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MusicFest Returns!

Event to be held May 3rd at El Patio

by Mark Nensel

Changing venues this year, the annual RCA MusicFest will take place as a breakfast-brunch event on Sunday May 3rd at El Patio – the Argentinian restaurant located at Loehmann's Plaza, from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Proceeds from this yearly fundraiser go to the Randolph Civic Foundation Beautification Fund. In past years, the event raised enough money to purchase our neighborhood's beautiful entrance signs, perennials, and fund ongoing landscaping and maintenance efforts. Funds raised will go towards keeping our neighborhood entrances looking great.

Tickets are now on sale for \$15 per person, which includes entertainment, brunch and non-alcoholic beverages. All funds raised go towards the RCF Beautification Fund. Tickets may be purchased online via PayPal. Go to the Randolph Civic Association website for the link to the purchase site: <http://randolphcivic.org/>. If

you prefer to pay by check, e-mail musicfest@randolph-civic.org to coordinate your payment.

As always, the event acts as part-community-get-together/part-concert/part-feast. This year's entertainment, as of press-time, will feature four acts home-based in RCA-Land, including jazz-vocalist Christiana Drapkin with accompanying pianist Charles Sibirsky, original rock band Chance Gardener (featuring yours truly, the author of this article/Echo Editor Mark Nensel), vocalist-pianist Nell Rumbaugh, and Latin-jazz vocalist Bebel Delgado. It should be a fairly relaxed and easy-listening morning; an ideal way to start a spring Sunday and to support and fund your neighborhood's beautification efforts.

El Patio is located at 5240 Randolph Rd, Rockville MD 20852, at Loehmann's Plaza. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Christiana Drapkin



Nell Rumbaugh



Chance Gardener



Bebel Delgado

Upcoming Events

RCA Community Bazaar/Yard Sale

May 2nd, 2015 8:00am-1:00pm, Loehmann's Plaza - Come Early for a Good Space!
RCA members get a free space! Non-members pay \$10 per space.

MusicFest!

May 3rd, 2015 9:30am-12:30pm, El Patio in Loehmann's Plaza

RCA Executive Board Meeting

May 7th, 2015 8:00pm-9:30pm, Viers Mill Recreation Center

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President's Message

by Brian Hooker, RCA President

On April 3rd we held our annual meeting and elections followed by an update on the White Flint Sector Plan by Amy Ginsburg, the Executive Director of Friends of White Flint. I want to thank the majority of our Board Members for being elected to offer their services for another year. I said "majority" since we lost one long-time board member and gained a brand new one. I'd like to welcome our newest Board member, Chris Moran, who will be joining the Board for the first time as a director. We look forward to Chris' input and perspectives in the year ahead. I'd especially like to thank Dan Hoffman for his time on the Board. Dan will be stepping down from the Board after serving in one capacity or another since June 2007. I'm relieved to know that Dan will continue to be active in various committees and in the publication of our Echo newsletter. He is a great asset to the RCA. Mara Greengrass has graciously agreed to take over the Treasurer position from Dan. A big thanks to Mara for volunteering to take on that new role.

Regarding White Flint, we had a great presentation from Friends of White Flint after the election. You can see some of the highlights in the accompanying meeting minutes. But I did want to highlight that the County Council recently reaffirmed the schedule for development of the White Flint 2 Sector Plan, which includes Randolph Hills Shopping Center and Loehmann's Plaza. Work should begin by the County's Planning Department in June with a Council public hearing on the proposal by December 2016. So this June will kick-off a year-long process to re-imagine the areas around the newly branded Pike District. I know connectivity and rethinking the Rocking Horse Road/Boiling Brook Parkway intersection will be a top priority for the RCA.

Regarding changes, it looks like the developers of the Montrose Baptist Church/School property are going to hold to their June 19th hearing date for the re-zoning of the property. We look forward to re-starting our discussions with the developers over the coming weeks.

I'm happy to report that we've had a 15% increase in

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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

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/>

March Executive Meeting Minutes

By Diane LaGrega Bertocchi

Call to Order - Brian Hooker 8:07pm

New Business

2015 Annual Meeting and Elections (April 2)

The election slate is as follows: Treasurer – (Mara Greengrass, new), Director – (Chris Moran, new), President - Brian Hooker (incumbent), Vice President (Mark Nensel, incumbent), 2nd Vice President (Matt Tifford, incumbent), Secretary (Diane LaGrega Bertocchi, incumbent), Director – (Amber Tedesco, incumbent), Director – (Jason, Ott, incumbent)

Jack Stillwell calls for a motion. Dan Hoffman makes a motion to elect the slate as is. Jack Stillwell seconds. All in favor; Passes.

Guest speaker – Amy Ginsburg from Friends of White Flint. Why is White Flint redeveloping? White Flint, also referred to as the Pike District, is developing into a community that has less roads and more walkable areas. Phase 1, Pike & Rose, is an example of what the Pike District will be in 20 years. Phase 1 is almost complete and includes AMP, IPIC, retail, restaurants, and a gym. Phase 2 is starting now and will be done in about 2 years and will include a hotel, a bowling alley, and condos. The Civic Green area, which is south of Old Georgetown Rd, will be bigger than Rockville Town Center and Silver Spring's Veteran Plaza combined. It will be the central focus of the Pike District community. The roads will change in the Pike District to form a grid to ease traffic from Rockville Pike. Right now it is hard to drive around the area because there is no grid. Everyone needs to go to Rockville Pike to go anywhere. Executive Blvd will straighten to meet at Pike & Rose to create a system of roads other than Route 355. The Gables, (area between Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville Pike, and Executive Blvd), will have apartments with retail on the ground floor, a parking garage and a new Swim/Recreation Center. The Wall Park, Expanded Swim Center, and Recreation Center will "activate" this summer. Eventually the surface parking area will be a green space. There will be a dog park and outdoor activities for everyone to enjoy. Saul Centers, East and West (the strip mall with McDonald's to the 7-11) will be a mixed use development. North Bethesda Center (where Harris Teeter & Metro are located) is a joint project between WMATA and LCOR; will be 4.5 million square feet of mixed use development. There will be pedestrian bridge from NBC to Route 355 over metro. North Bethesda Market II phase 3 will be a mix of retail, commercial and residential buildings. North Bethesda 1 is where the Whole Foods, Paladar, LA Fitness, and Apartments are located. Lord & Taylor's lawsuits are delaying the project at the White Flint Mall. Demolition permits have been requested. There will be 1 million square feet of retail, 2,500 Apartments, 1 million square feet of office space, and a Hotel. East Village North Bethesda Gateway hopes to break ground early next year

with 11 acres of apartments and retail on the ground floor. Rockville Pike will be a Grand Blvd with 10' wide tree lined sidewalks, 3 lanes of traffic in each direction, bike lanes, and BRT lanes. The goal is to increase more public transportation, so this area is going "Urban Light". Friends of White Flint advocate the Pike District. Please like Friends of White Flint on Facebook. We want to educate people regarding the development in the White Flint. How much longer is Lord and Taylor going to put up a fight against the White Flint development? We do not know, but they have good lawyers and they are sparing no expense. Hopefully White Flint Phase 2 will start in June. They will seek more community input. Everyone (residents, commercial, and retail people.) wants the White Flint Phase 1 plan. Pike & Rose – when will it be done? It will take about two more years. Overall there has been positive feedback regarding Pike & Rose. There was a dispute between DOT and Montgomery County regarding the width of the road by Pike & Rose. Friends of White Flint helped in resolving the dispute. Friends of White Flint, wants a live work community, so they encourage the work component in the redevelopment plan for the Pike District. Friends of White Flint are an advocate and cheerleader for the Pike District and have more than 1,200 supporters. For more information on Friends of White Flint please go to www.whiteflint.org. Also Friends of White Flint is on Facebook and Twitter. There is a daily blog and a weekly e-newsletter.

Old Business

Music Fest will be a Breakfast Event on Sunday May 3rd at El Patio. El Patio provides a good Brunch Menu. Matt Tifford recommends getting some sponsorship at Loehmann's Plaza. Mara Greengrass makes a motion to approve the breakfast time slot of 9:30am to 12:30pm on Sunday May 3rd at El Patio. Brian Hooker seconds. Passes. Tickets are \$15/person. How does one buy tickets? One can buy tickets through Pay Pal online at www.randolph-civic.org.

Standard Business and Reports

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Passes.

Committee Chair Reports

Safety Committee (Greengrass) – The second district will be getting new police station and some new police officers. Membership and Welcome Committee (Greengrass, Hall, Rumbaugh) – The survey is up. Please fill it out. Information for the survey is in the ECHO. Hopefully we will have more feedback next month. There will be a bigger membership drive over the summer.

The RCA Yard Sale will be on Saturday May 2nd in the Loehmann's Plaza parking lot.

Environment Committee (Tifford) Funding for the sign beautification has dried up. We may want to promote giving money to the Beautification Fund for the neighborhood. Jason Ott recommends that RCA provide a purpose or "project" for people to give to the fund.

RCA Meeting Adjournment Brian Hooker makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Jason Ott seconds; Passes.



Bathroom Remodeling

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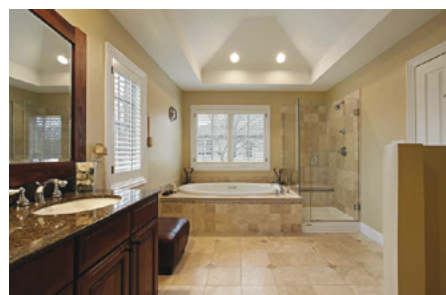
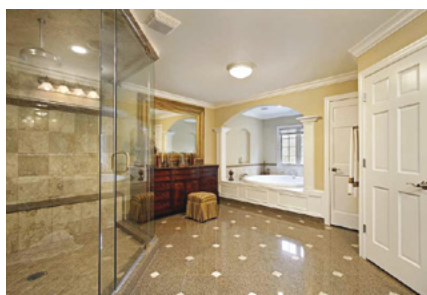
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03-13-15 (Fri) at 1:15pm. Not anonymous. Hi – I live off of Macon Road and I often run through the neighborhood. I mean to call yesterday. I was running on Boiling Brook Parkway - the section that would be closer to Randolph, rather than across the creek, so I guess that would be north Boiling Brook. I noticed a rope hanging from a tree and I found this really disturbing. Being that I'm, actually, a mental health care professional, I immediately thought of suicide or lynching. I'm not sure why that rope would be there and it really bothered me. I'm not sure who to call about this. If you have a chance, I'd appreciate a call back. It's disturbing to see this in our gentle, quiet neighborhood. *[RCA Note: The RCA responded and investigated the rope. The rope appears to be an old abandoned rope swing in the county right-of-way along the Boiling Brook stream bank. If the swing is no longer in use it should be removed.]*

03-23-15 (Mon) at 5:15pm. Not anonymous. Received via info@randolphcivic.org. Kudos to Philippe, Mike, and Mark of Oxbow Rd. for their relentless help keeping our sidewalks shoveled and clear throughout the long hard winter!! We are forever in your debt. Your Grateful Neighbors

04/20/15 (Mon) at 9:46pm. Not anonymous. Received via e-mail. About 9:30 I looked out my front window. Strangely, I noticed a car with its lights off parked in my driveway. I turned on the front porch light. The car backed out of the driveway and drove away quickly. I didn't really process it all initially, or I would have gotten better info. The car was dark colored, newer, relatively small with fancier rims like racing style. I called Police (non-emergency). They presented two options: 1) send an officer out to take a report or 2) request additional patrols in the neighborhood. I opted for #2, as I don't see much benefit from my lack of info on the car. I called Wheaton station. They informed me that they would not send out additional patrols based on the situation. They would send an officer if I wanted. I'm not thrilled with there being no action, so I set the home alarm and went to bed.

Perhaps my perspective is influenced by dealing with an attempted break-in a couple years back.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a year-round threat

By Mark Nensel and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

The funeral for seven children and their father held on the Maryland Eastern shore on Saturday April 19 is a deeply tragic reminder to us all to make certain our respective homes have a working carbon monoxide (CO) monitor to properly detect and provide an early warning before deadly gases build up to dangerous levels. Authorities recommend that if a home consists of two stories or more, two detectors should be installed. CO detector-monitors can be purchased at most major box stores (Home Depot, Target) and supermarkets.

The victims of the poisoning event lived in Princess Anne, Maryland, while using a generator inside the home to power heating units; they died in their sleep. Delmarva Power had disconnected the house's electricity two weeks earlier, after having found an alleged "stolen electric meter" attached to the house.

Even though the incident occurred as a result of a cold winter, CO poisoning can happen at any time of the year.

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service offer several tips well-worth noting and remembering: CO is produced anytime a fuel is burned. Potential sources include gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, clothes dryers, barbecue grills, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, gas ovens, generators and car exhaust fumes. Install at least one battery-powered CO alarm or AC-powered unit with battery backup on each level of your home and near sleeping areas. Keep chimneys clear of animal nests, leaves and residue to ensure proper venting. Have all fireplaces cleaned and inspected annually. Don't block or seal shut the exhaust flues or ducts used by water heaters, ranges and clothes dryers. Do not use charcoal or gas grills inside or operate outdoors near a window where CO fumes could seep in through a window. Replace CO alarms every five to seven years in order to benefit from the latest technology upgrades.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, carbon monoxide poisoning is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America. It is one of the most dangerous of all poisons because often people don't know it is present until it is too late. Minor symptoms of CO poisoning include: headache, nausea, vomiting, irritability and blurred vision. Moderate symptoms include: drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, fainting, severe headache and difficulty thinking. Severe symptoms include: increased heart rate, loss of consciousness, convulsions and/or seizure. If you notice these symptoms and suspect that carbon monoxide is the cause, leave the area immediately and get outside to fresh air. Call 9-1-1 and seek medical help.

Neighborhood News Bites

- Attention all thrifty shoppers and spring cleaners: the RCA Community Bazaar/Yard Sale is happening on Saturday May 2, 2015, 8:00am-1:00pm, at Loehmann's Plaza. Show up early to get a good spot! RCA members get a free space. Non-members pay \$10 per space. Any questions contact Jessie at jessiemcginley@gmail.com.
- The Pike Central Farm Market re-opened for business on Saturday April 25th. It is located in the empty parking lot at 5922 Executive Blvd, up just beyond the Pike & Rose as Old Georgetown Road curves toward Bethesda, on the left. Eventually the parking lot will be redeveloped and the Farm Market will return to the Pike and Rose property. But for now, at least, farm-fresh produce, meats, plants and services (including those handy utensil-sharpening folks) have returned, from now through November 21, 2015! Check out the Farm Market's website for more information: www.centralfarmmarkets.com/vendors/pike-central/
- Is it a robot? No, it's a new speed camera recently installed in the 4900 block of Randolph Road (east bound), at Hunters Lane & Randolph Road. Its intention is to slow drivers down as they approach the pedestrian crossing by the bus stop near the Hunters Lane intersection. We alert you now, dear RCA-Landers, of its existence, to save you a bit of money.
- According to Aaron Kraut of BethesdaNow, the developers behind the three-building Gables White Flint project went before the Montgomery County Planning Board in late April seeking approval of the project's preliminary plan and site plan. This is the 476-residential-unit / 31,000 sq. ft. of commercial space that will be built just north of the Shriver Aquatic Center on the site of the current empty lot housing the Pike Central Farmers Market. Executive Blvd. as it passes the Aquatic Center and the Marriott will be realigned as part of the process. And a new parking facility for the Aquatic Center will be constructed too. This is the plan anyway. Take a look at a rendering of the project. [PHOTO of rendering is in May Photo file, 'Gables White Flint Rendering'; note photo has rooftop of the Shriver Aquatic Center in background]



New Speed Camera on Randolph Road



Rendering of new Gables White Flint development

- Here's a family fun event at Nationals Park on Saturday May 16: M&M's Opera in the Outfield: "Cinderella". A free live opera simulcast at the ballpark of the Washington National Opera's performance of Rossini's popular retelling of Charles Perrault's beloved Cinderella story. It's a perfect springtime treat for the entire family, rain or shine, organizers say. Gates open at 5 p.m. for "pre-ball" activities. Performance broadcast on the big screen begins at 7 p.m. Arrive early for pre-opera activities, including: a Royal Parade, photo opportunities with characters, chances to win prizes, kids playground with dress-up trunk, arts & crafts, and face painting, and more.

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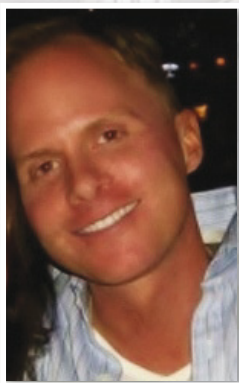


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On-line Survey of RCA-Land residents still underway; let's hear from you!

By Katy Hall

We'd like to send out a big Thank You to all of the RCA online survey participants. The response has been incredible so far. We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to answer the short survey and provide suggestions to the RCA. Your feedback is invaluable and we are extremely excited to hear from all the residents of RCA-Land. We encourage all residents to attend our general meetings but understand that it's not always possible and the survey has provided an additional way for your voice to be heard.

So far suggestions range from what residents would like to see at general meetings, traffic concerns, website utilization, more community activities/events, and even appreciation for the work our board does.

The RCA board will review all suggestions so if you haven't already registered your responses yet, the survey is still available for you to fill out online. We DO want to hear from you!!

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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 for more information and to learn how you can help.

President's Message
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folks following our Facebook page (facebook.com/randolphcivic). It still doesn't have the same reach as our Yahoo group or the Echo newsletter, but it is a great way to share photos and other current news. Go there to see pictures of our neighborhood's successful stream clean up on April 11th organized by our local Boy Scout Troop.

As the days continue to warm and lengthen my spirits continue to be lifted. Lately I've seen the Community Garden on Macon Road buzzing with activity as folks prepare their gardens. It feels like we are beyond the last frost but many gardeners will tell you that fragile plants should not be planted until after May 10th (Mother's Day). Happy gardening and I hope to see you at our last general meeting in June before the summer break!



Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time for the neighborhood stream clean-up!

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RCF President's Message

by Ashley Salganik

On behalf of the Randolph Civic Foundation, I send a huge thank you to everyone who helped clean up our neighborhood on April 11th. Also, thank you to George Gadbois and the Boy Scouts for their leadership in the event. Our neighborhood looks great after the cleanup!

Here's a quick reminder about our Randolph Civic Foundation Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner. This year's event will be on June 4th at 6pm -- I hope you can join us to spend time with your neighbors and enjoy a delicious meal. The meeting and dinner will be held at the Viers Mill Recreation Center; please mark your calendars!

In May I will be coordinating the planting of flowers at our neighborhood signs. If you would like to help out and make your neighborhood sign look great by planting some colorful flowers, please send me an email at: ashleysalganik@gmail.com. A little help with planting, watering and weeding will be very much appreciated!

Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin

Way, way back in the murky past—it was in April 2008, according to legend—a vast herd of Webelos Scouts bridged over into Boy Scouts and joined Troop 1083. There were more new Scouts that year than in any other, before or since.

Seven years later, that vast herd now represents the largest “senior class” the Troop has even seen. Several of the members of that senior class have already completed the arduous climb to Scouting's highest rank of Eagle; after all, there's no requirement to wait until after one's 17th birthday. Nevertheless, many of Troop 1083's current Life Scouts passed major milestones on their way to Eagle in just the last month.

On March 20th, Aidan Gibbons passed his Eagle Board of Review, the final hurdle in the long trail to the Eagle. Aidan officially became the newest member of Troop 1803's ever-growing ranks of Eagle Scouts that night, but he won't be the Troops' newest Eaglet for long.

From April 5th to the 16th, on four occasions, Spencer Brigman led teams of volunteers into the woods with shovels and pickaxes to complete his two-stage Eagle Scout service project, which involved conservation and restoration of a nature trail at the Croydon Creek Nature Center in Rockville. Using only downed logs, Spencer's crew first installed a series of gradual steps on one section of the trail, improving footing and implementing erosion control. Later, Spencer and his helpers widened, cleared, and leveled a different section of trail, which had been dangerously narrow and banked toward a stream below.

Brian Lin's Eagle project took place on April 18th. In his own words, Brian led his team in “constructing two pairs of cornhole gamesets, and two gift wrapping carts for the Children's Inn at NIH. The project involved cutting the wood into the correct pieces, assembling the pieces together, and painting the finished product.” As Midwesterners know, cornhole is a game of skill in which contestants toss beanbags toward an inclined plywood target, aiming to get the bean bag to disappear through a circular “cornhole” cut into the goal. It's similar to horseshoes, except that you'd rather be hit by a poorly thrown beanbag than an errant horseshoe. Building two complete gamesets meant constructing four targets (think of horseshoe pits; there's one at each end). The two gift wrapping carts look similar to a chest of drawers on casters; Brian designed, and his team built, the cabinet and drawers from scratch. That's no small job!

The next day, April 19th, Scouts, friends, and family members gathered to celebrate Ben Safford's Eagle Court of Honor. No matter how many of these ceremonies you attend, each one is uniquely special and provides its own memories, laughs, and goosebumps. Ben's was no exception!

The Scouts participate in community service efforts besides Eagle projects. One example is Potomac Watershed Cleanup, which takes place each year along streams and tributaries in four states and D.C. In RCA-land, Troop 1083 coordinates the event. This year's cleanup occurred on April 11th. Over 30 RCA-Land volunteers—about half of them Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts and family members—climbed down to the water on Boiling Brook, at Waverly-Schuylkill Park, and at Winding Creek (near Gaynor Road) and hauled out over 40 bags of trash and recyclables. Along with the usual assortment of tires, bicycle frames, and too many bottles to count, this year's most unexpected “treasure” was an electric (Continued on next page)

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lawnmower.

The same weekend of the stream cleanup, four Troop 1083 Scouts—Aiden Finn, Mark Kimball, Devon Rappaport, and Mark Unger—were inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society. The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, includes a service project. The new Arrowmen planted trees, spread mulch, and hauled trash from a streambed at Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg. Additionally, fellow Arrowman Noah Hall completed the requirements to advance to the Order's second level, the Brotherhood.

Before all those service projects kept the Scouts busy throughout April—way back on March 20-22—Troop 1083 hosted WEBELOS II scouts from Cub Scout Packs 1081 and 493 for the annual WEBELOS Weekend campout at Cabin John Park. The older Scouts taught the WEBELOS about fire building, axe safety, and hiking. In the evening, all the campers broke camp for a few hours to go swimming at the Rockville Swim Center, and then returned to the campsite for some toasted marshmallows before turning in.

If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill ES, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the Troop's web page at www.troop1083.org.



Spencer Brigman (right) supervises trail maintenance



Brian Lin (standing) monitors furniture construction



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Any questions contact Jessie at jessiemcginley@gmail.com

Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Corresponding Secretary

The Venture Crew is focused on High Adventure as the 2015 Philmont Crew fine-tunes in the home stretch to The Big Trip in July, and the 2017 Philmont Crew gears up for its first trip to the Lenhok'sin High Adventure trail at Goshen, Virginia, this summer.

On the weekend of March 27-29, the 2015 Crew's preparations took the shape of a shakedown hike covering the Maryland section of the Appalachian Trail. Camping in tents with overnight temperatures dipping into the teens provided the Crew with a sample of the temperature extremes one can encounter at high altitude—even in the summer. It won't drop into the teens in New Mexico in July, but it can (and does) get down to freezing sometimes.

To make sure they too are up to the physical challenges they're going to face, all adult advisors on Philmont Crews must take a grueling advisor hike in either March or April before their trip west. With full backpacks, hopeful advisors are led up and down steep trails at a rigorous (some call it cruel) pace. The hikes take place either in the Catoctin or the Shenandoah Mountains. The inclines there are respectably rugged, but because the local mountains can't match the western altitudes, that wicked pace is the best available substitute. And the 1083 Crew barely broke a sweat.

The advisors also attended a recent training session in Haymarket, Virginia, to give them useful tips about gear and equipment, wilderness safety, trail cooking, wildlife encounters, and numerous other pieces of practical knowledge that one generally doesn't have to think about in a routine 9-to-5 day.

AND REMEMBER: Come to the RCA Spring Bazaar at Loehmann's Plaza on Saturday morning, May 2, and visit the Crew. Come hungry, and get a burger or a dog—or both!

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 20. Crew meetings are every second Monday night, 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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4915 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$429,900	\$410,000	82	\$0	26-Feb-15
11213 Troy Road	\$415,000	\$397,700	75	\$5,000	27-Feb-15
11914 Rocking Horse Rd	\$368,000	\$361,000	214	\$10,720	12-Mar-15
11219 Troy Road	\$375,000	\$375,000	151	\$8,750	12-Mar-15
4716 Wyaconda Road	\$380,000	\$371,500	5	\$0	17-Mar-15
11820 Old Drovers Way	\$379,900	\$380,000	11	\$5,000	18-Mar-15
12007 Rocking Horse Rd	\$319,000	\$310,000	214	\$8,000	26-Mar-15
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