

# The ECHO

*The Newsletter of the Randolph Civic Association*

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## Proper Outdoor Property Maintenance

*By Matt Tifford*

Now that spring has arrived, as always the chore of managing our yards has returned along with it. It really is wonderful to live as close in to city life as we do and still have a

piece of land to tinker around with. However, we do need to bear in mind that the purchase of a suburban home includes property

maintenance codes that often are not found in more rural areas.

The county codes on grass and weed control are designed in part to prevent the creation of nesting areas for vermin, to prevent the spread of weeds that endanger public health or safety, and to encourage the neat and attractive appearance of residential properties.

County property maintenance codes include the following requirements that most often are a concern in our community:

- Grass height must be kept under 12 inches everywhere on the property. This includes the front, back, and side yards, as well as the public right of way between the street and the sidewalk.
- Residents are required to remove poison ivy, ragweed, kudzu, and other dangerous, invasive or "noxious

weeds" as classified by the State of Maryland. A complete list of such plants is available at <http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxiousDriver>

- Residents are required to trim back plants, trees and shrubs to prevent them from encroaching on county sidewalks and roadways.



Common lawn weeds like crabgrass, clover and dandelions are not considered noxious weeds and are not regulated by county or state codes. However, Johnson Grass,

sometimes confused with crabgrass, is on the noxious weed list and should be removed.

- Decorative shrubs and plants are not subject to the 12" height restriction.
- Bamboo, while certainly invasive, is not regulated by state or county codes.

As for most county code issues, violations can be reported by dialing "311" or online at [www.mc311.com](http://www.mc311.com). Please remember that the Randolph Civic Association does not have the authority to enforce county codes or to create additional housing codes in the community. However, if you are having difficulty getting a response from county agencies we can help get you in touch with county personnel. Please though call 311 FIRST and make sure you get a ticket number so we can help you follow-up.

## Upcoming Events

### **RCA Executive Meeting**

September 5th, 2013 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

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## President's Message

by Chad Salganik, RCA President

This is the last Echo before the Summer break, but before I get started I want to thank all of the performers and neighbors who came out and supported MusicFest. I thought this year's line-up was the best we've had. I had the honor and pleasure of presenting the RCA Volunteer of the Year award to George Gadbois. George has been a tremendous advocate for the neighborhood. George has served the Boy Scouts and worked to improve the quality of education in our local schools. Thank you, George!

The Pike Central Farm Market has returned to Mid-Pike Plaza for its second season. I've already been several times this year, and have run in to many Randolph Hills residents. If you haven't been, I recommend you stop by on a Saturday morning. I can personally report that the Crepes, Pinch's Chinese dumplings and the chicken sliders at the Culinary Nomad are all great ways to start the weekend.

White Flint development is picking up pace. Gables Residential presented their plan for the property located next to the Shriver Aquatic Center on Old Georgetown and Executive Boulevard. It is currently a parking lot. The development will bring residential units, some retail and a parking garage that will be shared with the Aquatic Center. This would enable the County to turn the surface parking lot at the Aquatic Center in to an expanded park. The County is soliciting input on how to program the park. You will hear more about this soon. Construction is a few years away. Development is dependent on a new street network called the "Western Workaround", which will create an alternative traffic route to Rockville Pike. The Montgomery County DOT will be presenting an update on the Western Workaround at the June White Flint Implementation Advisory Committee meeting. This will be a good barometer for how our County infrastructure is (or isn't) keeping pace with development.

As the temperatures rise, and the threat of thunderstorms increases, we will again focus on PEPCO reliability. The trees in front of my house were trimmed this morning, so fingers are crossed hoping we'll have power

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**RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.**

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

**Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.**

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

**Web site: [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)**

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June 2013 Update

## Last 10 Randolph Civic Area Home Sales

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	4802 Oxbow Rd	4	3	\$434,900	\$433,000	5/20/2013	\$13,000
Sold	4602 Olden Rd	3	2	\$275,000	\$305,000	5/13/2013	\$0
Sold	11705 Ashley Dr	3	2	\$349,900	\$325,000	4/24/2013	\$0
Sold	4711 Coachway Dr	4	2	\$385,000	\$385,000	4/22/2013	\$8,000
Sold	4709 Red Fox Rd	4	1.5	\$345,000	\$350,000	4/17/2013	\$6,000
Sold	11206 Rock Rd	3	2	\$375,000	\$360,000	4/4/2013	\$11,000
Sold	5007 Randolph Rd	3	2	\$310,000	\$315,000	3/22/2013	\$5,000
Sold	11804 Rocking Horse Rd	4	2	\$340,000	\$350,000	3/15/2013	\$9,000
Sold	11310 Ashley Dr	3	2	\$299,900	\$305,000	3/6/2013	\$0
Sold	11216 Troy Rd	3	2	\$240,000	\$230,000	3/1/2013	\$0



## The Market Is Strong

It is a seller's market. Interest rates are low. There are not many homes currently for sale. Buyer's confidence is high. This all contributes to a market that is up 10% to 15% over last year.

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## Neighborhood News in Brief

- **2013 Montgomery County Public Libraries Summer Reading Kickoff!** Join us on June 15, 2 PM for our Summer Reading Kickoff at Kensington Park Library. Kaydee Puppets will present The Ugly Duckling and The Princess and the Pea. Our 2013 Montgomery County Public Libraries Summer Reading program -- Dig into Reading (children) and Beneath the Surface (teen) -- will run from June 1 to August 15. Registration is online only through the Library's website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library) beginning June 1. Participants can sign up for the program and log the books they read using any computer in the library, at home or school, or using any mobile device. Check out all our Summer Reading activities. Summer Reading is sponsored by Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc.
- **Why should you help with our Sign Beautification efforts?** What's it to you anyway? Here's an angle you may not have considered: property values. "Curb appeal" is not just what your individual home looks like. Prospective buyers/renters start evaluating the "curb appeal" of the whole neighborhood when they first enter a community. When they see a good looking community sign, with a well maintained area around the sign, with plants and flowers, it sends a message about community spirit, positive community activity and a community that cares about how the neighborhood looks beyond any one individual's front yard. Denise Szczur, a premier real estate agent in our area, when asked, does sign beautification help sell houses, answered, "It definitely improves the appeal of the neighborhood!" Increased appeal of a neighborhood means increased property values.

### Join Your Neighbors Online



The RCA Yahoo Group is a great resource for keeping up with happenings in RCA land. Need a recommendation for a local handyman? Looking for a babysitter or dog walker? Want to learn more about local activities? Have an idea to improve our neighborhood?

**Get in on the conversation at:**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/>



## Call 311 To Get It Done!

**311 is Montgomery County's phone number for non-emergency government information and services.** For emergency calls, residents should continue to call 911. A new website is available 24/7 at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311).

### Phone Numbers for MC311

- In Montgomery County, call 311
- Outside of Montgomery County, call 240-777-0311
- The TTY number is 240-773-3556

**Reminder: Call 911 for emergencies**

### Website:

**[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311)**

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## May Executive Board Meeting Minutes

by Jason Ott

1. Call to order: 8:00 PM

2. Old Business

- Music Fest is set for May 19th at Mem Sahib.

There will be five acts. People can pay online at [randolphcivic.org](http://randolphcivic.org). Please join us for this wonderful event! Well-behaved children are encouraged to join the event.

- The RCA Bazaar is set for Saturday, May 4th.

Volunteers are lined up.

- Developments regarding Montrose Parkway East have been quiet. Chad Salganik is writing a letter to the County Council recommending connectivity at the Randolph railroad crossing based on neighborhood feedback.

- An update was given on the White Flint Development. B.F. Saul Company is presenting their plan at the White Flint Advisory Meeting at 7 PM, May 6th, at the Aquatic Center.

3. New Business

- RCA received an invitation from the 2nd District Department of Police. We have been invited to send a representative to the Police/Community Advisory Board. Mara Greengrass will serve in this role to represent the part of RCA in the 2nd District.

- The RCA Community Bazaar has had less interest surrounding it. The Boy Scouts are interested in managing the Bazaar. Discussion was tabled. A final decision will be made at a future meeting.

4. Standard Business and Reports

- The April 4th General Meeting Minutes were approved.

- Committee Chair Reports

- o Amber Tedesco presented the Education committee update. The school year is coming to an end. Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) will be held July 8th through August 2nd. Students will go to Shriver ES due to the final construction steps at Viers Mill ES. ELO is available for Kindergarten through 5th grade students. The Spring Fair is Saturday, May 18th.

- o The Environment report was presented by Matt Tifford. Kevin Kline worked to get the creek in Waverly-Schuylkill Park to be named. It is named Glendarragh Stream and is entered in the United States Geological Survey database. It is hoped that Parks will install a sign describing the efforts to protect the stream when the budget allows.

- o The RCA Hotline had a complaint about grass height. For grass complaints, please call 3-1-1.

5. RCA Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

## Train Whistles: What do they mean?

by Karen Helfert

In RCA-Land, we hear a train blow its whistle when it is approaching the Randolph Road/Garrett Park crossing.

The following are some of the train whistle (in the U.S.) sound codes: [ == means long, 0 means short ]

[ == == 0 = ]: Train is approaching a grade level crossing (i.e. a road crossing). This is a widely used safety signal used to warn motorists. (In RCA land, we all know this one all too well). In Morse code this is the letter "Q". Dating back to when the Queen of England would come into a harbor aboard a ship. The ship would blow its horn the letter "Q" to let everyone know the Queen of England was on board and to yield the right of way to her ship.

[ 0 ]: Stop or stopping; apply the brakes

[ == ]: Approaching railroad station or junction (if moving), or apply air brakes and equalize pressure (if standing).

[ 0 0 ]: A general answer signal or acknowledgement; identical to the "roger" or "10-4" radio terms

[ == 00 ]: Visibility obscured

[ == ]: Train is about to proceed forward; release the brakes

[ 0 0 0 ]: Train is about to proceed in reverse (if standing), or train is about to stop at the next station (if moving)

[ == == == ]: Train cars have come unhooked; train has come apart

[ 0 0 0 0 == ]: Fire alarm; fire on the train

[ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ]: Danger, get off the tracks! Used to warn pedestrians or livestock who are on the tracks in front of the approaching train.

Train whistles can be a steam trumpet or air-chime for example - type of horn varies the pitch & extent of variation. The most common musical chords on trains in North America are the Air-chime version of D sharp (#), F#, G#, B, which is a G# minor 7th in the 2nd inversion.

Thanks to: [http://www.jerryandkathy.com/Train\\_Whistles.htm](http://www.jerryandkathy.com/Train_Whistles.htm) for basic information.



## The RCA Hotline

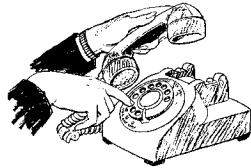
240-668-4722 (4RCA)

Calls Received March 4th, 2013  
through April 14th, 2013

*General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published on the website. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA reserves the right to not publish calls longer than 1.5 minutes due to the time it takes to transcribe and cost to publish. You can always email the RCA at [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) or submit an article for publication to the Echo editor.*

05-02-13 (Thurs) at 8:28am. Not Anonymous. Good morning. I need someone to call me. I live on Ashley Drive and I need to speak with someone in reference to the tall grass at 113xx Ashley Drive. It affects the bus stop area. We need to get together about this because it doesn't bring a good aspect to our neighborhood. I'm quite upset by it. I let it go last year but this year I will not let it go. I don't know how to go about resolving it. Can someone please give me a call?

05-19-13 (Sun) at 9:48am. Not Anonymous. Good morning. I hope it's not too late to participate in MusicFest 2013 fundraiser today. I will plan to be there today.



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## District Two Crime Report

by Captain David Falcinelli

As you know, recently the area of RCA-Land south of Randolph Road was transferred to the jurisdiction of Montgomery County Police's 2nd District. Below are the most recent crime statistics for the 2nd District: YTD April 2012 vs. YTD April 2013

As you can see, the 2nd District had a huge spike in commercial burglaries over the last several months. The majority of these have occurred at commercial high-rises in the downtown Bethesda and White Flint areas. Because of this spike, we dedicated a significant amount of resources to the problem and on 5/9/13 a suspect was arrested in connection with most of these events. He has also been linked to similar events in D.C. and we have been working closely with their detectives to ensure he is charged with all the crimes he is responsible for committing. I want to complement those employees that encountered suspicious persons in their buildings and called the police. Although we did not catch him in the act of committing a crime, many of you

down from last year's average of almost 70%. Remember to lock your cars every night even if they are parked in your driveway. Remove all valuables and anything that looks like it might contain something valuable, such as a laptop bag. These thieves prey on softer targets and do not like to use force as it makes noise and attracts attention.

It is that time of year again for the Click It or Ticket Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign. Officers have been out in force since May 13 looking for seatbelt and child safety seat violations. There will be no warnings issued. Buckle up. It may save your life.

A recent pedestrian safety campaign in the downtown Bethesda district resulted in the issuance of 175 citations for various violations along Wisconsin Avenue and Arlington Road. Additionally, operations were also conducted at the pedestrian crosswalks along Democracy Blvd. near Walter Johnson High School and over 60 citations were issued there also. Drivers need to watch out for pedestrians, and pedestrians need to obey their signals. There were eight wrecks in the 2nd District last month involving pedestrians with the driver at-fault

Crime Category	D1		D2		D3		D4		E1		E2		E3		E4		Total		% +/-
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	
Robbery	1	3	1	2	1	0	11	4	3	1	1	1	0	4	2	0	20	15	-25.0%
Aggravated Assault	2	1	4	2	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	9	-18.2%
Burglary-Resid.	9	6	8	6	9	7	5	7	12	7	11	10	5	6	12	9	71	66	-18.3%
Burglary-Comm. and School	2	2	3	25	2	0	9	7	3	1	0	4	0	7	0	0	18	46	155.6%
Theft from Vehicle and Vehicle Part	30	56	36	31	30	15	34	34	67	50	21	28	19	24	24	11	264	297	+12.7%
Stolen Vehicle	10	4	5	5	3	2	7	9	0	1	4	3	2	3	2	0	33	21	-36.4%

did call when you observed a suspicious person lurking around. Unfortunately, there were also many events where this suspect was spotted by employees and the police were never called or not called until it was too late for us to catch him. Remember you are our eyes and our ears and we rely upon you to let us know when you encounter suspicious persons and situations.

Although not reflected in the April numbers, we have seen an increase in residential burglaries in the month of May. Many of these burglaries are occurring during daytime hours and they are taking high-end jewelry. In at least one case, power has been cut to the house prior to making entry. Please be alert for suspicious people and cars in your neighborhoods and report it to police non-emergency at 301-279-8000 or 911 if you actually observe a crime in progress. If you wish to schedule a free home security survey, please call the 2nd District at 301-652-9200 and you will be referred to a community services officer. Lock your doors even if you are just leaving the house for a short period of time.

Although thefts from autos remain relatively unchanged from last year, the number of people leaving their cars unlocked is decreasing. Approximately 50% of the thefts last month were from unlocked cars, which are

in four, the pedestrian at-fault in three, and one remains under investigation.

Traffic is bad enough without further clogging up the roads with unnecessary collisions. Focus on your driving and your walking. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Call the police if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhoods. Your police officers are much more effective when we all do our part.

I am looking forward to working together to keep our crime rates low, and to keep the roads as safe as possible for all who use them. Thank you for doing your part.



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## New and Improved Music Venue Opens up in Bethesda

by Mark Nensel

It's not quite the return of the Psyche Delly, but at long last live music has returned to downtown Bethesda. Opened this past March, the Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club is the latest incarnation of the art-deco-style former movie theater located on Wisconsin Avenue just north of Old Georgetown Road. Originally opened in 1938, the venue has gone through multiple incarnations, notably as the much-enjoyed (by this author, anyway) and long-gone Bethesda Cinema and Drafthouse. Following the demise of the Cinema Drafthouse, the venue became the Bethesda Theatre Café, where it hosted minor touring theater productions. The live theater concept never quite caught on, and the building lay unused for a couple years, until local real estate mogul Rick Brown bought the property in foreclosure in January 2012.

The building has since received an \$8,000,000 face-lift and renovation, its interior transformed into a supper club complete with a stage-front dance floor that doubles as a tabled-seating area for 300 customers, combined with 200 seats in a terraced theater-style arrangement rising behind and above the dance floor. Equipped with a brand new 40-foot bar, an acclaimed executive chef recently relocated from the Philadelphia area, and operating manager Ralph Camilli, with over 40 years of DC-area club management and booking experience (via the Cellar Door and Blues Alley), the Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club bills itself as a 'high-class quality music venue' just minutes away from our neighborhood.

The venue is booking largely jazz and blues acts (obviously, considering its name) as well world-music, country, comedy and R&B/soul artists. Salsa and swing bands have already played the club and will return regularly; for these gigs, the tables are cleared, and the floor is opened up for dancing. Ticket prices start at \$10, and a \$15-per person minimum food and bar tab is required. Upcoming acts include Marc Antoine on 6/19; Reginald Cyntje on 6/25; Junior Cline & Julia Nixon on 6/29; and Wayne Brady on 8/10. Check out the rest of the schedule at the club's website: <http://www.bethesdabluesjazz.com/>.

The Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club is 1 ½ blocks from the Bethesda Metro. The nearby Cheltenham Garage accommodates 343 cars and is free on weekends and holidays. The club is located at 7719 Wisconsin Ave, in Bethesda, MD.

## Randolph Hills Shopping Center proudly supports the Randolph Civic Association!

The Randolph Hills Shopping Center and all of the Randolph Hills Industrial Park look forward to a continued partnership with the community.

### Randolph Hills Shopping

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Nash Floors

## Congratulations on a successful MusicFest!

The Randolph Hills Shopping Center was a proud sponsor of the event and looks forward to projects that beautify our community for years to come.

The Randolph Hills Shopping Center is located at the intersection of Boiling Brook Parkway and Rocking Horse Road. Also, please visit the relocated Goodwill Store which has moved to the space previously occupied by Amazing Savings.



## Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

It's been a busy time for Troop 1083. The goings-on kicked off in grand style at Patrick Owen's Eagle Court of Honor, on April 14th. Family, friends, and fellow Scouts gathered to congratulate Patrick and to celebrate his impressive achievement. The following weekend, the Troop camped out at one of its favorite locations, Sandy Point State Park, on the western side of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Also during April, the Troop welcomed its newest members, as the "graduating classes" of Webelos II Scouts from Packs 493 and 1081 were the center of attention for the exciting Bridging Ceremony. Current Scouts assisted in the ceremonies, and warmly welcomed their new fellow Scouts as they crossed over from Cub Scouting and into the Troop 1083 family.

In other ceremonies, on April 12-14, Troop 1083 Scouts Cory Byrne, Matthew Kimball, and Mateo Streed participated in the Order of the Arrow (OA) "Ordeal" induction. All the inductees were nominated and elected by their fellow Scouts, who recognized their friendly leadership among peers. The OA is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society, and the Ordeal emphasizes service and self-sacrifice.

On May 17-19, the Scouts (and many of their parents) enjoyed the Troop's biennial whitewater rafting outing on the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The rafting excursion was sandwiched by a campout at Washington Monument State Park, near Boonsboro, Maryland. According to reliable sources, the Dutch-oven cooking was of 4-star restaurant quality.

Some of the Scouts are working on their Cycling Merit badge. As one might guess, earning that badge involves some cycling tours. In the past month alone, the Cycling Badgers have taken 10- to 25-mile rides along the Rock Creek Hiker/Biker trail and the Capital Crescent Trail between RCA-Land and Bethesda; around the Sugarloaf Mountain grounds near Poolesville; and along the C&O Canal towpath. The final challenge will be a 50-mile ride. Read about it in your September 2013 ECHO!

June will bring the annual beach weekend campout at Assateague and Ocean City, right after school comes to a close. How's that for a way to kick off summer vacation! Then, in late July, many of the Scouts will attend a week-long summer camp at Camp Rodney on the upper Chesapeake Bay. Also this summer, the Troop will send a crew to spend a week on the Lenhok'sin High Adventure trail at the Goshen Scout Reservation in west-central Virginia. This will be that group's first of two consecutive summers at Lenhok'sin, as they prepare for a 2-week trek in 2015 to the Philmont High Adventure Scout Reservation in New Mexico.

If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday nights 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).

## Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

The Crew's latest "Venture Out" event took place on May 20 in Rockville Town Center. Crew members met at a local eatery for dinner then headed over to the Regal Cinema to take in Iron Man 3. The Crew decided to keep the evening's focus on fun, so final decisions on a late-summer outing were tabled for the time being. Pass the popcorn please!

Not that the Crew isn't busy. If you attended the RCA Spring Bazaar at Loehmann's Plaza on May 4, you saw the Venture Crew's 2015 High Adventure contingent offering tasty food and beverages for sale to bazaar-goers. Perhaps you did more than see them, and made a purchase to support their efforts. The Crew thanks you! High Adventure is truly a trip of a lifetime and every bit you do to help—and enjoying a burger and a soda helps—is most appreciated.

The 2015 crew is not the only Philmont contingent among the Venture Crew's membership. Some of the Crew's other members are taking the trip to Philmont in New Mexico this summer. In fact, Venture Crew 1083 is fielding not one but two groups, 19 participants in all. The two groups have been taking separate practice hikes all spring. One final shakedown, on June 1-2, united the two groups at a single campsite, where together they sharpened their already formidable wilderness camping skills in one final tune-up. To simulate the trail conditions they'll experience as "sister crews" at Philmont this summer, both groups hiked at Cacapon State Park near Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, but one crew hiked on Saturday and the other crew hiked on Sunday. Best of all, they were able to enjoy a barbecue dinner together on Saturday night!

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 21. Because its members are a little older, Crew activities are more self-directed, and typically more advanced, than those of Boy Scout and Girl Scout units. Crew meetings are Monday nights during the school year from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Why not join us? Bring a like-minded friend so you'll already know someone else at the meeting! For more information, contact crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755.

# Randolph Civic Foundation News

## Slow Down!

by Lindsay Hoffman, Randolph Civic Foundation President

Over the last several years, our neighborhood has felt the reinvigoration of young families. And that means more children on our sidewalks, in our parks and crossing our streets. Please be mindful that speed limits on our neighborhood streets are 25 mph. With the curves, hills and curbside parked cars, there is no reason to fly down any of our streets. Slow Down.

And, while you're slowed down, take an opportunity to get to know your neighbors. The RCF continues its sponsorship program of neighborhood Block Parties! Visit our website at [www.RandolphCivicFoundation.org](http://www.RandolphCivicFoundation.org) for more information on everything from obtaining a county permit to block your street to a sample party tracker that spreads the planning fun among your neighbors. You'll find a step-by-step guide for planning, culminating with up to \$150 in reimbursements from the RCF.

Have a fantastic summer!

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The Randolph Civic Foundation originated in 1996. It was formed to provide educational and charitable services to the Randolph Community. The address is: Randolph Civic Foundation, PO Box 489, Garrett Park, MD 20896-0489

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Randolph Civic Association	<a href="http://randolphcivic.org">http://randolphcivic.org</a>
Montgomery County	<a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov">www.montgomerycountymd.gov</a>
Montgomery County Parks	<a href="http://www.montgomeryparks.org">www.montgomeryparks.org</a>
Montgomery County Schools	<a href="http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org">www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org</a>
Washington Metro Area Transit Authority	<a href="http://www.wmata.com">www.wmata.com</a>



### 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: Emergency (for Randolph Hills and University-School/Kill Park)	301-949-3010
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3785
Abandoned Cars (on the street)	240-773-6411
Animal Control	240-773-5560
Building Permits	240-777-6260
Consumer Affairs and Protection	240-777-3636
Crisis Center Hotline (24 hours)	240-777-4000
Department of Natural Resources (for wildlife nuisance problems)	877-463-6497
Disability Services	240-777-3000
Fire Marshall (Non-Emergency)	240-777-2457
Housing Code Violations	240-777-3785
(for calls about dog poop, broken windows, trash in yard, etc)	
Large-Item Pick-up	240-777-6410
Libraries: Locations, Accounts, Etc.	240-777-0001
MetroRail and Metrobus ( <a href="http://www.wmata.com">wmata.com</a> )	202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society (Non-Emer)	240-773-5960
Montgomery County Humane Society (Emer)	240-773-5900
Motor Vehicle Admin ( <a href="http://mva.maryland.gov">mva.maryland.gov</a> )	800-950-1682
Parking Tickets	240-453-0113
Parks: Information & Permits	301-495-2525
PEPCO: Report Power Outages	877-737-2662
PEPCO: Emergency/Life Threatening	202-872-3432
Pollution Complaint (Dumping, Noise, Burning)	240-777-7700
Post Office: Rollins Ave, Rockville	301-233-5973
Montgomery County Public Schools K-12	301-809-6277
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept)	240-777-1245
RCA Hotline	240-668-4722
Recreation Classes	240-777-6870
Recycling Info	240-777-6410
Senior Programs (55+)	240-777-4925
Street Light Out	240-777-6000
Trash Collection	240-777-6410
Transportation (Highway Services)	240-777-7623
(for report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.)	
Tree Maintenance	240-777-6000
Voter Registration	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-4001
Woods/Rubbish Complaints	240-777-7700

(if any of these websites or phone numbers are incorrect, please email [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) or call the RCA Hotline at 240-668-4722.



## CLASSIFIEDS

The Echo publishes classified ads free for RCA members, to a maximum of one ad per year per household. Additional ads may be purchased for \$5.00. The Echo makes no claims or guarantees regarding the quality of goods or services sold.

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### President's Message (continued from page 2)

all summer. To stay up on neighborhood happenings, including power outages, now is a great time to sign up for the neighborhood Yahoo Group. To sign up, go to <http://randolphcivic.org/email>. We currently have 223 folks signed up for the group. Let's see if we can push that past 250 by September. Sign up today!

Stay cool and have a great summer.



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Thanks to everyone who made this a great RCA Year! See you in the fall!





## Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park

### and Montrose Park Market Update...

Address...	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	Subsidy	Date Settled
11206 Rock Road	\$375,000	\$360,000	278	\$11,000	04-Apr-13
4709 Red Fox Road	\$345,000	\$350,000	3	\$6,000	17-Apr-13
4711 Coachway Dr	\$385,000	\$385,000	81	\$8,000	22-Apr-13
11705 Ashley Drive	\$349,900	\$325,000	6	\$0	24-Apr-13
4602 Olden Road	\$275,000	\$305,000	2	\$0	13-May-13
4802 Oxbow Road	\$434,900	\$433,000	6	\$13,000	20-May-13
4631 Gemstone Ter	\$399,000	\$399,000	7	\$2,500	23-May-13

note: the subsidy is the amount the seller paid towards the buyer's closing costs.



### Homes Under Contract, but not Settled

Address...	List Price
5117 Brentford Drive	\$425,000
11412 Ashley Drive	\$399,900
11203 Schuykill Road	\$415,000
11216 Troy Road	\$389,900
4821 Entler Drive	\$299,900
11708 Rocking Horse Road	\$355,000
4800 Topping Road	\$330,000

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