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White Flint Update

by Dan Hoffman

The promise of White Flint is becoming more of a reality every day, and the past several weeks have been no exception. Two site plans have been approved for White Flint and both demonstrate the vision outlined in the White Flint Sector Plan. We continue to monitor progress in White Flint and ensure that property owners and the County alike adhere to the vision of the sector plan.

First, the property we currently call Mid Pike Plaza will soon become Pike & Rose, a mixed use development with retail, new restaurants, a high-end movie theater and an attractive residential building. The site plan for this property, owned by Federal Realty Investment Trust, was approved unanimously by the Planning Board. It will actually ADD trees to the existing site and greatly enhance storm water management with elements like green roofs and LEED certification. The development will also add 215 moderately priced dwelling units and a childcare center. Of course, we also can't ignore the \$1.1 billion in net new tax revenue generated by the new development over the life of the plan. A complete presentation on the project can be viewed by visiting: <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/whiteflint/documents/Mid-Pike-SitePlanCommunityMtg-2011-05-19.pdf>

The second plan is on the block north of the new Whole Foods in White Flint. This plan, presented by the JBG Corporation, offers us the most exciting design proposal so far in White Flint. In what could become the most iconic building in White Flint, JBG has

proposed a residential tower on the northwest corner of the property with a cascading glass facade that is difficult to describe with words. So I encourage you to go to the presentation referenced below for pictures. The property will also include a very attractive plaza, an office building, and a more 'soda and popcorn' oriented theater. This site plan was also unanimously approved by the Planning Board. The presentation for this plan can be viewed at: http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/whiteflint/documents/NoBell_resized.pdf

In the coming months we will see more plans come up for approval. The sketch *(continued on page 6)*



Renderings of the new development from JBG

Upcoming Events

RCA General Membership Meeting

RCA Board Elections; Guest Speaker County Arborist Rodney Riffle
April 5th, 2012 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

RCA Executive Meeting

May 3rd, 2012 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

RCA Community Bazaar

May 5th, 2012 8:00am-1:00pm, Loehmann's Plaza

RCA MusicFest

See page 3 for more information
May 6th, 2012 4:00pm-6:00pm, Mem Sahib Restaurant, Randolph Hills Shopping Center

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President's Message

by Dan Hoffman, RCA President

Yesterday was Dr. Seuss Day and I just came from taking the kids to see "The Lorax". I've read the book many times to my kids and I was struck by the way Thneedville was portrayed in the movie. It was very suburban with single family homes, yards, lots of cars and although glossy and fake it was very unhealthy. In the movie all the trees were made of plastic. In RCA-land we are lucky to be surrounded by lots of real trees, but let's not think for a moment that this is what the Lorax intended.

Don't get me wrong. I love this neighborhood. I love my house. As I write the kids are outside playing in the backyard. Living in this neighborhood is a choice we've all made for various reasons. It's a perfectly acceptable choice to make, but there are consequences that come with that decision. We tend to drive more, we take up more space, and we use more energy. There is a cost associated with this additional consumption, financial and environmental. But apartments and condos near transit aren't for everyone, and we need a variety of housing options to accommodate people in various stages of their life. So while no one (especially not myself) is judging anyone for living in a neighborhood like ours, we should understand that living here comes with some responsibility.

For almost six years, around the same time I joined the RCA board, I've been advocating for increased development around White Flint metro. I've made no bones about it and it's not just because I want more restaurant options. Recently two development projects were approved as part of the White Flint Sector Plan. Combined, both new developments will add about 800 new residential units to White Flint. I can understand why this might make some people nervous. I was once talking to a gentleman who pointed at the new residential tower in White Flint near the Whole Foods. He considered it a monstrosity and said he'd much rather have something "more natural" as he waved his hand out towards a sea of single family homes. However, what many people are coming to realize is that a tower like that preserves wooded green space. *(continued on page 8)*

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

Neighborhood News in Brief

- **RCA MusicFest 2012 is Coming!** As you may have seen from the ads we have been running, we will once again be holding the RCA MusicFest on Sunday May 6th at the Mem Sahib Restaurant. Musicians from around the neighborhood will perform to help raise money for our beautification efforts around the community sign areas. While the full list of performers hasn't been set, the RCA is proud to announce that this years MusicFest will include a special guest performance by Mary Ann Redmond with guitarist Michael Ault. We hope you will join us. MusicFest, which we hope to continue as a regular yearly event, is a great opportunity to hear some terrific music, hang out with neighbors, help us raise money for the community, and enjoy some delicious Indian food as well!
- **The Membership Drive for 2011-2012 is now closed.** We will report out final tallies in the next Echo.

Do you have a quick bite of news you'd like to share with the neighborhood? Please feel free to submit a few sentences to info@randolphcivic.org by the deadlines posted on page 8 of this issue. Thank you!



New Eagle Scout Greg Gadbois

New Troop 1083 Eagle Scout – Greg Gadbois

Lifelong RCA resident Gregory Gadbois, a member of our Boy Scout Troop 1083, has recently and successfully met all the requirements for attaining Scouting's highest rank – the Eagle Scout Award. Greg passed his Eagle Board of Review this past January 20th. His Eagle Court of Honor is planned for spring.

Greg performed a leadership service project as part of his Eagle Award requirements. His project included planning and executing the construction of an athletic storage shed at Wheaton High School. It involved obtaining the specific need from the athletic director, providing several building options, and gaining MCPS and BSA approvals. He then organized the work crews to erect and paint the building over several weekends. Coordinating the financing, materials, tools, manpower and scheduling, as well as the delegation of tasks, safety, quality-control, final acceptance by the athletic director and report write-up were among the necessary components required to complete the project. Greg thanks his Troop, family, friends and classmates for assisting him with all the phases of the work that included layout, measuring, and cutting/nailing/screwing wood components. It also involved shingling the roof and painting the exterior with the school colors scarlet and gold. The project took four weekends to complete and Dr. Maura Ryan, the school's athletic director, was very pleased to have the additional storage capacity. His project was completed in the fall of 2011.

Gregory, starting Scouts as a Tiger, received his Arrow of Light Award in Pack 1081 before bridging to Troop 1083. He has served in numerous leadership roles up through Assistant Senior Patrol Leader in the Troop and Crew Chief on three backpacking treks. Greg has earned 52 Merit Badges, earned several Scout religious awards, and has attended Philmont Scout Ranch. He currently serves the Troop as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Gregory attends the Engineering Academy at Wheaton High School, taking college engineering classes through the academy, and plans to attend college to study sports fitness. As a senior at Wheaton, he also takes an HVAC course at Thomas Edison where he plans use those skills to help finance college. Since his elementary days at Viers Mill, Greg has played in his school's bands as a drummer, trumpeter and bassist. He played Boys Club baseball into middle school where he switched to playing intramural football. He is on Wheaton's varsity football, lacrosse, and indoor track teams. He played in the school's jazz band for two years. Greg is also active in his church, Holy Cross in Garrett Park. He has given back to his community as indicated by the many Student Service Learning hours he has accrued since middle school.

Congratulations to Greg for attaining his Eagle goal and best wishes to him for success in his future endeavors.

March Executive Meeting Minutes

by *Christiana Drapkin*

1. Call to order

Board nominations for 2012 – 2013: The call for nominations was made in the February meeting. RCA President Dan Hoffman and Karen Helfert are termed out of their positions, as per RCA by-laws.

2. Slate adopted by the RCA Board [See page 12 for approved slate]

3. Old business:

a. Our membership coordinator, Cindy Zelaya, had technical difficulties, and hasn't been able to follow up. We are falling short of our goal of 500, and put a burden on RCA's resources. We will have to focus on the new season to make a new membership drive for the new season, starting September 2012. Although our 2011/12 membership drive is over, residents can join anytime.

We will look at our Board positions and define specific tasks and responsibilities for each board position. Membership needs to be a priority task of a board member.

b. Quiet Zone: There was a useful article printed in the Gazette, reprinted in the Echo. We have more active involvement on this issue, and hope to make progress on installing the Quiet Zone.

c. Beautification: Four signs are installed, and we have one more sign to put up. We hope to collect more funds through the upcoming music fest fundraiser, and to have more money for landscaping and beautification.

4. Standard Business

a. Minutes of the 2/2/12 meeting approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Treasurer's Report: We are on track with our expenses, although low in collected membership fees, due to lower than expected enrollment. The budget formulations for the new fiscal year start after the April 2012 general meeting. The new board will address future projected expenses and income. We're discussing switching from SunTrust to CapitalOne.

c. Committee Chair reports:

Environmental: We're moving ahead together with the Planning Board in our efforts to rename the Waverly-Schuylkill Park to Mark Shore Park, in commemoration and appreciation of Mark Shore, son of State Senator Frank Shore, who died in 1998. (The name of the creek on old historic maps was recorded as Glendarragh.)

Planting around signs will be a big work project, and we need neighbors to sign up to pitch in with work. We'll set some dates (and rain dates) for the work and publish them on the RCA listserve.

Christiana Drapkin suggested that we install a permanent sign post at certain points in the neighborhood, where we can post information for events in the neighborhood, other information. We need location suggestions. We're also looking to get weatherproof vinyl banners, announcing our events.

The next community further down Beach Drive fol-

lowed our lead and installed "Rock Creek Palisades" signs.

Quiet Zone: Matt Tifford and the Quiet Zone committee continue to work on the Randolph Road crossing issues.

Public Safety: no report submitted. We plan to hold a new community public safety workshop at an upcoming General Membership meeting.

Education: County council for the CIP hearing took place, and we testified in support of reinstating the modernization of Wheaton HS. Nancy Navarro will attend the Wheaton HS PTA meeting on March 20 at 7 p.m. Nancy Floreen is at-large, and we count on her support as well. Roger Berliner is District 1. We urge our RCA members to keep emailing letters of support for reinstalling the Wheaton HS modernization into the budget cue.

The Veirs Mill ES addition broke ground. Garrett Park ES is finished and back in operation. Walter Johnson's renovation, which was done in a phasing manner, had lost some of their funding (which was not appropriated in full) for some of their phases. Tilden students are still at Woodward for the duration of their renovation.

The Pre-release Center on Nebel Street had two escapes in January. Both escapees were apprehended shortly thereafter. They are removed from the program, sent back to their correction facility, and will be charged for an added violation for escape. Someone who escaped in September last year, was sentenced for another period (ranging from 18 months to 7 years). There has been a series of White Flint robberies. Nobody from the Pre-release Center was involved in those. The Pre-Release Center is always looking for mentors, and for volunteers to teach classes, mainly pre-employment skills, GED, light employment skills. The mentoring coordinator can be reached at 240 773-4200.

5. New Business

a. We are planning to hold the Second Annual RCA Music Fest on 5/6/12, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is a great fundraising opportunity for us, and a creative way to bring our Randolph Hills neighbors together. Please sign up and purchase tickets! The proceeds will benefit various neighborhood beautification projects. We have four music acts scheduled for our entertainment, and we have sponsors lined up again.

b. Community Bazaar will be on 5/5/12 from 8:00am-1:00pm

c. For the April 5 General Membership Meeting, we plan to invite an arborist to address our trees pruning issues, and to get recommendations for prudent planting of new trees. Rock Creek forestry issues and erosion will also be addressed.

6. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Christiana Drapkin, Secretary.

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Mark Shore Park

In recognition of the efforts of the Shore family, the following letter has been submitted to the Montgomery Department of Parks and the Montgomery County Planning Board. A copy of this letter will appear at www.randolphcivic.org. If you would like to show your support for this effort, please feel free to copy this letter with your own signature and send to Planning Board, M-NCPPC, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, or e-mail: MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org.

Park Staff and Members of the Planning Board,

I write to you today on behalf of the Randolph Civic Association to ask for a special exception to the Individual Park Naming and Dedication Policy for Waverly-Schuylkill Park. Located between Waverly Road in the Town of Garrett Park and Schuylkill Road in the community of Randolph Hills, Waverly-Schuylkill Park is a little known gem in the vast collection of neighborhood parks in Montgomery County. Featuring a lighted and paved path and bridge connecting Garrett Park and Randolph Hills, Waverly-Schuylkill Park provides the citizens of Randolph Hills easy access to the Garrett Park Marc Station, and a preferred pedestrian route to White Flint Mall, Strathmore Arts Center, and the Grosvenor Metro Station. Through this park flows Glendaragh Creek, whose streambed restoration project was the recent recipient of an environmental design award. Since the streambed restoration, the park has become a home to ducks, frogs, turtles, hawks, fox, and a large deer population.

Not too long ago this park was a very different place, a nameless private lot, held by owners with little or no interest in it. The land was overgrown with Kudzu and littered with old tires and rusting appliances. As a result of nearby development, the creek had become a deep gully carved out by the fast running storm water from nearby roads and parking lots. Nothing lived in it. There was no bridge and no paved path.

Starting back in the late 1970's Mark Shore, along with his father Senator Frank Shore and the rest of his family, began a process to turn this land into the beautiful park it is today. Mark led a multi-year community effort to dig out the Kudzu and clean out the garbage. The Shores then petitioned the Department of Parks and the Planning Board to purchase the initial section of property and then build the path, bridge, and lights.

Sadly, Mark Shore succumbed to Multiple Sclerosis in November of 1998. However, his father, Senator Frank Shore and younger brother Matthew Shore, continued to work to bring improvements to the park. Since Mark's death, Frank and Matthew successfully petitioned the Planning Board to purchase adjoining wooded property along the train tracks and later donated the Mark Shore memorial bench which now sits at the park entrance at Schuylkill Road. In 2002, Senator Shore initiated a series of meet-

ings with park officials which led to the award winning streambed restoration project. Even more recently the Shore's created a mulched trail, "Mark's Nature Trail", through Waverly-Schuylkill Park which has become a popular destination for neighborhood families and dog walkers.

Waverly-Schuylkill Park exists today as a result of the years of time and effort put in by Mark Shore and his family. In recognition of their exceptional civic service, we ask that this park be renamed "Mark Shore Park" and exempted from any financial contribution requirement under the new policy. We ask that the park be renamed, not dedicated, as only a renaming could adequately honor the efforts of Mark Shore and his family.

Matthew Tifford
Director
Randolph Civic Association

White Flint Update

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plan for the property that is currently home to White Flint Mall will come before the Planning Board soon. Many of you have already seen the presentation of the plan from the Lerner Corporation and the Tower Company. It reflects the growing movement away from the suburban, auto-oriented shopping mall. One other sketch plan has already been approved but has not yet moved forward into the site plan process. That plan involves the Fitzgerald property on Rockville Pike. There is no estimated time frame for that plan to advance further. We will continue to monitor the progress of all of these plans and any new ones that may arrive.

Join Your Neighbors Online



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

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RCA President's Message

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That tower provides about 300 residential units on the same land area that four of our homes occupy. The building averages less than one car per residential unit. The cost of delivering water and electricity are much less because you don't have to run miles of pipe or wire over a more spread out area. The units are also much more efficient to heat and cool.

Of course I'm not saying we all need to sell our houses and cars and move into an apartment near metro. That would be ridiculous. Like I mentioned earlier, we need a variety of options to accommodate people at various stages in their life. Living in a more urban environment isn't better, just different. Having urban places in the County makes the County better for all of us by creating that variety. So I don't think of White Flint as 'over there' and RCA-land as 'over here'. I think of them as one, diverse connected community. And when an opportunity comes along to build additional housing near metro, and protect assets like the Agricultural Reserve (which covers a third of our County) or park space around Rock Creek we have a responsibility to embrace change. The County has a tremendous supply of single family homes already and accommodating growth by building more sprawl (and cutting down more trees) is unacceptable. We can't stop the population of the County from increasing, and the County needs to do a much better job of attracting young professionals who will expand the tax base of this County. We need exciting urban places in areas like White Flint, Twinbrook, Shady Grove, Wheaton, and Glenmont.

This is my final message as president of the RCA. By the time the next Echo comes out we will have had our board elections and Chad Salganik will take over President. Chad is a good man who understands the concepts I have discussed here and he has served our community well. I can think of no one more capable than he to act as RCA president. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you. I have made many great friends by getting involved with the RCA and have gotten so much more out of it than I could have imagined. Most importantly though the RCA has developed a good reputation as a community that takes responsibility and cares about the future of this County by embracing the need for change. I'm proud of this and what we've accomplished. I think back to Dr. Seuss and the Lorax when I look at the countless hours RCA volunteers spend caring for our neighborhood. Unless we all do our part in taking responsibility for this County and our community, nothing is going to get better. It's not. SO! You're in charge of RCA-land. Treat it with care.

Thank you Friends and Neighbors!



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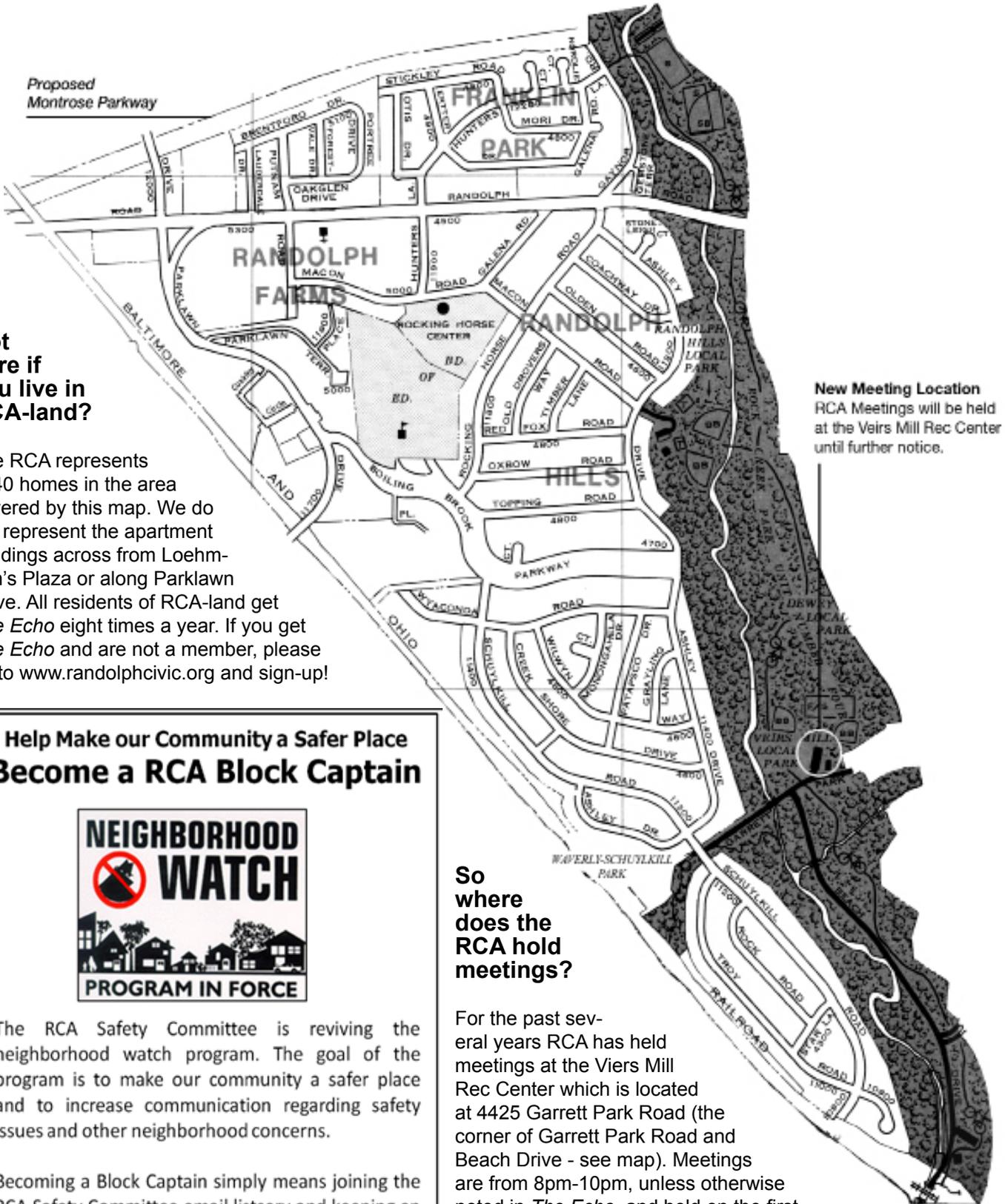


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Not sure if you live in RCA-land?

The RCA represents 1340 homes in the area covered by this map. We do not represent the apartment buildings across from Loehmann's Plaza or along Parklawn Drive. All residents of RCA-land get *The Echo* eight times a year. If you get *The Echo* and are not a member, please go to www.randolphcivic.org and sign-up!

New Meeting Location
RCA Meetings will be held at the Veirs Mill Rec Center until further notice.

**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.

So where does the RCA hold meetings?

For the past several years RCA has held meetings at the Viers Mill Rec Center which is located at 4425 Garrett Park Road (the corner of Garrett Park Road and Beach Drive - see map). Meetings are from 8pm-10pm, unless otherwise noted in *The Echo*, and held on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings are not held during the summer and are optional in January. The next general membership meeting is April 5th and we will be discussing new trees for the neighborhood.

Venture Crew 1083 Update

By Ben Pitkin, Corresponding Secretary

Venture Crew 1083 spent much of the past month concentrating on administrative matters. Because the youth members guide the program, this meant it was the Venturers themselves who took the lead in adjusting and ironing out activity schedules, monitoring finances, assigning tasks, setting objectives...you know, taking care of business.

On February 19, the Crew—along with affiliated Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Cub Scout units—went skiing at Ski Liberty in Pennsylvania. It's been a mild enough winter that you'd be forgiven for thinking the conditions were pretty bad. But give the Ski Liberty folks their props—they make their own snow, and cover plenty of ground with it. If you're clever and alert enough to tell snow from ground, and you can steer yourself away from the unsnowy parts, you're fine. As long as there's snow of some sort, the Crew will strap slippery boards to their feet and slide downhill on it!

Check back next month and see what else the Crew 1083 has been up to. Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 21. 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.

Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

Troop 1083 is proud to share the news about its most recent Eagle Scouts. The rank of Eagle is a rare and significant achievement. On January 20, Gregory Gadbois and Matthew Luong both passed their Eagle Boards of Review. The Board of Review is the formal presentation of the candidate before a panel that judges his Eagle rank application. It is the final step in the long climb to Scouting's highest rank. The Troop and the community at large are very proud of Greg and Matthew.

Otherwise, Troop 1083 has been catching its breath since the last ECHO report. There was only one outing in February; but that was no ordinary outing! On February 19, we went skiing and snowboarding at Ski Liberty. Many of the scouts were putting the finishing touches on their Snow Sports merit badge by demonstrating their skills on the slopes. Many others already possess that particular badge and hit the slopes just to make sure their talents didn't get rusty. Webelos scouts, Venture Crew members, siblings, parents, and friends went along, too. As you can see it's a popular annual event!

Troop meetings in February and March are focused on merit badges. About a dozen merit badge options were offered so the Scouts would be assured a topic of interest. Any scout with ambitions of reach-

ing the Eagle rank must earn at least 21 merit badges, of which 12 must be from a specific "core curriculum." Many of this year's offerings are from the list of Eagle-required merit badges; others are electives—including Chess, which was not an official merit badge before August 2011.

The remainder of March and early April will keep the Troop 1083 Scouts and their families busy with service projects and fun outings such as the Webelos weekend campout, a high adventure practice hike, a trip to the Rockville Aquatic Center, and a stream clean.

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.

News from Girl Scout Troop 1079

By Leora Hernandez

This troop is for girls in grades 6th-8th. At the Cadette troop level the girls have opportunities to grow leadership skills, earn SSL hours, and have fun!

Our troop is meeting Monday evenings at Viers Mill Elementary School from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. If you are interested in joining us please contact me.

In January we went Ice Skating at Cabin John and then to the Montgomery Mall Food Court for some dinner afterwards.

In February we celebrated World Thinking Day. This year the theme was the United States. Our Troop learned about Puerto Rico. They made Tres Leches Cake to share with the 300 or more girls and parents at the celebration. It was fun tasting other's states' food, singing songs, and exchanging SWAPS.

March is all about cookies and booth sales. The Troop thanks everyone who bought Girl Scout cookies whether from our troop or from others. Our troop is still trying to decide between doing a big New York Trip or visiting interesting sites locally.

Girls in 6th-8th grade interested in joining us? Contact Leora Hernandez at 240-418-2984 or leora-h2o@yahoo.com for more information.



The RCA Hotline

240-668-4722 (4RCA)

Calls Received February 22nd, 2011 through March 5th, 2012



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 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.

02-23-12 (Thurs) at 12:56pm. Not Anonymous. This is caller's second request for an Echo after caller's block on Hunters Lane did not receive one. Around the corner on Macon Road has not received theirs, either. Caller understands that Galena Road got theirs yesterday and hopes the rest are on their way.

02-27-12 (Mon) at 4:03pm. Not Anonymous. Caller is from Galena Road – thank you very much for the special deliveries of the Echo. Caller really appreciates it.

02-29-12 (Wed) at 11:36am. Anonymous. Viers Mill Baptist Church on Viers Mill road, right beside the Burger King, has free movies on the second Saturday evening of the month. They are free, just come and enjoy. They also provide refreshments for free. Just come and enjoy the movies. You can call the church office at 301-942-3210 for more information on what movie is playing and the start times. All are welcome; please come and enjoy.

02-29-12 (Wed) at 7:07pm. Same Caller. Free movies at Viers Mill Baptist Church! They're free and everybody's welcome to come. Free refreshments! They are going to show, on Wednesday April 4th at 6pm, "Dog Gone" and "The Grace Card." So, come on out. Come to the free movies at Viers Mill Baptist Church and have free refreshments. Also, the second Saturday evening of the month, we have free movies, too.

03-05-12 (Mon) at 5:07pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. Does anyone know who owns the land between the train tracks and the homes on Schuylkill that back up to the tracks? This land is a MESS! It is overgrown with weeds, vines, dead trees (that I prefer not fall on my house) and trash. It is very welcoming to rats (they were abundant 2 summers ago and very costly to protect my property from) and other pests. On several occasions,

some of the local homeless have set up camp back there, one occasion causing a fire. The police have previously been contacted, but they say that they can't do anything because the land is not owned by the county - it is private property. I have checked with CSX and it is not their property. Can anyone with Randolph Civic Assoc. help us out? Find out who to contact? Get them to clean up? Thank you!

2012-2013 RCA Election Cycle Slate of Candidates

Per our by-laws the RCA has made a call for nominations in the Echo, at our March meeting the Board approved the slate of candidates, and at our April general membership meeting we will hold elections. The candidates are listed below and the status of their seat is in parenthesis:

President: Chad Salganik (running for his first term)

Vice President One: Amber Tedesco (running for her first term as Vice President One)

Vice President Two: Christiana Drapkin (running for her first term as Vice President Two)

Secretary: Jason Ott (running for his first term)

Board of Directors: Mara Greengrass (new candidate; the three Directors are elected to three year terms, with one vacating each year; Mara is nominated for the seat being vacated by Karen Helfert; the seat currently held by Brian Hooker will be up next year)

Note to Contributors:

Deadlines for the remainder of the 2011-2012 Issue year are:

May 2012..... April 13th
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President's Message

by Matt Tifford

I have just a quick update this month about coming attractions. By the time you get this Echo, or not long after, Boy Scout Robert Skaats, sponsored by the RCF, will be building us some new benches at different sites around the neighborhood as his Eagle project. Around the same time Boy Scout Jake Blakely will be in charge of removing all the old bulbs from the Boiling Brook sign area and planting new shrubs and perennials to complement our new sign designs. With the warmer weather, community volunteers will also be out applying stain to the signposts for all the new entrance signs. We will also be installing the final Randolph Hills sign at Macon Road and Rocking Horse Road.

If you have an interest in planting flowers, please reserve 1:00pm on Sunday May 20th to join us in planting flowers at all the entrance sign sites. We will start at the Boiling Brook sign in front of Charles E. Smith, and then proceed to Lauderdale Drive, Hunters Lane (both signs), the new Macon/Rocking Horse sign if it has been installed, and finally Schuyllkill/Garrett Park Road.

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News from Cub Scout Pack 1081

By Leora Hernandez

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

At the January Pack Meeting the following awards were given:

- Wolves - Ice Skating Belt Loop: Josh L.
- Bears - Whittling and Chip Badge: Sergio H., Matthew A., James T., William M., Steven M., Vincent M., Wei T., Thieren K., Kevin H., and Liam O.
- Webelos I – Video Game Belt Loop: Franklin A., Jarod H., Mitchell C., and Jacob H.; Traveler Activity Pins: Franklin A., Jarod H., Mitchell C., and Jacob H.
- Naturalist Activity Pins: Franklin A., Jarod H., Mitchell C., and Jacob H.
- Webelos II (5th graders) earned the following: Engineering Activity Pen - Adrian S., Thomas A., Galen G., Nathaniel H., and Daniel H.

In January the pack held its annual Pinewood Derby. The boys enjoyed designing, sanding, painting and finally race their cars! The first place finishers by den were: Wolf – Conrad H.; Bear Den – Liam O; Webelos I - Jarod H; Webelos II – Nathaniel H. Best in Show – Tristen P.

In February Cub Scouts celebrated the Blue and Gold Banquet with a western theme. The following awards were given:

- Wolves Music Belt Loop: Tristen P., Josh L., Conrad H., Andrew M., Matthew A.
- Bears Art Belt Loop: James T., Sergio H., Liam O., William M., Wai T., Thieren K., and Kevin H. The boys earning their Bear Advancement were Vincent M. and Steven M., James T, William M., Wei T., Thieren K., and Kevin H
- Webelos I Craftsman Activity Pin: Franklin A., Jarod H., Mitchell C., and Jacob H.
- Webelos II Volleyball Belt Loop: Thomas A.

Also on February 19th Cub Scouts and families had the opportunity to ski and snow board at Ski Liberty.

In March Webelos II will have an overnight at the Maryland Science Museum in Baltimore and a camping trip at Cabin John with Boy Scout Troop 1083.

April activities include the Potomac Watershed Cleanup on April 14th, Indian Pow Wow-Webelos II Graduation, and Bike Outing on April 22nd.

In May there will be a family camping trip to Greenbrier State Park.

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

Finding the Best Remodeling Company for Your Home

Remodeling your home can be a very trying experience. You have to decide a lot of things before you begin, such as what you can afford or what company to go with. There are countless companies available, but how do you pick out the best one? Also, how do you know which ones are reputable?

You want to look at companies who have been in business for a long time. A good remodeling company will guarantee their work, and have qualified and experienced workers.

The best remodeling companies should also be registered with a local industry association. This shows that they are a legitimate business, and it will be easier to find out information about them as well as other customers' reviews. The company should be fully licensed and insured to protect you from any unfortunate accidents or other situations. This one fact alone will make any customer feel a lot better about their choice of a remodeling company.

You will also want to be sure that the company uses the best quality materials that are available for your home remodeling. If you are going to be spending the money, you want it to last! Don't settle for lesser quality, because in the end you will regret it. Look for a company that also provides you with the best prices for the quality.

The best remodeling company will also care about its customers. They will make themselves available to you at any time to answer your questions or concerns. They will be personable and treat you as an individual. A good remodeling company will really take the time to listen.



Plus, they will be courteous when working in your home and consider things like, the time it will take them to do their job and how it will cause inconvenience to you while they are there. Depending on the room they are remodeling, you could be without a kitchen or another well trafficked area of your home, until the project is complete.

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Going Green for Earth Day 2012

By *Karena Cooper*

Montgomery County has introduced a new website called 'MyGreenMontgomeryCounty.org'. According to the site, "now you can find all of the local incentives, information and programs you need to help you green your lifestyle and save money all in one place ...you can create a personalized green plan, add an event to the calendar, comment or ask questions about specific green projects, or share your own success story. The site not only directs you to accurate information and resources, it also serves as a platform for engaging in green topics. Best of all, it is specific to Montgomery County."

The MyGreenMontgomeryCounty website is: <http://montgomerycountymd.mygreenmontgomery.org/>.

Current topics highlighted include: information on how to contact your local watershed clean-up group in time for annual environmental spring cleaning and trash pick-up events; information on the soon-to-come Smart Meters being installed by Pepco and BG&E; tips on how to maintain home heating and air conditioning equipment, plus much more.

In an effort to make RCA-Land a bit greener, and in honor of Earth Day coming up on Sunday April 22, we offer some tips for recycling plastic:

It is OKAY to put these types of Plastic in the Blue Recycle Bins:

- Plastic bottles (resin # on bottom of bottle should say 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7); Labels and plastic rings around the neck of the bottles are okay; Plastic lids are okay to recycle but remove from the bottle first. Empty and rinse bottles first
- Plastic containers, tubs and lids (resin # on bottom should say 2, 3, 4 or 5); Empty and rinse before placing in recycle bin; Plastic lids are okay to recycle.

It is NOT OKAY to put these types of plastic in the recycle bins:

- Plastic wrap, bags, or film are NOT recyclable
- Non-bottle items made from resins #1 or any type of #6 (polystyrene and Styrofoam™ products)
- plastic bags or wrapping
- plastic knives, forks, and spoons
- "clamshell" containers
- packaging from small electronics, jewel cases from CDs.

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11315 Ashley Drive	\$260,000	\$245,000	20	\$0	07-Nov-11
12009 Rocking Horse Road	\$238,000	\$238,000	56	\$0	21-Nov-11
12109 Galena Road	\$379,900	\$370,000	8	\$0	12-Dec-11
4906 Ertter Drive	\$359,000	\$310,000	133	\$5,000	27-Dec-11
11203 Ashley Drive	\$364,000	\$360,000	132	\$0	27-Dec-11
12014 Galena Road	\$299,000	\$298,000	162	\$0	29-Dec-11
4719 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$270,000	\$265,000	169	\$0	30-Dec-11
11413 Grayling Lane	\$329,900	\$324,500	43	\$8,000	08-Feb-12
4723 Boiling Brook Pkwy	\$349,000	\$337,500	9	\$0	10-Feb-12
10902 Troy Road	\$389,900	\$375,000	125	\$0	23-Feb-12
11315 Ashley Drive	\$374,990	\$376,000	7	\$0	28-Feb-12
10912 Troy Road	\$319,900	\$310,000	22	\$6,500	29-Feb-12
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