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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, October 2, 2002
8:00 p.m.

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2002
8:00 p.m.

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

President's Message

by Matt Shore

Over the past year the #1 question that people ask me is, "What can I do about my neighbor?" The complaints range from noise and trash to tall grass and animal concerns. My first response is to encourage your neighbors to take pride in the community. If this does not work then you have to go to plan B. We are all nice people but sometimes you have to call the Department of Environmental Protection to resolve your concerns.

The Department of Environmental Protection handles cases concerning noise, trash and recycling, animal concerns, tall grass, unauthorized parking of cars and illegal dumping. This is important so write this down! The phone number for this department is 240-777-7700. The web site address is www.askdep.com. Violations are as follows: Class A \$500 for initial offense, \$750 for repeat offense. Class B \$100 for initial offense, \$150 for repeat offense. Class C \$50 for initial offense, \$75 for repeat offense. If you see any violations don't be afraid to call or log on to the web site!

We have a great neighborhood but it takes a lot of work which starts with you. If you see something more serious than these violations don't hesitate to call 911!

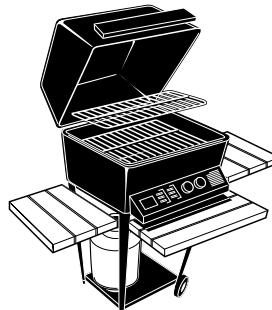
I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Community Events

RCA Community Picnic

Saturday, September 20
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, October 4
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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Kevin Kline, Mike Saunders, Matthew Shore, Richard Zierdt
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North Bethesda Congress: Matthew Shore, Richard Zierdt

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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

RCA Membership Drive for 2003-04 Begins

by Patricia Longenecker
RCA Membership Chair

It's that time again! Use the convenient, pre-stamped envelope provided with this *Echo* to send in your \$5 annual support! RCA dues are the lowest civic association dues in the County. Hopefully, your correct name, address, phone number, and email address 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! Your dues help 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.

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.

Power Outage Darkens RCA

by Richard Zierdt

A violent storm on August 26 wiped out electric power in much of RCA. Some residents still had no power as of Friday, August 29. Some residents called the RCA hotline. I called our local County Councilman Howard Denis' office Friday afternoon. Based on statements broadcast on WTOP, he seems to be taking an active role in questioning why PEPCO, our monopoly electric utility, could not, or would not, provide better service.

SAM's Club Membership News

by Richard Zierdt

SAM's Club cards are available through the RCA for \$30 per year per household (maximum 2 cards per membership) for RCA members only. These are business memberships, which means you can shop at SAM's during the "business hours" of 7 to 10 AM. "Regular" memberships cannot shop then.

Existing SAM's users: check your expiration date on your RCA membership card. Most expire on or close to November 1, 2003. However, some expire in 2004 because of a snafu with new memberships last year. For these users, do not include the \$30; your SAM's card is good through the date indicated. Otherwise, simply add \$30 to your RCA dues, and continue to use your existing SAM's card. A new card will not be issued.

For residents who want to join SAM's now (new memberships), simply add \$30 to your RCA dues, and include your phone number. I will not purchase SAM's Cards without your phone number! I will purchase new SAM's memberships in late October and give you the account number. Take the membership number to the membership desk of any SAM's Club store the first time you shop, and SAM's will issue you a permanent, plastic card which you will use from then on. Your SAM's membership will run from November 1 through October 30, 2004.

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Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

June 5, 2003

by Kevin Kline, Recording Secretary

The meeting room was packed, as the floor was given to our last-minute guest speakers, Montgomery County Police Officer Rose Wahlen and Police Detective Jane Bowers. Detective Bowers reported on the May 22, 2003 drive-by shooting on Topping Road! The incident began as an altercation between two men at the Food Mart in the Randolph Hills Center. The two men knew each other and one is a Topping Road resident. When the resident ran back into the Food Mart and called 911, the other man left. Then the resident hung up the phone and walked to his mid-block Topping Road house. Soon, a car pulled up with a shooter in the back seat, and fired three or more shots as the car backed down Topping towards Ashley. The resident pushed his girlfriend to the ground, and ran for his life. Shots blew out the rear window of an unrelated visiting car parked in front of the next door neighbor's home, and one or more bullets hit that same home, puncturing their downspout. Within days, the DC Police arrested the shooter, Yared Kinfe-Michael, and recovered the handgun. Kinfe-Michael was extradited to Montgomery County where he is being held without bond.

This incident appears to be between two individuals and not gang activity. Nonetheless, neighbors are terrified that further revenge shootings could once again send bullets flying into their homes. The resident "victim" continues to live in RCA-land, as is his right. RCA'ers are urged to call the Police non-emergency hotline (240-777-7300) and report any unusual activity. The RCA will write a letter to the State's Attorney and keep updated on this unique RCA-land crime.

Detective Bowers was given a round of applause for successfully closing this shooting incident so quickly. Officer Rose Wahlen has spoken at previous RCA meetings, and she continued to address RCA-land criminal activity. Rose said that RCA-land actually has a very low crime rate. The biggest crime is auto break-ins, usually by delinquent juveniles. Auto break-ins are the most common crime in the best neighborhoods of Montgomery County and Fairfax. RCA-land also suffered one auto theft. She warned RCA'ers not to leave anything in their cars: old umbrellas; briefcases; or cell phones. She said you would think criminals would realize that the service for a stolen cell phone is immediately disconnected, but that she has arrested juveniles and will find 10 cell phones under their bed.

Turning to other problems, the adolescent moped continues to terrorize the neighborhood, driving through stop signs, on sidewalks, etc. Officer Wahlen promised to pay a visit – and can confiscate his moped. RCA'ers are urged to make a citizen's arrest, and report the adolescent's address to the RCA hotline.

Several Ashley residents complained of speeding cars, and wanted speed humps. The RCA is willing to assist them, as we did with the Rocking Horse residents, if they are willing to make a serious effort. RCA'ers reported cars are racing along Boiling Brook late at night. Officer Wahlen said the Police are aware of this new problem, and that the cars are meeting at the Montrose Crossing shopping center. The shopping center owners have given the Police written property access, and the Police plan to shut down the hot-rodders.

RCA'ers complained of loud, late-night music by an individual living on Ashley. The Police have received complaints in the past. Officer Young said she would brief the beat officers on the noise ordinance. She said some officers are reluctant to issue a noise citation. Another RCA'er complained that parking on both sides of Ashley was making through traffic difficult. Officer Wahlen's time was up, and she was given a round of applause as she left.

Our scheduled guest speaker was Mike Smith, an LCOR developer representative, who will build apartments, offices, and stores on the 32.5 acre site at the White Flint Metro/Golf Park. Mike and his two compatriots displayed pictures and design drawings of the finished project. It will have several square city blocks, internal roads, 4 to 5 buildings of 250,000 - 300,000 sq. ft. each, and a total of over 2.7 million sq. ft. of space! Several RCA concerns focused on parking. Parking is very tight now because of the construction at the Grosvenor Station, and the building of the White Flint Conference Center across the street. The present 1,000 parking spaces, east of the White Flint Metro, will be preserved. Once construction begins, this present lot will be dug up, but a parking garage with 1,100 spaces will eventually replace the surface lot. Mike said that this project is envisioned as the 'town center' of North Bethesda. One RCA'er commented that Bethesda has little parking.

RCA Secretary Kevin Kline had prepared comments. First, a major concern is that the County Council changed the zoning Master Plan to accommodate this development. It is supposed to work the other way around – building projects are supposed to comply with the master plan. Kevin emphasized this was not a rebuke of LCOR, but rather of the County Council. Projects like this must provide "public amenities" to compensate

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RCA Meetings

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



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RCA General Meeting

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locals, like us, for the increased traffic. The RCA wanted to be on-record as favoring a community center (a day care center would only benefit the new apartment dwellers). The RCA wanted LCOR to commit to a specific size and plan for this community center. Kevin said that the RCA, along with other civic associations, favors Citadel Avenue, a new road from Marinelli to Old Georgetown Rd.

Kevin noted that traffic will increase dramatically along this stretch over the next few years, due to this project, the White Flint Conference Center being built across the street, and the White Flint Office Park now being topped out at Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road. Montgomery County has some of the highest mass transit usage in the USA, yet the majority of travel trips are still made by automobile. Kevin suggested that, just because people can ride Metro, doesn't mean they will, and that LCOR has seriously overestimated how many people will actually use Metro. Other RCA'ers also expressed concern over the increased traffic, and the impact of the apartments on school enrollment.

The Boy Scouts were in attendance, performing their civic duties. President Matt Shore recognized them and they were given a round of applause. Finally and very quickly, the Slate of Officers were elected by majority voice-vote. Beginning in September, your RCA Executives will be: President Matt Shore; VP Mike Saunders; 2nd VP George Gadbois; Secretary Kevin Kline; Treasurer Richard Zierdt; and Directors Jack Stillwell, Frank Shore, and Frank Rossomondo. Finally, a reporter from The Gazette newspaper attend this meeting, demonstrating the importance the RCA has in local politics.

Did You Get Your *Echo*?

In the event you do not receive your copy of *The Echo*, please call the RCA hotline
(301-881-2722)

and one will be delivered to you.

The next *Echo* will be the November 2003 issue. Look for it in early November.

Current and back issues of the *Echo* are also available at the RCA Web site,
www.randolphcivic.org.

Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of August 17, 2003, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$9,512.21. We will incur membership drive expenses of about \$600 (\$500 postage and \$100 printing costs) before the next treasurer's report. Suntrust refunded the \$91 check printing fee it assessed April 3.

RCA Checking Register 5/11/2003 through 8/17/2003

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 05/11/2003			9,222.08
05/13		RCAssociation	ad income	13.00	9,245.08
05/16	701	Sam's Club	food for yard sale	-214.96	9,030.12
05/19		Verizon	Apr 22 phone	-21.53	9,008.59
05/21	702	Quick Printing	June ECHO	-860.00	8,148.59
06/09		RCAssociation	ad income	140.00	8,288.59
06/16	703	Boy Scout Troop 1083	ECHO deliveries	-960.00	7,328.59
06/16	E-xfr	Verizon	May 22 phone	-22.02	7,306.57
06/27	704	Mauro Biondo	postage for ECHOs	-54.00	7,252.57
06/30	705	Margaret Dikel	photos/accident/Schuykill	-12.00	7,240.57
07/17		Verizon	June 22 phone	-22.02	7,218.55
07/18	706	M.C. Civic Fed	dues 2003-2004	-65.00	7,153.55
07/18		RCAssociation	advertising income	1,292.50	8,446.05
07/19	707	Electric Web Avenue	12 months web hosting	-192.00	8,254.05
08/06		RCAssociation	ad income:	276.00	8,503.05
		inc:advertising	Dr. Schlutz (dentist)	140.00	
		inc:advertising	Vital Skin Care	136.00	
		BALANCE 08/17/2003			8,503.05
		<i>RCA bank balance, July 23, 2003: 8,511.05</i>			

RCF Checking Register 5/11/2003 through 8/17/2003

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 05/11/2003			1,389.80
05/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	1,439.80
05/16	1059	The Sign Shop	streamers, yard sale	-63.00	1,376.80
05/30		interest	.15%	0.16	1,376.96
06/05		Suntrust Bank	bank charge refund	91.95	1,468.91
06/16	1060	Boy Scout Troop	donation	-400.00	1,068.91
06/16		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	1,118.91
06/30		interest	.15%	0.15	1,119.06
07/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	1,169.06
07/19	1061	Electric Web Avenue	Troop1083.org web host	-160.00	1,009.06
07/31		interest	.12%	0.10	1,009.16
		BALANCE 07/17/2002			1,009.16
		<i>RCF bank balance, July 31, 2003: 1,009.16</i>			

Total RCA+RCF cash assets

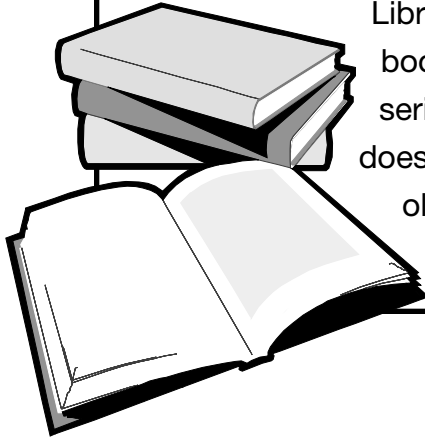
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Book Store Comes to RCA-land

A new bookstore is scheduled to open in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center. "Friends of the

Library" is a used

bookstore for the serious reader who doesn't mind dusty old editions.



Graffiti in RCA-Land

Several RCA residents have voiced concern over graffiti in RCA-land. One resident did some sleuthing and found out who to call about the MS13 gang "tagging" (graffiti) in front of Loehmann's Plaza. The organization is the **Graffiti Abatement Task Force (GRAB)** and their number is (301) 607-4722. The resident spoke with them, and they were extremely helpful and eager to clean up the graffiti. Their job is to contact property owners who have graffiti on their property (in the case of bus stop graffiti it's the Department of Public Works) and assist them via a volunteer work force in having the graffiti cleaned up. In addition, they inform the police of all reported graffiti so that MCPD can track gang activity in the county.

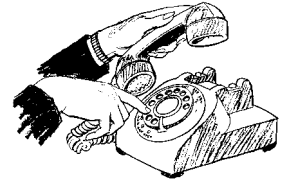
GRAB has made arrangements to clean the bus stop in front of Loehmann's Plaza. However, they are not permitted to work on the grey electrical boxes. They have asked the power company to take care of the cleanup of these boxes as soon as possible. GRAB has asked us to help them by calling IMMEDIATELY if we notice any new graffiti appearing after they do their cleanup. Also, if you are aware of any other graffiti in our area (besides the bus stop and electrical boxes in front of Loehmann's Plaza), please report it to GRAB right away.

We can show our appreciation for GRAB's work in our area by contacting county officials and encouraging them to continue supporting this program in the coming years. From what we understand, they came very close to losing their funding this year.

Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

301-881-2722 (2RCA)

June 5, 2003 to
August 12, 2003



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.

2003-06-xx (Thu) 10:25 am Randolph Hills. Neighbor plays his music loudly at all hours of the day and night. Caller called police at 10 PM and again at 10:45 PM. Police said they could not issue a ticket. [The RCA brought this issue to the attention of two police officers at the June RCA general membership meeting. Montgomery County Code does mention specific sound levels that cannot be exceeded during the day and night. Some police officers feel they cannot issue tickets because they do not carry sound level measuring equipment. Fortunately for us, the Code does say that unreasonable levels of sound are indeed grounds for issuing a citation: sound equipment is not required. Please contact the RCA if this remains an issue.]

2003-06-17 (Tue) 6:56 pm Rocking Horse Road. Caller reports an adolescent riding (driving) a moped on the sidewalk. [Several neighbors have reported and investigated this. We would like better police enforcement, but in the meantime, this practice is definitely illegal.]

2003-06-19 (Thu) 12:42 pm Franklin Park, Hunters Lane. Caller and neighbors feel there is a group of men running a scam in our neighborhood where they go to a home (unsolicited) and offer carpet cleaning. They clean a small area, then offer to sell the machine for \$1000. This past Monday, June 16. Tag number is Virginia JBW5714, a customized Chevy van. Caller contacted police. Residents should be aware.

2003-06-21 (Sat) 9:40 pm Anonymous. Hunters Lane. Caller has problem with 121xx Hunters Lane, dog name of Scooter. The owners let the dog out from 8:30 to 9 PM every night, and the dog just barks and barks. Several neighbors have complained. What can be done? [Call animal control, 240-773-5960]

2003-06-23 (Mon) 8:43 am Anonymous. Why is a dump truck allowed to park at the corner of Ashley and Oxbow for the last two weeks? *[It is not permitted. This is a police matter: 301-279-8000.]*

2003-07-08 (Tue) 4:04 pm Problem with 47xx Boiling Brook Parkway. It is ridiculous that neighbors have to endure the way these people live. Currently, they have a sofa in their front yard for the third time in three months. They have had washing machines in the yard. There are electrical wires coming from the inside of the house and just hanging. *[These are housing code violations and should be reported: 240-777-3600.]*

2003-07-09 (Thu) 9:16 pm Rock Road resident. Caller reports that yesterday, July 9, one of caller's friend's little dog was mauled by three German shepherds on 113xx Schuylkill who jumped the fence and attacked the dog. Nothing has been done about this. The attacking dogs should be put down or restrained. *[Call animal control, 240-773-5960.]*

2003-07-19 (Sat) 1:16 pm Anonymous. Caller expresses concern about homeless men gathering at the "wooded" area at Parklawn and Randolph Roads. This is not something we want in our neighborhood.

2003-07-22 (Tue) 3:48 pm Hunters and Ertter Drive. Caller does not appreciate dog owners who leave their dog's mess behind. Please, pick up after your dog! Also, there should be no parking on one side on Hunters Lane at Randolph Road. When cars are parked on both sides of Hunters, and someone is attempting to get onto Randolph Road from Hunters, it is very dangerous to turn off Randolph onto Hunters. Cars travel 50 MPH on Randolph. Someone is going to get hurt, maybe the caller, maybe the reader.

2003-07-27 (Sun) 8:58 am Randolph Hills. Caller noticed three cars on the 110xx block of Schuylkill with flat tires. Caller notified police.

2003-07-29 (Tue) 11:30 am Anonymous. Caller has reported to Pepco and also to the Montgomery County Department of Public Works a street light that has been out since early spring, first reported April 29. They said it would be fixed in two weeks. Then it was reported again July 26 (past weekend). 240-777-2910 and 1-877-737-2662. Why has nothing been done? *[Caller did the right thing by reporting the problem. Please leave the address of the street light. If the light isn't fixed by now (August 17), please call back.]*

2003-08-05 (Tue) 5:20 pm Anonymous. There was a car theft Sunday off of Hunters Lane, around Otis. Caller urges residents to watch their cars.

2003-08-11 (Mon) 6:02 pm Anonymous. Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts were rattling the mail slot instead of using the door knocker. That's a little bit young to be out here handling money, don't you think?

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News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois



Cub Scouts are back for yet another year of fun and excitement, but first we'll update this past spring and summer's activities. At our May Pack Meeting the following two boys received their Tiger badge: **Tyler Bochniak, Sawyer Kibbe**. The Wolf Rank Badge was awarded to **Steve Hernandez** along with a Gold and one Silver Wolf Arrow Point. **Ayinde Warren** earned his Sports & Academics Program Sports Pin for Basketball. The Bear awards were as follows: **Kevin Benitez** received his Bear Rank Badge; a Gold Arrow Point was each earned by **Alan Costas** and **Joshua Hart**; **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Joshua Hart** and **Dwayne Remillard** received their 1st Silver Arrow Point; **Gregory Gadbois, Dwayne Remillard** and **AJ Taylor** were presented with their second Silver; **Sasha Hevey** and **AJ Taylor** both collected a third and fourth Silver Point (wow!); Sports & Academics Program Academic Pins for Art were awarded to **Sasha Hevey**, and for Language & Culture to **Dwayne Remillard** and a Sports Pin for Fishing went to **Dwayne Remillard**. Our Webelos I scouts stayed busy earning their Citizen Activity Pin: **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Matthew Fieller** and **Derick Pineda** were the proud recipients. The Billy Goat Trail Patch was earned this year by **Gregory Gadbois**. Adult Training Recognition went to **Ed Murtagh** and **Scott Bochniak** for taking the time to

Webelos Scouts in their campsite at Camp Tuckahoe



complete the Cub Scout Leader Basic Training course. 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 - **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Matt Fieller** and **Derick Pineda**; Advancing to Webelos I from Bear - **Alan Costas, AJ Taylor, Gregory Gadbois, Jake Blakely, Joshua Hart, Dwayne Remillard, Sasha Hevey, Jason Beam, Diego Vallejos** and **Kevin Benitez**; Going from Wolf to Bear - **Krisztian Mazo, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Ayinde Warren, Devin Kenney, Matthew Best, Joshua Murtagh, Steve Hernandez** and **Matthew Luong**; and finally, jumping to Wolf from Tigers - **Tyler Bochniak, Jose Gallardo, Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe, Alex Sanchez** and **Ben Weitzel**. Our uniformed leaders and registered committee members were also recognized for their volunteering and commitment: **Kim Wietzel, Peg Weitzel, Gena Warren, Fred Beam, Jane Owen, Matt Taylor, Sharon Barbee, Moses Hart, Richard Fieller, Mary Anne Gadbois, Dave Talbott** and **George Gadbois**. Thanks also goes out to the Randolph Lions, the RCA and all the dedicated parents who help make the pack run.

Our May outings included, in addition to a hike on the Billy Goat Trail on the 4th mentioned above, a family camping trip to Cabin John Campground in Bethesda. The fun and activities included hiking, soccer, a birthday party, camp cooking, two campfire circles and some overnight rain to challenge our tents' waterproofing. Cubs attending the trip were **Matt Fieller, Kyle Blakely, Jake Blakely, Jason Beam, AJ Taylor, Gregory Gadbois, Sasha Hevey, Ayinde Warren, Joshua Murtagh** and **Mathew Luong**.

June brought our annual Pack Picnic and Mother/Son Softball Game to Randolph Hills Park on Sunday the 1st, where the Moms got some revenge from last year and narrowly squeaked by the Cubs in the bottom of the fourth, winning 11-10 in 4 hard played innings. Some of our baseball loving scouts attended our second June outing at the Baysox game on the 28th, where Bowie beat the Harrisburg Senators 7-0. The fireworks that followed added to the enjoyment.

Cub Day Camp was held at the Isaac Walton Facility in Gaithersburg in June and on the grounds of the Naval Medical Center in July where we had boys from 1081 in each session. **Krisztian Mazo, Joshua Murtagh, Jose Gallardo, Sawyer Kibbe** and **Alex Sanchez** got a jump-start on their Wolf and Bear achieve-

ments by working on crafts, scout skills, performing skits & songs and enjoying a number of other Sea Adventure theme activities.

From June 30 through July 3, our Webelos I & II scouts attended Camp Tuckahoe Scout Camp in Dillsburg, PA. for five days of resident overnight camping. As in previous years, the Scouts kept busy from reveille to taps with swimming in a new pool, nature & forestry, BB shooting, archery, sports, geology, outdoor skills, crafts, fishing, boating, a campfire and more! Attending Camp Tuckahoe were **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Alan Costas, AJ Taylor, Gregory Gadbois, Jake Blakely, Joshua Hart, Dwayne Remillard, Sasha Hevey, Jason Beam, Diego Vallejos** and **Kevin Benitez**. Also in July we had rescheduled the April rained-out bike ride, but with vacation conflicts and such bringing a low turnout, the event was left as an individual family outing.

August opened with yet another baseball Scout Night event for some of the boys in Bowie on the 2nd

where the New Britain Rock Cats beat up on the Baysox 4-1. Our second outing, but final scout ball game event was up to Frederick to see the Keys complete their sweep of the Salem Avalanche with a 6-1 victory on Wednesday, the 6th in front of 8,116 fans & scouts at Harry Grove Stadium. The win was the Keys third-straight, keeping them in first place in the Carolina League Northern Division by a half-game. The August heat was quenched on an overcast Saturday morning of the 16th during our car wash fundraiser, keeping boys cool while the few cars that came in got cleaned by **Matt Fieller, AJ Taylor, Jason Beam, Joshua Murtagh** and **Matthew Luong**. Special thanks to Colonial Shell and those that stopped by for a cleaning to help defer our Pack expenses.

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

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Cub Scout Pack 1081 Wants You!



Pack 1081, chartered by the Randolph Lions Club, joins again with America's favorite cool cat Garfield to invite you and your 1st through 5th grade son to become a part of one of America's leading values-driven organizations. The Cub Scout program is a valuable resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships within the family.

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Our neighborhood Pack 1081 will be hosting a "Join Cub Scouting Night" recruitment event to be held on **Thursday September 18, 2003, 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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Pack 1081

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Fitness Field Day in September and family camping weekend to Antietam Battlefield 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 Thursday, September 18th 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.



Webelos Scouts enjoying a canoe ride on Memory Lake at Camp Tuckahoe.

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Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

Well Troop 1083 had a great summer vacation. Summer events are what make Scouting GREAT!

When school ended we went to the military dependents recreational facility at Solomons, Md. Scouts enjoyed swimming, camping in the mud, practicing patrol cooking and kicking back a little. Enjoying the weekend were **Jake Bolt, Bubba Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Edward Huggins, Fredis Mata, Galen Miley, John Pitkin** and **Andrew Tao**. Supporting the trip were **Dave Talbott, Greg Skolnik, Brian McGahey, Ben Pitkin, Jaime Todaro** and **Mike Saunders**.

Next the troop spent a week at Heritage Scout Reservation near Uniontown, Pa. They went in conjunction with Troop 495 of Kensington. More Patrol cooking and lots of merit badges, rank advancement and great exposure to Scouting for new Scouts **Johnny Hilderbrand** and **Joseph Owen**. Other Scouts attending under the leadership of SPL **Jake Bolt** were **Mark Bushong, Anthony Gadbois, Edward Huggins, John Pitkin, Hafez Taghavi** and **Scott Talbott**. Supporting this trip, and heroically eating the Scout's cooking were **Dave Talbott, Rich Bushong** and **Ben Pitkin**.

To break things up a bit in July we went to Assateague Island National Seashore. It was nice of the mosquitoes to let us in. We made a 25 mile bike trip to Berlin, Md., rode go karts and went to the Boardwalk in Ocean City on Saturday night. Assateague is basically a desert island, where you are baked by day and bitten by night. Giving the mosquitoes good meals were **Jake Bolt, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Edward Huggins, John Pitkin, Steven Santos, Scott Talbott** and **Andy Wood**. Supporting the trip were **Dave Talbott, George Gadbois, Brian McGahey, Ben Pitkin, Jaime Todaro, Ken Wood** and **Greg Skolnik**.

But Wait, There's More.

On August 3rd we left for Camp Olmsted at Goshen Scout Reservation, in Rockbridge County, Va. More merit badges, rank advancement and rain every night! Attending were **Andrew Tao, Andy Wood, Scott Talbott, Chris Soares, Steven Santos, John Pitkin, Galen Miley, Edward Huggins, Bubba Hart, Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, Alex Cassel, Mark Bushong**, and **Jake Bolt**. For the first time ever we were troop of the week! There was lots of advancement in rank and merit badges earned, which will receive a full report in the next *Echo*.

Our last summer event was the weekend before school started. We went to Dewey Beach, Del. to learn about rip tides and surf rescue with the Dewey Beach Lifeguards. The Scouts practiced surf rescue techniques

and got a feel for the training beach lifeguards need. And of course spent the rest of the day at the beach. This event was also in conjunction with Troop 495, with plans to expand it. Going to this beach were **Mark Bushong, Edward Huggins, Steven Santos, Andy Wood and Scott Talbott**. Adult support was provided by **Dave Talbott, Judi Talbott, Rich Bushong, Bonnie Bushong, and Brian McGahey**.

Last but not least: **Nachi Roper** has earned his Eagle Scout rank, and will have it presented sometime in the fall.

If this program interests you, and you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade, come join us. We meet every Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill Elementary School, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-881-6567.



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Saturday, October 25, 2003

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RCA-Land During the Civil War (continued)

Note: This article is part of a series that has been running in the Echo over the past year or so. If you would like to see this series repeated in the future, let me know! Email me at eewhite@erols.com. ~Editor

During the US Civil War, your house was located near the seat of the Federal Government, and just across the Potomac from the Confederacy. This is a day-to-day reporting of events as they occurred.

Saturday, July 30, 1864: Two more of Rockville's colored citizens, Clem Hebron and one of the Martins have enlisted in the Union Army.

September 13, 1864: Colonel Anderson of Rockville appeared like a new man on the street. He had been worried about his son, James, a Captain in the First Virginia Cavalry. James had been captured for the second time at the Battle of Brandy Station, just before Gettysburg, and has been transferred from one prison camp to another while his health continued to fail. The Colonel has gotten word from him that he has been sent to Fort Delaware Prison where he is now hospitalized.

Sunday, October 10, 1864: After the excitement of last July when Jubal Early's army passed through Rockville, followed by what seemed to be the entire Union army, we thought we had seen the last of the War of Secession. But no, there was more to come. Four days ago, hundreds of Union cavalry again dashed through Rockville. A few Rebels had somehow found their way into the Sandy Spring area and robbed a local store. The normally peace-loving Quakers of that town took umbrage and arms against the robbers, chasing them to Rickett's Run three miles north of Rockville. The Quakers managed to kill one of the small band who was a Mosby Ranger and a Marylander. You would have thought that it was another major move on Washington for all the fuss it caused. After much coming and going by Union horse soldiers all over Montgomery County, the Rebels disappeared and calm descended over Rockville.

Saturday, October 30, 1864: At last slavery has been abolished in Maryland. Many rejoiced at this outcome, but were dismayed by the manner in which the voting on the new state constitution was conducted. Not only were Rockville area voters again required to take an Oath of Allegiance, but the issue was decided by Maryland soldiers stationed at camps outside the state. Legal challenges have been dismissed, and Governor Bradford has issued a proclamation declaring that the new constitution shall go into effect on November 1, 1864.

Tuesday, November 9, 1864: Republican Abraham Lincoln has been re-elected US President, but Montgomery County voted overwhelmingly for the Democrat, George McClellan.

Wednesday, March 8, 1865: Another Rockville boy has died because of this War. Yesterday, the Montgomery County Registry of Wills reported that on January 20th, young Robert Carter died of pneumonia at a Union prison camp in Ohio. Robert enlisted in the First Maryland Cavalry, CSA, back in August 1862 down in Charlottesville, Virginia, along with some other boys from the Rockville locale. He was captured at Moorefield, Virginia, last August, and sent to Camp Chase in Ohio. He was only 21. Many Rockville citizens are opposed to the Southern cause, and the death of our county lads in the Confederate service seems such a waste. There appears to be hope that this War will soon end. The War in the east is now concentrated in the Petersburg-Richmond area. The Washington City and New York papers are predicting that the Rebels cannot prevent the fall of their capital – but they have been wrong before. Thank God that Montgomery County has been spared the ravages that so much of Virginia has had to suffer.

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RCA-Land During the Civil War

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Wednesday, April 5, 1865: Richmond has fallen. Washington received the news with great jubilation and celebration. An 800-gun salute rent the sky, all the government buildings were illuminated last night, and the Star newspaper needed two extra editions to report the news. Rockville citizens who espoused the Southern cause mourn privately behind their shuttered windows, and our streets are quiet though the guns of the City reverberate in the distance.

Monday, April 10, 1865: At daylight, booming guns and pealing church bells announced the surrender of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. The Union is preserved!

Saturday, April 15, 1865: The bloody sins continue. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated yesterday. Citizens fell weeping and praying as they heard the news. By evening, every cabin and shack inhabited by our colored citizens boasted a scrap of black rag or cloth declaring their mourning.

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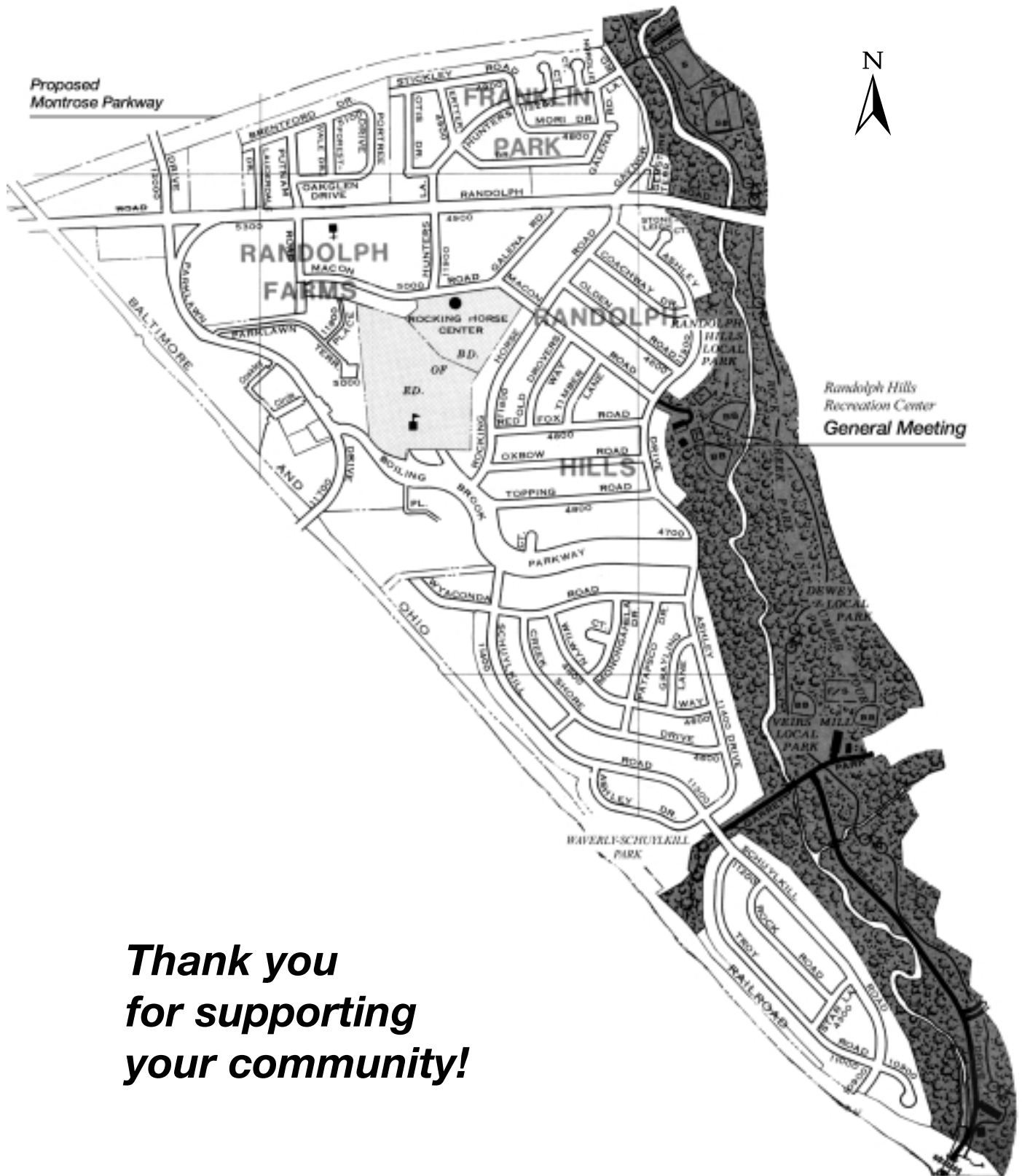
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Note to Contributors:
The deadline for the November issue of
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Important Phone Numbers



Police: Non-Emergency301-279-8000
(Police Reporting Areas (PRA): Franklin, Montrose Park: #306;
Westminster, Randolph Farms: #308; Randolph Hills 1st & 2nd sections
#308; Randolph Hills 3rd section: #309)

Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)301-279-1591

Police: Emergency911

Park Police301-949-3010
(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuylkill Parks)

Abandoned Cars (on private property)240-777-3600

Animal Control240-773-5960

Building Permits240-777-6200

Consumer Affairs240-777-3636

Crisis Hotline (24 hours)301-315-4000

Department of Natural Resources800-442-0708
(wildlife nuisance problems)

Disability Resources240-777-1246

Fire Non-Emergency240-777-0744

Housing Code Violations240-777-3600
(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)

Large Item Pick-up240-777-6410

Libraries: Hours, etc.240-777-0002
Telephone Reference240-777-0001

Metrail and Metrobus schedules & info.202-637-7000

Montgomery County Humane Society240-773-5960
Emergencies only240-773-5900
Licensing Dept.240-773-5946

Motor Vehicle Administration1-800-950-1682

Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance . .240-777-7700
(noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leaking motor oil)

Parking Tickets240-453-0113

Parks: Information & Permits301-495-2525

PEPCO: Power Out toll free 1-877-737-2662
Emergency/Life Threatening202-872-3432

Post Office, Rollins Ave., Rockville301-231-5973

Rat Control Unit (Health Dept.)240-777-3986

RCA Hotline301-881-2722

Recycling Info (www.mcrecycles.org)240-777-6400

Recreation Information240-777-6804

School Information301-279-3391

Senior Citizens (Holiday Park)301-468-4448

Street Light Out240-777-2190

Transportation (Highway Services)240-777-7623
(to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.)

Transit Information Center (www.dtwp.com)240-777-7433

Trash Collection240-777-6410

Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist) . . .240-777-7623

Voter Registration240-777-8500

Water and Sewer (WSSC)301-206-8000

Weeds/Rubbish Complaints240-777-6400



Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park Market Update...

Neighborhood Home Sales Settled Since June 2003

Address	Orig Price	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy	DOM
11111 Troy Road	\$259,900	\$259,900	\$260,000	\$5,000	21
11802 Old Drovers Way	\$289,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$0	112
4605 Coachway Drive	\$269,000	\$269,000	\$265,000	\$500	10
11450 Schuylkill Road	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$270,000	\$2,500	30
11801 Timber Lane	\$269,000	\$274,000	\$275,000	\$2,688	15
11819 Rocking Horse Road	\$292,500	\$279,900	\$275,000	\$0	135
4702 Olden Road	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$276,000	\$3,000	4
11405 Schuylkill Road	\$294,990	\$279,900	\$279,900	\$5,000	74
4709 Wyaconda Road	\$299,000	\$285,000	\$280,000	\$2,000	22
11416 Ashley Drive	\$269,000	\$285,000	\$281,100	\$0	8
11112 Schuylkill Road	\$299,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$0	40
4708 Topping Road	\$289,900	\$289,900	\$289,900	\$0	12
12101 Hunters Lane	\$299,000	\$299,000	\$300,500	\$0	5
12224 Hunters Lane	\$319,000	\$319,000	\$305,000	\$0	12
4814 Creek Shore Drive	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$0	0
4805 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$319,000	\$319,000	\$312,000	\$5,000	12
4601 Stoneleigh Court	\$319,900	\$319,900	\$320,000	\$0	19
12007 Galena Road	\$332,500	\$324,500	\$322,000	\$3,000	3

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