

# The ECHO

*The Newsletter of the Randolph Civic Association*

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## **Time to Renew Your Membership!**

*A Special Message From the Randolph Civic Association*

It's that time of year again and your RCA membership is needed as we continuously maintain and beautify our neighborhood. Your \$10 membership and continued participation are critical to the success of programs like the Neighborhood Watch and publications like the Echo. This is also a membership drive 'outreach year', which means we will undertake the additional effort of knocking on a few doors and making some phone calls to increase membership. Several years ago we knocked on almost every door in the neighborhood. This outreach year we will be a bit more targeted and reach out to neighbors only after they have had some time to renew already. You can save RCA volunteers valuable time by renewing promptly and saving us from having to call or knock on your door. Remember, keeping this neighborhood beautiful, safe and vibrant is everyone's responsibility, and even \$10 makes a huge difference. So please take a moment and fill out the form we've included with this Echo. Put it in the self-addressed envelope and drop it in the mail. Also take a few moments and donate a little extra to the Randolph Civic Foundation (RCF). Please note that while donations to the RCA are not tax-deductible, they keep The Echo in print, and our other activities funded. Donations to the RCF are tax-deductible. The RCF supports and sponsors

activities such as community beautification and local youth groups.

Please fill out the membership form completely. Because of 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! If you did not get a membership form, envelope, or lost yours, please email [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) to have one dropped off at your house. Alternatively, if you would like to have your membership form and dues picked up by an RCA volunteer rather than mailing them, you can reach us at [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) and we'll make the arrangements.



*Time to put out your RCA yard signs!*

## **Upcoming Events**

### ***RCA General Membership Meeting***

October 3rd, 2013 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

### ***RCA Community Day and Fun Run***

October 5th, 2013 10:00am-2:00pm, Randolph Hills Local Park

For more information see page 5!

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## President's Message

by Chad Salganik, RCA President

As the days get shorter and summer draws to a close, we begin another 'RCA Year' for our community. After our summer hiatus, the RCA Board and volunteers ramp back up for another year of service to our neighborhood. First on the to-do list is our annual membership drive. It's been a few years since we mounted a major campaign to stem the decline in membership. In that effort, we were successful thanks to a group of volunteers who knocked on almost every door in RCA-Land. Last year we held steady, but we'll be looking to expand membership again this year. You can even renew online via our website, <http://randolphcivic.org>. Please spread the word. Do you have new neighbors that have arrived in the last year? Use this Echo as an opportunity to introduce yourself and mention the RCA.

Your \$10 donation is essential to the operation of organization and covers things like printing costs for the Echo, website hosting, holding events such as the Community Day picnic and Fun Run, and running the Neighborhood Watch. So do your part and please renew your membership.

Development in White Flint continues. I have assumed the role of resident co-chair on the White Flint Implementation Advisory Committee. I've served on the Committee for almost 3 years, and am excited to serve as co-chair. For those not familiar with the Committee, it is tasked to:

- \* Review assumptions made regarding traffic, including transit use and parking
- \* Monitor plan recommendations
- \* Identify new projects for the amenity fund
- \* Monitor the county Capital Improvement Program and Growth Policy
- \* Recommend action by the Planning Board and County Council

In the last Echo, I mentioned the "western workaround", which is a re-working of streets by the Shriver Aquatic center to create a new grid of streets. In June, the County presented its

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**RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.**

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

**Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 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)**

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*Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park Sales*

September 2013 Update

## Last 10 Randolph Civic Area Home Sales

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	4703 Coachway Dr	3	2	\$374,900	\$377,500	8/22/2013	\$0
Sold	4733 Wyaconda Rd	3	2	\$405,000	\$405,000	8/20/2013	\$0
Sold	11003 Schuylkill Rd	4	2	\$420,000	\$420,000	8/19/2013	\$500
Sold	11814 Old Drovers Way	3	2	\$379,900	\$375,000	8/19/2013	\$5,000
Sold	11418 Schuylkill Rd	4	1.5	\$375,000	\$355,000	8/16/2013	\$0
Sold	4602 Stoneleigh Ct	4	2	\$399,900	\$412,500	7/31/2013	\$0
Sold	11218 Rock Rd	3	2	\$414,900	\$417,500	7/25/2013	\$0
Sold	11404 Schuylkill Rd	3	2	\$330,000	\$330,000	7/19/2013	\$0
Sold	11900 Ashley Dr	4	2	\$419,900	\$415,000	7/9/2013	\$0
Sold	11811 Rocking Horse Rd	3	2	\$365,000	\$350,000	7/9/2013	\$0

## The Market Is Strong

It is a seller's market. Interest rates are low. There are not many homes currently for sale. Buyer's confidence is high. This all contributes to a market that is up 10% to 15% over last year.

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## Neighborhood News in Brief

- **Walk to School on October 9th!** For 16 years, the National Walk to School Day has been building awareness for walkable communities and the health benefits that come with extra physical activity. Plus, walking is cleaner for our environment than driving! This year, Viers Mill Elementary families from RCA-land would like to get in on the fun. On Wednesday, October 9th, we will gather at Randolph Hills Local Park on Ashley Drive at 8:15am and walk together through the park and up to school. Please note that, because we believe that children should not walk through the park without supervision, this is a family event. No drop-offs, please! If you have questions, email me at [LindsayHoffman@aol.com](mailto:LindsayHoffman@aol.com). Looking forward to seeing you.
- **Over 50 and looking for work? WE CAN HELP!** The Jewish Council for the Aging (JCA) is pleased to announce five new sessions of The Career Gateway. This innovative program job search training program comprises 30 hours of small-group instruction over 5 non-consecutive days, comprehensive take-home materials, and one-on-one mentoring – all for only \$75! Nearly three-quarters of our participants who are actively looking for a job find employment within four months after graduating – why not join the club? The first session begins September 23, and subsequent sessions will be held in October, November, January, and February. For more information, contact Ellen Greenberg at 301-255-4215 or [egreenberg@AccessJCA.org](mailto:egreenberg@AccessJCA.org).

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## June Membership Meeting Minutes

by Jason Ott

1. Call to order: 8:00 PM
2. Guest Speaker, Pat Lynch, Community Gardens Coordinator of Montgomery Parks
  - Pat is a Master Gardener. She coordinates the Community Gardens and is involved in monitoring the sites.
  - There are 11 community gardens managed by the Department of Parks. This includes about 500 total plots ranging from container gardens to large plots. The gardens at Rocking Horse Center are part of this program. Gardeners are allowed on plot because there are many people on the wait list.
  - It is difficult to secure garden lands. Most are on park property because it is the most economical.
  - The budget for community gardens (excluding salary) is about \$15,000. This includes start-up costs and installing 8-foot fences to prevent deer from entering. Parks pays the water and supplies a 1,500 gallon cistern. Gardeners pay \$25 to \$75 per year.
  - People can be removed if don't take care of it or follow rules. "Not keeping up a garden" is the most common issue encountered. Also, the gardeners need

to follow organic practices.

- Master Gardeners can work with new gardeners to help them understand how to manage plot, what to plant, and general gardening tips.
  - For more information go to [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org) and search for "community gardens."
  - There will be a new fertilizer law in 2014. Residents won't be allowed to add phosphorous to the soil unless have done a test and show that the soil needs it. The most important tip for lawn care is mowing it at the correct height.
3. Old Business
    - Music Fest went well, with a number of people signing up at the door. George Gadbois was honored as the RCA Volunteer of the Year for his work on the Education committee, with the Boy Scouts, and for his overall efforts on behalf of the community. Congratulations, George!
    - The responsibility for the RCA Bazaar is being transferred to the Boy Scouts. A motion was made, which passed unanimously. The Scouts will be provided information on preparing for and managing the event. In addition, they will receive the current banners. RCA and the Scouts will jointly look into getting new banners that are easier to read. The Bazaar will receive the same publicity in the Echo that it currently receives. Thanks to the Scouts for taking on this great community event.

- An update on the White Flint Development was provided by Chad Salganik. Saul Centers has a proposal for a five-building development of almost all residential. Gables Residential has a proposal for the land near the Aquatic Center. It would include residential and commercial along with garage parking. This parking would be shared with the Aquatic Center, which would in turn eventually turn their parking lot into a park. Parks is soliciting ideas. MCDOT will submit their desing for the Western Workaround, which deals with the roads configuration in that area. Pike and Rose will be making an announcement this summer about the restaurants that have already signed a lease. Follow all of the latest developments at [www.whiteflint.org](http://www.whiteflint.org).

- Mara Greengrass attended the May meeting of the Bethesda District Community Advisory Board – Bethesda district. She found the meeting to be very positive. They discussed types of crime in our neighborhood and were positive about getting to know more about RCA-land.

- There have been recent complaints of noise violations. If you are encountering noise violations, you are encouraged to call the police, file a report, and get a report number. RCA is not able to enforce violations.

4. New Business

- Chad Salganik reported on the Bus Rapid Transit proposal. There is a need for more efficient ways to move more people. Community input will be solicited on the designs. We

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## Be a Part of Your Community (Day)

by Alison Dewey

There will be something for everyone at this year's RCA Community Day! Enjoy a neighborhood cookout, hear local musical talent, and burn a few calories. Mark Saturday October 5th on your calendar to reconnect with your neighborhood friends and meet new ones.

The RCA Community Day, hosted at Randolph Hills Park, will start with the 2nd Annual Community Day 5K at 10:00am (registration opens at 9:30am) with the Kids Fun Run to follow. All participants receive a RCA water bottle. The 5K course will take you through some of your favorite local streets south of Randolph Road and on the Rock Creek Park Hiker/Biker Trail. The Kid's Fun Run will be held within the immediate area of the park. Details, including course information and sign-up information, are posted at [Randolphcivic.org](http://Randolphcivic.org). Please check the site frequently for updates. Be sure to stick around for more RCA Community Day festivities afterwards.

Enjoy your favorite grilled food, drinks and neighborly conversation at the Community Day picnic being held from noon to 2:00pm. This year's entertainment list will feature hyper local talent. Mark your calendars and come on out for the festivities on Saturday, October 5th!

**What:** RCA Community Day

**When:** Saturday, October 5th

**5K:** 10:00am (check-in at 9:30am)

**Kids Fun Run:** 11:00am (all ages welcome)

**Cookout:** Noon – 2:00

**Where:** Randolph Hills Park

**Course Map:** <http://goo.gl/maps/lbSYJ>

**Who:** Anyone can participate, bring a friend! Running strollers are allowed, dogs are not.

Need additional information? Email Alison Dewey at [sabaly@hotmail.com](mailto:sabaly@hotmail.com)

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## Where Do We Live? Part 1 of 3: We Live in Rockville!

by Mara Greengrass

*After a debate this past summer on the RCA e-mail list -- following news of the possible closure of the post office at White Flint Mall -- we thought it might be interesting to present the different views on where we live -- are we in Rockville? Or North Bethesda? Or White Flint? This month, we present the first of three arguments ....*

With all apologies to my esteemed neighbors, I must argue that we live in Rockville. We're not defined by where we don't live (Bethesda) or the soon-to-be-extinct mall we happen to live near (White Flint) but by a perfectly nice area of Montgomery County (Rockville).

Just think back: When you moved into the neighborhood, did you tell people you'd moved to North Bethesda? Did you enthusiastically write change of address letters to tell people you'd moved to White Flint? Heck no, you said "Hey, I just bought a place in Rockville."

In fact, I'll bet when you're trying to find the closest location of Tires 'N Trucks 'N Stuff, you put "Rockville" into their store locator, don't you? Because if you tried to ask about North Bethesda, you'd probably get a message pointing out that Bethesda is much too snooty to sell tires or trucks, let alone stuff.

What big road passes by our neighborhood? Rockville Pike! Where's the nearest decent movie theater? Rockville! Where do we go for jury duty? Rockville! (Okay, that's probably stretching a bit...)

But my point is, if you were going to redraw city lines in this area, wouldn't it make sense to include us in Rockville rather than two non-existent locations that nobody can find on a map?

Until the day we get incorporated as Randolph Hills, I'm proud to say I live in Rockville.



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## Join Your Neighbors Online

The RCA Yahoo Group is a great resource for keeping up with happenings in RCA land. Need a recommendation for a local handyman? Looking for a babysitter or dog walker? Want to learn more about local activities? Have an idea to improve our neighborhood?



**Get in on the conversation at:**

**<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/>**

## Help Make our Community a Safer Place Become a RCA Block Captain



The RCA Safety Committee is reviving the neighborhood watch program. The goal of the program is to make our community a safer place and to increase communication regarding safety issues and other neighborhood concerns.

Becoming a Block Captain simply means joining the RCA Safety Committee email listserv and keeping an eye out for safety issues on your street.

Email [safety@randolphcivic.org](mailto:safety@randolphcivic.org) for more information and to learn how you can help.



# The RCA Hotline

240-668-4722 (4RCA)

Calls Received June 10th, 2013  
through August 29th, 2013



*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 on the website. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA reserves the right to not publish any calls that could be viewed as solicitations or calls longer than 1.5 minutes due to the time it takes to transcribe and cost to publish. You can always email the RCA at [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) or submit an article for publication to the Echo editor.*

06-10-13 (Mon) at 3:16pm. Anonymous. We have opened a new church in our neighborhood. It's the Open Door Baptist Church and it's located at 12022 Parklawn Drive. That's just right across the street from the U-Haul at the corner of Parklawn and Randolph. It's in the ground floor of that office building – we've got to start somewhere. Come on out and hear the message Sunday mornings at 11 and Sunday evenings at 6 and we'd be glad to see you. Everybody's welcome. Thank you and see you there.

06-15-13 (Sat) at 10:38am. Not Anonymous. Hello! I live on Hunters Lane and would respectfully request someone deliver a dry Echo please. We'd deeply appreciate it. Thank you!

06-16-13 (Sun) at 5:06pm. Anonymous. I noticed on page 13 of the Echo, you have some old numbers in relation to the county, such as the number 240-777-6000 for street lighting. That's incorrect. The number for tree maintenance is also incorrect. I didn't go through any of the other numbers. I would suggest that someone in their spare time check these numbers out. On page 4, it says all we have to do is call MC311. This is just some information, nothing urgent. Thank you. *[RCA Note: Thank you for pointing this out. Dialing 311 is the correct course of action. We'll work to get the phone list updated soon.]*

06-17-13 (Mon) at 11:00am. Not Anonymous. Received via [Info@RandolphCivic.org](mailto:Info@RandolphCivic.org). RCA, how about we get the ball rolling once again on the reconsideration of a dog park to replace one of the adjoining baseball diamonds to our community. What can we do to help? Who can we call? Obviously the economic downturn has subsided; we are now residents of North Bethesda. What will this take to make it a reality for RCA residents? *[RCA Note: Start by attending our RCA meeting in October. There you'll connect with*

*some of the people who worked on this issue previously.]*

06-19-13 (Wed) at 8:37am. Not Anonymous. Hello! On Saturday, I called to request a dry Echo and I wanted to thank you very, very much for providing it yesterday. I deeply appreciate it. It's a very interesting publication and I enjoy reading them – dry. Thank you again; have a great one.

06-26-14 (Wed) at 12:22pm. Not Anonymous. Received via [Info@RandolphCivic.org](mailto:Info@RandolphCivic.org). Hi I am trying to refinance my home and the mortgage company wants me to sign a rider that describes my home as being in a Planned Unit Development. I have never seen this before and object to it which is causing severe problems. Can anyone tell me if this area is in fact a PUD? *[RCA Note: Sorry, this is beyond the expertise of the RCA.]*

06-28-13 (Fri) at 9:14am. Not Anonymous. Hello and thank you for making this service available for Randolph Civic Association members. I would like to ask for a consideration. I always keep the Important Phone Numbers section up in my kitchen but my eyes have gotten a little worse and the print seems to be a little bit smaller. Maybe because the website addresses are up top, too. I'd like the print to be considerably larger for those of us seniors that are having eye problems. Would it be possible to make the whole list bigger? I would appreciate it and perhaps there are others would, as well. *[RCA note: As mentioned in the previous call, the list is out of date and needs to be updated. As an alternative, just call 311 with any requests for county service.]*

07-03-13 (Wed) at 11:34am. Not Anonymous. Received via [Info@RandolphCivic.org](mailto:Info@RandolphCivic.org). Greetings! I discovered your website tonight while surfing the Internet. I have to tell you how pleased I am to see the Randolph Civic Association still going strong after all these years! My Dad, Charles Simpson held multiple offices, including President, while I was growing up in Randolph Hills. I know he would be as pleased as I am, or more so, to see the organization functioning so well. Keep up the good work, and when I pass though the area again, I will be sure to check out the old neighborhood!

07-15-13 (Mon) at 6:42pm. Not Anonymous. Received via [Info@RandolphCivic.org](mailto:Info@RandolphCivic.org). Hello, I am not a resident of Rock Creek Hills although I work at a family business in the Randolph Hills Shopping center. I am very concerned about the intersection and how it is controlled. People for the most part do not stop! And if you are stopped, 4-5 cars will come across the bridge before you can go! The signs are frustrating. Traffic from the left doesn't stop! Oncoming traffic doesn't stop. I think there needs to be some control at this intersection before someone gets hurt. Can you as a citizens association do anything about this?? *[RCA Note: Over the years this is something the RCA has advocated for, but we are not a County department and have no control over the configuration of the intersection. However, the RCA has in the past and continues to advocate for a change at that*

intersection.]

07-17-13 (Wed) at 3:59pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Hi RCA, my husband and I bought a house last year on Patapsco Dr. I am interested in getting more involved in the community and was wondering about RCA membership. I downloaded your form to join, but it's from 2010-2011. I was wondering if this is still an active organization.

07-22-13 (Mon) at 10:56am. Not Anonymous. Hello. I live in Montrose Park and we have a truck with grass-cutting equipment in the trailer that parks down on Putman. He parks there most of the time but he doesn't live in the neighborhood. Is there some way we can get this truck out of this hood once and for all? Every time you all call the police and have them come out and do something, it's clear for a while and then it's not clear. He's back again. If you could, please do something about it. Thank you. [RCA Note: Unfortunately the RCA has no enforcement authority, and our best course of action is to continue to call in the infraction. Be aware though that even the police cannot ban an individual vehicle or person from an area.]

08-08-13 (Thurs) at 8:00am. Not Anonymous. I've just purchased a home on Wyaconda Road and had a few questions about becoming a member. Please call me back.

08-10-13 (Sat) at 10:07am. Not Anonymous. I'm calling today with grateful thanks for someone in my neighborhood, I don't know who, who found a small black dog on Wednesday, August 7th, or early Thursday, August 8th. She slipped her collar while I was walking her and she heard some fireworks. Because she was not mine, she wouldn't return to me. I picked her up at the Gaithersburg animal shelter on Thursday noon and I wish to thank the very kind person who found her and took her to the Nebel Street Animal Hospital. Thank you from me and her owners.

08-21-13 (Wed) at 2:55pm. Anonymous. I received your Echo newsletter, thank you. I am calling to ask that you check the telephone numbers in the list. I have been calling these numbers and none are working. Will you please update them? Thank you.

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## RCA President's Message

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plan for the "western workaround" and members of the Committee expressed frustration with the proposed design. In late July, I attended the County's biennial Capital Budget Forum in Bethesda and advocated for the full funding and construction of the "western workaround" as envisioned by the White Flint Sector Plan.

This fall, the discussion of Bus Rapid Transit will heat up as the County Council is holding two public hearings on September 24th and September 26th. The RCA Board will discuss this issue and other at our next Executive Meeting on September 5th. I will testify on the 26th, and am interested in your thoughts on this subject. Please email me at chad@randolphcivic.org.

Lastly, Community Day is right around the corner on October 5th, and we are holding our second annual 5K and children's fun run thanks to the efforts of Brian Hooker and Alison Dewey. Stick around after the race for our community day picnic. We had a great turn-out last year, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you there.



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## June Meeting Minutes

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will monitor this discussion.

- There are some proposed zoning changes. The County Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 11th, for community input. It does not appear that the changes will significantly impact us.

- It was reported that a "No Thru Traffic" sign was put up on Wexford and Beach Drive. Some people would like this type of signage on some RCA roads. Matt Tifford is going to inquire about the policy, as this seems to be a change from the previous stated position.

### 5. Standard Business and Reports

- The minutes were approved.
- Over the summer, it is hoped that the budget can be online as a Google doc.

- Amber Tedesco presented the Education committee report. Viers Mill PTA board positions start the new year this month and held training last month. Bright Eyes Day Care will be at Wheaton HS over the summer. Also, Wheaton HS graduated about 200 students, with Nancy Navarro as the graduation speaker. There was a question about Curriculum 2.0. Amber explained that it is getting easier as the teachers have had experience with it. There is little wiggle room for topics outside of the curriculum. Also, the report cards and grading are less clear. There is still no cluster PTA Coordinator.

- Matt Tifford provided an Environment committee update. The county's 3-1-1 service is working well. Previously, one had to decide which of many numbers to call. Now, when you call 3-1-1, they decide which agency to send it to. Also, you can go to [www.mc311.com](http://www.mc311.com). New flowers were planted by RCA signs last weekend. We are looking for people to water them. RCA is checking into Garrett Park Road near Schuylkill, which does not seem finished.

6. RCA Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.



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## *RCF Executive Meeting Minutes*

*By Bob Walker, Secretary*

ATTENDING: Lindsay Hoffman, President; Matt Tifford, Vice President; Bob Walker, Secretary; Mark Nensel, Treasurer; Members-Karen Helfert; Allison Dewey; Mike Saunders

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM, by the President.

#### **(A) GUEST SPEAKER OR PROGRAM PRESENTATION, IF ANY**

There was no Guest Speaker at this meeting

#### **(B) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bob Walker, Secretary was absent at the last meeting and Lindsay will prepare the brief minutes for approval at the next meeting

ACTION: Lindsay will prepare minutes for circulation

#### **(C) REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Lindsay called for the Treasurer's report which is as follows.

Treasurer's report - 8/28/13; submitted by Mark Nensel, RCF Treasurer

- Main account 6651 balance is \$1785.16
- Sign / beautification account 4648 balance is \$1205.69
- The two rainy day accounts each have \$100 in them
- Grand total as of 8/28/13 is: \$3278.85

Recent activity for the main account includes:

- 6/11/13 - reimbursement to Mike Saunders for RCF dinner expenses - \$13.92
- 7/1/13 -- We received a 'ParkPASS' refund of \$175 from MNCPPC, I deposited that to the main account
- 7/12/13 - RCF sponsorship to Matt Tifford for Memorial Day block party - \$150
- 8/28/13 -- \$88 to Matt Tifford for PO Box rental

Recent activity for the Sign account includes:

- 6/13/13 - Deposited \$90, marked as 'RCA transfer'
- 7/9/13 - paid the Brickman Group \$350.25 for labor/material for main sign by CESJDS

#### NOTES:

1) 8/27/13 -filed with the IRS covering the 2012 reporting year (7/1/12 thru 6/30/13) -the 990-N (e-postcard) -for Organization Exempt from Income Tax

2) Upcoming responsibilities include:

a. Completing RCF Budget document/ spreadsheet

3) Upcoming expenses will include:

a. Various block party grants (at \$150 each)

- b. \$500 to the RCA for RCF space in Echo
- c. TBD (unexpected emergencies)

Karen added she had some reimbursement items of \$200 plus for plants

Lindsay said she would like to establish a schedule for receiving the charitable donations marked for the Randolph Civic Foundation and submitted during the membership drive of the Randolph Civic Association to help with our budgeting and distribution decisions.

Mark recommended a quarterly time schedule would work rather than monthly.

ACTION: This recommendation was approved and Lindsay offered to speak with Dan Hoffman, Treasurer of the Randolph Civic Association.

Bob asked whether we need a schedule for fiscal transfers from the Foundation to RCA?

Mark said, April was the month that we supported our share of the community's ECHO publication at a cost of \$500.00.

#### **(D) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

There was no report at this time

#### **(E) SPECIAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no report at this time

#### **(F) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

There are no standing committees of the Foundation at this time.

#### **(G) OLD BUSINESS**

1. Clean-Up Day – another one this year?

Lindsay asked the members if we should follow-through on the suggestion for a second Clean-up Day we mentioned in our November meeting. In the discussion that followed there was unanimous support to go ahead. November was considered the best time and the date of the 16th for about two hours was selected. This was decided since most of the foliage was gone and the items needing removal could be easily seen.

Lindsay asked Allison to check on what was necessary and Allison asked if the Scouts were available.

Mike said that November was a busy month for the Scouts with a food drive and Christmas Tree lot.

A suggestion to use an all call and an announcement at the up-coming Community Day was suggested.

ACTION: Allison will follow-through on these ideas and report back to Lindsay.

In considering dates for the 2nd Clean-up Allison reminded us to remember the Community Day date. A brief discussion about the 5-K run for the youth was mentioned and everyone thought that it was great. Allison said there were enough water bottles from last year.

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2. Grant requests – any requests?

Bob said Christiana would submit one for about \$50 since there were enough hats and other items left over from last year.

Allison said she would be submitting one for the Welcome Wagon program.

Mike reminded us that as we go forward to keep in mind the difference between Randolph Civic Association and the Randolph Civic Foundation Purposes.

ACTION: We agreed to look more closely when we review our By-Laws at our next meeting.

3. Webpage

Lindsay asked if anyone had any suggestions for Matt, who had come in at this point.

Matt said to send him items and he will be glad to put them up.

4. By-Law Updates – were circulated, time for a vote?

Lindsay said that we should review them on line with changes we recommend and be prepared for a final consideration at the next quarterly meeting.

Mike pointed out a few highlighted areas.

ACTION: We are responsible for carrying through Lindsay's assignment.

5. Budget

Lindsay asked if we could also get this in place by next meeting.

ACTION: Lindsay asked Mark if he could work on this using the Randolph Civic Association's Budget as a format consideration.

6. Beautification Efforts (sign sites, etc)

Lindsay asked Matt to bring us up to date on the Signage sites.

Matt began by mentioning the need to improve the physical structure at the Schuylkill Road location. Perhaps a planter box would help. Beside the looks there is erosion other maintenance problems. Matt also suggested we see if there is a person who could give us some design ideas for that location before we take any development action.

ACTION: Karen said she had someone she worked with in her former home and at this one in Randolph Hills. She would contact him with Matt.

Matt also asked to get a list of people who were caring for the other sites. ACTION: He would post that as contact people and as an expression of appreciation for their work.

Karen asked if there should be uniformity for all the sites or whether individual artistic endeavor would be nice.

Matt suggested it would be nice to have the individual endeavor option and everyone else agreed.

Matt introduced the major issue for the evening about which Karen had written a note to Foundation Executive Committee members about the Boiling Brook site.

A discussion ensued identifying the lack of proper and adequate care from the Brickman landscapers. However, the dilemma was that there is no water supply for

easy maintenance by neighbors. However, for a \$15/hr. charge there may be someone in the neighborhood that would be willing to do this. This person did not drive, so the watering issue remained.

Someone asked Mike if he thought a Scout would be willing to do this, but the car issue remained since many did not have cars because of high insurance rate.

Karen said, she was on a gardener's Website that might have a solution for us.

Karen also mentioned it would be nice if Brickman followed-through with a promise to replace the perennials they had destroyed.

Karen suggested we get spreading juniper from Benke's to put around the border of the site and plant them this fall.

ACTION: Karen will check on the list serve she mentioned above and confer with Matt on her findings.

Matt will check on the lead of someone in the community looking for work and confer with Karen.

Matt will check with Mike to get some help from the Scouts for some site maintenance.

**(H) NEW BUSINESS**

Lindsay asked us to turn our attention to new business.

Mark suggested that it would be good for recognition of how things get done in a community, if we could somehow brand the benches that have been installed.


The discussion led to considering a wood burning type of mark. It was suggested that a plaque of some sort would be better, since it would have more and less confusing information than simply some initials.

ACTION: Lindsay will check into this.

ADJOURNED: 9:15 PM

*(Please note these minutes are draft and not yet approved by the board.)*

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## Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

Year after year, Troop 1083 expands, and provides its Scouts with opportunities for outdoor fun, learning, and service activities. Many events on the Scouting calendar occur annually, so one summer may resemble the one before, and the one before that. Yet, even though the summer of 2013 followed familiar patterns, it was unique and unforgettable nonetheless.

The summer kicked off in the traditional way, with the annual beach campout at Assateague State Park on June 21-23. As always, the trip featured an afternoon riding go-carts, a day at the beach, and a night on the boardwalk. The beach campout is always a Scout family favorite!

In July, the Scouts embarked on a variety of camping and outdoors activities. It all started on July 7, when two crews of Scouts and adult advisors headed to New Mexico for twelve days on the trail at the Philmont Scout Ranch. Then, on July 14th, a third crew of Scouts and advisors departed for a week on the trail at the Lenhok'sin High Adventure base at Goshen, in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western Virginia. Scouts participating in the High Adventure program are dually enrolled in the Troop and the Venture Crew; so, for more details on their 2013 adventures, see the Venture Crew article.

For the week of July 28 through August 3, over 30 Scouts attended a week of summer camp at the Rodney Scout Reservation on the Upper Chesapeake in North East, MD. They were accompanied there by eight dedicated adult leaders and they shared their campsite with (at least) one bald eagle!

Amidst all that camping and backpacking, on July 13th, Troop 1083's own Esteban Hernandez conducted his Eagle Scout service project, which involved making repairs and renovations to the gymnasium at St. Catherine's church at Veirs Mill and Claridge in Wheaton. Esteban led a group of volunteers as they worked on repairing (or in some cases replacing) the floor-level benches on the basketball court, and repainting the walls. After their hard work, the old gym looked brand new!

Also this summer, three former Troop 1083 Scouts—Matthew Best, Jason Beam, and Kyle Blakely—worked as staff members at the Goshen Scout reservation in Virginia. All three are Eagle Scouts, and they represented the Troop proudly as ambassadors of good scouting.

2013/2014 is going to be another great year in Troop 1083. We have outings throughout the year, where we learn and have a lot of fun. Why not join us? 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 Elementary School. You can call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048, or check out the troop web page at [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org).



*Troop 1083 took Camp Rodney by storm this year – again!!!*



## Beautify Our Neighborhood

by Lindsay Hoffman

The Randolph Civic Foundation is a neighborhood, non-profit organization focused on the improvement, betterment and beautification of our community. If you're new to RCA-land, you can see our work in the signs welcoming you to the neighborhoods and the benches at many bus stops. Our projects, like litter clean-ups and the colorful flowers and plants surrounding the signs, also require upkeep. In addition to physical contributions to the community, we also support activities like the local Scout troops, our annual neighborhood caroling and resident block parties.

We are always open to ideas on how to improve and beautify our neighborhood. Pride in this place is an extension of the pride we take in our individual homes and makes RCA-land a lovely place to live. This fall, we have the added benefit of some handy Scouts looking for projects to fill out their community service requirements. They've been a great force of labor for many of our efforts, so if you've seen a way that we can make a tangible difference in our neighborhoods, please email me at [LindsayHoffman@aol.com](mailto:LindsayHoffman@aol.com). Also be in touch if you'd like to pitch in on what we do!

### Join Your Neighbors Online

The RCA Yahoo Group is a great resource for keeping up with happenings in RCA land. Need a recommendation for a local handyman? Looking for a babysitter or dog walker? Want to learn more about local activities? Have an idea to improve our neighborhood?



Get in on the conversation at:

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## Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

The summer of 2013 marked the close of Venture Crew 1083's pivotal fifth year of operation. In the transition to Year 6, the Crew and its members participated in High Adventure activities, in greater numbers than ever before.

In the Scouting program, High Adventure refers to long-term outings, typically in wilderness settings. These outings require intensive preparation, with many week-ends spent on "shakedown" hikes and campouts, practicing strict leave-no-trace camping principles; building long-range and high-altitude hiking stamina; discovering which items are indispensable, and which ones are just extra weight, on extended backpacking trips; learning to cook, clean, and purify drinking water on the trail; preventing injuries and, if needed, providing first aid in remote settings; managing any kind of weather within a very wide range of extremes; and protecting bears and hikers alike by suspending food, garbage, and other "smellables" at night from ropes strung between trees at least 20 feet off the ground.

These practice hikes culminate in a weeklong trek at the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Base in the mountains near Goshen, Virginia. In July 2013, Venture Crew 1083 sent five youths and three adult advisors on their first of two annual Lenhok'sin itineraries. The boys hiked, camped, and lived out of their backpacks on the wooded mountain trails. They learned a lot about teamwork under pressure and they had an awesome time doing it. Hard work? You bet. Fun? Even more so.

After two years at Lenhok'sin, a Venture Crew 1083 posse spends its third summer at the Mecca of High Adventure, Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. In twelve days on the Philmont trail, the distances are greater, the altitudes higher (roughly 7,000 to 12,000 feet), and the wildlife a bit more varied (as in, bigger—and usually hungrier).

In July 2013, Venture Crew 1083 sent 19 trekkers to Philmont. Because 19 is too many hikers for a single contingent, they split into 2 crews that shared the same itinerary—meaning that they hiked separately, but they spent their evenings at adjacent or nearby campsites, comparing stories of their experiences of the day. Even more than Lenhok'sin, the journey poses an enormous challenge to overcome, and the fun and the excitement are beyond description. A trip to Philmont is truly a trip of a lifetime!

But even that wasn't all for the Venture Crew summer. The cherry on top came August 10, when Crew 1083 took a trip to HersheyPark for some good old-fashioned amusement park fun. Roller coasters? Water slides? Chocolate? Yeah, that'll work for us!

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 20. The Crew will meet every Monday night during the school year, from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Why not join us?





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*From Montgomery County Paperless Airplane, June 2013*

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Animal-related emergencies in progress should be reported to 9-1-1. Some examples are:

- a. Animal attacks in progress
- b. An animal locked in a hot car (particularly important this time of year)
- c. Animal cruelty in progress
- d. An animal creating a traffic hazard

Calls to report animal-related complaints should go to the police non-emergency number 301-279-8000. Use that number to report:

- a. A sick or injured animal or one that appears abandoned
- b. An animal neglect situation
- c. An animal in a trap issued by Montgomery County
- d. An animal in distress due to severe weather conditions (Animals without shelter or water)
- e. An animal threatening the well-being of a community

member (Not in-progress)

- f. An animal bite/attack (Not in-progress)
- g. An animal nuisance such as an animal at large, a barking dog or not cleaning up after a pet

If you spot a dead deer along the roadway, you can report the location through the County's MC311 Customer Service Center:

- a. Call 311 or 240-777-0311 (from a cell phone), Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., or
- b. To report a dead deer on a 24/7 basis, go to [www.MC311.com](http://www.MC311.com)

To reach the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, continue to call 240-773-5960 to inquire about:

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- b. the low-cost spay neuter program,
- c. pet licensing,
- d. reporting a lost pet or
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To reach the Police Animal Services Division, continue to call 240-773-5925:

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## News from Cub Scout Pack 1081

By Leora Hernandez

Pack 1081 is accepting boys from first grade to fifth grade into their pack. The boys enjoy learning all kinds of life skills and have experience a wide variety of activities such as camping, trips to museums, bowling, and skiing.

This past summer, the Smiths, Hackenbergs, Ayalas, and Metelkos all enjoyed the Civil War Encampment in Frederick, MD at the Rose Hill Manor Park & Children's Museum.

The Webelos attended Camp Tuckahoe which was had a pirate theme this summer. The cub scouts who attended are J. Levy, T. Parker, C. Hackenberg, M. Ayala, J. Tallman, W. Metelko, W. Tun, T. Kyaw, and S. Hernandez. We want to thank the adults who helped our cub scouts get around at camp: T. McMahon, F. Hackenberg, M. Ayala, M. Columbus, M. Tallman, M. Moezin, K. Kyaw, T. Kyaw, and A. Metelko. Some of the cub scouts also enjoyed fireworks in Hanover, PA on their way back from camp: S. Hernandez, W. Tun, J. Hackenberg, and C. Hackenberg, and T. Kyaw, along with parents F. and R. Hackenberg, M. Moezin, and K. Kyaw.

The Pack meets Mondays at Viers Mill Elementary School during the school year starting at 6:30 pm. Boys in grades 1st - 5th are welcome to join. You can contact our Pack Master at [rchackenberg@verizon.net](mailto:rchackenberg@verizon.net)



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

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11203 Schuylkill Road	\$415,000	\$415,000	5	\$0	06-Jun-13
12003 Rocking Horse Rd	\$399,900	\$399,900	6	\$1,000	07-Jun-13
4821 Ertter Drive	\$299,900	\$352,200	10	\$0	07-Jun-13
11615 Ashley Drive	\$259,900	\$267,000	3	\$0	11-Jun-13
4800 Topping Road	\$330,000	\$325,000	7	\$0	17-Jun-13
11708 Rocking Horse Rd	\$355,000	\$355,000	158	\$10,650	20-Jun-13
11216 Troy Road	\$389,900	\$389,900	7	\$500	21-Jun-13
4909 Stickley Road	\$359,900	\$350,000	71	\$1,500	27-Jun-13
5117 Brentford Drive	\$425,000	\$405,000	19	\$0	28-Jun-13
11811 Rocking Horse Rd	\$365,000	\$350,000	21	\$0	28-Jun-13
11900 Ashley Drive	\$419,900	\$415,000	5	\$0	09-Jul-13
11404 Schuylkill Road	\$330,000	\$330,000	60	\$0	19-Jul-13
11218 Rock Road	\$414,900	\$417,500	6	\$0	25-Jul-13
4602 Stoneleigh Court	\$399,900	\$412,500	6	\$0	31-Jul-13
11418 Schuylkill Road	\$375,000	\$355,000	105	\$0	16-Aug-13
11814 Old Drovers Way	\$379,900	\$375,000	21	\$5,000	19-Aug-13
11003 Schuylkill Road	\$420,000	\$420,000	3	\$500	19-Aug-13
4733 Wyaconda Road	\$405,000	\$405,000	4	\$0	20-Aug-13
4703 Coachway Drive	\$374,900	\$377,500	23	\$0	22-Aug-13

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