

# The Echo

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## President's Message

*by Mike Saunders*

First and foremost, I want to wish everyone in RCA a very happy New Year in this January issue of the *Echo*. As you are aware, the weather has been unusually warm for this time of year. That gives many of us the opportunity to get out and do a few things that we would not have otherwise been able to do this time of year. I like to ride my scooter around RCA-land. You may have seen me riding around on a blue motor scooter or possibly on a green Harley Davidson Electra-Glide with a white helmet. If you do, just wave and say hi. My trips through our neighborhood give me a chance to see what's going on and make a few observations.

Today was near 70 degrees and the sun was shining most of the day. On my ride, I noticed a couple of things. There are a lot of homes for sale in RCA. That means the neighborhood is turning over and new faces are moving in. If you see a new family in the house across the street or next door, just say hi and welcome them to the neighborhood. Some of these new neighbors are brand new to home ownership and are looking for friendly advice on how to take care of their home or yard. Sometimes they don't know who or how to ask. They may just want to know how to determine when the grass needs mowing. I'm not the least bit shy about telling a new neighbor that it is time to mow the grass, shovel the snow on the walk or clean up the leaves. A friendly reminder on occasion never hurt and usually is accepted graciously.

Another thing that I noticed was that there seems to be a lot more children playing both in their yards and sometimes in the streets. Let's face it, when I was a kid, I played in the street on occasion and I survived. Playing in the street isn't necessarily a good thing now because motorists are not as careful with their driving as they should be. All of us who drive need to pay particular attention to children playing while you are driving in and around the neighborhood.

So, when you see me riding around, say Hi or just wave and again, Happy New Year! ■

## Upcoming Events

### **RCA Executive Meeting**

Thursday, February 1, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

### **RCA General Meeting**

Thursday, March 1, 2007, 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.

### **RCA meetings** are held the **first Thursday of every month**

(except January, July and August) at the Randolph Hills

Recreation Center at 8:00 p.m. Usually we alternate between

General and Executive meetings. If you are unsure about meeting

times and dates, please call the RCA Hotline (301-881-2722) or

check the RCA Web site ([www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)) for verification.

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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](http://www.randolphcivic.org)

## Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, acting secretary

December 7, 2006

RCA vice-president Mike Saunders calls the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. Guest: Mr. Brett Linkletter, Montgomery County Tree Manager for Montgomery County. Mr. Linkletter reports that several residents have called about trees from this area (RCA). The County budget for tree maintenance is \$40K - \$60K per year. There are 500,000 trees in Montgomery under County maintenance. Starting with the July 1 fiscal year for 2006-07, there is a \$4M budget: half for emergency removals, and half for the Block Pruning Program, where a community, such as the RCA, has its entire neighborhood pruned. The County will inspect every tree in the community and will take appropriate action. Requests for such service go back as far as 1997, which is why trees were given such a large increase in funding this year. Tree limbs are pruned that block pedestrians on sidewalks. Trees under power lines are given appropriate scrutiny. [Note: The RCA Executive Committee subsequently asked to be included in this program, and such service will begin in the fall, 2007.] For the planting of new trees, which is a separate program from tree pruning, small maples may be planted under power lines, which grow to no taller than 25-30' high. The County has a directive to achieve 50% canopy coverage. Currently there is 39% canopy coverage. The County owns the right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street, and this area must be used to achieve this goal. A tree planted every 40' is desirable. The County is trying to get away from maple trees. Instead, White Oaks are used, Black Gum, Seedless Sweet Gum, and Beeches, if they can find them. Tree roots in the sewer are the homeowners's responsibility. Every County has a Forest Conservancy Board, which answers to the big board in Annapolis. Tree service is completely request-driven. Any resident can report tree problems. Get a TM number if you do: the Tree Maintenance number.

**Minutes.** Minutes from the October General Meeting are approved. Treasurer Dell Pillers/Cline Treasurer's Report is accepted as printed in the December *Echo*.

**Committee Reports.** Membership. John Kehoe. The RCA has 511 paid members. \$487 was donated specifically for the Franklin Park sign.

**White Flint Sector Plan.** Dan Hoffman (who is a citizen member on this County planning advisory group). There was a December 12 meeting, with more to follow. Matt Tifford is also on the committee. Committee Chair Mary Rivkin is willing to address the RCA if it chooses. This committee is expected to last six months, and will offer planning suggestions as the White Flint area is further developed.

**Committee on Governmental Options.** Matt Tifford. This committee has four members, and is looking for a couple more. Antonia Mazza offers to join, on the spot! Welcome!

**RCA Officers.** Richard Zierdt moves that Mike Saunders, George Gadbois, and Dan Hoffman be RCA president, 1st VP, and 2nd VP, respectfully. Seconded. Passes unanimously. Richard, who will no longer be on the executive committee after about 20 years, says there is life after the RCA. He will remain involved in committee work, however.

**Environment.** Matt Tifford. Winding Creek Park has re-opened, and it is "gorgeous." Unlicensed contractor is moving; house is for sale.

9:18 pm, meeting is adjourned. ■

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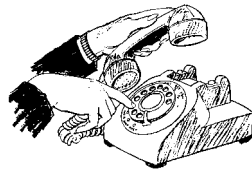
Inflows for the two month period totaled \$1,643. Expenses totaled \$6,485.01 and included the bulk of the SAMs Club renewals. ■

RCA Checking Register					
10/30/2006 through 01/05/2007					
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 10/29/06</b>			<b>\$13,424.10</b>
10/30/06	810	Sam's Club	Sam's Club renewals	-3,345.00	10,079.10
11/02/06	811	Dutch Mill Bulbs	bulb orders	-632.88	9,446.22
11/09/06	812	Quick Printing	Dec ECHO	-1,102.50	8,343.72
11/16/06	E-xfr	Verizon	Oct phone bill	-25.34	8,318.38
11/16/06	813	Sam's Club	Sam's Club renewals	-35.00	8,283.38
11/24/06	814	Goldbergs Bagels	Advertising refund	-192.00	8,091.38
11/24/06	815	Sam's Club	Sam's Club renewals	-140.00	7,951.38
11/24/06	DEP	Randolph Civic Assoc	inc:membership	426.00	8,377.38
12/06/06	DEP	Randolph Civic Assoc	inc:advertising	100.00	8,477.38
12/07/06	EFT	Harland Checks	SunTrust checks	-150.51	8,326.87
12/09/06	DEP	Randolph Civic Assoc	inc:membership	827.00	9,153.87
12/09/06	DEP	Randolph Civic Assoc	inc:yard sale	20.00	9,173.87
12/12/06	1001	Postmaster	PO Box fee through 11/07	-94.00	9,079.87
12/16/06	1002	Brian McGahey	Santa Claus candy canes	-77.62	9,002.25
12/18/06	E-xfr	Verizon	Nov phone bill	-25.16	8,977.09
12/20/06	DEP	Randolph Civic Assoc	inc:advertising	25.00	9,002.09
12/27/06	1003	Eileen White	2006 ISP service	-420.00	8,582.09
12/28/06	EFT	SunTrust Bank	Rebate on checks ordered	75.00	8,657.09
12/30/06	DEP	Randolph Civic Assoc	inc:advertising	170.00	8,827.09
12/30/06	1004	Sam's Club	Sam's Club renewals	-245.00	8,582.09
		<b>BALANCE 01/05/07</b>			<b>\$8,582.09</b>

## The RCA Hotline

301-881-2722 (2RCA)

Calls Received November 4, 2006  
to January 6, 2007



*General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published in the ECHO almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA is here to help everyone keep our neighborhood as orderly as possible, so please use these numbers. Please call the RCA as well. We appreciate knowing and learning about our community.*

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

**2006-11-xx (Mon) 11:55 am** Not anonymous. New neighbors on Randolph Road have seven business trucks. Most are parked in the driveway, two are over the median strip, and one blocks the sidewalk. Who does caller call about this? *[Police for the median strip and sidewalk, and housing code enforcement for the multiple trucks parked in the driveway.]*

**2006-10-xx (Thu) 2:43 pm** RCA resident on Schuylkill Road. Residents should not rake their leaves into the street. Leaves clog the sewer drains. Residents may not be aware this happens. Leaves should be raked to the curb, but not in the curb. This was also mentioned on WTOP radio.

**2006-10-xx (Sun) 4:29 pm** Not anonymous. info@randolphcivic.org doesn't work – e-mails keep being returned. Please call so caller can provide some information. *[Caller was called. Call was about a new neighbor with lots of trash in their yard. Caller was advised to call Housing Code Enforcement. The e-mail address works. However, you may have to cut-and-paste it to your particular e-mail program, especially if it is something other than Outlook.]*

**2006-12-01 (Fri) 10:23 am** Anonymous. Caller has not received caller's flower bulbs. *[If anyone has not received their flower bulbs, call Richard Zierdt at 301-881-0283.]*

**2006-12-03 (Sun) 8:26 am** Anonymous. Caller called all of the boys listed in the Echo as willing to do yard work, but none was willing to rake leaves. One boy took caller's name/number, but never called back. Caller eventually raked the leaves. Caller thinks it is a disservice to the community to retain that list in the Echo. *[The RCA Executive Committee agrees. The RCA has stopped publishing this list until the person offering the service talks with at least one RCA officer.]*

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**2006-12-03 (Sun) 12:59 pm** Not anonymous. Comments on Mr. Tifford's article ("Township Anyone?", December *Echo*, page 4) asking about how the RCA lost its elementary school and how the State of Maryland paid for fancy streetlights and extra-wide sidewalks on Strathmore Road. Mr. Tifford left out the fact that a 12-year old boy was killed crossing Strathmore Avenue because Pepco (electric company) turned off the lights because the electric bill was not paid by the State or the Town of Garrett Park. Caller believes the neighborhood (RCA) should be informed of all the negatives as well as the positives. Thank you very much. *[Caller presumably refers to municipality when saying "negatives ... positives." Mr. Tifford wrote his article before the terrible accident caller mentions. No one blames a lack of lighting for the accident. In fact, there were streetlights on Strathmore; but they were the older style, such as those found on utility poles on Randolph Road. Since then, the newer lights have been turned on. Mr. Tifford did mention the main negative of municipality often cited by opponents of it: alleged higher taxes. Mr. Tifford's point was that this idea should be studied, but not necessarily adopted.]*

**2006-12-03 (Sun) 1:01 pm** Not anonymous on Oxbow Road. What steps would caller take (petition, etc) to get lights at the tennis courts in Randolph Hills Park? A lot of people would benefit, especially in the winter when the sun goes down so quickly. Thank you. *[Caller's idea has been presented to the RCA's Environment Committee.]*

**2006-12-04 (Mon) 9:32 am** Anonymous, on Ashley Drive. Caller is concerned about commercial trucks parked on Ashley. Why do we still

have these two one-ton trucks on Ashley Drive? Caller has called the police over and over. The police say they drive by and find nothing wrong. Caller thinks caller must have the wrong phone number. These are huge trucks; it is difficult to get down the street. They are parked right across from 120xx Ashley for the last month and a half. The trucks are certainly in violation of County code as printed in the *Echo* (December issue). The trucks start up early in the morning with their diesel engines. It's crazy. Any other ideas? Thank you.

**2006-12-06 (Wed) 8:45 am** Anonymous. Caller is very upset about the planting of 125 new trees in the spring. In caller's opinion, we have too many trees now, and the state does not take care of them properly. They are never cut; branches are hanging down from the sidewalk, which have hit caller's face many times. Caller will not give membership dues or donate anymore. Thank you. *[The RCA requested the County to perform RCA-wide tree trimming maintenance in Fall, 2007. Trees in a neighborhood are a beneficial asset, but yes, they must be maintained. RCA is sorry that caller feels otherwise.]*

**2006-12-06 (Wed) 10:24 am** Not anonymous. We are thankful that our mail carrier Pam is back on the job after suffering a broken leg. During her absence, important mail has been lost. A neighbor returned to caller mail addressed to caller that was found in the bushes. Caller called the United States Postal Service (1-800-ASK-USPS) and they said to call the police. The police said it was a postal matter and would not take the report. The Rollins Avenue Post Office station did take caller's report. Since hearing NBC News on December 4 about similar happenings in Clinton, Maryland, caller thought it best to notify the Randolph Civic Association. Thank you.

**2006-12-07 (Thu) 10:36 am**

Anonymous. Regarding the Important Phone Numbers list in the *Echo*, the Street Lights Out number is wrong. That number is for metal utility poles. You have to call Pepco for lights mounted on wooden utility poles.

**2006-12-18 (Mon) 1:14 am**

Anonymous. When will the sign for Franklin Park be erected? Franklin Park is the only neighborhood that has not been given a new sign. There is little representation from Franklin Park in the RCA. *[Caller will be happy to learn that Mike Saunders was elected president of the RCA at the December meeting. He lives on Hunters Lane, in the middle of Franklin Park. Montrose Park and Randolph Farms do not have signs yet either. The sign for Franklin Park remains "the" project for this year.]*

**2006-12-31 (Sun) 2:53 pm** Not anonymous from Franklin Park. Caller is wondering about the new neighborhood sign for Franklin Park. Is it on track? Would more donations help? *[Thanks for your call. Yes, the sign remains the big project for this year.]* ■

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# Randolph Civic Association Paid Members for 2006-2007

by John Kehoe

Current membership count is 516, down 60 households from a year ago. It's never too late to send in your dues, so if it slipped your mind over the holidays, send it in now! Stars by a member's name is the extra contribution amount given above the RCA's incredibly low \$5 basic membership dues:

\*\$1 - \$5    \*\* \$6 - \$10    \*\*\* \$11 - 20    \*\*\*\* \$21 and up

Again this year, Charles Middleton of Ashley Drive gave a very generous donation (\$255)! Thank you again, Charles!

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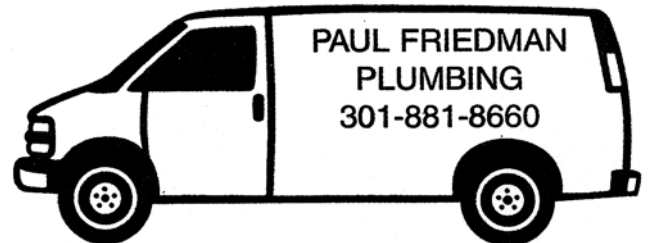
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(Saturday, October 7, 2006)

Well I promised you some pictures from the Fall RCA Yard Sale, but by the time I have room for the pictures it will be time for the Spring Yard Sale! So here's one to hold you over until then. I couldn't attend this sale, but I was told "A good (cold and wet) time was had by all! ~Editor



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## News from Pack 1081

by Mike Mulcahy



November and December are always busy months for Pack 1081 Cub Scouts. On Saturday, November 11th, along with Troop 1083 Boy Scouts, Scout leaders, many parents, and the following Cub Scouts from our Pack collected dozens of full milk crates of non-perishable food for the Manna Food Bank: **Sawyer Kibbe, Brad Gessford, David Villareal, Steven Escalante, Jose Valasquez, Aidan Gibbons, Christopher Mulcahy, Adam Levengard, Mateo Streed, Jassir Begazo, Matthew Kimball, Nicholas Galkin, Mark Kimball, Pedro Cerriteno** and **Brian DeOliveira**. Since our last *Echo* column, the scouts have been working hard and have earned many advancement awards as follows: Tigers **Pedro Cerriteno, Brian DeOliveira** and **Mark Kimball** were awarded the Bowling Sports and Academic Belt Loop. Tiger **Mark Kimball** was presented the Sports and Academic Belt Loops for Citizen, Communicating and Music, and Mark also earned the Sports and Academic Pin in Communicating. **Pedro Cerriteno, Brian DeOliveira** and **Mark Kimball** earned the Bobcat badge. **Pedro Cerriteno** also was awarded the Weather Sports and Academic Belt Loop. Wolf **Jericho Pasqual** was presented the Communicating Sports and Academic Belt Loop. Bears **Nicholas Galkin, Cameron Lett** and **Matthew Kimball** earned the Bowling Sports and Academic Belt Loop. **Mateo Streed** and **Matthew Kimball** both were presented the Communicating Sports and Academic Belt Loop and Pin. **Matthew Kimball** was awarded the Sports and Academic Belt Loops in Music, Citizen and Science, and **Mateo Streed** earned the Swimming Sports and Academic Belt Loop and Pin. Webelos I **Noah Reidinger** earned the Bowling Sports and Academic Belt Loop. Webelos I **Christopher Mulcahy** was presented the Sports and Academic Belt Loop in Swimming. Webelos I **Adam Levengard** earned the Citizenship Activity Pin. Webelos II **Jose Velasques** was awarded the Bowling Sports and Academic Belt Loop. **Gabe Hernandez** earned the Athlete Activity Pin. **Jose Velasquez** was presented Activity Pins for Fitness, Family Member, Traveler and Aquanaut. **Brad Gessford** earned the Compass Point Activity Pin. Webelos II Scouts **Steven Escalante, Brad Gessford, Gabe Hernandez, Sawyer Kibbe** and **Jose Velasquez** all earned the Showman Activity Pin.

The annual trip to White Oak Lanes took place on Sunday, November 12th, and, as

usual, duck-pins went flying with all the strikes and spares! **Mark Kimball, Pedro Cerriteno, Brian DeOliveira, Cameron Lett, Nicholas Galkin, Matthew Kimball, Noah Reidinger, Aidan Gibbons, Adam Levengard, Christopher Mulcahy, DJ Terry, Jose Velasquez, Brad Gessford** and **Sawyer Kibbe** all had a great time bowling. On Sunday, December 3rd, the Pack sang holiday carols for the seniors at the Randolph Hills Nursing. Our holiday chorus for this event included: **Pedro Cerriteno, Brian DeOliveira, Mark Kimball, Matthew Kimball, Mateo Streed, Brandon Wagner, Daniel Mbtutaileye, Adam Levengard, Christopher Mulcahy, Aidan Gibbons** and **Sawyer Kibbe**. On Saturday, December 9th, **Daniel Mbtutaileye, Sawyer Kibbe, Mateo Streed** and **Noah Reidinger** braved the cold weather to assemble an evergreen wreath from scratch and then visited Mt. Vernon to participate in a solemn wreath laying ceremony at the gravesite of George Washington.

Our Holiday Pack Meeting took place on Thursday, December 21st. This fun-filled annual event 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 helped Santa hand out candy canes with the Troop 1083 Boy Scouts on a fire truck ride through the Randolph Hills neighborhood. After the Holiday break, several boys and parents will spend some time designing, cutting, filing and sanding Pinewood Derby cars at a couple of upcoming afternoon work-shop sessions. Does the car really go faster with only three wheels touching the ground? At press time, the Pack is looking forward to the

*Scouts participate in a solemn wreath laying ceremony at George Washington's Mt. Vernon gravesite.*



Webelos Klondike Derby on Saturday, January 20 and the Pinewood Derby event on Saturday, January 27.

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 Viers Mill Elementary School any Monday school evening at 6:30 or call Mark Kibbe at (301) 946-6393. It's never too late to join! ■

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## Troop 1083 News

by Jaime Todaro

Troop 1083 would like to thank everyone who supported us by buying a tree from our lot, making our fundraiser quite a success! We'd like to remind everyone that our Spring fundraiser, the mulch sale, is now getting underway. We are selling 3 cubic feet bags of Mountain Top Shredded Hardwood for \$4.00 (or \$3.75 if you order more than 20 bags) which we'll deliver March 9-11. Orders are due by February 25, 2007. Order forms are available on our website, [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org), or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott: 301-933-0048.

A warm thanks for the generosity of your food donations in support of our "Scouting for Food" day. This year, we collected 96 crates of food from our community, and delivered them to the District site drop-off at Loehmann's Safeway lot. Generally this food goes to Manna Food Center of Montgomery County. Cub scouts from Pack 1081 who participated in our food drive are: **Jasir Begano, Brian Deoliveira, Steven Escalante, Nick Galkin, Brad Gessford, Aidan Gibbons, Sawyer Kibbe, Mark Kimball, Matthew Kimball, Adam Levensgard, Chris Mulcahy, Pedro Seratino, Mateo Streed, Jose**



*Santa riding through Randolph Hills.*

**Valasquez, and David Villareall.** Boy Scouts who participated are: **Karlo Begano, Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Maxwell DeMulder, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Kyle Galkin, Bubba Hart, Josh Hart, Steve Hernandez, Scott Levensgard, Matthew Luong, John Pitkin, David Santos, Hafez Taghavi, and Scott Talbott.** Others who participated are: **Leslie Escalante, Jonathan Galkin, and Aimee Hart.**

In November, Troop 1083 went cabin-camping at St. James Cabin – just outside of Gettysburg. Scouts

took an extended hike through and around the Gettysburg battlefield. The day ended with a short jaunt through town where many folks dressed in clothing of the civil war period. Scouts found it interesting to see a 19th century surgeon speaking on a cell-phone, and a musician with an antique fiddle hop into his Lexus and drive off. Leaders who camped are: **Ben Pitkin, Brian McGahey, Dave Talbott, Greg Skolnik, Ken Wood, Lourdes Luong, and Scott Talbott.** Scouts who camped are: **Carlo Begazo, Mark Bushong, Anthony**

*Left: "Scouting For Food" Manna Food Drive. Right: Scouts delivering candy canes.*



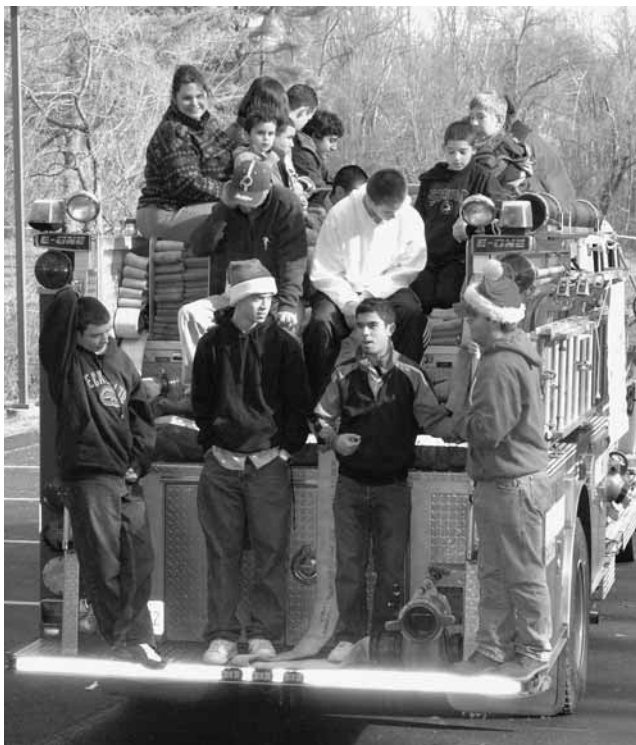


**Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Scott Levangard, Matthew Luong, John Pitkin, and Andy Wood.**

With the help of many of Cub Scout Pack 1081's elder statesmen, Troop 1083 hosted an annual visit from a very special guest. Santa Claus has a very warm spot in his heart for Randolph Hills, and always sets aside some time from his busy December schedule to be the scouts' guest of honor. He never misses the opportunity to greet the children of the neighborhood, and with the help of the Kensington VFD, he hops aboard the fire truck to tour the neighborhood. All the while, scouts walk alongside the truck, delivering candy canes to all who come out to see Mr. Claus. In a year packed with community service and other outings, the pleasure of welcoming our jolly old friend is always one of our favorite events! At the end of the day, Santa and the scouts feasted on pizza from Armand's of Congressional Plaza, provided by former 1083 scout and RCAer John Deem. Scouts who assisted Santa are: **Jason Beam, Bryan Bravo, Maxwell Demulder, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Kyle Galkin, Bubba Hart, Josh Hart, Steve Hernandez, Johnny Hilderbrand, Edward Huggins, Scott Johnson, Scott Levangard, Matthew Luong, Kevin miranda, Joseph owen, Patrick Owen, John Pitkin, Daniel Pouridas, David Santos, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, AJ Tao, Ray Turish, and Andy Wood.**

Upcoming events include camping, the Klondike Derby, a ski trip to Ski Liberty, and the Winter Court of Honor. If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill ES, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the troop web page at [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org). ■

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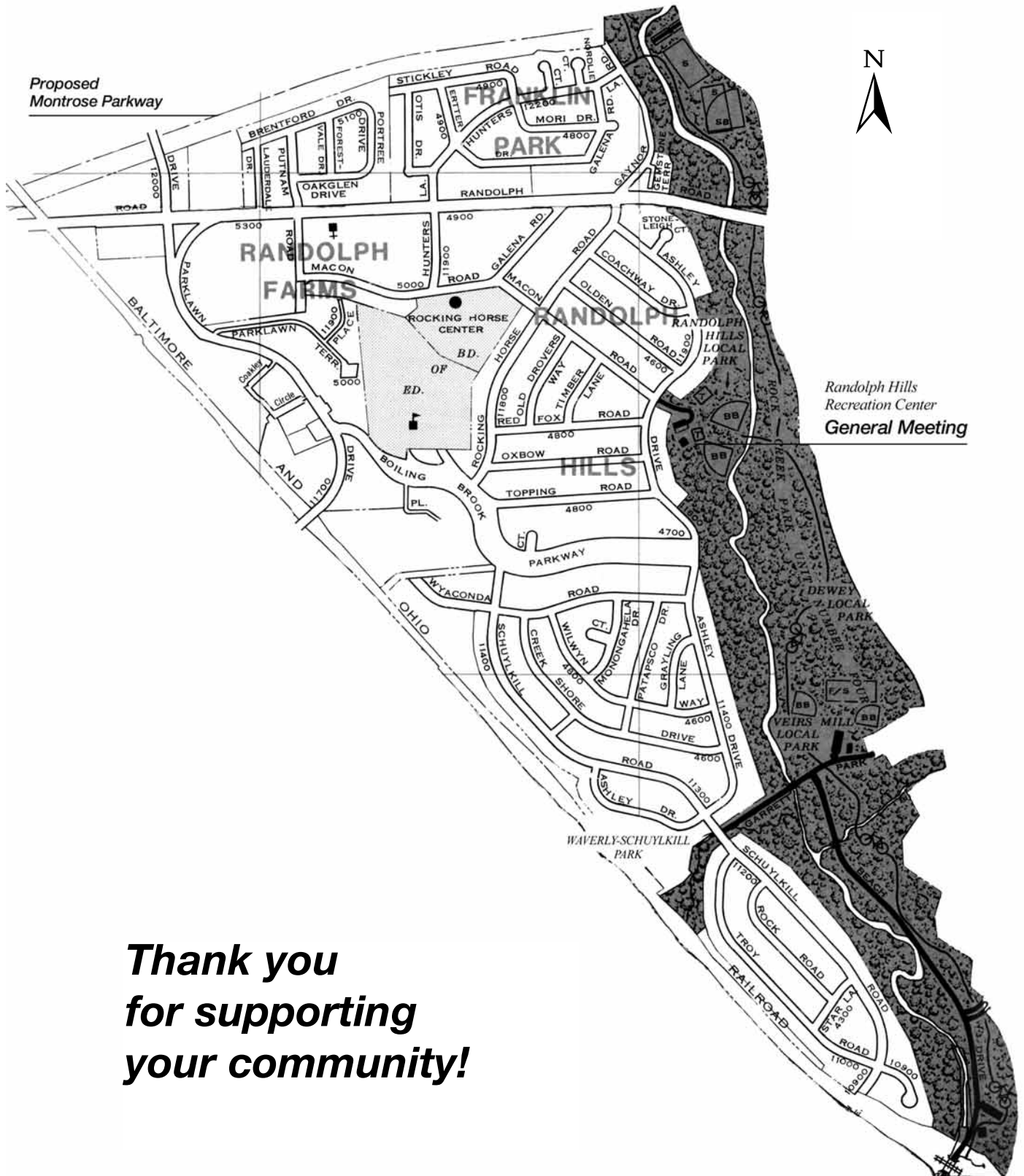
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## RCA Meetings

RCA meetings are held the **first Thursday of every month** (except January, July and August) at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center at 8:00 p.m. Usually we alternate between General and Executive meetings. If you are unsure about meeting times and dates, please call the RCA Hotline (301-881-2722) or check the RCA Web site ([www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)) for verification. All are welcome at every meeting. The current meeting schedule is:

**February 1, 2007** Executive Committee Meeting  
**March 1, 2007** General Membership Meeting  
**April 5, 2007** Executive Committee Meeting  
**May 3, 2007** General Membership Meeting  
**June 7, 2007** General Membership Meeting



## Important Phone Numbers



Police: Emergency ONLY	911
Police: Non-Emergency (County-wide)	301-279-8000
Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	240-773-6070
Park Police	301-949-3010
<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuylkill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3785
Abandoned Cars (on the street)	301-840-2454
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Building Permits	240-777-6200
Consumer Affairs	240-777-3636
Crisis Hotline (24 hours)	301-315-4000
Department of Natural Resources	800-442-0708
<i>(wildlife nuisance problems)</i>	
Disability Resources	240-777-1246
Fire Non-Emergency	240-777-0744
Housing Code Violations	240-777-3600
<i>(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)</i>	
Large Item Pick-up	240-777-6410
Libraries: Hours, etc.	240-777-0002
Telephone Reference	240-777-0001
Metrorail and Metrobus schedules & info.	202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society	240-773-5960
Emergencies only	240-773-5900
Licensing Dept.	240-773-5946
Motor Vehicle Administration	1-800-950-1682
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance	240-777-7700
<i>(noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leaking motor oil)</i>	
Parking Tickets	240-453-0113
Parks: Information & Permits	301-495-2525
PEPCO: Power Out	toll free 1-877-737-2662
Emergency/Life Threatening	202-872-3432
Post Office, Rollins Ave., Rockville	301-231-5973
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept.)	240-777-3986
RCA Hotline	301-881-2722
Recycling Info ( <a href="http://www.mcrecycles.org">www.mcrecycles.org</a> )	240-777-6400
Recreation Information	240-777-6804
School Information	301-279-3391
Senior Citizens (Holiday Park)	240-777-4999
Street Light Out	240-777-2190
Transportation (Highway Services)	240-777-7623
<i>(to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.)</i>	
Transit Information Center ( <a href="http://www.dtwp.com">www.dtwp.com</a> )	240-777-7433
Trash Collection	240-777-6410
Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist)	240-777-7623
Voter Registration	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-8000
Weeds/Rubbish Complaints	240-777-6400

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## *Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park 2006 Market Review!*



<u>Randolph Hills</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Average List Price	\$197,414	\$251,604	\$288,133	\$343,071	\$429,402	\$443,736
Average Sale Price	\$198,087	\$251,781	\$288,102	\$344,496	\$433,028	\$441,028
Lowest Sale Price	\$125,000	\$165,000	\$225,000	\$289,900	\$350,000	\$368,000
Highest Sale Price	\$232,000	\$285,000	\$359,900	\$410,000	\$510,000	\$505,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	21	30	28	17	19	64
Sales per Year	42	42	65	60	47	58

<u>Franklin Park</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Average List Price	\$229,867	\$281,765	\$309,580	\$398,553	\$459,507	\$458,686
Average Sale Price	\$230,385	\$281,780	\$304,100	\$396,626	\$457,536	\$454,000
Lowest Sale Price	\$204,000	\$235,000	\$290,000	\$318,500	\$400,000	\$425,000
Highest Sale Price	\$282,000	\$340,000	\$325,000	\$480,000	\$545,000	\$522,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	22	14	29	30	22	80
Sales per Year	9	10	5	15	14	7

<u>Montrose Park</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Average List Price	\$233,225	\$274,700	\$314,254	\$415,087	\$435,967	\$499,000
Average Sale Price	\$228,750	\$279,271	\$321,000	\$414,437	\$437,333	\$489,000
Lowest Sale Price	\$218,000	\$245,000	\$310,000	\$380,000	\$420,000	\$489,000
Highest Sale Price	\$239,000	\$310,000	\$332,000	\$441,000	\$450,000	\$489,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	32	22	21	22	7	16
Sales per Year	4	7	2	8	3	2

<u>Randolph Farms</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Average List Price	For years 2000-2003, prior to the new home sales in Randolph Farms, the Randolph Hills and Randolph Farms market statistics were combined.			\$440,600	\$574,778	\$520,580
Average Sale Price				\$444,211	\$571,000	\$527,160
Lowest Sale Price				\$359,900	\$435,000	\$405,000
Highest Sale Price				\$527,427	\$716,000	\$695,900
Average # Days on Mkt.				52	27	47
Sales per Year				6	5	5

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