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Pedestrian Improvements on Randolph Road

by Matt Tifford

One of the pedestrian safety issues we have been working on for a long time is the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing of Randolph Road at the intersection of Randolph Road and Hunters Lane. The problem at this intersection is that there are bus stops on either side of Randolph Road, so it is common for Ride-On Bus patrons to race across five lanes of traffic to get to one bus stop or the other. Currently, the only safe crossings are at Rocking Horse Road and Lauderdale Drive, each far enough away to cause frustration to anyone who needs to get to a bus stop that is right there across the street. As a result, many people do cross Randolph Road at Hunters Lane, risking life and limb just to catch the next bus.

MCDOT has put together a plan to create a small pedestrian refuge just east of the Hunters Lane intersection. The purpose of the refuge is to provide a safe haven in the middle lane so that pedestrians only have to cross two lanes at a time instead of having to cross all five lanes in one mad dash. When we discussed this issue last year, there was some concern expressed that depending on its size and location, a pedestrian refuge might make it difficult for people to make left

turns at the intersection and also might cause problems getting in and out of driveways for people who live on that stretch of Randolph Road. The planners at MCDOT created this plan with those concerns in mind.

The RCA still has concerns about creating a false sense of security for pedestrians. The sight-lines for approaching eastbound traffic are very short, so both drivers and pedestrians will have limited time to become aware of one another. MCDOT's plans include signage to help alert drivers approaching the intersection of the crosswalk. We will be watching the construction so we can intervene if the signage does not appear to be sufficient. We have also requested orange crossing flags for pedestrians to carry as

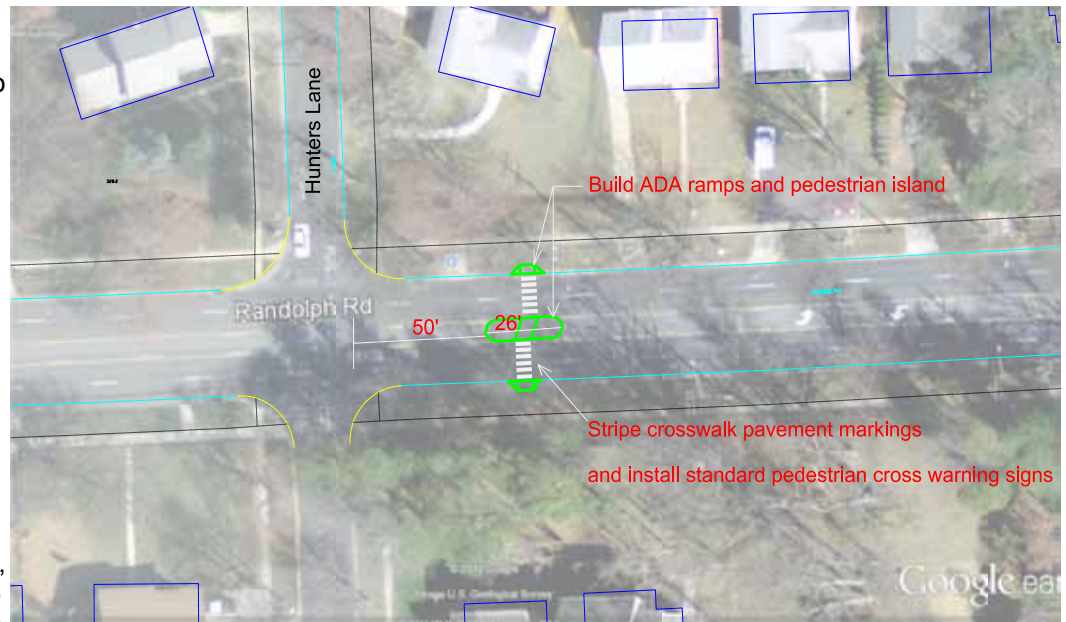


Diagram for the new crosswalk on Randolph Road

Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Board Meeting

November 1st, 2012 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

RCA General Membership Meeting

December 6th, 2012 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

Special Topic: Neighborhood Priorities for 2013

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President's Message

by Chad Salganik, RCA President

Hello neighbors. As I write this in late September, the RCA is preparing for its run of Fall events. By the time you read this, we will have already held our annual Community Day in the Randolph Hills Local Park on October 6th. Based on past events, I can only guess it was a success. This year we featured the RCA's Inaugural 5K and Kid's Fun Run. I'll go out on a limb and suggest that I did not win the race. If you missed this year's event, I encourage you to come out for Community Day next year. It's a great chance to meet your neighbors and enjoy some great grilled eats. We will have a full report on Community Day in the next Echo.

I should remind you that the RCA's Community Bazaar is scheduled for October 20th at Loehmann's Plaza. It's a great opportunity to do some Fall cleaning and make some money doing it. RCA members get a free space, which is one of many reasons to join the RCA. Speaking of joining the RCA, we are in the midst of our annual membership drive. Your support is crucial, so send in your membership form and fee now. You can even renew online by going to <http://randolphcivic.org/membership>. It just takes a minute, and helps fund activities all year long.

Lastly, I encourage all in the neighborhood to join the Yahoo email group. This is a great way to keep in touch with happenings in the neighborhood. Recently, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation contacted the RCA for feedback about installing a crosswalk and pedestrian island on Randolph Road at Hunters Lane. I posted a call for feedback to the email group and was excited at the input and feedback that many of our neighbors provided. That input has been sent on to the DOT, and there's an article on the crosswalk in this Echo. This is one example of the email group enabling our community to quickly discuss and collaborate on issues our neighborhood faces. The more folks that have input on these issues, the better. I encourage you to go to <http://randolphcivic.org/email> to be sent to the Yahoo Group page where you can sign up and join the email group. It's free, so sign up today.

RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.

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

Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.

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

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Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park Sales

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Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	11100 Schuylkill Rd	3	2	\$389,900	\$400,000	9/19/2012	\$0
Sold	11801 Old Drovers Way	3	1.5	\$295,000	\$296,000	9/14/2012	\$0
Sold	5119 Brentford Dr	4	2	\$409,900	\$400,000	9/14/2012	\$5,000
Sold	11818 Rocking Horse Rd	3	2	\$329,900	\$325,000	9/12/2012	\$0
Sold	11913 Ashley Dr	4	2	\$384,500	\$380,000	8/30/2012	\$0
Sold	4805 Ertter Dr	3	2	\$329,000	\$310,000	8/27/2012	\$0
Sold	11116 Rock Rd.	5	2	\$379,000	\$375,000	8/15/2012	\$8,000
Sold	11907 Hunters Ln.	4	3	\$400,000	\$400,000	7/31/2012	\$8,000
Sold	11301 Ashley Dr.	3	2	\$359,900	\$350,000	7/27/2012	\$3,000
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Neighborhood News in Brief

- **Municipality Update:** In case you were wondering what is happening on the Municipality front, the honest answer is, not a whole lot. Over the summer we have been gathering and poring over a vast sea of documents relating to this project, and it's become clear that if we do make this effort, it is going to be a long, slow process. That is how it should be. Incorporation as a town is certainly not an endeavor that should be taken lightly. We will keep you posted of any interesting findings throughout the year, and if feasible will start putting together a proposal for the community.
- **Bring your appetite to the polls on Election Day!** The Viers Mill Elementary PTA is having a bake sale at the Rocking Horse Road Center and the Viers Mill Recreation Center polls. We'll have coffee and delicious home-baked treats so remember to bring an extra dollar or two to support our neighborhood kids!
- **A reminder to our community neighbors:** Once your yard sale has concluded, please don't forget to remove the signs you've hung around the neighborhood. They become blights rather quickly – and they're pointing toward your house! So, it's in everyone's best interest that they come down as soon as your sale is over.
- **Anyone interested in reviving our now-defunct informal reading group?** We used to meet once a month at La Madeleine's (taking a break over the holidays and over the summer), where we discussed a book that we'd picked out together. Our interests ran the gamut: from non-fiction and current topics, to hazardous stabs at the unknown with varying results but with some laughs guaranteed, to favorites we wanted to share, from Beowulf to gothic mysteries. Once in a while I run into a neighbor, or we exchange a quick email about a new book or other things that caught our fancy. But one thing is clear, I miss our reading get-together. So, if you're curious and want to start something up again, drop a line on the RCA Listserve at randolphca@yahoogroups.com - *Christiana Drapkin*



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September Executive Meeting Minutes

by Jason Ott

1. Call to order: 8:00 PM
2. Old Business
 - Lindsay Hoffman will serve as the Echo Advertising Coordinator for the upcoming year.
 - Dan Hoffman provided an update about White Flint Two. This is delayed about fourteen months until after the Council Election Cycle, which will provide continuity in the planning process. RCA will continue to work with surrounding property owners. RCA is continuing to monitor White Flint One's progress.
 - Matt Tifford presented an update on the incorporation efforts. He is researching and collecting documents from other organizations who have gone through the process. We will need to decide how to structure our application if we proceed.
3. New Business
 - Dan Hoffman gave an update on the Membership Drive. Membership forms will be included in the September, October, and November/December newsletters. Mara Greengrass will coordinate the data entry from the forms. Cindy Zelaya will coordinate targeted outreach to community members (ex. Phone calls, emails, door-to-door). We are going to focus efforts this year to grow the membership. New "Join Now" signs will be ordered and distributed.
 - Community Day is October 6th. Donations are being sought to help offset some of the cost. The Community Day will be from Noon to 2 PM. In the morning, a Kids Fun Run and a 5K run are scheduled. Please join in this community event!
 - Dates for the upcoming year were reviewed and the calendar updated.
4. Standard Business
 - The minutes from the June 7, 2012, General Membership Meeting were approved.
 - The Treasurers update was provided. The RCA bank account has been moved to Capital One. RCA is up-to-date with its federal and state taxes, and the final documents are being submitted.
 - The Education Committee chair will be Amber Tedesco. Viers Mill ES's construction project continues. The dropoff circle was reconfigured. The project remains on-schedule.
 - Matt Tifford reported for the Environment and Services Committee. We are looking into getting a quote for landscaping care of the Boiling Brook sign just to see what it would cost. Another option is to set dates and get an adequate number of volunteers.
 - The Public Safety Committee report was presented by Mara Greengrass. Theft continues to be the biggest issue in the neighborhood. Remember to look your doors when leaving your home or car.
5. RCA Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Boiling Brook Traffic: Your feedback on 'Bump-outs' needed!

by Matt Tifford

Many of you will probably remember the ruckus that ensued last year when workers from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) built a concrete bump out on Boiling Brook Parkway just before the entrance to Charles E. Smith School. In that instance, County officials acted without soliciting the community for feedback, and then failed to adequately sign the new traffic pattern. As a result, several vehicles collided with the new concrete curb before adequate signage was finally installed. In addition to that concrete bump out, MCDOT also constructed other bump outs along Boiling Brook Parkway using temporary striping and plastic delineator posts.

Now that residents have had time to become accustomed to the new traffic patterns, MCDOT would like to build concrete bump outs in place of these temporary striped areas. In response, the RCA has informed MCDOT of some modifications that will need to be made if the concrete bump outs are built. Since built, several residents have complained that the current striping at the intersection of Rocking Horse and Boiling Brook makes it very difficult for large vehicles and vehicles with trailers to turn left from Rocking Horse Road onto Boiling Brook Parkway. We have passed on these complaints and requested that MCDOT redesign the footprint of this bump out to alleviate the problem.

We have asked and MCDOT has agreed to give us time to solicit feedback from the community, so please let us know what you think. You can contact us by calling the RCA Hotline 240-668-4722, e-mailing us at info@randolphcivic.org.

Election Day 2012 Polling Place Sites for RCA-Land

by Mark Nensel

As we all should probably know by now, Election Day 2012 is coming up, and will be on Tuesday November 6. RCA-Land residents are reminded that polling places have changed this year, due to a redistricting shift following the 2010 census.

Those of us who live on the south side of Randolph Road will now have to vote at Veirs Mill Local Park, 4425 Garrett Park Rd, Silver Spring MD, 20906.

Those of us who live on the north side of Randolph Road will now vote at the Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Rd, Rockville MD, 20852.

Even if you live on the streets adjacent to Rocking Horse Road Center (Macon Road, Galena, Hunters, etc), you will not be able to vote there – you will have to go to Veirs Mill Local Park on Garrett Park Road.

To double-check and to find out on your own, go to the Maryland Board of Elections site and plug in your address: <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/PollingPlaceSearch>

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The more, the merrier.



RCA Community Day-5K and Kids Fun Run a Huge Success

by Brian Hooker

On October 6th, fun, fitness, and food were delivered to RCA residents on a beautiful fall morning. The inaugural 5k race featured men and women of all ages on a loop course through the RCA neighborhood. The race kicked off at 10am and the runners raced off onto the Rock Creek Park hiker/biker trail, down Ashley, around the CESJDS and the community garden, and back into Randolph Hills Park. The first runner, Sam Forry of Topping Rd, came down Ashley Drive 22 minutes later setting the course record. Melissa Ladd of Coachway Rd., the first female runner, crossed the line soon afterward. We would also like to recognize Travis Scala, the youngest finisher at 10, who also went on to race in the fun run later in the morning. We like to thank all the participants and course volunteers Ashley Salganik, Lili Hernandez Motta, Claudio Martin, Kristen Tessier, Nikki Forry, Caroline Rourk, Dan

Hoffman, Amber Tedesco, Jason Ott, and Cindy, Sophia and Leonardo Zelaya, for making it a terrific first race.

The kids fun run built on the enthusiasm of the 5k and then sent it into another dimension. The deep field of kids 10 and under raced around the ball field as neighbors and parents cheered them on. Eight, nine, and ten-year olds did a grueling 2 laps while 6 and 7-year olds, and then lastly the 5 and unders showed their running skills over one lap around the course.

Cow-bells, cheering, and laughing could be heard throughout the neighborhood! We hope you will join us next year to build on the success of the event. Presumably the 5K course will remain the same, so get out and give it a try.

Race finishers for the 5k were: 1) Sam Forry, 2) Greg Brown, 3) Philippe Tessier, 4) Melissa Ladd, 5) Mateo Streed, 6) Travis Scala, 7) Michelle Scala, 8) Gillian Hooker, 9) Karen Suderman, 10) Steve Scala.

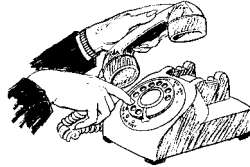


The RCA Hotline

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Calls Received September 3rd, 2012 through September 27th, 2012

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 on the website. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA reserves the right to not publish calls longer than 1.5 minutes due to the time it takes to transcribe and cost to publish. You can always email the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org or submit an article for publication to the Echo editor.



09-13-12 (Thurs) at 10:00am. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Hi! Can you tell me if there will be a fall yard sale (RCA Community Bazaar) this year? I've looked on the website and it is still showing the one from last May. I am really hoping there is one for the fall! Thanks!

09-16-12 (Sun) at 1:01pm. Anonymous. Veirs Mill Baptist Church on Veirs Mill Road, just north of Burger King, is having free movies on the second Saturday night of the month starting on October 13th at 6pm. They are free just come and enjoy yourself. We'll be providing free refreshments. You can call the church office at 301-942-3210 for any further information that you may need. The first movie is called "Dolphin Tale." So come on out, enjoy yourself. We'll be trying to get more of these movies maybe more frequently than just the first of the month. But, for right now, it's the first Saturday of the month. Come on out for a free movie and free refreshments. Come on out and enjoy yourself. Everyone is welcome.

09-16-12 (Sun) at 1:40pm. Not Anonymous. I've been a member of this community since 1957 and I've been active in troop 1083 including being a scoutmaster. If I recall, we got in trouble one time for delivering the Echo in mailboxes. Better check on this, please. Bye.

09-17-12 (Mon) at 9:29am. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Good morning. My husband and I would like to reserve the place down the park for our son's 1st birthday. Do you have information how we can do so? Thanks in advance for your assistance. [RCA NOTE: The Parks department, not the RCA, handles park reservations. Visit www.montgomeryparks.org for more information.]

09-18-12 (Tues) at 8:32am. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. RE: Proposed pedestrian crosswalk on Randolph Road/Hunters Lane. I

highly recommend proceeding with this proposal. I live in Hunters Lane. During the occasional times that I would use the bus, I felt that I was taking a lot of risk crossing this intersection because of 4 lanes of traffic. Many thanks!

09-18-12 (Tues) at 3:06pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. RE: crossing island. Hi, I rarely make this crossing as a pedestrian, but I think it is a wise request to have this built. Thank you for exploring this safety measure.

09-18-12 (Tues) at 4:25pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. RE: New Crosswalk and Pedestrian Island on Randolph Road. I am thrilled the county is taking some action on this intersection. I think this could be a terrific connection for our neighborhood as a whole. I have a lot of knowledge of this intersection since it is only a block from my house. I have a few concerns: 1. Location. I know this is a difficult area to deal with but I think the closer we can get it to the cross street the better. The hill to the west of the intersection restricts a pedestrian's view of the on-coming traffic (this may be related to my concern #3). 2. Where is the traffic signal? A traffic signal would be a much more effective and safer crosswalk if we can get a pedestrian activated light here. I fear no cars will stop for pedestrians without a signal. A signal here would also allow safer turning for eastbound cars turning left. 3. Turn lane. Will eastbound cars still be able to make that left-hand turn? Thanks for seeking community input. I really appreciate it.

09-18-12 (Tues) at 9:57pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. RE: Pedestrian Crossing. I would be delighted to see this happen. The slight hills both east and west of Hunters lane cut off one's view of west-bound and east-bound traffic. I've been dealing with the problem for 43 years (...since Mrs. Ferry crossed the school kids.)

09-19-12 (Wed) at 10:59am. Not Anonymous. I want to know the date of the fall flea market up there in the Safeway parking lot. The Civic Association flea market. Please call me. Thank you.

09-20-12 (Thurs) at 10:31am. Not Anonymous. I want to get some information on coming to meetings and advertising. Please call me back. Thanks.

09-27-12 (Thurs) at 9:12am. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. I'd like to publicly thank the MCPD officer who lives in Randolph Hills for looking out for his community. This morning, while my kids and I were waiting at the school bus stop, we watched a car whiz in front of us and turn left onto Ashley without stopping. Unfortunately for that driver, he pulled right in front of an off-duty police officer who, even though he was likely on his way home from a long shift, pulled him over. And this is also a reminder to all drivers in RCA-land. Hundreds of little kids are walking to and from bus stops each day and, though

their parents have warned them a million times, they all assume that drivers will stop at a stop sign. Please, please be cautious when you're driving on our streets. Often, visibility is limited by curves and parked cars. Please drive a bit slower and with a bit more focus so we can all enjoy a beautiful day. Thank you.

Pedestrian Improvements on Randolph Road (continued from page 1)

they cross, like the ones currently in use at some of the crossings on Strathmore Avenue in Garrett Park. We ask all residents interested in this project to provide feedback and voice any concerns as the project moves forward.

Characteristics of Bus Rapid Transit Systems

By Mark Nensel

Following the June Echo article on the possibility of Bus Rapid Transit coming to the RCA-Land region, the White Flint Partnership released a press release describing the characteristics of Bus Rapid Transit systems. At a recent forum hosted by the Coalition for Smarter Growth, Francine Waters, Executive Director of the White Flint Partnership and Senior Managing Director for Lerner Enterprises, said: "White Flint is ready and eager to serve as a model for the best rapid transit technologies available. Businesses, residents and county officials have endorsed this concept as a vital conduit that will enhance the coming transformation of the White Flint corridor."

BRT characteristics include:

Right of way: More separation from traffic than regular bus service, ranging from mixed-flow lanes to dedicated lanes to grade-separated transitways; Barrier / curb separation or bus lane markings such as pavement color, texture or design to help differentiate bus lanes from regular traffic.

Route Structure and operation: simple, direct routes; integrated with local and express bus networks; frequent service throughout the day.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (IRT): Transit signal priority modifies normal traffic signal operations (i.e. extended green lights) to allow BRT vehicles to move through intersections more easily; Vehicle tracking systems ensure arrivals are evenly spaced and allow for real-time arrival information.

Fare collection: Pre-boarding fare collection systems allow for simultaneous front and rear boarding; fare pricing can be integrated with other modes of public transport in the same network (i.e. offering discounts to passengers transferring to/from Metro).

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Cheap Eats

By Christiana Drapkin

With our busy schedules, we don't get to cook from scratch every day. Thank goodness, we can start our busy work week, or a homework-laden school night, with some convenient take-out or restaurant choices.

My list here is far from comprehensive, but I encourage you, Dear Reader, to post your own favorites on our Randolph Hills listserve. If you haven't signed up to our Yahoo group at www.Randolphca.com, do so now. Not only will you find neighbors' advice on baby sitting, dog walking, contractor references, traffic and emergency notifications, but also big-issue items like Montgomery County Council planning items.

Our newest local restaurant opening, Chef Geoff's at 12256 Rockville Pike, has a Monday special, with wine bottles at half price, in addition to their reasonably priced 3-course special at \$20. This is his fifth restaurant in the area, two in downtown DC, one in Virginia, and another one in Chevy Chase. If you remember the shuttered Irish-themed Agaiinn, that's the location of the just-opened Chef Geoff's. The décor color scheme is lighter, with cream-colored table cloths and whitewashed woodwork, all a bit classier looking than the previous Brit-Pub style. We've seen quite a number of families with children eat there on an early Monday night. Along the walls are some of the familiar table booths that seat parties of two or four. Their separate bar section to the right is revamped, too, with the bar counter moved against the wall. That allows for a row of banquettes for added dining space. Right now, Chef Geoff's is running an all-Night Happy Hour on Monday and Tuesday. If you've received a postcard in the mail from them, you can get \$10 off until October 31. Otherwise, go on their website and download their \$10 certificate there.

One of our longest-running and beloved family eateries is Ambrosia Restaurant, located at 12015 Rockville Pike across from the Giant supermarket. I only eat there on Fridays, when they serve lima beans alongside the tremendous lamb shank (my favorite). But their Monday night special "Buy one pizza, get one free" is hard to beat. And their warm welcome and great service by their long-established and hardworking waiters lives up to the proverbial Greek hospitality. Ambrosia is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For a healthy low-cal lunch or dinner, steamed right before your eyes, check out the food counter at MOM's, My Organic Market, in their new location on 5566 Randolph Road. After stocking up on all the healthy fruit and veggies you intend to prepare during the week, you can have a guilt-free snack or full meal with their bowls, wraps, and salads, all made to order. It's become a popular hangout for a lot of beautiful people. Probably a great hang to find a running buddy, exchange dog-walking tips, or trade some other natural beauty tips, all while waiting to have your electric car charged up again at the electric "pump" outside.

Of course, right next door is the gigantic Tyson's Buffet & Restaurant, billed as the largest of its kind in the DC area. It is truly an adventure! The industrial-sized kitchen cranks out fragrant loads of hard-core fabulous Chinese foods, apparently from all different regions and cuisines, Vietnamese specialties, fresh-prepared Japanese sushi, and some uninspired American food choices (but why bother with that). Lunch is a great deal, and even the dinner can't be beat with their all-you-can-eat offerings, from chicken feet to jellyfish. You may have seen busloads of diners alight on the busy parking lot, which indicates that this shopping center has turned into a thriving location. Gold's Gym helps you work off some of the calories. G-Street Fabric helps you save even more money with home-sewing, the pet store and many other smaller businesses and ethnic food shops in that strip seem to be always busy.

Fridays has the return of the \$5 roasted chicken at Safeway at Loehmann's Plaza! For a while they did away with that, and I guess their meatloaf didn't find too many takers. So, in addition to the meatloaf, the chicken's back. Yeah! I also like the Boston Market chicken deal if I'm on the run and need to bring home some tasty dinner in a jiffy. I haven't checked out the new Brazilian restaurant El Patio at Loehmann's since they relocated there (having cut back on my meat consumption), but I remember their immense Churrascaria platters with a mixture of dread and delight. Dread at their sheer size, and delight at the flavors and yumminess. Go for it.

Of course, at Randolph Hills Shopping Center, there's always Pizza Leo's, and the Israeli-inspired Moti's Grill and Restaurant. I love their tabouli, the whole Jerusalem platter and anything else that I can also pick up and bring home.

I almost forgot the North Bethesda Harris Teeter takeout specials. Check their website and coupons (for example their Sunday Meal \$4.99 rotisserie chicken special, when you buy with their VIC card). And call ahead to order for their Monday pizza special at 301 468-3029.

That's enough choices, including leftovers, to get you through the week, you think? Why not contribute your own food favorites to our next Echo? Bon appétit!



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Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

The first three troop meetings of the new scouting year took place in September, after a busy summer of camping, high adventure, and community service activities. The Troop also held its first outing of the year, a campout at Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg. This was not your garden-variety campout, however. This campout was the setting for Troop 1083's 50th birthday party, held on Saturday September 8th! Current scouts, adult leaders, and family members hosted honored guests of former scouts and leaders. Former scoutmaster Frank Rossomondo brought some terrific pictures of Troop gatherings from the early 1970s, and many of the Troop's current and former Eagle Scouts spoke about the fond memories and the opportunities their scouting experience provided. The evening closed with a rousing campfire featuring songs and skits, then a solemn closing ceremony to retire the colors. It was truly a night to remember!

Also taking place in September was yet another Troop 1083 Eagle Scout service project. On three successive weekends, Patrick Owen led his work crew in

the construction of a bocce court on the grounds of the Connecticut-Bel Air Swim Club on Ferrara Avenue. The project involved excavating a 60-by-13 foot playing area, installing a double layer of 6-by-6 inch beams as the borders for the playing area, spreading a layer of gravel to provide drainage under the playing surface, then carefully spreading and leveling stone dust to provide said playing surface. If it sounds like a lot of work, it is! Yet, as with all Eagle projects, most of the effort goes into the behind-the-scenes leadership aspects—designing, negotiating, planning, coordinating, procuring, scheduling, tracking, documenting...heck, doing the actual work turns out to be the easy part! Patrick's project went smoothly because it was well-planned—as is typical of Troop 1083 Eagle projects.

In October, the Troop's activities will include a court of honor to recognize all advancements and awards achieved since June, camping near Frederick, and hiking at Cunningham Falls at Catocin State Park. 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 Elementary School. You can call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048, or check out the troop web page at www.troop1083.org.

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President's Message

by Lindsay Hoffman

The leaves are starting to turn, the kids are into their school routine and the air is crisp: fall is upon us! And, as any kid will tell you, fall is particularly awesome because of Halloween. Our neighborhood is home to many young families with children who are beside themselves with excitement for trick-or-treating. Even if you don't usually participate in the holiday, consider picking up a few bags of candy and turning on some lights to greet your neighbors. It's so much fun to see our sidewalks bustling with excitement!

But, in considering this nighttime excitement, I must offer a gentle reminder about Halloween safety. Drivers need to be cautious on our crowded streets at all times, but particularly when children are about on a dark Halloween night. And, families, please be mindful in your celebration. Ensure that children are trick-or-treating with an adult or trusted older child and that they only approach houses where the lights are on. If kids are wearing masks, make sure they can see (and breathe!) as some of our sidewalks have seen better days. Flashlights and glo-sticks are the perfect accessory with any costume! And, hey, if you see a bowl of candy sitting on someone's porch – really just take one!

Have a very Happy Halloween! And, if you see a mom trying to keep up with a Ghostbuster and Robin, please stop me and say, "Hi!"

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Call for Volunteers

By Matt Tifford

Once again, it's that time of year where we at the RCF ask for your help in beautifying our community entrances. We've come a long way this last year, through the efforts of community volunteers like stalwart gardener Karen Helfert, our Boy Scout troop, and of course your generous contributions. While we have come a long way, with new signs, new shrubs, and new perennials; keeping up these entrances remains a big job. In order to keep them up, we really only have two options. Either we organize groups of volunteers to deal with regular maintenance of the beds, or we hire someone to do it. This last year we have tried the first option, with very limited success. In a community of 1430 homes, we have a volunteer base of about 20 people and are rarely able to assemble more than 5-6 volunteers at any given time. These folks are getting burned out. So, we have investigated the second option. This fall, we will be paying landscapers to take care of the sign area flowerbeds. Unfortunately, this kind of work is very expensive, and will consume funds that we would much rather spend on other community endeavors.

So, this year we extend a heartfelt plea. Please consider joining us in our efforts. Ideally, join our stalwart volunteer work force. Working side by side with neighbors to better our community can be fun and rewarding, and is a great way to make new friends. However, we know that for various reasons volunteering isn't an option for everyone. So, if you can't help out in that way, please give what you can. Every penny helps!



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News from Cub Scout Pack 1081

By Leora Hernandez

Pack 1081 is accepting boys from 1st grade to fifth grade into their pack. The boys enjoy learning all kinds of life skills and have experience a wide variety of activities such as camping, trips to museums, bowling, and skiing.

We had our first Pack Meeting on September 20, 2012. Awards were given as follows:

Bears: T. Parker – Horseback Riding Belt Loop

Webelos I: S. Hernandez, J. Tallman, L.

O'Donnell, W. Metelko earned the Showman, Geologist, Forester, Sportsman, Aquanaut, Scientist and Outdoorsman Activity Badge. They also earned pins in Archery, BB, Swimming, and Science. Additionally they earned Belt Loops in Fishing, Chess, Geology, Archery, BB, Marbles, Soccer and Swimming.

Webelos II: M. Charron, J. Hackenberg, J. Hotaling, F. Ayala earned Belt Loops in Chess, Archery, BB, Hiking, Swimming, and Fishing. Additionally, they earned Pins in Archery, BB, and Aquanaut. T. Kyaw and W. Tun earned their swimming pin.

Physical Fitness Day was held at Wheaton High School on September 23rd. It was a beautiful day to test the boys' fitness and have fun playing games too. In October the Pack will have their fall camping trip at Cunningham Falls and visit Homestead Farms for pumpkin and apple picking.

We are currently selling popcorn and thank all who have supported us by purchasing our popcorn. This is our main fund raiser.

The Pack meets Mondays at Viers Mill Elementary School during the school year starting at 6:30 pm. Boys from 1st grade to fifth grade are welcome to join. You can contact our Pack Master at rchackenberg@verizon.net.

Girl Scout Troop 1079

By Leora Hernandez

Girl Scout Troop 1079 is for girls in grades 6th-12th. At the Cadette troop level the girls will have opportunities to grow leadership skills, earn SSL hours, and have fun!

Our troop meetings will begin the first week of October. At the Cadette level we expect the girls to take on more responsibility of planning and executing activities. As their Advisor, I encourage them to try new things as well as provide service, and to work towards the requirements needed to earn their Gold Award while having fun!

Girls in 6th-12th grade interested in joining us? Contact Leora Hernandez at 240-593-9318 or leorah20@yahoo.com for more information.

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11913 Ashley Drive	\$384,500	\$380,000	7	\$0	30-Aug-12
11818 Rocking Horse Rd	\$329,900	\$325,000	231	\$0	12-Sep-12
11801 Old Drover's Way	\$295,000	\$296,000	9	\$0	14-Sep-12
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11211 Troy Road	\$359,900	\$1,700
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