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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, June 5, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

Guest speakers:

Mark Wallis and Kathy Dearstine,
MNCPPC

**Mark Wallis and Kathy Dearstine, from
Maryland National Capital Park and
Planning Commission, will speak about
the Parks Department's plans for our local
parks and the Randolph Rec Center.**

Meetings are held on the **first Thursday of every month
at 8 p.m.**, except January, July, and August, at the Veirs Mill
Rec Center, 4425 Garrett Park Road. Usually, we alternate
between General and Executive meetings.
All are welcome at every meeting.

President's Message

by Mike Saunders

Happy Summer fellow RCA'ers! I hope this message greets all of us in a glorious summer season. As I write this message, the sun is finally out and the yard is drying out. Seems like it has been five days and nights of constant rain. My rain meter tells me we've had four inches of rain over the last weekend. Hope a lot of that goes into the ground and helps out the water table. We may be in a period of wet weather for a while. I still believe that all things are cyclical and this may be the start of the wet cycle for a while.

Also over the last weekend, we almost had the RCA Yard Sale rained out. There has been some discussion within the RCA executive leadership about setting up a rain date for future yard sales in case the weather doesn't cooperate again. What ever happened to "April showers bring May flowers"? Another consequence of all the rain is a rapidly growing lawn. If you need help with yours, I might suggest contacting one of the youths in the neighborhood. The names and phone numbers of these youngsters are provided as a service by RCA each month in the *Echo*.

I spoke yesterday to a reporter from the Gazette Newspapers. We talked at length about recent happenings around RCA-land including the recent death on the railroad tracks above the Wyaconda Road industrial area. We also discussed the Park, our Recreation Center replacement and several other items of general interest. I believe we may be mentioned in future news articles in the Gazette.

At the May RCA General Meeting we heard from several individuals representing the development community that in the future, there will be a footbridge across that area of the tracks. In addition, the Nicholson Lane bridge will be completed by then. From the plans I have seen, the at-grade crossing on Randolph Road is scheduled to be replaced in the not too distant future. The tracks are a dangerous place for people to be. If you have children, remind them not to play near the tracks. We don't need another tragedy in our neighborhood.

As mentioned last month in the *Echo*, we will be hearing about the fate of our Recreation Center during the June RCA meeting. Mark Wallis and Kathy Dearstine from the Parks department will present the plans for Randolph Hills Neighborhood Park. This was originally scheduled as an Executive Board meeting but, I am declaring it an open and general meeting and hoping for a large attendance.

I've been riding my Harley and my scooter around the RCA-Land recently. If you see me, wave and say hi. Have a great summer – See you in September. ■

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

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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..."

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Parking Enforcement Update

by Richard Zierdt

After the "Education" Come the Tickets

Following up from the May RCA meeting, I received a call from Officer Cox of the Rockville Police District. His office handles traffic and parking enforcement.

Officer Cox explains that "education" is the best way to achieve effective compliance with traffic and parking laws. [I asked, rhetorically, why the residents of Ashley Drive did not receive such "education" before they were ticketed on March 11, but let's move on].

Officer Cox appreciates that the RCA publishes news about traffic and parking in the *Echo*, so that's the first step towards compliance ("education"). We talked about (1) blocked sidewalks, (2) commercial trucks parked in residential areas, (3) speeding school buses on Ashley Drive, and (4) cars running the stop sign at Boiling Brook/Rocking Horse. That's all I remembered off the top.

His response to my numbered comments:

(1) Understood. He will educate or ticket as he sees it. I explained that this problem is pervasive.

(2) He cannot ticket commercial trucks parked on private property, e.g., a driveway. And he is reluctant to ticket tow trucks because the driver may be on call and need the truck to do his job. However, he agreed that if two or more trucks are parked for the same business, then that's a likely violation. He agreed that commercial trucks are supposed to be parked in the driveway, however, if a property has no driveway, he's reluctant to ticket.

(3) He feels that most school buses are driven slower than the average person believes they are travelling because their size and sound volume gives the impression that they are travelling faster than they are. He said he's given one ticket to a school bus driver in 15 years. Nonetheless, he noted our concern.

(4) He will do something about it.

Overall, he sounded interested in the problems we have and that he felt he could do something about.

Since then, several neighbors have commented, via the RCA's Yahoo Groups listserve, that school buses *do* speed on Ashley Drive, even given their larger size. If you notice a speeding school bus in RCA-land, please note its bus number and the time of day.

This is the last article about traffic and parking until the September/October *Echo*. Please drive safely. ■

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County Council Budget Includes Randolph Hills

by Richard Zierdt

As reported in the May 21 Bethesda Gazette, that newspaper delivered free to every home in RCA-land, the Montgomery County Council approved a preliminary fiscal 2009 budget that includes \$1.15 million to repair and maintain recreation centers that faced closure. Randolph Hills Recreation Center was explicitly mentioned, along with four other parks. I believe Councilmember Nancy Floreen, who lives close by in Garrett Park, was instrumental in including this appropriation in the budget.

This does not necessarily mean our recreation center building, which is currently condemned, and which was used for decades by the RCA for our meetings, picnics, membership drives, and occasional projects, will be restored or replaced. It does mean there's more money to survey the situation, and that there is at least some Council interest to keep centers open for community use.

The RCA Executive Committee will be meeting with Park officials over the summer about this, and we will have more to report in the September *Echo*.

Happy Summer! ■



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Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, acting secretary

May 1, 2008

RCA president Mike Saunders calls the meeting to order at 8:10 pm. Guests: Captain Daryl McSwain and Officer Daum from the Rockville Police District discuss gangs in general and in Montgomery County in particular. Members of two gangs have been identified in Randolph Hills, but Officers explain that gang members have been identified in all neighborhoods of Montgomery, even the "good" ones. Gangs known as Bloods and MS-13 exist in Montgomery. 68% of members are between 13 and 21. Youths who used to be influenced by their parents and church are finding identity in gangs. After their presentation, discussion ensued about traffic and parking enforcement, including speeding school buses on Ashley Drive. Captain McSwain took notes about our concerns, and also referred us to Sergeant Ivan Lankfort, who handles traffic issues. [Note: An Officer Cox contacted the RCA later on Sergeant Lankfort's behalf.]

After the presentation by Rockville police, our next guests were Perry Berman and Derek Berlage representing the developers of White Flint View. Mrsrs. Berman and Berlage described an "Urban Village" concept for the areas around Nebel Street and Nicholson, extending up to Rockville Pike. One idea presented was to build a MARC train station at Nicholson Court (the eastmost section of Nebel Street), with a footbridge connecting this station with Wyaconda Road (in RCA-land). Moved and seconded that the RCA support such a bridge and MARC station. Passes unanimously.

The treasurer noted that the RCA will be \$1500 short this year. Mr. Alan Kronstadt, owner of the Randolph Hills Shopping Center, offered to donate \$1000 to the RCA to help close the gap, and was graciously thanked. [Note: an anonymous donor later donated \$500]. ■

Completion of Waverly-Schuylkill Nature Trail

by Matt Shore

May is here and so is the new Nature Trail at Waverly-Schuylkill Hiker Biker Park. Come one come all to visit the wood chipped trails and picnic in the upland forest while watching the trains go by. If you bring your favorite pet bring them on a leash and don't forget to pick up the waste so others won't step in it. Enjoy. ■

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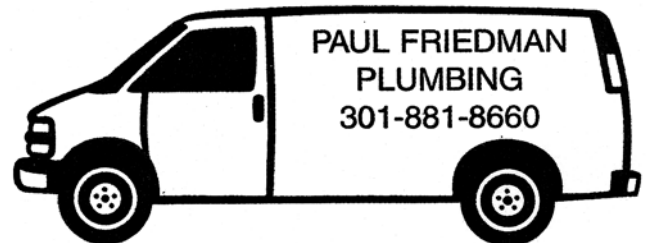
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RCA Treasurer's Report *by Dell Pillers/Cline*

For the period April 16 through May 7, expenses totaled \$1,932.94 and deposits amounted to \$130.00. Annual insurance was paid during this period, which is required for our yard sales events. ■

RCA Checking Register

04/16/2008 through 05/07/2008

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 04/15/08			\$ 4,337.99
04/16/08	EFT	Verizon: Telephone		-25.94	4,312.05
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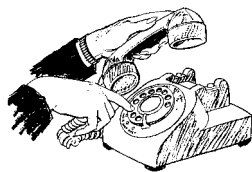
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General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published in the ECHO almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or 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!

2008-04-22 (Tue) 1:00 pm Not Anonymous. Caller noticed that the restaurant next to Friends of the Library [in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center] has applied for a Class B alcoholic beverage license on-sale only. *[Some years ago, a restaurant in Randolph Hills that offered live entertainment and sold liquor became a problem for nearby residents because of loud music at night and disorderly conduct. The police visited many times. When that restaurant's liquor license came up for renewal, the RCA, and the police department, opposed it. It was denied. Caller does not want to go through that again.]*

2008-05-06 (Tue) 8:10 pm Not Anonymous. Caller is continuously receiving the *Echo* even though caller has requested numerous times that it stop being delivered to caller's house. If this is an issue, please call. *[That's fine, however, if an issue comes up, such as the recent increased police enforcement of parking violations, caller will be at a disadvantage if caller is not aware of it.]*

2008-05-07 (Wed) 4:43 pm Not Anonymous. Where does caller send \$5 for the community yard sale? *[Pay at the yard sale. As it was, the sale was effectively cancelled because of rain. The "No-rain-date" policy will be reconsidered since the RCA must have continual insurance anyhow. The RCA used to pay for one-day insurance, so a rain date doubled the cost.]*

2008-05-08 (Thu) 9:52 pm Not anonymous. Caller called Park Police back in March about all the trash on the soccer field [Randolph Hills local park] where the woods are. Heaps and heaps of trash. Caller called several times, but it finally got cleaned up. Caller talked to Park Police about coming by on the weekends and evenings to check out the

park, and in that conversation, the police said there were several older men that were hanging out there, and that they would keep an eye on it. If you notice what time the trash is left behind, the police can connect the time with the team that was playing and go after them about picking up their trash, and if they don't do it, they won't get permits to use the field. The problem is better, but caller still picks up a lot of trash on caller's walks with caller's dog. Also, given the traffic and speeding on Ashley Drive and Schuylkill Road, we have no designated crosswalks in this area, especially at Schuylkill and Boiling Brook Parkway where motorists can make the right turn onto Schuylkill without stopping – there's no crosswalk. Can we get these installed and maybe a few more stop signs to help slow down traffic. Caller notices that this has been done on Tilden Lane in Luxmanor to control speeding. Or maybe circles or bumps. Could this be addressed at the next RCA meeting? If people want to report trash, call 301-670-8080 non-emergency number, they handle maintenance. Thank you very much.

2008-05-09 (Fri) 3:37 pm Not anonymous, but in the Holiday Park neighborhood. Does the RCA have a list of young people in the community looking for park-time jobs, yard work, car wash, etc, who are available to help persons in

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the neighborhood? If so, please call. Thank you. *[Yes. The list is published every month in the ECHO, typically on page 19. BTW, the RCA does not represent nearby Holiday Park, but it's heartwarming to know the ECHO gets around.]*

2008-05-12 (Mon) 11:03 am Anonymous. In reference to Montgomery County Police enforcement of traffic laws about parking in the neighborhood, it would be really nice if they would enforce no parking of commercial trucks in the neighborhood. To note, a home near Randolph and Rocking Horse Roads, might be new neighbors, they already have nine cars parked in their yard. What's going on? Caller though only so many adults could live in a home. There may be three or four families living there. There again, bringing down property values in Randolph Hills. Thanks for your concern. Good day.

2008-05-12 (Mon) 12:26 pm Anonymous. At 117xx Rocking Horse Road, there appears to be a business being run out of the home. There is a nice building shed in the back yard – caller is sure it is not a children's playhouse – half the back yard is concrete, and there's four to five white

vans all the time with carpets. Also at 118xx Rocking Horse Road, there appears to be a landscaping business being run out of the back yard. What's going on? Is this allowed? If so, perhaps we should sell our residences for commercial property. Have a good day.

2008-05-12 (Mon) 12:57 pm Anonymous. Two issues. (1) If caller knew that Harry Lermen was going to attend the May 1 RCA meeting, caller would have attended. If the *Echo* cannot be delivered in time, please post this information on the RCA's website. And (2) could care be taken to deliver the *Echo* where it would not get soaked? If it's raining, please place in the mailbox. *[Actually, postal regulations prohibit that. However, the ECHO could be placed behind the storm door.]*

2008-05-12 (Mon) 1:16 pm Anonymous. About the message from the last *Echo* about placing their laundry out to dry on their front fence – perhaps the resident could not afford a clothes line.

2008-05-13 (Tue) 5:38 pm Anonymous. A home in the 11300 block Schuylkill Road – the grass is over a foot tall – who can we call about it? *[Call County Housing Code enforcement at 240-777-3600.]*

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2008-05-15 (Thu) 6:08 pm Anonymous. A truck was broken into in the 11100 block of Troy Road between 7 pm May 14 and 9:30 am May 15. Please tell everyone to beware. Thank you.

2008-05-18 (Sun) 11:14 pm Not Anonymous, from 112xx Troy Road. Caller's car was sideswiped on Friday May 16 and was badly damaged. *[Thank you, caller. Sorry for your loss, and sorry for the jerk who didn't leave her/his own note about it.]*

2008-05-18 (Sun) 2:28 pm Not Anonymous. Caller is responding to the May *Echo* about the freedom of speech message in the hotline calls, where the previous caller does not want any editing of messages. This caller feels the people who are running the RCA are doing a fabulous job. This is done pretty much on a volunteer basis, and you folks are putting in a lot of time and effort taking care of the Association and you need to be commended for the effort you put forth. Caller is unhappy that a particular individual can tell you how to do things when you in fact are contributing your time for the welfare of the residents within RCA-land. Thank you so much for the time and effort you put forth. *[RCA Exec Committee: We needed that!]* ■



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President's Pen

by George Gadbois

Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. To many people, especially the nation's thousands of combat veterans, this day, which has a history stretching back all the way to the Civil War, is an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

This Memorial Day, take a moment from Bar-B-Qs, family gatherings and the like, and contemplate the contributions of our fallen servicemen without which we would not be enjoying the freedom we have today. Make an effort to display your American flag on Memorial Day weekend. Visit a veterans' cemetery or a war memorial. Thank a veteran for their service (the historical information above was taken in part from the history.com website).

Whether it's spring break or summertime, it's important for parents not to take a vacation from safety. While warmer

weather means endless hours of sun and fun for kids, it's also an opportunity for both minor and serious injuries. In fact, summer is the most dangerous time of year for kids – nearly half of all unintentional injury-related deaths among children occur during the summer. This information and more can be found at <http://www.getonboardwithsafety.com>. Here are a few water-related tips from [getonboardwithsafety.com](http://www.getonboardwithsafety.com):

- Parents should always supervise children around water and install fencing that completely surrounds all pools, spas, whirlpools and hot tubs. Pool fences should be at least five feet high and have self-latching gates.
- Know which of your child's friends and neighbors have pools. Make sure your child will be supervised by an adult while visiting.
- Children should learn to swim. Enroll them in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors when they are ready, usually after age 4. If you don't know how to swim, enroll with your kids!
- Adults and kids over age 13 should learn infant and child CPR.
- Be aware of undercurrents and changing waves and undertows when at the ocean or a lake.

The modernization work at Walter Johnson High School continues to move forward on schedule with the new athletic center scheduled to open in mid-August of 2008. Please visit the website to read about and view work that has been completed to date in different parts of the building: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wjhs/renovation/>.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and take a trip to see some sights in our Nation's Capital. ■

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Troop 1083 News

by Nona Mapes

Spring has most definitely sprung and the scouts are at least a little warmer on the campouts. The troop helped two Cub Scout troops celebrate a big day for their oldest boys by helping with their bridging ceremonies. On the 8th of April the troop assisted Pack 493 with their Webelo Bridging Ceremony. The Troop also helped out Pack 1081 with theirs on the 17th at the Viers Mill Elementary School. The Scouts built a functioning rope bridge for the Webelos to cross and there was an enthusiastic turnout for both these ceremonies. The April Campout was a trip to the Paw Paw Tunnel on the C&O canal trail on 18-20 April. As usual for a Troop 1083 campout there was some rain but the trip through the tunnel was pretty dry. The tunnel is a mile long, cut through sharp, shale type solid rock. Building it was necessary so the C&O canal could get through the mountains on its way to Washington DC. The Scouts who participated in the campout were: **Jason Beam, Matthew Best, Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Bryan Bravo, Maxwell Demulder, Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Steve Hernandez, Johnny Hilderbrand, Sawyer Kibbe,**

Matthew Luong, Michael Mapes, Joseph Owen, Patrick Owen, John Pitkin, Andres Valencia and Andy Wood. Providing transport and guidance were: **Fred Beam, Bill Blakely, Robert Bravo, Matthew Demulder, Clay Greer, Leora Hernandez, Mark Kibbe, Lourdes Luong, Peter Mapes, Brian McGahey, Ben Pitkin, Scott Talbott and Ken Wood.** The May campout will be a trip to Sandy Point State Park on 16-18 May. The monthly Philmont shakedown will be on 24-25 May. On 31-1 June there will be an opportunity to support the Relay for Life event.

The summer schedule is pretty well set. The quarterly Court of Honor will be held on the 9th of June at 6PM. The location is TBD so check the website for updates or call the Scoutmaster, **Dave Talbot.** On Father's day weekend, 13-15 June the troop will have its beach campout. This will be held at Assatague National Park. The Scouts will ride Go-Carts on Friday night, play on the beach on Saturday and enjoy the boardwalk attractions on Saturday night. The June Philmont Shakedown is scheduled for 21-22 June and the actual Philmont trip leaves for the camp on 6 July. Their return is scheduled for 20 July. The seventh Annual Beach Safety Weekend at Dewey Beach in Delaware is 25-27 July. This camping weekend is designed for Boy and Girl Scout

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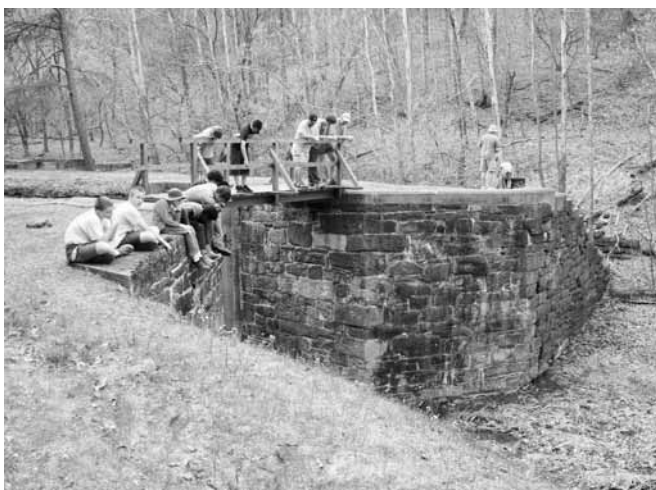
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Troops and their leaders to give Scouts a very practical orientation to beach safety. The program will provide hands-on training, calisthenics with the lifeguards, simulated training rescues in the surf, opportunities to learn about ocean hazards, rip currents, ocean rescue, and public service in the field of public safety and ocean life guarding from members of the Dewey Beach Patrol under the direction of Captain Todd Fritchman. August has the Troop back at Goshen Scout Camp for a week of camp on 3-9 Aug.

Left: Troop 1083 visits the C&O Canal area. Right: Camping Out at the Paw Paw Tunnel.



More details on these events and any updates for the summer can be found on the Troop website at <http://www.troop1083.org/>. If you are interested in any of these events and if you are a boy who has finished 5th Grade, you can join us. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 PM at Viers Mill ES or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbot at (301) 933-0048. ■

Girl Scout Troop 1028 News

by Leora Hernandez

The girls are thrilled to be learning camping skills. And I myself just finished cooking and camp training so that we will be able to take the girls camping. The 30 hours of training was full of reminders why I love girl scouting. Imagine having a troop of girls from ages 6 to 10 years old being so well prepared that they plan their meals, build their fires, cook the food, and complete their capers with their leaders there only to guide and help keep them safe. Our goal is to work with our girls by taking baby steps so they can do just that and gain a sense of accomplishment, love of the outdoors and more.

By the time this *Echo* reaches you we will have had Breakfast with the Dolphins at the National Baltimore Aquarium, a trip the girls decided to take using the money they earned through cookie sales.

June 5th is our last meeting for this school year. We are going to have a parent/daughter bake-off and receive any badges earned since our March ceremony. And we will finish the year up with a backyard camping event for which the girls have already planned their menu. Can you guess what is for dessert? S'mores!

Have a great summer!

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. ■

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RCA Spring Community Yard Sale a Success!

by Richard Zierdt

At 6:30 am on Saturday, May 10, with the rain comin' down, surely the yard sale was washed out. But perseverance from Venturing Crew 1083 and Boy Scout Troop 1083 kept it alive! (plus about five hard-core RCA yard sale sellers who really wanted to move merchandise). Even the face painter and balloon artist, generously supplied by Loehmann's Plaza, entertained! More sellers showed up, and the event started to reach critical mass. By about 10 am, the rain stopped, and there were even a few rays by noon! Troop 1083, which runs the concessions, sold out, providing the best evidence of a good day, despite the rain. ■



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Saturday Aug 23 Washington @ Carolina Panthers 7:00 PM - CBS

Thursday Aug 28 Jacksonville Jaguars @ Washington 7:00 PM - NBC

Regular Season

Thursday Sept 04 Washington @ New York Giants 7:00 PM - NBC

Sunday Sept 14 New Orleans Saints @ Washington 1:00 PM - FOX

Sunday Sept 21 Arizona Cardinals @ Washington 1:00 PM - FOX

Sunday Sept 28 Washington @ Dallas Cowboys 4:15 PM - FOX

Sunday Oct 05 Washington @ Philadelphia Eagles 1:00 PM - FOX

Sunday Oct 12 St. Louis Rams @ Washington 1:00 PM - FOX

Sunday Oct 19 Cleveland Browns @ Washington 4:15 PM - CBS

Sunday Oct 26 Washington @ Detroit Lions 1:00 PM - FOX

Monday Nov 03 Pittsburgh Steelers @ Washington 8:30 PM - ESPN

Sunday Nov 16 Dallas Cowboys @ Washington 8:15 PM - NBC

Sunday Nov 23 Washington @ Seattle Seahawks 4:15 PM - FOX

Sunday Nov 30 New York Giants @ Washington 1:00 PM - FOX

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Note to Contributors:

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Yard Work and Grass Mowing: Here's Your Help

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

Moses (Bubba) Hart 301-230-2740

Jennifer Moy 240-672-4921

Anthony Gadbois 301-770-5386

Gregory Gadbois 301-770-5386



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
Metrail 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.mcrcycles.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
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Transit Information Center (www.dtwp.com)	240-777-7433
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Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist)	240-777-7623
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Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-8000
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4716 Wyaconda Road	\$400,000	\$370,000	127	\$11,000	09-Mar-08
4713 Wyaconda Road	\$389,900	\$386,000	5	\$11,580	01-Apr-08
5003 Macon Road	\$429,900	\$407,900	143	\$12,237	11-Apr-08
11820 Rocking Horse Road	\$292,900	\$260,000	11	\$7,450	18-Apr-08
5113 Brentford Drive	\$419,000	\$415,000	4	\$10,000	22-Apr-08
4603 Olden Road	\$315,900	\$321,473	45	\$9,645	24-Apr-08
4702 Randolph Road	\$485,900	\$469,000	167	\$4,000	02-May-08

*Have a Safe and Happy Summer!**

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