

# The Echo

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## President's Message

*by Matt Shore*

My name is Matthew Shore and I am the new RCA President. I have been an active officer for the past six years. Many things have been accomplished over that time like speed humps, street lights, sidewalk improvements and beautification. This year I look forward to working with the community on many issues that will help to improve our neighborhood.

My first project of the year is to finish the beautification project that was started seven years ago. There are currently three signs in the ground, two Randolph Hills signs and one Westminster sign. The last sign is a Randolph Hills sign that has been in storage for the past several years. This summer I have consulted the park service for appropriate areas for the last sign.

The first area is at the corner of Ashley and Coachway. The park has a small area that is unoccupied and runs from the road back into the woods of Rock Creek. The second area is at the entrance of the Recreation Center where we have our meetings, at the corner of Ashley and Macon. The third area is at the end of Boiling Brook and Ashley where the Soccer field is. If anyone has any additional suggestions for locations for the sign, please come to the October meeting and voice your opinion. Once we have selected a site, I will call for a vote to install the sign before Thanksgiving.

I hope to see you at the meeting!

## ***Annual RCA Membership Drive in Full Swing – Join Now!***

*See page 6*

## ***Speakers for the October 3rd General Meeting:***

***Jon Biegel, Mass Mutual Financial Group***

***Officer Mary Carlin, MNCPPC Park Police***

## Upcoming Events

### **RCA General Meeting**

Thursday, October 3, 2002  
8:00 p.m.

### **RCA Executive Meeting**

Thursday, November 7, 2002  
8:00 p.m.

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

### **RCA Community Picnic**

Saturday, September 21  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Randolph Hills  
Recreation Center  
Free food, all you can eat!  
Bring the family!  
No rain date.

### **RCA Community Yard Sale**

Saturday, September 28  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Loehmann's Plaza

Cost is \$5.00 for RCA members,  
\$10.00 for non-members.

No registration required, just show up.  
No rain date. Bring your own table(s) if necessary. Great opportunity to get rid of that trash in the basement and attic.

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11611 Ashley Drive  
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Montgomery County Civic Federation:

Kevin Kline, Mike Saunders, Matthew Shore, Richard Zierdt  
[www.montgomerycivic.org](http://www.montgomerycivic.org)

North Bethesda Congress: Matthew Shore, Richard Zierdt

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School Board Offices: 301-279-3617

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(representing all of RCA):

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Delegates: Leon Billings 301-858-3028

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Montgomery County Delegation Office:

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Election Precinct:

04-15 Vote at Rockinghorse Center, 4910 Macon Road

Montgomery Co. Board of Elections: 240-777-8500

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

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

Membership in the RCA is \$5.00 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..."

Web site: [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)

# Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

June 6, 2002

President Kevin Kline started with a loose meeting agenda. He would bring up a few items, then the RCA membership would vote on new RCA Officers.

Though a resident of 17 years, Kevin only recently discovered that there is a Farmer's Market at Garrett Park's Train Station/Post Office parking lot every Saturday from 9am to 1pm (call 301-929-0487). Some RCA'ers were already aware of this fact.

Kevin briefly gave his yearly West Nile Virus announcement, some research results on neighborhood signs, and also fire protection for RCA-land.

Next, Kevin quoted from MNCPPC's Rules and Regulations, Section 20. Domesticated Animals: "No animal may be brought upon park property unless it is on a leash, and is at all times entirely within the control of the person bringing it upon park property." The RCA has received a few complaints about loose dogs in RCA-land's Randolph Hills Park. Matt Shore said he will ask the County to replace the "Dogs must be leashed" sign in Randolph Hills Park.

An RCA'er stated that he has been working on getting the CSX train crossing to stop blowing whistles as trains pass. The Garrett Park Train Station has only a walk path, no car crossing, so there's no train crossing gates. However, there's still bells and very, very loud whistles. This RCA'er has spoken with several key people from the State of Maryland. Matt Shore offered to help, possibly by writing a letter on behalf of the RCA.

Kevin turned to RCA Officer Elections. He emphasized that anyone can run for office, but the RCA bylaws require us to submit a slate of candidates, which he now presented. Kevin presented each officer (Saunders was out-of-town) and stated their qualifications. The office of 2nd Vice-president remains unfilled, and anyone [still] can step forward to fill it.

**Passed/elected by unanimous voice-vote:**  
**President Matt Shore; Vice-President Mike Saunders; Secretary Kevin Kline; Treasurer Richard Zierdt. The Directors are Jack Stillwell; Frank Shore; George Gadbois; and Frank Rossomondo.**

**Passed/elected by unanimous voice-vote: The Representatives to the two umbrella civic groups to whom the RCA belong. The reps to the North Bethesda Congress are Matt Shore and Richard Zierdt. The reps to the Montgomery County Civic Federation are Mike Saunders; Kevin Kline; Matt Shore; and Richard Zierdt.**

Ex-President Kevin turned the podium over to incoming President Matt Shore. RCA'ers gave Kevin a round of applause, who bowed in appreciation.

Matt reported on the "ICC Light," a county east-west connection of existing roads that will be upgraded to four lanes, across the county, and connecting with I-95. The project is formally known as "Norbeck Road Extended." Matt suggested that this project is a foregone conclusion, and that on-going workshops and hearings were "just going through the motions." Matt had a large County project manual.

Matt reported on how all of RCA-land has been combined into one State Legislative District 18, thus increasing our legislative influence. Previously, the RCA neighborhoods of Franklin Park and Montrose Park belonged to District 17, which has nothing to do with RCA-land. RCA legislative power was spilt in two, and diluted. The effort to join us into one legislative district was spearheaded by Richard Zierdt. Richard was given a round of applause for his success in this important effort.

Richard was given the floor to discuss several issues. Firstly, he suggested we raise money to give editor Eileen White a gift for her years of hard work producing this professional-looking *Echo* newsletter. The discussion bogged down on how to pay for this gift (donations or RCA funds) and what to give her: a plaque? A gift certificate? Cash? After much discussion,

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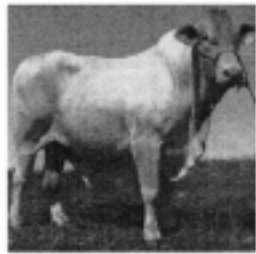
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## **RCA General Meeting**

*(continued from page 3)*

**Passed by majority voice-vote: the RCA Execs are authorized to spend up to \$50 in giving Editor White an appropriate gift.**

Next, Richard suggested that the RCA pay for the Boy Scouts to have a website. The website would be used to keep the Scouts informed, especially over the long summer when there's no Scout meetings. There was much discussion over many aspects of this proposal, including the Girl Scouts, the cost, and possible alternative website ideas. **Passed by majority voice-vote: for one year, the RCA will sponsor a website each for Boy Scout Troop 1083 and Girl Scout Troop 1487.** This first-year website cost is projected to be \$343. This includes a one-time start-up fee of \$175, and \$16 per month (minus a \$2 per month discount to the existing RCA website).

## **Minutes of the RCA Executive Meeting**

**September 5, 2002**

*by Kevin Kline, Recording Secretary*

**Code Enforcement.** For months, a house on Ashley Drive has been in violation of several housing code violations, and the neighbors are fed up. County inspectors granted the resident one month (August) to resolve these violations. To date, the property is still a mess. Meanwhile, the resident applied for and received a building permit. Building permits can be extended for a year. This means the junk/materials lying about the property may be justified. The RCA complained to the County permitting office – only to be told that outstanding housing code violations have no bearing on issuing building permits. Why not? Isn't this an obvious end-run around housing code enforcement? One branch of County government is trying to clean up the property, while the other branch is permitting more materials to be brought in. **Passed: to authorize the expenditure of \$166 to file an appeal, if necessary, to contest the building permit issued to 11204 Ashley.**

**Commuter Traffic.** RCA resident Doug Basher explained his years-long effort to slow down or reduce traffic on Rocking Horse Road. Among other things, Doug counted cars for hours and recorded license plates. His efforts led County Traffic and Parking Enforcement to conduct their own traffic study on Rocking Horse. The County determined that 86% of the traffic belonged to commuters who were 'cutting through' RCA-land.

Traffic and Parking Enforcement is now developing plans to reduce commuter traffic on Rocking Horse.

**Renew Montgomery.** RCA Editor Eileen White reported that the last of "Renew Montgomery" sidewalk repair continues in the southern end of Randolph Hills (Section II). Some trees cut down during these repairs have been replaced – as promised by the County. The Execs agreed that overall the County's contractor did a good job. The Execs are relieved that all of RCA-land sidewalks and road gutters are repaired to last another fifty years. Treasurer Richard Zierdt offered to contact the County and ensure that the road repairs now underway include paint re-stripping.

**Randolph Hills Park.** RCA Park Committee Chair Frank Rossomondo reported that some problems with the Rock Creek "all purpose field" along Ashley are starting up again. Randolph Hills is designated as a local park – for use by the surrounding community (that's RCA-land). The "all purpose field" is limited to youths under 18 years old. The problem is that adults come from far and wide to play soccer. Often, beer cans are left behind, and a commercial food truck shows up, selling snacks. When one such adult group appeared, Frank called Park Police Officer Mary Carlin who allowed the players time to finish their current game, but then required them to leave. Only groups with a permit may use the field. Officer Carlin will be a guest speaker at the Thursday, October 3rd, RCA General Meeting (8pm).

## RCA Has New State Legislative District

by Richard Zierdt

Because of RCA lobbying in response to an RCA vote, the entire RCA, both north and south of Randolph Road, will be in the same Maryland State legislative district, most likely 18. Up until now, the RCA was split between two districts, 17 and 18.

There is some confusion about this, because the plan submitted by Governor Glendening was challenged successfully in court, and various alternative plans were proposed. I checked all plans, and all have the RCA in the same district. You can check these plans at <http://redistricting.state.md.us/maryland/>. As I write this, I'm not sure all the legal dust has settled on this issue, but the RCA will be in the same district no matter what happens.

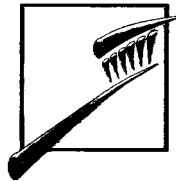
I've numbered and listed the eight plans here, with the proposed legislative district for RCA after the name of the plan: (1) The GRAC Recommended Plan (18); (2) the Maryland Legislative Districting Plan of 2002 (SJR3-HJR3) (18); (3) the Maryland Court of Appeals Legislative Districting Plan (18); (4) Maryland SJR12

(Stolzfus)-HJR20(Ports) (not well documented on the web site); (5) Maryland SJR19 (Stone)-HJR32(Minnick) (18); (6) Maryland SJR21 (Mitchell) (30); (7) Maryland HJR27 (Dembrow) (18); (8) Maryland SJR23 (Stone and Pella) (18).

Most of these plans have contorted boundaries; SJR21 (Mitchell) looks the most logical to me, but I don't approve 'em, and this one will probably not pass.

All the plans, except SJR21 (Mitchell), show district 18 flowing southward from the RCA to Chevy Chase and the Washington, D.C., line. As homes in Chevy Chase are \$700,000 and up, this is pretty good company.

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## Membership Drive for 2002-03 Begins

by Patricia Longenecker, RCA Membership Chair

Throughout the year new residents ask how they can join the RCA (let alone the RCF!). Well, now is the time, using the convenient, pre-stamped envelope! Names and e-mail addresses are printed on the membership form. Please update as necessary. Because of some turnover, the RCA does not have every (new) homeowner's name, so please supply your name if the previous occupant has moved. The only thing that never changes is the address! RCA Membership dues remain at \$5 per year, one of the lowest, if not the lowest, in the county. This does not cover the cost of all the things the RCA does (community yard sales, picnics, support for our children [Cub, Boy, and Girl Scouts]) and keeping you informed of community issues. Advertising makes up the rest.

One way to further help financially is to contribute any amount over \$5. These extra amounts go automatically to the Randolph Civic Foundation, our non-profit, charitable counterpart. All donations \*over\* \$5 are tax-deductible. Become a member of the "star" club; see the giving ranges on your membership form.

SAM's Club numbers (if applicable) are printed on the membership form as well as e-mail addresses.

Membership in SAM's Club is \$30 per two-person household (one person is \$30, but another person from the same address is free); your household must be an RCA member (see article on SAM's Club on page 7).

No one makes a dime doing any of the work for the RCA/RCF; we're all volunteers. We spend around \$500 in postage and envelopes for membership out of an approximate \$10,000 annual budget. That's a 95% effectiveness rate on your donations. We don't believe you'll find any other organization so efficient with your donation. Please join us to keep your community a good community.

## Rocking Horse Road Traffic

by Richard Zierdt

A quick note about Rocking Horse Road traffic: As unanimously approved at the October, 2000 RCA General Membership Meeting, the County has determined that the traffic on this road is indeed excessive, and that restricted usage is being considered ("No Through Traffic 7 - 9 AM", etc). We'll keep you posted. RCAer Doug Basher is to be commended for his work on this problem.

## SAM's Club Increases Membership Fees

by Richard Zierdt

As of April 1, 2002, SAM's doubled its membership fees for corporate membership (that includes everyone who has a SAM's card through the RCA) from \$15 to \$30. Late last March, when I found out about it, I tried to renew all RCA memberships at the lower price. Although the Gaithersburg store manager personally took the RCA check, the check was never cashed (!), and the manager has since left SAM's.

So, unfortunately, the RCA must charge what SAM's does: \$30 per membership. HOWEVER, SAM's includes a "free" spouse card, defined as anyone with the same address. So if you had husband and wife memberships last year, the cost is essentially the same: \$30 instead of \$28 (RCA up to now always charged \$14 per card, even though it cost \$15). If you currently have one card, and want to include another household person on that card, the (increased) price is the same.

Two other things: (1) \$30 is still less than the \$35 SAM's charges "regular" (non-corporate) members, and (2) shopping hours are longer for corporate members, but these hours vary store-to-store.

In any event, I hope you'll continue your RCA membership, regardless of SAM's price increase.



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## Sam's Club Card from RCA

by Richard Zierdt

Here's how the SAM's Club cards work through the RCA. This works only if you obtain your card through the RCA. All cards must be renewed (unless otherwise indicated on your RCA membership form) or begun new when you start or renew your RCA membership. RCA membership is \$5, SAM's Club cards are \$30 each; however, a free, additional card may be added for someone else at the same address. Each SAM's Club Card can only be used by one person. You may buy goods for someone else, but you must pay for it – not the other person (unless the other person also has a SAM's card). SAM's Club cards are good all over the country.

**Existing Sam's Club Cardholders:** Renew your RCA membership (\$5) and add \$30 for your SAM's card (\$30 per card; another person at the same address is free) and continue using your existing card(s). You will not receive a new one. You can check your SAM's card number with the one listed on your RCA membership form. I renew all cards in September, and then delete those who have not renewed by late November or early December. Your cancelled RCA check is your receipt. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** – IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR CARD – PLEASE SEND YOUR MONEY IN NOW! PROCRASTINATORS TAKE MORE TIME AND

TRIPS TO SAM'S CLUB – BY ME! PLEASE CHECK YOUR PHONE NUMBER. IF I CAN'T REACH YOU, YOUR CARD WILL BE DELETED.

**New Sam's Club Card Requests:** Start or renew your RCA membership (\$5), and add \$30 for a SAM's card (\$30 per card; another person at the same address is free). YOU MUST PROVIDE A PHONE NUMBER WHERE I CAN REACH YOU. NO PHONE NUMBER – NO SAM'S. I will go to SAM's occasionally through October and buy new cards for those who order them, and telephone, leave a voice mail, or drop in your door your new SAM's Club membership number. Simply take the membership number to the membership desk at any SAM's Club store and get a permanent, plastic card. You will need a picture ID, typically a driver's license. The cards are good through October 31, 2003. The permanent card will be used as long as you renew your SAM's membership. Once you are established at SAM's, you do not have to get a new card and picture again. If you have any questions, call Richard Zierdt, RCA Treasurer, 301-881-0283.

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## Proposed Budget for FY 2002-2003

by Richard Zierdt

The following report is offered as the budget for 2002-03. It will be approved, modified, or rejected at the October 3 general membership meeting.

### **RANDOLPH CIVIC ASSOCIATION: PROPOSED FINANCIAL BUDGET** FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

#### **INCOME:**

Membership	\$3,250
Echo Ads	7,000
Yard Sales	200
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Subtotal	10,450

RCF Donations	2,500
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SAM's cards	3,000
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,950</b>
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#### **EXPENSE:**

ECHO Printing/collating	\$ 7,000
Distribution	960
Membership Dues:	
North Bethesda Congress	50
Montgomery County	
Civic Federation	85
Membership expenses:	
Postage	600
envelopes (printed)	100
Post Office Box 2202	75
Donations to RCF	2,500
Hotline (301-881-2722)	260
SAM's cards	3,000
Candy Canes - "Santa"	50
RCA Welcome Wagon Notebooks	650
Boy Scout Troop 1083	400
Meeting Refreshments	50
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,780</b>
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### **RANDOLPH CIVIC FOUNDATION: PROPOSED FINANCIAL BUDGET** FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

#### **INCOME:**

Donations through	
The RCA	\$ 2,500
Direct Donations	600
Bank interest	10
Yard sales	400
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,510</b>
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#### **EXPENSE:**

Beautification	\$ 650
Community picnics	700
Yard Sale Insurance	400
Community Watch	50
Boy Scout Troop 1083	400
Boy Scout Troop 1083 website	192
Cub Scout Pack 1081	200
Girl Scout Troop 1487	200
Kensington Vol. Fire Dept	100
Misc (signs, landscaping)	600
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,492</b>
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## Treasurer's Report - Uncashed SAM's Check Causes Confusion

by Richard Zierdt

As of September 4, 2002, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$4,367.95. HOWEVER, check #674 for \$3,390, written on March 28, 2002 to beat SAM's membership fee increase, and placed \*in the manager's hand\* was never cashed, and the manager left the company soon after that (see article on SAM's membership price increase on page 6).

So we "really" have \$7,757.95 in cash. Starting with this report, the latest bank statement balances for the RCA and RCF will now be listed on separate lines. These balances will normally be less than the RCA's balances because of uncashed checks.

RCA Checking Register					
5/07/2002 through 9/04/2002					
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 05/07/2002</b>			<b>2,895.99</b>
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05/17	E-xfr	Verizon	Apr 22 telephone	-21.00	3,094.99
05/18	676	Quick Printing	June ECHO	-892.50	2,202.49
05/24		RCA	Mass Mutual inc:advert	100.00	2,302.49
05/24	677	Staples	laser cartridge for ECHO	-103.94	2,198.55
06/01		RCA	El Torito Restaurant	75.00	2,273.55
06/04	678	MC Civic Fed	2001-02 \$65; 02-03 \$85	-150.00	2,123.55
06/13		RCA	bank charge refund	1.00	2,124.55
06/17	679	Scout Troop 1083	ECHO distribution	-960.00	1,164.55
06/19	E-xfr	Verizon	May 22 telephone	-20.96	1,143.59
07/03		RCA	inc:advertizing	25.00	1,168.59
07/19	E-xfr	Verizon	June telephone	-20.94	1,147.65
07/26	680	Mauro Biondo	ECHO postage, 2001-02	-101.00	1,046.65
07/26		RCA	Parcel Plus inc:advert	91.00	1,137.65
08/09		RCA	—SPLIT—	544.00	1,681.65
		inc:advertising	Armands Pizza	272.00	
		inc:advertising	Motor Works	272.00	
08/16		Verizon	July telephone	-21.94	1,659.71
08/19		RCA	Dr. Flick, dentist	140.00	1,799.71
08/21		RCA	inc:advert	476.00	2,275.71
08/30		RCA	—SPLIT—	1,696.00	3,971.71
		inc:advertising	Denise Szczur	1,200.00	
		inc:advertising	Shipley Plumbing	476.00	
		inc:advertising	Local Lawn Care	20.00	
08/31	681	Electric Web Avenue	18 months web service	-304.00	3,667.71
			randolph.civic.org		
		<b>BALANCE 09/04/2002</b>			<b>3,667.71</b>
		<i>Bank statement, August 22, 2002: 5,815.71</i>			

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**RCF Checking Register**  
5/07/2002 through 9/04/2002

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 05/07/2002</b>			<b>891.65</b>
05/11	1051	The Sign Shop	6 pendants, yard sale	-45.00	0846.65
05/13		RCFoundation	yard sale booth sales	245.00	1,091.65
05/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	1,141.65
05/31		interest	.20%	0.16	1,141.81
06/17		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	1,191.81
06/17	1052	Boy Scout Troop 1083	sponsor's (RCA) donation	-400.00	791.81
06/28		interest	.20%	0.17	791.98
07/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	841.98
07/31		interest	.21%	0.13	842.11
08/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	892.11
08/30	1053	Electric Web Avenue	Troop1083.org, 12 months	-192.00	700.11
08/31		interest	.21%	0.13	700.24
		<b>BALANCE 09/04/2002</b>			<b>700.24</b>
		<i>Bank statement, July 31, 2002: 842.11</i>			

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## Help!

by Richard Zierdt

The RCA needs a lot of volunteer help, and when more people contribute, the less work it is for everyone.

Sometimes, however, when someone offers to help, I'm not sure what to tell him or her. Kinda like a deer caught in headlights. Yes, the RCA needs helpers, but where? If it were something as straightforward as "take out the trash," it would be easy. But the RCA is mostly built on processes, not one-time events (although there are some). So here's a list of things, the process, and the frequency of the job:

(1) Buy food/sodas/picnic goods for the RCA community picnic in September. The treasurer will give you a check to buy the stuff. (Once a year)

(2) Buy food/sodas/picnic goods for the RCA yard sale in May and September. The treasurer will give you a check to buy the stuff. (Twice a year, or once if you'd like)

(3) Erect about 8 signs before each general meeting (and pick them up afterwards). The RCA has the signs; you would keep them at your home. (5 times per year)

(4) Erect signs for the two yard sales and one community picnic per year (and pick them up afterwards). The RCA has the signs; you would keep them at your home. (3 times per year)

(5) Help cook burgers and hot dogs at the RCA Community Yard Sales. This adds to the festive atmosphere of the event. Also, volunteers are needed to collect money. (Twice a year, or once if you'd like)

(6) Be the RCA Treasurer! (elected position) Deposit and write checks, balance the records with the bank statements, write the treasurer's report eight times per year. (An on-going process throughout the year, but if you could do it for one year, it would help)


(7) Yard Sale Sign Coordinator. The RCA has a supply of yard sale signs for residents to use instead of having to make their own. You would keep these at your home. When a resident calls and wants to use them, just put them outside so the resident can pick them up. When the resident returns them, you would put them away for the next time. (Frequency varies, but probably two or three times per year)

(8) Key Master for the Recreation Center. This requires three trips to the Park office on Brunette Avenue in Silver Spring per year (this is just off Sligo Creek Parkway). In August, fees and a deposit are paid for the

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## Help!

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key (the RCA treasurer will write a check). In September, just before the first RCA meeting, the key is picked up and given to the RCA president. In June, the key is returned. (3 trips per year)

(9) SAM's Club Coordinator. Another on-going job, but mostly in September and October. Requires a computer, but if you don't have one, the RCA will provide it. Currently requires at least two trips to SAM's Club, once in September to get a printout of all RCA/SAM's members, then again in early November to give SAM's the list of new and deleted members. These updates and changes are coordinated with the membership chair. (Process lasts two months per year)

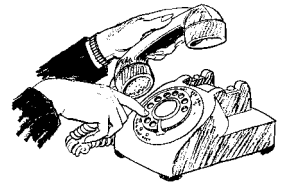
(10) Web site webmaster for randolphcivic.org. Requires a computer, but if you don't have one, the RCA will provide it. Tasks include the usual adding and deletion of material as necessary. If you'd like, add pictures, sound (?), whatever. (Site must be updated 8 times per year to add the latest *Echo* and other material)

See anything you'd like?

## Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

301-881-2722 (2RCA)

May 7, 2002 to  
September 2, 2002



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

**2002-05-09 (Thu) 1:07 pm** 47xx Oxbow Road. Caller's sidewalk, repaired last year, is already deteriorating. What can be done about this?

**2002-05-09 (Thu) 5:21 pm** Rocking Horse Road. Caller just witnessed another accident occur where a car crashes into caller's neighbor's yard, just missing the house. Caller watches accidents happen constantly, and it's getting worse. Perhaps the traffic light should be adjusted;

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perhaps right-turn-on-red should not be permitted. The speed bumps on Rocking Horse have done nothing to help. Could the RCA provide some help here, or provide the number of someone who can? *[County is currently studying traffic restrictions on Rocking Horse previously requested by the RCA].*

**2002-05-15 (Wed) 2:19 pm** Anonymous. A rollback tow truck is parked at the corner of Schuylkill and Rock Road. The tow truck has a van sitting on top of it.

**2002-05-16 (Thu) 11:05 am** Anonymous, Ashley Drive. Caller is distressed to see two young girls torturing a rabbit. Parents should talk to their children about treating animals this way.

**2002-05-18 (Sun) 6:49 pm** Anonymous. Caller tried to park in a handicapped parking space in front of the Indian Restaurant in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center, a gentleman came out and told him that those parking spaces were for restaurant patrons only, and that caller could not park there *[with his 80 year-old mother - my interpretation - rz]*. He was rude, loud, and disrespectful. Caller has handicapped tags. If you want a nice meal, where people treat you courteously and respectfully, \*don't\* go to the Indian Restaurant in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center. *[RZ: Caller may want to call the shopping center management to see which parking spaces, if any, are reserved for particular businesses.]*

**2002-05-20 (Mon) 12:14 pm** Anonymous. Community Yard Sale: When is the next one? ANS: September 28, from 8 am - 1 pm.

**2002-05-20 (Mon) 5:00 pm** Wants to place ad in RCA Echo. *[Best way: email to [ewwhite@erols.com](mailto:ewwhite@erols.com)]*

**2002-05-21 (Tue) 6:04 pm** Anonymous. Troy Road. On Saturday, someone posted a printed notice on caller's automobile, light post, and tree saying that caller should clean up after the dog. It would be one thing if it were true, but caller has no dog. These notices should not be posted on caller's property.

**2002-05-22 (Wed) 3:18 pm** Lauderdale Drive. Ground hogs are tearing up caller's yard; eating flowers, etc. These animals are breeding under a shed in neighbor's yard behind caller's. The shed is 14 inches from the property line and fence; law says it must be 36 inches. The animals are digging under the fence and into caller's yard, eating everything caller has paid for to make the yard look nice. Caller would appreciate any suggestions. Caller has called Animal Control, EPA, and County code enforcement.

**2002-05-23 (Thu) 11:29 am** Anonymous. Wants Boy Scout troop number. *[1083]*

**2002-05-23 (Thu) 8:28 pm** Anonymous. 470x Oxbow Road. Yard is a mess; the grass must be a foot high. Also, 470x Oxbow Road: Construction truck parked there for almost 3 weeks. Caller thought that heavy equipment trucks were not permitted in residential areas. *[Correct.]* Caller wishes the RCA could do something about both of them.

**2002-05-25 (Sat) 9:55 am** Bill Welsh, Holiday Park neighborhood, responding to the May 6 phone call in June's *Echo* about local swimming pools in the area. Mr. Welsh recommends the Connecticut Bel-Air Park Swimming Pool, at Viers Mill Road and Connecticut Avenue. The Pool will be glad to give a tour of the facility. *[RZ: Note to RCA'ers: It is possible to get to this pool without even going through a traffic light if you use Garrett Park Road.]*

**2002-05-27 (Mon) 7:27 pm** Anonymous. Caller noticed an application for a beer/liquor store at Loehmann's Plaza between Blockbusters and Sherwin-Williams paint store. A public hearing will be held June 6th. This is not a good place for such a store, so close to Blockbusters

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## RCA Hotline

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where many young people buy videos. [The RCA appreciates the lookout for such applications and encourages all residents to report beer/liquor applications whenever they see them (especially in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center). The application the caller reports was for a beer license for Chuck E Cheese, so that parents might purchase beer when they bring their children to play. This issue was one of several that the RCA negotiated with Loehmann's Plaza management over the special exception that allowed Chuck E Cheese to move in. The special exception was for parking, not the license. It should be noted that Loehmann's Plaza supports the RCA in several ways (ECHO ads, yard sales), and has communicated well with us. Finally, the RCA would oppose any application if a full-service beer or liquor store attempts to open in Loehmann's or Randolph Hills Shopping Center.]

**2002-05-28 (Tue) 2:42 pm** Caller is responding to the request for recommendations for good electricians made in the June Echo. Caller recommends caller's father and brother, both licensed electricians, and both live on Hunters Lane. Phone 301-468-4977.

**2002-05-29 (Wed) 3:50 pm** Schuylkill Road. Neighbor's rooster is noisy in the morning, and the seed that the neighbor is feeding it and some chickens is

attracting rats. Caller has called animal control, and they say it is perfectly legal to have farm animals in the city. Please call and let caller know what caller's next move should be.

**2002-06-08 (Sat) 1:36 pm** Hunters Lane. In response to the Echo, caller recommends TieVy (pronounced "Tee Vee") Electric Company, 704-B Gude Drive, 301-279-7233. Did extensive work for caller last May. [As way of recommendation, caller leaves caller's phone number.] Also, in inclement weather, please place Echos in the mailbox or inside the storm door. Caller's Echo has just finally dried out so that it could be read.

**2002-06-10 (Mon) 4:53 pm** 47xx block of Boiling Brook Parkway. Yard sale in May at Loehmann's Plaza was fine; the caller saw many residents there. However, why was the entertainment for the children (face painter) in front of Safeway instead of the yard sale? Also, this is recycling day, and a couple of cans and a bottle were left behind. Why can't the collection staff pick up such items? Caller called the trash service (240-777-6410) and complained. The staff lady was polite, and said an inspector would come out. She recommended leaving the trash so that the inspector would see it. Caller thinks this is not practical, since the trash may be smashed or broken by the time someone comes out. [RCA recommends that all residents call trash collection when any service deemed less than adequate is encountered].



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**2002-06-13 (Thu) 12:18 pm** Olden Road. New neighbors at 47xx Olden have flatbed truck on the street. *[Truck has been moved; RCA appreciates caller's concern.]*

**2002-06-19 (Wed) 2:29 pm** Sue from Knowledgeable Speakers. This organization has many professionals who can speak before your organization on a variety of topics. Call 1-800-944-2715.

**2002-06-20 (Thu) 3:45 pm** Anonymous. FYI: Tow trucks are back in force, all day long, and are clearly over the weight limit. Caller "gives up." If the RCA can correct this situation, please do so.

**2002-07-01 (Mon) 9:45 am** Topping Road. Randolph Hills Park, between Schuylkill Road and (the town of) Garrett Park. Someone is spraying a toxic chemical, killing all the beautiful foliage and vines there, ruining this beautiful park. Who's responsible for this travesty? Caller would appreciate any information.

**2002-07-04 (Thu) 7:31 pm** Portree Drive. Caller called one of the advertisers in the *Echo* (Richard, electrician); Caller made an appointment, but the man never showed up; calls to reach him were not successful; his pager seems to be disconnected. *[RCA appreciates the call. While we ask residents to support our advertisers, since they support us, we do not condone any poor service by our advertisers. This particular company does not advertise in the ECHO any longer.]*

**2002-07-08 (Mon) 9:09 am** Anonymous. The number in the *Echo* for the Motor Vehicle Administration, 301-984-3177 (same as the number in the Blue Pages in the Montgomery County telephone book), has been disconnected. Caller called information, who gave caller 1-800-950-1682 for Glen Burnie. *[RCA appreciates the notice, and has updated our list.]*

**2002-07-09 (Tue) 4:11 pm** Wyaconda Road. Thanks to Steve Kelly, the young real estate agent with Llewellyn, for putting up all those American flags on the 4th of July. Also, how about the RCA erecting flags along Schuylkill and Rocking Horse? Caller is willing to help.

**2002-07-16 (Tue) 10:49 am** Anonymous. Caller has called Housing Code Enforcement regarding the house at 11204 Ashley Drive, regarding trash in front yard and County property. County said they would respond. *[Thanks, caller!]*

**2002-07-22 (Mon) 8:52 am** Anonymous. Caller reports that the house at 11320 Schuylkill Road has been condemned since early June because of overcrowding.



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However, it seems like a large number of people are still entering the house. Caller called the County; the County said it would follow up.

**2002-07-23 (Tue) 3:44 pm** Anonymous. 47xx block of Boiling Brook Parkway. Sidewalk repair is in progress. The contractor is doing extra work (driveways, private walkways, etc.) during normal business hours. Isn't this cutting into the time they should be doing public work? Also, several places on Boiling Brook Parkway, some pieces of heavy equipment left on the street leaving gouges in the street. Will these be fixed? Also, the backhoes take branches off the trees; this wouldn't occur if the equipment operators would lower the arms on these machines. *[The contractor is paid by the job, not the amount of time. So extra time spent on a neighbor's private property does not cost the taxpayer any additional amounts.]*

**2002-08-02 (Fri) 4:58 pm** Caller is calling in reference to the house at 112xx Ashley Drive. They seem to be conducting a business there; there is slate all over the front yard; a shed in the driveway; fences all over the place. The place is a mess, and it's been this way over a year. *[The RCA has called County housing code enforcement regarding this property, and is working with an inspector.]*

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## RCA Hotline

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**2002-08-08 (Thu) 6:24 pm** Lauderdale Drive. Caller is reporting a kidnapping attempt at 121xx Lauderdale Drive. A woman from a car approached a child, asked the child to come into the car and help the lady find a "birdie." Child did not comply. Parents are urged to watch their children; call 911 if necessary.

**2002-08-17 (Sat) 11:28 am** Anonymous. On August 18 (a Sunday), at 10:15 am, Park Police were called to the Randolph Hills park along the creek. Apparently three dogs, all unleashed, with the owner nowhere to be found, approached a woman who, while protecting her own dog, almost fell into the creek. The Park police are looking for a blue Saab, a medium build white male with dark hair and navy blue shirt last seen sitting on the bench beside the creek on the Dewey Drive side. A police report was made. Warning to RCA residents: if owners are caught walking their dogs without a leash, they will be ticketed \$100 per dog. Also, if caller sees a person walking their dog without a leash, caller will call Park Police and give a full description. Enough is enough. Thank you.

**2002-08-19 (Mon) 2:04 pm** JBG Rosenfeld. Wants confirmation of time so that Loehmann's can schedule a clown and face painter to be on the property at that time.

**2002-08-21 (Wed) 6:05 pm** Anonymous. Creek Shore Drive; caller's neighbor's black dog is leaving messes in caller's yard. Please keep dog on owner's property. Next call will be to animal control.

**2002-08-27 (Tue) 10:42 pm** Creek Shore Drive. Caller's driveway was damaged by people working on the sidewalk.

**2002-09-01 (Sun) 2:01 pm** A kid's bicycle was left on Coachway Drive. Caller has it; if it's yours, call 301-770-0415.



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by Richard Zierdt

On Sunday, August 25, with the help of a friend equipped with a laptop, I drove around the neighborhood looking for County strips with no tree, or only a dead one, planted on it. Generally, each lot has one tree planted between the sidewalk and the street (corner lots would have two). These trees are County owned and maintained.

I noted 73 such lots on Ashley, Coachway, Patapsco, Red Fox, Rocking Horse, Schuylkill, Star, and Troy. Other streets will be inventoried over time. The idea is to have a uniform look in the neighborhood, create a tree canopy along each street, reduce pollution, and generally improve the look of our neighborhood.

The County's arborist, Mr. Guy Turenne, explained to me last October that the County, after years of neglect, has increased its efforts at "re-treesing" Montgomery County, particularly as an anti-pollution measure. The RCA voted to support such tree efforts, and requests for trees from civic associations will be welcome.

A nice, tree-lined street takes years to develop, and the best time to plant a tree was 10 years ago. The next best time is now.

### Join us in the park for **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY** Saturday, October 26th

Make a Difference Day will be Saturday October 26. As in the past, a group of us will be organizing a clean-up of Waverly-Schuylkill Park (intersection of Schuylkill Road and Garrett Park Road). Anyone willing to give us a hand trashing trash, klipping kudzu, and banishing bamboo is welcome.

We'll meet at the picnic tables about 9 a.m. and work until early afternoon (or as long as people are available). Please wear gloves, long pants/sleeves, and sturdy shoes. Bring any garden tools you feel comfortable using. Easy jobs are available for those who can't do any heavy lifting but still want to join in. Any time you can give us is greatly appreciated by us and by the park.

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## News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois



Pack 1081 is back for another year of fun and excitement, but first an update of this past spring and summer's activities is in order. At our May Pack Meeting the following boys received their Tiger badge: **Derek Compton, Krisztian Mazo, Daniel Murillo, Anthony Muro, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Ayinde Warren**. Earning elective Wolf Arrow Points were: **Jason Beam, Joshua Hart, Ben Hawkins** for their 1st Silver point; **Gregory Gadbois, Jason Beam, Joshua Hart, Ben Hawkins** for their 2nd Silver point; **Gregory Gadbois, Sasha Hevey** for their 3rd Silver point; **Dwayne Remillard, Sasha Hevey** for their 3rd Silver point. **Sasha Hevey** was also presented his Wolf World Conservation Award. Our Webelos I scouts stayed busy earning their Sportsman Activity Pin: **Joseph Owen, Andrew Costas, John Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata**. Sports and Academic Pins (different from Webelos Activity Pins) were presented to: **Dwayne Remillard** for Heritage and Science Academic Pins; **Sasha Hevey** for Bicycling Sports Pin. Billy Goat Trail Patches were earned by **Jason Beam, AJ Taylor** and **Sasha Hevey**. Attendance at this past May's Scouting on the Mall netted patches for **Ben Hawkins** and **Sasha Hevey**.

Winding up our May meeting was our "bridging" ceremony graduation of our remaining boys to the next level of Cub Scouting: Moving up to Webelos II – **Joseph Owen, Johnny Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata, Jake Bennington, Andrew Costas, SanJuan Austin**; Advancing to Webelos I from Bear – **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Matt Fieller, Augusto Silva, Matee Kowl, Robbie Smith, Dylan Summers, Christian Rivera**; Going from Wolf to Bear – **Alan Costas, AJ Taylor, Gregory Gadbois, Jake Blakely, Joshua Hart, Dwayne Remillard, Sasha Hevey, Jason Beam, Benjamin Hawkins, Thomas Shaw, Jaccen Schairer, Shaquille Austin, Andrew Garcia**; and finally, jumping to Wolf from Tigers – **Derek Compton, Francisco Macalupu, Krisztian Mazo, Daniel Murillo, Anthony Muro, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Albert Silva, Ayinde Warren**.

Our May outings included, in addition to a hike on the Billy Goat Trail on the 5th as mentioned above, a family camping trip to Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg where we were joined by Boy Scouts from Troop 1083. Although we camped separately, the fun and activities were intermixed all weekend. The highlight was the evening campfire hosted by the boy scouts, where everyone was entertained with a solemn flag ceremony to songs and skits to a drum ensemble. Cubs attending the trip were **Johnny Hilderbrand, Andrew Costas, Matt Fieller, Jason Beam, Alan Costas, AJ Taylor, Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart** and **Ayinde Warren**.

June brought our annual Pack Picnic and Mother/Son Softball Game to Randolph Hills Park on Sunday the 2nd, where the Cubs proceeded to beat up on the moms in 5 hard played innings. With some of the boys playing on baseball teams this year, it made it tough going for the moms with a final score of 15-4, boys winning. Some of our baseball loving scouts attended our second June outing at the Baysox game on the 21st, where Bowie unfortunately lost to the Reading Phillies 4-2 in front of a crowd of 9200. The fireworks that followed seemed to make up for the loss.

July brought another baseball outing on Scout Night at the Frederick Keys on Saturday the 13th where scouts saw the Keys let the Winston-Salem Warthogs win 3-0, allowing all 3 runs in the 4th inning. The Keys loss was

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Our neighborhood Pack 1081 will be hosting a "Join Cub Scouting Night" recruitment event to be held on **Friday September 20, 2002, 7:00 p.m.** at Viers Mill Elementary School. Viers Mill ES is located at 11711 Joseph Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20906. Join us that night for a short presentation and to get more information. Garfield, along with his buddy Odie, encourages every boy to come by and sign up and to bring a buddy, too. Call Mr. George Gadbois (301-770-5386) if you have questions.

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soon overshadowed by Cub Day Camp at Colesville Presbyterian Church the next week where **Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart, Dwayne Remillard and Jason Beam** got a jump start on their Bear achievements. The boys worked on crafts, scout skills, performed skits & songs and enjoyed a number of other circus theme activities despite the July heat. Speaking of which, the heat was somewhat quenched on Saturday morning the 27th during our car wash fundraiser, keeping boys cool while cars got cleaned by **Kyle Blakely, Gregory Gadbois, Jake Blakely, Joshua Hart and Sasha Hevey**. Special thanks to **Anthony Gadbois, Moses Hart, Aimee Hart, Colonial Shell** and all those that stopped by for a cleaning to help defer our Pack expenses.

August opened with yet another baseball Scout Night event in Bowie, where the bat giveaway was a consolation for the Altoona Curve squeaking by the Baysox 4-3. Our second outing, but final scout ball game event was back up to Frederick to see the Keys lose again, this time to the Salem Avalanche with a 5-0 pounding. Sooner or later our scouts will attend a game where the home team will win. Not at the Keys game but nonetheless amongst a large group of scouts during the same week, were our Webelos I & II scouts attending Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg, PA for five days of resident camping. As in previous years, the Scouts kept busy from reveille to taps with swimming, ecology, BB shooting, archery, sports, geology, outdoor skills, crafts, fishing, an ice cream social, a campfire and more!

To wind up our summer, we visited the Baltimore B&O Railroad Museum on August 17 where at least **Sasha Hevey** had fun learning about the people who built and operated the railroad through overhead crane demonstrations, a train ride and the roundhouse tour of engines and rail cars. It would be hard to imagine our lives without the railroad!

As the school year starts, Pack 1081 will be recruiting, looking for "a few good boys" to join the ranks of fun and adventure in the Cub Scouts. Physical Fitness

Field Day in September and family camping weekend to Gettysburg in October are just two of our upcoming exciting activities.

If you're a boy in the 1st to 5th grade, please visit us on Join Scouting Night at Viers Mill Elementary School on Friday, September 20th at 7 PM to get more information and join up! Call Mr. George Gadbois at (301) 770-5386 for more details. Also, check our website <http://hometown.aol.com/jph3190/1081.html> for updates on our activities and additional information.

## News from Brownie Troop 1487

by Pat Hart

Troop 1487 hopes everyone had a great summer. We certainly did!

When I last wrote we were busy planning our first camping trip. I am happy to say that all our girls attended our weekend camp-out at Brighton Woods, the Girl Scout camp just north of Olney. The girls who made the trip were: **Leah Gibbons, Aimee Hart, Vickie Hildebrand** and sister **Rani, Olivia Kibbe, Jennifer Mazo** and mother **Christina, Noelle Valenta**, sisters **Jade and Jasmine Williams, Carolina Zetino** and **Melissa Terry** along with troop leaders **Amy Hixenbaugh** and **Pat Hart**.

We learned many skills for future camping along with making new friends and learning new songs. It was a great experience for all of us.

Thanks to **Jennifer Mazo** and her family for hosting our troop at our final meeting of the year, at their house. The girls had a pizza party and received the Try-Its they earned this year. Since we work on most of our badges together as a troop all the girls received the following awards: Art to Wear, Make It Eat It, Manners, Sky and Sky, Travel Right, Girl Scout Ways, Cookies Count, and Out Door Adventurer. Congratulations to all our girls on their hard work.

In July many of the girls attended the Girl Scout Sing-a-Long on the Mall. Led by troop leader **Amy Hixenbaugh**, the girls traveled downtown on the Metro. The Sing-a-Long celebrated the 90th anniversary of Girl Scouting. The girls made friends with girls from many different states who traveled here to participate in the festivities. All of the girls and families who went had a marvelous time. Also in July the girls made a trip to Build a Bear in Montgomery Mall. They stuffed and sewed their own bears complete with a Girl Scout vest.

Amy and I are looking forward to the coming year when our girls will be moving up from Brownies to Junior Scouts. The girls will be taking on more responsibilities for troop meetings, badges, dues, and weekly running of the meetings. It should be a challenging and exciting year for the girls as we learn new things and grow together as young girls and future leaders.

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## Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

Troop 1083 went to summer camp in August at Camp Olmsted at the Goshen Scout Reservation. We arrived on August 11 and set to work. We got a lot done!

At the waterfront, Swimming merit badge was earned by **Galen Miley, John Pitkin, and Hunter Wyatt**. Canoeing merit badge was earned by **Jake Bolt, Mark Bushong, Ed Huggins, Steven Santos, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, and Andy Wood**.

At the handicraft shack our new Scouts earned badges. Basketry was earned by **Anthony Gadbois**. Leatherwork was earned by **Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, John Pitkin, and Hunter Wyatt**.



*Anthony Gadbois displays his completed stool kit.*

First Aid merit badge was earned by **Andy Wood, Ed Huggins, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, and Jake Bolt**. First Aid is an important part of Being Prepared and this badge is great foundation for life saving skills.

Some merit badges were earned in the Nature area. Mammal Study was earned by

**Hunter Wyatt, Scott Talbott, John Pitkin, Galen Miley, Bubba Hart, and Anthony Gadbois**. Also in the Nature area **Hafez Taghavi** and **Steven Santos** earned Weather merit badge and **Steven Santos** earned Forestry merit badge. Living outdoors in the forest surrounded by animals and plants made these badges natural.

**Alex Cassel, Steven Santos, Hafez Taghavi, and Scott Talbott** earned Camping merit badge.

**Mark Bushong, Ed Huggins, and Andy Wood** (the Three Musketeers) earned Rifle Shooting Merit badge, which emphasizes firearms safety.

At the COPE course, **Scott Talbott** earned Climbing merit badge. **Jake Bolt, Alex Cassel, and Hafez Taghavi** complete the COPE experience. Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience – COPE is a series of initiative problems and group building that help the Scouts overcome problems that keep groups from working well together and teaches them leadership skills.



*Galen Miley shows Mike Saunders how the stove works.*

Knot ropes demonstrating proficiency in the Scout knots, were awarded to **Ed Huggins, Galen Miley, Steven Santos and Hafez Taghavi**.

The big news at camp was completion of rank advancement by many boys. This is the year of Scouting in a week that we talk about. The previous months work is tied together in the total immersion of Scout camp.

Ranks awarded:

**Mark Bushong**, First Class

**Anthony Gadbois**, Second Class

**Bubba Hart**, Tenderfoot

**Ed Huggins**, Second Class and First Class

**Galen Miley**, Second Class

**John Pitkin**, Second Class

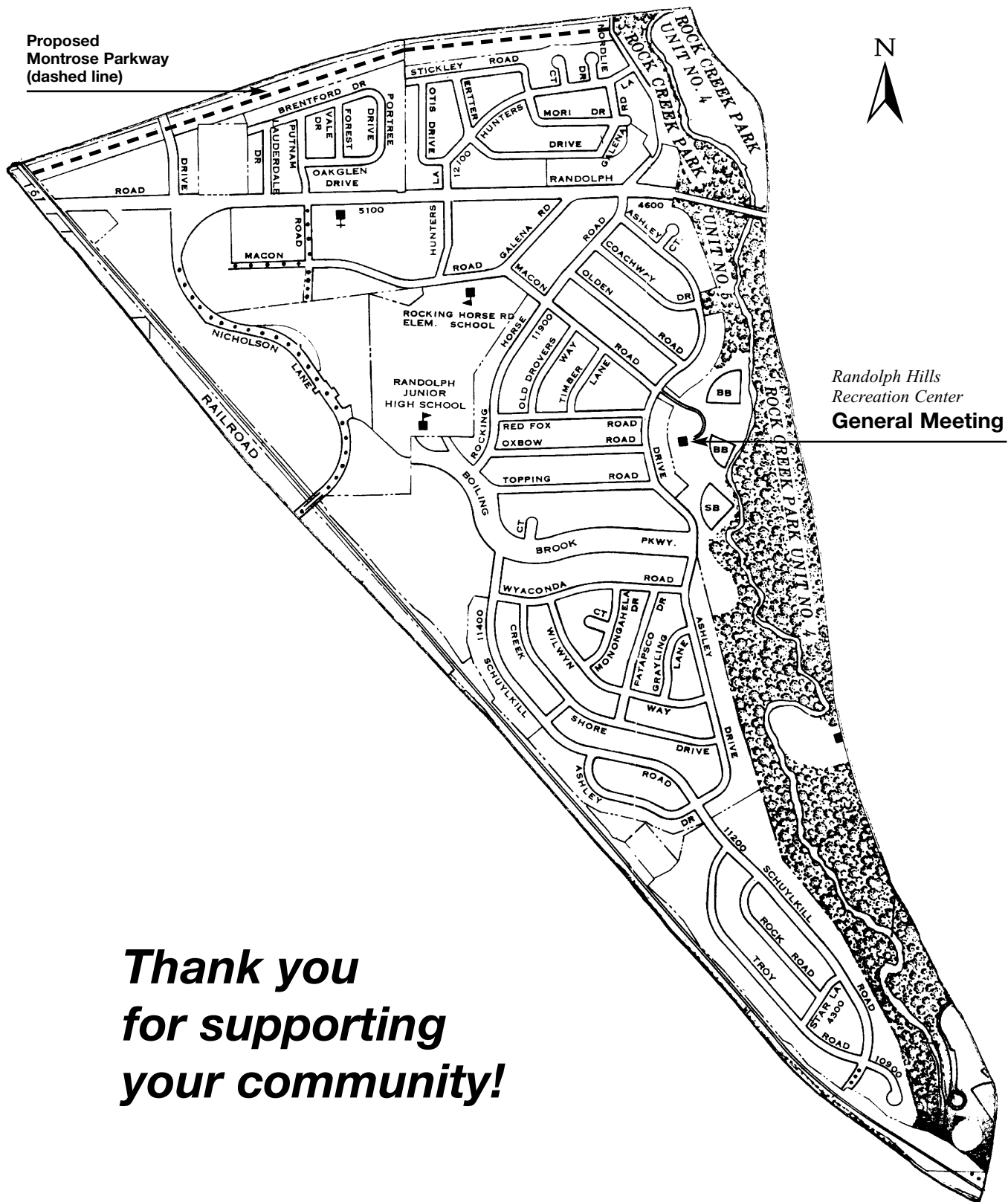
**Andy Wood**, First Class

**Hunter Wyatt**, Tenderfoot, and Second Class

A very busy and productive week. Good work guys. Also, special thanks to **Mr. Dave Talbott, Mr. Greg Skolnik, Mr. Mike Saunders, Mr. Ken Wood, Mr. Richard Bushong, and Mr. Brian McGahey** for taking a week from their busy lives and helping the boys achieve all this.

Another summer note – **Hafez Taghavi** joined us late in the week, after returning from Interlochen music camp in Michigan.

If this program sounds interesting to you and you are a boy who is at least 11 years old or have finished fifth grade, you can join us at our meetings at 7:30 pm on Monday night at Viers Mill Elementary School, or call Mr. Talbott, Scoutmaster at 301-881-6567. **Please visit Troop 1083's new website at [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org)**



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12100 Porttree Drive	\$285,000	\$299,900	\$0	2
5116 Oakglen Drive	\$280,000	\$287,000	\$0	2
4812 Mori Drive	\$275,000	\$280,000	\$0	8
10903 Troy Road	\$275,000	\$277,920	\$0	4
11416 Grayling Lane	\$269,000	\$269,000	\$0	0
11418 Grayling Lane	\$250,000	\$260,000	\$0	0
11505 Schuylkill Road	\$257,500	\$255,000	\$0	4
11808 Ashley Drive	\$249,900	\$255,000	\$5,000	5
12115 Lauderdale Drive	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	0
11302 Schuylkill Road	\$245,000	\$245,000	\$5,000	12
11701 Rocking Horse Road	\$239,000	\$241,000	\$7,170	196
11306 Schuylkill Road	\$228,000	\$228,000	\$0	22
11602 Ashley Drive	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$0	2

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