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Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2002
8:00 p.m.

RCA General Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2002
8:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center at the corner of Ashley Drive and Macon Road on the **first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.**, except January, July, and August. Usually, we alternate between General and Executive meetings. All are welcome at every meeting.

President's Message

by Matt Shore

The RCA voted in October to put the last Randolph Hills sign at the end of Coachway and Ashley. Excited by this, I drove by the site to see if there was any lighting around the area to illuminate the sign. A streetlight is at the corner, but it was burned out. I called the County about getting this fixed and was disturbed at the answer I received.

The Department of Transportation called PEPCO to fix the light by replacing the bulb. It turned out to be a more serious repair than a burned out light. PEPCO had to replace the entire light fixture because someone had shot it. I'm not trying to alarm anyone, but please keep your eyes open and be very careful. If you see anything suspicious please call the Police. If you want to call in a burned out light call the Department of Transportation at (240) 777-2164.

On Sunday November 24th my family and friends will dedicate a bench to my deceased brother Mark Edward Shore who died of Multiple Sclerosis four years ago. The bench is at the entrance of the Waverly-Schuylkill Park. The dedication will start at 2.

Thank you to everyone who has walked, ridden and given money to the Mark Shore Memorial Team for the MS races. All money goes to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

October 3, 2002

by Kevin Kline, Recording Secretary

RCA President Matt Shore waited until 8:10 to open the meeting of about 20 persons. Matt introduced Nancy Floreen, the Democratic nominee for a Montgomery County Council seat (At-Large). Treasurer Zierdt explained that because Montgomery County has many more Democrats than Republicans, Nancy is expected to be elected to the Council on November 5th. Someone pointed out that this is the closest RCA'ers will ever get to speaking directly to the County Council, so we should ask Nancy our questions now.

Nancy introduced herself. She is Garrett Park's Mayor. She is also a lawyer, and has been on the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Rock Creek Park Foundation. She said there are four "At-Large" County Council seats, and then a seat to represent each area of the County. Howard Denis, Republican, represents RCA-land.

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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.

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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

RCA General Meeting

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Nancy noted that, as Garrett Park's Mayor, she has worked with the RCA before, including the addition of parkland to Waverly-Schuylkill Park. She noted that cut-through traffic is a big issue with Garrett Park, just as it is with us.

Nancy talked of things she plans to address while on the Council: a study of a second Potomac River crossing; intersection improvements; and the ICC. She said that just because RCA'ers decided to buy "close-in" to the city, does not mean we should suffer traffic cutting through our neighborhood from commuters from far-away exurbs.

Taking questions, RCA'ers told her our concerns about getting our Randolph Elementary School re-opened, and cut-through traffic. Nancy suggested we get the County to paint parking stripes for parked cars as a way of slowing down commuters through our neighborhood.

A final question concerned panhandlers at intersections. Nancy explained that the Council has a bill pending to outlaw street panhandlers, but it was tabled because of concerns of legitimate organizations that collect cash from motorists. The county firefighters, for example, have an annual charity drive collecting money in boots.

Nancy was given a round of applause as she left.

The next guest speaker was Jon Biegel, an independent insurance agent with Mass Mutual Financial Group. Jon offers life insurance, long-term health care, retirement planning, etc. Jon specifically asked to speak to the RCA. He knows of us because he advertises in this *Echo* newsletter. Previously the RCA has had security/alarm specialists as guest speakers, and financial planning is also a type of security.

Jon said, "you can't predict but you can prepare." One question to Jon was about an RCA'ers elderly parent that needed financial planning, so he would have a steady income to last his lifetime. Jon was given a round of applause and was available after the meeting for questions.

President Matt Shore turned to RCA business:

Passed by unanimous voice-vote: the meeting minutes as published in the Sept/Oct *Echo*. After some discussion, **passed by unanimous voice-vote: the RCA & RCF Budget as published in the Sept/Oct *Echo*.**

Turning to old business, Matt said that the sidewalk repair for Randolph Hills Section III would have to wait until next spring before completion. Matt is anxious to install an RCA sign "Randolph Hills" and offered two locations. **Passed by unanimous voice-vote: to install the sign at Coachway and Ashley.**

Treasurer Richard Zierdt gave a Sam's Club card update. Because the RCA is incorporated, we are eligible for Sam's Club cards at the corporate rate. In past years this price break was large. Now, we're saving only \$2 over what it would cost you to get a card directly. Hopefully, in the future this RCA price break will again be large. Still, the RCA/Sam's card tie-in offers an incentive for RCA'ers to join.

In answer to a question, Matt Shore gave a street-light update. The RCA has gotten over 100 new streetlights installed. We hope to get another 10-15 new streetlights installed during this next fiscal year, that runs from July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003. The County's budget will probably be greatly reduced, so we will have to monitor our latest streetlight request. Replacement trees throughout RCA-land were discussed. Treasurer Zierdt recently spoke with the County Arborist (there's only one) about getting new trees for RCA-land.

Have you seen the RCA's Web site at
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RCA and Police Meeting

by Kevin Kline

On July 17, 2002, RCA'ers Mike Saunders, Frank Shore, Jack Stillwell, Richard Zierdt, George Gadbois, and Jim & Amparo Strickland met with Montgomery County Police Officer Rose Young at the Rockville Police Station to discuss traffic and parking enforcement.

General problems discussed were: illegal commercial vehicles parking and driving through RCA-land; illegally parked cars (blocking sidewalks, extended parking); and our need for a greater police presence throughout RCA-land.

Specific problems addressed were: commercial vehicles parked illegally on Putnam Road; stop sign violations at Boiling Brook Parkway (BBP) and Rocking Horse Road; illegal left turns from westbound BBP onto Nicholson Lane from the right-turn-only lane; speeding on Ashley Drive and Schuylkill Road; stop sign violations at Schuylkill and Garrett Park Roads; illegal parking on Randolph Road between the sidewalk and the street.

“Montgomery County Code, Chapter 31, 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:

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 - (2) On a sidewalk.
 - (4) On [in] a crosswalk.”

Note: 31-20.(2) means you cannot park your car in your driveway and block the sidewalk. This is one of the biggest complaints the RCA receives. You did not buy nor do you own the sidewalk part of your driveway. The County sidewalk is for pedestrians, baby strollers, and wheelchairs.

Sam's Club Update

by Richard Zierdt

As reported last month, Sam's Club doubled its membership price from \$15 to \$30 for corporate members, which includes all RCA/Sam's members. However, two people from the same address (typically husband-wife) may “piggy back” and receive two Sam's memberships for the same \$30. For husband-wife combinations, there was really no price increase.

However, Sam's membership staff at their Gaithersburg store knows the RCA membership is a pretty good deal for all parties and wasn't happy about the corporate increase, either. SO, Sam's Club will allow, for RCA accounts only, two people from two different addresses to “associate” themselves with the same RCA address for \$30. So, for example, if you are an RCA member and your mother lives in Wheaton, she may receive a card on your account. Just indicate her name and address on your Sam's membership card, or call the RCA and let us know.

Do This, Don't Do That, Can't You Read the Sign?

by Kevin Kline

Illegal signs are plentiful in Montgomery County. You are within your legal right to remove illegal signs, and are encouraged to do so by the RCA! RCA Execs routinely pull up illegal signs in RCA-land. There are so many illegal signs, especially west on Randolph and Nicholson Lane, that we do not bother removing them.

On one day, the Department of Permitting Services found 279 illegal signs in Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Garrett Park, North Bethesda (that includes RCA-land), and Potomac. **Signs are illegal if they are along a road right-of-way or attached to utility poles.**

Reginald Jetter, the Department of Permitting Services' chief of case-work management, said illegal signs look bad and distract drivers. “It prevents you from looking at the other signs [traffic signs] in the right of way you should be looking at,” he said.

Signs on private property are allowed if they are two square feet or less and are associated with lawful residential activities. **“For Rent” and other signs are allowed but only if posted on the private property, not on county land.**

There are three kinds of signs allowed by the county. They are permanent and limited-duration signs, which require a permit, and temporary signs, which do not require a permit. Permanent (business) signs for private property require a sign permit that costs \$139.

A limited-duration sign is for private property or a public right of way. Examples include real estate “open house” signs. These types of signs have safety standards and are limited to when and where they can be displayed. The fee for a limited-duration sign is \$22 and is valid for one year.

Temporary signs can be placed on private property for 30 days only. While a permit is not needed, the date when the sign was posted must be on the sign.

To report an illegal sign call 240-777-6259.

Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of October 13, 2002, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$2,698.32, however, checks 674 for \$3390 and 687 for \$20 have not been cashed. As reported last month, the \$3390 check was given to Sam's Club manager on March 28 in an attempt to "beat the price increase," but was never cashed, and it should not. So we "really" have a combined balance of \$6,088.32. I will void check 674 by next month. Also, as I write this (Oct. 13), no membership checks have been deposited yet, but will be this coming week.

RCA Checking Register 9/04/2002 through 10/13/2002

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
BALANCE 09/04/2002					3,667.71
9/04	RCA	inc:advertising	Wm. Collins, plumbing	140.00	3,642.71
9/11	683	US Postal Service	1400 stamps membership	-518.00	3,124.71
9/13	684	Quick Printing	Sept/Oct ECHO 24	-1,176.00	1,948.71
9/14	685	Staples	membership supplies	-25.33	1,923.38
9/16	E-xfr	Verizon	August telephone	-21.73	1,901.65
9/17	RCA	—SPLIT—		393.00	2,294.65
		inc:advertising	Custom Fit	238.00	
		inc:advertising	Pizza Calzon	150.00	
		inc:advertising	classified ad	5.00	
09/21	RCA	inc:advertising	Rosa's Beauty Salon	100.00	2,394.65
09/21	686	Sam's Club	food, RCA picnic	-226.68	2,167.97
10/04	687	Steve Beck	propane tank for grill	-20.00	2,147.97
BALANCE 10/13/2002					2,147.97
<i>Bank balance, September 23, 2002: 5,557.97</i>					

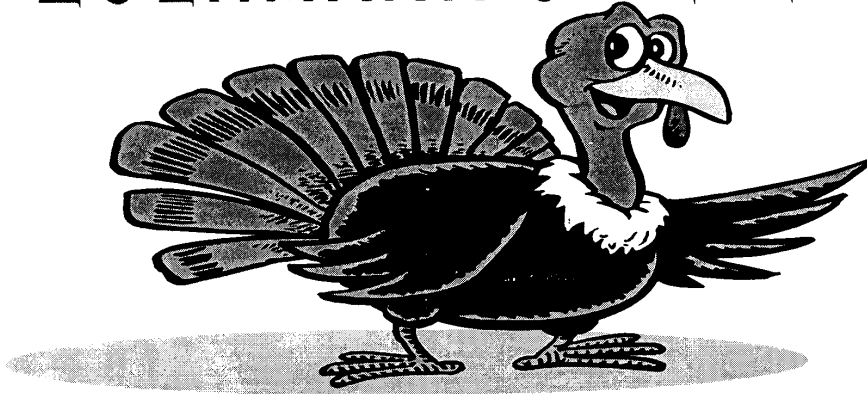
RCF Checking Register 9/04/2002 through 10/13/2002

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
BALANCE 09/04/2002					700.24
09/12	1054	Erie Insurance	yard sale 09/28	-200.00	500.24
09/16		RCF	donation	50.00	550.24
09/30		interest	.20%	0.11	550.35
BALANCE 10/13/2002					550.35
<i>Bank balance, September 30, 2002: 550.35</i>					

Total RCA+RCF cash assets

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The RCA Fights To Keep What is Ours

by Kevin Kline

RCA must fight to keep its firefighters and equipment. As Montgomery County grows, firefighters and equipment are thinned out in "down-county" areas like RCA-land, to provide for up-county areas that have no fire protection at all.

RCA-land is protected by an interconnected web of three firestations: on Rollins Ave; Station #21 at Veirs Mill and Parklawn; and Station #5 in Kensington. The equipment at each station is different, so the type of emergency helps determine which station responds to an emergency.

House fires in Montgomery County claimed 11 lives last year, more than double the average number of deaths in the three previous years. The estimated damage was \$30 million – double the average fire loss from the two previous years. Fire and medical personnel responded to 95,000 calls, an increase of 14 percent from the previous year.

In summary, there has been a marked increase in: the deaths due to fires; the fire property loss; number of fires; and in emergency fire response. Why? Because the County is growing, and more people means more fires. The fire protection that protects you and RCA-land has not kept pace with the boom in population growth.

"If housing construction is approved, and there is not enough fire support, then there shouldn't be development," said Bruce Deppa, chairman of the Greater Darnestown Civic Association. "We live in Montgomery County. We pay high taxes. The county provides services and this should be a priority."

Funding for the fire department has been one of the most contentious topics in Montgomery County's proposed 2003 budget. Requests by the fire department for new equipment have been tabled in previous budgets and were nearly axed this year, until residents protested and lobbied County Council members.

Three new fire stations – Clarksburg, East Germantown and West Germantown are planned, but the first will not be ready until 2005. They will be the first new fire stations built in Montgomery County in 20 years.

"Obviously, we have not kept pace with development," County Fire Administrator Gordon Aoyagi said. "When you get greater population density, there are just more opportunities for more problems."

Montgomery County relies on a combination of volunteer and paid firefighters to staff fire stations. About 1,000 paid firefighters work primarily during the day and

at the stations in the densely populated "down-county" areas like RCA-land.

There are also 1,300 volunteers registered and, of those, several hundred are active in the 19 volunteer fire corporations that are organized and run independently. Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Kensington both have long traditions of volunteer firefighters. Most of the volunteers work at night and during the weekends.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase has a strong volunteer fire organization that helps raise money to buy equipment. The Sandy Spring and Hyattstown volunteer fire departments are two more examples where the surrounding neighborhoods pitch in to buy equipment.

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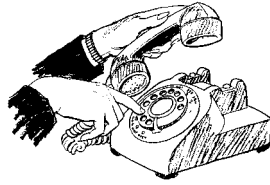
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September 3, 2002 to
October 13, 2002



General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published in the ECHO almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA is here to help everyone keep our neighborhood as orderly as possible, so please use these numbers. Please call the RCA as well. We appreciate knowing and learning about our community.

2002-09-05 (Thu) 1:15 pm Franklin Park. Homeowner at 12xxx Galena Road has three [loose] dogs who recently chased caller and caller's black lab up the street, pinning caller against a car. The owner of the dogs came and got the dogs; did not apologize. Are we losing a sense of what it means to be a neighbor in this community? Caller is thankful for the good neighbors that we do have; neighbors do Christmas Caroling for canned food every year (4th year so far); Caller works with another neigh-

bor on this. We welcome new neighbors. Caller is hoping the dog owner will see this and look at what it means to be a good neighbor in Franklin Park. Dog owner claims to be a community activist and then doesn't apologize for owner's three dogs chasing someone down. Owner's dogs also bark quite a lot. Other neighbors are also disgruntled as owner's dogs are out in the back yard, all day, barking. Caller is willing to write an article on what it means to be a good neighbor.

2002-09-07 (Sat) 1:29 pm Hunters Lane, Franklin Park resident. Hi, Guys! Hope everybody enjoyed a terrific summer vacation. [However] Where are the [street] lights that were going to be attended to. Any update on when this might be happening? Also, regarding the list of boys willing to do grass cutting and snow shoveling, none are listed with Franklin Park addresses. Are there any boys willing to work in FP? [Richard Zierdt here. I haven't asked each boy, but my guess is that they all would do so. They're responsible.]

2002-09-08 (Sun) 3:21 pm Anonymous. RCA member calling. Suggestion for solving the traffic problem on Rocking Horse Road: No through traffic from 7am to 9am, and from 4pm to 7pm. Thank you.

2002-09-08 (Sun) 9:39 pm Ashley Drive. Caller is willing to be the RCA webmaster. Caller does it professionally, but would do it as a volunteer for the RCA. [Thanks, caller!]

2002-09-09 (Mon) 1:14 pm Anonymous, Randolph Hills, 1st section. Caller would like neighbors to put their big recycling bin and their trash cans off their front porches. It looks kind of low. Put them around the side or back. Let's upgrade the neighborhood.

2002-09-10 (Tue) 10:02 am Anonymous. First, thanks to all the many hours put in by all the volunteers for the Civic Association. [However] Could earlier notification be given of upcoming yard sales, especially since this upcoming one was changed from October to September.

2002-09-10 (Tue) 4:54 pm 46xx Olden Road. Is there a contractor/carpenter who could help caller finish a project installing interior doors? Does the RCA know of someone?

2002-09-11 (Wed) 5:03 pm 51xx Macon Road 301-881-5206. Car drivers are driving over the sidewalk, into the Church parking lot, and then onto Randolph Road. Eventually, someone is going to get hit. Who can be called to stop drivers from doing this? Where can we report this?

2002-09-26 (Thu) 2:46 pm Wants info about yard sale.



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2002-09-27 (Fri) 9:23 pm Anonymous. Yard sale sign at Loehmann's Plaza: Can time be changed from 9am to 8am?

2002-10-03 (Thu) 3:19 pm Anonymous. Why do you keep publishing an old map so outdated where the Randolph Junior High is still marked? People walk around the neighborhood and this makes it very difficult. Is there a lack of money? Volunteers? Try to think of the people who walk. Thank you. *[Fortunately a helpful RCAer has supplied me with a more recent map – you'll find it in this issue. It's not completely up to date, but it's much better – Editor]*

2002-10-10 (Thu) 9:52 am Anonymous. Trash has been left at the curb at 113xx Schuylkill Road all week. This is very uncaring to all the other neighbors on the block.

RCA Hotline – 24 hours
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News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois



After some vigorous recruiting at the Open House and two Back-to-School nights at Viers Mill as well as our special Join Cub Scouting Night on September 20, we're excited to welcome 19 new Scouts. Pack 1081 is happy to have the new boys and their families on board for the adventure and fun! Special thanks to **Ms. Ana Nava** and **Ms. Jeannie Carrion** for providing Spanish translation services for our recruiting.

The Pack had an absolutely gorgeous afternoon on September 29th for our annual Physical Fitness Day at Wheaton High School. Competing were new Tigers **Tyler Bochniak, Jose Gallardo, Brad Gessford**; Wolves **Matthew Best, Devin Kenney, Joshua Murtagh, Brenton Polk, Kenneth Rodas, Ayinde Warren**; Bears **Jason Beam, Kevin Benitez, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Sasha Hevey, Dwayne Remillard, Alex Taylor, Diego Vallejos**; Webelos I **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Matthew Fieller, Derick Pineda**; Webelos II **Andrew Costas**. Events included Long Jump, Softball Throw, Push Ups, Curl Ups, 50 Yard Dash and The President's Challenge Activity Program. Our first place medal winners for most points in their age group were: **Brad Gessford, Devin Kenney, Alan Costas, Tony Caffi** and **Andrew Costas**. All the boys received one or more ribbons for the various events. Red, blue, and yellow ribbons abounded as dusk quickly came upon us. Families enjoyed hot pizza and cold lemonade as awards were distributed. Our thanks to the many parents and leaders who helped make this event special. Special thanks to Den Chiefs **Scott Talbott, Alex Cassel, Hafez Taghavi, Andy Wood** and unofficial "den chief" **Anthony Gadbois** from Troop 1083 for assisting.



Our Bear Scouts preparing for the President's Challenge "shuttle run" during Physical Fitness Day.

We had our first Pack meeting of the year on Thursday, September 26th. Our Webelos performed their Camp Tuckahoe skit entitled "The Pilfered Warehouse." **Sasha Hevey** received an award for participation in summer Pack activities in each of the three summer months. Webelos Scouts **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Andrew Costas, Johnny Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata** and **Joseph Owen** received their participation patches for attending Camp Tuckahoe 2002. Special thanks to leaders **Mr. Mike Costas, Mr. Bill Blakely** and Den Chief **Scott Talbott** for giving a week of their time to spend with our Scouts at Camp Tuckahoe. The 1st Year Webelos earned the following Activity Pins over the summer: Aquanaut: **Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely, Matt Fieller**; Artist: **Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely**; Outdoorsman: **Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely**; Readyman: **Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely**; Sportsman: **Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely**; Traveler: **Matt Fieller**; Sports & Academic Pins: Sports: **Swimming Pin: Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely, Matt Fieller**; Fishing Pin: **Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely, Matt Fieller**; Academics: **Wildlife**

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Webelos Scouts doing "standing long jump" (background) and "curl ups" (foreground) at Physical Fitness Day.

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Conservation Pin: **Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely**; Weather Pin: **Tony Caffi, Kyle Blakely**. 2nd Year Webelos earned: Activity Pins: Aquanaut: **Andrew Costas, Joseph Owen**; Readyman: **Andrew Costas, Joseph Owen, Johnny Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata**; Outdoorsman: **Andrew Costas, Joseph Owen, Johnny Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata**; Sports & Academic Pins: Sports: Swimming Pin: **Andrew Costas, Joseph Owen**; Academics: Wildlife Conservation Pin: **Andrew Costas, Joseph Owen, Johnny Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata**. To prepare us for our upcoming camping trip, we were treated by another visit from **Mr. Don Thompson** to give our group some real insight into a soldier's life during the Civil War. Don is a Civil War historian and is actively involved with various re-enactment groups. Our thanks to Mr. Thompson for sharing his time with us.

As we go to press, we are looking forward to our Pack family camping trip to Gettysburg Battlefield on October 12-13. We will join up with Boy Scouts from Troop 1083 at the Gettysburg campout and share scout skills and campfire stories. Our Popcorn fall fundraiser is in full swing. Look for our Cub Scouts in your neighborhood selling popcorn. Proceeds support our Pack and District activities. Also note that Scouting for Food bags are delivered with this *Echo* edition and food pickup will be done by Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts on Saturday

morning, November 16. Please be generous. Your food donations go to help Manna of Montgomery County. Visit our website for more Pack 1081 news: <http://hometown.aol.com//jph3190/1081.html>.

Troop 1083 News

by *Brian McGahey*

On September 21 at Little Bennett Regional Park, we recognized all the accomplishments of our summer camp at Goshen Scout Camps. In addition to the ten rank awards and 38 merit badges listed in last month's *Echo*, we presented Star rank to **Scott Talbott**; **A.J. Tao** received Personal Fitness merit badge (next to last merit badge for Eagle). **Steven Santos** received Personal Management merit badge. **Collins Murphy** received Sports merit badge. And we welcomed **Edwin Fuentes** as a new member and presented him with Scout rank. After the Court of Honor, a great meal (and a huge thunderstorm), the Scouts entertained everyone with a great campfire.

Upcoming events include camping on the battlefield at Gettysburg in October, camping on the Appalachian Trail in November and selling Christmas trees in December.

This year you can order your spring mulch at our Christmas tree lot, which we will deliver in the spring.

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Zoning News

Strathmore Hall & Grosvenor Metro Construction

The 167-foot crane you see at Strathmore Hall is to build an \$89 million music center. Clark Construction has dug the hole for the foundation, moved in office trailers, and built a concrete retaining wall. The 2,000-seat concert hall will host the Washington Performing Arts Society and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra.

Simultaneously, Metro is constructing a 2,000-car parking garage nearby at the Grosvenor Metro station. An enclosed glass pedestrian bridge will connect the Metro garage with Strathmore Hall.

RCA-land Houses to be Demolished

A developer wants to demolish the house at 4900 Randolph Road, (between Galena & Hunters) and build two new houses on the one-acre site. As previously mentioned in this newsletter, another developer WILL demolish the house at 5120 Randolph, (at the corner with Hunter's Lane), and build 4 new houses. The RCA is actively opposing these actions.

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Storm Drain Project

(We brought this project to your attention last spring, but it is supposed to BEGIN NOW). This major construction project is going through Rock Creek Park, from Veirs Mill Rd, across Randolph Rd, and stopping near Dewey and Mahan Roads. WSSC is to replace the 1960's era 42-inch sewer pipe and the 1950's-era 24-inch pipe that run beside the Rock Creek stream. These sewer pipes service RCA-land. An overflow could happen if WSSC did not replace these pipes (whereby raw sewage leaks out through manhole covers).

Heavy construction equipment will be parked along Dewey, Gaynor, and Mahan Roads. Trucks will haul in large sections of pipe. There may be controlled blasting during daylight hours, to cut through sections of solid rock. A tunnel will be installed under Randolph Road. In the Rock Creek Park area north of Randolph Road named "Winding Creek Park" the soccer fields and basketball courts will be out of service. The hiker trail will remain open with detours. The project should be complete in 2003.

The following are official County descriptions of road projects near RCA-land. It will take the County years to build all these projects.

Montrose Parkway East: Project #509337

[This Parkway will run just North of RCA-land!] This project is a planning stage – for extending the Montrose

Parkway from the 355/Randolph/Montrose interchange (near Parklawn Drive) to Veirs Mill Road. It is listed in the 1992 North Bethesda Master Plan as A-270, a three-to four-lane divided arterial. It is to provide capacity for the Master-Planned development of North Bethesda [that's RCA-land!]. The Randolph Road Widening study is being performed as an alternate to Montrose Parkway East [see below].

Randolph Road: Project #509337

This project investigates the feasibility of widening Randolph Road from 4 lanes to 5 lanes by adding a reversible center lane. [Note: Randolph Road thru RCA-land already has a reversible center lane]. Limits of the widening would be from Parklawn Drive to Rock Creek Park. Alternate capacity improvements are also being considered along this corridor, including construction of Montrose Parkway East. Randolph Road is listed in the 1992 North Bethesda Master Plan as A-90, a 4-lane arterial. During January 2000, the Montrose Parkway East study team determined that improvements to Randolph Road might be a feasible alternative to construction of Montrose Parkway East. Therefore this study is linked inextricably with the Montrose Parkway East Study, and they are being performed simultaneously.

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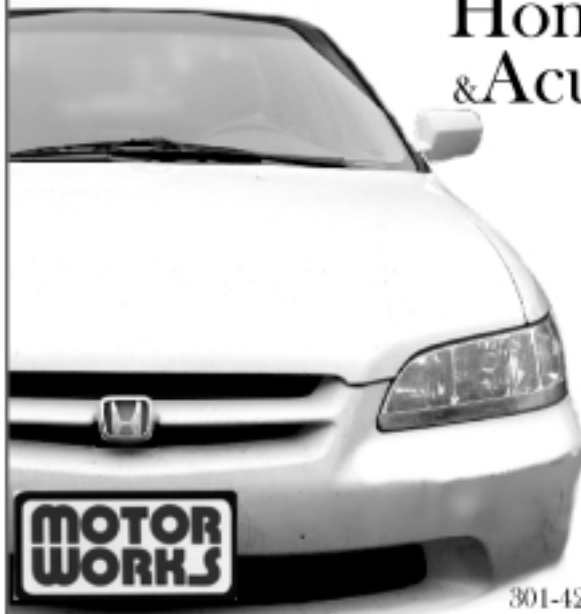
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Update: Possible Randolph Road Widening. The Dept of Public Works & Transportation recently completed a study of Randolph Road from the intersection of Parklawn to Veirs Mill Rd. The Department presented their findings to the public. There are 3 alternatives: (1) do nothing; (2) improving/widening some intersections, including the one at Dewey & Randolph where many accidents have occurred; and (3) improve/widen the entire segment from Parklawn to Veirs Mill Rd. The next steps are: the department makes recommendations; and the County Council chooses an option and provides funding. The RCA will provide more information after we review this just-released study. Actual construction is a few years away.

Montrose Parkway West: Project #509337

This project provides for design of a new four-lane divided parkway-type of road from Montrose Road (near Evelyn Drive) to Old Georgetown Road (approximately 5,500 linear feet) in the undeveloped land formerly reserved for the Rockville Facility. The typical section for the Parkway includes 13-foot wide lanes and a 20 to 30-foot wide median with a hiker/biker trail on the north side, a 5 foot sidewalk on the south side, and extensive landscaping on both sides and median areas. In addition to the new Parkway, this project provides for the redesign of the existing Montrose Road from Evelyn Drive west to Tower Oaks Boulevard (approximately 4,900 linear feet) to a six-lane divided arterial road with a 15' median. The reconstructed Montrose Road will include sidewalks on both sides and landscaping where desirable.

Nicholson Lane Bridge over CSX Railroad Bridge No. M-113: Project #509132

Provide engineering design for the superstructure replacement, concrete survey and substructure repair for bridge no. 113 on Nicholson Lane over the CSX Railroad.

The existing bridge, built in 1964, is composed of a three span, simply supported steel beam bridge, with a concrete deck and asphalt-wearing surface. The bridge supports a four-lane roadway, two lanes in each direction, along with a painted 8-foot wide median.

The Nicholson Avenue Bridge has a leaking longitudinal joint that has caused deterioration of the deck along the joint to the point where large pieces of concrete have spilled off the deck and fallen to the CSX tracks below. Permanent traffic control delineators have been placed to keep traffic off the median area due to this severe deck deterioration.

Walk!

by Julie Stanish
Director of Marketing, Washington Hospital Center

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If you don't own a dog who takes you for a regular walk or you feel uncomfortable walking alone, there are numerous walking groups in the Washington area. In fact, the "I Love to Walk" group sponsored by the Washington Hospital Center meets at White Flint Mall on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7am-9am. (Call 202-

877-6213 for more information.) This group meets all year around.

The point is, walk. It's good for you and it's good for the neighborhood. Who knows, you might just meet a good friend who happens to be a neighbor.

P.S. All the more reason to keep our sidewalks clear of parked cars and dogs kept on leashes.

RCA Adopt-a-Road Sign

The RCA submitted an application to the County's Adopt-a-Road program, whereby we promise to keep clean a mile-long section of Randolph Road. In return, the County erects a sign in our name proclaiming our good works.

Fortunately, we already have at least three RCA'ers (one in Hilltop Square, two down Randolph) that routinely pick up trash along the roadway. Also, many thanks to the unknown RCA'ers that keep up (flowers, water) the Franklin Park, Westminster, and Randolph Hills signs.



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New Animal Anti-Cruelty Regulations are in Effect in Montgomery County.

by Margaret Dikel

On June 25, 2002, major changes to Montgomery County's animal control code went into effect. The new regulations mandate specific practices, prohibitions, and measurements for tethering, sheltering, and transporting dogs. It is important for all dog owners who keep their pets outside even for short periods to be aware of the changes and to review their own tethering, shelter, and transportation practices and setups to be sure you are not unknowingly violating the law.

The new regulations begin by specifying that a harness is required when tethering your dog outside. Collars are not allowed. Dogs may not be tethered outside between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless a waiver is granted by Animal Control based on extraordinary circumstances. While tethered, dogs must have unrestricted access to food, water, and shelter, and they must have sufficient movement allowing them to eliminate in an area separate from their food, water, and shelter. There are also new regulations governing the minimum length of the tether line and its weight.

If you transport your dog in the back of your truck, the law now requires you to either cross-tether your dog or confine it in a suitable cage to prevent it from exiting or being thrown from the vehicle while moving. If you do use a cage, the cage must be anchored to prevent it from moving around while the vehicle is in motion.

New regulations governing shelter or protection from the weather for outdoor dogs give specific requirements for the construction of dog houses, including materials, height from the ground, bedding, protection from the weather, and size. They also state that shade must be available to outdoor dogs at all times from sources other than a dog house, but they allow garages, sheds, and enclosed porches to be considered shelter if they meet stated requirements. The law also states that whenever a dog is left outside, whether tethered or not, and the owner is absent from the property, suitable shelter must be provided.

I know we do not want to hurt our pets. They are our friends, companions, and helpers. However, violations of these new regulations are considered acts of cruelty and carry a fine of \$500. Criminal charges may also be filed, which carry a penalty of up to \$1,000 fine, up to three years in jail, or both. I urge everyone, especially dog owners, to review the full text of the new Anti-Cruelty Conditions for Dogs online at <http://www.co.mo.md.us/services/police/animal/asd501.htm>. You can also access this document along with the full Animal Control Code

on the website of the Animal Services Division of the Montgomery County Police Department at <http://www.co.mo.md.us/services/police/animal/animalhp.htm>. And if you have questions or want to report problems or violations to Animal Control, please call 240-773-5690.

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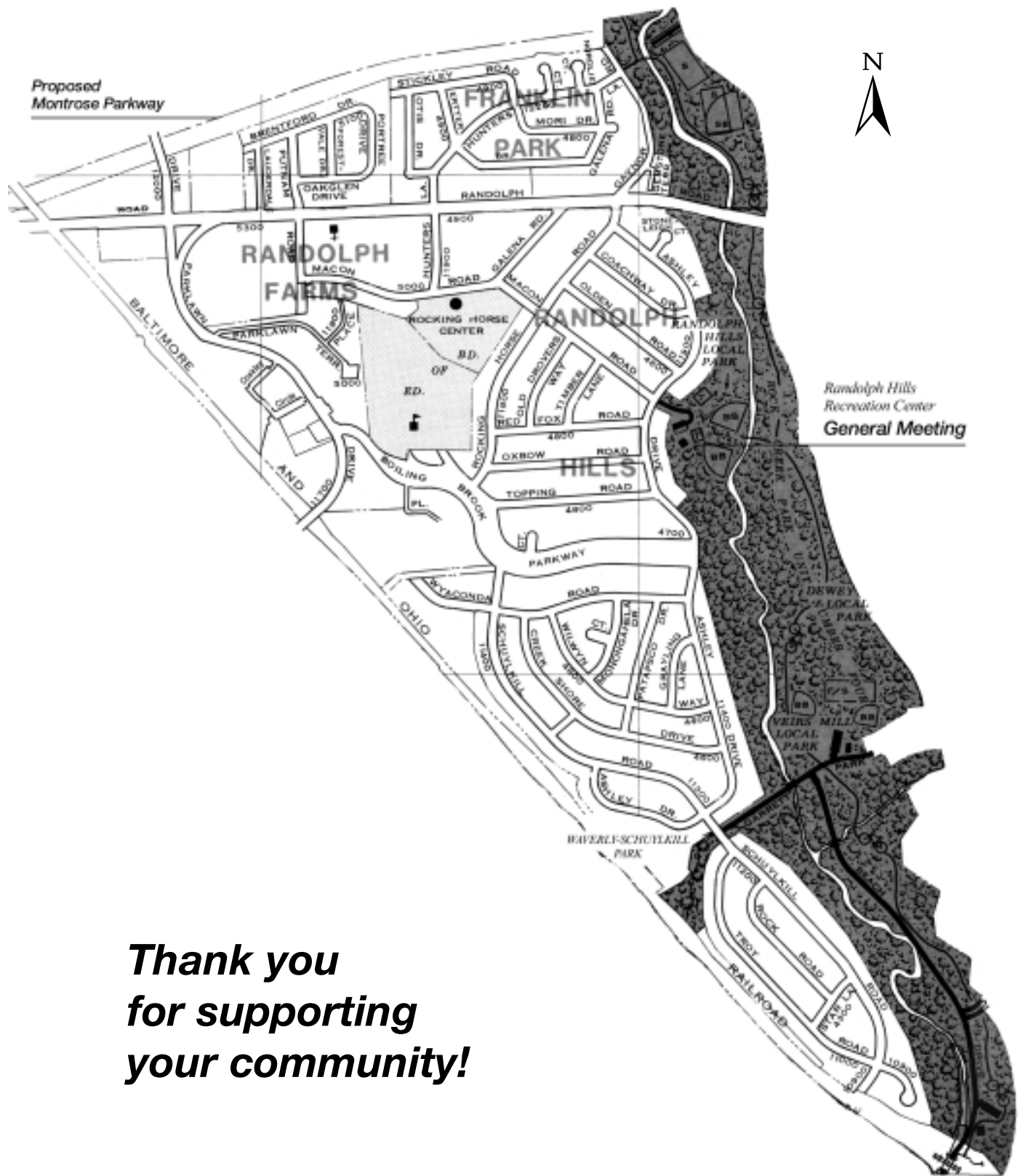
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Steven Santos 301-468-1756 Wilwyn Way
Chris Geerman 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive

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 of *The Echo* is November 1st.**



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Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	301-279-1591
Police: Emergency	.911
Park Police	301-949-3010
<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuykill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3600
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
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<i>(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)</i>	
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Montgomery County Humane Society	240-773-5960
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Randolph Hills, Franklin Park and Montrose Park Market Update...

Home Sales Settled Since August 1, 2002

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12115 Portree Drive	\$299,900	\$299,900	\$0	3
10903 Troy Road	\$275,000	\$277,920	\$0	4
4723 Wyaconda Road	\$274,900	\$268,000	\$0	26
12106 Otis Drive	\$274,900	\$267,900	\$0	29
4615 Creek Shore Drive	\$274,500	\$265,000	\$0	27
11804 Ashley Drive	\$269,900	\$269,900	\$0	23
11301 Ashley Drive	\$269,900	\$269,900	\$0	1
4802 Wyaconda Road	\$269,500	\$268,000	\$1,600	34
11909 Rocking Horse Road	\$264,900	\$264,900	\$0	28
12106 Lauderdale Drive	\$263,100	\$263,100	\$0	69
4620 Creek Shore Drive	\$249,900	\$257,000	\$0	6
11306 Schuylkill Road	\$228,000	\$228,000	\$0	22

Homes Under Contract...

Address	List Price
4709 Oxbow Road	\$275,000 (Sold by Denise)
4702 Wilwyn Way	\$279,900 (Sold by Denise)
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