



President's Message

By Alison Dewey, RCA President

It is shaping up to be a very busy November. If you are receiving this on Saturday, November 7 - It's COMMUNITY DAY! Let's celebrate Randolph Hills together. All festivities will take place on the Civic Green on Boiling Brook Parkway. From 1:00 - 2:00 Illusions by Vick will perform an entertaining and mesmerizing show; 3:00-4:30 we'll listen (dance and sing too?) to the talented Odara Quartet band, and as the sun goes down from 4:30 - 7:00pm we'll have S'mores.

By the time this edition of the ECHO reaches doorsteps, the elections will have taken place, our clocks will have turned back an hour, Halloween will have been celebrated, and we'll be eagerly awaiting Community Day. Phew! Thanksgiving can't come soon enough!

A few important things to keep in mind as we move late into 2026 and into 2027. The RCA really wants you as a member. We want you so much that we are including an addressed envelope in this edition of the ECHO to make it easy for you to become a member. It's just \$10 and it does a lot - your membership dollars supports RCA events, maintaining the website randolphcivic.org, creating and mailing the ECHO, having meetings, and much more. As a RCA member, you'll also be added to the Randolph Hills listserv so that you can stay informed on neighborhood happenings and participate in local discussions. You can also become a member online through the website randolphcivic.org. Please consider becoming an RCA member today!

I would love to see you at an upcoming RCA meeting at our NEW meeting location, Rocking Horse Road Center (4910 Macon Rd). This is also where our neighborhood votes on election day. The RCA meets the first Thursday of each month (except in July) from 7:30-8:30pm. With our new location, we also hope to offer meetings in hybrid format, meaning you can attend in person or online. We love in-person attendance, it's a good reason to get out of the house and meet with your neighbors. So come on out to the next RCA meeting, happening Thursday, December 3. We welcome you to bring your favorite holiday treat to share.

Until then, come celebrate Community Day to enjoy the cooler temperatures, the color on the trees, and the warmth of a fire.

Upcoming Events in RCA Land

visit www.randolphcivic.org for more details

Community Day on the Civic Green

Saturday, November 7, 1:00-7:00pm

1:00-2:00 Illusions by Vick

3:00-4:30 Odara Quartet plays music

4:30-7:00 S'mores

4916 Boiling Brook Parkway

Let's celebrate Randolph Hills!

Thanksgiving Fun Run for Kids

Thursday, November 26, 11am

4425 Garrett Park Road

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2026, 7:30-8:30pm

with Neighborhood merriment with Cocoa & Cookies
Rocking Horse Road Center at 4910 Macon Road

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2026, 7:30-8:30pm

Rocking Horse Road Center at 4910 Macon Road

Neighborhood News Updates

- Ten Speed Humps and signs were installed on Ashley Drive the week of October 7, 2026
- Randolph Park Bridge is still waiting for the replacement bridge to be installed. There has been a crew surveying the area and preparing the two sides for the install. Hopefully there is not much longer to wait!
- A wonderful RCA Volunteer engineered one of the firepits on the Civic Green to be smokeless - can you tell which one it is?
- New RCA meeting place - Rocking Horse Road Center (4910 Macon Road), enter through the back doors that have the flags on the poles. Meetings will now be available to attend either online and in person. We think in-person is the best and hope to see you there!
- A resident of Macon Road requested a speed study on the east west section of Macon Road, between Putnam and Hunters. MCDOT will be conducting the study in the next 30 days.

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RCA Membership

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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..."





The RCF is a neighborhood organization focused on charitable activities including neighborhood beautification, community education, promoting environmental stewardship, and supporting our local schools and community youth groups.

by Sara Montone, RCF President

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out for the Boiling Brook Parkway Clean-up. It looks beautiful.

I hope everyone had a spooky Halloween. It's always so much fun to answer the door and see all the costumes.



We managed to do the whole expanse of Boiling Brook through our neighborhood and filled at least 7 bags with the trash bottles and assorted gunk that had accumulated in the past few months. We'll do this again next April, around Earth Day. And maybe once in between if this winter is milder.

RCA Treasurer's Report for September 2026

By Diane LaGrega Bertocchi, Treasurer the of RCA

The beginning balance as of September 1, 2026, was \$11,010.77

The following revenue was recorded for September 2026:

- \$1,000.00 check for NEMF grant award from Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services
- \$1,000.00 donation from Alan Kronstadt, owner of the Randolph Hills Shopping Center, for Community Day
- \$227.19 in membership fees and donations to the RCA and RCF from RCA residents

Total revenue in September 2026 was \$2,227.19

There were four expenses paid in September 2026:

- \$145.77 to the Alison Dewey for reimbursement of the desserts from Vignola Gourmet, salads, salad dressing and volunteer of the year plaque for the pasta dinner on September 3, 2026
- \$340.00 to Active Montgomery for the renting the room for the RCA meetings at the Viers Mill Community Center (includes 10 meetings from Sep-26 thru Jun-27)
- \$164.48 to Diane Bertocchi for reimburse of the supplies, soda and cookies for the pasta dinner on September 3, 2026
- \$637.00 to Erie Insurance for renewal of insurance for RCA for 2026-2027

Please note that Vignola Gourmet generously donated the food for the Pasta Dinner on September 3rd , 2026.

Total expenses paid in September 2026 are \$1,287.25

The ending balance as of September 30, 2026, was \$11,950.71

Total Y-T-D for Fiscal Year 2027 for Membership Collection:

- RCA Membership and Donations - \$4,063.00
- RCF Donations - \$630.00
- PayPal Fees deducted - \$83.95

Approximately **49** of **1,400** households have paid RCA membership dues for Fiscal Year 2027

Randolph Civic Association - General Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 7:30 - 8:30pm online

Attendees

Alison Dewey, Diane LaGrega Bertocchi, Franklin Stephenson, Mark Hevey, Ellen Bourbon, Dean Evangelista, Fred Simonton, Patty Simonton, Andre Miesnieks, Tony Ieronimo, Michelle Kopa

Welcome to new board members

Tony, Franklin, Mark, Ellen

Tony is beginning a new 3 year term as Director 1, 2026-2029

Franklin is joining the board in the 2nd year of a 3 year term as Director 2, 2025-2028

Mark is joining the board in the 2nd year of a 3 year term as Director 3, 2025-2028

Ellen is beginning a new one year term as Secretary, 2026-2027

All new board members should have access to their randolphcivic.org email addresses.

Tony is director1@randolphcivic.org

Franklin is director2@randolphcivic.org

Mark is director3@randolphcivic.org

Ellen is secretary@randolphcivic.org and also has ellen@randolphcivic.org from RCF.

All new board members have been invited to Slack as well.

Alison:

- We had 3 candidates for Board members last month and we elected all 3.
- Ada and Alex agreed to step off the Board since attending meetings has been difficult. We're grateful for their service to the RCA and their volunteer hours.
- New directors have emails at randolphcivic.org and should be on Slack. Tony needs to be added to Slack. His email and Slack invitations expired.
- It is preferred that Board members use their randolphcivic.org email so there is continuity when the next person fills the role.

Alison will be meeting with each new board member in the coming weeks.

Approval of Sept 3, 2026 Meeting minutes

Motion to approved minutes was made and seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report for RCA for September 2026

See page 3 in this issue of The Echo

ECHO schedule

Upcoming ECHO: Need all content by October 16 if we want the Scouts to hand deliver on November 7th.

Scouts are willing to deliver the ECHOs. They plan on bagging them on Oct. 26. Alison will clarify if they need bags. Diane said we have about 1,000 bags and she'll order more.

- Should we include envelopes and membership forms for membership?
- We need to order the envelopes when we order the ECHO. There will be return envelopes with the RCA address, but we won't include postage. Diane will check with Matt Tifford on where he ordered the envelopes in the past.
- Alison: Do we make a donation to the Scouts for delivering the ECHO? It would be nice to give them about \$200.
- Diane: It was great that we had the Scouts install the new sign. It saved us about \$500 - \$1000.
- Motion to make a \$200 donation to the Scout troop for bagging and distributing the ECHO passed.

We had a lot of content for the current ECHO. Thanks to Fred for handling it all.

Committee Chairs

Some of the chairs listed in the ECHO are outdated.

- We will take Nick off as Education chair.
- Dean is still the Environment chair.
- Patty would like to give up the Membership chair.
- Diane would like someone else to be Safety chair.
- Sarah Bailan is still Social chair.
- Chad is still listed as webmaster. It should be Fred. Chad was able to renew the domain host for a year. It will be up in January. Fred has some ideas. for hosting going forward.
- We'll remove the Yard Signs chair.

Education, Membership and Safety chairs are vacant.

- Mark can do Membership on an interim basis. Maybe Diane can involve Mark with the envelopes to be included with the ECHO.
- Diane described the duties of the Safety chair. Diane will reach out to see if Officer Johnson can attend Community Day. Franklin volunteered to be the

Safety chair.

- Alison will be the Education chair. She has a child at Wheaton High School. Michelle will support Alison with Education chair.

Community Day

Saturday, November 7. More details to come.

We have received financial support from Allen Kronstadt. Thank you! He provided \$1000 this year for Community Day.

Dean, Diana, and Alison are meeting on Monday, Oct 5 online @ 7:30pm for the second planning meeting.

Odara Quartet is confirmed to play

Invitation to join the team to help steer Community Day

Dec. 3 RCA meeting with Holiday Gathering

(cookies and cocoa?): Tony volunteered to spearhead this: It will be at the regular RCA meeting time. It will just require obtaining the cookies and cocoa. Diane suggested we do a cookie pot luck. We could boil water for the cocoa in a coffee urn or bring cider and serve it cold. Patty said we had hot cider last year.

Charles Woodward Mascot Preference Survey

closes tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 2) at 11:59pm.

MCPS decided on the colors (purple and gold), but people can vote on the mascot.

They're asking for community input, so feel free to vote.

Are there any ideas

for Community Day that Alison, Dean and Diane should consider? It will be at the Civic Green and there will be music.

- Is there a rain date, or an alternate plan?
- Alison thought we might have a magician for the kids.
- Mark suggested face painting for the kids.
- We could look into having a vendor come to sell food. Diane suggested that we should be supporting the businesses in the shopping center. The Indian and Filipino restaurants are really good.
- Alison mentioned that we talked about providing light snacks, like soda and cookies.
- Diane suggested having smores for dessert.

Thank you!

Thanks to Vignola Gourmet for providing dinner at the last meeting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:30.

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Randolph Civic Association's

Community Day

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Saturday, Nov 7

Rain Date is Nov 8

1:00 – 2:00pm – Illusions by Vick

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2:15–3:15pm Games

3:00 – 4:30pm – Music from Odara Quartet

A fusion of Brazilian, Argentinian, American & English rock and popular music with a unique groove.

4:30–7:00pm S'mores!

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The following calls/emails have been edited for privacy and current relevance.

Oct 9, 2026

Why are there speed bumps being put in the neighborhood? Get them off Ashley Drive. We don't want them. We don't need them, plus they left the ditches that they didn't complete; travel is a pain in the ****, cracking my rims, wrecking my tires, wrecking my hubcaps, wrecking my back, wrecking the rest of my body that's sore. Why do we have these nuisances again? Please get rid of them. Make Montgomery County Stop putting this **** in our neighborhood. If they want to do something, fix the roads not add to the problems that they're causing.

RCA Response: Residents on Ashley Drive approached the RCA about requesting a speed study due to the high volume of drivers speeding. The RCA followed MCDOT's process to solicit Ashley Drive residents' opinion on the installation of speed humps after a MCDOT speed study found that Ashley Drive qualified for a speed hump plan. Of the 95 Ashley Drive residents visited 92% supported the plan, 8% did not support the plan. The RCA attempted to reach all residents multiple times.

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News Bulletins from Montgomery County Regional Services

October 20, 2026 - October 22, 2026

News Bulletins are sorted by release date and edited for current relevancy.

October 20, 2026

Legislation to Address Dangerous Street Takeovers

The Montgomery County Council approved Bill 27-26 sponsored by Councilmember Andrew Friedson today to crack down on the increasingly alarming issue of unlawful road racing and street takeovers.

Street takeovers are large, unauthorized gatherings in which participants block public roadways to drag race or perform reckless driving stunts.

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/yu8hcnwv>

October 22, 2026

Bike Match Program Surpasses 1,000 Bikes Placed Milestone

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Bike Match program has matched more than 1,000 Montgomery County residents with donated bikes, under a program

designed to provide more transportation options for residents in need.

"The Bike Match program has provided bikes to over 1,000 Montgomery County residents since the program began in June 2020," said MCDOT Director Chris Conklin. "However, the need is still great. We currently have 450 people on our waiting list who are hoping to receive a bike. If you have an unused bike in good working condition, we hope you will consider donating it to a member of our community."

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/4ad8s2nv>

October 22, 2026

Leaf Vacuum Collection Begins

MCDOT will begin its annual leaf vacuuming program on Monday, Nov. 9. It will continue into December, with two potential collections planned for each home. Prior to those pickups, MCDOT will post signs along neighborhood streets with the upcoming leaf-vacuuming date.

Residents are asked to pile leaves at the edge of their yard or curb, not in the street, bike lanes, or on sidewalks.

Since 1983, the County has composted the leaves it collects at a County-operated facility in Dickerson. The compost produces a fertilizer called Leafgro, which is sold in retail stores. Profits feed back into the program to keep costs low.

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BoBo on the Go

By Loretta E Chi



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12203 Nordlie Drive	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$0	15	28-Sep-2026
11407 Grayling Lane	\$558,900	\$537,500	\$20,000	52	21-Sep-2026
4812 Topping Road	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$0	66	15-Sep-2026
4806 Topping Road	\$665,000	\$650,000	\$0	15	10-Sep-2026
11315 Schuylkill Road	\$624,900	\$625,000	\$8,000	12	20-Aug-2026
11913 Hunters Lane	\$875,000	\$835,000	\$0	50	31-Jul-2026
5111 Macon Road	\$830,000	\$830,000	\$3,500	25	27-Jul-2026
5115 Brentford Drive	\$675,000	\$655,000	\$0	13	20-Jul-2026
4718 Boiling Brook Parkway	\$699,999	\$675,000	\$0	80	28-Jun-2026
11111 Schuylkill Road	\$655,000	\$655,000	\$3,500	8	19-Jun-2026
11448 Schuylkill Road	\$725,000	\$725,000	\$14,500	11	02-Jun-2026

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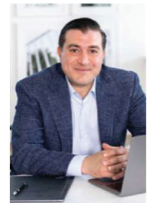
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