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RCA Community Yard Sale Saturday, May 11

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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2002
8:00 p.m.

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2002
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.

Funding Approved for Montrose Parkway West

by Richard Zierdt

On Tuesday, April 9, 2002, the Montgomery County Council voted 7-2 to approve construction funding for the Montrose Parkway from I-270 to "old" Old Georgetown Road (essentially, Rockville Pike). Some RCA neighbors, including some in Montrose and Franklin Parks, wonder about the RCA's position on this. Residents on the north side of Brentford Drive and Stickley Road are especially concerned, since their back yards are adjacent to the Parkway's right-of-way (ROW).

The RCA did approve the Montrose Parkway in March of 1999 with conditions. However, the funding approved this month applies **only** to the western portion of the Parkway, **not** the eastern portion north of Montrose and Franklin Parks. However, given the 7-2 vote, I imagine the eastern funding will be approved eventually, but it'll be at least a year, if not two or more. Construction would not be complete until 2010, at the earliest.

In addition to the April 9 vote, the County's Transportation Department held a meeting (not a hearing) about planning for the eastern portion of the Parkway on March 21 at Wheaton High School. Word of this meeting, for which some residents were given about a week's notice, was posted on the RCA web site (randolphcivic.org). (Sorry for the short notice, but that's all we got!) The purpose of this meeting was not to debate the Parkway; rather it was to inform the public of what was planned so far, and what the public would suggest in construction ideas (road alignment, hiker/biker trail, benches, etc) **as if** funding for the eastern Parkway had been approved, which it has not*. We will post any notices we receive about future Parkway meetings on the web site, or in the *Echo* if there is time.

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Guest Speaker for the May General Meeting:

Representative from Flexicar

Our Guest Speaker at the RCA's May 2nd General Meeting will be a representative of Flexicar. Flexicar is a car rental company that offers pick-up of a rental car right at metro stations, including our own White Flint Metro.

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4-26 North of Randolph Rd. Vote at Montrose Baptist Church.

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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..."

Web site: www.randolphcivic.org

President's Message

by Kevin Kline

A developer is going to tear down a house at the southeast corner of Randolph Rd and Hunters Lane, and build four new houses on the property. The original owner, back in the 1950's, purchased four lots, but built only one house on the acre of land. This means the property has always been divided into four lots, so no zoning waivers or special permission is needed to build four houses, one on each lot. I delivered door-to-door notices to 25 nearby homeowners, informing them of an upcoming hearing (since past) before the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. No one called.

I discovered the property was going to be developed, and got blueprints from the County. I bring them to RCA meetings, and a few RCA'ers have reviewed them. The RCA believes that legally, there is little we can do about this development.

The RCA would oppose the development if the property was originally zoned as one, single lot. Developers like to buy large lots, in nice neighborhoods like yours, sub-divide it into several smaller lots, tear down the existing house, and build several new houses on tiny sub-lots. However, the developer would need special County permission, a "zoning waiver" to do this. The developer would have to convince the Planning Board, surrounding homeowners, and the RCA to allow a change in the present zoning law. Such a zoning change would have to be publicly posted so we all would have a chance to comment. The RCA would oppose such a zoning change to the existing zoning laws that govern houses near you.

Minutes of the RCA Executive Meeting

April 4, 2002

The Execs discussed the letter the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) sent. They were responding to our earlier letter, where we complain about large, unsupervised soccer crowds in our Randolph Hills Local Park. The MNCPPC is "considering" our proposals to improve the situation. We understood the County had agreed, but now they are "considering" our proposals.

The Execs discussed the new RCA-land development of four new houses at the intersection of Randolph Road and Hunters Lane (see the President's Message this page).

Passed by unanimous voice-vote: To authorize Treasurer Zierdt to renew the RCA's 24 "Sam's Club" accounts early, to avoid a membership price increase that will take effect soon.



Your RCA volunteers at work. From left to right: Cub Scout Master George Gadbois; RCA Exec and Environmental Chair Jack Stillwell; and Vice President Matthew Shore.

The next topic was RCA-land traffic and the Montrose Parkway (since approved).

Vice-President Matt Shore said the only RCA area without updated streetlights is around Hunter's Lane.

Finally, President Kline read from the complicated toxicology report regarding the poisonings of small animals last Christmas (see article on page 6). Many questions still remain.

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Montrose Parkway West

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For now, it may be best to print my testimony on behalf of the RCA before the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission on April 30, 1999. MNCPPC is an advisory agency for county planning, land use, zoning, and construction. Here it is. The term "TDM" stands for Traffic Demand Management, generally meaning all ways to reduce traffic congestion instead of adding more roads (bus service, subway service, bike and walk lanes, remote parking lots).



April 30, 1999

Maryland National Capital
Park and Planning Commission
Silver Spring

Re: Montrose Parkway

At the March 4, 1999 General Membership Meeting of the Randolph Civic Association, its membership passed a motion supporting the construction of the Montrose Parkway under the following six conditions:

- 1) That the entire 300-foot right-of-way be preserved (no development);
- 2) That the Parkway be limited to four lanes;
- 3) That no truck traffic be permitted on the Parkway;
- 4) That a paved pathway be provided for pedestrians and bicyclists;
- 5) That minimal vegetation be disturbed during construction, and any trees that are destroyed be replaced;
- 6) That no access be constructed between the Parkway and the Montrose Park or Franklin Park subdivisions.

Any deviation from these conditions is contrary to the intent of this motion, and would require additional approval by the Association.

The Association has given a great amount of thought to the Montrose Parkway and came to the conclusion that it should be built. This support pertains to the concept of the Parkway, not to any particular configuration.

There are several reasons for this:

- 1) Access to I-270 from my neighborhood
- 2) Montgomery County traffic figures
- 3) Preservation of suburbia - the "greenest" of solutions

At present, there are 10 traffic lights between our neighborhood and I-270. Traffic in the morning and afternoon is a nightmare. Saturdays are so bad that shopping is very difficult near Rockville Pike. On one recent Saturday, while traveling westbound on Montrose Road trying simply to get to I-270, it took thirteen minutes to travel from Rockville Pike to East Jefferson. There wasn't an accident or fire; it was just too much traffic for too few lanes. Montgomery County traffic projections envision this only getting worse, even with TDM measures in place.

We are as upset as anyone by the excessive (and sometimes capricious) development in North Bethesda, and on Rockville Pike in particular, but experience indicates there's not much that citizens can do about it. This has marginalized suburban lifestyle in the down-county area. But since it has happened, and will continue to happen, our Association wants a way out of it.

While the Parkway may attract more development and more vehicles, we believe the development will occur whether the Parkway is built or not (given the historical practices of the County Council and MNCPPC), and that the Parkway will provide relief for those neighborhood streets that now carry cut-through traffic.

We believe building the Montrose Parkway actually preserves more green space than if it is not built, because not building it means the right-of-way (ROW) can be developed consistent with zoning. Already, plans have been submitted to Park and Planning for the Wilgus Tract (across Montrose Road from the Pavilion), a four-building office complex which intrudes upon the proposed Parkway ROW. The Randolph Civic Association thought of this question too when it passed a motion in March supporting the Parkway. The question was: Which is worse? A 100-foot road within a 300-foot ROW, or 300 feet of townhouses in the same ROW? The Master Plan calls for a Parkway; it should be built.

Residents west of East Jefferson Street may not appreciate the advantageous location of their neighborhood: it's close to I-270 on the west, and close to "downtown" (as it were) on the east. Regardless of the buildup in North Bethesda or Rockville Pike, those residents have a way out. The RCA neighborhood does not unless the Montrose Parkway is built.

Sincerely,

Richard Zierdt
Treasurer, the Randolph Civic Association



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RCA Animal Poisonings

by Kevin Kline

Earlier we reported to you that RCA animals, including two dogs, squirrels, and even a red fox, had been poisoned in the Randolph/Galena/Hunters Road area last Christmas. A concerned neighbor took the lead on this, and kept the RCA informed.

The State of Maryland agrees that the animals were poisoned. The State provided us with a Toxicology Report that is extremely complex to read. The final diagnosis: "organochlorine (endosulfan) intoxication."

Endosulfan is a highly toxic pesticide sold under many trade names including "Inspectophene" and "Cyclodan." Endosulfan "...may be found in formulations with...malathion..." Malathion is commonly used to kill mosquitoes. Endosulfan is in EPA Toxicity Class I, and must be labeled "DANGER - POISON."

This reports concludes "Accidental and intentional pesticide intoxication of birds and mammals typically results in localized die-offs of varying severity."

What does this mean to RCA-land? Someone used an off-the-shelf pesticide that killed household pets and wild animals. Most such pesticides lose their toxicity after a period of time. Is it true that this endosulfan is less dangerous after all these months? Was this poisoning done by accident? Is there some pool of poison still lying around out there?

The State's information was helpful. Now we know someone released poison in RCA-land. But knowing this, we now demand more answers to this health risk.

Park Police Enforcing Traffic Laws

FYI: Be aware that Park police are enforcing traffic laws on and around Beach Drive and Garrett Park Road. This includes speeding and running stop signs. On March 11, a park police officer *on horseback* was noticed writing a ticket to a motorist on Beach Drive just 50 yards south of Garrett Park road. They're serious. RCAers applauded reports of these efforts at the December general meeting.

Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of April 14, 2002, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$4,515.91. An RCA deposit on February 22 was made, but not included in last month's treasurer's report. I've re-done the RCA treasurer's report from that date. A major expense to SAM's Club, usually paid in October, was paid in March this year because SAMs raised its membership prices for business secondary accounts from \$15 to \$30 effective April 1. By paying now, the RCA locked into the lower rate until November, 2003. We will re-examine/re-negotiate our SAMs pricing at that time. For now, we're good to go. The RCA has about 180 SAMs/RCA households.

RCA Checking Register

2/19/02 through 4/14/2002

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
BALANCE 02/19/2002					8,135.29
02/22		RCAssociation	inc:membership	520.00	8,655.29
02/23	670	Quick Printing	March ECHO, 20 pgs	-892.50	7,762.79
02/28		RCAssociation	Dr. Flick, DDS:advert	90.00	7,852.79
02/28		Suntrust Bank	returned chk + Bank Chrg	-35.00	7,817.79
03/15		RCAssociation		25.00	7,842.79
		inc:membership	Rodolfo Ghirlando	20.00	
		inc:RCF	Mary Tedder donation	5.00	
03/15		RCAssociation		410.00	8,252.79
		inc:advertising	Steve Kelley, realtor	360.00	
		inc:advertising	Mass Mutual	50.00	
03/19	E-xfr	Verizon	Feb 22 telephone	-20.90	8,231.89
03/23	671	Quick Printing	April ECHO, 20 pgs	-912.50	7,319.39
03/23		RCAssociation	classified ad	5.00	7,324.39
03/24	672	SAM's Club	5 SAM's accounts	-90.00	7,234.39
03/27	673	Erie Insurance	insurance - yard sale	-200.00	7,034.39
03/28	674	SAM's Club	21 SAMs acct renewals	-3,390.00	3,644.39
03/29		RCAssociation	Pleasantview Pool ad	30.00	3,674.39
BALANCE 04/14/2002					3,674.39

RCF Checking Register

3/15/02 through 4/14/2002

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
BALANCE 03/15/2002					841.40
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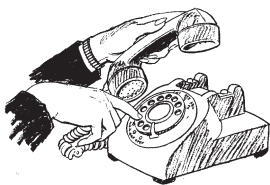
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April 13, 2002



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.

2002-03-16 (Sat) 12:06 pm Hunters Lane, Franklin Park. What is the County's plan for repairing Hunters Lane? The street has been patched many times, which has made the street worse than what it was before. Will the County re-do the whole road? *[call the County Department of Transportation, 240-777-7623]*

2002-03-19 (Tue) 11:47 am Ertter Drive. Is there another charity that has a truck at 1776 Plaza or another nearby place?

2002-03-25 (Mon) 4:35 pm Anonymous. 47xx block of Boiling Brook Parkway. Trash cans left all over the yards; at least it's not in the street. Recycling was left a mess; stuff still left in the yard. Caller will call trash collection and file a complaint.

2002-03-26 (Tue) 8:46 am Franklin Park. What is RCA's stance on the Montrose Parkway East? *[RCA voted approval, with conditions, of the Montrose Parkway in March, 1999.]*

2002-03-26 (Tue) 5:57 pm Please publish the email addresses for Howard Denis and Doug Duncan in the next *Echo* so that everyone in the RCA can voice their feelings about Montrose Parkway East. The County Council postponed the vote on this until April 9. *[Councilman's Denis' email is published in the ECHO, page 2.]*

2002-03-28 (Thu) 9:44 pm Hunters Lane. Answering a request from last month's *Echo*, caller recommends Scheiffert Tree Service, 301-948-5554, in Rockville. They have 38 years experience, and are very good, very clean, and very fast.

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Are You Aware of Your Air?

In today's day and age, most people are either too busy or preoccupied to concern themselves with many of the basics of life such as the air we breathe. Most of us assume that our air is clean if our filter is not dirty.

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Glenmont Air Conditioning and Heating service manager Brian Rose thinks the real tragedy is that "most people don't realize how deadly carbon monoxide is and that a simple check and an inexpensive detector can deter this threat. Also, they might think it is a heating related problem but gas hot water heaters and ovens are often culprits as well. We insist that our technicians take a reading every time they run a service call to insure that the customer is secure from carbon monoxide problems."

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2002-03-30 (Sat) 11:39 am Anonymous. Caller wants neighbors to control their dogs and their mess(es). *[Note: Caller's message was much longer than this. We invite the caller to email caller's comments to info@randolphcivic.org.]*

2002-03-30 (Sat) 11:41 am Anonymous. Could we join together and clean up the common areas of our neighborhood?

2002-04-02 (Tue) 8:26 am RCA member. Regarding good tree maintenance companies, caller recommends Monseur Tree and Gutter, 301-540-3344. They did the work safely and very professionally, and less costly than other companies.

2002-04-08 (Mon) 6:45 am Anonymous. Caller just returned from walking in the Randolph Hills Park and along Rock Creek, and believes the Cub Scouts have been picking up trash along the Creek. Great job, guys! *[Boy Scout Troop 1083 and Cub Scout Pack 1081 worked with the Potomac Watershed Cleanup group.]*

2002-04-09 (Tue) 6:45 pm Ashley Drive. Caller would like the RCA to do something about the people who let the white German Shepherd run off leash in the park. The dog is not under their control. If anyone knows who the owners are, could they call it in to the hotline so a complaint can be filed?

2002-04-09 (Tue) 9:47 am Anonymous. Is it fair for us to park down the street from our own homes when others (such as 115xx Patapsco Drive) have so many cars parked? Caller hopes the RCA can do something about it. *[The RCA can do something about it, if the caller would provide an exact address. Also, leaving your name and number helps.]*

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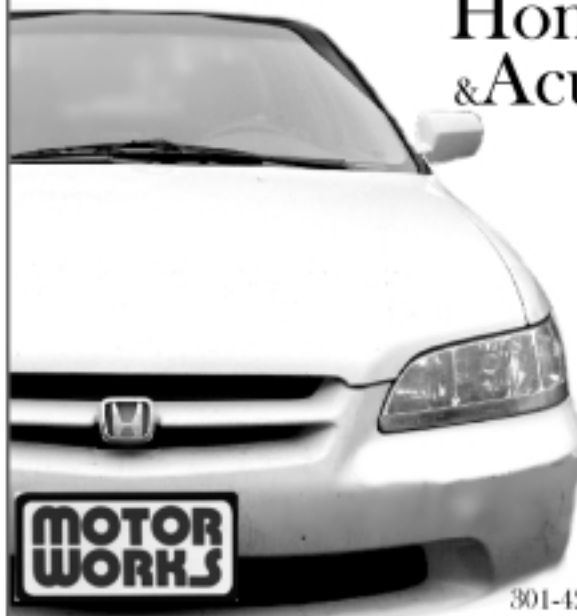
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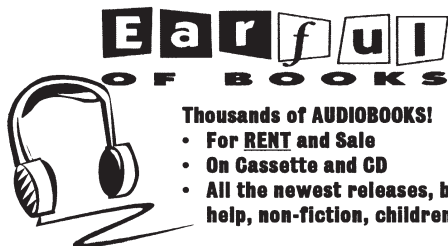
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News from Pack 1081

by Doneby Smith



Pack 1081 Cub Scouts didn't have to go to Florida to camp in warm comfort in March! Our Webelos dens "camped" overnight at the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore on March 9-10. Enjoying the theme of Marine Explorations, our scouts attended workshops on the ocean's complex food web and the impact of oil spills, visited the Planetarium and the IMAX theater, and rode on the virtual reality capsule, which simulates a variety of air and spacecraft. Our new junior oceanographer scouts were **Anthony Gadbois, John Pitkin, Galen Miley, Ryan Brown, Moses Hart, Andrew Costas, Johnny Hilderbrand, and Fredis Mata.**

Our Webelos II boys, **Anthony Gadbois, Galen Miley, Moses Hart** and **John Pitkin**, did some more traditional camping with Troop 1083 in Cabin John Park from March 15-17. Despite a little hail, they worked as a team, cooking and orienteering. On Saturday evening, they went to Rockville Swim Center



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for a dip before retiring to camp for a campfire and toasted marshmallows.

That same Saturday, the Potomac District Pinewood Derby Finals were held at the Clara Barton Community Center on MacArthur Blvd. Racecar entries from **Gregory Gadbois** and **Joshua Hart** gave the others some heated competition. (Our other pack speed qualifiers, **Jake Blakely** and **Derek Compton**, were unable to attend.) **Thomas Rivas-Siles**, whose car won our pack's "Best Looking" award, won one of the three District "Best Looking" trophies. Congratulations, Tommy! All the boys received a special district derby patch for the event.

The March Pack Meeting always smells like a bakery with our annual Parent-Son Bake-Off. An abundance of cookies, pies, fudge and cakes were judged for taste and appearance. Scouts participating in baking a treat with their adult partner were **Anthony Gadbois**, **Krisztian Mazo**, **Sasha Hevey**, **Ayinde Warren**, **AJ Taylor**, **Tony Caffi**, **Johnny Hilderbrand**, **Ben Hawkins**, **Brenton Polk**, **Joseph Owen**, **Tony Muro**, **John Pitkin**, **Gregory Gadbois**, **Andrew Costas**, **Alan Costas**, **Jason Beam**, and **Daniel Murillo**. Daniel's cake won the ribbon for overall best. All the boys received a ribbon for their creations. There was a bidding frenzy as all the baked items were auctioned to generous parents who contributed over \$300 to our fundraising efforts. Many thanks to our coordinator, **Mary Anne Gadbois** as well as to our judges, **Dave Talbott** and Viers Mill staff members **Ms. Stacey Brown**, **Ms. Patty Keplinger** and **Ms. Lynn Johnson** for all their help.

Sasha Hevey, **Jason Beam**, **Gregory Gadbois**, and **Ben Hawkins** earned their Sports Letter. Wolf Gold Arrow Point was awarded to **Jason Beam**, **Jake Blakely**, **Gregory Gadbois**, **Sasha Hevey**, **Dwayne Remillard**, and **AJ Taylor**. **Sasha Hevey**, **Dwayne Remillard**, and **AJ Taylor** earned 1st Wolf Silver Arrow Point, and 2nd Wolf Silver Arrow Points went to **Dwayne Remillard** and **AJ Taylor**. President's Challenge Awards for fitness from our Fall Field Day event went to **Ayinde Warren**,

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Pack 1081

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Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart, and Moses Hart. Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Andrew Garcia, Sasha Hevey, Dwayne Remillard, Jaccen Schairer, Thomas Shaw, AJ Taylor, Kyle Blakely, Thomas Rivas, Galen Miley and John Pitkin received National Awards, and Participant Awards were given to **Jake Blakely, Matt Fieller, Johnny Hilderbrand, Joseph Owen, Anthony Gadbois, and Miguel Manzano.**

Rounding out the month, we had our own version of The Masters at the Pack 1081 Open at the Rockville Putt-Putt on March 24. Tiger Woods didn't show up, but a group of our scouts made hole-in-ones: **Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Kyle Blakely, Jake Blakely, Brenton Polk, Ayinde Warren, Moses Hart, Joshua Hart, Krisztian Mazo, Andrew Costas, Alan Costas, AJ Taylor, Patrick Owen, Dwayne Remillard, and Fredis Mata.**

Our scouts will be cleaning up trash in and along Boiling Brook in Randolph Hills on Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day, April 6. We will also have a bike ride outing, our annual Pow Wow and another campout for our Webelos II scouts before they graduate to Boy Scouting on April 18. Visit our website:

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News from Brownie Troop 1487

by Pat Hart

First of all, we would like to thank everyone who supported our troop by bringing it to the attention of the RCA. The RCA generously voted to support our efforts by donating \$200.00 to our troop. Thank you one and all.

We would also like to thank anyone who bought Girl Scout cookies for supporting the Girl Scouts of America in the effort to help young girls become good citizens and to learn that they can achieve anything they put their minds to.

The girls have been very busy at their meetings. We dyed eggs for Easter for a centerpiece, counted and stapled coupons for the Viers Mill PTA, and worked on several badges. We were invited to participate in a camp skills day the end of April and are preparing for our first camping trip. We are looking forward to learning many new and useful skills.

Viers Mill Elementary Annual Spring Fair

Viers Mill Elementary School will hold its annual Spring Fair on **Saturday, June 1, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** There will be food and fun for all. Bring the kids to enjoy arts and crafts, carnival games, and amusements including a moon bounce, giant inflatable slide, and dunk tank. Other activities will include face painting, kids' tattoos, sand art, and bead crafts. Raffle prizes this year include gift baskets, gift certificates for hotel accommodations, restaurants, and stores, and merchandise. There will be a bake sale and cake walk.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at a reduced price (20 cents per ticket) in Viers Mill Elementary's All Purpose Room May 20-31 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or purchased at the Fair for 25 cents per ticket. If you work from home selling products such as Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Discovery Toys or Tupperware and you would like to have a table at the Fair (\$10 per table), please contact Karen Tincknell at 301-816-2367. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Kibbe at 301-946-6393. We look forward to seeing you there!

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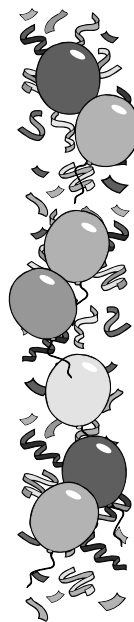
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County Update

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RCA-land Construction this Fall

Later this Fall, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will begin a major construction project through Rock Creek Park, from Veirs Mill Road, across Randolph Road, and stopping near Dewey and Mahan Roads. WSSC is going to replace the 1960's era 42-inch sewer pipe, and the 1950's-era 24-inch pipe, that run beside the Rock Creek stream. These sewer pipes service RCA-land. An overflow could happen if WSSC did not replace these pipes (whereby raw sewage leaks out through manhole covers). Heavy construction equipment will be parked along Dewey, Gaynor, and Mahan Roads. Trucks will haul in large sections of pipe. There may be controlled blasting during daylight hours, to cut through sections of solid rock. A tunnel will be installed

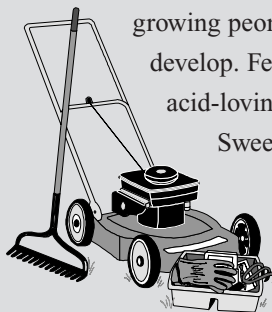
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Gardening Tips

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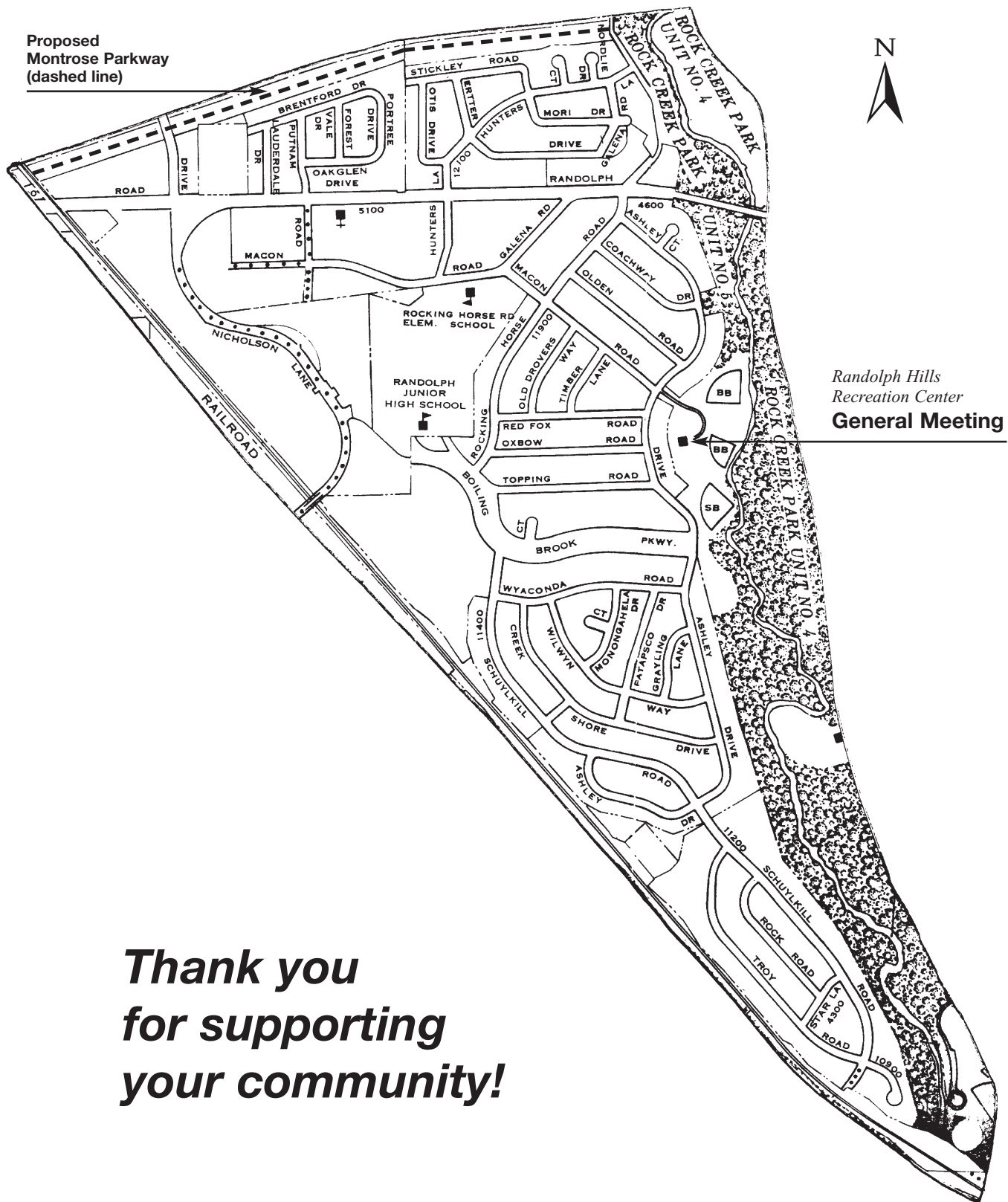
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Note to Contributors:

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Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)301-279-1591

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Park Police301-949-3010
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Animal Control240-773-5960

Building Permits240-777-6200

Consumer Affairs240-777-3636

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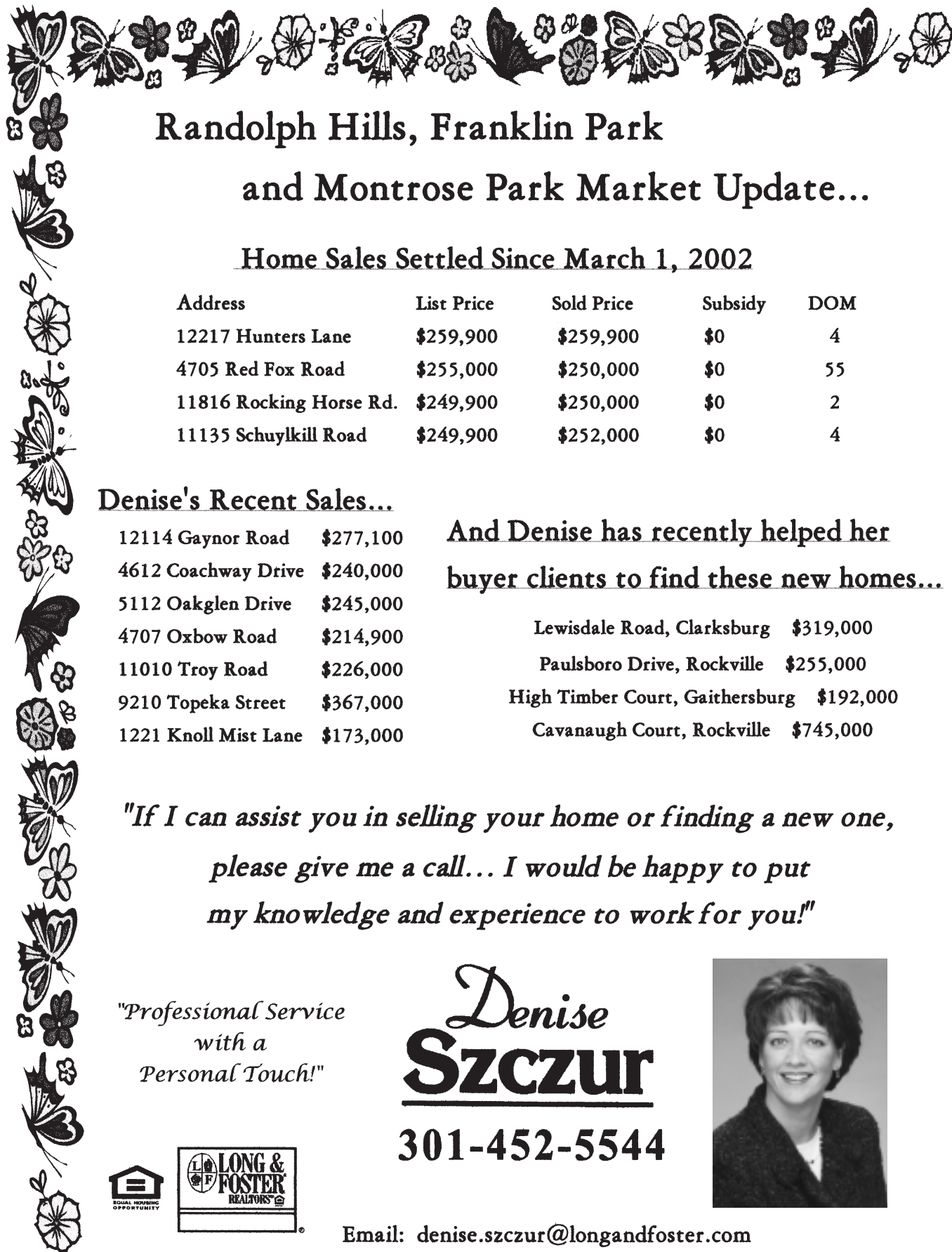
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4705 Red Fox Road	\$255,000	\$250,000	\$0	55
11816 Rocking Horse Rd.	\$249,900	\$250,000	\$0	2
11135 Schuylkill Road	\$249,900	\$252,000	\$0	4

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12114 Gaynor Road	\$277,100
4612 Coachway Drive	\$240,000
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