

# The Echo

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## President's Message

by Jack Stillwell

### QUIT RELAXING, MORE THINGS TO DO!

Okay, last issue I was hit with an early case of Spring Fever. Now I'm back to normal. I think my complacency was a direct result of being out of town for the last RCA meeting. Nothing like attending a meeting to remind you how much there is to do. The association Executive Committee does its best to stay on the hot issues during the month, but it's the face-to-face meetings that really allow the issues to come out. The big issue that came out at the April Exec meeting was Education. We've got a group of incensed parents ready to fight the county for better schools. When the RCA gets new recruits with a good cause, we're always ready to back them up and mobilize for a new campaign. And this is a war that's gone on for years. For those of you new to the controversy, the history goes like this:

- parents get incensed at the low quality education their tax dollars buy;
- we mount a campaign of letter writing and hearing appearances;
- the County stonewalls on the issues;
- the parents get discouraged, things die down;
- another group of kids are ready to hit the schools;
- (repeat)

We, the execs, are feeling battle weary. (Disclosure; I'm the coward who surrendered and sent my kids to private school.) But there's good news! We have a postcard from the County saying they're considering changing school district boundaries and we have these new recruits. NOW

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## Upcoming Events

### RCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2000  
8:00 p.m.

### RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, June 1, 2000  
8:00 p.m.

*The May General Meeting will feature John R. Supinski, who will speak on an issue of timely interest, "Long Term Health Care."*

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 one.

## RCA Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 13  
at Loehmann's Plaza  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

See you there!

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

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

Membership in the RCA is \$5.00 per year.

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

## President's Message

*(continued from page 1)*

WE NEED YOU! This is an issue vital to everyone in RCA-land. Good schools are the bedrock of good neighborhoods. Even if you don't have kids, you must see the value of good local neighborhood schools. It's good for the kids, it builds relationships with neighbors, and it's even good for property values.

We think we're one of the few neighborhoods where our kids are in two different High School clusters. We are part of North Bethesda and want our kids in Walter Johnson, which is the North Bethesda School district. Wheaton has some of the lowest test scores in the County and is out of the North Bethesda district. Some of our kids are in the WJ district, so let's include them all. This is the official position of the RCA.

With a new superintendent in place, there are some interesting ideas floating around for improving the down-county schools. Will they happen during your child's school career? Or during your lifetime in this neighborhood? They've closed our neighborhood schools and virtually sold them to private interests. We don't seem to be getting much respect from the County. We have 1300 homes and this is an election year. Let's make some noise!

Following this article are some details about the plans for our campaign. Please join us in this battle. A neighborhood in Kensington won with the same argument and we have a longer history and, we think, a better case. We're also interested in understanding where kids in the neighborhood are attending school. If you're asked, please don't feel that your privacy is being threatened. Our impression is that many families have found ways out of the Wheaton district through transfers or using private or home schools. We think those kind of statistics could also help our case.

If you want to actively help, leave your name, address, phone and email on the hotline. If you want to discuss, attend the May 4th meeting. But please take a few minutes and help us win this. They are called PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

***A warm Thank You to all our neighbors for your support!***

### **Note to Contributors:**

**The Deadline for the June/July/August 2000 issue of The Echo is May 5.**

## RCA April Executive Meeting

The "school boundary" issue dominated the meeting (see article that follows). Three RCA'ers volunteered to help out the Education Committee. **Passed: \$100 donation to the MS Walkathon, Frank Shore Memorial Team. Passed: \$250 to the Cub Scouts.**

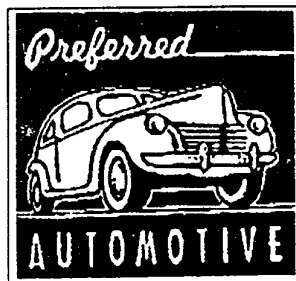
## Take a Letter!

*by Kevin Kline*

Do you want the best schools for your kids? Prove it! Write a letter and ask for it. Right now. Go get a paper and pen — I'll wait. RCA-land has a rare opportunity because the County is adjusting the "school boundaries" determining which schools your kids attend. If you don't have kids, do it for your neighbors. Do it because your house will be worth an additional \$10,000 at re-sale. **DO IT NOW.**

Since school officials will look you unblinkingly in the eye and tell you all County schools are the same, we have to play their game. Tell them we are a real "community," and have had a continuous civic association since 1958. Explain how RCA-land is "one whole neigh-

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**Take a Letter**

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borhood” with two community yard sales/flea markets annually. We have a free hotdog/hamburger cookout every year, with a moonbounce and live music. Our “community” has a monthly newsletter, and monthly civic meetings. Then describe to school officials how terribly unfair and traumatic it is that our children attend different schools. Remind them how easy after-school activities would be with only one school: all the kids would participate together, and parents could easily coordinate transportation!

Common sense tells us that all neighborhood kids should go to the same schools, and Walter Johnson and Tilden Middle School are much closer than Wheaton is. Rock Creek Park is a natural divider. Finish by describing how connected RCA-land is to White Flint, North Bethesda, and Rockville. Address this letter to:

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850 Hungerford Dr  
Rockville, MD 20852

Board of Education  
Nancy J. King, Vice-president  
850 Hungerford Dr  
Rockville, MD 20852

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Background: school boundaries determine which high school “cluster” RCA-land is assigned. High school “clusters” are fed by a specific junior high, which in turn is fed by one or two specific grade schools. Presently RCA children attend two clusters, Wheaton and Walter Johnson (WJ). The school boundary line runs right through RCA-land. If the dividing line were adjusted even a tiny bit we would win! Every school assessment (e.g., SATs) reveals that Wheaton is one of the worst school clusters in the County, and WJ is one of the best. For years the RCA has tried to get all our kids into one cluster: Walter Johnson.

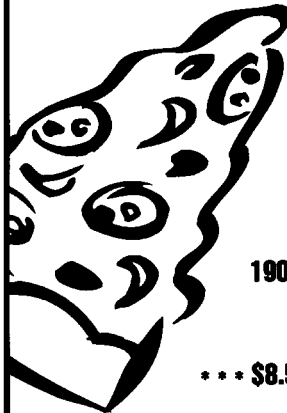
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by Richard Zierdt

As of April 7, 2000, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$5,505.74. How's this for a short report?

## RCA Checking Register 3/05/2000 through 4/07/2000

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>Balance 03/05/2000</b>			<b>5,903.03</b>
03/08	602	Brian McGahey	candy canes & Santa	-151.12	5,751.91
03/20		interest	Crestar Bank 0.50 %	2.59	5,754.50
03/20	E-xfr	Bell Atlantic	Feb 22 phone bill	-20.21	5,734.29
03/28	603	Nineva Printing	April ECHO	-895.00	4,839.29
04/07		RCAssociation		309.00	5,148.29
		inc:advertising	Hughes - piano	45.00	
		inc:advertising	Catherine Emma Guie	45.00	
		inc:advertising	G Macc Travel, Inc	150.00	
		membership:	mbrshp, dntion, Sams	69.00	
		<b>BALANCE 04/07/2000</b>			<b>5,148.29</b>

## RCF Checking Register 3/05/2000 through 4/07/2000

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>Balance 03/05/2000</b>			<b>307.27</b>
03/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	357.27
03/31		interest	Crestar Bank 0.70 %	0.18	357.45
		<b>BALANCE 04/07/2000</b>			<b>357.45</b>

**Total RCA+RCF cash assets** **5,505.74**

*Thank you for supporting your community!*

## Sidewalk Repair Update

by Richard Zierdt

In talking with Mr. David Stevens, Montgomery County Department of Public Works, regarding sidewalk repair in RCA-land, and testifying before the County Council budget hearings on February 10 regarding our sidewalks, I have finally been given a start date of "spring/summer" 2001 to begin a neighborhood-wide sidewalk replacement program. Mr. Stevens said this will be a \$1 million, 3-year project. The sidewalks would be replaced with concrete.

Crumbling sidewalks have long been a sore point with the RCA, and we have worked with Public Works in not inundating the department with the 50+ individual requests for repairs the RCA received two years ago. Rather than perform repairs piecemeal with asphalt, it was thought better to do everything at once in concrete. I did use that list in my testimony before the County Council.

This is an excellent time for neighbors to schedule personal concrete work on their own properties, such as their driveway and apron. While the County is responsible for all sidewalks in RCA, it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the driveway entrance, called the apron, in good condition. The sidewalk work will be performed by contractors, and neighbors have the option of

working with the contractor to get personal work done as well. If you are interested in a new or reconditioned driveway, or other concrete work such as a patio, next year would be a good time to schedule it as the contractor will already be in the neighborhood. The RCA Execs will notify neighbors as the date to begin repairs nears.

## Commercial Trucks Redux

by Richard Zierdt

Two calls were received on the RCA hotline regarding commercial trucks in our neighborhood. One reported trucks on the parking lot of Randolph Hills Shopping Center (where Katz Supermarket is), and the other reported a large box truck on Rockinghorse Road, and sometimes on Macon Road.

The shopping center is commercial property, privately owned. Whatever parks there parks at the discretion of its owners. Neither the County or the RCA has any say in this. The signs posted that say, in effect, "No Overnight Parking," were put there by the owners, not the County. I personally don't like the sight of (large) trucks parked there, out in the open close to Boiling Brook Parkway/Schuylkill Road, but there is nothing the RCA can do about it. This is not a battle the RCA should fight. We can alert the shopping center if trucks park



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under the "No Parking" signs, and if the owner responds, fine. If not, then that's all we can do.

I did call the police (301-279-8000) about the truck parked on Rockinghorse/Macon. Officer Alanna Mellott of the Rockville District came to my house and we talked about the situation. We agreed that the Association would contact the shopping center and see if it could accommodate some commercial trucks that are driven by RCA residents. I would ask for some parking spaces inconspicuous to the neighborhood, perhaps to the right of Katz. Another possibility is the medical center at Rockinghorse/Gaynor/and Randolph Roads. It has a large parking lot where, perhaps, a couple of trucks could park overnight. Based on what can be arranged with these parking lots, if anything, we'll go from there.

The RCA wants everyone to make a living doing whatever they want. However, commercial trucks cannot be allowed to diminish the character of a residential area. Stay tuned.

## Tax Cuts, Sidewalks, or Complete Control

by Richard Zierdt

County Council member Isiah Leggett wants to cut your taxes and has introduced a resolution to lower the county's income tax rate 1 percent (currently, an additional 58% of what you pay in state income taxes to Maryland is collected by the state and passed back to the county). Sounds good. But should the RCA support this?

My problem is that the Council has not fixed our sidewalks, let alone our schools, transportation, or a half-dozen other problems in our county. For purposes of the rest of this essay, I will use sidewalks as a measure of County efficiency, since the results of maintaining them are so easy to see, but any local problem will do. As someone with a generally conservative bent, I support tax cuts. The less money government has, the less it has to screw up (or waste, or lose, or payoff). But in this case, we have sidewalks to repair. The only way these sidewalks are going to be fixed is by the County using County (meaning our) money. We're stuck. If taxes are reduced now, I fear our sidewalks will never get repaired.

Mr. Leggett, in his essay in the Journal and Gazette (April 5), says "Our state government, as well as others who want additional governmental resources, are more than willing to let us do so, but in the long term it is to our detriment." Who said anything about "additional governmental resources?" All I want is one of the most basic governmental responsibilities to be performed, namely, the repair and maintenance of our sidewalks.

Mr. Leggett finishes by saying "And we must never forget that we have an obligation to meet our responsibilities to those who pay our bills." I couldn't agree more. So why are our sidewalks an unsafe and unsightly mess?

There is one other solution: Give us our (monetary) freedom. If the County is unwilling or unable to maintain our sidewalks, then reduce our taxes to zero, and let us fix the sidewalks ourselves!

I will propose at the May 4th General Meeting that the RCA oppose the county income tax cut proposal, or, failing that, the County eliminate the tax altogether, and the authority to fix sidewalks be given to local representative associations.

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## Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

March 6, 2000 to  
April 7, 2000

*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.*

**2000-03-06 (Mon) 10:48 am** Jean Gries (also Dave Lougherly, co-worker) Montgomery County Traffic & Parking Services. Traffic evaluation on Boiling Brook Parkway. Location of the Randolph Hills sign and the trees along the eastbound lanes of traffic are obstructing sight distance for motorists as they're trying to use the crossover from the westbound to the eastbound. These should be removed and their relocation approved by the Department of Permitting services.

**2000-03-06 (Mon) 5:41 pm** Franklin Park resident. By living on a corner, there are lots of sidewalk to shovel when it snows. In this case, however, there is good

neighbor on Hunter's Lane, who, with the use of his snowblower, helps the caller in keeping the sidewalks clear. Caller wants to thank his neighbor for his help over the years.

**2000-03-07 (Mon) 8:11 pm** Marilyn Couture. Calling in response to article "Children Too Scared to Go to School?" Caller is treasurer of the Wheaton High School PTSA (parent-teacher-student association). Yes, some parents do participate, but unfortunately not enough. Typical attendance is between 12 and 20. 1300 students at Wheaton.

**2000-03-08 (Wed) 9:23 am** Anonymous. Can we get a "Do-not-block" sign at the corner of Hunters Lane and Randolph Road? It is almost impossible to get out of Franklin Park in the morning when so many cars are going to HEW (now HHS), and impossible to get in after work. We need the ICC, we need the Montrose Parkway, we need help!

**2000-03-09 (Thu) 5:28 pm** Montrose Park. Wants telephone number to get bulk trash removed. [240-777-6410. *see article about this is in April's ECHO, page 9*]

**2000-03-10 (Fri) 3:09 pm** Anonymous. Please move some of the cars at the bottom of Grayling Lane. You

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cannot see driving up or down the street. These cars never move. Kids are playing and riding their bikes. Don't wait until something happens. Move some of them, please.

**2000-03-13 (Mon) 12:16 pm** Westminster. What can the Association do about land across from caller's house (trash, leaves blowing onto property from nearby yard)?

**2000-03-17 (Fri) 6:38 pm** What's the date of the next yard sale. Also, what about sidewalks? Will the County come around periodically, or do we need to request it specifically?

**2000-03-20 (Mon) 4:21 pm** Randolph Hills. Where can membership dues be mailed? [RCA, P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, 20852, or to the RCA treasurer, 4707 Coachway Drive]

**2000-03-27 (Mon) 2:31 pm** Randolph Hills. Two trucks are parked illegally at night in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center. Police cannot ticket them, since it is on private property, however, the shopping center manage-



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ment could be called. Please provide shopping center's management's number. [See article on page 8.]

**2000-03-30 (Thu) 9:49 am** Mr. Fees (sp?) Montgomery County Code Enforcement, 240-777-3733. Case about two cars parked without tags on Ashley Drive. One car has a cover on it, so it's really not a code violation, and the other car is now gone. Case has been closed. Will call back if any other discrepancies are found.

**2000-04-01 (Sat) 12:45 pm** Responding to call received last month about trash at the end of Macon Road, where the Safeway is. Caller is the elementary principal at Montrose Christian School. The school, through its fourth and fifth grade classes, will take on this problem as a community project, to clean up the area. School is teaching the children about community responsibility, and this would be an excellent way to learn this lesson, and to say to Randolph Hills we realize we are a part of the community, and will show our support this way. A note of thanks to the students would be appreciated. [Sounds like a good deal. Thanks, Montrose.]

**2000-04-01 (Sat) 6:06 pm** Westminster. Should residents be required to have trash cans for their garbage for trash pickup? Neighbors are leaving trash out in bags and the crows are picking open the bags, causing a mess, which caller must clean up. Also, could a trash can be placed at the Metrobus stop. Have asked the Civic Association about this numerous times. Caller has called Metro several times about moving the stop. The Westminster RCA sign needs a coat of paint. If the Association provides the paint, caller will brush it on.

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**2000-04-02 (Sun) 7:27 pm** Anonymous. Caller is responding about the rabbit smell as reported in the last ECHO. What can be done about it? You can't be outside when the wind blows. Caller would like some information about what can be done about this smell.

**2000-04-03 (Mon) 5:53 pm** Sidewalk repairs. What happened to the effort to fix the sidewalks? Haven't heard anything for a while.

**2000-04-04 (Tue) 10:04 am** Responding to the calls about Viers Mill Elementary in the ECHO. Caller's children went to VME with very good results and is sorry to hear that children are running around in the halls all day and having fights. Regarding the 50% subsidized lunch program and the two out of three second-grade classrooms that have English as a second language, this is not a detriment to the school. Caller praises and compliments the school in meeting the needs of the community in this two issues.

**2000-04-05 (Wed) 12:36 pm** When is the Association going to publish a new version of the community map? There is a foot path that cuts across the new school

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**RCA Hotline**

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(Smith School in the former Randolph Junior High building) from Boiling Brook to Macon Road. Please show this on the map. This would be helpful for those that do not own a car.

**2000-04-05 (Wed) 2:24 pm** Health and Crisis International. Wants donated vehicles.

**2000-04-05 (Wed) 4:31 pm** Randolph Hills. Would it be possible for the Boy Scouts to shovel snow during the next cold season? Seniors would sure appreciate it. A contribution could be made as well.

**2000-04-06 (Thu) 6:37 pm** Anonymous. There is a large commercial 40' box truck, over 1 1/2 ton truck being parked on Macon Road. Police have been called many times with no results. *[see article on page 8.]*

*Age is not important unless you're a cheese.*

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## Neighborhood Notes

### State Money for RCA-Land

RCA-land is benefiting from the County's efforts to get more State money for local projects. Garrett Park, over the railroad tracks from RCA-land, is getting \$500,000 to renovate their little town building, the Penn Building. Strathmore Hall in "North Bethesda" is getting \$1 million for preliminary work for the new Performing Arts Center. You should know other neighborhood associations are very concerned about the Rockville Pike traffic this will generate. The Hebrew Home on Montrose Rd. will get \$650,000 for a new geriatric care facility.

### RCA Zoning Violations

The RCA thanks on your behalf those RCA'ers who have taken it upon themselves to report housing code violations. The RCA assisted by providing a basic understanding of residential zoning law, and providing County contacts. The RCA Executive Committee stresses this is an individual effort. RCA involvement is limited only because not everyone agrees with upholding the letter of the law, and we do not want to spend valuable RCA meeting time discussing individual complaints, especially from violators.

### Vote on a Name on the RCA Hotline!

The US Postal Service is beginning construction on a processing facility at the intersection of Montrose Rd & Jefferson Street. The USPS plans on naming it "Pike Station." The RCA takes exception with that name, and has started a civic association drive to change it. "The Pike" has a long history as a private toll road that started in Bethesda, and ran progressively further out, eventually to Rockville. Our Pike is one possible origin of the phrase "...comes down the Pike." "The Pike" has always referred to the entire length of the historical road, but never one local area. RCA-land and the building site area have been referred to as "White Flint" since colonial times, and more recently Rockville. What's your choice for naming this building? Give us a call on the RCA Hotline!

### Garrett Park Road Update

Mr. Pete Beettinger, facilities manager of the Parks Department in our area, told Frank Shore that Garrett Park Road and bridge will be repaired by the end of this summer, 2000. This road and bridge connects the RCA at Schuylkill Road to Beach Drive/Rock Creek Park. The RCA thanks Mr. Beettinger and his crew headed by

Jimmy Cowling for their efforts. This stretch of parkway sure needs it!

Also, the RCA thanks Mr. Beettinger and staff for the tree trimming and maintenance (graffiti, tennis courts) at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center. The low branches of the trees were havens for nighttime activities we don't even want to describe! Now that they're gone, visibility is much improved.

## Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

There are no changes to regular trash pickup until the week of Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. That week, all trash collection for RCA will slide one day and be performed on Tuesday of that week only.

## Gardening Tips

Labor lovingly on your lawn and garden every weekend. Set mower height for summer cutting, 3 to 4 inches depending on grass type. Many RCA'ers cut their grass TOO SHORT. A taller cut will slow weed growth. Apply chelated iron to green up lawn. Crabgrass starts growing in June. Water lawn in the morning so grass surface is dry at night, preventing blight. Apply Milorganite for a great lawn in July & August. Bagworms are exiting their pouches, so this is your last chance to pick them off by hand. Leaf-cutter insects are eating your roses! Spider mites, scale, and aphids are eating all your plants! Spray an Horticultural Oil every 2 weeks to control. Setup Japanese Beetle traps. Stake your peonies. Get busy!



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## MCAFCE

by Mary Lee

On May 1st at 7:30 p.m., we will be meeting at the home of Eleanor Cregger with Eldred helping as hostess. Again, we will be making favors for Meals on Wheels.

Thanks to Judy for having our meeting in March. Your chip-beef dip placed in the middle of the French bread was very good along with other things, and Ethel, your Watergate cake was delicious also. We received a real nice "thank you" from Meals on Wheels for the St. Patrick's Day favors. Maybe it made their day, huh?

Many thanks goes to Anneke for having us in April. She worked so hard trying to cut out all those cute Bunnies and we were quite busy gluing them onto the napkin rings for Meals on Wheels. Your Lemon Chiffon Pie was just delicious — now we know why your sons rate it Number One on your dessert list. She is also sharing the recipe with us.

If you would like to join us, please call Judy Fewell at (301) 770-5540. The MCAFCE programs are open to all without regard to race, sex, handicap or religion.



### Lemon Chiffon Pie (from Anneke Kroos)

#### Step One:

4 beaten egg yolks  
1/2 c. sugar  
1/2 c. lemon juice  
1/2 t. salt  
1 envelope unflavored gelatin  
1/4 c. cold water

#### Step Two:

1/2 c. sugar  
4 beaten egg whites  
1 9" baked pie shell or lady fingers  
whipped cream

Combine egg yolks, 1/2 c. sugar, salt and lemon juice. Cook in double boiler until thick, stirring constantly. Add gelatin softened in cold water. Stir until dissolved. Cool until partially set. Beat remaining 1/2 c. sugar into egg whites and fold into cooled mixture. Pour into pie shell. Chill until firm. Serve topped with whipped cream or strawberries, if desired. *Bon appetit!*

### Orange Coconut Muffins

#### Muffins

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/3 cup orange juice  
1/4 cup Land O Lakes margarine, melted  
1 egg  
1 (11-oz.) can mandarin orange segments, drained

#### Topping

1/3 cup flaked coconut  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon Land O Lakes margarine, softened  
1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel

Heat oven to 375. In large bowl, combine flour, 1/4 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In medium bowl combine orange juice, melted margarine and egg. Add to flour mixture just until moistened. Gently stir in drained orange segments. Spoon into greased or paper-lined muffin pans filling each 2/3 full.

In small bowl stir together coconut, 1/4 cup sugar, margarine and orange peel. Sprinkle evenly on top of each muffin. Bake for 18 to 23 minutes or until lightly browned. Let stand 5 minutes; remove from pans. Makes 12 muffins.

### Frozen Berry Fluff

2 cans (21 oz. each) raspberry or strawberry pie filling  
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk  
1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained  
1 12 oz. container Cool Whip, thawed  
Fresh berries and mint (optional) for garnish

In a bowl, combine first three ingredients. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread in ungreased 13 x 9 x 2 pan. Cover and freeze for 8 hours or overnight. Remove from freezer 10-15 minutes before serving. Cut into squares.

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## News from Cub Scout Pack 1081

by Doneby Smith



The badges and pins and paws keep coming at Cub Scout Pack 1081. **Tony Caffi, Detrick Hoes, Matt Fieller, Michael Rudy, Patrick Souder, Robbie Smith,** and **Blake Wyatt** earned their Tiger Paw # 12 "Make Your Own." In ranks, **Wesley Melvin** advanced to Wolf and **Casey Lannigan** and **Moses Hart** advanced to Bear. The religious award, "Light of Christ," was earned by **Anthony Gadbois**. Among our Webelos 1, **Mark Bushong, Russell Cando,** and **Edward Huggins** earned Handyman. **Frederick Aguglub, Mark Bushong, Russell Cando, Edward Huggins, Javier Silva,** and **Andy Wood** earned Showman. **Mark Bushong, Russell Cando, Edward Huggins,** and **Andy Wood** earned Communicator. These Webelos 2 Scouts earned the Scholar pin: **Scott Talbott, Hafez Taghavi, Howard Johnson, Roger Tellez, Brian Diaz, James Crowder.** **Scott Talbott, Howard Johnson, Hafez Taghavi,** and **Roger Tellez** earned the Traveler pin. **Howard Johnson, Hafez Taghavi, Roger Tellez,** and **Brian Diaz** earned the Readyman pin and **Hafez Taghavi** earned the Music pin. Busy guys!

Our Parent-Son Bake-off was great fun with many winners in the categories of Cake, Pies, Cookies and Miscellaneous. Our Pack fundraising efforts got a boost with generous bids from parents and friends when all the entries were auctioned after the competition. Yum! We enjoyed our annual Spring Pow-Wow and the graduation of our Webelos 2 Scouts from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts at our Pack meeting on April 27.

With the arrival of Spring, it is time to be outside. Our conservation project this year was a clean-up of a local stream on April 29th, and we tested our legs on the aptly-named Billy Goat Trail May 7th. The candy bar sale continues, so if you have a hankering for a Reese's Cup or a Hershey bar, ask one of our Scouts. You get a lot of chocolate for a dollar, and you help our Pack meet our expenses. Thank you and Happy Spring!

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## ***2nd Annual Riding and Remembering Mark Shore***

**The Mark Shore Memorial Bike Team** was formed in 1999 to raise money to fight the debilitating disease of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in memory of Mark Shore (36), a Randolph Hills native, who died from complications related to MS in November 1998. The team rode in the 1999 17th Annual Snow Valley MS 150 Bike Tour and set a "Mark for Mark" raising \$26,000! Thank you to all who helped the team.

Shore was best known for serving as a two-term commissioner on Montgomery County's Commission on People with Disabilities and his activism for disability rights. He was also instrumental in the implementation of many transportation-accessibility issues in Montgomery County, such as curb cuts in sidewalks. His dedication to improving the lives of others with disabilities will not be forgotten.

In a quest to find a cure for this debilitating disease, the Mark Shore Memorial Bike Team has set out to "break the record for Mark." Shore's parents, Senator Frank and Josephine Shore, his brothers, sister and friends have embarked on this aggressive fundraising campaign and are counting on the support of Mark's local community.

Help the team by pledging your support or joining Mark's team of riders. New riders are welcome to participate. Call the **Mark Shore Memorial Hotline today at (301) 770-1815** to leave your pledge or send your tax-deductible contribution by **May 30, 2000** to Frank Shore, 11230 Troy Rd., Rockville, MD 20852. Make checks payable to National Multiple Sclerosis Society and indicate on the check that it is for the "Mark Shore Bike Team."

**Please support the Mark Shore Memorial Bike Team** in any way that you can. The Shore family thanks you for your donation to fight MS and a tribute to Mark Shore, a young man who did so much for the disabled community during his short life.

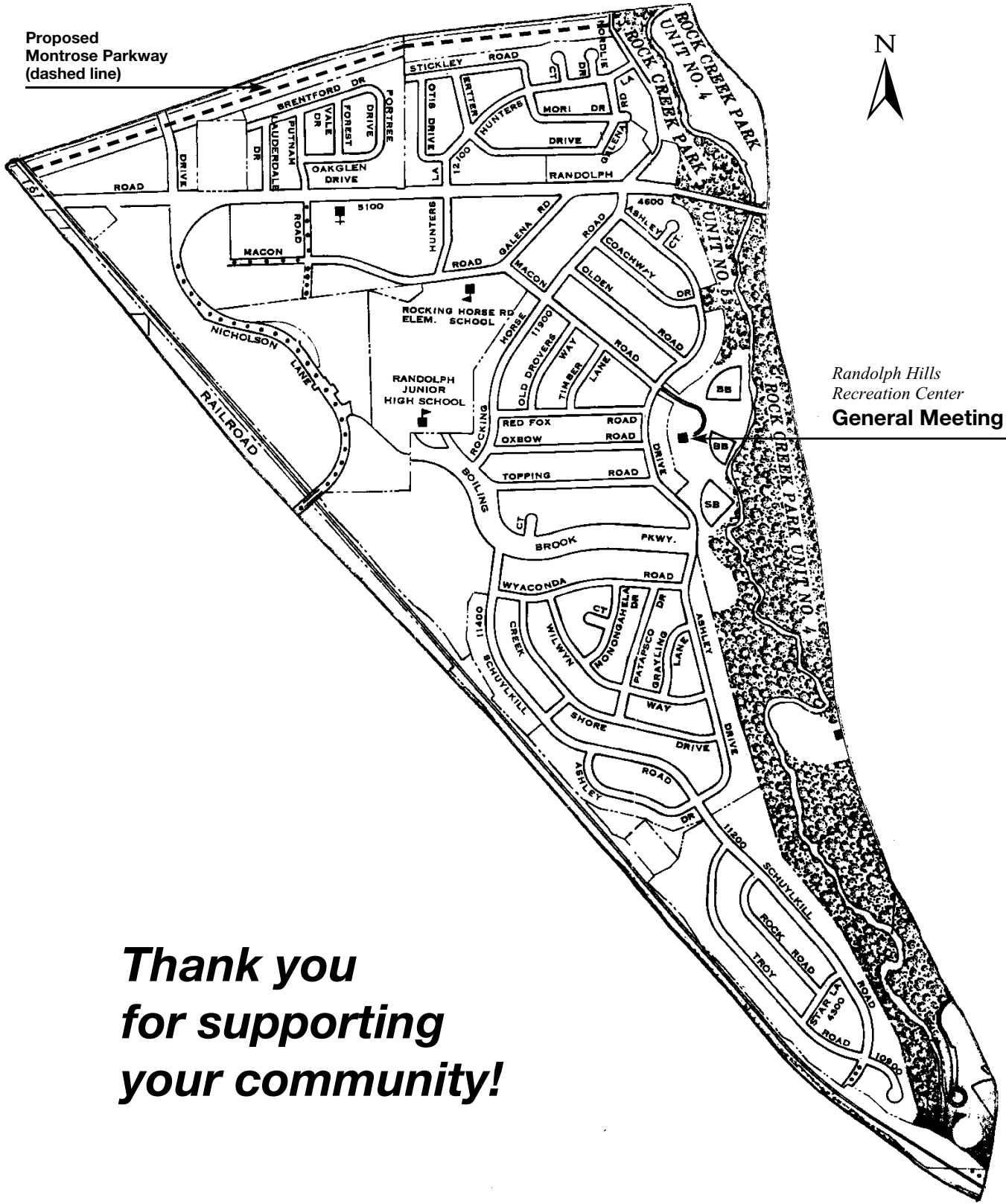


### ***What a Storm!***

It was brief, but it was fierce. The winds that swept through our neighborhood on April 9th took down half of this tree on Ashley Drive, squashing a fence in the process. And then, snow in April! Let's hope Spring is now with us to stay.



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## RCA Meetings

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



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