

The ECHO

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Your Turn to Help: RCA-Land Cleanup, October 24th

by Ashley Salganik, RCF President

On Saturday, October 24th, the Randolph Civic Foundation will work to beautify RCA-land. RCF volunteers (that means YOU!!) will be sent throughout the neighborhood for a clean-up of our surface roads and other areas.

One area we will be focusing on is Boiling Brook Parkway, which the RCF adopted recently through the Adopt-A-Road project. There are two ways you can pitch in. First, email me at ashleysalganik@gmail.com with suggestions for where we can focus our efforts. Second, join us at 9am on October 24th in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center Parking Lot to collect your gloves, bags and assignments. Your whole family is welcome.

It will be a great way to connect with your neighbors, and to keep our neighborhood a source of pride! For all of our middle school and high school students, this is a great time to earn some SSL (Student Service Learning) hours!



Back to the Future Election District for RCA-Land?

by Brian Hooker, RCA President

As hopefully many residents learned at the October 1st RCA meeting, Maryland Delegate Al Carr is drafting legislation to reunite RCA-land into a single election district. This would bring back together precinct 4-15 (area north of Randolph Road, votes at Rocking Horse Center) and precinct 4-26 (area south of Randolph Road, votes at the Viers Mill Rec Center) into a single precinct and polling place.

The election districts were re-drawn after the 2010 census split RCA-land into two districts on either side of Randolph Road. This has meant that residents of Randolph Farms, where the Rocking Horse Center polling location is located, could no longer vote at that location. This defied all logic for many residents in that area.

Delegate Carr is seeking input from residents regarding this proposal. If you missed Delegate Carr's presentation at the October RCA meeting there is still plenty of time to give feedback. The bill hearing isn't until Monday, November 30, 2015 in Rockville before the Montgomery County Delegation. Final action on the legislation wouldn't be until mid-January 2016. Send comments to: alfred.carr@house.state.md.us and to president@randolphcivic.org.

At left: Trash dumped in the park at the intersection of Coachway and Ashley near the Randolph Hills sign.

Thanks to resident (and retired State Senator) Frank Shore for convincing MNCPPC to install a new trash can at the site. Lots of trash is still there in the ravine for the Fall Cleanup on October 24!

**INSIDE ON PAGE 9: THE 2015-2016 RCA
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM!
PLEASE SEND YOURS IN TODAY!**

Upcoming Events

RCA Community Bazaar: Saturday October 10. 8am-1pm, Loehmann's Plaza

RCF Adopt-a-Road / Community Cleanup: Saturday October 24, 9am, Randolph Hills Shopping Center

Halloween in RCA-Land: Saturday October 31. Trick or Treat safely everybody!

7th Annual RCA-Land Holiday Caroling: Monday evenings in December; Dec. 7, Dec. 14 & Dec. 21.

RCA President's Message - October 2015

by Brian Hooker, RCA President

Dear Neighbors, it is hard to believe that fall is now upon us. October brings with it Community Day, which by the time this is published will already have occurred. I hope everyone had a great time! October also holds a favorite "holiday" for many residents, Halloween. In the eight years I have lived in the neighborhood I have seen trick or treating ebb and flow with the neighborhood age groups. I always try to have my kids visit our immediate neighbors before we head over to Franklin Park (Otis Drive) where there are some residents who like to put on a spooky Halloween display. If you know some good local Halloween destinations send me an email and we'll share them via Facebook and our neighborhood Yahoo email group.

As I've written about previously, the White Flint 2 Sector Plan has kicked off. In fact, I hope we are able to provide some community feedback to the owner of the Randolph Hills Shopping Center over the coming months regarding how our neighborhood envisions future development. There is a separate summary in this issue of the Echo regarding the first outreach meeting about schools in the Walter Johnson Cluster. That feeder system is facing some potential overcrowding issues that residents would like addressed before approving any new development. This is currently not an issue for the Wheaton H.S. feeder schools, of which we are a part. Speaking of Wheaton H.S., the information I have currently indicates that new school construction remains on schedule to have the students move into the new building the first week of January after winter break. It should be a pretty impressive new high school when all the work is complete.

I have mixed feelings to learn that original developer of the Montrose Christian Church property is no longer a part of the project. After amicably parting ways, the Church has identified a new developer. The RCA is actively engaged with the Church to learn more about what the new developer intends to do on the site if granted their re-zoning request. As we go to press the re-zoning hearing for the new townhomes is still set

for December 11 and we have invited them to present their plans to the community on December 3rd.

According to the WSSC website the Rock Creek sewer rehabilitation and repair at the Garrett Park Road bridge should be finishing up by October 21. I know that many residents along the Rock Creek Park boundary experience sewer back-ups fairly regularly. This repair work is supposed to alleviate that problem. Also in Rock Creek Park the County has installed a lot of new signage. I think it will be hard for anyone to get lost in the trail system now. I especially like that it looks like they finally standardized the mile markers along the trail.

As the days get shorter I urge residents to keep an eye out for cyclists and pedestrians who will become harder to see in the mornings and evenings. Happy pumpkin carving to all!

Do you want to write for the Echo? Do you have a story to tell, or an issue to discuss with your neighbors? Feel free to contribute; the Echo is *your* community's newsletter. The deadline for article submission for the upcoming November/December issue is: Friday October 30th.

Write to Echo Editor Mark Nensel at marknensel@gmail.com with your ideas, and if you have any questions.



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

Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.

The Echo is the official publication of the Randolph Civic Association, Inc., P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852. The Echo is published 8 times a year and distributed free to all residents of Franklin Park, Hilltop Square, Montrose Park, Randolph Hills, and Randolph Farms. Deadline for submission of articles varies; the next deadline is noted in each issue. If you would like to send an article in for consideration, please email the article to info@randolphcivic.org.

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

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

Address...	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	Subsidy	Date Settled
4600 Stoneleigh Court	\$279,000	\$279,000	0	\$0	03-Aug-15
12006 Ashley Drive	\$299,900	\$270,000	2	\$0	04-Aug-15
4627 Gemstone Ter	\$345,000	\$340,000	28	\$5,000	04-Aug-15
11213 Ashley Drive	\$364,900	\$364,900	7	\$2,000	18-Aug-15
11107 Rock Road	\$379,900	\$380,000	8	\$0	18-Aug-15
11512 Ashley Drive	\$407,500	\$397,000	32	\$1,000	21-Aug-15
12104 Lauderdale Drive	\$350,000	\$345,000	8	\$2,000	24-Aug-15
11704 Rocking Horse Rd	\$315,000	\$315,000	4	\$0	25-Aug-15
12220 Hunters Lane	\$394,900	\$390,000	96	\$0	01-Sep-15
4619 Olden Road	\$330,000	\$340,000	6	\$5,750	10-Sep-15
4611 Olden Road	\$379,900	\$360,000	133	\$0	11-Sep-15
11203 Ashley Drive	\$449,900	\$445,000	107	\$700	17-Sep-15
4603 Coachway Drive	\$369,900	\$370,000	126	\$11,000	18-Sep-15
4812 Creek Shore Drive	\$412,000	\$407,500	30	\$0	25-Sep-15

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September 3rd, 2015 RCA Board Executive Meeting Minutes

By Diane LaGrega Bertocchi

Call to Order - Brian Hooker 8:02pm

Old Business

Postponement of Montrose Baptist Church June 19, 2015 OZAH meeting until December 11, 2015. Since the meeting has been postponed, we have more time to work on testimony for the zoning.

Boy Scouts of America Meeting Court of Honor and ECHO distribution. Brian Hooker and Diane LaGrega Bertocchi attended the Court of Honor meeting on June 15th 2015 at the Elk Lodge in Rockville, MD for Boy Scout Troop 1083.

New Business

New transparency in communication (Google).

Brian Hooker would like to move away from the current file management and communication system used by the RCA. The RCA has a Google nonprofit business account that offers all of the RCA's needs in one system. The RCA has enough accounts and document storage through Google for each position on the RCA board. This way the board members can view all necessary documents. Brian Hooker makes a motion to move all our RCA business to Google enterprise. Mara Greengrass seconds. Passes 5 to 0.

Review of 2016 budget and current finances.

Mara Greengrass is the treasurer. The accounts are healthy and the RCA plans to put the budget online for community members to view once the everything is moved over to Google documents.

Federal tax update

Due to IRS changes in the way that non-profits file their taxes back in 2007, the RCA needs to pay a new application fee. Once the application has been approved, the treasurer will file the electronic postcard for the IRS for the RCA at the end of the fiscal year beginning in June 2016.

Echo Newsletter

Echo Editor computer purchase

Due to staff changes with the Echo editor, the new editor is in need of a new computer for the publishing of the Echo. The estimate for the purchase of a new computer that meets the software needs is \$1,600. Matt Tifford make a motion to approve up to \$1,600 for the purchase of a computer for Echo production. Mara Greengrass seconds the motion. Passes 7 to 0.

Long-term options for Echo newsletter distribution.

Due to the logistical issues with getting the Boy Scouts the September Echo and getting it delivered in advance of Community Day, the RCA elected to mail the Echo newsletter for September 2015. The cost for the mailing the September 2015 Echo was \$437. The RCA is discussing the budget and different ways of distributing the Echo for future issues.

Sign Insurance

The Board elected to table the discussion of insurance for the neighborhood signs to the October 2015 general meeting.

Nominations

Nominations for safety chair. Mara Greengrass has her hands full with the treasurer's duties. The Board elected to table the nomination for safety chair for the October 2015 general meeting.

2016 Membership Drive

Due to the mailing of the September 2015 Echo issue there is no return envelope with the RCA membership form. If the amount of completed membership forms falls below normal, then the Board will need to revisit how to include the membership form in the Echo newsletter. [Editor's Note: RCA Membership forms should be mailed to: Randolph Civic Foundation, P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, MD, 20852]

Development Updates

White Flint 1 (White Flint Mall)

Lord & Taylor and Lerner continue to be embattled in the development of the property.

White Flint 2

There is another meeting regarding the White Flint 2 project on September 17th, 2015.

Montrose East Parkway

The RCA did submit a formal letter stating that we are against the current design of the grade separated interchange at Parklawn Drive.

Community Day: Community Day is Saturday October 3rd, 2015 and we will have Brazilian BBQ and hot dogs. The 5K race check-in will be at 9:30am. Race starts at 10:00am.

Music 2015 Committee: Table the discussion for Music Fest to the October 2015 general meeting.

Standard Business and Reports

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Brian Hooker makes a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Tifford seconds. Passes 7-0.

Committee Chair Reports

Membership and Welcome Committee (Greengrass, Hall, Rumbaugh)

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September Meeting Minutes (continued from page 4)

The membership form for the RCA will be in the September 2015 Echo.

Education Committee (Tedesco) – Amber Tedesco: School has started. Mr. Michael Powell is the new principal at Viers Mills Elementary School. Back to school night for the parents is September 15th, 2015.

Safety Committee (Greengrass) Mara Greengrass went to the quarterly meeting on September 2nd, 2015. The new police station will be at Woodmont Ave and Rugby Ave in Bethesda, MD. The police are working on reducing car thefts. The police will be issuing more tickets for talking and texting on the phone while driving. Crime statistics for Montgomery County are posted online at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/crime/summaries>.

RCA Meeting Adjournment

Brian Hooker makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10pm Matt Tifford seconds. Passes 7-0.

FALL 2015 ADOPT-A-ROAD AND COMMUNITY CLEANUP IS SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH. MEET AT 9AM AT RANDOLPH HILLS SHOPPING CENTER. CLEANUP BAGS AND GLOVES WILL BE PROVIDED. PITCH IN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TIDY AND FREE OF LITTER AND GARBAGE!

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NEXT RCA MEETINGS:

**RCA Board Executive Meeting,
Thursday November 5, 8pm**

**RCA General Community Meeting,
Thursday December 3, 8pm**

RCA Meetings are held at the Veirs Mill Rec Center, near the corner of Garrett Park Road and Beach Drive.

Community members are welcome at all meetings.



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Neighborhood News Bites

Rock Spring and White Flint 2 Master Plan Meeting, Sept. 17, 2015

by Diane LaGrega Bertocchi

On September 17, 2015 a public meeting was held at Walter Johnson High School (WJHS) regarding the Rock Spring and White Flint 2 Master Plan, and how it affects school enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster. Gwen Wright, Glenn Kreger, and N'kosi Yearwood, and Pam Dunn from Montgomery Planning Department and Bruce Crispell from Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Division of Long-range Planning explained how they plan for schools and listened to comments from the audience.

The new development for Rock Spring and White Flint 2 Master Plan includes multifamily housing, such as condominiums and townhomes. The presentation showed many statics on how multifamily housing will have very little impact on the number of children attending the current schools in the Walter Johnson Cluster. For example, the newly build PerSei apartments at Pike & Rose yielded only four elementary students, zero middle school students, and one high school student.

The presenters emphasized that the enrollment surge is caused by turnover of existing single family homes rather than the new development of multifamily housing. There has been an increase in enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster since 2007. Many of the schools are over capacity as of the 2014-2015 school year.

The solutions presented at the meeting to help reduce class size were: Reopen a closed school in the cluster, construct a new school on a future school site, purchase land for a new school, and consider nontraditional options, including those being studied by the Cross-agency work Group on School Design.

According to members in the audience, who were mostly parents of children in the Walter Johnson Cluster, all of those ideas have been presented before and are always voted down due to lack of funding.

Parents were upset with Montgomery Planning for not incorporating the building of new schools into the new development plans for Rock Spring and White Flint 2 Master Plan. Many parents complained that the schools are overcrowded now and the county representatives have not presented any real solutions.

Box Tops for Education - Please Support Our Neighborhood Elementary School

by Kristen Tessier

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If you would like to donate them to Viers Mill, you can do any of the following: e-mail Kristen Tessier at tessier05@comcast.net to arrange for a pick up (or drop off). Or, mail them to or drop them off at Viers Mill ES, 11711 Joseph Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20906



Garrett Park Road Bridge Update

by Matthew Tifford

Below is our latest communication from MCDOT. It appears that the project has been pushed back in order to allow time to secure funding from MSHA. Our current understanding is that once funding and designs are complete, the Garrett Park Road Bridge will be replaced and pedestrian path lighting will be installed along the length of Garrett Park Road between Schuylkill Road and the bridge.

"We are in the process of obtaining a cost sharing agreement between the Montgomery County Department of Transportation and the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) to obtain federal funding for the design of this project. Within a couple of months we should get Notice to Proceed for the design of this project from MSHA and at that time a schedule for the design of the project will be determined. Our best guess at this time, is that we should have 30% plans for Mr. Shoemaker in approximately 2 years." [Signed] Barry Fuss, Chief, Bridge Design, Department of Transportation Transportation Engineering Division.

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2015-2016 RCA Membership

Please return this form to:
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As a resident of a home within the boundaries of the Randolph Civic Association (RCA), we request that you renew your membership. Your membership dues allow us to publish the Echo, beautify, protect and advocate for our community. Please fill out the following form by printing clearly:

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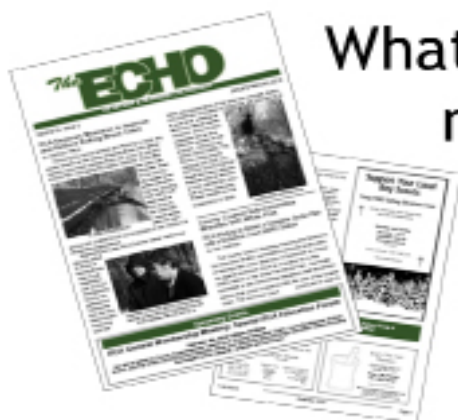
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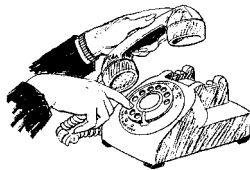
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Calls Received August 26,
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General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are 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, personal attacks against neighbors 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 or submit an article for publication to the Echo editor.

September 21; 10:27pm: I'm calling in regards to the bump outs on Boiling Brook Parkway. I live on Schuylkill Road, and we were wondering how the bump out at the intersection of Boiling Brook and Schuylkill Road was going to affect how the storm water drains at that intersection.

RCA Response: Thank you for submitting your comment. The MCDOT traffic engineers included cut-outs in the bump-outs for storm water flow. During heavy rain events it is foreseeable that this could result in slightly longer periods for the water to drain off. However, if you witness standing water where water is not draining please call MC311 and let the RCA know as well so we can follow up with them. I don't believe we've had any significant rainfall since the bump-outs were installed.

September 17; not anonymous: I really don't have time to get involved in the meetings and committees of the Association. But as a resident of Randolph Hills, I keep asking why are the bump outs at Boiling Brook and Schuylkill necessary, a stop is now mandatory where it was not for at least the last 40 years. I've never heard of an accident there, or a pedestrian being hit. At any rate, I guess those ugly things are there to stay, so my question is who decides on building these things. I believe the money spent on that would be better used in repairing the streets throughout the neighborhood. They are so bad that even brand spanking new cars rattle. To me the bump outs just seem like a way to put a contractor friend to work. It is going to be a lot of fun for the snow plows this winter.

RCA Response: The RCA has been striving to improve traffic and pedestrian and bike access from the neighborhood to the shopping center for a few years.

The current traffic calming measures were recommended by the Montgomery County DOT after we asked them to evaluate the intersections to see what could be done to improve them. Their solution is nothing new in the County. In fact, the same approach was taken on Wexford Road in the Palisades neighborhood in Kensington (off of Beach Drive).

September 13; Not anonymous (RCA notes that there were several messages with this same question): So I'd like to send in my membership form but there is no address.

*RCA Response: Thank you for your question. We made an error with the membership form in the September Echo. We've corrected it for this issue. I want to assure everyone that sending them to the address on Rocking Horse Road, the P.O. Box, and my own home is working just fine. I apologize that we didn't amend the membership form in the Echo to clearly state the mailing address. **The correct address for mailing in your Membership form is: Randolph Civic Association, P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, MD, 20852.***

September 12, 11:51am; not anonymous: Hello, this is XX in Franklin Park. I would very much appreciate your putting the Denise Szczur Long and Foster Real Estate listings of what she has put on the market and sold on the next to the last page the opposite of where you are now putting the address for the mailing of the echo and hooray hooray. Thank you for finally mailing these that is very much appreciated. Thank you very again and hopefully you can honor my suggestion. Have a great one bye bye.

RCA Response: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the placement of the ad. With the new mailing format we are still working out the kinks, so your feedback is appreciated. We also appreciate your feedback regarding using the USPS to deliver the Echo. Thanks!

September 4, not anonymous: I have called the county to complain about the literally dozens (if not hundreds) of people turning left from Boiling Brook to Rocking Horse who run the stop sign every day. The signs should all read "4 way STOP" and they should be large. I wish a police officer would sit at the intersection all day (or at least during evening rush hour) and ticket every last person who runs that sign, or hesitates (not stops) and then barrels left to Rocking Horse, ignoring people on the opposite side of Boiling Brook trying to either turn left, go straight, or turn right. I thought it was a crime to run stop signs. I've lived in this neighborhood more than 20 years and it's been a problem every day, weekday or weekend.

RCA Response: Thank you for sharing your frustration. As you note this is a long term issue and one for which the RCA has been actively trying to identify solutions.

September 3rd; not anonymous: Now that the back 2/3rds of our roads have been resurfaced, are there any plans for the older front 3rd?
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RCF President's Message - October 2015

By Ashley Salganik

Happy Fall everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying this cooler weather. I wanted to provide a few reminders in my message for this Echo. First of all, when you are completing your membership form (which was provided in the September Echo and in this October Echo), please consider donating to the RCF and / or the Sign & Beautification Fund. These will both benefit the RCF, which is always looking to improve and beautify our neighborhood. We still have a long way to go to pay off the new neighborhood sign that was vandalized this past May and therefore had to be replaced at the intersection of Garrett Park Road and Schuylkill Road. While the new sign is there now, we still need to replenish our funds to pay for its replacement.

Second of all, I'm looking for volunteers for the fall Cleanup in RCA land - this is scheduled for 10/24 at 9am. Please refer to the RCA Cleanup article in this Echo for more details. The more hands we have helping, the more cleanup we can do!

For those new to the neighborhood, 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 our neighborhood, you can see our work in the signs welcoming you to the neighborhoods and the benches at many bus stops. We have neighborhood cleanups throughout the year and we plant colorful flowers and plants near the neighborhood signs. In addition to these contributions to our 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. Feel free to contact me at ashleysalganik@gmail.com

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The Randolph Civic Foundation originated in 1996. It was formed to provide educational and charitable services to the Randolph Community. The address is: Randolph Civic Foundation, PO Box 489, Garrett Park, MD 20896-0489

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Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Corresponding Secretary

Probably the only thing Venture Crew 1083 doesn't do exceptionally well is to align its activities with the Echo's publishing schedule! Sure, it's only an occasional lapse; unfortunately, this month is one such occasion.

The Crew's High Adventure contingent is between outings since the last Echo came out, so there's nothing current to report on that front. Meanwhile, at the very moment this article is being written (tight against the deadline), the Venturers are paddling their way down the Patuxent River on the very first of what everyone hopes will be many future extended canoe trips for the Crew. You'll just have to check next month's article to see how it all went!

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 20. The Crew meets at 7:30 pm every Monday night that schools are open during the school year; meetings are 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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Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Corresponding Secretary

The 2015/2016 Scouting year is under way! Following a busy summer of camping, high adventure, and community service activities, the first troop meeting of the new year took place on September 21st. Even before that, however, the Troop held its first outing of the year: on Saturday, September 12th, twenty-five Scouts (and a few adult advisors) visited the United State Marine Corps Museum in Triangle, VA; then, after touring the museum's permanent exhibits, the Scouts were treated to a special onsite robotics demonstration.

On Friday night, September 18th, Kevin Oakes officially became Troop 1083's most recent Eagle Scout, when he passed his Eagle Board of Review in Potomac. The Board represents the final step in the long and demanding trail to Eagle; crossing that finish line brings a moment of profound relief and pride for the Scout, his parents, and the entire Troop. Congratulations, Kevin!

The Troop's October activities will include the year's first campout, near Frederick, MD; and a Court of Honor to recognize all advancements and awards achieved by all the Scouts since June.

Mark your calendar now for the annual Scouting for Food drive! It will take place on Saturday morning November 14th. Please remember to leave a bag (or more) of donated nonperishable food on your doorstep that morning, and the Scouts will pick it up for delivery to local food banks and ultimate distribution to needy families in the area. The residents of RCA-land should take pride in their generosity, as the Scouts round up truly impressive quantities of donated food each year. You and the Scouts make a big difference in the lives of people who most need it.

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.

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THANK YOU NEIGHBORS OF RCA-LAND FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION!**

A Message from MCPD District 2

by Capt. David Falcinelli, Commander 2nd District

Dear Residents of the 2nd District:

TRAFFIC: As we move into Fall, the 2nd District officers will be making a big push to keep drivers focused on the road. Traffic congestion is a big problem and while we cannot do much about the volume, we can certainly do something about crash prevention. We are trying to get smarter about where we apply our resources. We have identified the top 12 crash locations in the District. Intersections along Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Ave., Old Georgetown Rd., Connecticut Ave. and River Rd. are all on the list. It is no surprise that distracted driving is one of the biggest offenses contributing to these crashes. I have attached a brochure outlining the cell phone laws in the state of MD [reprinted in this issue of the Echo on page 8]. To be fair, I am telling you up front that we will be conducting several cell phone enforcement operations in the near future. We already did two along River Rd. and issued over fifty citations/warnings at each in a short amount of time. Preventing crashes is one of the best things we can do for public safety!!

Recently, a highly valued member of our community lost his life in a very tragic cycling crash. The laws are designed for cyclists and cars to share the roads, but there continues to be offenders on both sides that pick and choose the laws they want to obey. I am meeting with the Executive Director of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association next week to discuss how we can collaborate to make the roads safer for all parties. In the meantime, drivers need to remember to give cyclists three feet of space when passing them. Cyclists need to remember that they are vehicles, and as such, must obey all rules of the road just like a car.

CRIME: We are continuing to move in a positive direction sharing current trend information even more frequently with all other police districts and the investigative units. The goal is to identify the trends sooner and make the apprehensions more quickly to prevent further crime from occurring.

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Please consider making an extra donation to the **Randolph Civic Foundation** this year.

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The RCF-sponsored Block Parties are a great way to meet neighbors!

Seen here in the photo below are long-time Randolph Farms residents Dale Teachum, Germaine Flanorau, Berhanu Mekonnen, and Anneke Kroos reuniting at a block party on Macon Road on August 29, 2015.



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The RCA Hotline

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RCA Response: The Montgomery County Department of Transportation conducts regular surveys of County-maintained roads. Portions of RCA-land that were not treated this past summer met current ratings requirements. If you know of specific pot-holes in need of repair contact MC311 to report it and a crew should be dispatched within a couple days.

August 26th, 1:47pm; not anonymous: Yes, good afternoon. I'm a resident of the community and I would like to know I've noticed that there is construction at the Bowling Brook to Schuylkill intersection, and I'd like to know where the buses are going to be rerouted because ... the bus can no longer make that radius turn. Thank you.

RCA Response: As far as the RCA is aware there have been no changes in Ride On Bus routes or MCPS buses as a result of the changes to the intersections along Boiling Brook Parkway.

MCPD

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While we have certainly slowed since the end of summer, the problem of thefts from autos continues. Just last night, a victim reported that property was stolen from their car. The car was unlocked and parked in their garage. Unfortunately, the garage door was left open overnight allowing easy access to the suspects. Time and time again we see home security system videos of suspects trying car door handles and simply moving on

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Parents of young children...Are you interested in meeting other parents in the neighborhood? If so, please consider joining the "RCA Parents" Facebook page. Contact Nikki Forry for additional details or questions at nikki.forry@gmail.com.

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when they are found to be locked, yet every month anywhere from 50-80% of theft from auto victims report that no force was used to enter their car. 1. Lock your cars! 2. Remove anything of value or anything that appears to be of value. 3. Close your garage doors especially at night and 4. Call the police when you observe suspicious persons in your neighborhood.

Many thanks to the concerned resident that observed a suspicious person yesterday in the Elm St. parking garage walking in and out of the parked cars. The call was made to us, and the suspect who had been stealing items from cars, ran from the police but was apprehended a short distance away. We recently honored a very young man who lives in our district for his role at observing some suspects at a pool parking lot stealing items from cars. He also called us and gave a very detailed description of the suspects and their vehicle. They were also arrested a short distance away.

We are most successful when we work together to keep our communities safe. I was taken aback recently when a caller to the station thanked me for taking her call, thinking that I was too busy to listen to her concerns. It is my job to listen. I may not always have the answer, or sometimes may not give you the answer you want to hear, but I remain committed to hearing you out and doing the best I can to address legitimate concerns that are raised.

If you observe a suspicious situation, please call our non emergency number at 301-279-8000. For a crime in progress, call 911. For other concerns, you can reach me at 240-773-6700 or 2DCommander@montgomerycountymd.gov. Thanks again for all your help and support. Captain David Falcinelli, Commander – 2nd District.

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**** The detailed Market Update for the neighborhood is on p. 3 of this issue. ****



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