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RCA Sign on Boiling Brook Parkway Destroyed

by Richard Zierdt

You probably have noticed that our RCA sign facing eastbound traffic entering our neighborhood has been missing. Here's what happened.

At about 10:42 PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, there was an accident involving two automobiles. One vehicle ("#1") collided with another ("#2"), and #2 smashed into the signs – ours and County traffic signs. Amazingly, given the destruction to the sign, no one was seriously hurt. In these cases, since vehicle #1 started the "chain reaction," vehicle #1 is generally responsible for the accident.

I called police (keep your *ECHOs* handy!) where I found out what happened. Vehicle #1 was driven by a 17 year old male. I called vehicle #1's insurance company and filed a claim under the name of the Randolph Civic Association.

I claimed the sign was destroyed as was a large bush that was next to it, and some number of annual bulbs. I took several pictures of the site the following morning. Hopefully, the RCA will be reimbursed for the replacement cost of the sign. We'll see.

Vehicle #2 was driven by I believe another young male, who happens to live in RCA-land.

Our RCA sign on Boiling Brook was no match for a speeding, out-of-control car on March 6. The RCA has filed a claim with the insurance company.



RCA Community Yard Sale May 17th!

(see page 14 for details)

Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, April 3, 2003
8:00 p.m.

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 1, 2003
8:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker, Mike Smith of LCOR

Meetings are held at the Randolph Hills Recreation Center at the corner of Ashley Drive and Macon Road on the **first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.**, except January, July, and August. Usually, we alternate between General and Executive meetings. All are welcome at every meeting.

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Kevin Kline, Mike Saunders, Matthew Shore, Richard Zierdt
www.montgomerycivic.org

North Bethesda Congress: Matthew Shore, Richard Zierdt

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School Board Offices: 301-279-3617

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Election Precinct:

04-15 Vote at Rockinghorse Center, 4910 Macon Road

Montgomery Co. Board of Elections: 240-777-8500

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RCA Telephone Number: 301-881-2722 (881-2RCA).

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

Membership in the RCA is \$5.00 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

President's Message

by Matt Shore

What a winter! It's good that spring is here to give us a break from the snow. I thought that most RCA residents did a great job keeping their sidewalks and driveways as clean as they could. The problem with shoveling was that as soon as you finished, a new storm started. It was also frustrating that the snow plows created even more work for people by blocking driveways with huge piles of snow and ice. I guess that for some, seeing a snow plow at all was a welcome sight since the only roads that were clear were snow emergency routes. Going from no snow last year to a blizzard this year was a big change but most took it in stride.

On another note, our guest speaker for the March meeting, Mike Smith of LCOR, could not attend. Hopefully we will see him at the May meeting. In the meantime, if you have any comments that you would like to convey before the May meeting you can call Ralph Wilson, a Senior Legislative analyst for the County Council at 240-777-7937. Currently LCOR is trying to get approval for commercial/residential development just north of White Flint Metro.

I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

RCA Fights for Your Safety

by Kevin Kline

The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) protects RCA-land homes against fire, and responds if you have a nearby car accident or other emergency. The KVFD is suing the County over their attempt to close fire stations and mothball rescue equipment. The lawsuit alleges that the top administrators violated the law by altering the budget that KVFD submitted, and did not consult them about those changes. The KVFD asked the court to stop the budget process, so that the altered budget is not passed along to the County Council for a final vote. The altered budget included closing RCA-land's Station 21 on Veirs Mill Road.

Local firefighters expressed opposition at several public meetings, and said the cuts would put residents in danger. "Who in their right mind would propose closing a fire house? I mean, really: Why would you propose such a thing?" said Andy White, president of Kensington Volunteer Fire Department. Mike Kelley, a KVFD administrator, said "I don't know how [they] can stand there and say 'We're going to make these cuts, but it's not going to affect service.'"

The RCA – and every other responsible civic association – quickly staged a letter-writing campaign oppos-

ing the closing of our neighborhood fire station. Four Montgomery County Council members stated that closing Station 21 would cause a safety hazard.

County Executive Doug Duncan decided not to close RCA-land's fire station or mothball rescue equipment in fiscal year 2003. However, you can expect them to try and close YOUR fire station in fiscal year 2004, which begins July 1. If that happens, the RCA will provide you with phone numbers and addresses. Once again YOU may have to fight for YOUR safety.

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Downcounty Consortium Update

The following are MCPS elementary-to-high school reassignment options generated as a result of the opening of Northwood High School and the implementation of the Downcounty Consortium. Only option #8 & option #9 affect one of our elementary schools, Viers Mill. Other options have varying effects on demographics, walkers, community unity, etc., for all the high schools involved. Final decisions on this will happen later in the spring. RCA Execs and general membership present at the March RCA meeting had no compelling reason to disassociate from Wheaton High School, other than to be assigned to WJ, which is not an option. In the end, students will choose their high school anyway. This all may wind up being an exercise in simply what one's "default" high school would be if no selection were made by the student. More info may be obtained at the website listed. This *Echo* edition will be published too late to carry back anyone's concerns to the advisory meetings, so please contact MCPS directly or check the website for public feedback forums that may be scheduled if you have concerns that you would care to voice.



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Downcounty Consortium Base Area Advisory Committee Options

March 12, 2003

Base Area Options

- Option # 1: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls and Montgomery Knolls / Pincrest
From Einstein to Northwood - Glen Haven
From Kennedy to Northwood - Kemp Mill
From Wheaton to Kennedy - Brookhaven
- Option # 2: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls and Montgomery Knolls / Pincrest
From Einstein to Northwood - Glen Haven and Oakland Terrace (east of Georgia Avenue)
From Kennedy to Northwood - Kemp Mill
From Wheaton to Kennedy - Harmony Hills
- Option # 3: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls and Sligo Creek
From Einstein to Northwood - Oakland Terrace
From Kennedy to Northwood - Kemp Mill
From Wheaton to Kennedy - Harmony Hills
- Option # 4: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls and Highland View
From Einstein to Northwood - Highland
From Kennedy to Northwood - Kemp Mill
From Wheaton to Kennedy - Brookhaven
- Option # 5: From Blair to Northwood - New Hampshire Estates/
Oakview and Sligo Creek
From Einstein to Northwood - Glen Haven and Oakland Terrace (east of Georgia Avenue)
From Kennedy to Northwood - Kemp Mill
From Wheaton to Kennedy - Harmony Hills
- Option # 6: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls/ Pincrest
From Einstein to Northwood - Glen Haven
From Kennedy to Northwood - Kemp Mill
From Wheaton to Kennedy - Harmony Hills
- Option # 7: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls, Rolling Terrace
From Einstein to Northwood - Glen Haven
From Kennedy to Northwood - Kemp Mill
From Wheaton to Kennedy - Harmony Hills
- Option # 8: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls, Rolling Terrace
From Einstein to Northwood - Glen Haven, Oakland Terrace
From Kennedy to Wheaton - Georgian Forest
From Wheaton to Einstein - Viers Mill
- Option # 9: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls, New Hampshire Estates/ Oakview
From Einstein to Northwood - Highland, Woodlin
From Kennedy to Wheaton - Georgian Forest
From Wheaton to Einstein - Viers Mill
- Option # 10: From Blair to Northwood - Forest Knolls, Highland View, Sligo Creek (western sections)
From Einstein to Northwood - Glen Haven and Oakland Terrace (east of Georgia Avenue)
From Kennedy to Northwood - Kemp Mill
From Wheaton to Kennedy - Harmony Hills

No Base Area
Option Under this option there would be no base areas.

These options may also be viewed on the MCPS web site at:
[www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/planning/Community Info.htm](http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/planning/Community%20Info.htm)

Map Program Developed for RCA

by Richard Zierdt

We have some brilliant neighbors in our midst! John Lavin of Franklin Park has developed a map program for PCs that starts with the very map of RCA found in many issues of the *Echo*, but then incorporates additional data from the US census, topographical maps, and MC's Board of Education!

You have to see it to fully understand its capabilities, but roughly, the program displays a map of the RCA on the screen, but then displays various "overlays" so you see where school boundaries are, the topography of our "hills," aerial photographs, and more! Of course, there's "zoom in" and "zoom out" (goes without saying!).

The best part of this is that it's FREE to RCAers. Copies of the system, which take one CD, will be available at RCA meetings.

John Lavin has been a resident of Franklin Park for 5 years. He is a geographic information systems (GIS) specialist with eight years of professional experience with planning and executing analysis utilizing GIS, satellite imagery, and GPS data. John has utilized GIS to perform geospatial intelligence work for The Office of National Drug Control Policy and US Customs. He also has international experience living and working over four and a half years in South and Central America as a consultant in GIS, GPS, and Satellite Imagery.

We're lucky to have him as a RCA resident!

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RCA-land House to be Torn Down

The County issued a permit allowing the little white house at 4900 Randolph Road to be demolished. The acre of land it sits on has been subdivided into 2 lots and new houses are to be built. RCA'ers Ruth and Buck King built this house with their own hands, and lived in it for years. In fact, in the 1950's they sold some of their land that was used to build Randolph Farms/Hills in the 1950's. Buck King passed on several years ago, and Ruth lives in a nearby nursing home, and keeps up on RCA news.



The King house at 4900 Randolph Road sits on an acre of land.

Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of March 9, 2003, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$11,399.29. I reprinted RCA transactions since our December bank statement because I missed a \$400 deposit that our commercial editor, Mauro Biondo made January 8. This did not appear in last month's report.

RCA Checking Register					
12/23/2002 through 3/09/2003					
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 12/23/2002			10,088.57
01/08		RCAssociation		400.00	10,488.57
		inc:advertising	Limmerman, mortgage	100.00	
		inc:advertising	Peter Crawford, real	300.00	
01/12	693	Sam's Club	renew acct membership	-300.00	10,188.57
01/16	E-xfr	Verizon	Dec telephone	-21.65	10,166.92
01/19	694	Bladen	RCA/SAMs refund	-40.00	10,126.92
01/22		RCAssociation		390.00	10,516.92
		inc:membership	1 member	30.00	
		inc:Sams	Sams refunds for 12	360.00	
02/04	695	Quick Printing	Jan/Feb ECHO, 24 pgs	-1,076.25	9,440.67
02/09		RCAssociation		821.00	10,261.67
		inc:advertising	Loehmann's Plaza	816.00	
		inc:advertising	classified ad	5.00	
02/18	E-xfr	Verizon	Jan 22 telephone	-21.73	10,239.94
02/21	696	Sam's Club	renew acct membership	210.00	10,029.94
02/24	697	Quick Printing	March ECHO, 16 pages	-860.00	9,169.94
02/28		RCAssociation	Steve Kelley, real estate	408.00	9,577.94
03/07		RCAssociation	Rosa's Beauty Salon	40.00	9,617.94
		BALANCE 03/09/2002			9,617.94
<i>RCA Bank balance, December 23, 2002 statement: 10,088.57</i>					
<i>RCA Bank balance, January 23, 2003 statement: 10,516.92</i>					
<i>RCA Bank balance, February 21, 2003 statement: 10,239.94</i>					

RCF Checking Register					
2/16/2003 through 3/09/2003					
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 02/16/2003			1,731.17
02/18		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	1,781.17
02/18	1055	Matthew Tao	snow removal - charity	-25.00	1,756.17
02/25		RCFoundation	donation for snow removal	25.00	1,781.17
02/28		interest	.15%	0.18	1,781.35
		BALANCE 03/09/2003			1,781.35
<i>RCF Bank balance, February 28, 2003 statement: 1,781.35</i>					

Total RCA+RCF cash assets					11,399.29
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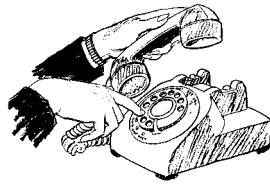


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Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

301-881-2722 (2RCA)

February 16, 2002 to
March 9, 2003



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 in the ECHO almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA is here to help everyone keep our neighborhood as orderly as possible, so please use these numbers. Please call the RCA as well. We appreciate knowing and learning about our community.

2003-02-18 (Tues) 11:11 am Coachway Drive. Has extremely long driveway, about 100 feet, and the car is in the back in the garage. Is there anyone you can recommend to help dig out the driveway? (This message came in after the snow storm).

2003-02-27 (Thu) 2:56 pm Franklin Park. Caller is concerned about an event that occurred at 121xx Hunters Lane, Franklin Park. Based on the amount of traffic observed at that location, caller is wondering what is going on there. Caller has called police. Has anyone else noticed anything unusual?

2003-02-27 (Thu) 3:15 pm Randolph Hills, 3rd section. Calling about SAM's Card. Caller tried to use SAM's card on February 13, 2003, but was told the account was expiring that day. (Caller was able to shop). What's going on? [Richard Zierdt here. The RCA has two accounts, out of a total of 23, that renew on days other than on November 1, in this case February 13. I was late in renewing this account, and I apologize for caller's trouble. The situation is not helped by SAM's unwillingness to allow early renewal of these two accounts when I renew the other 21 accounts in late October. The permanent solution is to change the renewal dates, but this will probably require SAMs corporate approval. In the meantime, I will renew these two accounts earlier.]

2003-03-02 (Sun) 12:39 pm Wyaconda Road. Mr. Snyder cleared the snow off all the sidewalks for folks who couldn't clear it themselves. We sure do appreciate it. Thank you very much.

2003-03-04 (Tue) 5:00 47xx Wyaconda Road. Someone removed three patio chairs from caller's porch this past December. Caller wants the neighborhood to know that this type of thing is happening in our neighborhood. [Yes, sadly, it does. Heads up, neighbors!]

2003-03-04 (Tue) 11:11 pm Anonymous. Randolph Hills resident. People are afraid to get their car's tires dirty with snow, so they park in the middle of the street. Caller wants to let people know that it is illegal to park a car

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PLUS! 7 Buffalo Wings,
French Fries & 4 Sodas
\$19.95 + Tax
(Deep Dish Pizza Extra)
Not valid in combination with other offers.

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3 Large 14" One Topping Pizza \$19.99 + Tax
3 X-Large 16" One Topping Pizza \$29.99 + Tax
3 XXL 18" One Topping Pizza \$42.99 + Tax
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more than 12 inches off the curb. If you do, and someone hits your car, it's your fault. Also, caller doesn't understand why someone wouldn't shovel the snow in front of their house so that you can park your car against the curb. You own a house; you must be responsible for your house.

2003-03-04 (Tue) 6:04 pm Anonymous. The bus stop in front of Safeway and the house across the street from there were spray-painted last night with not-so-nice wording. What is the RCA doing about this? Are we getting the police here, or are we waiting for the gangs to take over? *[The RCA is the collection of all of us. Please call in these observations to the police, as well as the RCA hotline.]*

2003-03-07 (Fri) 8:29 am 47xx and 48xx Creek Shore Drive did not receive their ECHOs.

2003-03-07 (Fri) 1:12 pm Out-of-area. This message is for (name). Call Tanya at 800-772-7774 ext 20. *["Credit card processing center. Leave name, account number, and phone number." Right. Sure, I'll do that! Watch out for these scams, folks!]*

White Flint Plaza Development Update

The RCA is influencing this huge development, by testifying at hearings. The RCA has invited the developer's representative, Mike Smith, to the RCA's General Meeting on Tuesday, May 6th. The RCA and other civic associations are opposed to changing already loose zoning requirements to allow for taller buildings, more density, and more traffic along Rockville Pike.

The developer, LCOR, wants to build condos, offices and stores on the 32-acres of the White Flint Golf Park/White Flint Metro station. The project was stopped because the zoning has to be loosened, to allow for taller buildings and more density. County Hearing Examiner Philip Tierney said the rezoning cannot legally occur unless the County Council makes changes to the zoning code and North Bethesda-Garrett Park Master Plan.

At a March hearing, LCOR's attorney told the County Council that Tierney's recommendations amounted to overkill. The Council, he said, can address each of Tierney's concerns in the process of approving the project.

Projects of this size must include "public amenities" to compensate for the additional traffic and burdens they place upon surrounding communities. LCOR's attorney proposed building a day-care center and indoor commu-

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White Flint Plaza

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nity space on-site. A Parkwood resident argued LCOR should commit specifically to building a public recreation center of a set minimum size.

LCOR's attorney suggested "alternative approaches" to handling traffic generated by the project. But a resident of Garrett Park Estates maintained that LCOR's method of calculating traffic impact was inappropriate and misleading.

After much discussion, the County Council voted unanimously to send the case back to the zoning hearing examiner.

Rock Creek Park Changes

The County is seriously considering changes to RCA-land's Rock Creek Park. The Rock Creek portion north of Randolph Road, near Montrose Park, is called Winding Creek Park. We have mentioned this development to you previously in this *Echo* newsletter, but now it is closer to reality.

Specifically, the county is proposing the "Matthew Henson Hiker-Biker Trail." This Trail would be eight feet wide. The Trail would begin behind (north of) Montrose Park, in the woods known as the "Rockville Facility"; continue through Winding Creek Park, north of the soccer fields and parking lot; and continue west into the Viers Mill Village area. There is a narrow greenway, west of Rock Creek (and outside of RCA-land), that would make up the bulk of this new Trail.

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association supports the project, but local civic associations have voiced opposition, and so has the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club is opposed because of the number of trees that will be cut down, in the "Rockville Facility" north of Montrose Park.

Another major concern is that bikers want this Trail paved, whereas opponents want it left as dirt or gravel to maintain the environment.



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News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois



Cancellations, rescheduling and snow, snow, snow. Our Ice Skating event at the Cabin John Rink on February 23, which was one of the few activities NOT rescheduled, saw our boys zipping around the ice to the music of the arena. **Joseph Owen, Kyle Blakely, Matt Fieller, Jake Blakely, Jason Beam, Gregory Gadbois, Diego Vallejos, Joshua Murtagh, Tyler Bochniak, Jose Gallardo, Brad Gessford and Alex Sanchez** were in attendance and took time to sip hot chocolate and snack on popcorn during the halftime ice cleaning.

Our annual Blue and Gold Banquet at Viers Mill Elementary School on a snowy Thursday the 27th, after an earlier snow cancellation on the 20th, celebrated the birthday of scouting with an "Uncle Sam Needs You to be a Good Citizen" theme. The chicken dinner, with side dishes and desserts brought by families, was delicious as always. The slideshow brought back memories as we saw ourselves over the past year. The presentation of our 40th annual Charter, flag ceremonies, a skit, recognition of our adult helpers as well as a host of awards to hard-working Scouts were among the highlights. A special visitor, US Marine SSGT Raymond Secoy, was on hand to enjoy the festivities, provide some inspiring comments and assist in distributing the many awards.

Our Webelos II earned the following achievements: Artist Pin – **Johnny Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata, Joseph Owen**; Traveler Pin – **Johnny Hilderbrand**. From our



Three Scouts enjoying a foggy evening at Ski Liberty.

Webelos I ranks: Webelos rank badge and Communicator Pin - **Kyle Blakely, Tony Caffi, Matt Fieller, Derick Pineda**; Handyman Pin - **Matt Fieller**. Recipients of the Bear Rank badge were: **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Josh Hart, Sasha Hevey, Dwayne Remillard, AJ Taylor, Diego Vallejos**. From our Wolf boys, most of the regulars received their Rank badge too: **Matthew Best, Devin Kenney, Krisztian Mazo, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Ayinde Warren**; Wolf Gold Arrow Points for electives were earned by **Patrick Owen and Ayinde Warren**. Ayinde also earned his Sports & Academics Pin for Citizenship, which was very appropriate with the evening's theme. Most of our Tigers earned their totems at earlier Pack meetings, but were present cheering on the others.

We teamed up again with Troop 1083 for an annual trip to Ski Liberty on March 1st. We were glad to get this event in as it was rescheduled twice due to bad weather. Although very foggy, snow was definitely not an issue this year with a base of over 15 inches. Strapping on skis and having a fabulous time were **Johnny Hilderbrand, Gregory Gadbois and Brad Gessford**. Even though it was Johnny and Brad's first time, they all took lessons and had a blast.

We're looking forward to more March activities including a Webelos Camp-In overnight at the Maryland Science Center, a Webelos II overnight campout to Cabin John with Troop 1083, the District Pinewood Derby finals and an outing to Brookside Nature Center. Please enjoy a visit to our website: <http://hometown.aol.com/jph3190/1081.html>.



Cub Scouts taking a well-deserved hot chocolate break at Cabin John Ice Rink.

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The RCA has reviewed the latest Sex Offenders Registry List, provided by the Montgomery County Police. This List is 26 pages long and contains 204 names. Ten sex offenders – 5 percent of the total – live nearby. Our purpose is to inform you, not scare you. Limited copies will be made available at the next RCA meeting, or download it yourself at www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Three convicted sex criminals live on or near Veirs Mill Road, between Randolph Road and the city of Rockville. These three were convicted of: 4th degree sexual assault; 1st degree sexual child abuse; and 2nd degree sexual offense. Another convicted of 2nd degree sexual assault lives on Nicholson Lane. Six offenders live in the work release half-way house at the intersection of Nebel and Marinelli. Three of these were convicted of 1st degree sexual assault. One was convicted of 3rd degree assault. One was convicted of rape in Pennsylvania, and one was convicted of sexual child abuse.

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Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

We have been busy this past month.

In February the troop took its annual ski trip. Except of course the weather on President's day weekend made travel to the ski area impossible. So, we went on March 1. This year we went to Whitetail Resort. The Scouts worked on Snow Sports merit badge. **Mr. Mike Saunders**, former Scoutmaster, is the counselor. The first year a Scout goes, he gets the ski area's instructors to give him the basic introduction. The second year, Scouts who picked up the skills are generally able to get the merit badge. After several trips, some of the Scouts are really good, and ski the advanced slopes with Mr. Saunders. Attending this year's trip were: **Jake Bolt, Chris Soares, Alex Cassel, Scott Talbott, Steven Santos, Hafez Taghavi, Andy Wood, Ed Huggins, Galen Miley, Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, John Pitkin.**

Our March campout was to Cabin John Regional Park. It featured snow camping, Scout skill instruction and a trip to the Rockville Municipal Swim Center on Saturday night. The adults really enjoyed the hot tub at the swim center after pushing cars up the snow covered camp access road on Friday night. On Saturday morning it was plowed and we were able to get to the pool on Saturday night.

Alex Cassel, Bubba Hart, Andy Wood, Anthony Gadbois, John Pitkin, Hafez Taghavi, Steven Santos, Ed Huggins, Galen Miley, Jake Bolt and Scott Talbott attended. Our special guests were **Johnny Hildebrand** and **Fredis Mata** from Cub Pack 1081 where they are Webelos, visiting our troop in preparation for joining, we hope!

Adult support was provided by **Mr. Talbott, Mr. Wood, Mr. Gadbois, Mr. Pitkin, and Mr. McGahey.**

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The next *Echo* will be the May 2003 issue.
Look for it in early May.

Gardening Tips

Birds are pecking on your lawn to eat soil insects like chinch bugs, hillbugs, and grubworms. Wild onion and garlic are popping up in lawns. Dig up and compost ornamental cabbages and kale plants. The first green blades of grass will soon appear.

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RCA-Land During the Civil War

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We return to our diary account of RCA-land during the Rebellion. We last reported (*Echo*, September '01 issue) that on Wednesday, September 10, 1862 the Confederate Army of Virginia invaded Maryland, and Rockville is now the base for the Union Army of the Potomac. The streets were wild with excitement, and teeming with soldiers and mule-drawn wagon trains. Calvary are thundering down the roads in all directions. Today there are reports of skirmishes near Darnestown, around the old George C. Washington farm and also at Seneca. The C&O Canal has been cut. The stagecoach to Frederick has been discontinued.

Tuesday, September 16, 1862. In the most momentous week for RCA-land, there is fierce fighting all week, from Monocacy Chapel north along the Potomac river to Harper's Ferry. The Rockville Courthouse became a temporary hospital for the sick and slightly wounded Union soldiers. Rockville and the surrounding area (that's RCA-land) are in disarray with fields and gardens trampled, fences gone, roads impassable.

Monday, September 22, 1862. Sarah volunteers as a nurse at the Rockville Courthouse, turned into a field hospital. She writes letters for some of the men. The hospitals in Frederick and Baltimore are filled to overflowing with casualties from the past ten days of fighting. Sarah wrote a letter for a man from the 8th Illinois Cavalry whose unit left Rockville on September 7th, and skirmished every day from Poolesville, through Barnesville, Middletown and back to Catoctin where he was injured. He was mostly concerned about his friends in his unit, for he feared they took part in the bloody battle near Sharpsburg on Antietam Creek where thousands reportedly fell on each side.

Thursday, September 25, 1862. The battle is over; Lee and Jackson are back in Virginia with their Army.

Friday, November 14, 1862. The Rockville jail has just been completed. Built of stone with a slate roof, it is 35 ft by 45 ft, and cost \$6,000. It is a great improvement over the old wooden one.

Tuesday, January 6, 1863. Kilgour's Saloon in Rockville has oysters on the menu today. One can always count on hearing the latest local news there. The price of a military substitute has gone down. Several



RCA Community Yard Sale

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men were complaining that they had paid \$200 but that substitutes are now available for \$50. Confederate prisoners are being given parole if they will volunteer to serve in the West quelling the Indian insurrections. The main topic of conversation was the Emancipation Proclamation which went into effect on January 1, 1863. Since the Proclamation extended only to states in rebellion, Maryland slaves are in a peculiar position. It is obvious that slavery will not exist much longer, a fact already reflected in the plummeting prices for slaves.

Saturday, January 10, 1863. The Rockville primary school has been suspended for want of funds. When the new school building was taken over by the Union Army last September, a room was rented so that the school could continue. But now, for lack of funds coming from the State, the decision has been made to close it. Will Farquhar, a member of the School Board, promised the school will reopen for the July term.

Wednesday, May 20, 1863. The new Rockville Academy principle, Professor T. N. Conrad, arranged a picnic at Little Falls, as a change from the confinement of the schoolroom. However, many of the older boys invited their young lady acquaintances. One parent of a 15 year-old boy felt he was too young for this type of outing.

Wednesday, July 1, 1863. A constant stream of Union troops have been passing northward through Rockville. Last Sunday, Jeb Stuart's Confederate cavalry invaded

Rockville in force. Many rebels were actually seen, first-hand, in and around Rockville. Early Sunday morning, just as church services were to begin, Rebel cavalry suddenly appeared from the direction of both Darnestown and Great Falls. Perhaps it was fortunate that Union forces had already passed through, or there would have been a pitched battle on the streets of Rockville. As it was, a long Union wagon train appeared, and the Rebel horsemen quickly took off after it and captured most of it before the wagons could reach the safety of defenses of the Military District of Washington.

Rockville was hostage to the Confederates for an entire day. Amid all the confusion – and to make matters worse – the girls at the Female Seminary acted in a very unladylike manner. Misses Walley and Dugan seemed unable to control their pupil's enthusiasm at the sight of Confederate soldiers. One would think that young ladies whose parents could afford the \$140 per year board and tuition that they charge and who are presumably receiving a Christian education would not act in such an unseemly manner.

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Civil War

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While here, the Rebs did their utmost to make it uncomfortable for the Unionists in town. It seemed as if there may even have been informers among Rockville townspeople who are Southern sympathizers. Several of the vestrymen of the Episcopal Church were pointed out as Unionists and carried off, including merchant and town commissioner John H. Higgins, Judge Richard Bowie, and Lawrence Dawson. Also arrested were the Postmaster, Joseph Bailey, and Mr. Moulden, the coroner and Provost. Dora Higgins was all over Rockville, frantically trying to protect her store, warn her husband and other Unionists, and plead for the safety of the 17-year-old Union soldier who lay wounded in her house, but he too was taken. Some Rockville pro-Southern men, such as George Peter, spoke up for fair treatment of the Unionists, but their pleas were to no avail. Some of the Unionists were taken along as prisoners, as Stuart's troopers moved out Sunday night up the Old Baltimore Road with the captured wagon train. The Confederates took every horse within 5 miles of Rockville, whether the owner was pro-Union or pro-Confederate.

Later, the prisoners were all released and have made their way home – on foot. The Confederates could not travel fast enough with elderly men and wounded boys, so they released them near Brookville, and some later near the Carroll County line. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Moulden carried Eblen, the young wounded soldier, on their backs for 70 miles!

Tuesday, September 8, 1863. Dr. Charles Maddox said Rockville doctors are working long hours treating victims of several serious illnesses now prevalent here. He said patients are suffering from diphtheria, dysentery, pneumonia, scarlet fever, and whooping cough.

Sunday, October 11, 1863. Church services have not been well attended lately. Some of the pro-slavery members have indicated their desire to become part of the Virginia District of Southern Methodists. They have ceased to join in Sunday services, and have begun to meet in private homes for Sunday service. What a tragedy that political differences are dividing the small Rockville Christian community.

Friday, December 18, 1863. The Rockville Primary School classes are being held in a rented room of the Odd Fellows Hall. This is a more convenient location than the [Rockville] fairgrounds, where classes were

previously being held. Mrs. Clara Boswell is the new teacher.

Wednesday, February 3, 1864. Bid are being accepted for a new Overland Stage Route to California. In the summer it will take 10 days to travel from Atchison, Kansas, to Salt Lake City; in the winter a trip of 336 hours or 14 days is proposed.

Saturday, April 9, 1864. The Special Election on the proposed Maryland State Constitutional Convention was held last Wednesday night, but Rockville-area residents were denied the opportunity to vote. The polls were closed down when the election judge refused to administer the required Oath of Allegiance. The call for this Convention passed state-wide. Since the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, local slaveholders have had a hard time holding their slaves in check. Every abolitionist or Union soldier passing along has sought to convince Maryland slaves that they have been "delivered from bondage." In fact, slaves will remain the legal property of their owners until the Constitution of Maryland is revised.

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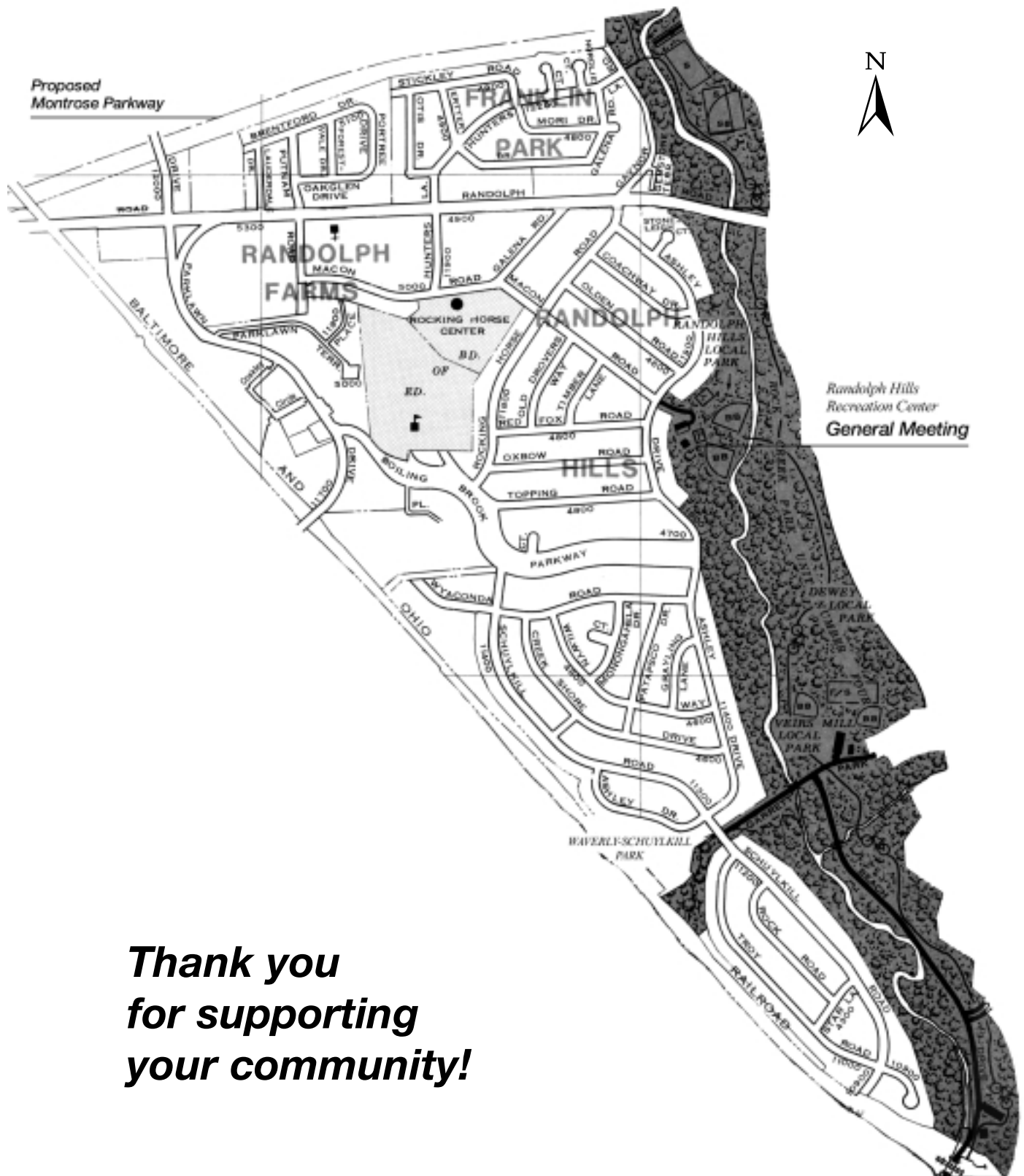


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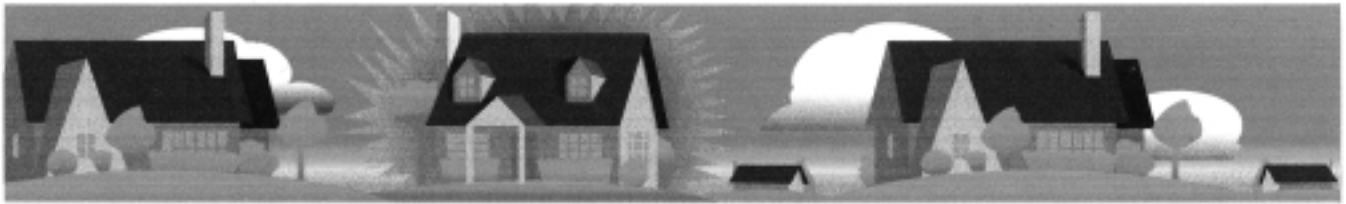
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4703 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$299,000	\$274,900	\$900	45
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4813 Macon Road	\$274,900*	\$274,000	\$250	16
4705 Topping Road	\$274,900	\$255,000	\$6,000	29
4601 Stoneleigh Court	\$229,000	\$225,000	\$0	15

Homes Under Contract...

Address	List Price	Address	List Price
11701 Hunters Lane	\$294,000*	4706 Olden Road	\$278,000*
11012 Troy Road	\$287,500	4708 Olden Road	\$274,900*
11905 Ashley Drive	\$285,000	4804 Randolph Road	\$249,900
4705 Macon Road	\$285,000		
11201 Troy Road	\$279,500		

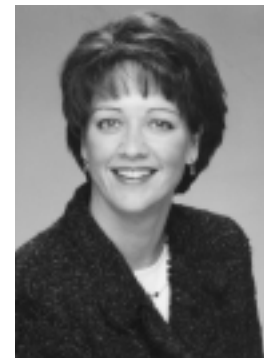
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