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Montrose Baptist Church and School Re-zone Application Update

By Brian Hooker

During the first week of May, neighbors abutting the Montrose Baptist Church property along Hunters Lane and Macon Road received notification from the church and school located on Randolph Road that they were applying to re-zone their property in advance of selling it. The letter, which has been posted on our website (randolphcivic.org), stated that the church was no longer near its congregation and students, and thus moving to be closer to those they serve. It is no secret that Montrose Baptist Church has been for sale for a while now and that they have bought property in the Gaithersburg area to which they plan on relocating. The property had previously been listed for \$15 million, however I am not sure if this is the price that is currently being offered by the future developer, identified as Palisades Development.

According to the application filed with the County, the property is currently zoned as single family residential (R-60/R90) and they are requesting a zoning change to residential townhouse (RT-15). However, being a religious organization, they are exempt from the zoning requirement and accordingly classified as an "exempt commercial" property. This particular residential townhouse zone that is being requested would allow up to 130 townhomes to be built on the 8.76 acre site (5020, 5010, and 5100 Randolph Road). It should be noted that there are less dense residential townhouse zones that would allow 6 units per acre, 8 units per acre, 10 units per acre, and 12.5 units per acre. The RT-15, at 15 units per acre, is the most dense residential townhouse zone that is allowed by the County. It can be reasonably assumed that if the property were sold to a non-religious organization the new owner would have to maintain the use of the property within the single family residential use zoning requirement.

So the question before the neighborhood is whether or not this change is keeping with the character and vision of what we desire in our community. Given all the townhome development going on in White Flint, is there really a demand for more townhomes? Would the community be better served by having another exempt commercial enterprise such as a private school occupy the space? Should it revert back to single-family residential use? As a community I believe it is important for our collective voice to be heard in this matter. I know around my neck of the Randolph Farms area questions are raised as to whether or not Veirs Mill Elementary School would be able to accommodate 130 new housing units, as well as whether or not any future development will try to re-open Putnam Road to Macon Road, or what the impact to traffic would be on Randolph and Rocking Horse roads, etc. A lot of these concerns are rooted under the assumption that the re-zoning request will be approved. I think it has been a church and school since the late 1950s -- does a change in that use into dense housing mesh with our vision of our future neighborhood? We know that the White Flint II Sector Plan, which covers our neighborhood and the Montrose property, is on the horizon. Should this type of change wait until that process is complete?

The letter from Montrose Baptist Church said that they would hold a community meeting in May or June. As I write this I have yet to hear from the church. However, we do know when the County will be holding their hearing. The re-zoning hearing is scheduled for September 22, at 9:30am before the Board of Appeals on the 2nd Floor Hearing Room in the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. In order to prepare for this meeting I would like you to share your thoughts over the Yahoo Group, or via direct email (email addresses of Board members are included inside the front cover of the Echo). Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you and continuing this discussion.

Upcoming Events

RCF Annual Spaghetti Dinner

June 5th, 2014 6:00pm-8:00pm, Viers Mill Recreation Center

VOTE on JUNE 24th!

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President's Message

by Brian Hooker, RCA President

This past month saw two great events in our community - the State delegates' forum and the MusicFest. The delegates' forum was attended by all the delegates who are running to represent District 18 in Annapolis. Challengers Emily Shetty, Rick Kessler, Natali Fani-Gonzalez, and Elizabeth Matory were joined by the incumbents Al Carr, Ana Sol Gutierrez, and Jeff Waldstreicher to share with the neighborhood a little bit about themselves and what they hope to accomplish if they are elected to represent us. I can say that I valued being able to meet each candidate and ask any questions that I had. The primaries are June 24 with early voting beginning on June 12 and running through June 19. My one disappointment with the event was the lack of participation from the neighborhood as a whole. As others have mentioned in the past, poor attendance may inhibit in our neighborhood's ability to pull these types of events together in the future. We understand that we live in a very diverse and very busy neighborhood. The Civic Association is always looking for new ways to engage people. We have come up with a few new ideas, but more on that in a minute.

MusicFest was held on May 4th and it was another great time had by all in attendance. We had great musicians from all around the neighborhood performing while we ate delicious Indian cuisine at Mem Sahib located in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center. I had the honor of presenting Christiana Drapkin this year's Volunteer of the Year award. Christiana has done an incredible amount of work as a previous Civic Association Board member, garden liaison for the neighborhood community garden, part of the neighborhood Welcome Wagon, and perhaps most profoundly for coordinating the annual holiday caroling in the neighborhood.

Since this is the last Echo prior to September we ask that you mark your calendars for October 4th. This will be the date for the neighborhood's Community Day. As in past years we plan on having the annual 5K and kids' fun run followed immediately by a cookout at the pavilion in Randolph Hills Local

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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..."

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June 2014 Update

Last 10 Randolph Civic Area Home Sales

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	11319 Schuylkill Rd	4	2	\$439,328	\$439,000	4/23/2014	\$0
Sold	11117 Rock Rd	3	2	\$349,500	\$355,000	4/2/2014	\$2,000
Sold	4801 Topping Rd	4	2	\$375,000	\$374,450	3/28/2014	\$3,500
Sold	12105 Hunters Ln	3	2	\$399,000	\$406,000	3/27/2014	\$8,000
Sold	11306 Schuylkill Rd	4	2	\$385,000	\$369,900	3/27/2013	\$0
Sold	12111 Portree Dr	3	1.5	\$425,000	\$430,000	3/25/2014	\$0
Sold	12004 Rocking Horse Rd	4	3	\$375,000	\$365,000	3/20/2014	\$5,000
Sold	5016 Macon Rd	5	3	\$324,900	\$324,900	3/14/2014	\$9,332
Sold	12203 Nordlie Dr	3	2	\$419,000	\$405,000	3/12/2014	\$2,000
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May 1st General Meeting Minutes

By Diane LaGrega Bertocchi

1. Call to order: 8:00PM
2. Candidates running for Delegate
 1. Al Carr
 2. Natali Fani-Gonzalez
 3. Ana Sol Guterrez
 4. Rick Kessler
 5. Elizabeth Matory
 6. Emily Shetty
 7. Jeff Waldstreicher
 8. Erin Yeagley – running for Democratic Central Committee

Opening remarks from the candidates:

Al Carr – currently serving and is a member of the environment matters committee. He has worked with Pepco to improve the electrical services to the community and helped pass a law to set standards for electric usage. He has also fought to keep service on the MARC line in our community and has worked to get a state grant to keep Garret Park nursery school open. www.alcarr.org

Natali Fani-Gonzalez – is a proud member of CASA de MD. She is also a working Mom who understands the importance of family and work balance. She is also endorsed by Labor unions, CASA de MD, and Montgomery County Public schools. www.natalifanigonalez.com

Ana Sol Guterrez – is a current Representative. She served eight years on the Montgomery county school board, the largest in the state of Maryland. The first Latina elected onto the school board and the Maryland delegate. She strongly believes that Montgomery County is not getting their fair of the MD State budget. www.vote4ana.com

Rick Kessler – has been a local Democratic leader and precinct official for over 15 years and is currently the Vice-Chair of the District 18 Democratic Caucus. Believes that Montgomery County is being used as the ATM for the rest of the state, but the rest of the state is not following our values. www.kesslerfordelegate.com

Elizabeth Matory – believes that we need basic middle class to grow in Montgomery County threw job creation for our young people. We need to focus on the economy and provide young graduates with career options. Believes that Montgomery County still has a problem with segregation in the school system. www.elizabethmatory.com

Emily Shetty – lives in Wheaton, MD and loves the diversity of the neighborhood. She supports Montgomery County schools, but is concerned about the overcrowding

in the schools. She is for “Fair Funding Distribution” of our tax paying dollars, encouraging small businesses, and improvements in public transportation. www.emilyshetty.com

Jeff Waldstreicher – enjoys reading the ECHO, especially the voicemail system. His issues and concerns for Montgomery County are Education, Environment, Transportation, and the Economy downturn that has hurt the county and especially the Randolph Hills neighborhood. www.jeffwaldstreicher.com

Rich Madaleno – is our current State senator. Would like to remind everyone about early voting and that you need to register as a Democrat in order to vote in the Democratic primary in Maryland.

The Primary Election Day is Tuesday June 24, but there is early voting starting June 12th thru June 19th from 10:00am to 8:00pm. The four closest voting centers for District18 are

Jane Lawton Recreation Center
4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase MD 20815

Montgomery County Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, Silver Spring MD 20850

Silver Spring Civic Building
8525 Fenton Street, Silver Spring MD 20910

Wheaton Community Recreation Center
11711 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton MD 20996

Official RCA Meeting began at 9:35pm

3. Old Business:

- Rocking Horse Center: Some RCA members have a meeting scheduled with MCPS’ Manager for Facilities to discuss Rocking Horse Center in June 2014.
- MusicFest 2014 tickets are now on sale! The first 25 tickets sold will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift card from Fresh Market. Tickets can be purchased online.
- The Community Yard Sale/Bazaar is Saturday, May 3rd.
- RCF Spaghetti Dinner on June 5th will start at 6:00pm. The RCA meeting will begin immediately following the completion of the dinner, around 7:30pm. This meeting will include a presentation by Friends of White Flint about projects that are on the horizon.
- Elections for RCA – The New Board Members are
President – Brian Hooker
Vice President 1 – Mark Nensel
Vice President 2 – Matt Tifford
Secretary – Diane LaGrega Bertocchi
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Director – Jason Ott (filling final 2 years of vacated term)
- White Flint Update: Pike & Rose construction is moving along and the farmers market is

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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?

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04-24-14 (Thurs) at 7:37pm. Not Anonymous.
Received via info@RandolphCivic.org. Hi!
I'm a long time member of RCA and a resident of Montrose Park. I am interested in the plans for the old right-of-way behind our neighborhood. It seems that the County intends to proceed with the construction of a road there, a road that will help no one and result in the destruction of more trees and green areas. It will also cause the stampede of all kinds of wildlife, into our yards, driveways and streets. We have the much-touted and very expensive ICC connector as an example. It is barely used. Also, the Montrose Parkway, although beautiful and pleasant to walk along, is quite underutilized. I do believe that the county's resources could be better spent in education, shelter, or the repair of the existing roads, which are looking more and more like an obstacle course with the proliferation of potholes. Thank you. *[RCA Note: This is the type of issue that is perfect to bring to an RCA meeting. We've discussed this in multiple editions of the Echo, but decisions are made on community positions at our RCA meetings. It's the best way to voice your opinion on County policy and projects.]*

04-28-14 (Mon) at 9:30am. Not Anonymous. Hi, I wanted to get more information on the Randolph Civic Association; I believe you have an event coming up on May 4th. Thank you very much.

04-29-14 (Tues) at 10:21am. Not Anonymous. Good morning, I'm interested in getting a space or a booth at the Bazaar. Please call me back; thank you!

05-02-14 (Fri) at 2:10pm. Not Anonymous. Hi! I'm curious about what time the doors open at the yard sale tomorrow as far as for setting up your own booth. If you have a chance to call me back today I'd greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

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News from Girl Scout Troop 1079

by Leora Hernandez

Our troop has decided to make this the final year. It was not an easy decision but with two troop members moving away at the end of the school year and the remaining two having busy schedules we concluded this was the best.

To close out the year we will have a fun filled backyard camping event the girls have planned themselves. It includes making most of their meals from scratch including lasagna, lemonade, and personal pizzas. In between meals, they will be tie-dyeing things like pillow cases and shirts, making friendship bracelets for each other, and taking instant pictures to remember their time as a troop.

What do teenage girls like to do? Apparently, go out to eat. We hope to gather one last time to eat out at a nice restaurant and celebrate our last get-together.

It has been wonderful being involved with girl scouts over the past 9 years and a troop leader for 8 of those. There are lots of fond memories of stormy campouts, breakfast with the dolphins, selling cookies, learning to make our own skin cream for a spa day, seeing "The Nutcracker", participating in the Cherry Blossom Festival, and so much more.



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President's Message
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Park. We'll have more information closer to the date on the neighborhood Yahoo Group, the RCA website, and in the September Echo as well. The other news of interest is the zoning change request submitted by Montrose Christian on Randolph Road. Please see my accompanying article in this Echo for more information and be sure to get on the Yahoo Group if you want to follow this development over the summer.

You may have noticed that the intersection of Boiling Brook Parkway/Rocking Horse Road has been painted along with the Boiling Brook and Schuylkill Road (eastbound) intersection in advance of the traffic calming/traffic control measures that have been discussed and described over the last several months (see April and May Echo's for details). The next phase will involve the placement of temporary markings so travelers can get used to the change before they begin pouring any concrete. As with previous improvements they will likely take a little getting used to once they are in place, but hopefully they will have their desired outcomes of increasing safety for pedestrians, bikers, and vehicles, and perhaps reminding travelers that they are driving in a neighborhood.

Lastly, I wanted to solicit the neighborhood's thoughts on improving attendance at Civic Association meetings. Some thoughts that have been discussed

includes providing a small stipend for someone to translate some of the Echo articles into Spanish, reducing the number of general meetings from every other month to just 4 times (once per quarter) per year, and/or having each meeting be part of a larger event featuring food and drink. Or perhaps we should just maintain the status quo. If you are, or are not, a regular meeting attendee, please send me your thoughts at info@randolphcivic.org on how you think we can improve neighborhood participation in the Civic Association.

Hotline
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05-02-14 (Fri) at 9:02pm. Not Anonymous. Hi, I'm calling about the MusicFest that's coming up. Please call me back! Thank you!

05-04-14 (Sun) at 8:46am. Not Anonymous. Good morning. I spoke with someone last week in regards to the Bazaar and I was told that it's on May the 4th at Loehmann's Plaza and I'm here at 8:30 and nobody is here. So, kindly give me a call back.

05-05-14 (Mon) at 1:30pm. Not Anonymous. Yes, I'd like to know whether you have a listing of someone in the neighborhood who is looking to cut grass?



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Community Fixture: Second Chance Wildlife Center

By Mark Nensel

A few Saturdays ago, my wife and I were in our backyard doing some spring yard-chores when up walked a very small black squirrel. He walked right up to my wife, put his hands on her sneakers, and started to crawl up her leg. While that was clearly a bit alarming at first, and she managed to shake him off, it was clear that he had no fear of us. We soon realized, due to his very small size, that he was a baby, and that he had fallen out of tree and he needed help. I went inside and donned some gloves and a heavy sweatshirt and came back out to him, and he approached me and started up my leg, at which point I was able to grab him gently and hold him in my arms and warm him up. He searched the crook of my arm for something to nibble on, but I was obviously not his Mom. They were long separated by then; he was orphaned and lost. We resolved to take care of him and we put him in a hamster cage and gave him some water and nuts. I soon realized he had fleas, so we did not bring him inside, and he spent two more nights outside (his cage covered in blankets).

By Monday morning it had begun pouring rain. I went to work and realized the squirrel needed proper care, so I googled 'squirrel rescue'. The first thing that came up was

an advice site that very quickly indicated that everything we had done to care for him was wrong – he should not have been eating nuts, he should not have had water, he should not have been left outside. Also very quickly I came upon the Second Chance Wildlife Center at www.scwc.org, which is a non-profit enterprise “dedicated to rehabilitating and releasing ill, injured and orphaned wildlife.” Thankfully, they were nearby, in Gaithersburg up near Airpark Dr. I raced home, plucked the baby squirrel from the cage, put him in a small box with a

towel, and headed up there.

The Second Chance Wildlife Center is located in an old farmhouse, set on the remnants of what was once a much larger farm, and is staffed by caring, licensed and certified wildlife rehabilitators. I was soon informed that the baby squirrel was only five weeks old; he was dehydrated and was experiencing a near-pneumonia bronchial situation. He needed immediate care (and they gave it to him). We should have brought him there the minute we found him.

It turns out that the squirrel has survived. He will stay at Second Chance until he is 20 weeks old, and by then he will have bonded with and learned from the other squirrels. He will then be released into the woodlands surrounding the Wildlife Center

And so, fellow RCA-Land residents – it is springtime, and baby animals may be falling from the trees. They do not have to die. They can be taken care of by trained professionals in a calm, clean and caring environment not very far from here. I encourage you to visit the scwc.org website and learn more about them. Volunteer programs and internships are available, and donations are tax-deductible.



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Sunday 12pm-6pm

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.

In March - T. Parker, J. Tallman, J. Hackenberg, C. Hackenberg, F. Ayala, M. Ayala, and T. Kyaw spent the night the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore with other scouts from other packs. They enjoyed some of the exhibits and an IMAX movie.

In April - Adults and cub scouts participated in the stream clean-up organized by Boy Scout Troop 1083.

The Pack had their Pow Wow in which new scouts received their Indian names from the medicine man. Order of the Arrow members performed a ceremony and awarded the Arrow of Light to the graduating Webelos II J. Tallman, W. Metelko, T. Kyaw, W. Tun, and S. Hernandez. The same Webelos II bridged over to Boy Scouts and were welcomed along with their families into Troop 1083. The Webelos I performed the closing flag ceremony.

The pack had a family campout at Cabin John. They also held their last pack meeting for this scouting year where each of the boys graduates to their new ranks.

In the summer months the Pack will have a picnic, participate in day camp for the younger scouts and sleep away camp for the Webelos.

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

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"I believe in **responsible growth** and understand that **environmental issues are social issues**," stated Natali Fani-Gonzalez.

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Natali has been endorsed by: Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association, Maryland AFL-CIO, UFCW Local 400, Building Trades Council, CASA in Action, Progressive Neighbors, the Montgomery County Hispanic Democratic Club and the Coalition of Asian Pacific American Democrats of Maryland. Natali received NARAL Pro-Choice MD 100% rating.

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Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin

During April, the Troop welcomed its newest members, as the "graduating classes" of Webelos II Scouts from Packs 493 and 1081 were the center of attention for the exciting Bridging Ceremony. Current Scouts assisted in the ceremonies, and welcomed their new fellow Scouts as they crossed over from Cub Scouting and into the Troop 1083 family. On the weekend of April 25-27, the newly bridged Scouts joined their older colleagues for a campout at Maryland's Smallwood State Park, just south of Indian Head and across the Potomac from Quantico.

The next camping opportunity followed three short weeks later, on May 16-18, at Patapsco Valley State Park in Ellicott City. The weekend's activities included geocaching, hiking, and rank advancement.

Also in April, Troop 1083 Scouts Noah Hall and Matthew Tiffany participated in the Order of the Arrow (OA) "Ordeal" induction. They were nominated and elected by their fellow Scouts, who recognize their friendly leadership among peers. The OA is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society, and the Ordeal emphasizes service and self-sacrifice. Additionally, Ryan Driscoll, who participated in his Ordeal ceremony last year and recently transferred to Troop 1083 from Troop 463, took the next step when he was inducted into the OA Brotherhood.

June will bring the annual beach weekend campout at Pocomoke State Park and Ocean City, with a day at the beach and a night on the boardwalk, right after the school year comes to a close. How's that for a way to kick off summer vacation! Then, in late July, many of the Scouts will attend weeklong summer camp at Camp Rodney on the upper Chesapeake Bay.

Each year since 2007, at least one Scout from Troop 1083 has served as a staff member at the National Capital Area Council's summer camp in Goshen, Virginia. Troop 1083's staffers have always stood out as model counselors. They love the outdoors, they're spirited, and they know their stuff. They're sincerely dedicated to making the young campers' experience a memorable one for all the right reasons. In 2014, the Troop will continue—or should I say expand—that tradition, as rookie staffers Kevin Oakes and Corey Byrne will join the 4th-year veteran Matthew Best at Goshen. In addition, Ben Safford will become the first member of Troop 1083 ever to work on the staff at Camp Rodney.

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, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the troop web page at www.troop1083.org.

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RCF President's Message

by Lindsay Hoffman

It has been a fantastic year for the Randolph Civic Foundation. Not only have we sponsored two neighborhood clean-ups, but we've also recently adopted the entire length of Boiling Brook Parkway as part of our county's "Adopt a Road" program. We helped sponsor neighborhood holiday caroling, service projects by local Eagle Scout candidates and multiple neighborhood Block Parties. And, as always, we have continued improving our neighborhood entrances with colorful flowers and landscaping.

Our Spaghetti Dinner in June was catered by our newest neighborhood gem, Vignola Gourmet, who donated the whole spread for our fantastic community gathering. Thank you, Vignola Gourmet! Following dinner, the RCF held elections during our Annual Meeting. It was then that we said goodbye to Mike Saunders, who has reached his term limit with the RCF Board of Directors. Mike has been, and will continue to be, a stalwart in our community and his voice will be missed in our active work. Thank you for your service, Mike!

We also welcome Ashley Salganik as President of our Board of Directors! Ashley lives with her family in Franklin Park and we're always excited to have new blood active with our work. Keep an eye out for her messages in upcoming ECHOs. As for me, I'll be sticking around in the role of Secretary for the Board (our former secretary, Bob Walker, has shifted into a Director position). See you around the neighborhood!

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Venture Crew 1083

By Ben Pitkin

Did you attend the RCA Spring Bazaar at Loehmann's Plaza on May 3? Venture Crew 1083 now sponsors that semiannual event, and provides the food and beverage sales for hungry and thirsty bazaar-goers. Perhaps you saw the Crew there, and made a purchase to support their efforts. The Crew thanks you! The proceeds support the Crew's High Adventure component, and as the dozens of young men and women who've been able to trek the New Mexico wilderness in recent years will attest, it is truly the trip of a lifetime. Every bit you do to help—and enjoying a burger and a soda helps—is most appreciated.

The next RCA Bazaar will be in October. Remember to check back the September Echo, or the RCA Yahoo group, for the exact date.

Do you like Mexican food? Really good Mexican food? If so, the Crew would like to invite you visit their friends at the Villa Maya restaurant at 5532 Norbeck Road (at the corner with Bauer Drive, in the Safeway shopping center) on Monday, June 16, anytime from 4 pm to 8 pm. If you tell your server you're there for the Venture Crew fundraiser, then the owners will donate 15% of your total check to the Crew (20% if you pay by cash)! If you've ever dined at Villa Maya, you already know the food and beverages are well worth the trip; but the funding boost you'll give to the Crew on June 16 really puts the cherry on top. So mark your calendar, and when you go, remember to tell your server you're there to help the Venture Crew!

As part of the preparation for next summer's big trip, the Crew's 2015 Philmont contingent will have a weeklong High Adventure tune-up this summer on the High Knoll Trail at the Blue Ridge Mountains Council's Scout reservation in Virginia. This will be the first time a 1083 Philmont Crew-in-training has visited High Knoll, in rugged high-altitude terrain in the Jefferson National Forest, southwest of Roanoke. It's sure to be a memorable trek!

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 20. Because its members are a little older, Crew activities are more self-directed, and typically more advanced, than those of Boy Scout and Girl Scout units. Crew meetings are Monday nights during the school year from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Why not join us? Bring a like-minded friend so you'll already know someone else at the meeting! For more information, contact crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755.

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May Meeting Minutes

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very popular.

A special thanks to Chad Salganik for his two years of service as President.

4. New Business:

•Montrose School has filed to rezone. They want to rezone to a residential zone, in order to sell the property which is 6 acres. The RCA is excited about something new being built in that location but is concerned with the unknown factors regarding development.

•New checks will be ordered with a new address.

5. Standard Business and Reports – No Reports

6. The RCA Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.



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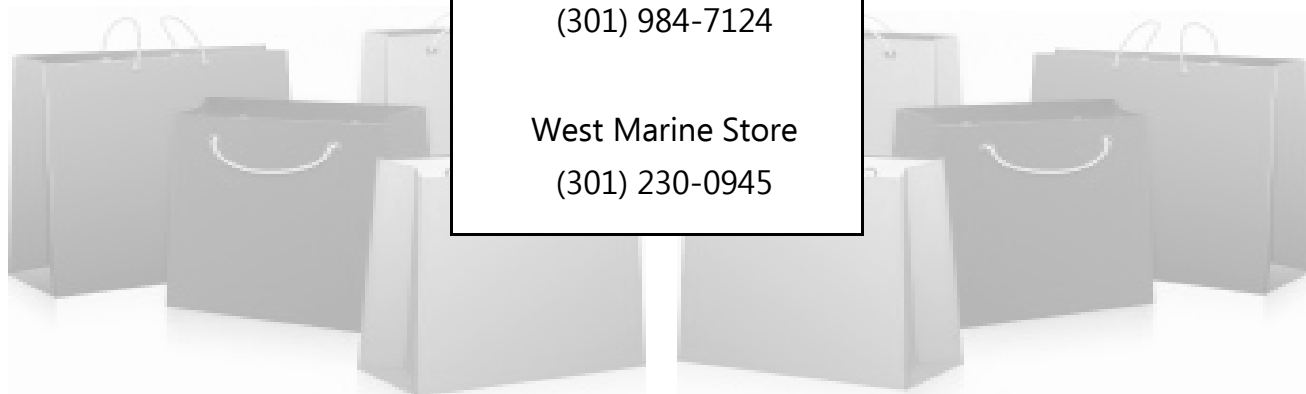
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12004 Rocking Horse	\$375,000	\$365,000	74	\$5,000	20-Mar-14
12111 Portree Drive	\$425,000	\$430,000	6	\$0	25-Mar-14
11306 Schuylkill Road	\$385,000	\$369,900	34	\$0	27-Mar-14
12105 Hunters Lane	\$399,000	\$406,000	10	\$8,000	27-Mar-14
4801 Topping Road	\$375,000	\$374,450	7	\$3,500	28-Mar-14
11117 Rock Road	\$349,500	\$355,000	5	\$2,000	02-Apr-14
11319 Schuylkill Road	\$439,328	\$439,000	0	\$0	23-Apr-14

note: the subsidy is the amount the seller paid towards the buyer's closing costs.



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