young woman about 30 came to caller's door, and asked for money, about \$40-\$50 for gas, etc. The woman said she needed cash now. Caller got suspicious and closed the door. Up the street on Hunters Lane and Galena the same thing occurred. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2003-12-29 (Mon) 4:08 pm Not anonymous. 118xx Rocking Horse Road. Why do all these car alarms go off on Rocking Horse Road? Every other day one is going off.

2003-12-30 (Tue) 8:25 pm anonymous. Please remove Bret Valenta from list of available boys to do yardwork.

2004-01-03 (Sat) 12:14 pm Stickley Drive. RCA membership check was cashed, but no Sam's Card was received. [Done!]

2004-01-06 (Tue) 4:35 pm Ashley Drive. Every day around 4 PM, there seems to be an "earthquake-like" shake of the house. Caller called police, and they said there might be some blasting in the area. Has the RCA heard anything about this? [No, but has anyone else experienced this? Large trucks rumbling down the street can cause this.]

2004-01-03 (Tue) 7:33 pm Anonymous. Complaint about 47xx Topping Road. There are a lot of autos, a trailer that never leaves the property, etc. What can be done about this? *[see 2003-12-18 entry.]*

Comments on topics concerning the neighborhood? Call 301-881-2722

RCA Hotline - 24 hours





Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) at Belt MS and Instructional Enhancement at Belt & Parkland

A Parent Leader invitational meeting was held on December 15, 2003 at Wheaton High School to discuss the KIPP (http://www.kipp.org/) and also instructional enhancements at the reopened (2005) Belt MS and Parkland MS. A Parkland MS PTA officer was in attendance and the following information was sent to the community superintendent, who was in part, extending the aforementioned invitations:

As a parent leader representing the Veirs Mill ES community and also in the capacity of members and officers of the Randolph Civic Association, we have an audience with interest in issues at Belt and Parkland. We'd like to express concerns on issues that have already been discussed with many members of our community in both the school and civic forums.

The first pertains to KIPP. The consensus is that if it is a foregone decision that this program will happen and Dr. Weast believes that it is a better charter program than "Escalante" or others, then at least take the following items into consideration if it MUST happen at Belt: Allow Belt to be reopened for one school year prior to implementing the program; Permit the pro-

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Regarding instructional enhancements, we all want to see both Honors/GT and remedial/catch-up programs remain in the PMS/Belt programs. As a side note, we are hearing disappointing feedback from PMS and WHS students that in attempts to fill honors course seats with "anyone," many of these classes have less serious students who talk and disturb others continuously. Corrective efforts by staff and security apparently only go so far. This needs to be addressed. Other program enhancements at PMS/Belt should at least include the concert/music/band program as well as a central office verbal sanctioning support for after-school math and science competitions. I understand Parkland dropped the "Beginning Band" class for 6th graders who've not had instrumental classes previously. This issue has not been widely discussed with the community, but there again, no one communicated this change officially. We feel this needs to be revisited as well.

These comments were submitted for discussion at the Dec. 15, 2003 meeting as if a community representative were there to initiate these positions and concerns. The community superintendent was in receipt of these concerns in time for the meeting and our concerns are presumed to have been heard. We will be keeping track of MCPS actions.

Fire at Veirs Mill Elementary School

Sometime on the Friday evening of January 10, 2004, a fire broke out in an unused (fortunately) utility shed on the side of our neighborhood elementary school. Local neighbors (a scout family) reported the fire after seeing smoke and flames coming up from the back side of the school building. Fire companies reportedly arrived from Kensington (the one they want to close) and Bethesda. The little building literally burned to the ground. The community should be thankful that the fire was extinguished before it either caught to the main building or ignited the wooded area adjacent and caught some homes on fire. Sadly, it appears either vandalism or trespassers were the culprit. Remnants of a couch not belonging to the school and numerous Corona beer bottles were found in the debris. According to a school maintenance worker, vandals have been breaking into both this former shed as well as a brand new masonry utility building. As a community, we need to be ever vigilant on suspicious activity and report it immediately. This kind of behavior tarnishes our neighborhoods and could cause injury or loss of life to our citizens.

News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois

November and December are always a busy time for Pack 1081 Cub Scouts. On Nov. 15, along with Troop 1083 Boy Scouts, Scout lead-



ers, and many parents, the following Cub Scouts from our Pack collected 82 crates of non-perishable food for the Manna Food Bank: Aidan Gibbons, Chris Mulcahy, Preston Polk, DJ Terry, Tyler Bochniak, Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe, Matthew Best, Steve Hernandez, Matthew Luong, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Josh Hart, Sasha Hevey, AJ Taylor, Matt Fieller, Tony Caffi. Since our last *Echo* column, these scouts worked hard to earn the following advancement awards: Webelos II Pins – Engineer – **Kyle Blakely, Tony** Caffi, Matt Fieller; Handyman – Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi; Readyman – Matt Fieller; Webelos I Awards: Bobcat Rank Badge – **Timothy Lim**; Pins – Artist – Jason Beam, Gregory Gadbois, Sasha Hevey, Dwayne Remillard, Jake Blakely, AJ Taylor; Fitness - Gregory Gadbois, Jake Blakely, Dwayne Remillard, AJ Taylor; Bear Awards: Letter "C" for Sports & Academics Pin – Matthew Best; Sports & Academic Program Academic Pin for Citizenship – **Matthew Best**; Wolf Awards: Bobcat Rank Badge - Tyler Bochniak, Jose Gallardo, Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe, Alex Sanchez; Letter "C" for Sports & Academics Pin - Brad Gessford (Baseball Pin); Sports & Academics Program Flag Football Sports Pin: Brad Gessford; Tiger Awards: Soccer Belt Loop – **Aidan Gibbons**; Bowling Belt Loop: Aidan Gibbons, Chris Mulcahy, DJ Terry; Music Belt

A leader reads "Twas the Night Before Christmas" around a winter "campfire."





Our Cub Scouts are at Mt. Vernon preparing for the wreath laying ceremony.

Loop: Preston Polk; Tiger Belt Totem — Aidan Gibbons, Chris Mulcahy, DJ Terry, Preston Polk. Some of our adult leaders were awarded for their tenure in leadership (with associated advanced training): Moses Hart — Cub Scouter Award; Matt Taylor — Den Leader Award; Sharon Barbee — Den Leader Award; Mary Anne Gadbois — Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, Webelos Den Leader Award; Dave Talbott — Webelos Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award; George Gadbois — Tiger Coach Award, Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, Cub Scouter Award, Cubmaster Award.

The annual trip to White Oak Lanes on Sunday, November 23, where as usual, duckpins went flying with all the strikes and spares was a great time enjoyed by Aidan Gibbons, Chris Mulcahy, Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe, Tyler Bochniak, Alex Sanchez, Matthew Best, Matthew Luong, Steve Hernandez, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen, Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Gregory Gadbois, Josh Hart, AJ Taylor, Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi and Matt Fieller.

On Saturday, Dec. 13th, **Kyle Blakely, Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Brenton Polk, Sawyer Kibbe** and **DJ Terry** braved the cold weather to assemble an evergreen wreath from scratch and then visit Mt. Vernon and participate in a solemn wreath laying ceremony at the gravesite of George Washington.

Under the musical talent of Mrs.
Karen Wood, a loyal scout parent, the Pack caroled for the seniors at the Randolph Hills Nursing Center on Sunday, Dec. 7th. Our holiday chorus for this event included Preston Polk, Brad Gessford, Tyler Bochniak, Alex Sanchez, Sawyer Kibbe, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Joshua Murtagh, Matthew Luong, Matthew Best,

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Pack 1081

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Steve Hernandez, Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Gregory Gadbois, Timothy Lim, Josh Hart, Dwayne Remillard, AJ Taylor and Matt Fieller.

Our Holiday Pack meeting on December 18th featured music, crafts, caroling, decorations and a somewhat expected visit from Santa himself, who had gifts for all the kids. On the following Sunday, our Webelos II scouts, **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi** and **Matt Fieller**, helped Santa hand out candy canes with the Troop 1083 Boy Scouts on a fire truck ride through the Randolph Hills neighborhood. After Christmas, several boys and parents spent some winter break time designing, cutting, filing and sanding Pinewood Derby cars at a couple of afternoon sessions at the Cubmaster's workshop.

At press time, the Pack is looking forward to the Pinewood Derby event on Jan. 17 as well as some skating and skiing outings. Happy New Year to all our readers! Please visit our new website location:

http://hometown.aol.com/pack1081

If you are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout program for your 1st – 5th grade son, please stop by Veirs Mill ES any Monday evening at 6:30 or call George Gadbois at 301.770-5386. It's never too late to join!

Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

The big event for Troop 1083 was helping Santa Claus distribute candy canes on Dec. 21. With the help of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Dept., this long tradition continued another year in RCA-land. Members of Pack 1081 helped too. Members of 1083 who rode with Santa included Senior Patrol Leader Jacob Bolt, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassell, Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Johnny Hildebrand, Edward Huggins, Joseph Owens, John Pitkin, Steven Santos, Chris Soares, Scott Talbott, and Andy Wood. Cubs from Pack 1081 included Matt Fielleur, Kyle Blakely and Tony Caffi. "Civilians" included Jen Wood and Davide Santos. George Gadbois, Moses Hart, Ben Pitkin, Greg Skolnik, Dave Talbott, new Assistant Scoutmaster A.J. Tao, Freeman Tao, Timothy Tao, and Jamie Todaro provided adult help. Don McGahey and Judi Talbott actually let Boy Scouts into their homes for snacks at "halftime" and at the end for pizza and the troop holiday gathering. And **Brian McGahev** assisted in Santa procurement and impersonation.

We would like to thank everyone for making our tree sale a great success again this year. Also, look in the *Echo* or on our webpage for our mulch advertisement.

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Upcoming events include the Klondike Derby in January and Skiing at Ski Liberty in February.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, come join us. We meet every Monday night at Veirs Mill Elem. School at 7:30 p.m. Or call Scoutmaster Mr. Dave Talbott at 301-881-6567 or visit our website at www.Troop1083.org.

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