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Parking Enforcement Redux on Timber Lane

by Richard Zierdt

More parking enforcement was carried out on or around April 4 on Timber Lane. This is in addition to the enforcement effort on Ashley Drive on March 11 as reported in last month's *Echo*.

In this month's *Echo*, the parking laws of Montgomery County are re-printed. Some are shown in bold for emphasis, but violating any of them may result in a ticket. With this listing, it is hoped we will all understand what the law is, even if there is disagreement as to enforcement methods. Sometimes, I don't think even some police officers know what's legal or not. Copies of this *Echo* will be available at the May 1 meeting for those present and the police, who are our guests.

Because of unusual *Echo* production scheduling in April, RCA residents will not receive this *Echo* by May 1, but we hope notice about the May 1 RCA meeting in last month's *Echo* will be remembered. ■

Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 1, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

Guest speakers:

1. Commander McSwain of the MCPD
2. Perry Berman and Derek Berlage

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, June 5, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

Guest speakers:

Mark Wallis and Kathy Dearstine,
MNCPPC

Meetings are held on the **first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.**, except January, July, and August, at the Veirs Mill Rec Center, 4425 Garrett Park Road. Usually, we alternate between General and Executive meetings.

All are welcome at every meeting.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

RCA General Meeting, May 1, 2008:

1. 1st District Commander Darryl McSwain of the Montgomery County Police Department will discuss police/community relations and address residents' concerns.

2. Perry Berman, representing the developers of White Flint View, and former County Council member and Planning Board Chairman Derek Berlage, who represents property owners of Nicholson Court, will speak about developments significant to our neighborhood.

RCA General Meeting, June 5, 2008:

Mark Wallis and Kathy Dearstine, from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, will speak about the Parks Department's plans for our local parks and the Randolph Rec Center.

See you at the RCA Yard Sale!

The Spring RCA Community Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, May 10, 2008** at Loehmann's Plaza.

See you there!

See page 15 for details!



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

Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.

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

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President's Message

by Mike Saunders

On March 11th, Montgomery County Police ticketed a number of cars on Ashley Drive. Some members of your RCA executive board expressed reservations on the "drag-net" style of parking enforcement used by the County Police. (The police told us that other neighborhoods in the district were also targeted.) Other members of the RCA executive board, although sympathetic to the plight of those ticketed, believed they should have known better than to park illegally. When I moved to Maryland, I was handed a Maryland Driver's Handbook and told to read it. I actually did read it because I knew that Maryland had a few differences between the laws of the state where I learned to drive and where I now live. Parking regulations are mentioned in the Maryland Driver's Handbook in the section that begins on Page 60. You can download the booklet if you like from the Maryland MVA web site at <http://www.marylandmva.com/Resources/DL-002B.pdf>.

The RCA Board has also encouraged the Montgomery County Police to continue enforcement of parking and traffic regulations in RCA-Land where the following violations occur:

- Cars and Trucks parked blocking the sidewalk (this really rankles me personally when I walk on the sidewalks around the neighborhood)
- Parked on the grass strip between the sidewalk and the street on Randolph and Rocking Horse Roads and other streets in our neighborhood
- Running the Stop sign on Boiling Brook Parkway at Rocking Horse Road and also at the corner of Hunters Lane and Ertter Drive
- Commercial trucks parking on residential streets overnight and on weekends
- Trucks over 1 ton travelling on Rocking Horse Road
- Parking in "No Parking" zones marked by signs posted on Ashley Drive and other streets
- Unregistered, unlicensed and/or abandoned cars parked on the street (ticket and towing)

Rockville District Commander Darryl McSwain will be our speaker/guest at the May 1st General Meeting. If you are interested in what is going on with the police in our area, make it a point to attend.

I had the pleasure of participating in the Potomac Watershed cleanup on the last weekend of March with 40 to 50 neighbors, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Girl Scouts and friends. We picked up a lot of trash near Boiling Brook Creek, Rock Creek, Randolph Hills Neighborhood Park and along Rock Creek near Franklin Park and Randolph

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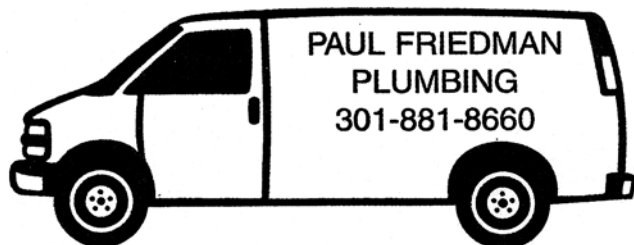
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President's Message

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Road. Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to RCF President and RCA VP George Gadbois for leading the effort again this year.

We should hear the fate of our Rec Center at the RCA General Meeting on June 5th. Mark Wallis is planning to attend this Meeting. By now, there has been enough time to determine the viability of the current building, plan a replacement and start the process for that replacement if that was the decision, which we hope that it was.

My grass was just mowed. My lawn is pretty slow growing but the recent rains and sunshine got the grass to green up and start to grow. Grass grows pretty quickly in the spring and each of us needs to remember that tending to their lawn is an integral part of home ownership here in RCA-Land. If your neighbor is unaware that their lawn needs mowing, I recommend telling them to get it cut. If they are not able to do so themselves, there are a number of teenagers listed each month in the *Echo* who are willing to cut grass for a modest price.

On the first weekend in April, Edward Huggins received his Eagle Scout award. Edward's Eagle Scout Service Project was to lead a crew of friends, scouts and adults in building replacement picnic tables to be used in the Viers Mill Elementary School courtyard. Edward's project is another example of the contributions made to the community by the Scout groups that RCF sponsors in our neighborhood. Congratulations Edward!

Another Eagle Scout Service Project starting soon is at the foot of Hunters Lane where it meets Gaynor Road. This is the entrance to Winding Creek Park Unit 4 where there was a recent major renovation of the playground equipment and the soccer fields. At the Franklin Park entrance to the park, there is a storm water drainage culvert that feeds Rock Creek. M-NCPPC Parks maintenance staff placed a temporary orange plastic fabric snow fence there about 5 years ago. That fence is now bent over and not serving the purpose it was installed for, which was to prevent people from falling into the culvert. Andy Wood's planned Eagle Service Project will be to replace that temporary fence with about 70 to 80 feet of treated split-rail fence that is much more pleasing to the eye, and should last a very long time. It will also keep people from accidentally falling into the culvert and creek.

Since we have not heard the fate of our Randolph Hills Neighborhood Park Rec Center yet, I will continue to encourage each of you to continue writing, calling and emailing your council representatives as well as the Park and Planning office on the subject of our parks and our Rec Center. Their names and address have been listed in several previous editions of the *Echo*. Park and Planning is keeping an official log of comments on the plan. Let's give them some! And let's keep the pressure up! ■

Minutes of the RCA Executive Meeting

by Kevin Kline

April 3, 2008

RCA President Mike Saunders introduced the guest speaker, Andrew Frank, P.E., M-NCPPC Project Manager, Park Development Division (Parks). Most of the evening was spent on the new Streambed Restoration Project in Waverly-Schuylkill Park. Andrew brought aerial photographs and blueprints to explain this upcoming project.

If one stands at the Waverly-Schuylkill park sign and faces East into the park, there are two small streams to your left and right, that form a "V" that intersects at your feet. The streams feed into an underground pipe that flows into Rock Creek.

Presently these streams are undercutting or eroding their streambeds. This erosion is not due to increased rainfall, but from the hard concrete surfaces that cause rain runoff to be much stronger and more intense than before there were houses and roads. To the left, a culvert underneath the CSX railroad tracks is diverting Garrett Park runoff into the park, increasing the water flow when it rains.

Andrew explained the "step-pool design" of the new project. Heavy natural-looking stones will be arranged to step down the stream into small pools, gradually slowing the water discharge. Additionally, sand will be trucked in to stabilize the stream bed, and avoid mass loss. This step-pool design is natural-looking, but one will know it's man-made.

RCAers discovered the stream erosion and brought the problem to the attention of the County. Now the County is responding with a natural step-pool design. Everyone present, which was a large turnout for an Exec meeting, approved of the project, and gave Andrew a round of applause.

Andrew's interesting presentation took up most of this RCA meeting. Mike Saunders went through the rest of the agenda items quickly so the meeting could adjourn on-time at 9:30 pm. Passed by two unanimous voice-votes: (1) the Exec meeting minutes as published in the March 2008 *Echo*, and (2) the Treasurers' Report as published.

A short discussion on the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup (see Scouts articles) ensued. Every spring the Scouts participate in this cleanup, but this year many other RCAers turned out to cleanup three areas: Boiling Brook Creek, the woods behind the athletic fields in Randolph Hills Local Park, and in Rock Creek Park at the intersection of Gaynor and Hunter's Lane. Thanks to everyone who helped clean up your neighborhood, especially the Boy Scouts, Venture Crew, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Mike Saunders and Shaul Kopyto updated the Execs on the tacky snowfence in Rock Creek Park at the intersection

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RCA Treasurer's Report *by Dell Pillers/Cline*

For the period March 5 through April 15, expenses totaled \$1,367.94 while deposits amounted to \$1,095.17. The main expense was, as usual, the printing of the [April] *Echo*. The RCA Petty Cash fund was rarely used, so it was decided that the entire fund should be retired and the balance of \$806.17 was deposited into checking. ■

RCA Checking Register 03/05/2008 through 04/15/2008

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 02/08/08			\$ 4,610.76
03/06/08	1052	Sam's Club refunds		-70.00	4,540.76
03/18/08	EFT	Verizon: Telephone		-25.94	4,514.82
03/24/08	1053	ECHO:printing		-1,272.00	3,242.82
03/31/08	DEP	Advertising Income		68.00	3,310.82
04/01/08	DEP	Advertising Income		15.00	3,325.82
04/01/08	DEP	Dues Income		70.00	3,395.82
04/01/08	DEP	Donation income		31.00	3,426.82
04/01/08	DEP	Sam's Club income		105.00	3,531.82
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RCA Executive Meeting

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of Gaynor and Hunter's Lane. A Boy Scout may take on a project of building a split-rail fence to replace the snow-fence.

Montgomery County Police Commander Darryl McSwain will be the guest speaker in May. The Execs want more police enforcement in RCA-land, but were dismayed when Police Officers arrived on one day only and ticketed 30 RCAers (which they recently did). The Execs disagree on whether they should complain or even mention these tickets to Commander McSwain. The RCA wants the Police to routinely patrol RCA-land, and give out tickets to oversized trucks, blocked sidewalks, and cars with dead/expired tags. President Saunders is sending a letter to McSwain requesting routine law enforcement.

Four issues were quickly discussed. A house on Ashley is requesting a "special exception" waiver for a carport already built (e.g., X feet to the side property line, and X feet to the front property line). The Execs decided to take no action on this matter.

Second, *Echo* newsletter advertising guru Mauro Biondo wants to step down. Matt Tifford volunteered to take the position as Advertising Chair, on top of his duties as Environmental Chair.

Third, an RCAer proposed the RCA invite pro/con speakers to debate an issue on the November ballot – Transgender legislation. Failed by majority voice-vote: to invite transgender pro/con speakers to an RCA meeting.

Finally, the traffic light at Randolph Road and Rocking Horse Road was discussed. Previously, the RCA voted on signs to limit traffic cutting through RCA-land, such as a "No Left Turn 7 am- 9 am" at this intersection. However, the County is not supporting our effort, so now our efforts are in a new direction. The RCA wants the left turn signal from Randolph Road to Rocking Horse Road to be timed to limit turning into our neighborhood. ■

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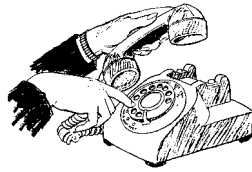
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General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published in the ECHO almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or 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.

If anyone notices that the hotline is not working, please call Richard Zierdt at 301-881-0283, and/or e-mail the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org. Thanks!

2008-03-13 (Thu) 12:37 pm Not anonymous, Franklin Park. Have a couple of questions before caller does something that may not be in compliance with County ordinances.

2008-03-22 (Sat) 10:07 am Not anonymous. A truck parks in front of caller's property every weekend from Friday to Sunday. What can caller do? *[A few notes: If the truck is commercial, it is not permitted to park on residential streets unless conducting actual business. If the truck is not commercial, say a regular pick-up truck, then it, as with any automobile, may park anywhere on the street. However, no vehicle may park in front of another's property for more than 24 hours. That seems to be the case here. Short answer is to call the police at 301-279-8000. Longer answer is attend the May 1 RCA meeting where our guest speaker will be Rockville Police Commander McSwain.]*

2008-03-23 (Sun) 1:09 pm Not anonymous. Easter Sunday. Caller was taking caller's daily walk when caller noticed, at 47xx Boiling Brook Parkway, a sight so unbecoming to our neighborhood: laundry strewn across the fence in front of the house and the entire fence line as long as the driveway. As an additional decoration, since there wasn't enough fence, there were three or four pairs of jeans spread across the front lawn. It's bad enough that our property values are decreasing every day, a sight such as this will certainly plummet any property value we have left. Caller knows we have families from many different cultures, but isn't it time they learned the American Way? Can the RCA help? *[Richard Zierdt here. Not unless a law is broken. Agreed that it's unsightly, but if it happens only occasionally and temporarily, I think we can handle it. If the clothes remain up for more than a day, maybe we can install a clothes line for the house.]*

2008-04-02 (Wed) 11:31 am Not in RCA; needs information about upcoming flea market May 10.

2008-04-02 (Wed) 12:21 pm 114xx Schuylkill Road, didn't receive *Echo*.

2008-04-07 (Mon) 12:34 pm Anonymous. Caller, for one, is very glad the cars parked on the wrong side of the street were ticketed [see April's *Echo*, front page] and surprised that the civic association seems like they're upset that the police did this. It's very frightening to be going down the street and have someone coming head-on into you as the other car crosses the street to park because they're on the wrong side of the street. Now I wish the police would do something about the speeding. It seems like the actual speed limit is 35 to 45. People don't realize the speed limit is 25 miles per hour in a residential area. Caller has had people pass caller on Schuylkill and Rocking Horse Road, and tailgating and blowing their horn. We have a lot of bad drivers in this neighborhood, and caller feels more stressful driving in the neighborhood than on the interstate highways. Also, leaving the development, drivers will block the road so you can't make a right turn onto Rocking Horse; then they're side-by-side and they race each other for the one-lane road [assume caller refers to westbound Boiling Brook Parkway]. They also block the crosswalk the children use to get to school, and they don't stop for pedestrians. Something needs to be done about this, and if the police need to give tickets for all this, caller is all for it. Thank you. *[The RCA supports full enforcement of all County laws. The only disagreement was among RCA officials regarding the way this recent enforcement was handled.]*

2008-04-07 (Mon) 3:51 pm Anonymous. There should be no editing of any messages left on the hotline unless there's profanity. It's censorship; it's un-American. When you decide what I can and what I can't say, that removes my freedom of speech and that is un-American. No editing. *[First, the Theory: Freedom of Speech means any caller's freedom to stand on a street corner and say – or write – to anyone who wants to listen or read. It does not extend to the ECHO which is run, directly and indirectly, by all members of the Association who control its content. Second, the Practical: Caller has two choices: publish caller's own newsletter and distribute it as caller wishes, or attend an RCA meeting and move that all messages be published verbatim. Almost all messages are summarized. If they weren't, it would be a very confusing and lengthy read. Some repeat the same message over and over, etc. And it can be difficult to speak extemporaneously into a recording device (the hotline).]*

2008-04-10 (Thu) 10:52 am Caller interested in advertising in the *Echo*.

2008-04-15 (Tue) 8:30 pm Not anonymous. Caller, considering the RCA president's message asking residents to be alert and if you see suspicious activity to call the police, reports an incident that occurred in early February. Caller's child noted a man wearing a hood walking through caller's and other's backyards. Caller's child contacted the caller, who was not at home at the time, and who advised the child to call 911. Child described the man as an African-American male with his hood up with a brown jersey walking through the yards. The dispatcher did not send anyone out, and also made the comment that it's not illegal for a black man to be walking down the street. Caller is surprised that the dispatcher would take that kind of attitude considering that the man was described as walking through the yards, and not in front of the yards. It was that kind of callous approach that when you consider the president's message to report suspicious activity and the dispatcher saying that comment, what are we to do? Caller would hope the police would try to calm and protect the neighborhood. *[Sounds like a point to raise with Commander McSwain at the May 1 RCA meeting.]*

2008-04-15 (Tue) 11:51 pm Anonymous. Caller reports the mowing down of the flowers beneath the Franklin Park sign by somebody who was contracted to mow somebody's lawn. The sign is at Randolph and Hunters Lane. Also, caller does not understand all this great emphasis on parking on the

wrong side of the street and blocking the sidewalk. There should be emphasis on important things and not that.

2008-04-14 (Mon) 4:25 pm via info@randolphcivic.org Not anonymous. A women reported being approached as she was in her car in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center by a man who acted suspiciously and asked her for money. She had locked her car door and left as quickly as possible. She wanted to alert RCA folks to this suspicious activity. *[From RCA President Mike Saunders: We all need to be aware of our safety every day and every place. Not only are these incidents happening in our neighborhood but at Metro, the malls, and even on busy street corners.]* ■

Ashley Drive = School Bus Raceway?

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President's Pen

by George Gadbois

As we embark on our spring cleaning and home projects, I would like to remind residents of the leading cause of unintentional home injuries – falls. They account for many injuries and deaths each year. In an effort to reduce injuries among people of all ages, the Home Safety Council encourages families to identify and correct potential falling hazards in and around the home and abide by basic ladder safety.

Heed these suggestions:

- All walkways and stairways should be clear of clutter, clean, well-lit, slip-free, and have a handrail as appropriate.
- Always use a sturdy ladder when climbing, it's too risky to climb on a chair.
- Before using a ladder outdoors, choose a location that is well away from all power lines. Coming in contact with live wires can be fatal.
- Place the ladder on level ground and open it completely, making sure all locks are engaged.
- Use the 4-to-1 rule for extension ladders: for each 4 feet of distance between the ground and the upper point of contact (such as the wall or roof), move the base of the ladder out 1 foot.
- Always face the ladder when climbing and wear slip-resistant shoes, such as those with rubber soles.
- Keep your body centered on the ladder and gauge your safety by your belt buckle. If your buckle passes beyond the ladder rail, you are overreaching and at risk for falling.
- Make sure rungs are dry before using the ladder.
- Stand at or below the highest safe standing level on a ladder. For a stepladder, the safe standing level is the second rung from the top, and for an extension ladder, it's the fourth rung from the top.

- If there is a need to work on a roof or other high area, consider wearing a fall protection harness.

Our annual spring Stream Clean Up community service project was a tremendous success this year and came with a day of nice weather to boot. See details in other articles in this *Echo* edition. We had notable participation from our local Scout groups as well as many residents and other community volunteers.

Wheaton High School, one of several high schools serving RCA-land, received another award recently. (An earlier Met Life award was mentioned in a recent *Echo* edition.) Wheaton's Engineering Academy was just awarded by the Maryland State Department of Education as the "Outstanding Secondary Career and Technology Education Program" in Maryland. This award is given to the top rated CTE (Career and Technology Education) program in the state of Maryland. Representatives from Wheaton's administration and engineering academy officially received the award at a banquet on April 29th at the Holiday Inn, Inner Harbor, Baltimore. Congratulations (again) to the staff and students of Wheaton High School for this notable achievement! ■

NOTE: *The RCF Meeting was postponed due to lack of time.*

Trash Pick-up for RCA

For 2008, the ONLY *Tuesday* pick-up dates are May 27 (because of Memorial Day), and September 2 (because of Labor Day). Otherwise, all trash pick-ups are on Mondays throughout RCA-land.

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Summary of Montgomery County Parking Regulations

by Richard Zierdt

As was mentioned in last month's *Echo*, it was my contention that the RCA should pursue reasonable enforcement of traffic laws, parking regulations, zoning restrictions, and housing code regulations so that our neighborhood remains a (highly) desirable place to live.

Towards that goal, I said I would find out what regulations exist, so that we all can at least be aware of them. This month, I investigated parking regulations. What follows is simply that: Montgomery County law pertaining to parking. This is *not* meant to put everyone on notice that all these laws will henceforth be enforced across the board, 24 hours a day, anywhere in RCA. It *is* meant to inform all of us of what's currently on the books, and to think about why these laws exist. It is up to all of us to obey them (or not). Are we a better, more attractive neighborhood if these laws are enforced? However, be aware that the RCA Executive Committee, at its November meeting, took the position that the prohibition against blocking sidewalks should be enforced (Article III, section 31-20 (a)(2)), and that the RCA may call for police enforcement if necessary.

What follows is a summary of pertinent parking laws that would apply to streets in the RCA. For readability, I condensed a lot of the "fine print," but I believe I got the essence of the law. I am not an attorney, however, so keep that in mind. I did find some rather "interesting" laws in here, especially regarding snow emergency parking and a 24-hour limit. See if you agree:

ARTICLE II. MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC CONTROL AND HIGHWAYS – GENERALLY.

Sec. 31-6. Snow and ice emergency traffic control.

(a) The county executive is authorized to designate important streets as snow emergency routes.

(b) Upon the declaration of a snow emergency by the county executive, the following traffic and parking regulations shall be in effect until the end of the emergency.

(1) Vehicles must have snow tires or chains. [I believe most radial tires qualify as snow ("all season") tires - rz]

(2) Vehicles cannot be parked and left unattended within the right-of-way of any snow emergency route.

(c) Any vehicle parked and left unattended on a snow emergency route may be impounded...

Sec. 31-7. Parking of unregistered motor vehicles or trailers.

It is unlawful to park any unregistered motor vehicle or trailer upon the streets or other public property at any time.

Sec. 31-8. Parking vehicles; impeding traffic, threatening public safety.

No vehicle shall be stopped, standing or parked upon any road, highway, alley or public parking facility of the county so as to impede the movement of traffic or constitute a threat to public safety.

Sec. 31-9. Impounding illegally parked vehicles, impeding traffic, etc.

Basically, your car can be impounded (towed away!) if you break the law.

ARTICLE III. PARKING REGULATIONS – GENERALLY.

Sec. 31-10. Authority of county executive to erect parking signs.

Basically, the county executive can order the posting of parking signs.

Sec. 31-11. Establishment of emergency or temporary no parking zones.

The county executive is authorized to designate any street as emergency or no parking zones to prohibit vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the event of emergencies such as fires, riots, accidents ...

Sec. 31-12. Parking vehicles in violation of official signs.

No vehicle shall be parked in violation of any sign, and *both the owner or operator* thereof shall be subject to penalties ... for any such violation.

Sec. 31-13. Parking of vehicles during periods of snow accumulation.

(a) During the periods of snow accumulation, the county executive is authorized to restrict the parking of any vehicles on the street of the county for the purposes of facilitating snow removal. Commencing at 7:00 a.m. on the day following the giving of notice by press release, the following restrictions shall be in force, except on Sundays:

- (1) No parking shall be permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the side of any street or highway where the buildings situated thereon bear even street numbers.
- (2) No parking shall be permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays on the side of any street or highway where the buildings situated thereon bear odd street numbers.
- (3) In any block wherein parking is prohibited on one side of the street for the entire block, such parking prohibition shall be suspended during such periods as the other restrictions of this section are operative.

(b) Any vehicle parked and left unattended in violation of the provisions of this section may be removed and impounded as provided in section 31-21 of this chapter.

Sec. 31-14. Parking of commercial vehicles or buses abutting residences, schools, etc.

It shall be unlawful to park any commercial vehicle or bus on that side of any public road abutting any private residence except when such vehicle is actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers, merchandise or materials or when used by the owner or operator actively engaged in work on the premises of the residence. [Note: County school buses are not included - rz]

Sec. 31-15. Repairing or leaving vehicles on streets for repairs.

It is unlawful for any person to perform [major] service or repairs on a vehicle parked on a public street; provided however, that this section shall not apply to emergency repairs or to vehicle owners performing minor service or repairs on their respective vehicles *otherwise legally parked and operative...*

CHECK THIS OUT (!):

Sec. 31-16. Parking over twenty-four hours prohibited.

The parking of motor vehicles and trailers upon the streets in the county for a period longer than twenty-four (24) hours is hereby prohibited; except when not otherwise prohibited adjacent to property lines of owner's residence or business.

Sec. 31-17. Parking within thirty-five feet of intersections.

The parking of vehicles and trailers at any time on any public street within a distance less than thirty-five (35) feet from nearest curb line of an intersecting public street is prohibited; provided, that the area in which parking is thus prohibited and the curb space so affected shall be so designated by an appropriate sign or by yellow paint; provided, further, that it is the purpose and intent of this section to prevent the obstruction of the vision of anyone approaching an intersection.

Sec. 31-18. Parking beyond posted time limit, prohibited.

Not applicable to RCA; we don't have any posted time limits.

Sec. 31-19. Obstructing entrances to public or private driveways.

The parking of vehicles at any time on the public ways of the county in such a manner that any part of the vehicle so parked is within five (5) feet of either curb edge of any existing opening or hereafter established entrance to any public or private driveway or shall overlap or obstruct any existing opening or hereafter established entrance to any public or private driveway is prohibited; except, that an owner may obstruct his own private residence driveway.

Sec. 31-20. Parking prohibited, specifically.

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall:

- (a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not:
 - (1) In any manner on a public highway which impedes the movement of traffic or constitutes a threat to public safety.
- (2) On a sidewalk.**
 - (3) Within an intersection.
 - (4) On a crosswalk.
 - (5) Alongside any street excavation, obstruction or barricade or opposite any street excavation, obstruction or barricade, when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
 - (6) Upon any bridge or within a highway tunnel.
 - (7) On any ramp entering on or existing from, any highway with two (2) or more traffic lanes moving in the same direction.
 - (8) On any property owned or leased by the board of education of Montgomery County or Montgomery College where an official sign prohibits such parking.
 - (9) In any place an official sign prohibits parking during specific a.m. or p.m. peak traffic periods.
 - (10) Between a sidewalk or roadway edge and the property

edge of a public street or highway when parking is prohibited by official sign adjacent to the roadway or median strip dividing any public street or highway except in an emergency.

- (b) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:
 - (1) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
 - (2) Within twenty (20) feet of any crosswalk whether at an intersection or not, when such crosswalk is marked off by painted lines.
 - (3) Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway.
 - (4) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire or rescue station or on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire or rescue station, within seventy-five (75) feet of said entrance, when proper sign is posted.
 - (5) At any place an official sign prohibits standing.
 - (6) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
 - (7) In any fire lane
 - (8) In the area immediately in front of theaters
 - (9) With one (1) or more of the side wheels more than twelve (12) inches from the curb.
 - (10) In a direction other than the flow of traffic.
 - (11) So as to prevent another vehicle already stopped near the curb or otherwise legally parked, from moving away.
 - (12) Not wholly within a designated parking space, or within two (2) feet of the front or rear bumper of another vehicle parked at or parallel to the curb.
 - (13) In a bus stop when properly posted.
 - (14) In a taxi stand.
- (c) Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily, for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers:
 - (1) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.
 - (2) At any place an official sign prohibits parking.

Sec. 31-21. Impounding illegally parked vehicles.

Any vehicle parked in violation of this article or otherwise parked so as to constitute a definite hazard to public safety or is so parked, stopped or standing so as to impede or obstruct the normal movement of traffic or pedestrians, may be impounded by the police. ■

Keep in touch!

Keep up with what's happening in our area instantly. Learn about give-a-ways, lost pets, yard sales, etc. Share reports of local crime incidents, report suspicious activity.

Join the RCA email listserv at:
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News from Pack 1081

by Mike Mulcahy



The Thursday, March 13th the 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. Most Scouts participated in baking a treat with their adult partner, and many won awards. A big "Thank You" to all the Scouts who baked a tasty treat to raise money for the Pack! All the boys received a ribbon for their creations, and once again, this year, the bidding was fast and furious. All the baked items were auctioned to generous parents who contributed almost \$400 towards our fundraising efforts at the event. Of the twenty-one items up for bid, the top moneymaker was \$90 for the cake "Camp Iwannago" made by **Mark Kimball**. Many thanks to our coordinators, **Daisy Hartley**, **Rachel Bibee**, and **Sheila Crawford**, as well as to our judges, **Brian McGahey**, **Adell**

Milne, and **George Gadbois**, for all their time and hard work.

At the March Pack Meeting, the awards earned by the Scouts show that the month was a busy one indeed. Tiger Scouts earned Tiger Track Beads as follows: One bead was awarded to **Josiah Polk**, **Adrian Streed**, **Damien Raber**, **Galen Gibbons**, and **Nathaniel Harley**, and two Track Beads were earned by **Thomas Alder** and **Daniel Hernandez**. Wolves **Mark Kimball** and **Pedro Cerriteno** were presented the Science Sports and Academic Belt Loop. Bear Scouts **Sebastian Jardine** and **Devon Parker** earned the Computer Sports and Academic Belt Loop. Webelos I Scouts **Cameron Lett**, **Matthew Kimball** and **Mateo Streed** were awarded the Forester Webelos Activity Pin, and **Matthew Kimball** was presented the Science Sports Academic Belt Loop as well. Last, but not least, the Webelos II Scouts earned Sports and Academic Belt Loops/Pins, Webelos Activity Pins and Activity Badges and Compass Emblems and Compass Points. **Adam Levensgard** was presented the Sports and Academic Belt Loop for Map &

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Compass, **Aidan Gibbons** for Wildlife Conservation, and **Noah Reidinger** for Computers, Mathematics, Chess, Soccer and Baseball. **Brandon Wagner**, **DJ Terry**, **Colin McLean**, **Chris Mulcahy** and **Noah Reidinger** all were awarded the Showman Activity Badge; **Adam Levensgard**, the Traveler Activity Badge and **Preston Polk**, the Family Member Activity Badge. **DJ Terry** and **Noah Reidinger** earned the compass Emblem, and **Adam Levensgard** was presented a Compass Point. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

On March 14-16, Webelos II Scouts **Aidan Gibbons**, **Adam Levensgard**, **Preston Polk**, **Noah Reidinger**, and **Chris Mulcahy** all joined Troop 1083 at Cabin John Park for the weekend. They practiced proper first aid and ax swinging techniques, map and compass, learned fire-building and how to use propane stoves and lanterns and took part in a three mile hike. On this special camping weekend, the Pack 1081 Cub Scouts, as busy as they were with all the exciting activities, worked up a hearty appetite, and thanks to Troop 1083

Scouts pick up trash along Boiling Brook Parkway on Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day.



Boy Scouts, who prepared meals for the Cub Scouts, all Scouts were well fed. On Saturday evening, the Scouts went to the Rockville Swim Center for a dip before retiring to camp for a campfire and S'mores.

On Saturday, March 15th, the following Scouts went to the Verizon Center in Washington, DC and had a blast watching the Harlem Globetrotters dazzle with the round ball:

Matthew Kimball, Cameron Lett, Devon Parker, Mark Kimball, Zachery Huyhn, Wolfie Woolard, Pedro Cerriteno, Damien Raber and Thomas Alder.

On Saturday, March 29th, Cub Scouts **Thomas Alder, Galen Gibbons, Danny Hernandez, Jo Jo Polk, Adrian Streed, Sebastian Jardine, Mateo Streed, Chris Mulcahy, DJ Terry, Preston Polk and Aidan Gibbons**, along with the Pack 1081 Adults **Leyden Streed, Tim Jardine, Don Gibbons, Karen Tincknell, Kim Polk, Mike Mulcahy and Sheila Crawford** and Troop 1083 Boy Scouts helped make the world (and the local area) a better place to live by picking up trash in the area along Boiling Brook Parkway on the annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day. Drivers along the Parkway were seen pulling over to the side of the road to thank the Scouts. Your hard work is appreciated Pack 1081 and Troop 1083. Thank you for helping keep our community clean!

At press time, we are looking forward to the District Pinewood Derby Races at Millian Methodist Church in Rockville, MD on Saturday, April 12th, our April bike ride outing scheduled for Sunday, April 20th, and to our annual Native American Pow Wow where our Webelos II scouts will graduate to Boy Scouting on Thursday, April 17th. 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 P.M. It's never too late to join! Please visit our website location for more Pack 1081 news and pictures: <http://www.pack1081.org>. ■



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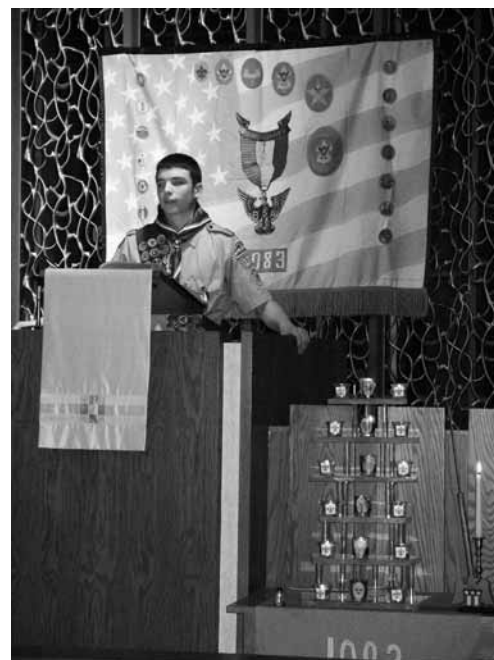
Troop 1083 News

by Nona Mapes

On 14-15 March the troop had a Campout for Webelos Weekend at Cabin John Park. The older boys taught the webelos about fire building, first aid, and hiking. They took a hike and went swimming and tried to stay warm in the cool drizzle. The scouts who participated were: **Jason Beam, Matthew Best, Maxwell DeMulder, Edwin Fuentes, Greg Gadbois, Brad Gessford, Bradey Grundy, Josh Hart, Gabriel Hernandez, Steve Hernandez, Johnny Hilderbrand, Scott Johnson, Sawyer Kibbe, Scott Levengard, Matthew Luong, Michael Mapes, Patrick Owen, John Pitkin, David Santos, Andres Valencia, Lucas Setra, Fred Beam, Matthew DeMulder, Barry Grundy, Mark Kibbe, Lourdea Luong, Peter Mapes, Brian McGahey, Nona Mapes, Greg Skolnik, Dave Talbott, Mike Saunders, and Ben Pitkin.**

The troop participated in the local Stream Clean-up day. They worked on a section of Rock Creek near the neighborhood in the park. The boys reported that they removed lots of bottles and tires from the water, making the park a much more pleasant place to visit and making the water healthier for the animals in the park. The scouts who helped out on the 5th of April were: **Will Anderson, Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Maxwell DeMulder, Greg Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Josh Hart, Sawyer Kibbe, Matthew Luong, Michael Mapes, Joseph Owen, Patrick Owen, David Santos, Emily Grundy, Alexander Hevey, Adair Irish, Olivia Kibbe, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood, Colleen Anderson, Greta Anderson, Fred Beam, Bill Blakely, Matthew DeMulder, George Gadbois, Kay Grundy, Leora Hernandez, Jeffery Irish, Mark Kibbe, Lourdes Luong, Brian McGahey, Geoff Owen, Ben Pitkin, Mike Saunders, and Dave Talbott.**

On April 6th Troop 1083 held yet another Eagle Court of Honor, this time for **Edward Huggins**. The Court was held in the Sanctuary of St Paul's United Methodist Church in Kensington, MD at 3:00 PM. The reception was held in Heavener Hall immediately after. The Court opened with the Flag Ceremony and an Invocation by **Mr. Tao**. Venture Scout **Matthew Binstead** was master of Ceremonies. Edward and his parents, **Anita and Quentin Stuck**, wish to thank **Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Talbot** and **Mr. Skolnik** for their remarks about watching Edward develop into the Eagle Scout he has become. They would especially like to thank **Mr. Moquin**, Ed's football and wrestling coach, for his wonderful comments about Ed's experiences in sports and how Ed's character could be seen growing as he progressed through both programs. Mr. Moquin came from Ocean City, MD for the event and all his extra efforts past and present are greatly appreciated. They would also like to thank the cub scouts from Pack 1081 who helped with the ceremony. And finally, thanks to all those who helped with the preparations for both the Court



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Edward
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and the Reception and for **Pete Mapes'** efforts in arranging for the use of the church.

The troop is just now signing boys up for summer camp and starting to go on practice hikes for a big trip to Philmont Scout camp this summer. On the 8th of April the troop will assist with Pack 493s Webelo Bridging Ceremony, and they will help out Pack 1081 with theirs on the 17th as well. The April Campout will be a trip to the Paw Paw Tunnel on the C&O canal trail scheduled for April 18-20. There will be a meeting to help plan the trip to Summer Camp at the regular Monday night meeting on May 5th. On May 10th the scouts going to Philmont will be raising funds at the Randolph Civic Association Annual Yard Sale held in Loehmann's Plaza. Finally, the May campout will be a trip to Sandy Point State Park on May 16-18. If you are interested in any of these events and if you are a boy who has finished 5th Grade, you can join us. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 PM at Viers Mill ES, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbot at (301) 933-0048. ■

Stream Clean Up

by George Gadbois

As was mentioned in the President's Pen article, RCA-land had a great turnout for our Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day on Saturday, March 29th. This year marked the 20th year that this event has been going on, although we have only been participating within our community for the last eight years or so. Each year, efforts are put forth to sweep the Boiling Brook Creek area located between the eastbound and westbound directions of Boiling Brook Parkway from the JDS down to Ashley Drive. The group also attempts to get as much as possible from around the youth field, the

baseball backstop and the playground. The area on the south end of the youth field is routinely filled with an embarrassingly large amount of debris, primarily Corona and Old English 800 beverage containers. We were able to remove most of it.

This year, at the suggestion of resident Shaul Kopyto, several group members swept through the park border that abuts to Gaynor Road on the Franklin Park side of Randolph Road. A fair amount of litter was collected, as was along Boiling Brook Parkway which suffers from the constant traffic litter as well as what blows over from the shopping center. A job well done by all.

Similar to previous years, we had participants from Boy Scout Troop 1083, Cub Scout Pack 1081, Girl Scout Troop 1028, BSA Venturing Crew 1083, and a host of residents and other community volunteers. We had over 60 individuals participating from 9 in the morning until noon. This was a great opportunity for the middle and high school youth to earn Student Service Learning hours for their community service requirements. A big thanks to all that came out to help.

Please see the Scout News articles in this *Echo* edition for additional Stream Clean Up reports and names of those Scouts who participated. Also, check out http://www.potomaccleanup.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.html for some publicized photos. ■

Girl Scout Troop 1028 News

by Leora Hernandez

A special thank you to anyone who bought Girl Scout cookies from us! Also we thank those who bought cookies for our military troops serving in Iraq. We have more than 2 cases of cookies to help bring a little taste of home to those who are serving us so far away.

We celebrated the girls' hard work right before spring break with a pizza party and brought back by popular demand the chocolate fountain. Brownie Scouts **Areal, Erica, Fernanda, Mariah, Mayah, Sarah, Tiana**, and **Yvonne** all earned Play Around the World, Friends Are Fun, and Sounds of Music try-it badges. Juniors scouts **Amanda, Chloanne, Devon**, and **Jazel** all earned A Healthier You, Jewelry, and Sign of the Star. **Amanda, Chloanne**, and **Jazel** earned a dance badge and Chloanne earned her model citizen badge.

Post Spring Break started off with working on building camping skills. Our girls enjoyed helping set up tents, and rolling up sleeping bag relays. For snacks they practiced fire building skills and safety by making an edible fire. Future meetings will include menu planning, a hike, and more.

Girls in K – 5th grade interested in Girl Scouts? We meet every other Thursday at the Veirs Mill Recreation Center at 4425 Garrett Park Road from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Contact Leora Hernandez at 301-933-0460 (evenings) or Rosi Muehlstedt (hablo Español) 240-603-1847 for more information. ■



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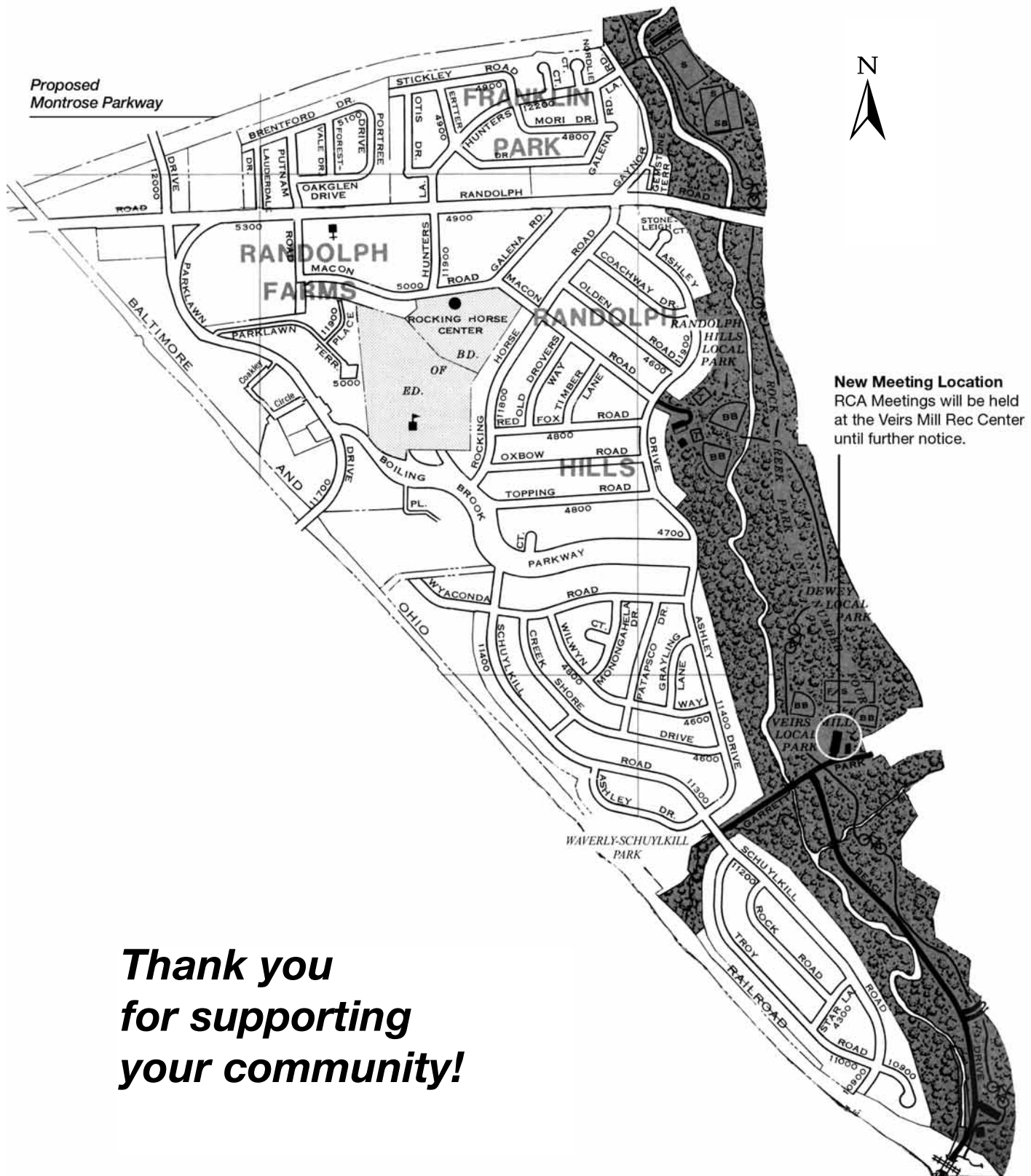
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Call 301-881-2722
RCA Hotline – 24 hours

Note to Contributors:

Deadlines for the remainder of the Issue year are:

Jun/Jul/Aug 2008 May 3



Yard Work and Grass Mowing: Here's Your Help

Here's a list of boys and girls willing to perform leaf raking, grass mowing, snow shoveling, general yard work, etc. Negotiate cost and payment with each boy or girl.

Moses (Bubba) Hart 301-230-2740

Jennifer Moy 240-672-4921

Anthony Gadbois 301-770-5386

Gregory Gadbois 301-770-5386



Important Phone Numbers



Police: Emergency ONLY	911
Police: Non-Emergency (County-wide)	301-279-8000
Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	240-773-6070
Park Police	301-949-3010
<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuylkill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3785
Abandoned Cars (on the street)	301-840-2454
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Building Permits	240-777-6200
Consumer Affairs	240-777-3636
Crisis Hotline (24 hours)	301-315-4000
Department of Natural Resources	800-442-0708
<i>(wildlife nuisance problems)</i>	
Disability Resources	240-777-1246
Fire Non-Emergency	240-777-0744
Housing Code Violations	240-777-3600
<i>(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)</i>	
Large Item Pick-up	240-777-6410
Libraries: Hours, etc.	240-777-0002
Telephone Reference	240-777-0001
Metrail and Metrobus schedules & info.	202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society	240-773-5960
Emergencies only	240-773-5900
Licensing Dept.	240-773-5946
Motor Vehicle Administration	1-800-950-1682
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance	240-777-7700
<i>(noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leaking motor oil)</i>	
Parking Tickets	240-453-0113
Parks: Information & Permits	301-495-2525
PEPCO: Power Out	toll free 1-877-737-2662
Emergency/Life Threatening	202-872-3432
Post Office, Rollins Ave., Rockville	301-231-5973
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept.)	240-777-3986
RCA Hotline	301-881-2722
Recycling Info (www.mcrcycles.org)	240-777-6400
Recreation Information	240-777-6804
School Information	301-279-3391
Senior Citizens (Holiday Park)	240-777-4999
Street Light Out	240-777-2190
Transportation (Highway Services)	240-777-7623
<i>(to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.)</i>	
Transit Information Center (www.dtwp.com)	240-777-7433
Trash Collection	240-777-6410
Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist)	240-777-7623
Voter Registration	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-8000
Weeds/Rubbish Complaints	240-777-6400



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

Neighborhood Home Sales Settled Since January 1, 2008

<i>Address</i>	<i>List Price</i>	<i>Sold Price</i>	<i>Dom</i>	<i>Subsidy</i>	<i>Date Settled</i>
11820 Rocking Horse Road	\$292,900	\$260,000	11	\$7,450	18-Apr-08
5003 Macon Road	\$429,900	\$407,900	143	\$12,237	11-Apr-08
4713 Wyaconda Road	\$389,900	\$386,000	5	\$11,580	01-Apr-08
4716 Wyaconda Road	\$400,000	\$370,000	127	\$11,000	09-Mar-08
11808 Timber Lane	\$360,000	\$362,075	119	\$22,575	20-Feb-08
4625 Gemstone Terrace	\$425,000	\$408,000	87	\$0	17-Feb-08
4816 Topping Road	\$425,000	\$400,000	92	\$0	08-Feb-08
12009 Rocking Horse Road	\$379,900	\$360,000	192	\$10,000	25-Jan-08
4826 Ertter Drive	\$399,999	\$399,000	170	\$300	10-Jan-08

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