

The Newsletter of the Randolph Civic Association

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RCA MusicFest 2013 Fundraiser coming to Mem Sahib May 19th!

By Matt Tifford

Please join us for our third annual MusicFest fundraiser and dinner. This year's MusicFest will be held on Sunday, May 19th from 4-6pm at the Mem Sahib Restaurant in Randolph Hills Shopping Center. If you've never been to Mem Sahib it is a wonderful Indian restaurant right in our backyard with great food and entertainment. Pro-

ceeds from this yearly fundraiser go to the Randolph Civic Foundation Sign Beautification Fund. In the past two years we raised enough money to purchase our beautiful entrance signs. tons of peren-

nials, and fund ongoing landscaping and maintenance efforts. These are a regular expense, and the more we raise the better our entrances can look.

This year we will feature performances by:

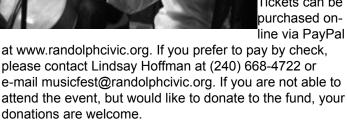
Back for a second year, Washington area legend and recipient of 22 Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies) Mary Ann Redmond joined by guitarist Mike Ault.

Resident Jazz singer Christiana Drapkin with Nell Rumbaugh on piano and Bob Shann on Bass.

- A new neighborhood band, (as yet unnamed) featuring singer/quitarist Mark Nensel, Chris Tedesco on Bass, and Dominic Mazzaglia on drums.
- Noah Gittell, singer-songwriter and neighborhood resident.

We will also be presenting the Volunteer of the Year award, which goes out each year to a non-Board member who has done exemplary volunteer work for the commu-

Tickets are currently on sale for \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Children ages 6-18 are \$15. The ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages. Tickets can be purchased online via PayPal



We are tremendously fortunate to have events like these in our community. Please come and show your support for our community and our local musical talent.



RCF Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner

May 2nd, 2013 6:00pm-8:00pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center RCF Annual Dinner Immediately followed by RCA Executive Board Meeting

RCA Spring Bazaar May 4th, 2013 8:00am-1:00pm, Loehmann's Shopping Center

2013 RCA MusicFest Fundraiser

Sunday May 19th, 2013 4-6pm, Mem Sahib Restaurant in Randolph Hills Shopping Center Tickets available by emailing musicfest@randolphcivic.org or calling (240)668-4722

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President's Message

by Chad Salganik, RCA President

Spring has finally sprung. We are coming off a great April General Meeting. Jim Conklin from the Montgomery County Sierra Club gave a spirited presentation with tips on how to save energy around the house. We had a nice turnout for the meeting, and I hope folks found the presentation useful. I know I learned a thing or two.

We also held elections at the April Meeting. Thank you to outgoing board members Christiana Drapkin and Nick Kreisle. Christiana served as Vice President and has been a tremendous neighbor and contributor to our neighborhood. We are all looking forward to her continuing contributions. Nick has done a yeoman's job as the treasurer, which is a critical part of the organization. He leaves the organization with the finances in order. Thank you to the both of them for their hard work and service.

Fortunately, we have neighbors who are ready to step in and fill these positions. Mark Nensel was elected as a Director. Mark has been editing the Echo for a couple of years, and is a reliable contributor to the neighborhood. Mark will continue to edit the Echo; i.e. if you're still reading this, then he is still editing. Thank you Mark for all you've done for the Echo and welcome to the Board.

Director Brian Hooker, who has been active with the Neighborhood Watch and leads the Neighborhood 5K Fun Run, will now serve as Vice President Two. Last but not least, Dan Hoffman, who hopefully needs no introduction, will serve as Treasurer. Dan is a former RCA President, and has been active in the White Flint Sector Plan. Additionally, it is Dan who ensures the Echo makes it to print. He has been a huge asset to the Randolph Hills community.

Thank you to the rest of the Board who are continuing in their positions: Amber Tedesco, Jason Ott, Matt Tifford and Mara Greengrass.

Lastly, I will make another pitch for folks to join the neighborhood email group. In March, the State Highway Administration (SHA) proposed closing Randolph Road at the railroad crossing as part of the realignment for Montrose Parkway East. In an to effort gain com
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RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.

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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May 2013 Update

Last 10 Randolph Civic Area Home Sales

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	11206 Rock Rd	3	2	\$375,000	\$360,000	4/4/2013	\$11,000
Sold	5007 Randolph Rd	3	2	\$310,000	\$315,000	3/22/2013	\$5,000
Sold	11804 Rocking Horse Rd	4	2	\$340,000	\$350,000	3/15/2013	\$9,000
Sold	11310 Ashley Dr	3	2	\$299,900	\$305,000	3/6/2013	\$0
Sold	11216 Troy Rd	3	2	\$240,000	\$230,000	3/1/2013	\$0
Sold	12004 Ashley Dr	3	2	\$367,500	\$367,500	2/28/2013	\$6,618
Sold	11216 Troy Rd	3	2	\$240,000	\$230,000	2/1/2013	\$0
Sold	4905 Randolph Rd	3	2	\$389,900	\$389,000	1/4/2013	\$0
Sold	4802 Oxbow Rd	3	1	\$265,000	\$270,000	12/21/2012	\$0
Sold	11808 Timber Ln	3	2	\$359,900	\$359,900	12/14/2012	\$12,500



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Neighborhood News in Brief

The RCF is still seeking volunteers to help with upkeep of our entryway sign sites. We're always grateful for extra hands to help with keeping the planters looking tidy and colorful. Whether you're available to weed, water or plant, please email me at Lindsay-Hoffman@aol.com and we will get you signed up! Our goal is to keep the sites color coordinated and will be providing flowers and other supplies, as well as maps of the sites as perennials are already there and just coming out of dormancy. As always, we're grateful for Karen Helfert's leadership on this charge! Our neighborhood identity is really defined by these signs and it's important for us to keep them beautiful!



Upcoming Events at Viers Mill Elementary

by Amber Tedesco

It's hard to believe the 2012-2013 school year is coming in an end in just ten weeks or so. For those of you who have Kindergartners starting in 2013 now is the time to get them registered to ensure there are enough Kindergarten teachers at Viers Mill. Although orientation at Viers Mill was April 17-18, 2013 it's not too late to get your kids registered for the school year. Please contact the school if you haven't already to receive your enrollment packet. For more information on Kindergarten Orientation you can visit the MCCPS website at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/enroll/orientation.aspx.

Viers Mill PTA is also gearing up for our annual Spring Fair on May 18th from 11-3pm. This will be our last event for the year. There will be crafts, games, inflatable's, and of course food for all to enjoy. You can purchase tickets at the door or they will be on sale starting May 6th during school lunch times. So come out and enjoy a fun filled day!!! For more information feel free to contact me at VMESPTAPRES@yahoo.com.

Note to Echo Contributors:

Deadlines for the remainder of the 2012-2013 Issue year are:

June/July/Aug 2013 May 24th



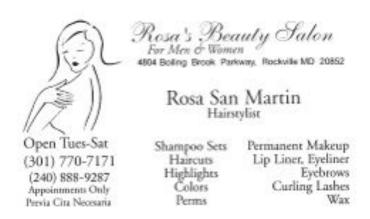
Thank you to all the volunteers who put the best interest of the neighborhood first at our 2013 stream clean-up!

April General Membership Meeting Minutes

by Jason Ott

- 1. Call to order: 8:00 PM
- 2. RCA Board Elections
- Jack Stillwell presented the slate of candidates for the RCA Board, which was then approved by elections. The RCA Board for the upcoming year is:
 - o President Chad Salganik
 - o Vice President 1 Amber Tedesco
 - o Vice President 2 Brian Hooker
 - o Treasurer Dan Hoffman
 - o Secretary Jason Ott
 - o Director Mark Nensel
- Chad Salganik, RCA President, thanked Christiana Drapkin and Nick Kreisle for ther service to RCA and the community.
- 3. Guest Presentation: Jim Conklin, Montgomery County Sierra Club
- Jim Conklin, a member of the Montgomery County Sierra Club, came to present on ways to save energy and money.
 - o Many suggestions to reduce energy usage can save money, save the environment, and make you feel more comfortable.
 - o Montgomery County has a goal of reducing energy consumption per capita 2 % for the next 10 years.
 - o A smart power strip will turn off all of the devices when a specific device that is plugged in is turned off. Buying Energy Star Appliances can save significantly over standard appliances. If you can, insulate your exterior walls and the attic.
 - o Pepco offers some programs. You can find more information at this link. You might want to check out the Home Performance with Energy Star link. They will conduct an energy audit for a reduced cost. http://www.pepco.com/energy/conservation/meiin/
 - o An interesting pyramid of projects can be found at this link: http://www.mnpower.com/EnergyConservation/ForYourHome
 - o LEDs have come down in price and last for a long time. They also do not have mercury in them.
 - 4. Old Business
- Dan Hoffman provided an update on Membership. The Membership Drive will start up in the fall.
- Music Fest is Sunday, May 19th, from 4 to 6
 PM at Mem Sahib Restaurant. Matt Tifford is looking for someone to solicit sponsors. Yard signs will go up soon to inform residents. Also, an advertisement will be placed in the upcoming Echo.
- The Neighborhood Bazaar is Saturday, May 4th, at Loehmann's Plaza. Signs will go up at the entrances to the neighborhood and at Loehmann's. Also, a posting will be put on Craigslist.
 - 5. New Business

- Chad Salganik provided an update of Montrose Parkway East. The State Highway Administration and MCDOT presented plans for Randolph at the railroad tracks. Overwhelmingly, residents wanted to keep Randolph open from the tracks to Nebel. The preference was communicated to the Planning Board, which voted in favor of recommending to keep this section open. There will be an interchange at Parklawn from Montrose Fast.
- Matt Tifford provided an update on traffic calming. MCDOT is not in favor of speed bumps due to fire and rescue vehicles. They prefer bumping out the curb. We can ask them to look into this again. Also, the curb extensions at Boiling Brook and Rocking Horse will go in this month. We asked them to paint the island on Randolph, but they do not do this type of marking.
- Dan Hoffman provided an update on the budget. A proposed budget for the upcoming year was presented. Last year saw a large bump in advertising revenue. RCA should end the fiscal year with a surplus of about \$1.400.
- The Second Annual RCA Fun Run will be October 5th.
- Community Clean Up day is Saturday, April 6th. George Gadbois will help coordinate the group at 9 AM in front of Goodwill.
- A kind volunteer cleaned up the Franklin Park sign. We appreciate the help and want to make sure that the perennials are left alone. A guide will be written to faciliate people wanting to help.
 - Standard Business
- The minutes from the March 7th, 2013, board meeting were approved.
- The Safety Committee will try to have a new push on Neighborhood Watch.
- Amber Tedesco provided an Education update. Viers Mill teachers are moving into the new classrooms. Construction at Wheaton HS will start this summer.
 - 7. RCA Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

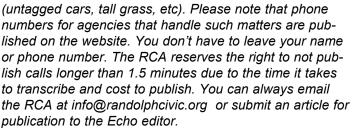


The RCA Hotline

240-668-4722 (4RCA)

Calls Received March 4th, 2013 through April 14th, 2013

General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations



03-13-13 (Wed) at 1:42pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Hello: After living in Potomac for six years, we are looking to move to a location near or in yours. We are looking for a single family home, but would also consider a town home, condo or shared living. I didn't see such listings on your Web site anywhere--did I miss them? I know I can go to Zillow/ Craigslist but I thought your site might be more up-to-date. Thanks! [RCA Note: The RCA is not a real estate agent.]

03-14-13 (Thurs) at 4:10pm. Anonymous. Veirs Mill Baptist Church, just beside Burger King on Veirs Mill Road, has free movies for anyone that wants to attend on the second Saturday of the month at 6 o'clock. We have free refreshments. Call the church office during working hours to find out the name of the movie at 301-942-3210. Everyone is very much welcome to attend. I'm sure you'll have a good time; I do. See you there.

03-20-13 (Wed) at 3:30pm. Not Anonymous. I live in Franklin Park and walk to the park on the bike path. A few years ago, the Boy Scouts, with some help from neighbors, built this very nice rail around the area of Gaynor and Hunters. It's around the creek over there so children won't fall in and, right now, that rail is deteriorating and needs some repair. When I walk by and see it falling apart, I try to prop it up as much as possible. It would be wonderful – as it's a really nice design for the neighborhood and looks really nice – it would be really nice if the scouts would take it on themselves as a project to go over there, take a look and perform some repairs on it. If it's a question of contributions, I am willing to contribute my share. Thank you!

04-04-13 (Thurs) at 7:12pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Vehicles are speeding on the 10900 through 11100 blocks of Schuylkill Road prior to & after the existing speed humps. I would say many times these vehicles are going more than 45 miles per hour on this 25 mile an hour road. They are a danger to themselves, people especially children, vehicles parked on those blocks, & animals (Continued on page 11)

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Montrose Parkway East Update by Chad Salganik

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) made a presentation at March's White Flint Implementation Advisory Committee on the design for Montrose Parkway East -- extending Montrose Parkway from Rockville Pike to Veirs Mill Road. SHA presented two alternatives for the design: one that closes Randolph Road at the CSX tracks and one that maintains the at-grade crossing. The closure at Randolph Road would eliminate train whistles, but would cut off local access to Nebel Street from our side of the tracks, turning Randolph Road into a dead end at the tracks. SHA presented two reasons for closing Randolph Road. First, they cited community pleas for reduced train noise. By closing the intersection, the trains would not have to blow their horns. Second, they cited this crossing as the fourth most dangerous crossing in the state based on their statistical analysis.

In addition, SHA presented the interchange design for the intersection of Parklawn and the Parkway. This will be a grade-separated interchange.

A couple weeks after their presentation to the Implementation Committee, MCDOT and SHA presented it to the Montgomery County Planning Board for a recommendation. The Planning Board recommended that Randolph Road remain open across the tracks.

Given the rapid succession of these events, I put notice out to the neighborhood email group for input from the community. A great discussion ensued regarding whether Randolph Road should remain open across the tracks, connecting us to Nebel Street.

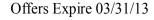
The overwhelming majority of responses I received favored maintaining the at-grade crossing of Randolph Road over the tracks. I agree with this position, as I believe it is critical for our neighborhood to have direct local access to White Flint. Successful urban areas are built via a network or grid of streets, and not via Parkways with interchanges and massive intersections. I believe having multiple options to access White Flint is best for the viability of our community.

The train noise would not be completely eliminated for our neighborhood, as the trains still blow their horns for the Garrett Park Marc Station and the pedestrian crossing at Waverly-Schuylkill Park. As for the safety issue, there have been 21 collisions there in the past 35 years at the crossing with just one since 2007.

I shared the feedback I received with Dee Metz, the White Flint Coordinator, the Planning Board, and Montgomery County Planning Staff. I am now working on sharing the feedback with the County Council. At some point, this should come before the Council. However, there is some confusion over who makes the final call, as this is a State and County project. If you have feedback, please read the presentations and email the Yahoo Group or me at chad@randolphcivic.org.

For more information with links to the various presentations by MCDOT and SHA, and a link to a great write up by the Friends of White Flint on the presentation made to the Planning Board, please visit our website at http://randolphcivic.org/2013/04/montroseparkway-east/.









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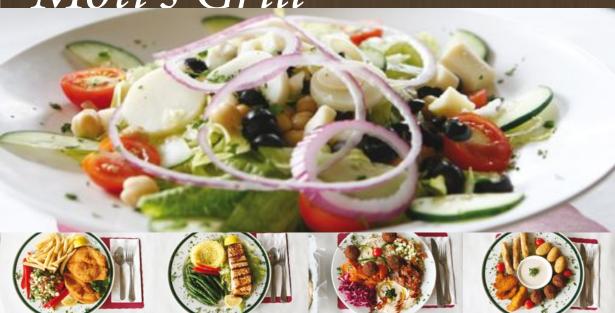
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Last Year for the RCA Bazaar?

by Matt Tifford

Originally called the RCA Yard Sale, the RCA has been holding the RCA Community Bazaar since the mid-1990's.

Holding this event has always depended on having interested neighbors willing to contribute their time to organize it. We have a small number of motivated volunteers to organize events like the Fun Run, MusicFest, the RCA Picnic, write Echo articles, edit and layout the Echo, and Christmas Caroling. However, we don't have enough interested volunteers to continue running the Bazaar.

We know that some of you enjoy this event and may like it to continue, so we have decided to see if there was anyone interested in taking it on.

None of the tasks associated with the Bazaar are onerous, but they do take time. About a month beforehand, contact via e-mail must be made with the shopping center to confirm the event. Then, a week before, the banner has to be mounted on the shopping center entrance sign. While not required, we usually have a volunteer run Craigslist ads leading up to the event. Finally -- and what we have found to be most difficult to arrange -- we need volunteers at the event to setup at 7am, maintain a constant presence throughout the morning, and then break things down at 1pm.

If you would like to see this event continue, please consider volunteering your time. The 2013 Spring Bazaar will go on as scheduled, Saturday May 4th from 8am-1pm. We will continue to try to work out a solution to keep this event going, but regretfully, without new volunteers, it is likely that this will have to be the last RCA Bazaar.

Join Your Neighbors Online



The RCA Yahoo Group is a great resource for keeping up with happenings in RCA land. Need a recommendation for a local handyman? Looking for a babysitter or dog walker? Want to learn more about local activities? Have an idea to improve our neighborhood?

Get in on the conversation at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/

Hotline

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such as deer. Please consider installing speed humps on these blocks. Thank you.

04-05-13 (Fri) at 12:47pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Re: The Neighborhood Bazaar. How can I reserve a spot or booth to sell items? If its 1st come 1st serve what time is someone there on that same day to inquire about a spot? Do we just set up in the parking lot if you can provide details please. Thanks.

04-12-13 (Fri) at 1:50pm. Anonymous. I just recently read an article in the RCA Echo and also saw a comment made about noise violations during the summer months. We would also like to add that we've been kept awake at night as well and, honestly, these are not parties, as described in the article about noise by Matt. They are disturbances. It's clear to us now that the RCA will only care about and act upon on what is in their best interest. The RCA has made it clear that you will not represent the members of this community, or us individually, and you will do nothing to get involved with the noise issue in this neighborhood. If this issue becomes too much of a problem, I'm going to set up an email account, possibly with Yahoo, where we can get together, represent each other and press the county to take action. To the person monitoring this box: if the RCA decides not to publish this call, I will still be going house to house and I will be putting flyers with contact info for both county officials and the email addresses where people can report these noise violations. This needs to be acted upon and the current stance and solutions offered by the RCA are unacceptable. [RCA Note: The RCA volunteers, and the neighbors who donate to keep the Echo in publication, are the people who accomodate printing hotline calls -- provided they are less than 1.5 minutes -- even ones like this. The RCA would like to encourage this caller to attend an RCA meeting if he feels his concerns are not being met. We would also encourage that the caller visit page four to see a picture of RCA volunteers "acting upon what is in their best interest."]

04-12-13 (Fri) at 9:39pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Good Evening, I am writing to notify RCA about two suspicious persons roaming Boiling Brook Parkway on April 12, 2013. A male, approximately early 40's with black hair in a low pony tail wearing a Phillies baseball cap and a woman, early 40's, light complexion with short black hair, were going door to door at about 1:00 pm. They had no identifying clothing or other identification and did not appear to be carrying any official or business related paperwork. These individuals were witnessed

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Randolph Civic Foundation News

Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

On March 15 and 16, Troop 1083 Scouts and Crew 1083 Venturers finished the last phase of their spring mulch sale by delivering (for free!) all those orders. Both groups thank all of our customers for making this year's sale, as always, a success—and for supporting a program that gives so much to its members and also gives right back to the community through service projects.

One example is the annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup, which this year took place on April 6. For the last 20-odd years, Boy Scout Troop 1083, Cub Scout Pack 1081, and affiliated Girl Scout and Venturing units have taken part in the Watershed Cleanup, rain or shine, conducting their efforts in Boiling Brook, between where Boiling Brook Parkway splits into a divided highway to the west and Ashley Drive to the east. Local coordination of the event is still handled by Troop 1083. However, in recent years, the number of Scouts has grown, and they have been joined for the stream cleans by additional volunteers -- either as members of civic, church, or school groups, or simply as individuals from the community. In the last couple years, the Scouts and other RCA-Land volunteers have extended their efforts to include Boiling Brook all the way to Rock Creek; an upstream section of Boiling Brook near the Macon Road cul-de-sac behind Safeway; the western bank of Rock Creek that borders the length of Randolph Hills Park; and both of the streams in Waverly-Schuylkill Park. In your recent travels in RCA-Land, you no doubt saw some of the results in the form of the many blue and yellow bags of trash and recyclables that the volunteers hauled out of the streams. If you happen to walk along the streams themselves, you'll see more evidence in the form of a trash-free land- and waterscape.

On March 22 and 23, Troop 1083 hosted WEBELOS II scouts from Cub Scout Packs 1081 and 493 for the annual WEBELOS Weekend campout at Cabin John Park. The older Scouts taught the WEBELOS about fire building, axe safety, and hiking. In the evening, all the campers broke camp for a few hours to go swimming at the Rockville Swim Center, and then returned to the campsite for some toasted marshmallows before turning in.

On April 6 (after the watershed cleanup), the Troop's newest High Adventure crew went on its first "shakedown" hike to begin the 2-year preparation for a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in the summer of 2015. The guys hiked the Cabin John trail and got their first taste of what wilderness backpacking entails. (Shakedown hikes are further described in this month's Venture Crew article.)

If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill ES, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the Troop's web page at www.troop1083.org.

News from Cub Scout Pack 1081 By Leora Hernandez

Pack 1081 is accepting boys from first grade to fifth grade into their pack. The boys enjoy learning all kinds of life skills and experience a wide variety of activities such as camping, trips to museums, bowling, and skiing.

In March the Webelos spent the night at the Maryland Science Center. They enjoyed the exhibits and hands-on fun. They experienced how a pulley system can make a job easier if properly set up. There was a station that showed how different sound vibrations affect dust. There were hands-on stations on static electricity, lasers and rockets. Also, they watched a film about beavers.

The PineWood Derby Districts were held on March 16th. Each boy who qualified from our pack went up against boys from other local packs. The competition was tough but they had fun racing their cars again.

At the March Pack meeting the pack took part in a long standing tradition -- the parent/son bake-off. The boys enjoyed making and bidding on homemade goodies. Thank you to our judges who determined best in appearance and taste as well as special awards.

In other developments, the Webelos were invited to attend and camping trip with Boy Scout Troop 1083. And on April 6, the pack participated in the Annual Stream Cleanup along with Boy Scout Troop 1083 and Venture Crew 1083. Also on our April calendar is the Pow Wow and Billy Goat Trail Hike.

The Pack meets Mondays at Viers Mill Elementary School during the school year starting at 6:30 pm. Boys in the first thru fifth grade are welcome to join. You can contact our Pack Master at rchackenberg@verizon.net

Venture Crew 1083 News By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

The biggest news for the Venture Crew in the past month involves the Crew's High Adventure component. Crew 1083 is sending 19 participants to New Mexico's Philmont High Adventure Scout Ranch in July. Nineteen is quite a crowd, too many hikers for a single contingent. So the big group was broken down into smaller units of 10 and 9 hikers. No problem.

However: Philmont Scout Ranch (PSR) is a big place, and there are trekkers there from all over the USA all summer long. Therefore, PSR offers 34 separate itineraries, each offering its own combination of hiking mileage, mountain peaks to hike, and program activities. They're assigned on a lottery basis. Your crew chooses its favorites, and when the online registration opens, you and all the other crews have to hustle to enter their selections first, and hope for the best. Because Crew 1083 is sending two groups, and we wanted to share the same itinerary as "sister" crews, we were a little nervous about our chances (but not

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Randolph Civic Foundation News

Our Neighborhood Has Heart!

by Lindsay Hoffman, Randolph Civic Foundation President

The morning of Saturday April 6th could not have brought more perfect weather. It was sunny but cool and ideal for spending some time outside at our Neighborhood Clean-up. Nearly 50 volunteers participated in collecting trash from areas identified as "high need," including the dead-end at Macon Drive, the Randolph Hills local park and playground, and Boiling Brook Parkway. It was particularly heartwarming to see the range of attendees. Preschoolers worked alongside retirees and everyone in-between to ensure that the outside of our neighborhood reflects its inside – we have a lot of heart here! Thank you to all who came!

But -- keeping our neighborhoods in great shape is an ongoing affair. So, when you're out for a stroll, bring along a bag to collect trash while you walk. Consider joining a team that's "adopting a sign site" and help keep our entranceways watered, weeded and attractive. And, come learn more about the RCF at this year's Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner! We'll be at the Viers Mill Local Park recreation center just before the May RCA meeting, on Thursday May 2nd at 6pm. Come for a complimentary dinner with your neighbors and learn how to get more involved!

Save the Date!

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Girl Scout Troop 1079 - Cadettes by Leora Hernandez

This troop is for girls in grades 6th-12th. At the Cadette troop level the girls have opportunities to grow leadership skills, earn SSL hours, and have fun!

In March the girls were busy with booth sales to sell cookies. We have been discussing exactly how we want to spend our hard-earned money. Some ideas have been to go to an amusement park, go on an NYC trip, or a trip to another location.

On April 6th the Troop helped out with one of the Cherry Blossom Celebrations. They were at the Freedom Walk which commemorates the American Japanese who fought for the U.S. in World War II. The Troop enjoyed listening to Japanese drummers, and had the opportunity to pet a Clydesdale horse that was there to escort the walkers. Afterwards, we walked to Hard Rock Café and had lunch while being entertained by fellow diners and waiters showing their dance moves and singing along with songs.

Girls in 6th-12th grade – are you interested in joining us? Contact Leora Hernandez at 240-593-9318 or e-mail leorah2o@yahoo.com for more information.

Venture Crew

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there are no bad itineraries). Thanks to the lightning-fast typing of advisor Don Gibbons, the 1083 crews got their first-choice itinerary, and will be able to trek in tandem. It was great news that really ramped up the excitement!

As the days count down to the big trip west, each of the smaller crews continues to practice and prepare with "shakedown" hikes. On March 23, the group led by Crew Chief Brady Grundy hiked at Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg, and on April 7, the group led by Crew Chief Matthew Best hiked the Weverton Cliff section of the Appalachian Trail near Harpers Ferry. Both crews practiced quickly setting up tents, assembling a rain fly/dining tarp, cooking with whisperlight white gas stoves, and putting up bear bags, which are sacks containing all the food and other items that would attract bears in the night. The bags must be securely suspended at least 15 feet off the ground and at least 8 feet from any tree that the bear could climb. If it sounds tricky, it is. Everything is done while strictly observing Leave No Trace hiking and camping principles. Challenging? You bet. Worth it? Totally.

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 20. Crew meetings are every second Monday night, from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Why not join us? Bring a like-minded friend so you'll already know someone else at the meeting! For more information, contact crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755.

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Hotline

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knocking on doors on Boiling Brook Parkway and were extremely loud, obnoxious and displayed aggressive behavior. The woman appeared to be on drugs. The two individuals were seen walking up Boiling Brook Parkway and into the Goodwill Store parking lot. I would like this information shared with the neighborhood watch coordinators and passed on to our contact with the County Police Department. As a homeowner, is there anything that can be done to discourage or prevent the continuous door to door solicitation that occurs in this neighborhood? I have a "no solicitation" sign on my door, but it doesn't seem to faze the weekly [missionaries] ... Thank You. [RCA Note: This was passed along to the RCA Neighborhood Watch who in turn communicated with the police. However, we do encourage everyone to call 911 first if they see suspicious activity.]

President's Message

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munity consensus, this issue was posted to the Yahoo email group. A great discussion ensued. In addition, many of you emailed me privately. Thank you all for the input. To stay informed on issues affecting our neighborhood, please join the email group. It only takes a few minutes. Go to http://randolphcivic.org/email to get to the Yahoo page, and click the blue "Join This Group!" button. There's more information on Montrose Parkway East in this Echo.



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