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RCA Membership Drive for 2006-2007 Begins

by Richard Zierdt

Dang! Summer's OVER. But hey – 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 [Girl Scouts, Cub and Boy 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. SAMs Club numbers (if applicable) are printed on the membership form as well as e-mail addresses.

No resident has to join to join the RCA. This whole gig is 100% completely voluntary, from your membership dues to, if you chose, extra donations. However, the more that join, the stronger this community becomes – and the better that is for you!

No one makes a dime doing any of the work for the RCA/RCF; we're all volunteers. [And who is "we", Kemo Sabe? "We" are listed on Page 2 of every *Echo*.] 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 5, 2006, 8:00 p.m.

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 2006, 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.

Don't miss these great RCA Events!

RCA Community Picnic

Saturday, September 30, 2006 • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

RCA Community Yard Sale

Saturday, October 7, 2006 • 8:00 am - 1 pm

See page 9 for details!

RCA Executive Committee for 2006-2007

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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

Targeted Donations a First for an RCA Membership Drive

by Richard Zierdt

For this 2006-07 membership year, there is a specific (targeted) project listed on this year's Membership Form attached to this *Echo*. It is for a new replacement Franklin Park/RCA sign at the north side of Hunters Lane and Randolph Road. If you like, you may donate an extra amount to the RCA for this specific project. The cost of this sign is on the order of \$1500, so we're asking for donations for this specific project. An "artist's conception" of this sign can be seen at the RCA's website, www.randolphcivic.org. It's nice. Some points about this must be made.

First, RCA officers thought carefully about asking for donations for specific projects, given that there are needs all over the RCA, especially in beautification and signs. But projects have to start somewhere, and two Franklin Park volunteers researched extensively about replacing the old sign currently at that intersection. There is concern that donations earmarked for a specific project may drain donations from other, non-designated needs elsewhere in our community. Keep this in mind if you donate.

Second, questions arise on two situations that targeted donations can cause: too much and too little. If more money is raised for this project than is needed, what happens to the excess? And if not enough money is raised, and the project is abandoned, what becomes of the money that was donated? One answer to both is that the RCA membership would decide what to do with the donations. Another answer to both is that, in fairness to the contributors, such money would be offered back to the donors, and let them decide whether to accept a refund, or allow the RCA to use it elsewhere. The latter method will be used.

Targeted donations are experimental for this year. If it's successful, we'll try it again next year, with projects in other subdivisions. ■

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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. The current meeting schedule is:

- October 5, 2006** General Membership Meeting
- November 2, 2006** Executive Committee Meeting
- December 7, 2006** General Membership Meeting
- February 1, 2007** Executive Committee Meeting
- March 1, 2007** General Membership Meeting
- April 5, 2007** Executive Committee Meeting
- May 3, 2007** General Membership Meeting
- June 7, 2007** General Membership Meeting

SAM's Club Membership News

by Richard Zierdt

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

Again this year, SAMs Club cards are available through the RCA, but SAMs raised the price to \$35 per year per household (maximum 2 cards per RCA membership). The old price was \$30. These SAMs Club cards 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 SAMs users: check your expiration date on your RCA membership card. Most expire on or close to November 1, 2006. However, some expire in 2007, so check the date. For these users, do not include the \$35: your SAMs card is good through the date indicated. Otherwise, simply add \$35 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 \$35 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, 2007. ■

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Spring Bulb Sale – Neighborhood Beautification

by Richard Zierdt

As with last year's Membership Drive, this year the RCA again offers 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 for the past two years? (See picture at 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 pictures of the bulbs at 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 John Kehoe 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 offers these bulbs to encourage residents to beautify their yards, and by extension, the whole neighborhood. You cannot buy bulbs anywhere near the prices offered because these bulbs are purchased wholesale with little or no

markup (and no sales tax). 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. This is the second year for this program. Last year was an overwhelming success, but we missed a couple of residents who paid for bulbs (and who received refunds). This year, we've got the system DOWN. Order with confidence. ■

New Blood in Membership and Treasury

by Richard Zierdt, treasurer for one more month

Last month's *Echo* request for a new membership chair resulted in at least four offers. Thanks to all who came forward. I was amazed at the offers. In fairness, I basically took the first offer, and talked to another about being treasurer – who delightfully accepted!

First, the new membership chair is John Kehoe of Red Fox Road. John has been an RCA member for at least 15 years, and has at least enough knowledge of computers to maintain a database. Currently, the RCA membership database is in FoxPro, but John may convert it to Access.

Second, the new treasurer is Dell Pillers-Cline of Ashley Drive. She is an RCA member of at least seven years, and is an account manager for a firm in Bethesda, so she knows something about numbers. I've been maintaining the treasury records in Quicken-DOS (!), so I'm sure she will be interested in upgrading that! Since the treasurer is an elected officer, she will need your approval at the November General membership meeting. ■

It's Playtime in the Park!

by Matt Tifford

Good news for all those RCA toddlers and preschoolers out there – two of our playgrounds are getting a makeover! Sometime between now and next summer both the Randolph Hills Local Park (RHLP) playground and the Viers Mill Local Park (VMLP) playground will get new equipment to replace the old worn out stuff. In case you don't know these parks, RHLP is at 11805 Ashley Drive and features a community center, picnic tables, grills, tennis courts, basketball courts, ball fields, and a playground. VMLP is at 4425 Garrett Park Road and has similar amenities. We have also been promised large trees from the MNCPPC nursery to provide immediate relief from the lack of shade at RHLP playground, and a paved path to the new playground to improve accessibility for wheelchairs and strollers. ■

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Treasurer's Report *by Richard Zierdt*

As of August 25, 2006, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$5,569.29. The \$4,040 shown on 08/25 is advertising money collected by RCA's Commercial Editor, Mauro Biondo. Without this income, the RCA could not afford the *Echo*. Special thanks to real estate agent Denise Szczur, Loehmann's Plaza, and Armands Pizza for their continued and generous support of the RCA through the years. Other advertisers help as well, but I don't have a complete list yet. I will post this in the November *Echo*.

With luck, this will be my last report as your treasurer, as Dell Pillers-Cline of Ashley Drive has volunteered to take over. Her election to this office will be held at the October General Meeting. I've enjoyed keeping track of the numbers for 10+(?) years, but I'm beat! ■

| RCA Checking Register | | | | | |
|---|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 05/14/2006 through 08/27/2006 | | | | | |
| Date | Num | Payee | Memo | Amount | Balance |
| BALANCE 05/14/2006 | | | | | 3,540.75 |
| 05/15 | | RCAssociation | inc:advert | 57.00 | 3,597.75 |
| 05/17 | | RCAssociation | inc:advert | 60.00 | 3,657.75 |
| 05/17 | E-xfr | Verizon | Apr 22 telephone | 25.02 | 3,632.73 |
| 05/24 | 794 | Quick Printing | June ECHO | 1,050.00 | 2,582.73 |
| 06/08 | | RCAssociation | inc:membership | 5.00 | 2,587.73 |
| 06/13 | 795 | Mauro Biondo | stamps for ECHO mailings | 72.00 | 2,515.73 |
| 06/15 | 796 | Scout Troop 1083 | ECHO delivering | 480.00 | 2,035.73 |
| 06/16 | E-xfr | Verizon | May 22 Telephone | 25.06 | 2,010.67 |
| 07/01 | 797 | MC Civic Federation | 2006-07 dues | 85.00 | 1,925.67 |
| 07/06 | 799 | Sam's Club | 1 Sam's membership | 23.33 | 1,902.34 |
| 07/10 | 798 | Electric Web Avenue | web hosting: RCA & Troop | 384.00 | 1,518.34 |
| 07/17 | E-xfr | Verizon | June 22 telephone | 16.39 | 1,501.95 |
| 08/25 | | RCAssociation | inc:advert | 4040.00 | 5,541.95 |
| BALANCE 08/27/2006 | | | | | 5,541.95 |
| <i>Suntrust Bank statement, July 24, 2006: 1,586.95</i> | | | | | |

| RCF Checking Register | | | | | |
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| 05/14/2006 through 08/27/2006 | | | | | |
| Date | Num | Payee | Memo | Amount | Balance |
| BALANCE 05/14/2006 | | | | | 274.89 |
| 05/19 | | RCFoundation | yard sale booth sales | 170.00 | 444.89 |
| 05/31 | | RCFoundation | interest received .11% | 0.03 | 444.92 |
| 06/12 | 1082 | Boy Scout Troop 1083 | annual donation | 400.00 | 44.92 |
| 06/13 | | Montgomery County | building plans | 17.60 | 27.32 |
| 06/30 | | RCFoundation | interest received .10% | 0.02 | 27.34 |
| 07/31 | | RCFoundation | No activity in July | 0.00 | 27.34 |
| BALANCE 08/27/2006 | | | | | 27.34 |
| <i>Suntrust Bank Statement, July 31, 2006: 27.34</i> | | | | | |

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| Total RCA+RCF cash assets | 5,569.29 |
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The RCA Hotline

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Calls Received June 15, 2006 to August 25, 2006



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.

If anyone notices that the hotline is not working, please call Richard Zierdt at 301-881-0283, and/or e-mail the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org. Thanks!

2006-06-xx (Thu) 12:15 pm Anonymous. Caller can't believe Pepco (our electric utility) can up its rates the amount it did. Caller's bill went from \$50 to \$170 a month. Collectively, we must stand up and say: "We won't take this!" If it's going to stay like this, with price gouging and excessive profits, then caller does not want to hear any complaints if caller installs a windmill on top of caller's house. Caller has already adjusted caller's thermostat, but caller is not going back to the dark ages without electricity.

2006-07-xx (Mon) 6:23 pm Betty from Woodside Civic Association area. Caller was driving on Randolph Road and noted the very nice fence around the Randolph Civic Association. *[Ah, if only the RCA owned such a fence! That actually belongs to RCA's secretary, who proudly displays an RCA sign on his fence – until we install it in the ground.]*

2006-08-xx (Thu) 2:01 pm Anonymous. Shoppers Food Warehouse on Nicholson Lane is supposed to be open 24 hours but in fact it is not. Caller has gone there twice, only to find it closed. Also, in the last two weeks, the prices have gone up 33% on the items that caller purchases.

2006-08-xx (Fri) 11:59 am Anonymous. County has begun Boiling Brook Parkway restoration. It looks rather massive.

2006-08-xx (Sun) 12:25 pm Anonymous, Red Fox Road. On the early morning of Wednesday, August 16, one tire was stolen from caller's car. Caller called the police, and they said that this is happening a lot around the County, and recommend that car owners buy locking lug nuts for their cars, so that tires cannot be stolen. *[Sorry for your loss. Thanks for calling both the police and the RCA. Residents: Heads Up!]*

2006-08-23 (Wed) 1:44 pm Not anonymous. Caller is asking that Neighborhood Watch be re-instituted in light of the crime wave that hit Garrett Park during the early morning hours of Monday, August 21, where dozens of cars had punctured tires, smashed windows, and scratched paint. Caller also recommends that we keep our outside lights on at night. ■

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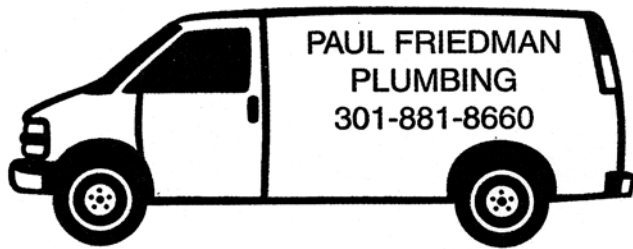
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Neighborhood Notes

by Kevin Kline

RCA-land Road Projects

The following are upcoming Montgomery County road projects, and does not include State projects.

- **Montrose Parkway West** (from near I-270 to Maple Avenue, at the Montrose Crossing shopping center). This \$68.1 million project is underway with a 2008 completion target.

- **Montrose Parkway East** (also known as Phase II). This project is in the planning stage, and would extend the Montrose Parkway now under construction from Parklawn Drive to Viers Mill Road. The RCA has aerial photographs of this design, and will bring them to upcoming RCA meetings for review. The Parkway would be extended on the county easement behind the U-Haul, run just North of Franklin Park, crossing over Rock Creek Park, ending at Viers Mill Road.

- **Nebel St. Extension.** Presently Nebel Street ends at Randolph Road. This \$12 million project is to extend Nebel as a 4-lane road to Chapman Avenue (also Bou Avenue). It will include an 8-foot bike path and 5-foot sidewalk. The dentist building on Randolph will be demolished, and the new street will run parallel to the train tracks, behind the Sticks 'N Stuff warehouse, tying in with the road in front of the new Target store. The street design is complete, and construction will begin in 2007.

- **Citadel Avenue** (from Marinelli Road to Nicholson Lane). This \$5.4 million project design is complete, with construction set for 2007.

RCA-land Road Repaving

In the next few months, the County plans on repaving: Schuylkill Road from Boiling Brook Parkway to Garrett Park Road; Parklawn from Randolph Road to the Metro Station; Nicholson Lane from Rockville Pike to Old Georgetown Road, and Executive Blvd from Montrose Road to Old Georgetown Road. Beach Drive in Rock Creek is already re-paved – and it is a smooth ride!

Sex Offenders in RCA-land

A review of the latest Montgomery County Sex Offender Registry reveals several sex offenders living in or near RCA-land. Two sex offenders live at two Dewey Road addresses, both convicted of sexual child abuse. One sex offender lives on Boiling Brook, convicted of possessing child pornography. One sex offender lives on Galena, convicted of 2nd degree sexual offense, and sexual child abuse. Five sex offenders live in the halfway house at Nebel and Marinelli, convicted of possessing child pornography, sexual child abuse, and child abuse by a parent. Information about sex offenders can be found at the county's web site, www.montgomerycountymd.gov. ■

Community Events

RCA Community Picnic

Saturday, September 30
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 7
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
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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, Wolves **Diego Carrillo, Mateo Streed** and **Matt Kimball** received Silver and Gold arrow points, and **Mateo Streed** was awarded the Bicycling Belt Loop. Bear Scouts **Alex Mayorga** and **Preston Polk** also earned the Bicycling Belt Loop. Webelos I Scouts were busy earning awards too! **Brad Gessford** was recognized as an Athlete; **Sawyer Kibbe** as an Outdoorsman; **Gabe Hernandez** as a Communicator and with the Aquanat award; **David Villareal** was awarded as a Communicator and also as a Family Member, Outdoorsman and as a Readyman. **Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe** and **David Villareal** all earned the Compass patch. Congratulations to all on a job well done!!

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 – **Sawyer Kibbe, Brad**

Bear Scouts Crossing the Bridge to become Webelos I Scouts at the May Pack Meeting.



Fun and excitement fill the room at the May Pack Meeting Graduation Ceremonies.

Gessford, David Villareal, Gabe Hernandez and **Patrick Loberg**; advancing to Webelos I from Bear – **Preston Polk, Aidan Gibbons, DJ Terry, Christopher Mulcahy, Adam Levensgard, Alex Mayorga, Carlos Delcid, Brandon Wagner** and **Colin McLean**; going from Wolf to Bear – **Diego Carrillo, Mateo Streed, Jassir Begazo** and **Matt Kimball**. A special round of applause goes to **Carlos Delcid, Brandon Wagner** and **Colin McLean** for earning the Bobcat Badge.

Our May outings included the hike on the Billy Goat Trail on May 7th and a family camping trip to Fort Frederick State Park on the weekend of May 19th-21st. The weekend weather was very nice on the camping trip, and good food and good fun were had by all in attendance. Cubs

attending the Billy Goat Trail event included **Sawyer Kibbe** and **Daniel Mbulaitey** and those on the camping trip were **Aidan Gibbons** and **DJ Terry**.

Our annual Pack picnic at Randolph Hills Park on Sunday, June 4th 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 and sons ended up joining sides to whip the dads. The result was so lopsided in favor of the moms and sons that both teams stopped keeping track of the score after the second inning. Dads, maybe you should sit out next year's game? The Cubs now have a two year winning streak. Once again, sorry Dads! Not even close!! Our second Scout activity in July took place on June 24th in Frederick, MD where the Frederick Keys defeated the Potomac Nationals 3-1 at the Scout Night Sleepover. Although the home team won, the local rivalry still left some fans disappointed.

In July we had our car wash fundraiser outing at the Colonial Shell

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Cub Scout Pack 1081 Wants You!



Pack 1081, chartered by the Randolph Lions Club, joins with Baloo the Bear and his friends 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.

Cub Scouting combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents to help their boys strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness. In addition, the program provides boys with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, bravery, and respect. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop. According to a study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates, "Character may be defined as the 'willingness to do what is right, regardless of circumstances.' Cub Scouting teaches boys what is right, in part by encouraging them to reflect on lessons learned through Cub Scouting activities."

Our neighborhood Pack 1081 will host a "**Join Cub Scouting Night**" recruitment event on **Thursday September 14, 2006, 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 pals Akela and Shere Khan, encourages every boy to come by and sign up and to bring a buddy, too. If you miss this event, feel free to stop by Viers Mill ES any Monday night at 6:30 p.m. during the school year to get information or sign up. Call Mr. Mark Kibbe (301-946-6393) if you have questions.

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News from Pack 1081

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which was another opportunity for leaders and Cubs to both stay cool and to do some fundraising. We cleaned cars and trucks alike on July 15th earning the Pack around \$150. Thank you to any of our RCAers who stopped buy to support us! Special thanks to Colonial Shell and those that stopped by for a cleaning to help defer our Pack expenses. Participating Scouts included: **Brad Gessford, Daniel Mbulaitey, Mateo Streed and DJ Terry.** Thank you guys for contributing to the cause!

From August 6th through 10th, 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 **Aidan Gibbons, DJ Terry, Brad Gessford and Sawyer Kibbe.** Our second baseball outing of the summer was in Bowie, MD on August 11th and resulted in the Bowie Baysox prevailing 5-4 over the Birmingham Mets on **Todd Donovan's** 8th inning triple. What an exciting game! After the game, Scouts enjoyed the Family Night Sleepover at the ballpark.

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 14th at 7 PM to get more information and join up! Call Mr.

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Troop 1083 News

by Ben Pitkin

The scouts of Troop 1083 were very busy all summer – busy helping the community, learning good citizenship skills, and most of all, having fun!

Way back in May, we had perfect spring weather for a campout at Harper's Ferry, W.V. The older boys hiked up to Maryland Heights, overlooking the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, for a spectacular view of the town below. The younger guys hiked the C&O Canal towpath into town and enjoyed visiting the fascinating historical sites. In attendance were **Matthew Best, Jake Blakely, Anthony Gadbois, Steve Hernandez, Scott Talbott, Kyle Blakely, Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, Moses Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Scott Johnson, Joseph Owen, and John Pitkin.** Adults who went: **Bill Blakely, George Gadbois, Ben Pitkin, and Dave Talbott.**

In early June, the scouts fielded a team in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser at Kennedy HS. Adult leaders fielded a team, too. The event is an all-night marathon walk, and participants collect donations in advance of the event. The combined effort of scouts and troop leaders raised over \$5,300 to fund cancer research



Our campsite at Assateague Island.

and support services, and one of our scouts was the event's leading youth fundraiser for the 2nd year in a row! Scout (and friend) team members: **Jason Beam, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Edward Huggins, John Pitkin, Andy Wood, Jennifer Wood,** and team captain **Scott Talbott.** Adult team members: **Fred Beam, Geoff Owen, Ben Pitkin, Jaime Todaro, Ken Wood,** and team captain **Greg Skolnik.**

Left: Swimming at Assateague Island.. Right: On the beach at Assateague Island.





Wild horse at our Assateague Island campsite.

In mid-June we recognized the recent achievements of many of our scouts at our summer Court of Honor. All the merit badges earned and rank advancements attained at that time will be recapped in next month's *Echo*.

Before we could catch our breath, we were off for our annual beach campout at Assateague State Park. Just like the year before, this campout included go-kart rides, a day in the surf, wild ponies visiting our campsite, and an evening on the boardwalk in nearby Ocean City. It's always a blast! You can ask anyone who was there: **Maxwell De Mulder, Galen Miley, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, Matthew Binsted, Scott Levensgard, John Pitkin, Joseph Owen, Mark Bushong, Edward Huggins, Matthew Best, Steve Hernandez, Andy Wood, Patrick Owen, Williams Castillo, Edwin Fuentes, Johnny Hilderbrand, and Scott Johnson**. Siblings and adult leaders: **Jen Wood, Greg Skolnik, Ken Wood, Jaime Todaro, Matthew DeMulder, Dave Talbott, and Ben Pitkin**.

In the first week of July, five of our senior scouts and two intrepid adult leaders experienced the ultimate Scouting Adventure: a trek to the world-famous Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico's Rocky Mountains. The trip was the culmination of three years of intensive preparation and team building, and featured leave-no-trace wilderness camping to elevations above 10,000 feet. In the space available here, words can't begin to do justice to the experience. Check the Philmont web site, or better yet, ask one of the crew who went there: **Matthew Binsted, Edward Huggins, Scott Talbott, Hafez Taghavi, and Andy Wood**. Props to **Greg Skolnik** and **Ken Wood** for going through the entire program with the boys, and putting themselves through the extreme physical rigors required.

Also in July, Troop 1083 was represented by **Jason Beam, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, and John Pitkin** at Broad Creek scout camp, past Baltimore and just this side of the Pennsylvania state line. The boys spent a week working on merit badges there. **Fred Beam, George Gadbois** and **Ben Pitkin** went along.

As July wore down, the troop's 2008 Philmont crew finished its 1st year of preparations with the week-long Lenhok'sin High Adventure trail in Goshen, VA. Lenhok'sin offers older scouts activities that test and expand their backpacking and camping skills through trail crew teamwork. The crew kayaked a mountain lake, swam in a mountain stream, fired muzzle-loaded black-powder rifles, forged iron in a blacksmith shop, and rode horses, among other activities. Scouts in attendance were **Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Joseph Owen, and John Pitkin**. Old-timers **George Gadbois** and **Ben Pitkin** did their best to keep up.

The first week of August found most of the troop's members at our usual week of summer camp at Camp Olmsted, also in Goshen. Scouts in attendance were **Matthew Best, Jake Blakely, Edwin Fuentes, Gregory Gadbois, Anthony Gadbois, Josh Hart, Steve Hernandez, Johnny Hilderbrand, Scott Levensgard, Matthew Luong, Galen Miley, Joshua Murtagh, Joseph Owen, Patrick Owen, John Pitkin, Steven Santos, David Santos, and Scott Talbott**. Adult leaders there were **Bill Blakely, Lorna Luong, Brian McGahey, Ben Pitkin, and Dave Talbott**.

The scouts worked all week long on merit badges and camping skills. Many swam, boated, or practiced archery or rifle shooting during free periods. Others learned (and mastered) a high-skill game called "roofball," known only to Olmsted campers. And by repeatedly volunteering to perform numerous camp improvement and other service projects, 1083 was named Troop of the Week. As we chanted to the assembled camp:

Roses are red!
Violets are blue!
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None could disagree, and none did.

If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade, you can join us. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 at Viers Mill ES. Check out the troop web page at www.troop1083.org.

Or, call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. We have weekend campouts scheduled for October and November. Join now and you can go, too! ■

Check out the RCA's Web Site at
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Keep up on the latest RCA news!
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Dear Mrs. Brown



RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

It is important to prepare and remind children of all ages how to ride the bus safely. Go over the rules with them and be sure to stress that the bus driver and school patrols should be obeyed at all times and treated respectfully.

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- **Stand away from the curb.** Wait until the bus comes to a full stop and the doors open before approaching the bus.
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- **If you drop something near or under the bus,** don't pick it up. Tell the bus driver what has happened and follow his/her instructions to retrieve the item(s).
- **Take your seat and stay seated for the entire ride.** Never stand up while the bus is in motion. When you have arrived at school, wait until the bus has come to a full stop and the driver has opened the door before getting up.
- **No yelling, no throwing things, no horseplay, or any behavior that could distract the driver.** Use "little voices" at all times.
- **No eating or drinking on the bus.** Parents should not send children off to school with their breakfast.
- **Hold backpack, lunchboxes, books, coats and other items in your lap.** Never put objects in the aisle or on the floor where others can trip over them.
- **Walk away from the bus when preparing to cross in front of it** – far enough in front so that you can see the driver. (If the child cannot see the driver, the driver cannot see the child.) Watch the driver and cross only when he/she signals that it is safe to cross. If the driver honks the horn, children in the process of crossing must stop instantly and follow the driver's instructions. Never cross behind the bus.

- **It's always best to have a responsible adult or older sibling wait for the bus when a younger child is returning from school.** In the latter case, make it very clear to the younger sibling that their big sister or brother is in charge. If a number of children wait at the same stop, you may be able to rotate "bus stop" duty with other parents.

In addition to what has been expressed above, below is helpful information reprinted directly from the Montgomery County School web site:

What if the bus is late? Buses follow a routine schedule and typically arrive at their stops within a few minutes of the schedule. Except for snowy or icy mornings, parents and students should wait at the bus stop for at least 20 minutes past the scheduled arrival time before calling the appropriate bus. On days of inclement weather, students and parents should expect some delays due to road and traffic conditions.

What about snow days? During snowy or icy weather conditions, school officials may close school all day, delay opening by two hours, or close early. Parents should have contingency plans in place to take care of children on such days. These decisions are announced on local radio and television stations, MCPS Cable TV Channel 34, and on the MCPS Web site at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org or on www.schools-out.com. A recorded announcement also may be heard by dialing 301-279-3673.

Delayed opening: If the opening of school is delayed, buses will pick up students at their normal stops two hours later than usual. Typically, such decisions are announced by 6 a.m. on that day. Morning kindergarten, pre-kindergarten (pre-k), Head Start, other early childhood programs, and field trips will be canceled, as well as other activities and programs that begin at 10:30 a.m. or earlier. Afternoon kindergarten, pre-k and other programs are held as usual unless otherwise announced.

Early closing: When a snow storm or other weather-related emergency begins in the morning after students arrive at school, the school system may find it necessary to close schools early. This ensures that students will arrive home safely in a reasonable amount of time. Typically, schools are closed two-and-a-half hours early, and the announcement is made around 11 a.m. Afternoon kindergarten, pre-k, and Head Start classes will not be held on these days.

When schools close early, buses will drop students at the regular bus stops. Morning kindergarten students will stay at the school for lunch and ride home with upper grade elementary students. Typically, kindergarten students will not be dropped off at their usual midday stop locations. Instead, all students will be dropped at regularly scheduled afternoon stops. ■

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- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper, and lastly whisk in
- 1/2 cup olive oil

Add and turn to thoroughly coat:

- 4 boneless chicken breasts

Cover and refrigerate, turning the chicken pieces occasionally, for at least 2 hours and up to 1 day.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Roast the chicken uncovered until just cooked through, about 45 minutes. Using tongs, transfer the chicken to a serving platter. Carefully pour the cooking liquid into a small, heavy saucepan and spoon off the excess oil from atop the cooking liquid. Boil until the liquid reduces by about half and thickens slightly, about 8 minutes.

Pour the sauce over the chicken. Sprinkle on top and serve:

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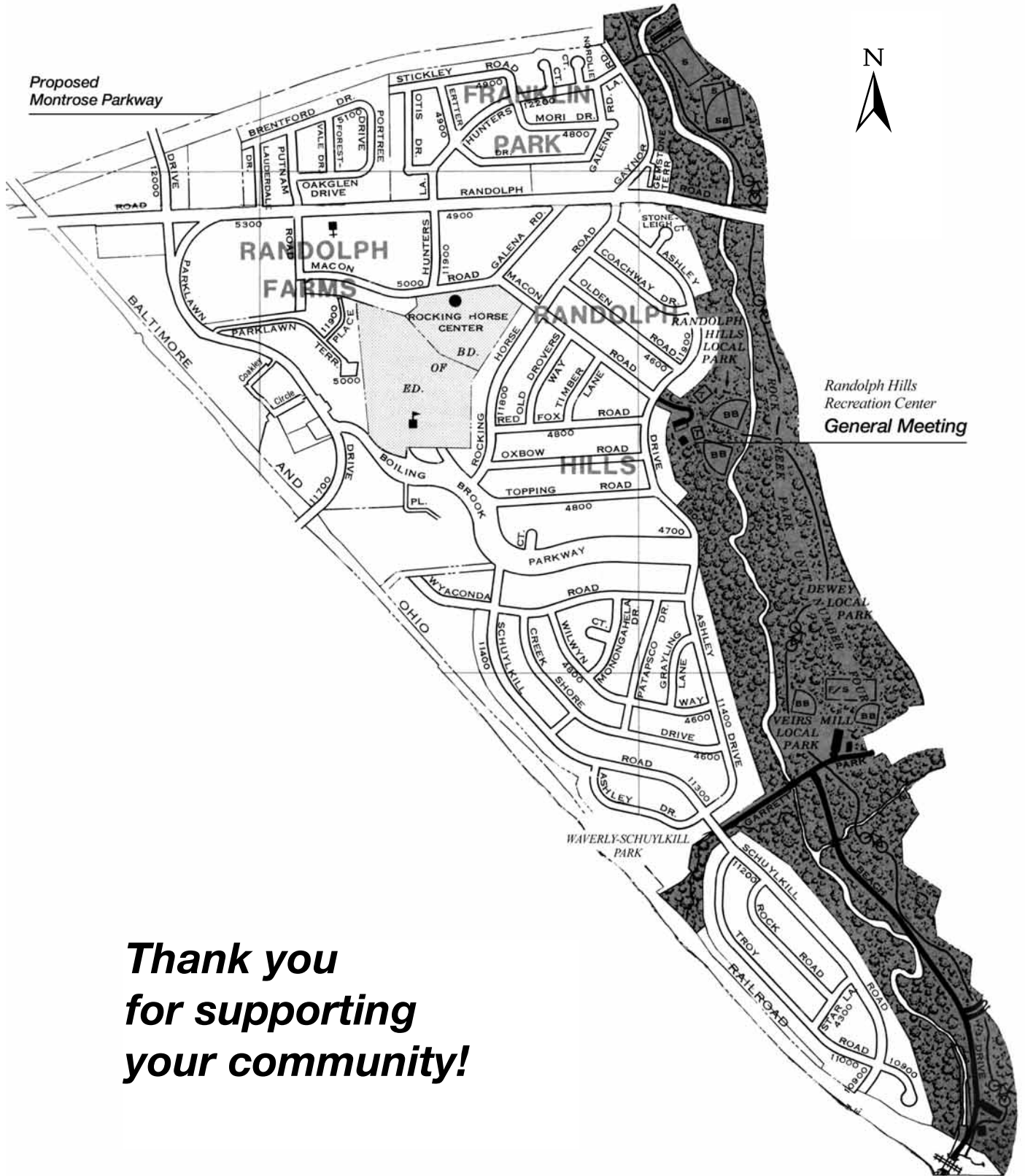
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Chris Geerman 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive

Mark Bushong 301-942-5890 Bennion Road

Andy Wood 301-946-4634 Idlewood Road

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