

# The Echo

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## President's Message

*by Matt Shore*

About six years ago the RCA embarked on a program that the County has for getting additional street lights. We were very successful in getting more than 80 lights installed. Over the past couple of years we have gotten more petitions for streetlights which we have forwarded to the Department of Transportation. These petitions have been up there for a few years while they have been looking for money to put them in. Luckily, Council members Howard Denis and Nancy Floreen have put pressure on the County to help get this program finished for us. So I say to everyone in the RCA, IF YOU HAVE A PETITION GET IT TO US BY JUNE SO WE CAN PUT IT IN WITH THE 20 OTHERS. THE MORE LIGHTS WE HAVE THE BETTER PRICE THE COUNTY GETS FROM PEPCO. THIS WILL BE OUR FINAL LUMP PUSH FOR LIGHTS.

To give you some history on residential streetlights all you have to do is look at roads that are not highways or main arteries. These roads have a light at every other utility pole. Main roads and most highways have lights on every pole. If you want to get a light on a bare pole you need to get a petition of the four houses surrounding the pole. If you can get three out of four signatures you are then eligible for a new streetlight. You can use the petition on page 11 of this *Echo*, or you can come to the May meeting and pick one up, or you can download one from the RCA Web site ([www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)). The completed petitions should be mailed to me at the address on the form, or you can bring them to the May or June RCA meeting. I will personally take them up to the County.

We need to get this program finished to improve the overall safety in the RCA. To see the difference lights make, you can ride through Montrose Park or the 3rd section and see a streetlight on every pole. If you have questions or concerns about this come to the May meeting. I will see you there.

## Upcoming Events

### RCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2004  
8:00 p.m.

### RCA General Meeting

Thursday, June 3, 2004  
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.

## RCA Spring Community Yard Sale



Saturday, May 15  
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
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Cost is \$5.00 for RCA members, \$10.00 for non-members. No registration required, just show up. No rain date. Bring your own table(s) if necessary. Great opportunity to get rid of that trash in the basement and attic.

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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](http://www.randolphcivic.org)

## Having a Yard Sale? Use RCA-Provided Signs for FREE!

by Richard Zierdt

Hey, neighbor! Don't waste your time cutting cardboard, sawing wood, or hammering nails when you want to hold a yard sale. Just call the RCA's yard sale sign coordinator Shelby Hurt of Schuylkill Road at 301-770-1783 and request use of pre-printed yard sale signs provided by the RCA. They are (reasonably) attractive, and they are free. They are 18"x24" "plastic cardboard" signs, mounted on heavy wire stands. Just stick 'em in the ground. Pick 'em up from Shelby and return 'em to her when you're done. Yes, the RCA also runs the community yard sales, where you'll get a lot more traffic, but if the community sale is inconvenient, these signs are the next best thing.

### RCA Zoning News

- Two new houses are being constructed on a one-acre lot at 4900 Randolph Road, formerly owned by RCA'er Ruth King. The King house was torn down, and two new houses are nearing completion.
- The four newly completed houses at the Randolph Road/Hunters Lane intersection are selling in the \$450K - \$550K price range.
- At the Montrose Crossing Shopping Center (Giant Food Store), next to the parking garage, 230 apartments will be built on one acre of land!
- Work continues behind the Giant grocery store on the new Target shopping center.
- At the intersection of Montrose Road and I-270, 150 townhouses will be built on 54 acres, and named the "Fortune Parc" subdivision.
- The RCA monitors new zoning in the area, and much new construction is planned along Rockville Pike. Blueprints will be available for you to review at upcoming general meetings.



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## Treasurer's Report *by Richard Zierdt*

As of April, 17, 2004, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$14,953.57. I re-did the RCA report back to February 23, since the Quick Printing check 724 was mis-reported last month as \$885, when it was in fact \$892.50.

RCA Checking Register					
02/23/2004 through 04/08/2004					
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 02/22/2004</b>			<b>13,691.75</b>
02/25	724	Quick Printing	Mar ECHO	-892.50	12,799.25
03/03		RCAssociation	Peter Crawford, R.E.	210.00	13,009.25
03/08		RCAssociation		915.00	13,924.25
		inc:advertising	Seigel	50.00	
		inc:membership	50 members	865.00	
03/17		RCAssociation	Tammy Long, R.E.	300.00	14,224.25
03/18	E-xfr	Verizon	Feb 22 telephone	-23.22	14,201.03
03/19	725	Quick Printing	April ECHO	-997.50	13,203.53
04/08		RCAssociation	Brizendine	10.00	13,213.53
		<b>BALANCE 04/08/2004</b>			<b>13,213.53</b>
<i>RCA Suntrust Bank statement, March 22, 2004: 14,201.03</i>					

RCF Checking Register					
03/13/2004 through 04/17/2004					
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 03/12/2004</b>			<b>1,839.72</b>
03/31		interest received	.10%	0.12	1,839.84
04/01	1066	Brian McGahey	candy cane - Santa	-99.80	1,740.04
		<b>BALANCE 04/17/2004</b>			<b>1,740.04</b>
<i>RCF Suntrust bank balance, March, 31, 2004: 1,839.84</i>					

<b>Total RCA+RCF cash assets</b>	<b>14,953.57</b>
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## Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

301-881-2722 (2RCA)

March 14, 2004 to  
April 10, 2004



*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.*

**2004-03-14 (Sun) 4:47 pm** Not anonymous. Caller is looking for a part-time baby sitter, three days a week, 2 hours a day. Will pay. Either a stay-at-home mom, or a high school girl. Schuylkill Road.

**2004-03-14 (Sun) 9:39 pm** Anonymous on Boiling Brook Parkway. Thanks to those who were responsible for getting the large trash items picked up in the Amazing Savings parking lot. It looks much better. Caller and spouse took 30 minutes to clean up the small trash that was still left behind. Caller encourages all residents to keep our neighborhood nice-looking. It would help if the shopping center could police itself.

**2004-03-19 (Fri) 2:35 pm** Anonymous. Anyone who tries to report an abandoned auto will have great difficulty. There's an abandoned car in the 5100 block of Macon Road, but nobody knows anything! [Call 301-840-2454 for Montgomery County's Abandoned Vehicle Section. Press 3 to report an abandoned car, then 4 for the Rockville-Wheaton district (even though we are in North Bethesda!). Normal business hours are Monday-Friday, 8 am - 3:30 pm, but reports can be left at any time. We'll try to place this number in the Important Phone Numbers list which usually appears on the penultimate page of every ECHO. If the abandoned car is on private property (typically a private driveway), this becomes a housing code enforcement issue, and the police cannot tow it. Call 240-777-3600 in these cases. You do not have to leave your name.]

**2004-03-21 (Sun) 9:59 am** Anonymous. There's a big truck parked on Rocking Horse Road, full of trash, with a flat tire on it, sitting there for the past week. It's a red Chevrolet, MD tag #85Mxxx. It's a real eyesore. Is there anything that can be done about it? Thank you.

**2004-03-21 (Sun) 9:52 pm** Anonymous on Galena Road. Someone is in the roofing business with two roofing trucks parked on the street. How can this happen? They look terrible. The neighborhood is getting worse and worse. Please take care of that. Thank you.

**2004-03-26 (Fri) 2:26 pm** Rocking Horse Road. Caller lost a 12-year old cat, which is very unusual since the cat always stays close to home. Caller wonders if someone picked it up thinking it was a stray. If the RCA hears reports of a found, grey cat, with golden eyes, and a tiny fleck of white on her stomach, de-clawed and spayed, please let caller know. Or if the cat is found dead, please let caller know, and caller will retrieve it. Thank you. [RCA has caller's name and phone number. Please call the hotline with any information.]

**2004-03-27 (Sat) 7:29 pm** Anonymous. Two cars in the neighborhood have had their driver's side window broken in the last week, and glass left on the ground. Is there a pattern of auto break-ins in the area? Should this be a concern?

**2004-03-28 (Sun) 10:12 am** Anonymous. Every day there is a moving van that parks on Red Fox Road. Caller has already called the police three times about this. The police ask caller if this is a "real" problem, or is caller



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“just complaining.” Is there something the RCA can do, or is this something we have to just live with? *[Richard Zierdt here. The police should not treat concerns about quality of life issues (which is what this is) with contempt, but rather enforce the law. I've had several conversations with police liaison Officer Rose Whalen about this. When I reported one illegally parked large truck, I've received similar treatment from an officer who said she could ticket 100 trucks in our neighborhood if she wanted, so why pick on this one truck? Answer: because we don't, in fact, have 100 trucks as large as the one I reported parked in the neighborhood. The police don't want to be the bad guy on stuff they consider immaterial, when rapists are running wild in our County, accosting women at every turn (please recognize the exaggeration here, folks). The point is, enforcement of parking laws is important, but the police don't see it that way. Another problem is that the police do not know the law. It is illegal to park large commercial trucks over a certain size in residential areas unless that truck is engaged in commerce. OK, but what's the law, in chapter and verse? The RCA published the law in the ECHO a few years ago. It would be more effective if we posted it on our website. Let me work on that. When I had the law in front of me, I quoted it when I've reported parking violations on Randolph Road. It seems to help.]*

**2004-03-28 (Sun) 2:19 pm** Anonymous on Patapsco Drive. What can be done about neighbors who park their cars in the caller's driveway, late at night, when they're partying, blocking caller's car, which would prevent caller from leaving in an emergency? Same neighbors also deposit trash in caller's yard and trash cans. Neighbor's kids have no respect for property. Neighbor's kids bounce balls off caller's house. Caller has complained to subject neighbors. Caller does not want to complain, but caller is certain the subject home has at least 10 people living in it. Does caller have any rights, and what are they? *[It is illegal to park and block another person's driveway. The police should enforce this, notwithstanding Richard Zierdt's response to the last phone call. Also, calling the police immediately when the kids are bouncing the balls, and asking them to come out and talk to the residents of the subject home can be effective. They will not issue a ticket, but they are good in talking to neighbors and advising them to stop annoying, and in this case illegal, actions. Housing code enforcement can be called if caller suspects the subject home has more than five unrelated persons living in it. Phone numbers are listed in every ECHO.]*

**2004-03-28 (Sun) 4:39 pm** Ertter Drive in Franklin Park. Has the idea of establishing a system of residential parking permits ever been considered? Sometimes a home

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## RCA Hotline

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will have four or five cars parked on the street. *[Not seriously because the management of such a system is beyond what the RCA can do. However, if we were a municipality, things would be different. For now, unless there are more than five unrelated persons living in one home, it's a tough situation.]*

**2004-03-29 (Mon) 3:41 pm** Ertter Drive. Caller just called Howard Denis's office and talked with his aide, Ken Hartman, asking about additional street lighting. When caller moved here in 1974, everything was fine. Now, with break-ins, etc, better lighting is necessary. Caller says we pay enough taxes. Why can't we get sufficient lighting? *[Howard Denis is our local County Council member. RCA president Matt Shore is working on this. See his President's Message in this ECHO.]*

**2004-03-31 (Wed) 2:35 pm** Anonymous. On March 31, about 9:30 am, police were blocking Gaynor Road at Randolph Road, asking people if they lived in Franklin Park. Does anyone know what this is about? Why were the police interrogating everybody going down Gaynor Road? The asked an 80 year-old lady what she's doing in her own neighborhood...pull her over and interrogate her like that. Do you know what happened? Does it have anything to do with the medical building? And if so, is the medical building becoming a hazard for us in our own neighborhood? Any news about this would be appreciated. *[RCA has no information, but we'll ask the Rockville liaison if they know anything.]*

**2004-04-04 (Sun) 11:25 am** Appreciates the comment made in last month's *Echo* hotline about helping neighbors, in this case, helping them as they clean house after a spouse died, and encouraging us to be good neighbors.

**2004-04-05 (Mon) 7:32 am** Someone broke into caller's car; busted out the back window. Did not try to take anything. This is at least the third car that caller has seen broken into: Boiling Brook Parkway, Ashley Drive, and Schuylkill Road. Caller hopes police will take this seriously. Caller has called police.

**2004-04-05 (Mon) 5:37 pm** 114xx Schuylkill Road. Caller alerts the community about car vandalism, car windshields being destroyed as they drive by. There is a string of them that happened last night on the third of April. A police report was filed.

**2004-04-08 (Thu) 10:52 am** 114xx Schuylkill Road. Reports car glass breakage that occurred on Schuylkill



Road on Sunday night. Caller left home at 5 am on Monday to find driver's side rear door glass was smashed out. Car on Boiling Brook was also smashed out. So apparently we had vandals run through the neighborhood. Inconvenient, certainly, for the owners of the cars. If there's something we can do as a community to step up the neighborhood watch or notify the police, that would certainly be appreciated.

**2004-04-10 (Sat) 6:02 pm** Anonymous resident on Galena Road. Caller notices that a roofing company is parking roofing company trucks on Galena. Please, could you say something to them? It looks terrible. We're trying to have a neighborhood here. They play loud, Mexican music. Could someone mention that their behavior is disturbing. The appearance of the house is now unappealing. Caller wishes the RCA would do something to keep the neighborhood nice, instead of just doing yard sales. Caller thinks the RCA should be as interested in keeping the neighborhood somewhat decent; not so impoverished-looking. Unfortunately, our neighborhood has become what is known as the slums of Montgomery County. Caller wishes we had someone other than just the RCA watching over us because obviously you (RCA) can't do anything good but just do yard sales, and you haven't done anything for us. The neighborhood is just turning to trash. I wish you would do something besides just yard sales. Would you please keep an eye on the neighborhood? Thank you. *[Richard Zierdt here. Well, the RCA also holds community picnics... Seriously, caller's concerns are like those many of us share: the appearance and upkeep of our neighborhood, and adequate code enforcement to see that it happens. But it starts with each resident, then the RCA. Please call the police when commercial trucks park in the neighborhood overnight. I'll try to post the actual text of the parking code online (www.randolphcivic.org) and in the ECHO. If the police won't enforce it, then call the RCA, or come to any RCA meeting (1st Thursdays of most months). Being anonymous doesn't help in particular situations. We never reveal who calls the hotline in the ECHO.]*

**2004-04-xx** Anonymous on Schuylkill Road. Last Saturday, the 10th, caller saw four teen-aged boys on their backs around the railroad tracks around 11424, 11426, 11422, and 11420 Schuylkill Road. They were fooling around; looked like they were hiding. Caller saw them go down the hill by the tracks, then they came up. Train came by, and it sounded like it hit something. Caller thinks these punks put something on the tracks. Then they proceeded to throw things at the train. *[Hotline tape ran out! Sorry, caller! Tape has been refreshed. RCA recommends that caller call the police if this happens again. Perhaps caller did, since caller's full message could not be recorded. Please call back.]*



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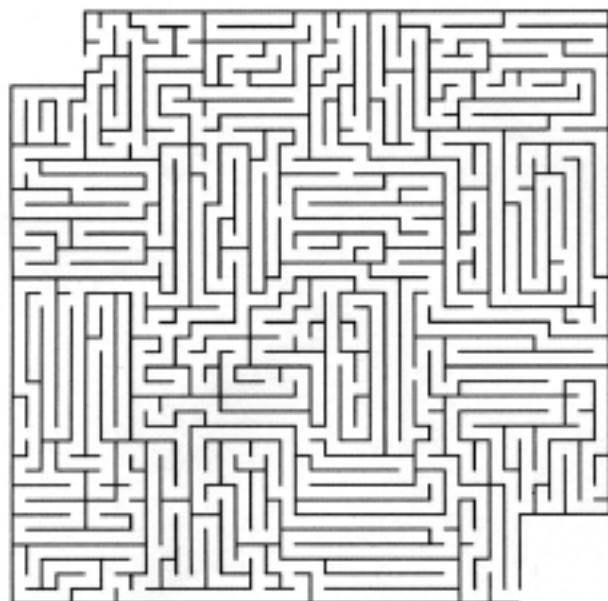
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## News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois



Pack 1081's Webelos Scouts got in from the outdoors for the annual indoor science exploration adventure weekend this past March. The boys "camped" overnight at the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore on March 13-14. Enjoying the theme of Weird Science, our scouts attended workshops on electricity & magnetism, monomers & polymers (goop), visited the Planetarium and the IMAX theater, and rode on the virtual reality capsule, which simulates a variety of fantasy vehicles. Our new junior scientist scouts were **Matt Fieller, Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Jason Beam, Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart, Dwayne Remillard, Jake Blakely, Alexander Hevey** and **AJ Taylor**.

The March Pack Meeting was abundant with boy-baked cakes and pies at our annual Parent-Son Bake-Off event. The pleasant aroma of cookies, fudge and other baked items filled the air as they were judged for taste and appearance. Scouts participating in baking a treat with their adult partner were **Matthew Best, Aidan Gibbons, DJ Terry, Tyler Bochniak, Preston Polk, Brandon Johnson, Chris Mulcahy, Steve Hernandez, AJ Taylor, Tony Caffi, Brenton Polk, Gregory Gadbois, Jason Beam, Brad Gessford, Patrick Owen, Kyle Blakely, Matt Fieller, Jake Blakely, Joshua Murtagh, Sawyer Kibbe** and **Matthew Luong**. **DJ Terry** won First Place for the best looking cake and **Steve Hernandez** received First for the best tasting one.

*Group shot of our Boiling Brook Stream Cleanup Crew: Pack 1081 Cub Scouts along with Troop 1083 Boy Scouts, several neighborhood Girl Scouts and leaders.*



*Pack 1081's attendees & trophy winners at the Pinewood Derby District Finals.*

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 \$550 to our fundraising efforts. Many thanks to our coordinator, **Andrea Kibbe**, and to **Mary Anne Gadbois** as well as to our judges, **Ben Pitkin, Dave Talbott** and Viers Mill staff members **Ms. Adell Milne, Ms. Laura Jaynes** and **Ms. Patty Keplinger** for all their help.

For March awards we had Webelos II **Matt Fieller** earning his Outdoorsman Activity Pin. Matt, along with **Tony Caffi** and **Kyle Blakely**, received their Family Member and Scholar Activity Pins as well as their World Conservation Award and a Compass Point each for completing four more Activity Pins. Webelos I awards were the Sportsman Activity Pin going to **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart, Alexander Hevey, Timothy Lim, Dwayne Remillard & AJ Taylor**; and the Showman Activity Pin went to **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart, Alexander Hevey, Dwayne Remillard & AJ Taylor**. Bear Gold Arrow Points for Elective Activities were awarded to **Steve Hernandez** and **Patrick Owen**. Our Wolf scouts earned the following: Bobcat Rank went to **Brandon Johnson** and the Sports & Academics Program Ice Skating Sports Pin was earned by **Sawyer Kibbe**. For the Tiger group, the Ice Skating Belt Loop was presented to **Aidan Gibbons, Preston Polk** and **DJ Terry**. Also, our Bear

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## Pack 1081

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and Webelos I dens were recognized in a tie for this year's uniform inspection winners.

All three of our Webelos II boys, **Matt Fieller, Kyle Blakely** and **Tony Caffi** joined Troop 1083 at Cabin John Park on March 19-20. They practiced map & compass, learned fire-building techniques and worked as a team cooking and learning other scout crafts. On Saturday evening, they went to Rockville Swim Center for a dip before retiring to camp for a campfire cracker barrel.

On Saturday March 27th, the Potomac District Pinewood Derby Final was held at the LDS Center on Falls Road. Racecar entries from **Gregory Gadbois, Steve Hernandez, Sawyer Kibbe** and **Aidan Gibbons** gave the others some fierce competition in the many heats. All boys were recognized for making it as far as the top 20, but Aidan advanced to place as a District trophy winner. **Patrick Owen**, whose car won our pack's "Best Looking" award (error in the March edition), represented us in the appearance category and also took home a District trophy. All the boys received a derby patch for the event. Congratulations boys!

On Sunday, the 28th, we had a great day for mini golf at the Rocky Gorge Miniature Golf Course. The

boys putted their way through the obstacles as if they were in the Masters. Scouts on their way to be pros were **Chris Mulcahy, Aidan Gibbons, Brad Gessford, Tyler Bochniak, Steve Hernandez, Matthew Luong, Gregory Gadbois, Jake Blakely, Alexander Hevey, Kyle Blakely** and **Matt Fieller**.

If you think the area along Boiling Brook Parkway on the creek side appears cleaner, well it is! Our Cub Scouts, along with Boy Scouts with Troop 1083 picked up an assortment of trash on the annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day, April 5th. Cub Scouts participating were **Jason Beam, Joshua Hart, Gregory Gadbois, Matt Fieller, Steve Hernandez, Brenton Polk, DJ Terry, Kyle Blakely, Jake Blakely, Tony Caffi, Brad Gessford, Joshua Murtagh, Brandon Johnson, Aidan Gibbons, Matthew Luong, Preston Polk** and **Patrick Owen**. Adding in some Girl Scouts and helping parents, we had over 30 people in attendance filling more than 70 bags with garbage from the creek.

We are looking forward to our April bike ride outing, our annual Native American Pow Wow and our Webelos II scouts graduating to Boy Scouting on April 22. If you are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout program for your 1st – 5th grade son, please stop by Viers Mill ES any Monday evening at 6:30 or call George Gadbois at 301-770-5386. It's never too late to join! Visit our website at:

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## Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

The arrival of warm weather has caused Troop 1083 to start getting outside. In March we camped at Cabin John Regional Park. Some of the Scouts are hiking the Lenhoksin trail this summer at Goshen Scout Reservation. To prepare for this week-long adventure they did a "shakedown" hike on a trail through the park. The hiking Scouts were **Jacob Bolt, Alex Cassel, Edward Huggins, Galen Miley, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott** and **Andy Wood**. Other Scouts on the trip were **David Turish, Steven Santos, John Pitkin, Joseph Owen, Scott Johnson, Johnny Hilderbrand, Anthony Gadbois** and **Edwin Fuentes**. After the hike, we went to the Rockville Municipal Swim Center. The Scouts had fun in the pool. The old guys really enjoyed the hot tub. Adults supporting the trip were **Ken Wood, Dave Talbott, Brian McGahey, George Gadbois** and **Sharon Beardslee**.

April was busy. On the 3rd of April we had a big day. In the morning many Scouts worked on stream cleanup along Boiling Brook. They included **Jake Bolt, Mark Bushong, Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Edward Huggins, Scott Johnson, Joseph Owen, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, David Turish**, and **Andy Wood**. **Greg Skolnik, Dave Talbott, George Gadbois, Pat Hart**, and **Geoff Owen** provided adult support. Scouts joined members of the community cleaning the creek. Many Scouts took a 25-mile bike ride through Rock Creek Park after the clean up. They were **Jake Bolt, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Anthony Gadbois, Edward Huggins, Steven Santos, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood, Scott Johnson, Joseph Owen**, and **David Turish**. Adults along for the ride were **Ken Wood, Greg Skolnik, Geoff Owen** and **George Gadbois**. Soon, Scouts will complete a 50-mile ride to complete Cycling Merit Badge.


Later in April, the 16th-18th, we went to Gettysburg Battlefield, camping at nearby Round Top Campground. This trip also featured a shake down hike for Lenhoksin, and a bike tour of the battlefield. The hikers saw the battlefield up close. Hikers were **Matt Binstead, Jake Bolt, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Edward Huggins, Scott Talbott** and **Andy Wood**. The adult advisors who hiked along were **Ken Wood** and **Greg Skolnik**, who will go with them to Lenhoksin. Biking the battlefield were **John Pitkin, Scott Johnson, Anthony Gadbois** and **Edwin Fuentes**. Also along were Cubs **Kyle** and **Jake Blakely** and **Mr. Blakely**. Other adult support on bikes was provided by **Dave Talbott, Brian McGahey** and **George Gadbois**.

This summer we are going to summer camp for two weeks, one week at Heritage Reservation near Uniontown, PA and another week at Camp Olmsted at Goshen Reservation in Rockbridge County, VA. We are going to hike on the Appalachian Trail in May and go to Fenwick Island in June.

If this sounds like fun to you, come to our meeting on Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill Elem. School. Or call Mr. Dave Talbott, Scoutmaster at 301-881-6567.


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## Girl Scouts Troop 1487

by Pat Hart

I'm sure some people have been wondering if we still have an active Girl Scout troop in the neighborhood. The answer is YES! We still have Troop 1487 that meets every other Monday at Viers Mill Elementary School. I always seem to miss the deadline for the *Echo*.

I'm sure the girls would like to join me in thanking everyone who supported Girls Scout by buying cookies. Luckily for our waistlines cookies sales are now over for this year, and although the count is not yet final the girls did an excellent job with individual and booth sales this year.

As I sit here writing this, we have just finished participating in Conservation Day. We again joined the boys from Boy Scout Troop 1083 and Cub Scout Troop 1081 in cleaning the stream along Boiling Brook Parkway. It is amazing the amount of trash that accumulates along that stretch of creek in one year's time. Everyone worked very hard to help make this area more appealing for all of us in this area. We thank the people who stopped and gave us their thanks and encouragement as we slogged through the mud. **Vickie Hildebrand, Leah Gibbons, Stacey Johnson, Aimee Hart and Rani Hildebrand**, our Cadette helper, were all a little cold and dirty by the end of the morning but did a wonderful job.

We have many more exciting activities planned for the coming months, such as a trip to Riley's Lock

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House at the C&O Canal. We will be dressing in period costumes and re-enacting what life was like on the Canal. In May we have a trip planned to the USO at BWI. We will have a tour of the USO and greet our troops as they go overseas. In June we are planning to attend the Girl Scout Camp-o-ree at Hershey Park, PA. We are giving this camp-out another try after being rained out last year.

So, as you can see, we have been very busy this year, and I will try to do a better job of keeping the RCA abreast of our activities.



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The new FRA rule cannot go into effect for one year, and is an attempt to balance safety with the desire of communities like the RCA to get some sleep at night. Numerous communities have attempted to ban horn blowing along railroad tracks. Under pressure from Congress and local communities, the FRA established some quiet zones where tracks crossing roads (like Randolph Road) are guarded by new types of equipment. The new rule formalized the procedures for communities to establish quiet zones, or keep the ones they have. Presently there are a series of "whistle bans" along the Florida East Coast Railway between Jacksonville and Miami.

Horns will be sounded no more than 15 to 20 seconds before reaching the crossing, rather than the present 1/2 mile rule. The new rule will set standards for minimum sound level, and, for the first time, the maximum sound level that can emanate from a locomotive horn. The new rule establishes a "risk index" whereby communities can apply a complicated risk test to a crossing protected by gates and lights.

## Bring Back Garbage Cans to Rock Creek Park!

The Montgomery County Council listened to angry residents (including RCAers), and will bring back garbage cans to SOME parks. Recently County Executive Doug Duncan also spoke in favor of reintroducing trash cans into the parks.

The garbage cans were removed last December in an attempt to save money. Previously, RCAer Frank Shore fought to have EXTRA trash cans installed in the RCA-land section of Rock Creek Park!

Park Officials stated that trash cans attract vermin (so leaving trash in Rock Creek is a better idea?) Park officials believed visitors would "learn" to take their trash home instead of leaving it behind.

After four months of steady complaints from residents who were disgusted by the litter and baffled by the logic, the County Council voted to reintroduce trash cans in several parks, including Rock Creek Park – but ENDING at Garrett Park Road. The RCA will continue to fight on your behalf to have trash cans reinstalled in our very own Randolph Hills Local Park, and Stream Valley Unit #4 (north of Randolph Road).

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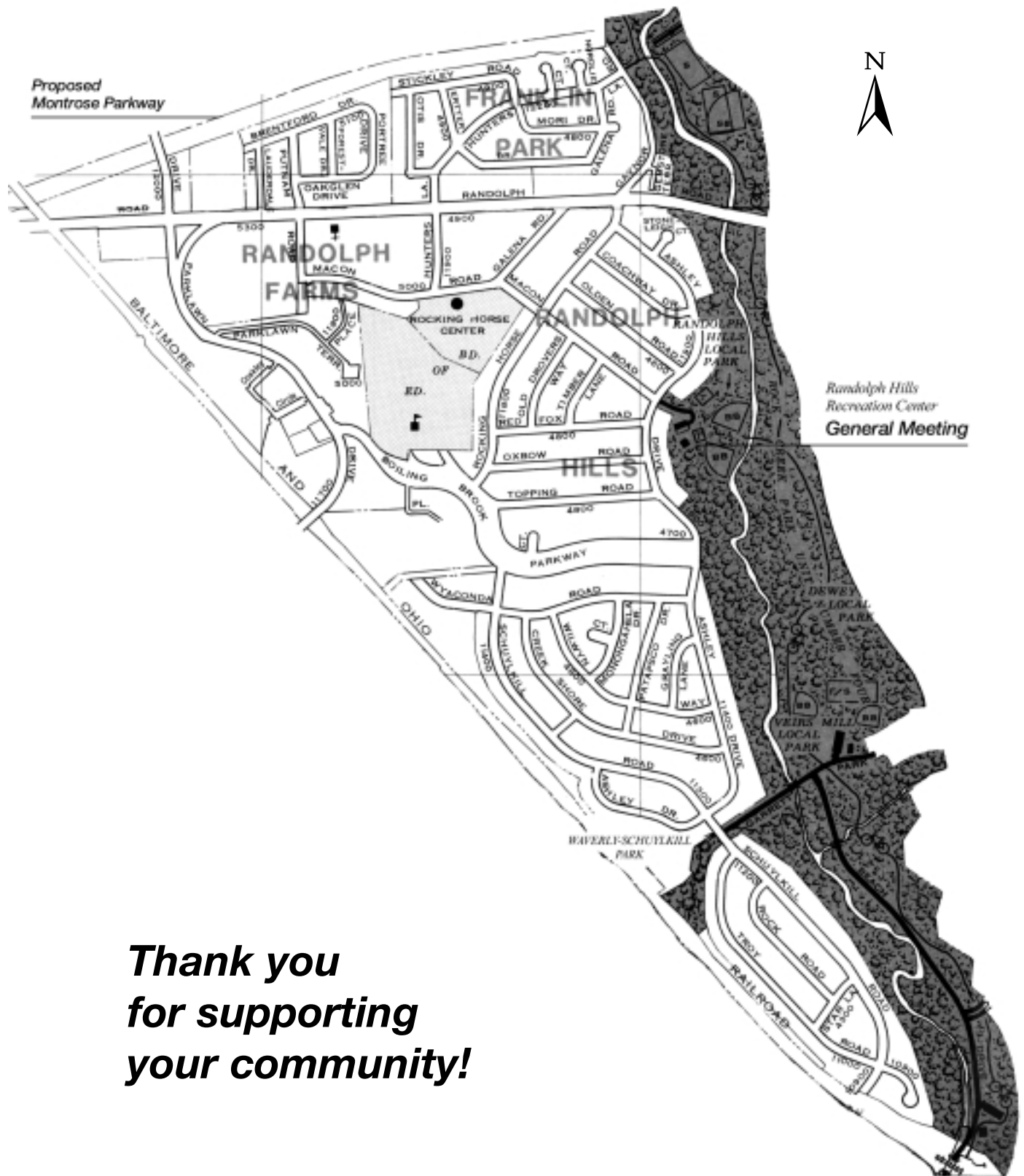
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11105 Troy Road	\$280,000	\$280,000	\$292,500	\$0	2
11113 Rock Road	\$312,000	\$312,000	\$305,000	\$0	12
11701 Rocking Horse Rd	\$339,900	\$309,900	\$318,000	\$3,000	49
4810 Mori Drive	\$319,900	\$319,900	\$318,500	\$0	138
4717 Oxbow Road	\$314,900	\$314,900	\$320,000	\$0	3
4712 Topping Road	\$304,900	\$304,900	\$330,000	\$0	4
11119 Rock Road	\$339,000	\$329,000	\$330,000	\$0	32
11610 Ashley Drive	\$329,900	\$329,900	\$335,000	\$0	6
11906 Hunters Lane	\$359,900	\$359,900	\$359,900	\$0	3
11911 Hunters Lane (new)	\$489,900	\$489,900	\$508,175	\$0	25

*Spring Market Update... Strong home sales and low interest rates are continuing to drive prices higher! If you're thinking of selling your home, call someone who has experience in the neighborhood so you're sure to get the best price for your home... call Denise.*

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*With interest rates starting to rise, now may be the time to make that move. Denise has helped a number of growing young families find homes in the area.*

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