

The Newsletter of the Randolph Civic Association and Randolph Civic Foundation

Volume 49, Issue 2 November 2005

In this Issue
Spring Sprouts Lookin' Good1
Charter Review Commission Update1
Minutes of the June General Membership
Meeting
Minutes of the October General
Membership Meeting5
Trash Can Coalition
Welcoming Committee to be Formed
in RCA-Land7
Treasurer's Report8
The RCA Hotline10
News from Pack 108112
Girl Scout Troop 1487 News
Troop 1083 News14
Letter to the Editor - Police Agencies,
Neighbohood Watch, and the Reverse Santa
Claus15
Neighborhood Watch15
Smell Gasoline?

Upcoming Events

RCA Map18

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2005, 8:00 p.m.

No meeting in January

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2005, 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.

Spring Sprouts Lookin' Good

by Richard Zierdt

In the RCA's first flower bulb offer with a new membership year, at least 42 homes participated, ordering 2,700 bulbs! Cost of the bulbs was \$789.78, or 29 cents per bulb on average. What a deal! Most popular were the red tulips, followed closely by crocus and yellow tulips. It's too late to order more at this point, but pictures of each bulb offered are posted on the website. Click on "See Photos of Flowers Here" in the middle of the home page. If this is successful, we might offer summer bulbs as well, say around March.

Now we got a nice e-mail from an Ashley Drive lady who cautioned about the Muscari (grape hyacinth) that was offered. These plants are invasive in natural areas, so it would be better if they were not planted, especially if a yard borders Rock Creek Park. I have had a good experience with this variety, however, perhaps because they would get mowed if they spread beyond my flower beds. Nonetheless, we are forewarned.

We look forward to a colorful spring! ■

Charter Review Commission Update

by Richard Zierdt

The Montgomery County Charter Review Commission is formed every four years to review and recommend proposed changes to the County's charter, which is roughly equivalent to a County Constitution. The Commission is made up of eleven unpaid volunteer appointees, and must represent both major political parties. At this time, the Commission is studying several issues, some of which were voted upon at the RCA membership meeting October 6 [see the meeting minutes in this *Echo*].

One issue is the way the County Council represents the county. There are nine Councilmembers, four elected at large, and five elected, one each, from five local districts within Montgomery. The Montgomery County Civic Federation, of which the RCA is a longtime member, is pushing hard to have all nine councilmembers locally-elected, and those efforts were the basis for its support of Question C in the last election. Question C would have changed the Council makeup in that way. Although the initiative failed, as many first attempts do, the issue is still quite alive.

I've written about this issue before (September 2004 *Echo*, available online) so I won't rehash all the points here. But there is an interesting twist to this issue, one with mathematical implications, with applications in game theory for you math majors out there. It has do with the idea that at-

(continued on page 3)

RCA Executive Committee for 2005-2006

OFFICERS

President Open

(see article, page 3)

Vice President

Mike Saunders 12107 Hunters Lane 301-468-9268

2nd Vice President

George Gadbois 4718 Topping Road 301-770-5386

Secretary

Kevin Kline 4808 Randolph Road 301-230-1486

Treasurer

Richard Zierdt 4707 Coachway Drive 301-881-0283

Directors

Jack Stillwell 5106 Macon Road 301-231-4934

Frank Shore 11230 Troy Road 301-468-1225

Matthew Shore 11230 Troy Road 301-468-1225

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Echo Editor

Eileen White 11225 Ashley Drive 301-984-2579

Echo Advertising

Mauro Biondo 11508 Monongahela Court 301-770-7590 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

(continued)

Membership Carol Brown 4615 Olden Road

301-770-7440

Environment

Jack Stillwell 5106 Macon Road 301-231-4934

Education

Elinor Walker 12111 Galena Road 301-468-6335

Yard Sale Signs

Lorena Segura 4802 Macon Road 301-984-8727

Special Projects

Kim and Cary Williams 4710 Topping Road 301-881-4554

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Scout Leader, Troop 1083

Dave Talbott 12104 Foley Street Silver Spring, MD 20902 301-933-0048

Cub Master, Pack 1081

Mark Kibbe 4306 Emden Street Silver Spring, MD 20906 301-946-6393

Scout Liaison

Frank Rossomondo 11611 Ashley Drive 301-770-7450

Scout Unit Commissioner

Mike Saunders 12107 Hunters Lane 301-468-9268

Girl Scout Leader, Troop 1487

Stephanie French 11012 Schuylkill Road 301-770-3171

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION DELEGATES

Montgomery County Civic Federation:

Kevin Kline, Matthew Shore, Eileen White, Richard Zierdt www.montgomerycivic.org

North Bethesda Congress: Matthew Shore, Richard Zierdt

MUNICIPAL AREAS FOR RCA

County Council District 1 (representing all of RCA): Councilman: Howard Denis 240-777-7964 email: Councilmember.Denis@montgomerycountymd.gov

Mr. Denis's aide: Ken Hartman

Councilmember: Nancy Floreen 240-777-7959 email: Councilmember:floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov

Ms. Floreen's aide: Merle Steiner

General County Council Offices: 240-777-7900

County Executive (all of RCA):

Douglas Duncan240-777-2500Montgomery County Public Schools:301-279-3000School Board Offices:301-279-3617School System Information:301-279-3391

School Board Member for District 3 (representing all of RCA):

Ms. Patricia O'Neill 301-320-7600

Maryland Legislative District 18 (representing all of RCA):
Senator: Sharon M. Grosfeld 301-858-3137
Delegates: Ana Sol Gutierrez 301-858-3181
John Hurson 301-858-3770
Richard Madaleno Jr. 301-858-3130

Montgomery County Delegation Office: All Senators & Delegates: 301-858-3010

U.S. Congressional District 8:

Christopher Van Hollen 202-225-5341 email: chris.vanhollen@mail.house.gov

U.S. Senate:

Barbara Mikulski 202-224-4654 Paul Sarbanes 202-224-4524

Election Precinct:

04-15 Vote at Rockinghorse Center, 4910 Macon Road

Montgomery Co. Board of Elections: 240-777-8500 751 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland 20851 www.777vote.org

Maryland State Board of Elections: www.elections.state.md.us

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Office of the Governor 100 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401 410-974-3591

governor@gov.state.md.us www.gov.state.md.us



RCA Telephone Number: 301-881-2722 (881-2RCA).

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

Membership in the RCA is \$5.00 per year.

The Echo is the official publication of the Randolph Civic Association, Inc., P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852. The Echo is published 8 times a year and distributed free to all residents of Franklin Park, Hilltop Square, Montrose Park, Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, and Westminster. Deadline for submission of articles varies; the next deadline is noted in each issue. Copy should be sent to the Editor, Eileen White, 11225 Ashley Drive, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852, 301-984-2579, email eewhitedesign@comcast.net.

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

Charter Review Commission

(continued from page 1)

large councilmembers give all citizens a voice in the makeup of the Council. One resident said to me once: "I can change a majority of the Council at one election" (in the current system). Well, yes, he could – *if* he were the only voter!

The problem is that when everyone votes for the at-large seats, well, *everyone* votes for those seats, meaning everyone's vote is "diluted" because each vote is only one vote amongst *all* votes. Any election is really a competition of desired outcomes: you want Candidate X to win (e.g.), and I want Candidate Y. So how can you get Candidate X installed? Vote 10 times? Nope, can't do that. But you *can* try to convince *other* voters to agree and vote as you would. Anyone's single vote is almost meaningless – you're much better off getting others to vote with you. That's real power, and it's legal.

Now let's apply that to local vs. at-large elections. Montgomery County has a population close to 1,000,000 residents (True!). Let's say 500,000 are registered voters. If you want to affect a majority of the County Council by electing candidates A, B, C, D, and E (one local candidate and four at-large), you have to convince 250,001 voters to vote with you (250,001 is half (plus 1) of 500,000, assuming 100% voter participation).

Now let's do this if all nine County Councilmembers were locally-elected. You still need to elect five councilmembers to affect a majority. But now each local district has 55,556 voters (500,000 divided by nine), and you have to convince half of those − 27,778 (plus one makes it 27,779) − to vote your way. That's 27,779 voters in five local districts. So 27,779 times five is 138,895, which is 111,106 fewer voters compared to 250,001 − the number of voters needed in the current at-large system (see previous paragraph). In other words, it's easier to "get your way" in an all locally-elected county than it is in an at-large setting. If the goal is to "give power to the people," then a locally-elected County Council is the way to achieve this. ■

Minutes of the June General Membership Meeting

by George Gadbois

June 2, 2005

Due to no exec officer attending with access to the Rec Center, MNCPPC Police Officer Todd Archer, who stopped by unplanned, was gracious enough to let the assembling group into the building. Second Vice President George Gadbois opened and presided over a short meeting with a modest turnout of about 10-12 people. A motion to approve the meeting minutes for the May 5, 2005 general membership meet-

ing, as published in the June/July/August Echo, was passed by unanimous voice-vote. Next, a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as published in the June/July/August Echo, was also passed by unanimous voice-vote.

Before RCA business continued, and because there was no formal speaker arranged for this meeting, the floor was turned over to MNCPPC Officers Todd Archer and Rosemary Whelan to share a few words. Several topics were visited including "after dark" activities in the park such as loud music, etc. The officers advised the membership to please call in these kinds of disturbances to the MNCPPC Park Police. The police are here to protect our quality of life, particularly insofar as enforcing park policies and confirming permits. They encouraged us to alert them anytime there is a perceived problem or violation. They stated that parking on the grass in the park facility is not allowed and they would come to enforce this if noticed or if called. They also advised us to contact the permit office if the park facility is damaged or vandalized. A question from the membership about the legality of parking on the grass/dirt along Boiling Brook Creek was raised. The officers referred the person to contact the County Police and/or the Maryland Highway Department, who have jurisdiction over that strip of land. The officers reminded the membership to contact MNCPPC Police at the number provide in the "Important Phone Numbers" list in the Echo or at 301-949-8010. Officer Archer said he would check with us from time to time to see how things were going. Gadbois thanked the officers for taking the time to visit, and for letting us into the building. The membership gave the officers a round of applause as they left.

Getting back to RCA business, the motion printed in the June/July/August Echo by Treasurer Richard Zierdt about Yard Sale concessions was presented and read by Gadbois. A discussion followed. Although a formal vote should have occurred, it did not because based on the consensus of many of the members present, the arrangements were not to their liking and the vote would not have passed. Alternatively, and after much more discussion, a revised motion constructed by Gadbois and based on the wishes of members present, was presented. The new motion was to give non-profit RCA youth groups a one-year agreement to sell concessions at the two RCA yard sale events for that year. Boy Scout Troop 1083 would receive the first of such agreements, but they would not have a guarantee for doing it over other RCA youth groups in subsequent years, as the groups would take turns. The use of the RCA grill would be allowed as long as the group arranges getting it transported. The slot fee would be waived. The youth group would perform all the work, including food purchase and clean up. No RCA donation would be made and the group keeps any and all profits. Passed by unanimous voice-vote to offer to Boy Scout Troop 1083 and other RCA youth groups, an opportunity

(continued on page 4)



Mural, purse, plate, wase, glass, furniture, illustration, ornament, logo design & much more.

Contact me with any creative need you may have.

www.artriaus.com

240-506-1549

HARRY B. SEWELL, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW, CHARTERED
3717 DECATUR AVENUE, UNIT 2
KENSINGTON, MD 20895

Elder Law, Wills, Trusts (301) 949-4656 & Estates, Corporations Fax: (301) 949-6205 and Real Estate Closings Admitted in DC & MD

E-Mail: HBSEWELL@MSN.COM

4921 Wyaconda Road North Bethesda, MD 20852 Plumbing, Heating & Cooling



Ph: (301) 881-2370

Fax: (301) 881-8652



VERA TSAGURIYA Licensed Esthetician TEMUR TSAGURIYA Massage Therapist Nat. Certified

VITAL SKIN CARE

Facial, Massage, Waxing, Reflexology. Lymph Drainage, Body Treatments, Lash Tint, Reiki We Use and Recommend Dermalogica and G.M. Collin

301-775-7481 11402 Schuylkill Rd. N. Bethesda, MD 20852 vitalskincare4you.com vera@vitalskincare4you.com Checks & Credit Cards Welcome

Minutes of the June General Meeting

(continued from page 3)

to sell concessions at RCA yard sales under the conditions described herein.

Gadbois, himself an active leader with the Troop, felt doubtful that the Troop would be willing to accept these terms since anyone could just show up to sell concessions by paying the slot fee and have no agreement constraints to abide by. Additionally, and as Zierdt stated in his *Echo* article, "...the whole [concessions] operation...performed for years by...RCA volunteers," is one reason together with RCA Troop sponsorship, that a donation of some kind ought to be part of the offer. Gadbois assured the membership that this offer will be submitted to the Troop for consideration and would deliver their response at the next membership meeting.

The discussion of RCA financial support for Troop 1083 continued for a bit after reiterating Zierdt's article item that the concessions profits would go toward the Troop's High Adventure program only. RCA execs had noticed that the financial sponsorship for the Troop had not been increased in many years from the \$400 it currently receives. Gadbois mentioned that as Troop costs for fees, awards and supplies increase, so from time to time should the sponsorship, and that an increase of a few dollars is probably in order. A group of residents from the floor took a firm exception to this notion and began making requests to see the Troop balance sheet and asking if the membership votes from year to year to continue sponsoring the Troop. They stated they wanted to see the Charter agreement along with the balance sheet before any increase was considered. Gadbois was taken aback by these spontaneous requests and assured the inquirers that a current Charter exists and that the Troop balance sheet was available and maintained current by the Troop Treasurer, who happens to work for a law firm. Gadbois indicated that an annual vote is generally not taken to recharter the Troop, as this is not a normal course of business. (RCA sponsorship to Troop 1083 is a very public arrangement and is well publicized, including financials, in each Echo edition; no one has ever made a motion to consider ending that relationship given the Echo delivery and other community service the Troop provides.) Gadbois stated that the other RCA execs would be consulted as well as the Troop committee regarding whether Troop financial books or the Charter would be open to general membership scrutiny. An answer to this would be provided at the next general meeting, he said. No action was taken on an increase to Troop 1083 sponsorship.

The next item of discussion came from a group of residents from Franklin Park who had concerns about the motion passed at the May general meeting regarding the RCA pursuing getting signage for AM traffic restrictions into RCA-land and the general RCA approval of AM restrictions (at about this time Treasurer Zierdt arrived from a public hearing). Those speaking on behalf of Franklin Park stated that some

of them come from their neighborhood to the light at Randolph, Rocking Horse & Gaynor and want to continue straight across to access either Rockville Pike or Beach Drive driving to work. A "Do Not Enter" sign would prohibit them from doing this, therefore they opposed this type of AM restriction. They reminded Gadbois and Zierdt that the May *Echo* advised RCAers who opposed the AM restrictions to attend the June meeting. They did agree with the premise that cut-through traffic by non-RCAers needs to be addressed. No traffic motions were made; only the general opposition comments stated.

Lastly and pursuant to Zierdt's *Echo* article on new RCA exec officers, the membership was asked for officer nominations and/or volunteers from the floor, especially since we have a President vacancy. No one volunteered and no one was nominated. Zierdt suggested at that point postponing the 2005-2006 election until the October general meeting. There were no objections. No motion was made on a slate of RCA officers for the 2005-2006 term and the sitting officers (except President) will remain until elections are held.

With no further business to conduct, Gadbois adjourned the meeting. \blacksquare

Minutes of the October General Membership Meeting

by Kevin Kline

October 6, 2005

On probably the last warm and humid night of the year, Vice-President Mike Saunders opened the meeting with two guest speakers. The first was Park Police Officer Todd Archer, who discussed the difference between legal motor scooters and illegal "pocket bikes" and other motorized vehicles that race through our neighborhood and parks. (For more information on this topic, see "unregistered motor vehicles" on the RCA web site). Todd patrols our Randolph Hills Local Park, and our Stream Valley Unit #4 (north of Randolph Road).

Exec Jack Stillwell had questions concerning a new Parks Commission initiative, whereby soccer groups are invited into the smaller Local Parks (not the larger Regional Parks). Randolph Hills Local Park is specifically mentioned by the Parks Commission as one of the Local Parks these soccer clubs are invited to play in! This initiative is an outrage, because the RCA has been complaining to the Parks Commission for years about huge soccer crowds, trash, beer, fights, and public urination! RCA reps have attended many meetings with Parks, and even had Parks spokeswoman Carolyn Wainwright as an RCA meeting guest to address this "soccer" issue. Now, without any consultation, the Parks did the exact opposite of our requests. Naturally, Officer Archer was unable to address all of these matters, but he did

(continued on page 6)



OPEN: SUN – THURS 11AM – 9:30PM FRI & SAT 11AM – 10:30PM

* * \$10.00 MINIMUM DELIVERY ORDER * * *



Minutes of the October General Meeting

(continued from page 5)

speak about park enforcement, including illegal parking on the grass. Officer Todd Archer was given a round of applause.

County Executive Candidate Ike Leggett was the next guest speaker, and given a rousing opening applause.

Candidate Leggett said he is running for Montgomery
County Executive, and talked of his long experience on the
County Council, included being Council President twice.

Candidate Leggett said that zoning problems like Clarksburg would not happen on his watch. In fact, he installed the first
Inspector General in Montgomery County. In his opinion, the problem was a lack of respect by the County of the average citizen. In the Clarksburg fiasco, neighbors complained for months that the townhouses were too large, only to be ignored by the County, until it turned out to be true!

Taking questions, Candidate Leggett said Smart Growth is a good idea, but not when administered by dumb people. He explained that the Smart Growth concept of allowing higher density in some areas, but limiting growth in others, does not work, and pointed to the County Agricultural Preserve as an example [now developers want to build there, too.] Other questions included how to improve our Wheaton High School cluster, and improve traffic flow. Candidate Leggett was given a round of applause, and several RCAers shook his hand as he left.

Vice-president Mike Saunders passed out the meeting agenda, proposed RCA budget, and the previous meeting minutes for the membership to review. After some discussion: Passed by majority vote: to table the proposed budget until a later date.

Girl Scout Leader Stephanie French discussed her Troop 1487, asking for RCA sponsorship. The RCA planned to donate \$300, but sponsorship is a big responsibility, and generated discussion, e.g., what sponsorship means, what the Girl Scout organization is, and how many girls are in her troop (about 30). The Troop meets at our Viers Mill Elementary School. **Passed by unanimous voice-vote: to sponsor Troop 1487, and donate \$300**.

Second Vice President George Gadbois reported that Boy Scout Troop 1083 respectfully declined the RCA's offer to sell hamburgers and hot dogs at its semi-annual Community Yard Sales. The RCA's offer to run the concession was voted upon and passed by the RCA membership at the June 2005 meeting. The Boy Scouts are willing to accept the food concession, if it's offered using the wording used by Richard Zierdt in the May 2005 *Echo*. This issue was tabled for a future meeting since the next yard sale is not until the spring.



Next on the prepared agenda was the newly forming Welcoming Committee. Member RCAer Dawn Zierdt reported that volunteers have stepped forward, and a plan to create notebook binders, filled with useful local information, would be distributed to newcomers to RCA-land.

Several votes on recommendations to the Charter Review Commission were taken. Treasurer Richard Zierdt explained what the Commission is, and why our recommendations counted. Passed by voice-vote: to appoint Richard the RCA representative to the Commission. After minor discussion on each, several votes were taken. All Passed by unanimous voice-vote: local School Board members should be elected by local district [no "at-large" members]; the number of signatures needed to put an issue on the ballot in County-wide elections should not be raised, but instead remain 10,000 signatures; to reject a County Council initiative that would allow the Council to review and re-word ballot referendum questions before petition signatures are collected; and finally, all County Council members should be elected by local districts [no "atlarge" members].

RCAer JoAnn Constantinou kept the RCA posted on her petition efforts in Franklin Park to change the school boundary that runs right through this part of RCA-land. Some kids attend the Walter Johnson High School Cluster, and some attend the Wheaton Cluster. Her expectations on getting petition signatures have been exceeded – her goal is 99% of Franklin Park participation. JoAnn has a vision of academic excellence in Franklin Park. Secretary Kevin Kline asked if JoAnn was requesting RCA endorsement of her efforts. She said no, that her school boundary changing initiative might be more successful if pursued as a grass-roots effort. That's good, Kevin explained.

Richard Zierdt asked that the RCA support upcoming legislation ZTA 03-27 that will limit and further define building height limitations. Presently, loopholes allow developers to make buildings taller than the 35' allowed. (One trick is to bulldoze soil against the base of the building, thus making the "ground" starting point higher). Passed by unanimous voice-vote: support for ZTA 03-27. Also passed by unanimous voice-vote: the previous General Meeting Minutes as reviewed by the membership during this meeting.

Trash Can Coalition

by Kevin Kline

The RCA and other civic associations fought long and hard to get trash cans returned to our neighborhood parks – and we won! You can see for yourself: the trash cans were returned in September, after a two-year hiatus. A staffer from County Councilman Perez sent a congratulatory email to our fearless leader, Jennifer Chambers of the Indian Spring Citizens Association, on a job well done!

Our effort is a lesson of what can be accomplished if you volunteer and we work together! The "Coalition to Return Trash Cans to Our Parks" included representatives from the Sierra Club, Friends of Sligo Creek, Indian Spring Citizens Association, the Randolph Civic Association, and other civic associations from Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Kensington, Chevy Chase, and Bethesda.

Welcoming Committee to be Formed in RCA-Land

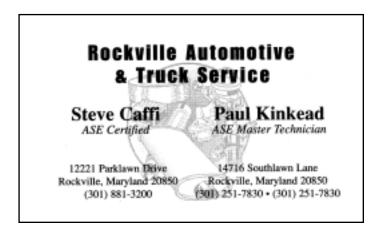
by Kim Williams

Remember back in the day when you moved into a neighborhood, your new neighbors came by with a plate of cookies to say hello and give you the low down on the neighborhood...the Welcome Wagon lady would bring you maps, magnets for the fridge, and information on the area and coupons from area merchants...well, that great nostalgic feeling is coming back, as RCA Land is forming its very own Welcoming Committee!

We welcome anyone who is interested in helping with behind the scenes work and/or greeting the new neighbors and dropping off kits. Your ideas and input are welcome! Representation from each neighborhood in RCA Land would be ideal, and bi-lingual volunteers will be needed as well.

A kickoff meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8 at 7 pm at Kim Williams', 4710 Topping Road, 301-881-4554 (refreshments will be served, so please let her know you are coming). Items on the agenda to include: establishing a database of outgoing/incoming families, binders/baskets and what information will go in them, contacting local merchants for discount coupons or give-aways, delivery to the new neighbors, and the submitting of info for the "welcome area" of the *Echo*.

The strength of our community relies on its residents. This is a great way to meet people and make new friends, so please come and be a part of this exciting and rewarding experience!



Treasurer's Report by Richard Zierdt

As of October 14, 2005, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$15,806.10. From this come payments to Sam's Club for RCA/Sam's memberships (about \$6000) and to pay for flower bulb orders, about \$800. ■

Date Num Payee Memo Amount							
		BALANCE 08/18/2005			5,384.19		
08/22		RCAssociation	inc:advert	2,292.00	7,691.19		
08/24	763	Electric Web Avenue	web hosting	-384.00	7,307.19		
08/25		RCAssociation	inc:advert	10.00	7,317.19		
08/25	764	Quick Printing		-1,123.50	6,193.69		
		ECHO:printing	Sept-Oct ECHO -1,000.	00			
		membership	1500 envelopes -123.	50			
08/27	765	Postmaster - Rockvl	1340 stamps membership	-495.80	5,697.89		
08/27	766	Staples	mbrshp: clips, bands	-39.34	5,658.5		
09/16		RCAssociation	inc:advert	120.00	5,778.5		
09/16	E-xfr	Verizon	Aug 22 phone	-23.86	5,754.69		
09/25	768	Kim Williams	picnic food	-527.53	5,227.16		
10/03		RCAssociation	inc:advert	180.00	5,407.16		
10/04		RCAssociation	inc:advert Loehmann's	816.00	6,223.16		
10/11		RCAssociation	—SPLIT—	596.80	6,819.96		
		membership:postag	refund from USPS 496.80				
		inc:yard sale	sale of food to Troop 100.00				
10/11		RCAssociation	—SPLIT—	1,357.86	8,177.82		
		inc:membership	161 members 1,202.	80			
		inc:yard sales	yard sale booth fees 155.00				
10/11		RCAssociation	—SPLIT—	1,408.70	9,586.52		
		inc:membership	83 members 1,405.	70			
		picnic expenses	\$3 cash donation 3.	00			
10/11		RCAssociation	inc:member 141 members	2,733.39	12,319.9		
10/11		RCAssociation	inc:member 158 members	3,200.24	15,520.15		

Date	Num	Pavee	Memo	Amount	Balance
Buto		- i dyoc	Monio	Amount	Balarioo
		BALANCE 08/18/200		285.9 ⁻	
08/31		interest received	.10%	0.02	285.93
09/30		interest received	.10%	0.02	285.95
		BALANCE 10/14/200	05		285.9
		Suntrust bank balance, October 14, 2005: 285.95			



The RCA Hotline



301-881-2722 (2RCA)

Calls Received August 18 to October 14, 2005

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.

2005-06-21 (Tue) 4:12 pm via e-mail to info@randolphcivic.org. Caller reports a car parked on Stickley Road that has not been moved in over a month. Now the car has no tags. Who does caller contact in order to have this car moved? Caller tried calling the hotline, but the tape was full. [Call the numbers for Abandoned Cars listed under Important Phone Numbers in the back of the ECHO.]

2005-08-26 (Fri) 4:02 pm "Bob" from xxx Repair who was "returning your call." "Bob" doesn't do it, but he is happy to supply the name and number of someone who does. [What a sneaky way to advertise!]

2005-08-27 (Sat) 11:32 am Are caller's membership dues paid up? [If you sent your dues this September or October!]

2005-09-01 (Thu) 9:39 pm

Anonymous. It seems we have a stolen car problem in Franklin Park, as well as a dropping area for abandoned cars. Caller reports police activity, and one incident of gunfire on Otis Drive.

Caller urges residents to take tag numbers of suspicious cars, particularly when two cars arrive in the neighborhood, stop, and the occupants of one car jump into the other and drive off.

2005-09-06 (Tue) 11:14 am Can a friend who lives at the same address as caller sign up for Sam's Club under the caller's Sam's account? [Yes, as long as it is the same address.]

2005-09-16 (Fri) 10:50 pm

Anonymous. Caller has lived in the area many years. Caller asks homeowners with trees around streetlights to trim their trees so that the streetlights can better illuminate the street and make our streets safer. Caller recognizes that the County should trim the trees, but that is not happening. So why don't we all work together to make the neighborhood nicer, safer, and cleaner? The trees are overgrown, and there are all kinds of bugs and spiders. You can't walk down the street anymore without running into spider webs. Let's all clean up around our houses. What kind of neighbors are we that can't do this for our own properties?

2005-09-19 (Mon) 3:38 pm New resident, not anonymous. What day will Trick-or-Treat by held this year? October 31 is a Monday this year. [Richard Zierdt here. As a 49-year resident of this area, it's always been held on October 31, regardless of the day of the week, unless there was a good rain.]

2005-09-20 (Tue) 12:29 pm Where's the Randolph Farms/RCA sign that was supposed to be installed at Galena and Randolph? Thanks for all that the RCA does. [We have the signs; it's just a matter of installing them! – and checking with the corner neighbor near whose property the sign will be.]

2005-09-21 (Wed) 10:58 am Ertter Drive. Caller notes and reports that Viers Mill Elementary received a national Blue Ribbon award under the

No Child Left Behind program. There was a write-up in the Gazette on Wednesday. There is a lot of misinformation about Viers Mill, and it would be helpful to report this story so residents have all the facts. [The link to the Gazette story about this is www.gazette.net/stories/092105/whean ew204844_31892.shtml (You don't have to type this in. This link can be accessed directly from this ECHO via the RCA website, www.randolph civic.org)]

2005-09-24 (Sat) 12:57 pm

Anonymous. Caller reports numerous cars parked in the No Parking area along Ashley Drive at the park (assume caller means at Boiling Brook Parkway). Caller called Park Police, who said that was not their jurisdiction. Caller then called the County Police non-emergency number, and was told they would try to send someone out, but "we know they're not going to come." So what can we do about it? [We need someone willing to volunteer to solve this situation, whose actions could consist of: (1) calling the police later that day or the next to see if any tickets were actually issued; (2) calling/writing the local district asking for more police diligence; (3) calling/writing our County Council member (Howard Denis, address/phone number on page 2) asking for better police diligence; (4) calling/writing the Montgomery County Recreation Department alerting them to the situation. Now, the RCA has and is pursuing option 4, but we could use more help.]

2005-09-28 (Wed) 2:17 pm

Anonymous in Randolph Hills. Caller is reporting a residence on Monongahela that tethers their dogs day and night, which has attracted rats, which are now coming into caller's yard. Food is left out for the dogs. Caller has made numerous calls to authorities, county officials, and nothing has been done. The dogs leave feces in the yard, and that along with the dog food is never cleaned up, and

the poor dogs suffer as well. What can be done about this problem, which is becoming a health problem? Something definitely needs be done. Thank you. [Call the County's Humane Society whose number is listed under Important Phone Calls in every ECHO. You do not have to leave your name. If you feel uncomfortable about doing this, call an RCA officer.]

2005-10-12 (Wed) 10:39 am Anonymous. Caller reports a (park side) resident at 119xx Ashley Drive. This resident is dumping large amounts of debris from the yard onto the path in an attempt to block access to the park. Also, earlier this year, resident stretched bailing wire from resident's fence to the trees in the park in an attempt to block access to the park. Resident dumps large tree trunks cut from resident's yard onto the path. Caller has called the Park Police several times; this doesn't seem to have an affect on the resident. Caller urges neighbors to be very careful when cutting through there on bicycles or on foot jogging, because if resident decides to stretch bailing wire across there again, there will be an injury. Thank you so much. ■

Note to Contributors:

The deadline for the December issue of the *Echo* is Saturday, November 5th.



Nominated As #1 Shop In America

10% Off Any Repair up to \$30
One Discount Per Vehicle

12356 Wilkins Avenue Rockville, MD 20852

Phone: 301-881-8530 Fax: 301-881-2249

www.preferredautomotive.com

...honda&acuraservice&repairisallwedo

If you can read the word above...you've figured out what we do here. Now check us out!

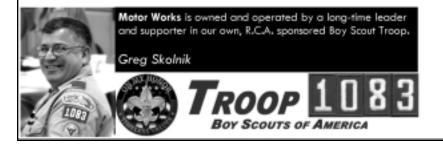
Own a Honda or Acura? Call us to schedule an appointment. You'll love our friendly, we-care attitude, personalized treatment and convenient arrangements.

Don't own a Honda or Acura? Refer a neighbor, friend or co-worker to us and the Scout Troop gets \$25! No kidding!



301-424-2800

www.motor-works.com



Randolph Civic Association Special!

\$ 6 OFF Oil service

\$11 OFF Minor service

\$21 OFF Intermediate service

\$31 OFF Major service

£ring this coupon with you

News from Pack 1081

by Mike Mulcahy



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 15, we're excited to welcome sixteen new Scouts. Welcome aboard to Tigers Andrew Caffi, Antonio Garcia, Estaban Tellez and Enrique Velasquez; Wolves Jassir Begazo, Diego Carrillo and Mateo Streed; Bears Carlos Delcid, Alex Mayorga, Daniel Mbulaiteye, Colin McLean and Jordan Oxley; Webelos I Gabriel Hernandez, Patrick Loberg and Luis Mayorga; and last but not least, Webelos II Karlo Begazo. Pack 1081 is happy to have the new boys and their families on board for the adventure and fun! Special thanks to Mr. Jose Hernandez for providing Spanish translation services for our recruiting. If you are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout program for your 1st – 5th grade son, please stop by Viers Mill Elementary School any Monday evening at 6:30. It's never too late to join!

We had our first Pack meeting of the year on Thursday, September 29th. Our Webelos shared their Camp Tuckahoe experience with other scouts during the gathering activity before the meeting. Webelos Scouts Sawyer Kibbe, David Villareal, Brad Gessford, Esteban Hernandez, Josh Murtagh, Brenton Polk and Clark Cervantes received their participation patches for attending Camp Tuckahoe 2005. Special thanks to leaders Mr. Mark Kibbe, Mr. Freeman Miller, Mr. James Miller and Mr. Ed Murtagh for giving a week of their time to spend with our Scouts at Camp Tuckahoe and special thanks to John Polk as well. The 1st Year Webelos earned Activity Pins over the summer as follows: Aquanaut: Sawyer Kibbe, Brad Gessford and David Villareal; Naturalist: Sawyer Kibbe,



Cub Scouts warm up before competing in Physical Fitness Day at Wheaton High School.

Brad Gessford and David Villareal; and Forester: Sawyer Kibbe, Brad Gessford and David Villareal. Also, the following Sports & Academic Pins were awarded: Swimming Pin: Sawyer Kibbe, Brad Gessford and David Villareal; Archery Pin: Sawyer Kibbe, Brad Gessford and David Villareal; BB Pin: Sawver Kibbe, Brad Gessford and David Villareal: and Wildlife Conservation Pin: Sawyer Kibbe, Brad Gessford and David Villareal. Let's hear it for the busy Webelos!! Congratulations!!

The meeting finished with a few more awards before adjourning. The Summertime Award was earned by Sawyer Kibbe, Brenton Polk and Preston Polk. And finally, the Bears received recognition too. Preston Polk attended Day Camp, and Adam Levangard earned two Sports & Academic Pins, one for Chess and one for Swimming.

The Pack had a very warm and sunny afternoon on September 25th for our annual Physical Fitness Day at Wheaton High School. The scouts competing in Physical Fitness Day were Andrew Caffi, Antonio Garcia, Estaban Tellez, Enrique Velasquez, Diego Carrillo, Aidan Gibbons, Alex Mayorga, Chris Mulcahy, Preston

Polk, Carlos Delcid, Gabriel Hernandez, Luis Mayorga, Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe, Matthew Best, Steve Hernandez, Matthew Loung, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen and Brenton Polk. As in previous years, the events included Long Jump, Softball Throw, Push Ups, Curl Ups, 50 Yard Dash and The President's Challenge Activity. Our first place medal winners for most points in their age group were: Tiger Esteban Tellez, Wolf Diego Carrillo, Bear Preston Polk, Webelos I Brad Gessford and Webelos II Brenton Polk. All participating boys received one or more ribbons for the various events. Many red, blue, and yellow ribbons for first, second, third & "Do Your Best" were distributed just before darkness came upon us. All the families enjoyed hot pizza and beverages as awards were handed out. Our thanks to the many parents and leaders who helped make this event special. Special thanks to Boy Scouts Scott Talbott and **Anthony Gadbois** from Troop 1083 for assisting. Also thanks to family and friends George Gadbois, Don Gibbons, Karen Tincknell, Dave Talbott, Jeff Owen, Jane Owen, and other Scout Leaders and parents for supervising the stations.

The Pack's fun fall family campout at Pinecliff was postponed due to rain from October 7th through 9th to October 14th through 16th. Nonetheless, the boys look forward to braving the elements, with their usual pup-tents to multiroom tents scattered about our group area. At camp, the boys will play some informal sports, hike along trails, and partake in other fun activities. After dinner on Saturday, the boys will make "camp" ice cream and then enjoy toasted marshmallows and additional treats around the campfire. Cub Scouts attending the Family Camping weekend are sure to have a great time!

Our Popcorn fall fundraiser is in full swing, so 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 12. Please be generous. Your food donations go to help Manna of Montgomery County. Visit our website location for more Pack 1081 news and pictures: http://hometown.aol.com/pack1081. ■

Girl Scout Troop 1487 News

by Stephanie French

Junior Girl Scout Troop 1487 has started up for another year of fun and learning. The 4th through 6th grade girls have decided to work on a badge about cars. As part of this badge they are planning a car wash to help raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims. They also look forward to a hike in November with Girl Scouts from other troops in the area. Marching in the Silver Spring Thanksgiving parade is also on the schedule. Regular meetings for Junior Girl Scout Troop 1487 are the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at Viers Mill Elementary School from 6:30 to 8 pm.

A new Brownie Girl Scout troop is being formed. An organizational meeting for parents of 1st through 3rd grade girls was held October 10th. The meeting was planned to decide on the time and day for troop meetings as well as to decide on adult leadership.

There is also interest in starting a Daisy Girl Scout troop in our area for kindergarten girls. An organizational meeting for this age group will be scheduled in the near future.

Adult leadership is eagerly sought for the Girl Scout troops in this area. Volunteers are needed as troop leaders and support positions. Training is provided. Leaders are often parent of girls in the troop but adults without children or whose children are grown up also lead troops.

Finally, if you are a Girl Scout living in Randolph Hills who belongs to a troop that meets elsewhere I'd love to hear from you. You may want to join us when several local troops get together. I'd also like to report on your troop activities in future *Echo* editions.

If you are a girl or adult interested in joining Girl Scouts please contact Stephanie French 301-770-3171. ■



Karen Wood **Piano Instruction** (301) 946-4634

Accepting Piano Students of all ages and levels

Karen Wood has over 25 years of experience teaching piano to children and adults. She earned a Bachelor of Music with major in Piano and minor in Voice. Her students are guided by standards of the National Guild of Piano Teachers.



Your Shipping & Mailing Provider Open 6 Days a Week

Custom Packaging and Crating, Electronics China Crystal, Antiques Services, High Volume Copies, 24-Hour Fax Receiving, Private Mailbox Rentals with Street Address, Moving and Packaging Supplies, Notary Public, Translation Documents

Loehmann's Plaza

In Back of "Boston Market" 5284 Randolph Road - Rockville Phone :(301) 468-2177 Fax : (301) 816-0491 Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 7 pm Saturday 10 am - 4 pm http://www.plusparcel.com

Authorized FedEx ShipCenter

\$3.00 Off UPS or FedEx Shipping | Expires - 11/30/ 2005



Troop 1083 News

by Jaime Todaro

Scott Talbott was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at a special Court of Honor, held on October 2nd. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Scott fulfilled these requirements eagerly and cheerfully. We are proud to have such a fine young man in our community. Thank you Scott, and congratulations.

In August, 19 of our scouts and 10 of our leaders camped for a week at Camp Olmsted in Goshen, VA. They were joined by two former scouts from Troop 1083: **Tim Tao** and **AJ Tao**. The scouts learned new scout cheers and worked on many merit badges. Scouts in attendance:

Jason Beam, Matt Binsted, Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Mark Bushong, Alan Costas, Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Josh Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Scott Johnson, Galen Miley, John Pitkin, Steven Santos, Scott Talbott, David Turish, Andy Wood. Adults in attendance: Fred Beam, Bill Blakely, Jacob Bolt, George Gadbois, Moses Hart, Brian McGahey, Ben Pitkin, AJ Tao, Timothy Tao, Dave Talbott.

Impeesa is BSA's National Junior Leader Training (JLT) course for scouts. The course is a scaled down version of a commonly used corporate model of team building and leadership. Two of Troop 1083's scouts attended meetings, as well as a week at Camp Baird, Goshen this past summer to complete this training: **Anthony Gadbois** and **David Turish**. Congratulations on this achievement.

As part of the Boy Scout commitment to community service, members of Troop 1083 participated in a Katrina



Troop 1083 helps collect donations for Hurricane Katrina victims.

relief effort at the Silver Spring Moose Lodge 658. A big thanks to all who participated: **Mark Bushong, Bubba Hart, John Pitkin, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood**; Leaders/guests: **Ben Pitkin, Jaime Todaro**.

Upcoming events include a weekend campout at Washington Monument State park, cabin camping at Bluemont VA, and scouting-for-food. 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 web page at www.troop1083.org.

Reminder: Scouts will be "scouting for food" on Saturday, November 12th to benefit the Washington Area Food Bank. Please leave non-perishable items on your stoop, in bags that will be delivered to your home. We will begin collection at 9 am.

Left: Scott Talbott receives his Eagle pin. Right: Scott with his proud parents Judy and Dave Talbott.





Letter to the Editor – Police Agencies, Neighborhood Watch, and the Reverse Santa Claus

I received this letter from a neighbor concerned about car burglaries in our neighborhood and with the seeming lack of response by the police to the incident in question. While I don't know exactly why the police failed to respond, this letter should serve as a warning to lock your cars at night and keep an eye out for suspicious activity. —Editor

It is evident that I live in a fine community, and I care deeply about our fine neighborhood and all that it has to offer. I have lived in two different locations, first on Schuylkill Road and now in a fine house on Macon.

About three weeks ago I was startled awake by a loud bang outside, and put on my skivvies and went outside in a slumbered stupor to see what was going on. Mind you this was 2:30 or 3:00 in the morning. I initially saw nothing, then lo and behold I saw this guy dressed all in black with a black garbage bag being the reverse Santa Claus checking door handles of parked cars whether they were in the driveway or on the street. Fortunately I play golf and grabbed my trusty 6 iron and quietly headed down the street to confront this thief. I got close enough to yell out to him, giving him momentary pause after he collected and placed in his trusty black bag the belongings of another victim of random thievery. He walked toward me and I did not back off; I actually started to attack him, brandishing my trusty golf club over my head in full attack mode. He bolted like the wind and made for the park at the end of Macon.

So I called 911 and asked for the Park Police, because this very thing happened last fall and I called 911 and asked for the Montgomery County Police, and they asked where he was and I said he headed for the Park, and they said I would have to call the Park Police. Which I did, but they made me feel like I committed the crime instead of the other way around. I thought because of Homeland Security, all the police agencies would be linked in communication somehow. It seems like neither the Montgomery County Police nor the Park Police care about us and we have to look after ourselves in most cases like this.

Perhaps it is high time we had a full neighborhood watch patrol with cell phones at the ready, and meet with our area political rep so we can iron out which police agency should be called. Perhaps there are folks who work the graveyard shifts who could volunteer to serve our community. I work about 12-14 hours a day in a construction business and although I would like to do something, my schedule is always changing. What can we do to help rid our fine community of this scourge?

By the way, I told my neighbors about this incident the next day, and they informed me that their digital cameras or CDs or DVDs, etc. were stolen.

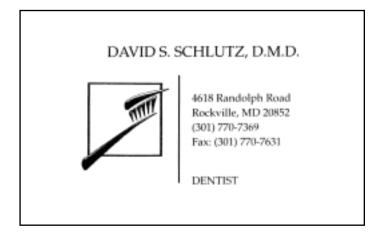
Name withheld by request. ■

And on a related note...

Neighborhood Watch

Three months ago, I asked for volunteers to help as block captains on our streets. So far, sixteen of your friends and neighbors have responded. There are over 80 more captains needed. We need you to cover the street you live on. We always think "someone else" will step forward but it has not happened. Please volunteer your eyes and ears for your community. When something out of the ordinary happens it should be reported. Don't let someone die or get hurt because you were afraid to get involved! It's almost impossible to contact each and every person in RCA-land to ask for your help, so please pick up your phone, call me and let me explain how little time you need to give to help protect your family, friends and neighbors. Help keep our homes and your neighborhood safe. Thank you.

Adreon Ensor 4705 Olden Road 301-770-7236 ■





Check out the RCA's Web Site at www.randolphcivic.com

LONG & FOSTER REAL ESTATE, INC.

5016 Macon Rd, Rockville, MD 20852



Graciously and beautifully renovated, private 5BR/2BA style house. Professional landscaping front and back with In –Ground Sylvan Pool and Gazebo on the deck surrounds this residence. Many custom details to include two newly renovated kitchens with granite counter tops, new appliances, and new fixtures, recessed lights, two new luxurious bathrooms. The craftsmanship is exquisite. Builder's choice award fixtures, materials and appliances, all new designer light fixtures, newly refinished floors, professionally painted. Fully equipped Second kitchen on the lower level with additional washer and dryer, storage galore, field with natural light, walk out, fire place in the family room. Wonderful floor plan for indoor or outdoor entertaining.

Terrific Neighborhood! Absolutely Gorgeous!



Katia Georgiev, REALTOR® Cell: 301.526.6420

Office: 564.4900 .3983 Katia@longandfoster.com

www.Rockville-MD-Homes.com



Democracy Center/Bethesda 6901 Rockledge Dr Bethesda, MD 20817 Office: 301-564.6400 FAX: 301-530-5540



Smell Gasoline?

A few weeks back, did you notice a strong smell of gasoline as you drove along Boiling Brook Parkway and wonder if your car was leaking? And maybe you noticed that the Shell Station at Boiling Brook and Parklawn is currently closed? The RCA received the following letter from Motiva Enterprises, which owns the Shell station.

September 6, 2005

Subject: Environmental Investigation & Mitigation at Shell Station 11800 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Dear Neighbor:

On behalf of Motiva Enterprises LLC, owner of the Shell-branded station located at 11800 Parklawn Drive, I wish to assure you that we take very seriously the recent discovery of a product release at the station, which you may have heard about in news reports. Moreover, we wish to be responsive to any concerns you have while we work diligently with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The following are highlights of what we currently know about the situation and the steps we are taking in response.

- 1. On Monday, August 8th, a testing contractor hired by Motiva discovered a leak involving the motor pump that transfers product from the station's underground storage tanks to the dispenser pumps. The motor pump has since been repaired.
- 2. After an initial investigation, we reported the loss of approximately 29,000 gallons of product to the MDE and promptly contracted with Groundwater Environmental Services, Inc., a respected environmental services firm based in Crofton, Md., to assist us in an onsite and offsite environmental assessment. We also have internal company environmental specialists aiding in both our environmental assessment and remediation activities.
- 3. Currently, there are eight newly installed onsite recovery wells operating 24 hours a day to pump product from the ground. Several of these wells also have Soil Vapor Extraction systems, or SVEs, installed to further assist in the recovery of product.
- 4. Since the installation of the recovery wells, we have removed in excess of 9,500 gallons of product from the ground, or approximately one-third of the total release.
- 5. Contractors for Motiva are in the process of installing several groundwater monitor wells across the street from the station and in the direction of groundwater flow. This is designed to help us further delineate the extent of any product migration. Based upon the data generated from all wells, we will implement a plan, approved by the MDE, to remediate affected groundwater.
- 6. While there is no visible sheen, we have deployed booms in the nearby creek beyond the storm drain outfall and plan to install a recovery trench, if necessary, as quickly as feasible.
- 7. The storm drain system continues to be vented and we are closely monitoring the lines for any hydrocarbon vapor build-up. Vapors are being treated using a carbon filter system.
- 8. The station is currently closed and we have sent a "non-renewal" letter to the independent dealer that leases and operates the station from Motiva.

Motiva Enterprises sincerely regrets this incident and any inconvenience to you and your neighbors stemming from this situation. Please be assured that we are committed to taking the appropriate measures in response to this incident and will continue to work cooperatively and diligently with appropriate state agencies to investigate and address identified onsite and offsite impacts from the release.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Doug Weimer Environmental Engineer Motiva Enterprises LLC Phone: 703-272-7097



CLASSIFI

The Echo publishes classified ads free for community members, to a maximum of one ad per year per household. Additional ads may be purchased for \$5.00. The Echo makes every effort to ensure the quality of goods or services offered.

FREE VENETIAN BLIND (mini, white) wth brackets, for front living room window, 67" x 65". Call 301-770-7590.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES. Learn to paint in nearby Garrett Park! Small, informal classes for adults. All levels welcome, including complete beginners. Held in teacher's Victorian home. Martha Seigel, MFA, the American University, 24 years experience. Call 301-946-5388.

Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Here's Your Help

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

Andrew Souder 301-770-7632 Ashley Drive Matt Bebawy 301-881-4698 Red Fox Alex Cassel 301-770-8757 Macon Road Steven Santos 301-468-1756 Wilwyn Way Chris Geerman 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive Mark Bushong 301-942-5890 Bennion Road Andy Wood 301-946-4634 Idlewood Road Moses (Bubba) Hart 301-230-2740

RCA Meetings

RCA meetings are held the first Thursday of every month (except January, July and August) at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center at 8:00 p.m. Usually we alternate between General and Executive meetings. If you are unsure about meeting times and dates, please call the RCA Hotline (301-881-2722) for verification. All are welcome at every meeting.



Important Phone Numbers



	EI
Police: Emergency ONLY	
Police: Non-Emergency (County-wide)	.301-279-8000
Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	.301-279-1591
Park Police	.301-949-3010
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	.240-777-3785
Abandoned Cars (on the street)	.240-840-2454
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 (wildlife nuisance problems)	.800-442-0708
Disability Resources	.240-777-1246
Fire Non-Emergency	.240-777-0744
Housing Code Violations	.240-777-3600
(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard	i, etc.)
Large Item Pick-up	
Libraries: Hours, etc	
Metrorail and Metrobus schedules & info	.202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society Emergencies only Licensing Dept	.240-773-5900
Motor Vehicle Administration	-800-950-1682
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance (noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leak	
Parking Tickets	-
Parks: Information & Permits	.301-495-2525
PEPCO: Power Outtoll free 1 Emergency/Life Threatening	
Post Office, Rollins Ave., Rockville	
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept.)	.240-777-3986
RCA Hotline	.301-881-2722
Recycling Info (www.mcrecycles.org)	.240-777-6400
Recreation Information	.240-777-6804
School Information	.301-279-3391
Senior Citizens (Holiday Park)	.301-468-4448
Street Light Out	.240-777-2190
Transportation (Highway Services)(to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, pothol	
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 August 1, 2005

Address	Orig Price	List Price	Sold Price	Dom	Subsidy	Date Settled
4810 Oxbow Road	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$405,000	17	\$4,434	8/29/2005
11806 Rocking Horse Road	\$490,000	\$490,000	\$485,000	13	\$0	9/23/2005
4904 Stickley Road	\$534,900	\$534,900	\$517,000	11	\$0	9/26/2005
4723 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$439,000	\$439,000	\$434,000	65	\$5,000	9/29/2005
12012 Galena Road	\$465,000	\$443,000	\$446,000	77	\$10,000	9/30/2005
4816 Topping Road	\$490,000	\$450,000	\$452,000	32	\$0	9/30/2005

The market has eased recently to more normal conditions - 6 homes have sold in the last two months, currently 17 homes are listed for sale and 2 homes are under contract.

The average number of days it takes to sell a property has risen steadily and is now up to 40. With more competition in the market, it is more important than ever to work with a Realtor who specializes in the neighborhood. And no one knows the neighborhood like Denise!

For a detailed analysis of your home's value and the local market, call Denise.





"Professional Service with a Personal Couch!"

Long and Foster Real Estate, Inc.

11540 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, MD 20852 (O) 301.468.0606 (C) 301.452.5544

Email: denise.szczur@longandfoster.com



