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President's Message

by Mike Saunders

Happy New Year! 2008 promises to be a most interesting year for RCA. Lets take a look at things left over from 2007 which will impact RCA during the coming year. First there is the Randolph Hills Rec Center. As an update, I was invited to inspect the sills of the current Randolph Hills Rec Center. The sill plates of the building are rotted and flaking apart from a combination of moisture and probably termites or carpenter ants. I took a couple of photos of the damage and this is what I saw. Where the wood of the building walls meets the concrete floor, the wood is falling apart. That tells me our Recreation Center is probably going to meet a bulldozer in the near future. The current building may be too expensive to repair. Let's face it, the building served us for 50 years without any appreciable maintenance and now needs to be replaced.

I provided the Park and Planning representative Mark Wallis with some ideas about a replacement with a pre-fabricated steel building, similar to those you hear about on the radio. One of the vendors provides a nice building that could be procured and installed in the place of our current Rec Center for about the same costs as a proper repair job on our building. In as much as the current building is not viable for use as a rec center any more, why not insist that a reasonable replacement be provided. This build-

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

RCA Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 10, 2008 • 8:00 am - 1 pm

Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2008, 8:00 p.m

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 2008, 8:00 p.m



New Meeting Location!

*RCA Meetings will be held at the
Veirs Mill Rec Center (4425 Garrett Park Rd)
until further notice.*

Meetings are held 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.

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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

President's Message

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ing would serve our needs for at least another 50 years and is actually warranted for 45 years, to boot.

Since our current building at 1320 square feet is considered too small to be engender much rental use by the county, I recommended a larger building be installed with both heat and air conditioning. Something on the order of 2400 square feet of floor space would be more viable to increased usage as a space for community meetings, parties and classes, etc. The scouts would enjoy being able to use the building for activities when the schools are closed and they are excluded from using the school building.

In order to ensure a "green footprint" I recommended to Park and Planning that the heat and A/C be "on-demand" for temperatures above (or below) minimal temperatures set to prevent damage to building utilities such as water freezing. This could be done with timers. Lights could be controlled either using a timer or ultrasonic motion detectors.

What I'm trying to say is that we, the RCA, need to keep pressure on the County Parks and Recreation and encourage the County Council to not just demolish our Rec Center but to replace it with a new building that will serve us well over the next 50 years.

Since my last column in the *Echo*, we've seen the completion of the Franklin Park sign that has been the subject of numerous articles over the last 4 or 5 years. Patrick Sign employees Gyimah Emmanuel and Josh Wright put the finishing touches on the new sign. As mentioned in the November *Echo*, our neighbor, Cornel Stana of Ertter Drive, and his crew from Corad Pavers placed the sign posts and completed that part of the work. We are still trying to decide on the best way to effectively light the sign given the budget (none) and technology available. We will figure that out before long and the sign will be visible even at night.

Not wasting any time, Dell Pillers/Cline, Shaul Kopyto and Mike Saunders cut the ribbon to inaugurate the new Franklin Park Sign on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Again, thanks to everyone who contributed including two people I didn't mention in the December *Echo* article, Steven Martinez and Edward Bruder, for their contributions to the sign. Thanks to Shaul Kopyto for being trail boss on getting the sign done.

RCA-Land was greeted by Santa on December 23. I got to ride along as Santa's guest on his fire truck and joined in with the Scouts including the Cub Scout Pack's Webelos Den, RCA's Boy Scout Troop, RCA's Venture Crew and RCA's Girl Scout Troop, going through the neighborhood and putting a big smile on the faces of a lot of youngsters in RCA-land. One of our Boy Scout leaders, Greg Skolnik, snapped this photo (at right) of Santa with one of my grandsons during his visit to the neighborhood. You can see the smile on Jake's face that meeting Santa was a pure delight.

Santa also reminded him that he was keeping his list up to date and that infractions like fighting with his big brother was getting checked twice before his sleigh ride on the evening of December 24th.

For a number of years, the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department has cheerfully provided us with a truck and driver from their reserve vehicle fleet. Fireman Lynn Russell has given RCA support from his off-duty time to drive the truck. We in RCA need to remember to give generously to the Volunteer Firemen and women of Kensington Volunteer Fire Department when we see their fund-raising letters in the mail. They serve our community in more ways than saving lives and putting out our fires with their Fire and EMS Ambulance service.

As I said last month, I would encourage each of you to continue writing, calling and emailing your council representatives as well as the Park and Planning office and voice your opinion regarding providing a replacement for our Rec Center. Roger Berliner is our councilman and at large council members representing us are Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Duchy Trachtenberg. Ike Leggett and the other council members are getting input and comments from their districts too. John Hench, Acting Division Chief, Park Planning and Stewardship office, also needs to be on your email and calling plan. Park and Planning is keeping an

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Santa greets young onlooker Jake.



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President's Message

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official log of comments on the plan. Let's give them some! And let's keep the pressure up! Please see the list of contact numbers, numbers and email addresses in the December *Echo* (available on the RCA web site).

Remember, I still visit all sections of RCA-Land at least every other week on my scooter or motorcycle. I'll ride through RCA as long as the weather holds up. If you see me on either a blue scooter or green ElectraGlide, please wave and say Hi! If the weather is like it was yesterday and today, the scooter may not be the only thing that is blue.....

Happy New Year, Mike ■

Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

The RCA General Membership meeting was held December 6, 2007. Minutes of the meeting will be printed in the March *Echo*.

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RCA Treasurer's Report *by Dell Pillers/Cline*

As of January 5, 2008, the balance in the RCA checking account was \$7,035.55. Income for the period totaled \$1,776.90 as a few dues, donations, and advertising revenues are still coming in. Outflows for the period amounted to \$6,184.61. The larger outflow is largely due to Sam's Club memberships and the Franklin Park sign final payments. ■

RCA Checking Register

11/04/2007 through 01/05/2008

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 11/04/07			\$11,443.26
10/29/07	1032	Sams Club memberships		-1,995.00	9,448.26
10/30/07	1033	Sams Club memberships		-630.00	8,818.26
10/31/07	1035	Sams Club memberships		-665.00	8,153.26
11/07/07	DEP	Advertising income		140.00	8,293.26
11/08/07	1039	Void		0.00	8,293.26
11/08/07	1040	Corad Pavers: FP sign		-600.00	7,693.26
11/13/07	DEP	Dues income		155.00	7,848.26
11/13/07	DEP	Donation income		69.00	7,917.26
11/13/07	DEP	RCA member Sams Club		175.00	8,092.26
11/14/07	1041	Patrick Signs: FP sign		-550.00	7,542.26
11/15/07	1042	Quick Print: Echo printing		-1,207.50	6,334.76
11/16/07	EFT	Verizon: Telephone		-25.53	6,309.23
11/19/07	1043	Void		0.00	6,309.23
11/20/07	DEP	Advertising income		272.00	6,581.23
11/20/07	1044	Santa's candy canes		-133.06	6,448.17
12/06/07	1045	Sams Club member refund		-70.00	6,378.17
12/06/07	1046	Sams Club memberships		-175.00	6,203.17
12/12/07	1047	Post Office box fee		-94.00	6,109.17
12/13/07	Cash	Post Office box fee		-14.00	6,095.17
12/13/07	Cash	Transfer from Petty Cash		14.00	6,109.17
12/17/07	EFT	Verizon: Telephone		-25.52	6,083.65
12/24/07	DEP	Dues income		231.00	6,314.65
12/24/07	DEP	RCA member Sams Club		175.00	6,489.65
12/24/07	DEP	RCA member Sams Club		70.00	6,559.65
12/24/07	DEP	RCA member flower bulb		85.90	6,645.55
12/24/07	DEP	Donation income		72.00	6,717.55
12/24/07	Cash	Transfer from Petty Cash		83.00	6,800.55
12/24/07	DEP	Donation income		25.00	6,825.55
12/24/07	DEP	Advertising income		200.00	7,025.55
12/24/07	DEP	Dues income		10.00	7,035.55
		BALANCE 01/05/08			\$ 7,035.55

Randolph Civic Association Paid Members for 2007-2008

by John Kehoe

Our membership count dropped a few households to 502 this year. If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so when you can – RCA's cost to operate is rising, we can't afford to lose membership! Stars by a member's name indicate the extra contribution amount given above the RCA's \$10 basic membership dues:

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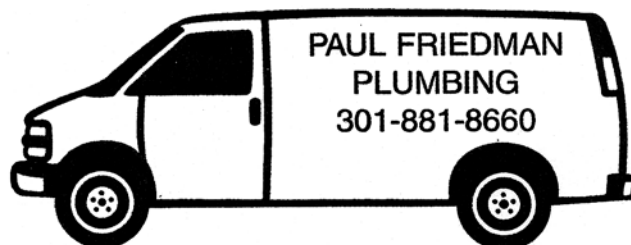
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President's Pen

by George Gadbois

Happy New Year to all! As we enter the more severe time of the winter season weather-wise, additional caution and concern is advised. For safety's sake, and as you hear repeated each year about this time, please keep those sidewalks (as well as your own front door stoop) clear of snow and ice. Having a carbon monoxide detector will alert you if there is malfunction with your gas appliances such as your furnace. Check smoke detector operation and change the batteries. Turn off your outside water spigot from the inside and do not thaw frozen pipes with an open flame.

As mentioned in the last *Echo*, many places accept your second-hand clothing and blankets, as well as food donations, for the less fortunate. This generosity is especially appreciated when the weather is harsh. Take particular care for your own sake in freezing temperatures by keeping an extra coat or blanket in the car, dressing yourself and your children appropriately for the weather and be mindful of pets that normally spend a lot of time outside.

Finally, be sure your car is ready for winter. Tires need good tread, anti-freeze should be checked and changed if necessary, the battery needs to be in good shape, and ice scrapers and jumper cables should be handy. Also, slow down and watch for pedestrians and other cars when road conditions are questionable. Use headlights in bad weather.

On an educational note, several members and officers are engaging in dialog with MCPS relative to capacities of our community schools, particularly Viers Mill. Viers Mill is still performing well, but there is concern about overcrowding in the near future based on the County statistician's figures.

Be sure to check out the recent activities of our scout groups elsewhere in this *Echo*. Please join us at an upcoming meeting. ■

NOTE: The RCF meeting was postponed until March because of lack of time.

RCA/RCF Meetings

RCA/RCF meetings are held the **first Thursday of every month** (except January, July and August) at 8:00 p.m.. Meetings will be held at the **Veirs Mill Rec Center, 4425 Garrett Park Road (intersection of Garrett Park Road and Beach Drive)** until further notice. 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) for verification. All are welcome at every meeting. The current meeting schedule is:

February 7, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting

March 6, 2008 General Membership Meeting

April 3, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting

May 1, 2008 General Membership Meeting

June 5, 2008 General Membership Meeting

A Randolph Garden Club – Let's start one!

by Karen Helfert

A local garden club can sponsor plant swaps, visits to other local gardens for ideas in gardening in our local environment – deer and all!, and information exchange. As a start, join the Yahoogroups email list and we'll make plans from there. It's free, but you will need to have a Yahoo ID and password....all explained at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RandolphGardenClub/> ■

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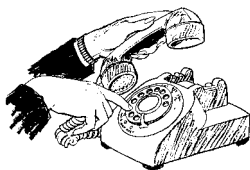
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General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published in the ECHO almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or 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!

2007-11-08 (Thu) 3:33 pm

Anonymous. Calling about 11xxx Rocking Horse Road. New owners park a large number of large SUVs and construction trucks and vans on the street and the driveway and the yard; and it seems like there are a lot more people living there than a single family. Neighbors can't get out of their driveways; residents park next to the fire hydrant creating a fire hazard. Could someone look into this? *[Police should be called if a car is blocking a hydrant: 301-279-8000.]*

2007-11-11 (Sun) 2:46 pm Not anonymous. When will the (RCA) flower bulbs arrive? *[They were delivered in early December.]*

2007-11-11 (Sun) 4:47 pm

Anonymous. Caller wanted to call the hotline during the summer for some-

thing that bothered caller. This past summer, there were some people around the corner of Creek Shore and Patapsco drinking excessively. Now, they are working on cars in the street; parts are being exchanged, etc. Why wouldn't this happen in the driveway? Could this be an illegal car parts ring? We don't live in Southeast (Washington). Caller wishes the RCA could do something about this.

2007-11-13 (Tue) 3:42 pm

Anonymous. Troy Road. Truck in the driveway with dead tags. Trash is left out at all times, not just at trash time (which is Sunday evening / Monday morning, BTW). Could something be done about this?

2007-11-13 (Tue) 5:47 pm Cold call, offering PC repair. "We're here to help." *[That's a nice touch!]*

2007-11-14 (Wed) 9:51 am Not anonymous. Caller has not received caller's RCA / Sam's Club card. *[All cards should have been received by now. Call Richard Zierdt at 301-881-0283 if you haven't received yours.]*

2007-11-14 (Wed) 3:44 pm Not anonymous. When will the (RCA) flower bulbs be delivered? Hopefully before the ground freezes. *[They have been delivered.]*

2007-11-16 (Fri) 12:54 pm Caller would like [name temporarily withheld] added to the list of boys and girls who do yard work. This adolescent can also take care of pets. *[The RCA is awaiting verification before adding the name to the list of boys and girls on page 19.]*

2007-11-20 (Tue) 2:06 pm Not anonymous; calling from 49xx Ertter Drive. Good afternoon. We're just calling to say "thank you very much" for the wonderful sign and all your hard work. We really appreciate it. It makes the neighborhood look very nice. Thank you, bye. *[Caller refers to the new "Franklin Park" sign at*

Hunters Lane and Randolph Road. Several people were instrumental in accomplishing this, including Shaul Kopyto, who did the leg work to raise the money. Of course, this couldn't have happened without the financial support of all RCAers and RCFers.]

2007-11-28 (Wed) 7:35 am Not anonymous; 46xx Creek Shore Drive. Sometime between 9 pm last night and 6:45 this morning, someone broke into caller's car and stole its radio. Car is an old Honda which caller understands is easy to break into. Please remind people that there are people looking for Christmas presents, and keep their cars locked. Caller thought we should know. *[Thank you for calling, and sorry for your loss. Please also call the police so they can track patterns, if any, and statistics.]*

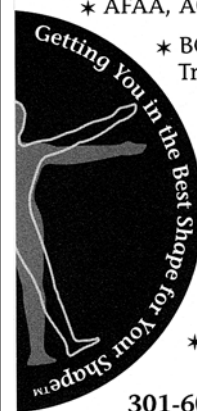
2007-12-04 (Tue) 8:12 pm

Anonymous. It is illegal to park your car across the sidewalk. It blocks pedestrians and it's illegal. Police can issue tickets for this and have your car towed. *[It's not likely your car would be towed – unless it was there continuously for days – but police can definitely issue a ticket.]*

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2007-12-06 (Thu) 9:47 am Not Anonymous. 112xx Troy Road. Last Wednesday night / Thursday morning, caller's car was broken into and CD player was ripped out of the dash. Caller is reporting this to give everyone a head's up. *[Sigh. Thanks for calling. It's terrible, but reporting is one of the best ways to stop this. Include the police as well: 301-279-8000.]*

2007-12-06 (Thu) 5:23 pm Not anonymous. Ashley Drive. Caller's car was broken into and the seats were stolen. So if anyone spots two brand-new car seats, please call the RCA hotline and leave contact information. This is what neighbors are supposed to be for, instead of calling the hotline on each other about people not mowing lawns. Maybe we should actually help each other when things are stolen or people see things happening. This is what neighbors are supposed to do. Hopefully, someone has seen something or knows something, and we can get this resolved or stop the people who are doing it. Happy Holidays. Thank you.

2007-12-06 (Thu) 6:23 pm Anonymous. If we can get the RCF going, we can get legislation to pass things like Civil Rights / Civil Unions (the signs about which are in the neighborhood), just as our forefathers wanted.

2007-12-10 (Mon) 1:23 pm Not anonymous. Red Fox Road. Back in 2005, we talked about traffic restrictions on Rocking Horse Road: Do Not Enter between 7 am and 9 am. It's becoming increasingly difficult to get out onto Rocking Horse in the morning. Traffic seems to be increasing, perhaps because of the bridge renovations on Nicholson Lane. What's happening? *[After studying the proposed Do Not Enter restrictions, it seemed likely that the cure would be worse than the disease because of likely cut-through traffic through Randolph Farms. However, an alternative traffic controlling measure may be effective enough. This is (still) being studied, however, we expect an answer – one way or the other – by this summer].*

2007-12-16 (Sun) 1:09 pm Anonymous. Why do the renters on Schuylkill Road park their cars on the front lawn instead of on the street where there's plenty of parking? Thank you. *[Probably because they think their cars will be hit if parked on the street. However, parking on the front yard, while not against county code, is not attractive, and does not speak well for the house or the community.]* ■

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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 10th, along with Troop 1083 Boy Scouts, Scout leaders, and many parents, the following Cub Scouts from our Pack collected dozens of full milk crates of non-perishable food for the Manna Food Bank: **Josiah Polk, Preston Polk, Galen Gibbons, Aidan Gibbons, Wolfie Woolard, Will Anderson, Thomas Alder, Zachary Huynh, Damien Raber, Colin McLean, Danny Hernandez, Chris Mulcahy, Sebastian Jardine, Mark Kimball, Pedro Cerriteno, Matthew Kimball and Daniel Poliquin.**

Since our last *Echo* column, the scouts have been working hard and have earned many advancement awards as follows: Tigers **Josiah Polk, Daniel Hernandez, Galen Gibbons, Daniel Poliquin, Thomas Alder, Damien Raber, Nathaniel Harley** and **Adrian Streed** were awarded the Bobcat Pin. Wolves earned Sports and Academic Beltloops and Pins as follows: **Wolfie Woolard** was presented the Beltloop in Communicating; **Mark Kimball** and **Pedro Cerriteno** earned Beltloops in Mathematics and Beltloops in Geology; **Mark Kimball** received the Academic Pin in Geology; **Mark Kimball, Pedro Cerriteno** and **Wolfie Woolard** earned the Sports Pin in Physical Fitness; and **Wolfie Woolard** was presented the Recruiter Award. Bears **Devon Parker** and **Sebastian Jardine** received Beltloops in Mathematics. Bear **Sebastian Jardine** earned the Whittling Chip Award, and Bears **Devon Parker** and **Sebastian Jardine** were awarded the Astronomy Beltloop.

Santa's Scout helpers bring holiday cheer to our neighborhood.



Webelos 1 Scouts earned awards as follows: **Cameron Lett, Matthew Kimball, Jonathan Romero and Mateo Streed** were awarded the Fitness Activity Badge, the Geologist Activity Badge and each received the Beltloop in Geology. Webelos 1 Scout **Matthew Kimball** was awarded Sports and Academic Pins in Geology and in Physical Fitness. Webelos I's **Mateo Streed, Matthew Kimball, Cameron Lett** and **Jonathan Romero** received the Citizen Activity Badge.

Last but not least, Webelos II were busy as well: **Preston Polk, Adam Levangard, Brandon Wagner, Colin McLean** and **DJ Terry** earned Sports and Academic Beltloops in Geology; **Chris Mulcahy** earned Sports and Academic Beltloops in Baseball, Bicycling, Softball, Table Tennis and Volleyball and **Chris** received Sports and Academic Pins in Baseball, Bicycling, Swimming and Computers; **Adam Levangard** received Activity Badges for Geologist and Athlete; **Chris Mulcahy** for Naturalist and Outdoorsman; **Preston Polk, DJ Terry** and **Brandon Wagner** for Geologist; **Colin McLean** for Geologist and Outdoorsman; and **Adam Levangard** and **Preston Polk** were presented a Compass Point. Webelos II Scouts **Preston Polk, Aidan Gibbons, Adam Levangard, Noah Reidinger, DJ Terry, Colin McClean** and **Chris Mulcahy** were awarded the Scientist Activity Badge; **Aidan Gibbons, Adam Levangard, DJ Terry, Noah Reidinger,** and **Preston Polk** earned the Scientist Beltloop; and **Preston Polk, Aidan Gibbons, Adam Levangard, Noah Reidinger, DJ Terry, Colin McClean, Chris Mulcahy** and **Brandon Wagner** received the Astronomy Beltloop.

The Presidential Fitness Challenge Participant Award was presented to **Damien Raber, Daniel Poliquin, Daniel Hernandez, Pedro Cerriteno, Devon Parker, Adam**

Levangard and **Aidan Gibbons,** and The Presidential Fitness Challenge National Award was earned by **Thomas Adler, Nathaniel Harley, Josiah Polk, Galen Gibbons, Wolfie Woolard, Mark Kimball, Sebastian Jardine, Matthew Kimball** and **Preston Polk.**

On Saturday, November 17th, the following Scouts took part in an outing to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC where they learned about Native American life and history: **Devon Parker, Sebastian Jardine, Mark Kimball, Matthew Kimball, Noah Reidinger, Pedro Cerriteno** and **Chris Mulcahy.** What has evolved as our annual Ice Skating event took place this year again at the Wheaton Indoor Ice

Rink on Saturday, December 1st, and the boys zigg-zagged their way around the ice to the music of the arena. **Josiah Polk, Preston Polk, Adrian Streed, Mateo Streed, Mark Kimball, Matthew Kimball and Sebastian Jardine** were in attendance and took a break to sip hot chocolate during the halftime ice cleaning. On Sunday, December 9th, the Pack sang holiday carols for the seniors at the Randolph Hills Nursing Center. Our Holiday Pack Meeting took place on Thursday, December 20th. 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, December 23rd, 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 workshop sessions. At press time, the Pack is looking forward to the Webelos Klondike Derby on Saturday, January 19 and the Pinewood Derby event on Saturday, January 26. Happy New Year to all our readers! If you are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout program for your 1st – 5th grade son, please stop by Viers Mill ES any Monday evening at 6:30 P.M. It's never too late to join! Please visit our website location for more Pack 1081 news and pictures: <http://www.pack1081.org>. ■

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Troop 1083 News

by Nona Mapes

Let me start by sending out a great big THANK YOU to everyone in the neighborhood who supported any scouts this past year. From a new member's perspective, namely mine, we've got some great future citizen leaders coming along in our scout troops and the community support here is really making a positive impact on these youngsters. Keep up the good work RCA! Just to finish up the November news: On November 23, 2007 **Hafez Taghavi** completed his Board of Review and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. His Court of Honor to celebrate his accomplishment will be on February 16, 2008. Troop 1083's Philmont crew attended training sponsored by the NCAC High Adventure Committee on the equipment, physical conditioning and the general Philmont experience. They are starting the serious physical training period prior to the trip this summer. Scouting for food was also a success providing much needed food to restock the Manna Food Bank, which serves Montgomery County. The following Scouts participated: **Anthony Gadbois, Gregory**

Gadbois, Joseph Owen, Patrick Owen, Galen Miley, Sawyer Kibbe, Steve Hernandez, Brad Gessford, Mike Mapes, Edwin Fuentes, Maxwell DeMulder, David Santos, Kyle Blakely, Jake Blakely, Brady Grundy, Bryan Bravo, Eric Uglem, John Pitkin. In November the Troop cabin camped at the Harpers Ferry Hostel. The scouts and adults spent Saturday morning completing some odd jobs around the Hostel. Scouts who attended were **Jason Beam, Matthew Best, Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Brady Grundy, Steve Hernandez, Sawyer Kibbe, Matthew Luong, Mike Mapes, Joseph Owen, Patrick Owen, David Santos and Andy Wood.**

On December 16, courtesy of Mr. **John Deem**, Armand's of Congressional Plaza hosted a fundraiser with a percentage of each sale benefiting the Troop 1083 Philmont Crew. The Troop 1083 Annual Christmas Tree sales went exceptionally well this year with the troop selling out their initial 200 trees and having to locate an additional 30 trees to meet customer demand. Thanks to the parents/adult leaders and the crew for exceptional transportation and snack support. The

"New Venturing Crew" sold 36 wreaths and provided countless cups of hot cider and hot chocolate along with dozens of cookies to be enjoyed by the visitors to the lot. Everyone stayed warm by the fire and enjoyed the holiday season. They were still sold out in time for the Annual Santa's Neighborhood Fire-truck ride on 23 December. Santa had a wet but welcoming ride while all the BSA family helped pass out candy canes. Santa's helpers included: **TROOP 1083 members: Jason Beam Johnny Hilderbrand, Scott Johnson, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, David Santos, Brady Grundy, Wil Anderson, Gabe Hernandez, Jake Blakely, Joseph Owen, Patrick Owen, Sawyer Kibbe, Mike Mapes, Andres Valencia and Scott Levangard; Venturing CREW 1083: John Pitkin, Scott Talbott, Kristi Gessford, Andy Wood, Jen Wood, Olivia Kibbe, Dianne Strobel and Emily Grundy; PACK 1081: Aidan Gibbons, Christopher Mulcahy, Brandon Wagner, Preston Polk and Adam Levangard; PACK 493: Chuck Reese, Cory Byrnes, Bodhan Bartch and Ben Safford; FAMILY: Sebastian Mulcahy, Jake and Noah Hotaling (Saunders) and Kayleigh and Nathan Skolnik.** After Santa's Ride, **Judi Talbott** hosted the annual Troop Holiday party for the families and friends of Troop 1083. At the party, in addition to other delicious treats, Santa and the scouts feasted on a huge array of home cooked goodies as well as pizza from Armand's of Congressional Plaza, provided by former 1083 member and RCA member **Mr. John Deem.**

Upcoming Events include the Klondike Derby @ Little Bennett Regional Park January 18 to 20; Winter COH @ Masonic Building February 3; Skiing at Ski Liberty February 17; Mulch Delivery March 7 to 9 and Camping at Cabin John March 14 to 16. **MULCH ORDERS are being taken now. Support the troop and have your spring mulch delivered.** See the order form on the

Santa rides the fire truck ride through RCA-land.



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News from Venturing Crew 1083

by Dave Talbott

On November 5, 2007 a new Venturing crew was born in Randolph Hills with an Open House held at Viers Mill Elementary School. The Randolph Civic Foundation continues to support the youth in our community by sponsoring Crew 1083. Venturing is a coed program for older youth associated with the Boy Scouts of America. Youth from ages 14-21 plan and execute a program that can involve various high adventure outdoor experiences to even career-oriented opportunities. The Venturing Crew's charter members include a total of 13 youth which are very excited about the new program.

The Crew's first activity was a night out at the climbing wall at Dick's Sporting Goods at Rio. The youth participants included **Emily Grundy, Adair Irish, Kristi Gessford, Jenn Wood, Olivia Kibbe, Scott Talbott and Andy Wood. Ken Wood and Lauren Barrows**, who are the advisors for the crew, also took their turns climbing the wall. After the climbing event, the crew members and their families went across the street for hot chocolate and reminiscing about the adventures of the night.

Crew 1083 sold Holiday Wreaths and provided hot drinks and cookies at the Troop 1083 Christmas Tree Lot. They sold 36 wreaths and provided countless cups of hot cider and hot chocolate along with dozens of cookies to be enjoyed by the visitors to the lot. The Venturers joined Troop 1083 in the Annual Santa ride through Randolph Hills and the annual 1083 families and friends Holiday Party hosted by Judi Talbott.

Upcoming events for Crew 1083 include the Klondike Derby January 18 to 20 at Little Bennett Regional Park. This will be the Crew's first campout. The Venturers look forward to many more exciting adventures in the coming months. If you are a youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who is interested in high adventure, you can join us. We meet every other Monday night at 6:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Call Advisor Ken Wood at 301-540-3188 or e-mail at crew1083@verizon.net. Check out the Crew web page at www.troop1083.org/crew. ■

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News from Girl Scout Troop 1028

by Leora Hernandez

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

Recap of November and December events and outings:

Scouting for food – Jazel Peirson, Amanda Hernandez, Fernanda Muehlstedt, Erica Tallman, and Areal Little helped in collecting food in the neighborhood alongside other scout troops. The girls realized they can have fun while helping others.

Nutcracker Ballet – Mariah King, Devon Blackwell, Mayah, Areal Little, Sarah Roberts, Yvonne Baker, Fernanda Muelstedt, Erica Tallman, Jazel Pierson, and Amanda Hernandez. For most, if not all, of the girls this was their first time to a ballet. They were amazed at how the ballerinas could spin on their tip toes.

Celebration – We had a wonderful turnout of family and friends as we celebrated all the girls' accomplishments. The troop as a whole rededicated itself to following the Girl Scout promise and law with a candle ceremony. We also celebrated an investiture by acting out the brownie story and our new girls received their Girl Scout pin upside down of course. They can turn it right side up after performing a good deed. Brownies – **Areal Little, Erica Tallman, Fernanda Muehlstedt, Mariah King, Mayah Mbangah, Sarah Roberts, Tiana Marty, and Yvonne Baker** received the following try-it badges: Wave the Flag, Manners, and Healthy Habits. Juniors – **Amanda Hernandez, Devon Blackwell, and Jazel Pierson** received the following badges/patches: Sign of the Rainbow, Model Citizen, First Aid, and World Neighbors.

Girl Scouts are now taking orders for cookies. Each box is \$3.50. The old favorites – Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, and Trefoils are back as well as All Abouts with a new look. Joining the old favorites are two new ones, Sugar Free Chocolate Chips and Lemon Chalet Cremes. Please be generous as this is our troop's primary fund raiser. The money we earn helps pay for outings, the recreation center, and awards.

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



Scouting for food in November.

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<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuylkill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3785
Abandoned Cars (on the street)	301-840-2454
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Building Permits	240-777-6200
Consumer Affairs	240-777-3636
Crisis Hotline (24 hours)	301-315-4000
Department of Natural Resources	800-442-0708
<i>(wildlife nuisance problems)</i>	
Disability Resources	240-777-1246
Fire Non-Emergency	240-777-0744
Housing Code Violations	240-777-3600
<i>(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)</i>	
Large Item Pick-up	240-777-6410
Libraries: Hours, etc.	240-777-0002
Telephone Reference	240-777-0001
Metrorail and Metrobus schedules & info.	202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society	240-773-5960
Emergencies only	240-773-5900
Licensing Dept.	240-773-5946
Motor Vehicle Administration	1-800-950-1682
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance	240-777-7700
<i>(noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leaking motor oil)</i>	
Parking Tickets	240-453-0113
Parks: Information & Permits	301-495-2525
PEPCO: Power Out	toll free 1-877-737-2662
Emergency/Life Threatening	202-872-3432
Post Office, Rollins Ave., Rockville	301-231-5973
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept.)	240-777-3986
RCA Hotline	301-881-2722
Recycling Info (www.mcrecycles.org)	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 (www.dtwp.com)	240-777-7433
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Voter Registration	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-8000
Weeds/Rubbish Complaints	240-777-6400

Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park 2007 Market Review!



<u>Randolph Hills</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Average List Price	\$251,604	\$288,133	\$343,071	\$429,402	\$443,736	\$433,882
Average Sale Price	\$251,781	\$288,102	\$344,496	\$433,028	\$441,028	\$424,703
Lowest Sale Price	\$165,000	\$225,000	\$289,900	\$350,000	\$368,000	\$315,000
Highest Sale Price	\$285,000	\$359,900	\$410,000	\$510,000	\$505,000	\$519,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	30	28	17	19	64	89
Sales per Year	42	65	60	47	58	29

<u>Franklin Park</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Average List Price	\$281,765	\$309,580	\$398,553	\$459,507	\$458,686	\$452,684
Average Sale Price	\$281,780	\$304,100	\$396,626	\$457,536	\$454,000	\$448,129
Lowest Sale Price	\$235,000	\$290,000	\$318,500	\$400,000	\$425,000	\$430,000
Highest Sale Price	\$340,000	\$325,000	\$480,000	\$545,000	\$522,000	\$465,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	14	29	30	22	80	105
Sales per Year	10	5	15	14	7	7

<u>Montrose Park</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Average List Price	\$274,700	\$314,254	\$415,087	\$435,967	\$499,000	\$486,600
Average Sale Price	\$279,271	\$321,000	\$414,437	\$437,333	\$489,000	\$460,000
Lowest Sale Price	\$245,000	\$310,000	\$380,000	\$420,000	\$489,000	\$430,000
Highest Sale Price	\$310,000	\$332,000	\$441,000	\$450,000	\$489,000	\$479,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	22	21	22	7	16	103
Sales per Year	7	2	8	3	2	3

<u>Randolph Farms</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Average List Price	-	-	\$440,600	\$574,778	\$520,580	\$550,000
Average Sale Price	-	-	\$444,211	\$571,000	\$527,160	\$535,000
Lowest Sale Price	-	-	\$359,900	\$435,000	\$405,000	\$535,000
Highest Sale Price	-	-	\$527,427	\$716,000	\$695,900	\$535,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	-	-	52	27	47	104
Sales per Year	-	-	6	5	5	1

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