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Major Snowstorm hits RCA-land!

Schools closed and businesses shut down as 20+ inches of snow blanketed RCA-land over the President's Day weekend. Matt Tao and his snowblower had a lot of business this week!



RCA Helps Save the Kensington Fire Station!

RCA Exec George Gadbois quickly drafted a letter opposing the planned closing of our neighborhood fire station (see article in January/February 2003 *Echo*). The RCA's opposition – combined with every other responsible civic association – was enough of an outcry to keep the station open, at least until July 1, 2003, when the County will reevaluate the situation. All RCAers need to keep the pressure on with letters, emails and phone calls.

The Kensington Fire Station was supposed to be closed, due to budget cuts, but the County Council changed its mind after civics and residents protested.

House fires in Montgomery County claimed 11 lives last year, more than double the average number of deaths in the three previous years. The estimated damage was \$30 million – double the average fire loss from the two previous years.

Why did the County want to close the fire station? Not because there are fewer fires, but because there is not enough money. The RCA believes that police and fire protection are core County responsibilities, and budget cuts must be made elsewhere.

For more information on how you can help, please call 301-929-8030 for recorded information.

Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 2003
8:00 p.m.

(Note: Our Guest Speaker, Mike Smith of LCOR, has been rescheduled for the May 1 meeting.)

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, April 3, 2003
8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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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

Minutes of the RCA Executive Meeting

February 6, 2003

The Viers Mill Civic Association (VMCA), located just across Rock Creek Park, contacted the RCA to discuss mutual interests. Common concerns of both civic associations include Rock Creek Park, absentee house owners/renters, traffic, and inadequate police response. We believe, for example, our complaints regarding Rock Creek will carry more weight if both the RCA and VMCA join forces. We will invite VMCA representatives to future RCA meetings.

The RCA Execs discussed three massive Rockville Pike developments that will impact traffic in RCA-land: the White Flint Metro LCOR development (32 acres on top of the Metro Station); the White Flint Conference Center (across the street from the Metro Station); and "White Flint Plaza" currently being built just North of the Metro Station. This area around Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road will soon become traffic gridlock. See page 8 for more about the LCOR development.

The Execs reviewed electronic maps and overlays provided by RCAer John Lavin. His laptop demonstration was extraordinary. John has stored aerial photos of individual RCA houses, with overlay maps, and satellite photography.

Finally, the Execs discussed potential school base area changes for Viers Mill Elementary School due to the Downcounty Consortium.

Wheaton High School Starts Engineering Curriculum

by Richard Zierdt

(Note: The following was taken from a February 12 Montgomery County Gazette article written by staff writer Corinne Purtill. Delivered weekly free of charge to every home in RCA on Wednesdays, don't throw those Gazettes away without reading 'em!)

Wheaton High School, where many, but not all, of RCA high schoolers attend, will receive a Maryland State Department of Education grant and federal funding for an engineering program. Wheaton will use its money (about \$60,000) for equipment, software, and staff training. The program will begin in the next school year.

This new program will join two others to form an engineering academy, along with informational technology and biotechnology courses.

While the RCA has an official position of a unified community attending the same school cluster in North Bethesda, it is nice to hear of improvements at any County school, and particularly at Wheaton High.

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Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of February 16, 2003, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$11,954.49. Some members who paid in October or early November may not have had their checks cashed. I suspect this is a result of the Suntrust Bank claim of an "addition error" of \$83 in the \$10,165 deposit of November 4. I believe some checks may not have been cashed. If your check hasn't been cashed yet, please call me and let me know (301-881-0283). On another front, Mauro Biondo, RCA's commercial editor, has collected about \$6300 in advertising income so far this fiscal year. Without his efforts, there'd be 50% less income, and 50% less of a viable organization.

RCA Checking Register 1/24/2002 through 2/16/2003

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 01/24/2003			10,478.57
02/04		Quick Printing	Jan/Feb ECHO, 24 pages	1,076.25	9,402.32
02/09		RCAssociation	commercial income	821.00	10,223.32
		inc:advertising	Loehmann's Plaza	816.00	
		inc:advertising	classified ad	5.00	
		BALANCE 02/16/2003			10,223.32

RCF Checking Register 1/24/2002 through 2/16/2003

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 01/24/2003			1,730.97
01/31		interest	.15%	0.20	1,731.17
		BALANCE 02/16/2003			1,731.17
		<i>RCF Bank balance, January 31 statement: 1,731.17</i>			

Total RCA+RCF cash assets	11,954.49
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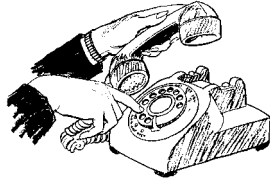


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January 23, 2002 to
February 15, 2003



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

2003-01-27 (Mon) 3:06 pm Anonymous. 48xx Boiling Brook Parkway has a car that has been sitting on the front yard for over a year. Caller has called the County about it, but they don't seem very interested.

2003-01-28 (Tue) 3:36 pm Anonymous. How will the White Flint construction affect parking? The construction at the Grosvenor metro station already put an extra burden on that lot. Would the Executive Committee discuss this at the next RCA meeting where the construction on Rockville Pike will be discussed? *[Mike Smith of LCOR (the developer of the huge project at White Flint Metro) who was to be our guest at the March 6 general meeting could not attend, but will instead attend the May 1 general meeting.]*

2003-01-29 (Wed) 3:41 pm Anonymous. The car on BBP earlier reported has been taken care of by the County. Thank you.

2003-02-02 (Sun) 11:41 am Franklin Park, Hunters Lane. Unfortunately the other day when you delivered the *Echo*, caller was not on the lookout for it because there is no set schedule for deliveries, so caller was not aware of the delivery until caller was shoveling snow, and now the *Echo* is in caller's azaleas, and will not be retrieved until spring. Please deliver a dry copy. Thank you very much. *[Done.]*

2003-02-02 (Sun) 12:10 pm Randolph Hills, Oxbow Road. Caller is a little late in calling, but caller thanks the Christmas Carolers who came around our neighborhood on December 22. It was a wonderful surprise, and they did a great job. Caller does not know who the group was, but caller's family really appreciated it. Thank you very much.

2003-02-02 (Sun) 2:01 pm Randolph Hills, 3rd section. Caller calls to recommend Andrew Souder of Ashley Drive. He is very reliable and dependable, a very fast-working high school boy. Caller has used his help from leaf raking, pulling weeds in flower beds, shoveling snow, moving wood closer to the house for fireplace. Caller highly recommends him.

2003-02-04 (Tue) 8:49 pm Anonymous. Please alert the persons at 48xx Creek Shore Drive that it is against the law to leave the sidewalk with snow. This is the third snowstorm this winter, and they have refused to totally remove the snow. Caller is a senior citizen who has to walk along there. If caller falls with resultant injury, caller will sue them. Please alert them that it is their responsibility to clear their sidewalk.

2003-02-05 (Wed) 7:44 pm Anonymous. The residents at 47xx Boiling Brook Parkway are truly an embarrassment. We have tolerated the trash that is put out week after week after week, and caller is not talking about bags of trash, rather beds, mattresses, dresser drawers, metal frames, etc. You are truly, truly, an embarrassment. You bring our property values down. Please think about the way you are living.

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Zoning News

White Flint Metro Development: LCOR

The RCA can and will influence this development. The County Planning Board staff rejected LCORs proposed plan, because it violated the County's Master (zoning) Plan. The Master Plan is sacred to civic associations like the RCA, because it protects us from even worse development than we are already experiencing. Now LCOR is proposing that the County revise the Master Plan.

Specifically, the 32 acres presently used by the White Flint Golf Park is zoned for houses and light industrial. This zoning would have to be loosened, to allow for taller office buildings and more density. In addition, the developers are supposed to provide data on how their new development will affect area traffic. Instead, the developers requested a waiver so they would not have to meet traffic reduction requirements.

The RCA and several other civic associations are opposed to changing the already loose zoning requirements, solely for the benefit of one developer. The RCA remains open-minded, and is willing to meet with the developers, with the intent of making changes for the greater good of our neighborhood.

White Flint Office Park Development

This project is presently being built at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road. RCA Exec George Gadbois attended an earlier hearing regarding the developers request for a parking waiver. A parking waiver loosens the existing County zoning, and allows for fewer parking spaces than the code requires. Now the developer, Donohoe, wants to meet with the RCA and discuss our opposition. The RCA is willing to listen and George and Richard Zierdt have offered to attend the meeting (no date set). Generally, the RCA is opposed to any loosening of zoning code.

White Flint Metro Parking Lot Relocation

(The following is taken from www.montgomerycountymd.gov, although the RCA was against the Conference Center, and does not agree with the rationale as given below.)

Construction of the long-awaited Montgomery County Conference Center and an adjoining 10-story, 225-room Marriott hotel is scheduled to begin February 1, 2003. The project, to be known as the White Flint Conference Center and Bethesda Marriott North, will provide much needed conference and meeting space in the County and is seen as a key component in further enhancing the County's growth as a technology hub.

With the start of construction, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) White Flint West Parking Lot currently on the conference center site will close February 1, 2003. Alternative parking is available at the White Flint East Metro Parking Lot, the Maryland Route 355/Montrose Commuter Parking Lot, and at 450 long-term parking meters on streets surrounding the White Flint Metro station.

Your Rockville Pike Development Scorecard

by Richard Zierdt

Confused with all the development projects planned and in-progress on Rockville Pike? So am I! Here's a list, from the South to the North:

- 1) **Strathmore Hall Concert Hall**, just north of the Grosvenor Metro station. Among many other performing arts programs, this will be a secondary home for the Baltimore Symphony.
- 2) **Conference Center and hotel**, across Rockville Pike from the White Flint Metro. Now that all lawsuits have ended, the project will proceed.
- 3) **LCOR (the developer)**, immediately north of White Flint Metro. A city-block commercial/residential development along the entire block from Marinelli to Old Georgetown Road, displacing the golf driving range, among other land. Mike Smith from LCOR will present the project to the RCA at the May 1st general meeting.
- 4) **White Flint Office Park**, northeast corner of Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road. This is a typical office development, except that the developer, Donohoe, wants a 25% reduction in the number of parking spaces such a project requires. The RCA executive committee opposes this reduction, and is planning to meet with the developer (the snow storm prevented a scheduled meeting).
- 5) **Target department store**, just north of the "gourmet" Giant at Rockville Pike and Randolph Road, west of Barnes and Noble book store. Home Depot had plans for this lot, but decided not to build. Apparently, Target likes it better.

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News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois



The weather is often the big story this time of year, and this year is no different. No postponement of our January 18th Pinewood Derby due to snow like last year, but the annual Klondike Derby event with Scout Troop 1083 on January 25th featured both snow and cold temperatures.

Song favorites like "409," "Who Let The Dogs Out?" and "Little Deuce Coupe" coming from the boom box got the scouts "revved-up" again for this year's Pinewood Derby. Race winners for Tigers were **Tyler Bochniak** 1st, **Ben Weitzel** 2nd, **Sawyer Kibbe** 3rd; For Wolves: **Ayinde Warren** 1st, **Patrick Owen** 2nd, **Devin Kenney** 3rd; Bears: **Jake Blakely** 1st, **Gregory Gadbois** 2nd, **Dwayne Remillard** 3rd; Webelos I: **Kyle Blakely** 1st, **Derick Pineda** 2nd, **Tony Caffi** 3rd; and for Webelos II: **Johnny Hilderbrand** 1st, **Joseph Owen** 2nd. Winners for fastest speeds in the entire pack, **Jake Blakely** took 1st, **Gregory Gadbois**, 2nd and **Dwayne Remillard**, 3rd. **Sasha Hevey** won for Best Looking car.

There were winners in many other categories from "best flames" to "best use of added weights": **Brad Gessford**, **Gabriel Hernandez**, **Matthew Best**, **Devin Kenney**, **Krisztian Mazo**, **Joshua Murtagh**, **Brenton Polk**, **Jason Beam**, **Kevin Benitez**, **Alan Costas**, **Josh Hart**, **AJ Taylor** and **Matt Fieller**. Many thanks to our judges **Mr. Brian McGahey**, **Ms. Adell Milne**, **Miss Cecilia Johnson** and **Mr. Tom Canick** as well as the pit crew of our dedicated Pack parents and leaders. The



Scouts eagerly awaiting race results at the Pinewood Derby.



A display of Cub Scout Pinewood craftsmanship.

District Pinewood Derby finals will be held on April 12. **Tyler Bochniak** (Tiger) and **Jake Blakely**, **Gregory Gadbois**, **Dwayne Remillard** (Cubs/Webelos) will represent our Pack in the races and **Sasha Hevey's** car will compete for District's Best Looking.

Gregory Gadbois, **Matthew Best** and **Sasha Hevey** were top sellers for our Popcorn Fundraiser this year and thanks again to all who purchased. Our January Pack Meeting was somewhat lean on advancement awards, saving possibly for a bigger splash at the upcoming Blue & Gold affair in February. We do want to recognize Bear Scout **Jason Beam** for earning his Swimming Sports Pin from the Sports & Academics Program. During the meeting, the Wolf den had an audience participation song that had the dens competing against each other with versions of "The Bear Went Over The Mountain." Needless to say, it got very loud, but it was great fun.

The Saturday afternoon Klondike Derby is a winter outdoor event for our Webelos scouts involving "arctic-themed" competitions that test scout skills along with teamwork. This year's theme was "Share Our World, Share Our Culture." Webelos **Johnny Hilderbrand**, **Joseph Owen**, **Matt Fieller** and **Kyle Blakely** crossed a "river" on coffee cans, threw spears, poured "oil" through a pipeline as well as observed some of the Boy Scout competitions. Upwards of 100 area Boy Scout units were in attendance from Friday through Sunday competing in scout skill teamwork events.

We're hoping we don't get snowed out of an upcoming ski trip planned with Troop 1083, but either way we'll also look forward to an ice-skating outing, and our annual Blue & Gold Banquet. Please visit our website: <http://hometown.aol.com/jph3190/1081.html>.

**Spring Cleaning
in Waverly-Schuylkill Park!**

**Saturday, April 26, 2003
9:30 am until ????**
(the day after Arbor Day)

We'll be picking up trash, doing some planting, and "klipping kudzu." Any help you can give, any time during the day, will be greatly appreciated.

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This spring, RCA-land neighbors are getting fit and making a difference by participating in the annual MS Walk. The 8-mile walk takes place on Sunday morning, April 6 starting at Bullis School in Potomac, Maryland and continues along the scenic C&O canal, and ends with lunch at historic Glen Echo.

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Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

Two big events happen in the winter for Boy Scouts. First is the Klondike Derby. A patrol based competition, the Bat Patrol and Dragon Patrol represented Troop 1083. They finished exactly in the middle of the second place group.

All day Saturday was spent in a series of competitions that tested traditional Scout skills and the patrols' ability to work together. Attending for Troop 1083 were: **Jacob Bolt, Alex Cassel, Bubba Hart, Steven Santos, Scott Talbott, Hunter Wyatt, Mark Bushong, Anthony Gadbois, Galen Miley, Hafez Taghavi, Andy Wood.** The same boys also earned the Polar Bear, since it got very cold both nights.

These Scouts were all recognized at the second big winter event, the "Green and Khaki" dinner, our annual recognition of Scouting's founding in the U.S.

Other recognitions included Appalachian Trail Volunteer patches for the boys who worked on the "AT" on the November campout. They were: **Jacob Bolt, Anthony Gadbois, Galen Miley, Andy Wood, Edwin Fuentes, Bubba Hart, Scott Talbott, Hunter Wyatt,** and little sister **Amy Hart.**

We presented special plaques to all the Scouts who helped Santa distribute candy canes. They were: **Jacob**

Bolt, Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Edward Huggins, John Pitkin, Nachi Roper, Steven Santos, Christopher Soares. Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, Andrew Tao, Andy Wood, Hunter Wyatt; Webelos Johnny Hilderbrand and Joseph Owen, and siblings David Santos, and Jenny Wood.

The big show at the dinner is the court of honor where rank and merit badge advancement were recognized. They were:

- Citizenship in the Community - **Edward Huggins**
- Citizenship in the World - **Jacob Bolt, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Edward Huggins, Collins Murphy, Nachi Roper, Steven Santos, Chris Soares, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood**
- Emergency Preparedness - **Andrew Tao**
- First Aid - **Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Galen Miley, Collins Murphy, John Pitkin**
- Personal Management - **Nachi Roper**
- Reading - **Steven Santos.**

Many ranks were awarded, one of the best fall advancement seasons in years. They were:

- Scout - **Edwin Fuentes**
- Tenderfoot - **Edwin Fuentes**
- Second Class - **Bubba Hart**
- First Class - **Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Galen Miley, Hunter Wyatt**
- Star - **Jacob Bolt, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Edwards Huggins, Collins Murphy, Steven Santos, Christopher Soares, Hafez Taghavi, Andy Wood**

We recognized **Andrew Tao** for achieving Eagle in November and his award will be presented at a special court of honor on March 22.

We also had a presentation on summer camp. In addition to our regular August week at Goshen Scout Camps, some Scouts are going to Heritage Scout Reservation in western Pennsylvania with Troop 495 of Silver Spring.

Finally, thanks to **Janete Soares, Lydia Taghavi** and **Anne Stidham** for coordinating the terrific food.

Upcoming events include skiing at Whitetail, camping with the Webelos in March and Selling Mulch. Please see our ad. Free local delivery. Yes it's a great deal.

If you are a boy who has finished fifth grade or is 11 years old, or the parent of one, and this sounds interesting to you, please come by to our meeting. It's every Monday that school is in session, at 7:30 pm at Viers Mill Elementary School. Or call Scoutmaster Mr. Dave Talbott at 301-881-6567.

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The 2nd District will continue to collect cell phones and there are donation receipt forms available. If anyone has any questions regarding the program, please contact Officer Dana Matthis at 301-657-0119.



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Recycling Reminder: Thank you for setting your blue bin out at your curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling day.

Order Division of Solid Waste Services' blue bins, decals, and literature online: www.mcrcycles.org

RCA Meetings

RCA meetings are held the **first Thursday of every month** (except January, July and August) at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center at 8:00 p.m. Usually we alternate between General and Executive meetings. If you are unsure about meeting times and dates, please call the RCA Hotline (301-881-2722) for verification. All are welcome at every meeting.



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**Check out the RCA's Web Site at
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Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Here's Your Help

Here's a list of boys willing to perform leaf raking, snow shoveling, general yard work, etc.

Andrew Souder 301-770-7632 Ashley Drive
Matt Bebawy 301-881-4698 Red Fox
Brett Valenta 301-816-0293 Ashley Drive
Alex Cassel 301-770-8757 Macon Road
Mike Couture 301-984-8647 Creekshore Drive
Steven Santos 301-468-1756 Wilwyn Way
Chris Geerman 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive



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**Note to Contributors:
The deadline for the April issue
of The Echo is March 1st.**



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Police: Non-Emergency	301-279-8000
<i>(Police Reporting Areas (PRA): Franklin, Montrose Park: #306; Westminster, Randolph Farms: #308; Randolph Hills 1st & 2nd sections #308; Randolph Hills 3rd section: #309)</i>	
Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	301-279-1591
Police: Emergency	.911
Park Police	301-949-3010
<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuykill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3600
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
Metro rail 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 Violations	240-777-8960
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)	301-468-4448
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
Trash Collection	240-777-6410
Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist)	240-777-7623
Voter Registration	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-8000
Weeds/Rubbish Complaints	240-777-6400



Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park Market Update...

Home Sales Settled Since November 1, 2002

Address	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy	DOM
5100 Oakglen Drive	\$299,900	\$310,000	\$0	1
4813 Macon Road	\$274,900*	\$274,000	\$250	16
12100 Lauderdale Drive	\$274,900	\$274,900	\$0	5
11402 Schuylkill Road	\$270,000	\$275,000	\$8,000	20
4609 Olden Road	\$269,900*	\$267,500	\$0	1
4810 Mori Drive	\$265,900	\$268,000	\$5,000	64
12005 Ashley Drive	\$264,900	\$263,000	\$2,000	35
4705 Topping Road	\$259,000	\$255,000	\$6,000	29
4604 Olden Road	\$249,000	\$255,000	\$7,000	40

Homes Under Contract...

Address	List Price	Address	List Price
10919 Schuylkill Road	\$309,900*	4703 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$274,900
12112 Gaynor Road	\$290,000	4602 Wilwyn Way	\$274,900
11012 Troy Road	\$287,500	4804 Randolph Road	\$249,900
4708 Macon Road	\$284,000*	4601 Stoneleigh Court	\$229,000
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