

# The Echo

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## RCA Membership Drive for 2005-2006 Begins

*by Carol Brown, 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. ■

## Upcoming Events

### RCA General Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2005, 8:00 p.m.

**Special Guest Speaker:**  
Candidate for County Executive  
**Ike Leggett**

### RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2005, 8:00 p.m.

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

### Ike Leggett



Candidate for County Council

Scheduled to speak at the  
Thursday, October 6, 2005

RCA General Membership Meeting



## Don't miss these great RCA Events!

### RCA Community Picnic

Saturday, September 24, 2005 • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

### RCA Community Yard Sale

Saturday, October 1, 2005 • 8:00 am - 1 pm

*See page 8 for details!*

# RCA Executive Committee for 2005-2006

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(see article, page 3)

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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.

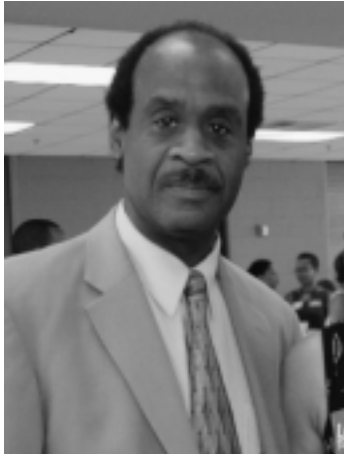
Membership in the RCA is \$5.00 per year.

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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)

## Ike Leggett to Speak at RCA Meeting



Candidate for County Executive Ike Leggett is our featured guest at the RCA's General Membership meeting, Thursday, October 6, 2005, 8 PM, at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center, entrance near the corner of Ashley Drive and Macon Road.

Mr. Leggett was a County Council member between 1986 and 2002, and served as its president for 1991. A well-known and

respected public servant, Mr. Leggett is now running for County Executive. He will likely be challenged by Steve Silverman. Both are Democrats, but in heavily Democratic Montgomery County, the winner of the Democratic primary election in September 2006 is usually the winner in the general election in November.

Come hear Mr. Leggett's views on education, development, and traffic issues on October 6. This is your best chance to get up close and personal with a person who may be the lead politician in our County of nearly 1,000,000 citizens. ■

## Where's the President?

by Richard Zierdt

After four (!) years, Matt Shore has stepped down as RCA president, but will remain on the Board on as a director. While other officers might be willing to fill a presidential role in the future, right now we have none. However, RCA leadership is still here in fact and spirit.

NOW, it would be helpful if other RCAers would be willing to serve our community by serving on the Executive Committee (RCA's Board). From beautification to treasury to welcome committee to legislation to RCA's Hotline to you-name-it, there's a spot for everyone. This is your home; please consider helping all of us make it the best it can be. Call any officer listed on Page 2 to find out more. ■

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## Spring Bulb Sale – Neighborhood Beautification

*by Richard Zierdt*

With this 2005-2006 Membership Drive, we begin a new offer for RCA members: spring bulbs (which are planted in late fall) at wholesale prices. Remember the gorgeous display of tulips and daffodils on Boiling Brook Parkway this past spring? (See picture at [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)) Those are the bulbs we are offering. Here's how it works:

Order what bulbs you like as listed on your membership form. See picture of the bulbs at [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org). Do the math and figure your total. Add \$5 for delivery to your door (this goes to Boy Scout Troop 1083 to support its programs). Did you renew your RCA membership? You must join to take advantage of this program. Send in your total to RCA membership chair Carol Brown in the postage-paid envelope provided. Make checks payable to the Randolph Civic Association. Bulbs will be purchased from the wholesaler in early November for delivery to you in mid-November.

The RCA is piloting this program to encourage residents to beautify their yards, and by extension, the whole neighborhood. You will not find bulbs anywhere near the prices offered because these bulbs are purchased wholesale with little or no markup. Again, as with all RCA activities, no one makes any money at this.

Have your yard, and your community, look its absolute best this coming Spring. If this program is at all popular, the RCA will offer summer bulbs at the next membership drive (September 2006) for planting in the spring of 2007. ■



## SAM's Club Membership News

by Richard Zierdt

(The following Sam's information is also always available on [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org). Click on "RCA/Sam's Club Membership.")

Again this year, 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 SAMs 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, 2005. However, some expire in 2006, so check the date. For these users, do not include the \$30: your SAMs card is good through the date indicated. Otherwise, simply add \$30 to your RCA dues, and continue to use your existing SAMs card. A new card will not be issued.

For residents who want to join SAMs now (new memberships), simply add \$30 to your RCA dues, and include your phone number. I will not purchase SAMs Cards without your phone number! I will purchase new SAMs memberships in late October and give you the account number. Take the membership number to the membership desk of any SAMs Club store the first time you shop, and SAMs will issue you a permanent, plastic card which you will use from then on. Your SAMs membership will run from November 1 through October 30, 2006. ■

## Traffic Restrictions Update

by Richard Zierdt

As voted at the May, 2005 RCA General Membership meeting, the RCA decided to pursue morning traffic restrictions on southbound Rocking Horse Road. These restrictions were first developed by RCAer Doug Basher, but are now under review by the County's transportation department, at an apparent glacial pace. The plan was submitted on June 28. It will be some time before the RCA hears back, but we'll check in from time to time.

The RCA will not pursue afternoon traffic restrictions at this time, because they might create undue burdens on RCA residents returning from work. So only morning restrictions will be studied for now.

Stay tuned to future *Echos* as this issue unfolds. ■

**Note to Contributors:**  
The deadline for the November issue of the *Echo* is Saturday, October 8th.

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## Treasurer's Report *by Richard Zierdt*

As of August 19, 2005, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$5,670.10, a nice start for the new year. Commercial editor Mauro Biondo has already begun to bring home the bacon – again. The one-day negative balance in the Foundation's report never happened (and no overdraft), because the two checks to the Scouts were not deposited until well after the \$300 in donations were deposited. ■

### RCA Checking Register

5/15/2005 through 8/19/2005

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 05/15/2005</b>			<b>7,191.70</b>
05/17	757	Quick Printing	June ECHO	-997.50	6,194.20
05/17	E-xfr	Verizon	Apr 22 telephone	-23.92	6,170.28
06/13	758	Boy Scout Troop	ECHO deliveries	-960.00	5,210.28
06/16	760	Mauro Biondo	postage for ECHO:mailings	-71.00	5,139.28
06/16	E-xfr	Verizon	May 22 telephone	-23.91	5,115.37
06/19	761	Hardware City	4 bags topsoil Boiling Br	-33.56	5,081.81
07/01	759	MC Civic Fed	dues 2005-2006	-85.00	4,996.81
07/18	E-xfr	Verizon	Jun 22 telephone	-24.00	4,972.81
08/15		RCAssociation	inc:advertising	272.00	5,244.81
08/16	E-xfr	Verizon	Jul 22 telephone	-23.82	5,220.99
08/16		RCAssociation	inc:advertising	660.00	5,880.99
08/18	762	US Postal Service	1340 stamps membership	-496.80	5,384.19
		<b>BALANCE 08/19/2005</b>			<b>5,384.19</b>
		<i>Suntrust bank balance, August 19, 2005: 5,880.99</i>			

### RCF Checking Register

5/15/2005 through 8/19/2005

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		<b>BALANCE 05/15/2005</b>			<b>641.69</b>
05/31		interest received	.10%	0.05	641.74
06/03	1077	Margaret Dikel	flowers - Schuylkill	-15.95	625.79
06/07	1078	Dutch Mill Bulbs	spring bulbs	-177.00	448.79
06/13	1079	BSA Troop 1083	annual donation	-400.00	48.79
06/13	1080	Boy Scout Troop	18 bags of mulch	-63.00	-14.21
06/15		RCFoundation	member donations	300.00	285.79
06/30		interest received	.11%	0.06	285.85
07/29		interest received	.10%	0.06	285.91
		<b>BALANCE 08/19/2005</b>			<b>285.91</b>
		<i>Suntrust bank balance, August 19, 2005: 285.91</i>			

**Total RCA+RCF cash assets**

**5,670.10**

## The RCA Hotline

301-881-2722  
(2RCA)

**Calls Received**  
**May 15 to August 17, 2005**

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

### 2005-05-18 (Wed) 5:20 pm

Anonymous. Caller expresses much appreciation for the No Parking signs on Hunters Lane at Randolph Road. However, even with the signs, there was an auto accident today with someone speeding down Randolph Road. Trees on Randolph Road block the view. Drivers need to remain careful. *[Stacy Rabinowitz was the volunteer who stepped forward, called the County Government, and got the sign installed.]*

**2005-05-23 (Mon) 3:46 pm** Resident has cell phones for the Scouts collecting them. Could someone call and arrange for pick-up?

**2005-05-24 (Tue) 9:12 am** 119xx Ashley Drive. Someone let the air out of caller's car tires and marked the back of the car with an indelible marker. Caller filed a police report. *[Sorry for the incident, but thanks for following up. Reporting all vandalism is important to knowing the scope of the problem, and possibly finding out who does these things.]*

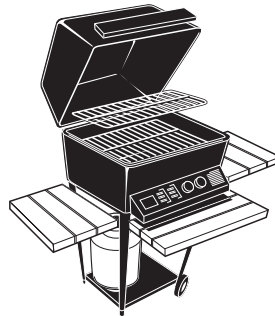


## Community Events

### RCA Community Picnic

**Saturday, September 24**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Randolph Hills  
Recreation Center  
It's free, all you can eat!  
Bring the family!  
No rain date.



### RCA Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, October 1**  
**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.

*Balloon artist and face painter  
for the kids!*

### 2005-05-30 (Mon) 12:35 pm

Anonymous, calling about Ashley Drive. Caller is calling about a neighborhood woman who, according to caller, tells parents about what their children should and should not do; she does not believe people should be able to have fun; everything from riding motorized vehicles up and down the street to listening to music. If she has a problem with people on her street, then she should talk to them. But she really micro-manages the neighborhood, and all the neighbors on the street would appreciate it if she would mind her own business. Thank you. *[Richard Zierdt here. I have no idea where on Ashley this is happening, and cannot comment about a situation I know nothing about, but I wonder if caller took caller's own advice and talked to the woman directly. Perhaps so. Keep in mind that 'busy body' neighbors can be great to have when keeping an eye out for unusual activity, such as break-ins or vandalism in a neighborhood.]*

**2005-05-30 (Mon) 4:14 pm** Patapsco Drive. Caller asks if there's anything the RCA can do about re-stripping the yellow lines on Beach Drive. The paint is worn off. At night, you can't see those lines. Can we do something? *[Park Police (301-949-3010) were called on August 18; the officer said she would call it in.]*

### 2005-05-30 (Mon) 6:10 pm

Anonymous. Caller comments on a call in the last *Echo* about Christmas lights staying up all year. Caller likes Christmas lights; they add personality and character to the neighborhood. What caller does at caller's house is none of your business. *[Actually, that's not entirely true, and there are many housing codes that stipulate what all of us can and cannot do (mostly what we can't). However, caller is correct: there is no prohibition about permanent Christmas lights (but they probably must meet some electrical standards for outside lighting). Caller in the June ECHO was stating caller's preference.]*



**2005-06-04 (Sat) 2:35 pm** 114xx Schuylkill Road. Received damaged copy of the *Echo*. Could another be sent, please? Thank you. *[Thanks for calling. Ideally, the ECHO will be placed inside the front storm door if it's convenient (unlocked, and easily opened). This is not to avoid delivering a good copy (which was done), but as a reminder that the ECHO is also available online at randolphcivic.org before it is delivered, if Internet access is available.]*

**2005-06-05 (Sun)** Out of tape!

**2005-07-11 (Mon) 10:53 am** The grass at "Coachway Canyon" needs cutting (park property at Ashley and Coachway Drives). Also, a large pile of cuttings has been left on Ashley with a blue cover over it.

**2005-07-13 (Wed) 11:47 pm**  
Anonymous. An original owner in

Franklin Park has passed away. *[This was a call about a neighbor who passed away in Franklin Park. We (RCA officers) are reluctant to print information like this unless the family contacts us directly. It is unusual, but some families consider it an invasion of privacy. On the other hand, we have always encouraged residents to send in major life events: births, graduations, marriages, and yes, deaths. In the past, the ECHO had a Neighborly Notes column for items such as the one caller reports. Maybe we'll get it back if enough neighbors participate.]*

**2005-07-14 (Thu) 7:53 am** Caller is opposed to the beer and wine license application for the One Stop in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center. People already hang around drinking, and this will only make it worse. Will the RCA call and tell the caller what the RCA plans to do about it?

**2005-07-18 (Mon) 3:36 pm** 47xx Topping Road, moved into the neighborhood in June. Would like to receive the *Echo*. *[All residents receive the ECHO. Please join the RCA with this Issue's Membership Drive.]*

**2005-07-28 (Thu) 3:11 pm** Creek Shore Drive resident. The County-owned house at 4821 Creek Shore Drive has about seven months of mail and newspapers that have collected on the porch, and the grass looks like it hasn't been cut in months. Mice and rats have been seen. What can be done about it? *[Call Housing Code Enforcement at 240-777-3600. It doesn't matter if the house is County-owned. This phone number is printed on the inside back page of most ECHOs. The RCA called in a complaint on August 18 about this property.]*

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But that's not all. When you are lucky enough to get a plumber to show up he can talk rude, smell like a goat, leave your house in a mess, charge you "an arm and a leg"...and as a final insult, act like he's doing you a favor. I believe...

### Enough is Enough

I'm fed up with the bad image some plumbers are giving the rest of us.

That's why, 12 years ago, I started a "one company revolution" to give picky Washington Metro Area home owners the opportunity to call a plumber who will treat you with courtesy and respect. In fact, over 1,000 of the pickiest people in the Washington Metro Area have already discovered how to solve their...

- dripping faucet
- water leak
- stopped drain
- no hot water

...problems with ease and comfort.

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**BLOCKAGES?**  
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**SEWER PROBLEMS?**

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## RCA Hotline

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### 2005-07-29 (Fri) 12:04 pm

Anonymous. Corner of Coachway Drive and Ashley Drive, there is a huge pile of debris, covered with a blue tarp. Please, can the RCA or one of its nice members call the County and do something about this? *[Yes, the RCA and/or someone can, but so can the caller. Since the trash is on the street, it is a transportation problem, as opposed to a housing code violation. The number is 240-777-7623, and is printed in almost every issue of the ECHO. It is understandable that since the County has so many departments, it can look like a daunting task to figure which number to call. However, if you call the "wrong" one, that office should refer you to the office that handles your particular request. The RCA should offer a course on "Who to Call in Montgomery County" (see the next*

*call). Anyway, the RCA called this one in, and was assigned "Service Request number SR34885." The receptionist said the debris should be gone within days.]*

### 2005-08-02 (Tue) 2:22 pm

Anonymous. The correct number to report abandoned cars on private property is 240-777-3785. To report abandoned cars on the street call 301-840-2454.

**2005-08-02 (Tue) 7:01 pm** Interested in advertising in the *Echo*, landscaping and lawn service. *[Call Mauro Biondo, Commercial Editor for the ECHO, 301-770-7590.]*

**2005-08-08 (Mon) 3:15 pm** 4500 block of Boiling Brook Parkway. Recycling company is leaving the bins in the driveway, making it difficult to park coming home from work. Caller has called the company, and the company's response is that their drivers are instructed to leave the bins in the

street. Caller requests that the bins be left on the grass. Who does one call about the junk (cars, boats, junk) close to Randolph Road at the railroad tracks? It is on commercial property.

*[Start with Housing Code Enforcement, 240-777-3600. They can certainly direct callers to the office that handles commercial property. If caller finds out, please let the RCA know.]*

**2005-08-12 (Fri) 2:56 pm** Caller finds a dead skull on the sidewalk of 51xx Brentford Drive, then later a dead rat at 51xx Brentford Drive. Is there a disease we should know about? *[None has been reported to the RCA. Call the Rat Control Unit at 240-777-3986]*

**2005-08-17 (Wed) 11:25 am** Anonymous 301-384-7197 When is the Fall Yard Sale? *[Saturday, October 1st, 2005 - see page 8]* ■

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## News from Pack 1081

by Mike Mulcahy



Pack 1081 Cub Scouts are back for yet another year of fun and achievement, but first here are the exciting highlights from this Spring and Summer's activities. At our May Pack Meeting, Tiger Cub **Elijah Evans** received the President's Challenge Award and Tiger **Conor McGinley** was recognized for his work on the Stream Clean Conservation Project. Wolf **Chris Mulcahy** received two Silver Arrow Points. The following Bears were honored also: **David Villarreal** earned the Bear Rank Badge; **Tyler Bochniak**, **Brad Gessford** and **Sawyer Kibbe** received the World Conservation Award and **Tyler Bochniak** and **Sawyer Kibbe** earned the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. The following Webelos I received the Art & Handyman Activity Pins: **Matthew Best**, **Joshua Murtagh**, **Patrick Owen**, **Brenton Polk**, **Steve Hernandez**, **Matthew Luong**, **Maxwell DeMulder**, **Clark Cervantes** and **Christopher Chalfant-Leal**. Finally, **Conor McGinley**, **Preston Polk**, **DJ Terry**, **Sawyer Kibbe**, **Steve Hernandez** and **Brenton Polk** participated in the Billy Goat Trail Hike. Let's have a big round of applause for the boys on a job well done! Congratulations to all!!

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- **Patrick Owen**, **Brenton Polk**, **Matthew Best**, **Joshua Murtagh**, **Steve Hernandez**, **Matthew Luong**, **Maxwell DeMulder**, **Clark Cervantes**, **Christopher Chalfant-Leal**; advancing to Webelos I from Bear- **Tyler Bochniak**, **Brad Gessford**, **Sawyer Kibbe**, **Richard Torres** and **David Villarreal**; going from Wolf to Bear- **Aidan Gibbons**, **Chris Mulcahy**,



*Our Webelos Scouts at Camp Tuckahoe take time for a group shot.*

**Preston Polk**, **DJ Terry**, **Kyle Baal**, and **Adam Levangard**; and finally, jumping to Wolf from Tigers- **Elijah Evans** and **Conor McGinley**. Our uniformed leaders and registered committee members were also recognized for their volunteering and commitment: **Jessie McGinley**, **Don Gibbons**, **Scott Bochniak**, **Erin Evans**, **Kim Polk**, **Mike Mulcahy**, **Scott Bochniak**, **Mark Kibbe**, **Andrea Kibbe**, **Ed Murtagh**, **Vernelle Murtagh**, **Lorna Luong**, **Jane Owen**, **Matt DeMulder**, **Leora Hernandez**, **Diane Carter**, **Brian McGahey**, **James Virga**, **Tom & Michelle Canick**, **Moses Hart**, **Dave Talbott**, **Mary Anne Gadbois** and **George Gadbois**. In addition, appreciation goes out to our dedicated Den Chiefs from Troop 1083: **Bubba Hart**, **John Pitkin** and **Anthony Gadbois**. Thanks also goes out to the Randolph Lions, the RCA and all the dedicated parents who help make the pack run. Last but not least, it is with mixed emotions that we say good-bye to our Cubmaster and good friend **George Gadbois** whose son **Gregory** moved on to Boy Scouts this past Spring. George, we wish you all the best in the future! Your leadership and commitment to the Cubs will be

missed! Committee Chair **Fred Beam** and Assistant Cubmaster **Moses Hart** are moving on as well. Gentlemen, thank you for your many years of hard work and great dedication to Pack 1081. At the same time, please join us in congratulating **Mark Kibbe** as the new Cubmaster, **Don Gibbons** as the new Committee Chair and **Darryl Terry** as the new Assistant Cubmaster.

Our May outings included the hike on the Billy Goat Trail on the 7th mentioned above and a family camping trip to Smallwood State Park Campground on the weekend of the 13th-15th. Except for a Saturday evening downpour, the weekend weather was otherwise nice on the camping trip. Good food and good fun were had by all in attendance. The evening campfire featured marshmallows and other goodies and a ceremonial flag retirement. Cubs attending the trip were **Aidan Gibbons**, **DJ Terry**, **Tyler Bochniak**, **Sawyer Kibbe**, **Maxwell DeMulder** and **Joshua Murtagh**.

Our annual Pack picnic at Randolph Hills Park on Sunday, June 5th was fun for all the Scout families with burgers, softball and a generally good time. In our annual Pack Mother/Son Softball Game, the Moms



did not come to play so the Dads took over only to lose to the Cubs 11-10 in a very exciting final inning Cub comeback. The Cubs now have broken their two year losing streak. Great game, Scouts! Dads, you blew it! Our second June outing took place in Frederick, MD on the 18th and featured the Potomac Nationals edging the Frederick Keys 5-4 on a beautiful and warm night. **Aidan Gibbons** and **Chris Mulcahy** had a great time at the game. Cub Day Camp was held at Lake Needwood in Rockville in June as well as on the grounds of Fourth Presbyterian Church in August where boys from 1081 attended each session. Scouts **Patrick Owen** and **Matthew Best** participated at Lake Needwood Camp in June

and **Preston Polk** took part at Fourth Presbyterian Camp in August.

Our first July outing was at the Glenmont Pool on the 9th which was a welcome quench to the summer's heat as the boys splashed and swam under the afternoon sun. Also in July we had our car wash fundraiser outing at the Colonial Shell which was another opportunity for leaders and Cubs to both stay cool and to do some fundraising. We cleaned cars and trucks alike from 9 to noon on July 23rd, earning the Pack around \$200. Thanks to any of our RCAers who

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## Cub Scout Pack 1081 Wants You!



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Our neighborhood Pack 1081 will be hosting a "Join Cub Scouting Night" recruitment event to be held on **Thursday September 15, 2005, 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. Baloo, along with Akela and a reformed Shere Khan, encourages every boy to come by and sign up and to bring a buddy, too. Call Mr. Mark Kibbe (301-946-6393) if you have questions.

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## Troop 1083 News

by Jaime Todaro

Over the summer, scouts and leaders in Troop 1083 camped in the woods, at the beach, and at several Boy Scout camp sites. We also had an awards ceremony: our summer Court of Honor.

In May, we went white water rafting near Harpers Ferry, WV. The water was high, and the rapids were quite fast. Scouts in attendance: **Kyle Blakely, Mark Bushong, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Edward Huggins, Joseph Owen, John Pitkin, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood.** Leaders/guests: **Bill Blakely, George Gadbois, Geoff Owen, Patrick Owen, Ben Pitkin, Greg Skolnik, Jaime Todaro, Ken Wood.** Some of the troop camped out at Harpers Ferry, WV for the weekend: **Mark Bushong, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Edward Huggins, Joseph Owen, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood;** Leaders/guests: **Brian McGahey, George Gadbois, Geoff Owen, Patrick Owen, Greg Skolnik, Ken Wood.**

In June, we held our summer Court of Honor. Twenty-seven merit badges were awarded as follows: **Alex Cassel** (Family Life), **Anthony Gadbois** (Art, Snow Sports), **Matt Binsted** (Citizenship in the Nation), **Kyle Blakely** (Citizenship in the Community, Computer, Photography), **Mark Bushong** (Plumbing), **Edwin Fuentes** (Citizenship in the Community), **Bubba Hart** (Computer, Photography), **Johnny Hilderbrand** (First Aid), **Edward Huggins** (Family Life), **Scott Johnson** (Citizenship in the Community, Collections), **Galen Miley** (Plumbing), **Joseph Owen** (Camping, Citizenship in the Community), **Steven Santos** (Collections), **Scott Talbott** (Computer, Personal



*White water rafting on the river.*

Management, Photography), **David Turish** (First Aid), **Andy Wood** (Computer, Photography, Plumbing). Ten scouts achieved rank advancement as follows: **Jason Beam** (Scout), **Matt Binsted** (Star), **Jake Blakely** (Scout), **Alan Costas** (Scout), **Gregory Gadbois** (Scout), **Scott Johnson** (Tenderfoot), **Josh Hart** (Scout), **Scott Levensgard** (Scout), **Joseph Owen** (Star), **David Santos** (Scout). Congratulations to all.

Also in June, we went camping at Assateague Island National Seashore. The outing included a day at the go-kart park, an evening on the Ocean City, MD boardwalk, and of course a day at the beach! Scouts in attendance: **Jason Beam, Matt Binsted, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Matt Fieller, Edwin Fuentes, Josh Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Edward Huggins, Scott Johnson, Galen Miley, Joseph Owen, John Pitkin, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood.**

Leaders/guests: **Fred Beam, Rose Cassel, Richard Fieller, Brian McGahey, Ben Pitkin, Greg Skolnik, Doneby Smith, Dave Talbot, Jaime Todaro.**

The July campout, at Broad Creek Scout Reservation, turned out to be very fruitful for the five scouts who attended. They earned a total of 20 merit badges. **Jason Beam** and **Gregory Gadbois** attended the first year camper program. Scouts in attendance: **Jason Beam, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Joseph Owen, Scott Talbott.** Leaders: **George Gadbois, Dave Talbott.**

Also in July, some of our older scouts spent a weekend in final preparation for Lenhok'sin High Adventure. Scouts in attendance: **Matt Binsted, Jacob Bolt, Edward Huggins, Galen Miley, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott.** Leaders: **Greg Skolnik, Andy Wood.**

*Go Karts at Ocean City, Maryland.*



In August, seven of our older scouts spent a week at Lenhok'sin High Adventure in Goshen, VA. The Lenhok'sin High Adventure offers older scouts activities that test and expand their outdoor backpacking and camping skills through trail crew teamwork. They experienced challenging recreational programs and high adventure opportunities that they will enjoy and remember forever. Scouts in attendance: **Alex Cassel, Matt Binsted, Jacob Bolt, Edward Huggins, Galen Miley, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott.** Leaders: **Greg Skolnik, Andy Wood.**

Also in August, 19 of our scouts and 10 of our leaders camped for a week at Camp Olmsted in Goshen, VA. They were joined by two former scouts from Troop 1083: **Tim Tao and AJ Tao.** The scouts learned new scout cheers and worked on many merit badges. A full list of attendees will be available in next month's *Echo*.

As part of the Boy Scout commitment to community service, members of Troop 1083 participated in a 2 hour service project while camping in Harpers Ferry, WV. A big thanks to all who participated: **Mark Bushong, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Edward Huggins, Joseph Owen, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood;** Leaders/guests: **Brian McGahey, George Gadbois, Geoff Owen, Patrick Owen, Greg Skolnik, Ken Wood.**

Upcoming events include a weekend campout, and the fall Court of Honor. If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill ES, or call Scoutmaster **Dave Talbott** at 301-933-0048. Check out the troop web page at [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org). ■

*The Beach at Assateague Island.*



*Gearing up for white water rafting.*

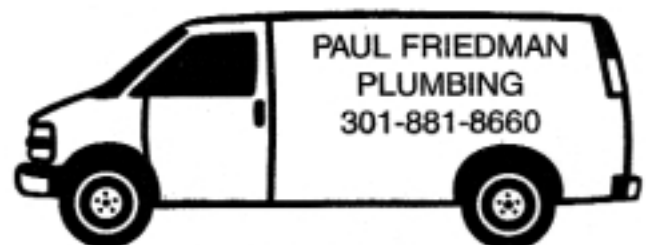
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# Dear Mrs. Brown



Everyone's ultimate goal in life is happiness. Mistakenly, many people think this means gratification of physical desires such as food, drink and sex or consumer possessions such as a big house, expensive car and a "one with the most toys wins" attitude. But from the time of Socrates, philosophers have agreed that the truest, most constant, and happiest enjoyment of life consists in our kindness towards other human beings. Loving your family, helping a friend, celebrating achievements of others, preparing a favorite meal, giving a special present, are all just drops in the proverbial bucket to the many caring deeds we do each day. This delight in giving (and receiving) also becomes the basis of our sense of right and wrong. And this virtue, or sense of morality, guides how we act in the world. We begin to realize that the happiness of others is also our happiness.

Some will argue that there is evil in the world. They will claim that mankind is fraught with selfishness, greed and varying degrees of madness. These arguments may have validity, but at the same time they condemn any hope of change. Just for theory's sake, let this be said: All the human problems of the world would go away in an instant if every person on the face of the earth was nice to one another.

Love and respect are the best and most effective tools you can use for teaching manners; fear and intimidation never work over the long-run. Children have a fragile self-esteem and it can be easily crushed by humiliation. If you wish your child to adhere to the basic law of manners, i.e., showing consideration for others, you must first show them consideration.

**BASIC MANNERS:** Here are a few basic manners every child should be taught.

- To say "hello, it's nice to meet you" when introduced.
- To say "please," "thank you," "excuse me," and "I'm sorry."
- To shake hands.
- To show respect for older people.
- To respect parents' and other people's privacy.
- To speak when spoken to.
- To not interrupt the conversations of grown-ups.
- To be quiet in public places.

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** For your child's safety, it is important that they know which adults to turn to for help. Your child should also learn the following information, which is needed if they ever become lost.

- Full name and complete address including city, state and neighborhood area name
- Parents' full names
- Home telephone number including area code
- Parents' work phone numbers
- Name and phone number of another responsible adult

Mail your questions to: The RCA, Inc, Attn: Dear Mrs. Brown, P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, MD 20852; or e-mail: [dearmrsbrown@msn.com](mailto:dearmrsbrown@msn.com). Questions used in the column may be edited for brevity and clarification. ■

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## When it's too good to send to the dump – Freecycle!

By Margaret Dikel

I recently bought a new chest of drawers to replace a smaller one in one of my bedrooms, but I had no need for (and no room for) the old chest of drawers. Friends and family didn't want it, it wasn't in good enough shape for Goodwill or the Housing Opportunities Commission, and so I thought I was going to have to call for a special pickup by the trash folks.

Then I remembered hearing about Freecycle, an online mailing list where people post things they want to get rid of or things they need. A Randolph Hills neighbor used them last year to get rid of 2 sofas, and some other friends picked up enough stones for a nice retaining wall in their backyard. So I posted my dresser on Monday, Wednesday it was claimed, and Saturday it was out of my house. Neat, quick, and painless.

According to their website, Freecycle is a free network of local community mailing lists and "is open to all who want to 'recycle' that special something rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, fax machine, piano or old door, feel free to post it. Our membership includes individuals, and nonprofit organizations, too! One constraint: everything posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages." The only other restriction is all messages must have the appropriate Subject header – Offer, Taken (when your offer is claimed), Wanted, or Received (when your wish is fulfilled).

You join the community for your neighborhood, which for us is the newer FreecycleRockville instead of FreecycleDC (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FreecycleRockville/>). Since the network operates through Yahoo! Groups, you will need to sign up for a free Yahoo mail account, but you can do that right from the webpage. Then, just sit back and watch the many messages come through with offers for party goods, drywall, furniture, old electronics, or requests for living room furniture, plants, baby clothes, and many other things. I've been amazed at what people are offering, but it is also a great feeling to know that your extras are going to someone else who can use them instead of off to the dump. So, stop dumping. Start Freecycling! ■

### News from Pack 1081

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stopped by to support us! Special thanks to Colonial Shell and those that stopped by for a cleaning to help defer our Pack expenses.

August opened with yet another baseball Scout Night event for the boys in Bowie on the 5th in which Baysox Pitcher Hayden Penn struck out 12 SeaWolves in seven scoreless innings and Simon Pond drove in four runs in an easy 7-1 Baysox win in the opener of their three-game series with Erie

at Prince George's Stadium. From August 7th through 11th, 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, nature & forestry, BB shooting, archery, sports, geology, outdoor skills, crafts, fishing, boating, a campfire and more! Attending Camp Tuckahoe were **Joshua Murtagh, Steve Hernandez, Clark Cervantes, Brenton Polk, Sawyer Kibbe, David Villarreal and Brad Gessford**. Our second baseball outing of the month was back up in Frederick on August 18th to see the Keys take on the Potomac Nationals yet another time. The Keys won big in this one! **Beau Hale** pitched 6.1 innings and allowed just two runs on three hits to lead the Frederick Keys to the easy win over Potomac, 9-2. The Keys have now widened their lead to 4.0 games over Potomac in the Carolina League North.

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 Fitness Field Day in September and family camping 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 15th at 7 PM to get more information and join up! Call **Mr. Mark Kibbe** at (301) 946-6393 for more details. Also, check our website <http://hometown.aol.com/pack1081> for updates on our activities and additional information. ■



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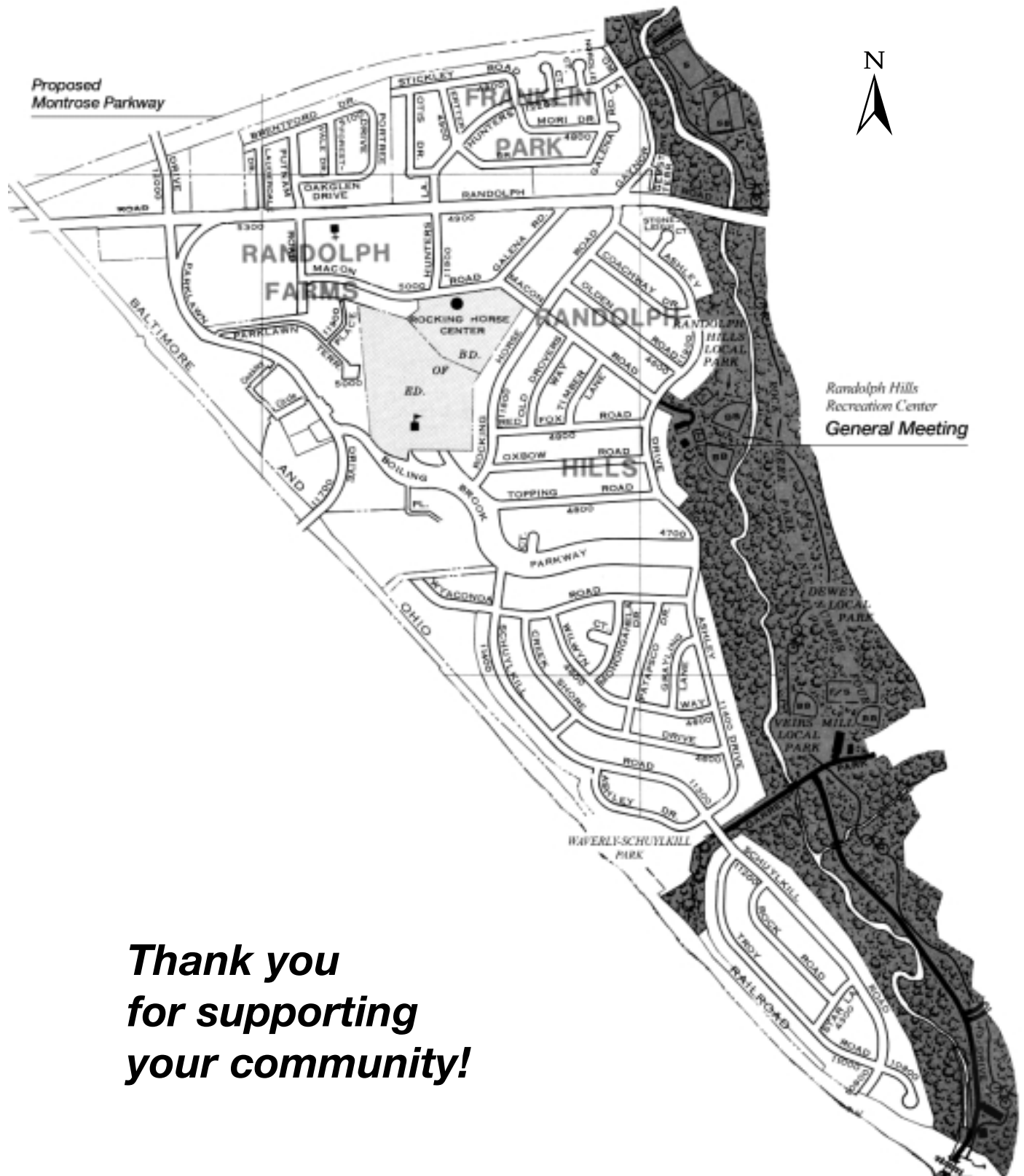
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**Steven Santos** 301-468-1756 Wilwyn Way

**Chris Geerman** 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive

**Mark Bushong** 301-942-5890 Bennion Road

**Andy Wood** 301-946-4634 Idlewood Road

**Moses (Bubba) Hart** 301-230-2740

## RCA Meetings

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



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Park Police ..... 301-949-3010  
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Animal Control ..... 240-773-5960

Building Permits ..... 240-777-6200

Consumer Affairs ..... 240-777-3636

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Department of Natural Resources ..... 800-442-0708  
(wildlife nuisance problems)

Disability Resources ..... 240-777-1246

Fire Non-Emergency ..... 240-777-0744

Housing Code Violations ..... 240-777-3600  
(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)

Large Item Pick-up ..... 240-777-6410

Libraries: Hours, etc. .... 240-777-0002  
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Emergencies only ..... 240-773-5900  
Licensing Dept. .... 240-773-5946

Motor Vehicle Administration ..... 1-800-950-1682

Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance .. 240-777-7700  
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Street Light Out ..... 240-777-2190

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

Transit Information Center ([www.dtwp.com](http://www.dtwp.com)) ..... 240-777-7433

Trash Collection ..... 240-777-6410

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

Voter Registration ..... 240-777-8500

Water and Sewer (WSSC) ..... 301-206-8000

Weeds/Rubbish Complaints ..... 240-777-6400



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

### **Neighborhood Home Sales Settled Since June 30, 2005**

Address	List Price	Sold Price	Dom	Subsidy	Date Settled
4812 Oxbow Road	\$410,000	\$428,000	15	\$0	6/30/2005
4602 Wilwyn Way	\$460,000	\$485,000	5	\$0	7/07/2005
11118 Troy Road	\$475,000	\$485,000	27	\$0	7/08/2005
11504 Ashley Drive	\$445,000	\$445,000	7	\$0	7/12/2005
4802 Mori Drive	\$437,500	\$400,000	9	\$1,000	7/21/2005
4601 Coachway Drive	\$399,000	\$415,000	19	\$1,150	7/21/2005
11211 Schuylkill Road	\$449,000	\$491,500	6	\$0	7/25/2005
4812 Creek Shore Drive	\$427,000	\$441,000	6	\$0	7/26/2005
4915 Stickley Road	\$449,900	\$450,000	8	\$0	7/26/2005
4807 Creek Shore Drive	\$470,000	\$470,000	6	\$0	7/26/2005
12203 Hunters Lane	\$448,000	\$448,000	27	\$0	7/27/2005
4805 Macon Road	\$369,900	\$399,900	5	\$0	7/29/2005
11611 Ashley Drive	\$504,000	\$504,000	5	\$0	8/03/2005
11013 Schuylkill Road	\$489,900	\$489,900	12	\$0	8/04/2005
4817 Topping Road	\$474,900	\$474,900	13	\$0	8/10/2005

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