President’s Message

by Matt Tifford, RCA President

Hello neighbors, my name is Matthew Tifford, and I am the new RCA President. I want to thank out-going President Mike Saunders for all his hard work over the years. Mike worked to increase our neighborhood’s visibility amongst county and state officials. We hope to build on his efforts to find ways to improve our community. Moving forward, the RCA must ramp up its efforts to not only maintain, but improve our neighborhood in these difficult financial times. Although the RCA will be involved with many things, three areas stand out as focal points.

First, our biggest priority is going to be increasing membership and participation in the RCA. We need your help! The more people we get involved, the more we can accomplish and the more effective we will be. We need to show our government officials the strength we have in numbers – 1340 homes. That’s a lot of people, and a lot of votes! We really can improve things. We can make it happen if we all work together toward a common goal. We have serious issues confronting our community. We have traffic problems, we have crime in our parks, and there’s much more. That’s why it’s so important that we work together to make our voices heard. If you haven’t been to a meeting in years, please give the RCA another chance. We think you’ll find the meetings are a great way to effect positive change in the community and to connect with your neighbors. If you’re new to the neighborhood, come and find out what this community is all about. All are welcome.

Second, and I am particularly optimistic about this, is to get Rocking Horse Center re-opened as our neighborhood elementary school. It is scandalous that our school hasn’t been re-opened, and we have an opportunity to do something about it. The White Flint Sector Master Plan, now under development, has brought increased attention to this issue. We have a rare opportunity to try and steer this process in a way that could benefit our children and our community enormously.

Third, and the importance of this one can not be understated, is neighborhood safety. In the past several years we have seen an increase in crime in the neighborhood. Everything from car break-ins to home burglaries have increased. For those who live near Randolph Hills Park, adult soccer players drinking, littering, and changing their clothes in public have become a weekly headache. To top it off, there are now a couple of vagrant encampments in the woods just beyond the tree line at Randolph Hills Park. Each morning, people walk out of the woods, and return with the alcoholic beverage of their choice shortly thereafter. If we are going to have a useable park and a safe neighborhood we must clean up Randolph Hills Local Park and tear out the invasive species of plants and vines pro-

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Recorded announcements of community events, 24 hours a day. Callers may leave messages.
Membership in the RCA is $10.00 per year.

The Randolph Civic Association was formed in 1955 and incorporated in 1958. As stated in the original Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of the RCA are “to stimulate interest in all community problems and improvements that will better the general welfare of the community [and] to pay strict attention to any attempt to lessen the value of property within its borders...”
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viding cover for those who are using our park as a camp site. We will be working with MNCPPC to accomplish this, but we will be asking for everyone to do their part.

I imagine you are jumping up and down with excitement, wondering how to get more involved. Well, the first thing you do is go to this website: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/, and click on the “JOIN THIS GROUP” button. This is our neighborhood listserv, a place where people can bring up concerns and generally share information of interest to the neighborhood. Is your neighbor raising chickens in a 1979 Chevy Suburban? Well, now you know where you go to talk about it. Of course, if you aren’t internet-savvy, we will continue to provide the RCA hotline.

The next thing you can do is to write this date on your calendar: December 4th. This is the date of our next General Meeting. Believe me when I say that this will be an event not to be missed, and Lord willing, there will be cookies.

Former President’s Message
by Mike Saunders, Past RCA President

Greetings! I hope this message finds all in RCA-Land well. This is the last message you will receive from me as RCA President. As you may know, many years ago, RCA enacted term limits into its bylaws. The association’s officers may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms and then somebody new must step up to the plate for their time at bat. This is a good thing because it keeps fresh faces and ideas in the association. It also means that we need your participation in RCA’s business and activities.

Your board is extremely dedicated to the well being of our neighborhoods. Everybody on the board strives to run your association with as much transparency as possible so that the residents of RCA-Land are represented as fairly as possible to the numerous county and state agencies we have to deal with for all things that affect our neighborhoods. The RCA Executive Board needs new neighbors to step up and participate with civic activities in our association.

The slate of Nominees for next year’s RCA Executive Board is outstanding. Please give them your support and interact with them as you have with me over the last several years. Matt Tifford is fully engaged in RCA issues from his time on the environment committee and will make a great President. Dan Hoffman moves up from 2nd VP to VP and Chad Salganik was VP at the RCF so he comes with a good understanding of what is going on in RCA-land. The other new RCA officer candidates, Secretary - Angelee Marques and Treasurer - Lauren Lehman bring great skills to their respective offices.

We still have some items that are hanging. Those are a new Rec Center, rebuilding and reopening our school at Rocking Horse, and a continual watch over our neighborhoods and parks.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the RCA as your President.

Minutes of the September RCA Executive Meeting
by Kevin Kline, Secretary

September 4, 2008

All were encouraged to attend because of our special guest speaker, State Senator Richard Madaleno. Over twenty RCA’ers were present at the Veirs Mill Recreation Center, now our permanent meeting site. President Mike Saunders opened by saying the State Senator was delayed by his daughter’s back-to-school night. Instead, passed by voice-vote: the last Exec meeting minutes as published in the Echo (revisions will be allowed if needed).

Treasurer Dell Pillers/Cline gave a Treasurer’s report, and a copy was passed around the room for review. A budget discussion ensued. The current balance is $4,723. Last fiscal year, Dell reported several times on the financial hardship the RCA was suffering. Luckily, Allen Kronstadt (owner of the Randolph Hills Shopping Center) donated $1,000. Two anonymous donors also gave $500 and $345. The RCA ended the fiscal year in the black because of these donations.

Environmental Chair Matt Tifford started his report, but was interrupted by our guest speaker (he finished later). Matt reported the new playground equipment being installed just outside the Veirs Mill Recreation Center was nearly complete. The area is fenced off and the changes are clearly visible. A County Inspector suggested the Randolph Hills Rec Center could be demolished soon, and the new playground equipment installed.

Matt reported the new Streambed Restoration Project in Waverly-Schuylkill Park should begin in the winter of 2008/09. If one stands at the Waverly-Schuylkill park sign and faces west into the park, there are two small streams to your left and right, that form a “V” that intersects at your feet. Presently these streams are undercutting or eroding their (continued on page 4)
streambeds. This new project will be a “step-pool design.” Heavy natural-looking stones will be arranged, to step down the stream into small pools, gradually slowing the water discharge.

Matt reported that the County will conduct a traffic study along Ashley, Schuylkill and Boiling Brook. The purpose will be to evaluate if traffic calming measures are needed.

State Senator Richard Madaleno opened by stating he grew up in Silver Spring and spent much time in RCA-land. He knew RCA’er Karen Helfert’s family (including Karen’s daughter) and they are old friends. Richard also knows RCA’er Frank Shore, a retired State Delegate himself. Richard served one 4-year term in the Maryland House of Delegates before becoming a State Senator. Senator Richard Madaleno is on the Maryland State Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

The Senator opened the floor to questions. President Mike Saunders said that Park and Planning (MNCPPC) does not have sufficient oversight. Richard Madaleno explained the convoluted history of how the bi-county Park and Planning and WSSC came to be. Park and Planning is not a “classic” state agency – they have their own funding source, so the state has limited oversight. The County Councils of Montgomery and Prince George’s County do have responsibility for oversight.

The RCA execs are familiar with Park and Planning, and offered complaints and examples of problems. Problem examples presented were: (1) the lack of annual routine maintenance for recreation centers, and (2) White Flint Advisory Group (WF Group). The WF Group has been meeting for two years, but only in June 2008 did Park and Planning mention that the new construction at the White Flint Metro will require a new elementary school – to be sited in a park! The Senator was interested, because the Kensington Section Plan is just now being reviewed, and changes may spill over and impact his District 18.

RCA’er Dan Hoffman will provide talking points to the State Senator, and discuss further our interests in our closed elementary school (Macon Center) and the placement of the new MARC train station to be developed along the CSX railroad tracks.

The State Senator suggested the RCA look into forming a Special Taxing District, and spent time discussing this and similar taxing subjects. The Execs explained that RCA’ers have made it clear they are not interested in these taxing ideas. Senator Richard Madaleno was given a round of applause as he finished his presentation.

Membership Chair John Kehoe reported that 300 RCA’ers have paid their dues, out of the 1,350 households that comprise RCA-land. John discussed the membership
October 2, 2008

President Mike Saunders called the meeting to order at 8 pm, saying he would shorten the meeting so we could all be home in time to watch the US Vice Presidential debates at 9 pm. The Treasurer did not attend, so there was no report. Approved by unanimous voice-vote: the June General meeting minutes as published in the Echo.

Environment Chair Matt Tifford reported that the new Veirs Mill Rec Center playground was open and ready for use. Matt pushed hard to get the new playground equipment installed, so this is a major achievement.

Matt is now focused on getting the new playground equipment installed in RCA-land’s Randolph Hills Local Park. Park and Planning is having problems in tearing down our old rec building, and that will slow the installation of the new playground.

Second Vice President Dan Hoffman briefed attendees on the White Flint Advisory Group (Advisory Group). Dan testified that very day before the County Council, representing the RCA on the Advisory Group. Advisory Group members include representatives from the Luxmanor civic association and developers. Together they review and advise Park and Planning on the massive growth planned around the White Flint Metro.

Dan explained there were two key areas of RCA interest: a new elementary school, and a new Marc station.

Membership Chair John Kehoe said to-date 300 RCA’ers paid their dues as members, and that is a good start to the annual membership drive. An RCA’er asked how the spring bulbs were delivered (by the Boy Scouts) and how they would receive their Sam’s Card. The answer is the Treasurer would contact them regarding the Sam’s Club card, then they would go to Sam’s and be issued their card.

The Yard Sale is the next Saturday, and all were encouraged to attend.

Dan Hoffman reported that Karen Helfert, Kevin Kline and himself were drafting revisions to the outdated RCA Constitution and By-laws. These revisions would be presented to the Execs, then to the General membership – hopefully at the November General meeting. All would get a chance to review and comment before a vote is taken. The RCA website will have a notice regarding the by-law revisions.

Next was the election of new officers. In compliance with the by-laws, Kevin Kline became Acting Secretary and presided over the election. The slate of nominees was read aloud, and members were encouraged to nominate from the floor. A motion to vote on the entire slate was seconded, and the floor was open for discussion.

Richard Zierdt took issue with the September meeting proceedings. The RCA by-laws limit Execs to two consecutive terms, but these term limits have been overlooked for four years or more (solely because no one else would serve). In September, the term limits were invoked, so Execs were ineligible to continue in office.

Dan Hoffman, Mike Saunders, and Kevin Kline all praised the Exec’s hard work, and later Mike was given a round of applause. The message was the RCA needs all the volunteers it can get, and new and old volunteers are always welcome.

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drive flyer attached to each September newsletter (*Echo*). He noted the RCA does not make any money from bulb sales, but instead these are offered as a convenience. At John’s suggestion, passed by unanimous voice-vote: that membership be changed from a fiscal year to a calendar year, to avoid confusion on what year the dues were for.

A person asked what one gets for becoming an RCA member. The positive response was many and varied. Where else do you get to speak directly with your State Senator?

President Mike Saunders said that with the demise of the Randolph Hills Rec Center, we have to push for a ‘replacement’ (not new) building.

Dan Hoffman gave an update on the White Flint Advisory Group, that encompassed the questions directed earlier to Senator Madaleno. Passed by unanimous voice-vote: the RCA favors the Macon Center re-opening as an elementary school.

Nominations were discussed for new RCA Officers (Executives). The RCA by-laws limit execs from serving more than two consecutive terms. New volunteers stepped forward, and below is the Slate of Candidates to be presented for consideration to the RCA membership.

Usually the Slate is printed in the *Echo*, but because of publishing considerations that is not possible. Instead, the Slate will be made “publically available” on the RCA website. Passed by unanimous voice-vote: to make the Slate of Candidates publically available on the RCA website.

The Slate of Candidates are: Matt Tifford for President; Dan Hoffman for 1st Vice President; Chad Salganik for 2nd Vice President; Angelee Marques for Secretary; and Dell Pillers/Cline for Treasurer. The nominated Director is Kevin Kline (Directors Frank Shore and Matthew Shore are not up for election). Passed by unanimous voice-vote: to adjourn the meeting.

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Approved by unanimous voice-vote: President Matt Tifford, Vice President Dan Hoffman, 2nd Vice President Chad Salganik; Secretary Angelee Marques; Treasurer Lauren Lehman, and Director Kevin Kline.

Mike and Matt were photographed and applauded as the rec building keys were passed from the old RCA President to the new President.

A general discussion on the RCA website ensued. The present costs are too high, and Richard Zierdt is researching alternatives.

At Dan Hoffman’s suggestion, Matt as President appointed the Treasurer as Chair of a new Budget Committee. Nick Kreysle and Kevin Kline will also serve, and former Treasurer Dell Pillers/Cline will be asked to serve on this committee.

Passed by unanimous voice-vote: to end the meeting (just in time for the US Vice-presidential debates). ■

RCA HOTLINE: Due to technical difficulties, we do not have hotline call transcriptions in this issue. They will be printed in next month’s issue.
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RCA Treasurer’s Report  by Dell Piller/Cline, RCA Treasurer

My final treasurer’s report is filled with deposits of advertising dollars. Deposits for the period total $3,310.00 while the expenses ran $2,662.66. The September/October Echo printing bill is traditionally the largest of the year, because it also covers the printing of the dues notices and envelopes. Next month we will look forward to hearing from a new slate of RCA officers, including Lauren Lehman giving the treasurer’s report.

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President's Pen
by George Gadbois, RCF President

Greetings RCF-land! As the recently re-elected President of our re-formed Randolph Civic Foundation, I would like to report to you on some changes and developments over the last year with regards to the RCF as it continues to establish separation and uniqueness from the RCA.

As the charitable and educational arm of our community civic group and sister organization to the RCA, the RCF has focused its involvement on the areas of our targeted charities and as a means with which to provide continued civic and other education to our community. The RCF accepts tax-deductible donations from individuals, corporations, and from the RCA to be used to benefit our various youth Scout groups, fund costs that may be associated with having a guest speaker on educational and environmental topics, and promoting community stewardship.

These distinctions will maintain the RCF as the tax-deductible entity it is, and enable the federal 501(c)3 application process to continue to proceed smoothly. We expect to have submitted the completed Federal Form 1023 by the time of this publication. In addition to a separate Echo section, the meetings have been separate from the RCA and there is a separate web page that is still developing. RCF membership is currently defined as anyone who is recorded as donating any amount for a given year and wishes to be a member. The first draft of bylaws has been completed and signed by the President and the Secretary, with constructive input from the board. This version has been submitted with our Form 1023 application, but is amendable at any time. Copies were available at the last meeting to review, and input for revision is welcomed. After reviewing additional board and membership input, another draft will be put forth for membership vote at an upcoming meeting.

A board meeting is to be scheduled to discuss further clear distinctions between RCA and RCF and how the functions will execute as unique activities under RCF. There will be additional discussion on making meetings on a different evening due to the late times previous meetings have started, or have been cancelled altogether. The meetings may possibly be fewer in number as well, but feedback is welcomed on all these initiatives.

Lastly, October 5th through 11th was National Fire Prevention Week. Though it has passed, we can never be too attentive to the prevention of needless fires. Home fires are devastating. Imagine leaving your home for the day and returning to find nothing left but a pile of smoldering rubble. You can lose everything you’ve worked hard for and everything you treasure. Take time now to focus on preventing fires in your home. Keep your home safe by following these fire prevention tips: (information from “Safety Meeting Outlines, Inc.”)

- Install and maintain smoke alarms in every bedroom, areas outside bedrooms, and on each level.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and change batteries twice a year.
- Post emergency phone numbers near your telephone and teach children when and how to dial 911.
- Practice emergency drills with your family; if your home catches fire, get out and stay out.
- Teach everyone the ‘Stop, Drop, and Roll’ technique in case clothing ever catches fire.
- Never leave your cooking, grilling, or broiling unattended.
- Turn off portable space heaters when you go to bed and when you leave your home.
- Don’t leave your clothes dryer on when not at home and clean the vent and lint filter on each use.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Replace cracked or damaged electrical cords.
- If you smoke, never smoke in bed.
- Store flammables in approved containers.
- Use flashlights for emergency lighting instead of candles.
- Have your furnace and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year.

Feel free to drop into a meeting and learn more about the RCF.
Minutes of the September RCF General Meeting

by George Gadbois, Acting RCF Secretary

September 4, 2008

The Randolph Civic Foundation General Meeting took place following the RCA General Meeting at Veirs Mill Recreation Center. RCF President George Gadbois called the meeting to order. Gadbois stated that due to the predicted lengthy meeting by the RCA with Senator Madaleno speaking, followed by RCA Board nominations, there was no RCF presentation scheduled. The RCF Treasurer, Richard Zierdt, gave a brief report stating that with donations paid to Cub Pack 1081 and Girl Scout Troop 1028, the account balance as of 8/29/2008 was $621.43. Acting RCF Secretary George Gadbois did not ask for a motion to approve June minutes since they had not been published in the Echo yet. June minutes will be approved at the October meeting. Karen Helfert reported the Garden Club is always looking for anyone interested. Karen, as Webmaster for the RCF as well, is looking for interesting information to post on the developing RCF website. The tax-exempt application status was briefly discussed and there were additional documents being assembled for the attorney. Gadbois stated that the first-draft by-laws needed to be reviewed and have final editing completed very soon so they could be signed and accompany the 501(c)3 application. Gadbois announced that nominations are being accepted for board elections to be held at the October 2nd meeting. All incumbents, except Secretary, stated they will run for a second term. The hour was late, but not recorded, and Gadbois adjourned the meeting.

Minutes of the October RCF General Meeting

by Matt Tifford, RCF Secretary

October 2, 2008

President George Gadbois called the meeting to order at 8:45 pm. Copies of last months minutes, treasurers report, and bylaws were distributed to those attending. The minutes from the June 5th meeting as published in the September/October Echo were approved by unanimous voice vote. Also passed by unanimous voice vote, the treasurer’s report as published in the September Echo.

President George Gadbois reported that the Scouting for Food event would occur on November 8th.

Director Mike Saunders added that a donation bag will be included with the November Echo and that participants

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should leave the bag at their front door on the following saturday by 9:00 am.

President Gadbois also reported on the meeting with Steven Katz about filing for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Mr. Katz is the attorney who will be submitting our application to the IRS. The RCF bylaws and the need to “fine tune” separation of RCA, RCF functions was discussed. It was agreed that the new bylaws be published on the RCF website, and a vote on changes to the bylaws was planned for the next meeting.

The election of new officers followed. The slate of nominees was read aloud. A motion to vote on the entire slate was seconded, and the floor was open for discussion. The new bylaws were discussed, which create two year terms for officers, effective for the current board. Also discussed was the need to elect Directors along with the other offices, and the possibility of electing some officers in odd numbered years, and others in even numbered years. Approved by unanimous voice vote: amendment to include current directors in present slate. Voting followed.

Approved by unanimous voice-vote: President George Gadbois, Vice President Chad Salganik, Secretary Matthew Tifford; Treasurer Richard Zierdt, and Directors Mike Saunders, Dan Hoffman, Karen Helfert.

Members were invited to present ideas about the RCF mission and agenda. Ideas about the frequency of meetings were discussed.

Treasurer Richard Zierdt brought up the time-sensitivity of approving the bylaws and completing the application for tax-exempt status. A motion to approve the recommendations by Mr. Steven Katz passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Motions to thank the Venture Crew for working concessions at the picnic, and Richard Zierdt for his work on attempting to acquire 503(c)(3) tax-exempt status for the RCF followed, and were both passed by unanimous voice votes.

President George Gadbois adjourned the meeting at 9:05.

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Troop 1083 News
by Dave Talbott

Only about 4% of all Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts. So achieving the rank of Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting, but when entering higher education, business or industry, and community and public service. The Eagle Scout rank is a performance based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Since writing the last Echo article, we have had two Eagle Scout candidates complete Eagle Service Projects toward their Eagle rank. Galen Miley did a superb job of planning, recruiting workers and executing the building of a brick patio at the Holiday Park Senior Center. Staff and visitors will enjoy the patio for years to come. Bryan Bravo undertook building a skydeck playground at the Episcopal Center for Children in Washington, DC. The skydeck replaced one that Bryan had played on as a young boy when he occasionally accompanied his mother to work at the Center for Children. After a lot of hard work, the skydeck was completed. It is a beautiful, one-of-a-kind piece of playground equipment that will be enjoyed by many children over the years to come. These two young men need to put pen to paper to complete their post-project write-ups and then they will be ready for their Eagle Scout Board of Review, the final step to Eagle Scout. Congratulations Galen and Bryan!

In September, Scouts from Troop 1083 camped for the weekend at Elk Neck State Park. The park is located on the Chesapeake Bay north of Baltimore which made for a great weekend outing. On Saturday morning, we discovered a lighthouse and relived a little history touring the lighthouse and grounds. In the afternoon, we hiked to a beach on the bay and spent some time playing in the water and enjoying the wonderful weather of the weekend. The weekend was lead by SPL Anthony Gadbois and because Anthony had provided some menu and cooking instructions prior to the campout, it turned out to be one of our best campouts ever. Not only did all of the Scouts enjoy the great outdoors, but at this campout, the food was the best ever. Hats off to Anthony and the cooks for the weekend.

Venturing Crew 1083 manned the grills at the RCA Picnic and the concession stand for the RCA fall yard sale. By all accounts, both events were a huge success. A special thank you to Ken Wood and Lauren Barrows for coordinating the crew, gathering the food, drinks and ice and ensuring that the Yard Sale Concession stand was a success.

Upcoming events include a weekend campout at the Parklawn Campground which will include our Fall Court of Honor, the annual Scouting for Food event, a weekend cabin camping trip, and our annual holiday tree sale. 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.

Scouting for Food
Scouting’s “Good Turn” to the community

Saturday November 8, 2008

Place your non-perishable food on your porch by 9:00 AM

Boy Scout Troop 1083 and
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will pick up food
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News from Girl Scout Troop 1028
by Leora Hernandez

This troop is a multi-level troop which consist of Juniors (3rd-5th grade), Brownies (1st – 3rd) and Daisies (K).

We want to thank the Randolph Civic Foundation and those who have contributed to it for becoming our sponsor. We greatly appreciate your generosity!

Our Girl Scout year opened on September 25th. We welcomed five new girls to the troop which has continued to grow. The returning girls worked with the new girls on the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

The troop then enjoyed the Harvest Festival at the Agricultural Farm Park. There they made Tussie Mussies (a small fragrant bouquet of herbs and flowers), toured a herb garden, and painted flower pots. The girls soon found themselves lost in a corn maze which built up their appetites for a picnic lunch in the shade. After lunch we learned about the farm while on a hayride. Lastly the girls harvested potatoes that had been freshly tilled. YUMMY! We enjoyed our trip so much that we are considering it again next year.

At the next meeting we began working with the girls on deciding what they would like to experience this year. The Juniors are looking forward to the new leadership journey and earning their Junior Aide patch. Also they are very interested in learning about horses and going on a horseback ride. The Brownies worked on picking out some try-its as well as continuing to learn the Girl Scout law and promise.

This year promises to be fun and adventurous for our troop!

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

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RCA Community Yard Sale a Big Success

Lots of great stuff was on display at the RCA Yard Sale on Saturday, October 4th. And the weather was beautiful!
Stream Restoration Project to Begin in Waverly-Schuylkill Park

M-NCPPC will be conducting a stream restoration project along approximately 1,000 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Rock Creek between Schuylkill Road and the Garrett Park Rail Station to stabilize the stream system, improve habitat, and protect infrastructure.

The project is expected to occur during the winter of 2008/2009 and will take 3-4 months to complete. Please use extreme caution around the entire construction area and seek alternate routes if possible.

The diagram at left illustrates the area of work.
Thank you for supporting your community!

New Meeting Location
RCA Meetings will be held at the Veirs Mill Rec Center until further notice.
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.

**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, 27 years experience. Call 301-946-5388.

**BABYSITTING AND PETSITTING.** Noelle Valenta is available to babysit, pet sit and do yard work in Randolph Hills. Experienced, references available. Call 301-816-0293.

**LEAF RAKING.** If you don’t like raking leaves, let me do it for you!! Lowest prices. Rake to curb or in leaf bags, your choice. Call Chris at 301-770-7264.

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Deadlines for the 2008-2009 Issue year are:

- **December 2008** ........ November 7
- **January/February 2009** .... January 2
- **March 2009** ........ February 6
- **April 2009** ........ March 6
- **May 2009** ........ April 3
- **June/July/August 2009** .... May 8

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**Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Here’s Your Help**

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

- **Moses (Bubba) Hart** 301-230-2740
- **Jennifer Moy** 240-672-4921
- **Anthony Gadbois** 301-770-5386
- **Gregory Gadbois** 301-770-5386
- **David Santos** 301-468-1756
- **Noelle Valenta** 301-816-0293

(Also available for babysitting and petsitting)
Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park Market Update...

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Currently, there are 16 listings on the market in Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park... the average list price is $369,900 and the average number of days on the market is 152.

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