

# The Echo

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## Upcoming Events

**RCA Executive Meeting**  
Thursday, February 3, 2005  
8:00 p.m.

**RCA General Meeting**  
Thursday, March 3, 2005  
8:00 p.m.

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.

## Question C and Political Financing

by Richard Zierdt

Happy New Year! Let's start the year off right with a hot article on political financing, eh?

I discuss the campaign money that went into Question C on last November's ballot. Remember that one? That's the one that would have changed all nine County Council members to be all locally-elected, instead of the current five local and four at large – if it weren't defeated.

The idea was to reduce the size that each member would represent, and therefore be more responsive to the citizens, and make it easier to run an effective campaign without inordinate amounts of money. Seems like an innocuous change, so why was it defeated?

One reason is that the group formed to defeat it raised \$109,925 to do so, 17 times the amount that the group formed to pass it raised: \$6,342.65. Now that just shows how unpopular Question C was, right? Wrong. I print below two lists, both publicly available from the County's Board of Elections. Each list shows who contributed to their respective camps: for and against.

The question we must all answer is: What did the opponents to Question C expect to receive for their largess? Why would a group raise over \$100,000 to defeat a seemingly harmless change to the Council? What was their fear if Question C passed? Could it be a County Council more responsive to citizen concerns about over-development before adequate infrastructure is in place (roads and schools)? Could it be a fear of reduced profits from development? Look at the list of contributors for answers, especially the largest ones. This wasn't a grass-roots effort, it was corporate power.

And to be fair, what did those who supported Question C expect to gain if it passed? Increased profits? From what? As one who contributed monetarily to the effort, both as an individual and as secretary of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, the group that gathered over 15,000 signatures to get Question C on the ballot, the motivation was the exact opposite of the opposition: A more responsive Council, concern about the loss of open space in the County, concern about overcrowded classrooms.

Big money has corrupted and is corrupting County policy; in short, this County is for sale, and it is purchased at every election through the at-large County Council seats.

By the way, the Randolph Civic Association took no position on Question C. The views above are my own, and do not reflect official RCA policy. I do hope however, that all RCA residents think about who is financing politics in Montgomery County, and why.

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# RCA Executive Committee for 2004-2005

<p><b>OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>President</b> Matthew Shore 11230 Troy Road 301-468-1225</p> <p><b>Vice President</b> Mike Saunders 12107 Hunters Lane 301-468-9268</p> <p><b>2nd Vice President</b> George Gadbois 4718 Topping Road 301-770-5386</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> Kevin Kline 4808 Randolph Road 301-230-1486</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> Richard Zierdt 4707 Coachway Drive 301-881-0283</p> <p><b>Directors</b> Jack Stillwell 5106 Macon Road 301-231-4934</p> <p>Frank Shore 11230 Troy Road 301-468-1225</p> <p>Frank Rossomondo 11611 Ashley Drive 301-770-7450</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b></p> <p><b>Echo Editor</b> Eileen White 11225 Ashley Drive 301-984-2579</p> <p><b>Echo Advertising</b> Mauro Biondo 11508 Monongahela Court 301-770-7590</p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b> <i>(continued)</i></p> <p><b>Membership</b> Carol Brown 4615 Olden Road 301-770-7440</p> <p><b>Environment</b> Jack Stillwell 5106 Macon Road 301-231-4934</p> <p><b>Education</b> Elinor Walker 12111 Galena Road 301-468-6335</p> <p><b>Yard Sale Signs</b> Lorena Segura 4802 Macon Road 301-984-8727</p> <p><b>Special Projects</b> Kim and Cary Williams 4710 Topping Road 301-881-4554</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY AFFAIRS</b></p> <p><b>Scout Leader, Troop 1083</b> Dave Talbott 12104 Foley Street Silver Spring, MD 20902 301-933-0048</p> <p><b>Cub Master, Pack 1081</b> George Gadbois 4718 Topping Road 301-770-5386</p> <p><b>Scout Liaison</b> Frank Rossomondo 11611 Ashley Drive 301-770-7450</p> <p><b>Scout Unit Commissioner</b> Mike Saunders 12107 Hunters Lane 301-468-9268</p> <p><b>Girl Scout Leader, Troop 1487</b> Pat Hart 4905 Randolph Road 301-230-2740</p>
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<p><b>COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION DELEGATES</b> Montgomery County Civic Federation: Kevin Kline, Matthew Shore, Eileen White, Richard Zierdt <a href="http://www.montgomerycivic.org">www.montgomerycivic.org</a></p> <p>North Bethesda Congress: Matthew Shore, Richard Zierdt</p> <p><b>MUNICIPAL AREAS FOR RCA</b></p> <p>County Council District 1 (representing all of RCA): Councilman: Howard Denis 240-777-7964 email: <a href="mailto:Councilmember.Denis@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Denis@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> Mr. Denis's aide: Ken Hartman</p> <p>Councilmember: Nancy Floreen 240-777-7959 email: <a href="mailto:Councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> Ms. Floreen's aide: Merle Steiner</p> <p>General County Council Offices: 240-777-7900</p> <p>County Executive (all of RCA): Douglas Duncan 240-777-2500</p> <p>Montgomery County Public Schools: 301-279-3000 School Board Offices: 301-279-3617 School System Information: 301-279-3391 School Board Member for District 3 (representing all of RCA): Ms. Patricia O'Neill 301-320-7600</p> <p>Maryland Legislative District 18 (representing all of RCA): Senator: Sharon M. Grosfeld 301-858-3137 Delegates: Ana Sol Gutierrez 301-858-3181 John Hurson 301-858-3770 Richard Madaleno Jr. 301-858-3130</p> <p>Montgomery County Delegation Office: All Senators &amp; Delegates: 301-858-3010</p> <p>U.S. Congressional District 8: Christopher Van Hollen 202-225-5341 email: <a href="mailto:chris.vanhollen@mail.house.gov">chris.vanhollen@mail.house.gov</a></p> <p>U.S. Senate: Barbara Mikulski 202-224-4654 Paul Sarbanes 202-224-4524</p> <p>Election Precinct: 04-15 Vote at Rockinghorse Center, 4910 Macon Road</p> <p>Montgomery Co. Board of Elections: 240-777-8500 751 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland 20851 <a href="http://www.777vote.org">www.777vote.org</a></p> <p>Maryland State Board of Elections: <a href="http://www.elections.state.md.us">www.elections.state.md.us</a></p> <p>Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Office of the Governor 100 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401 410-974-3591 <a href="mailto:governor@gov.state.md.us">governor@gov.state.md.us</a> <a href="http://www.gov.state.md.us">www.gov.state.md.us</a></p>
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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](http://www.randolphcivic.org)

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**Question C**

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Here's the list:

**In favor of Question C (total: \$6,342.65):**

\$ 2,188.99 Peggy Dennis  
\$ 1,278.00 Charles Wolff  
\$ 1,170.34 Montgomery County Civic Federation  
\$ 454.94 Dale Tibbitts  
\$ 162.65 Jim Humphrey  
\$ 150.00 Richard Zierdt  
\$ 100.00 Fernando Bren  
\$ 100.00 Gregory Eisenstadt  
\$ 100.00 Sarah Gilligan  
\$ 100.00 Quon Kwan  
\$ 100.00 Norman Latker  
\$ 100.00 Dan Wilhelm  
\$ 67.73 Luella Mast  
\$ 50.00 Max Bronstein  
\$ 50.00 Kathryn Hopps  
\$ 50.00 Lyle Schofield  
\$ 35.00 James Fremont  
\$ 25.00 Richard Berman  
\$ 20.00 Arnie Gordon  
\$ 20.00 Cary Lamari  
\$ 20.00 Wanda Lamari

**GRAND TOTAL \$6,342.65**

**In opposition to Question C (total: \$109,925):****VOTE NO COALITION**

Reported Campaign Contributions through 16 Nov 2004

\$12,000.00 Montg. Co. Chamber of Commerce  
\$10,000.00 Montg. Co. Career Firefighters Association  
\$10,000.00 MAPAC-2, P.O.Box 19089, Washington, D.C.  
\$ 7,000.00 Montg. Co. Education Association  
\$ 5,000.00 Communications Workers of America  
\$ 5,000.00 Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #35, Montg. Village  
\$ 5,000.00 Marriott International  
\$ 5,000.00 Montg. Co. Business PAC  
\$ 3,500.00 SEIU Local 500 PAC, Gaithersburg  
\$ 2,500.00 Willco Construction Co., Montrose Rd.  
\$ 1,000.00 SEIU MD/DC State Council, Baltimore  
\$ 1,000.00 Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO  
\$ 500.00 Carl Freeman, Assoc., Olney  
\$ 500.00 Stephen & Sharon Kaufman, Linowes & Blocker  
\$ 500.00 Blue Star Group, Kensington  
**Subtotal \$68,500. = 62.3%**

\$ 4,750.00 Friends of George Leventhal  
\$ 4,750.00 Friends of Nancy Floreen  
\$ 4,750.00 Friends of Michael Subin  
\$ 4,750.00 Citizens for Steve Silverman  
\$ 2,500.00 Friends of Tom Perez  
\$ 2,500.00 Friends of Mike Knapp  
\$ 2,500.00 Howard Denis, Chevy Chase  
\$ 2,250.00 People for Praisner  
\$ 500.00 Friends of Doug Duncan  
**Subtotal \$29,250. = 26.6%**

\$ 2,000.00 Conrad Aschenbach, N. Potomac  
\$ 500.00 League of Women Voters, Montg. Co.  
\$ 500.00 Linna Barnes, Chevy Chase  
\$ 500.00 Laurence Schulmam, Potomac  
\$ 250.00 Susan Cottle Madden, Silver Spring  
\$ 250.00 David Wagner, Gaithersburg  
\$ 250.00 Sidney Kramer, Silver Spring  
\$ 200.00 Edward Asher & Ciria Sanchez-Baca, Chevy Chase  
\$ 200.00 Susan Heltemes, Silver Spring  
**Subtotal \$ 4,650. = 4.2%**

\$ 6,920.00 68 Individuals or companies giving \$150 or less  
**Subtotal \$ 7,525. = 6.8%**

**GRAND TOTAL \$109,925 ■**

**TAX RETURNS  
PREPARED**

Federal and State  
\$30

Itemized  
\$50

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## Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 2004

by Kevin Kline, Secretary

Our Guest Speaker was Richard Madaleno, Jr., elected official. For one hour, Richard discussed wide-ranging topics, including malpractice insurance for Maryland doctors, the Inter-County Connector (ICC), and schools. The recently passed state malpractice bill creates a special fund to help offset the cost of insurance premiums for doctors who practice in Maryland. Doctor's insurance premiums typically run over \$100,000 per year. States with higher premiums can force doctors to set up shop in nearby states to reduce their overhead costs. Both Maryland Democrats and Republicans agree something must be done to reduce doctors' premiums, or risk los-

ing Maryland doctors to nearby states. During a special session the governor convened, a special fund is to be created to help offset Maryland doctors' insurance costs. The difference between the Democrats and Republicans is in how the fund will be funded. The Democrats favor a 2 percent tax on HMO premiums. Maryland Governor Ehrlich vehemently opposes the tax, which he said would be passed on to consumers.

The next topic of discussion was the Inter-County Connector (ICC). Some options under consideration are Express Toll Lanes, and Variable Toll Lanes, whereby the price of the toll lanes vary with the time of day, much like the price of the Metro subway. Those willing to pay a premium can use these express lanes, bypassing slower regular lanes of traffic. The guest speaker was given a round of applause as he concluded his remarks.

Next, 2nd Vice President George Gadbois discussed Viers Mill Elementary School, which was selected by Maryland as a High Academic Performance. Now Viers Mill is in the running to be awarded as a national Blue Ribbon School. This is very good news for the Wheaton Cluster. James Virga, Principal, should be commended.

The RCA has ordered several more civic signs to install in the neighborhood. Two are "Randolph Hills" signs, and one is a "Randolph Farms" sign.

Representing the RCA, George Gadbois attended a Parks meeting along with five other civic associations. Votes were taken on action plans, on how to manage permitting soccer fields. George discovered that Prince George's County requires a Police Officer at events that require a county parks permit. The RCA thinks this is a great idea. ■

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## Treasurer's Report *by Richard Zierdt*

As of January 16, 2005, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$12,702.39. I reimbursed myself (check 744 below) for two laser printer toner cartridges for our *Echo* editor, Eileen White (plus some paper clips for the membership drive in September). We spent \$100 for over 1,000 bulbs that should give us some color in the spring. These bulbs are structurally sound, but should have been planted 6 weeks ago. I've kept tulips and daffodil bulbs in my garage over the winter and planted them in the early spring, and they still sprout. ■

<b>RCA Checking Register</b>					
11/08/2004 through 1/16/2005					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Num</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Memo</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
		<b>BALANCE 11/07/2004</b>			<b>16,339.78</b>
11/16	E-xfr	Verizon	Oct 22 telephone	-24.50	16,315.28
11/18	739	Sam's Club	membership	-300.00	16,015.28
11/18	740	Sam's Club	membership	-300.00	15,715.28
11/18	741	Sam's Club	membership	-150.00	15,565.28
11/18		RCAssociation	inc:membership	318.00	15,883.28
11/20	742	Sam's Club	membership	-150.00	15,733.28
11/22	743	Quick Printing	Dec ECHO 16 pages	-892.50	14,840.78
11/23		Suntrust Bank	stmt: 11/23/04: 14,840.78		
11/29	744	Richard Zierdt	—SPLIT—	-220.46	14,620.32
		supplies	paper clips	-12.58	
		ECHO:production	two toner cartridges	-207.88	
12/13		RCAssociation	inc:advertising	172.00	14,792.32
12/14	745	Postmaster -	P.O. 2202 rental	-90.00	14,702.32
12/17		Verizon	Nov 22 telephone	-24.50	14,677.82
12/17		RCAssociation	inc:advertising	195.00	14,872.82
12/23		Suntrust Bank	stmt: 12/23/04: 14,872.82		
01/04	746	The Sign Shop	RCA Neighborhood signs	-2,760.00	12,112.82
01/08		RCAssociation	inc:membership	331.00	12,443.82
01/14	747	Dutch Mill Bulbs	1000+ winter bulbs	-100.00	12,343.82
01/15	748	Sam's Club	membership	-30.00	12,313.82
		<b>BALANCE 01/16/2005</b>			<b>12,313.82</b>

<b>RCF Checking Register</b>					
11/08/2004 through 1/16/2005					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Num</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Memo</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
		<b>BALANCE 11/07/2004</b>			<b>461.84</b>
11/08	1071	Jerry Gibbins	Winter cabbage - BBP	-73.35	388.49
11/30		interest received	.11%	0.04	388.53
12/31		interest received	.12%	0.04	388.57
		<b>BALANCE 01/16/2005</b>			<b>388.57</b>

<b>Total RCA+RCF cash assets</b>				<b>12,702.39</b>
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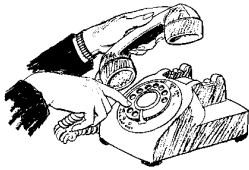
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## The RCA Hotline

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(2RCA)



**Calls Received**  
**November 8, 2004 to**  
**January 13, 2005**

*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.*

### **2004-11-09 (Tue) 5:25 pm**

Anonymous. Caller reports that they finally came and fixed the street light out on Schuylkill Road after 13 days, so caller is very pleased. Thank you. *[You're welcome!]*

### **2004-11-10 (Wed) 3:00 pm**

Anonymous. Light on Schuylkill is out again!

**2004-11-10 (Wed) 6:17 pm** Co-president of the Student Council of the Charles E. Smith School. One of the student government's goals is to help students help out the neighborhood in order to thank the neighborhood for tolerating the large school in their back yard. Are there any projects the RCA would like completed? Planting flowers, etc. Please call or e-mail. *[RCA is now working with Smith students on such a project.]*


### **2004-11-14 (Sun) 3:34 pm**

Anonymous. Calling about the black-topping on Boiling Brook Parkway and Schuylkill Road. About two summers ago, all of the streets of RCA were cut up, patched, and blacktopped.

This did not happen to Schuylkill or Boiling Brook. Caller has called the County several times, but caller is simply told to call someone else. Caller cannot get an answer from the County. Can the RCA? These streets look terrible. *[The RCA will contact its go-to County Councilwoman, Nancy Floreen.]*

### **2004-11-14 (Sun) 3:37 pm**

Anonymous. Calling about one of the statements made in a previous *Echo* about the RCA not reporting calls that the RCA found annoying, and that people who do not attend meetings on Thursdays were not going to be heard from. Caller cannot come on Thursday nights, so using this phone is the only option caller has to communicate with the Association. So if caller cannot leave a message on the phone, nor attend its meetings, then caller sees no point in belonging to the Randolph Civic Association. As a consequence, caller has not sent in dues this year. *[Richard Zierdt here. RCA is sorry caller feels this way. But actually, there are at least a half-dozen RCA officers caller can telephone to discuss any issue s/he has about the neighborhood. RCA officers, their addresses, and their phone numbers are listed on page 2 of every ECHO. This is about as open as an organization can be. Regarding the "annoying" calls, it's not that \*some\* calls (and there are only one or two) are annoying as much as they are repetitive and go nowhere. Plus, they are always anonymous. Why repeat the same complaint month after month when the caller won't telephone any RCA officer, let alone attend a meeting, let alone try to call a County agency to resolve her/his issue as is suggested in the ECHO. We even provide the phone number. The RCA is not a County agency. We do not have the volunteers necessary to solve every problem. What we can and do is advise a resident on her/his options, suggest agencies to call, and, if the problem is not resolved after that, get involved after a member has tried to*



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*solve a problem her/his self. If the caller has any problem with the neighborhood, please call any RCA officer, including this writer. We are here to help. Believe it or not!]*

### **2004-11-23 (Tue) 7:33 am**

Anonymous. Caller's question is: How long does it take the electric company to change a light bulb? The answer is: 26 days and 15 phone calls. Thank you.

### **2004-11-24 (Wed) 9:33 am**

Not anonymous. Caller reports that yet again, one of the Charles E. Smith school buses made a left-hand turn onto Nicholson Lane from the right-turn only lane on Boiling Brook Parkway. This is an ongoing problem, has been for years, and needs to be addressed at the RCA executive meeting, and general meeting, and let the police know and get the police up there in the morning.

### **2004-11-30 (Tue) 7:02 pm**

Anonymous. 4800 block of Ertter Drive. This is the third time caller has reported receiving an ECHO one or two weeks after caller received the first copy. There's a problem in the

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## RCA Hotline

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distribution. It's costing the RCA money to print excess *Echos*. Please look into it.

**2004-11-30 (Tue) 9:54 pm** 114xx Schuylkill Road. Caller has not received an *Echo* yet; would appreciate one. Thank you.

**2004-12-01 (Wed) 11:12 am**  
Anonymous. The December *Echo* suggests printing the *Echo* in Spanish. Why cannot someone, in their household, read it to those who cannot read English? There will be additional costs in printing a Spanish *Echo*.

**2004-12-03 (Fri) 11:42 am**  
Anonymous. Regarding a suggestion that the *Echo* have editions in Spanish, caller really resents the way the Spanish language has been insinuated into every aspect of caller's life. It makes caller feel as if caller is in a foreign country. Caller can hardly hear caller's own language wherever caller goes. Hey folks, this is America. Our language is English. If you don't want to learn our language, so be it. But don't try to make a whole county change its language to yours. If we let this trend continue, America will lose its English and become an entirely Spanish county. Is this what we want? [Answering the two calls above, it's unclear how a translated *ECHO* would be distributed. It may be online only, involving no printing costs, but we'll see. There is no chance that America will lose its English. English is the de-facto world language today. For example, people from France and China, if they don't happen to know the other's person language, communicate via English.]

**2004-12-05 (Sun) 3:45 pm** Hunters Court. Caller has misplaced caller's *Echo*. Could someone call and leave a message giving the names and numbers of at least some of the boys who

were interested in yard work? Thank you. [Can do, but if you have internet access, every *ECHO* and years of back issues are available at [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)]

**2004-12-06 (Mon) 11:35 am** 48xx Boiling Brook Parkway. Thieves tried to steal Caller's car. The night the lights were out. Caller saw them. Caller is warning residents. [Thank you for calling.]

**2004-12-06 (Mon) 9:44 pm** Not anonymous. Schuylkill Road. Caller found some CDs on Schuylkill Road. [Call the RCA, describe them, and we'll pass you on to the caller.]

**2004-12-06 (Fri) 1:50 am**  
Anonymous. Franklin Park. Construction debris is left all over the yard and street.

**2004-12-06 (Fri) 9:19 am**  
Anonymous. Calling about the trash can left in front of 1132x Schuylkill Road. Residents should retrieve trash

cans after pick-up. This is Friday, and the can is still there on the County strip.

*Tape ran out!*

**2004-12-16 (Thu) 10:24 am** 110xx Troy Road. Outside of house was vandalized about midnight over the weekend; Christmas decorations were destroyed. Eggs were thrown on windows and front door. Vandalism was reported to police. They will be on the lookout for other activity. Care must be taken to protect your property. [RCA is sorry for member's loss. What a shame such people do this.]

**2004-12-17 (Fri) 6:00 pm** Franklin Park, Ertter Drive. Reports that at 480x Ertter Drive, there is a bed frame that's been in the street for about a month. It defaces the neighborhood. Why don't the owners see to it that the frame is removed? Please keep our neighborhood attractive. [Every owner should manage their own trash, but obviously some don't. However, any-

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email: [jewelleg@bellatlantic.net](mailto:jewelleg@bellatlantic.net)

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**2004-12-18 (Sat) 8:57 pm** Anonymous. About two months ago, a car (Honda) was stolen off of the 4900 block of Ertter Drive. This last week, the police broke up and arrested a car-chopping operation in Pennsylvania, and retrieved the Honda, where the motor and transmission had been removed. Caller is sorry the car was lost, but at least this operation was stopped. We know who lives here; watch out for those that don't. Keep your lights on and your car locked.

**2004-12-20 (Mon) 3:03 pm** Anonymous on Boiling Brook Parkway. Why is there so much trash coming down the street? The mess comes from behind Amazing Savings. The trash is unbelievable. Cardboard, paper bags, plastic bags – the wind just blows it away. Caller would appreciate the RCA looking into this. [RCA has done so, calling Solid Waste, etc.]

**2005-01-01 (Sat) 7:44 am** Anonymous, Randolph Hills. Last night, New Years Eve, seemingly on Ashley Drive near the park, there were several minutes of firecrackers going off. Caller believes this was just celebratory, but caller is concerned about the safety (and legality) of it. The fireworks seemed too close for comfort. In any event, Happy New Year! [Fireworks, without a license, are illegal in Montgomery County at any time.]

**2005-01-02 (Sun) 11:03 am** Calling from the home of 112xx Ashley Drive. Caller sent in dues at the beginning of November. The membership form had another resident's name and address on it. Please cash caller's check! [Done!]

**2005-01-05 (Thu) 7:59 pm** Anonymous. About the intersection of Gaynor and Hunters Lane in Franklin Park, there is a creek on the east side of the intersection. A red plastic barrier guarding people from the creek has fallen down. Has the RCA looked into this? Caller also noticed that huge stretches of Rock Creek Park behind Franklin Park have been cleared. Why has this not been advertised? Is it part of the road that may be built? [No, it is not part of Montrose Parkway, which is years away from being built, if it is built at all. We believe the activity is a WSSC (water and sewer) project].

**2005-01-05 (Tue) 10:19 pm** Not anonymous. Franklin Park. Caller read in the Echo that a translator would be welcome to translate the Echo into Spanish. Caller is volunteering. [Thank you, caller! Now – can we work out the logistics? Of course!] ■

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Linares\*\*\*  
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Valenzuela  
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Alfonzo\*\*  
Brown, Jr.  
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Campbell  
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Ghirlando\*\*\*  
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Tolson  
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Fishman\*\*  
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Loyd  
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Mitchell  
Nightingale\*  
Raymond  
Wong

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Cote-Colisson

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Bruder  
Smith

**Oakglen Drive**

Mao  
Melyakov  
Perper  
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Franks\*\*\*  
Gray  
Green  
Herr  
Peters  
Ricker  
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Robertson\*  
Walker\*  
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Blackman\*\*  
Didden  
Doane\*\*  
Hevey & Barbee  
Junghans  
Marino\*\*  
Martinelli  
Tedesco  
Yi\*

**Oxbow Road**

Andrykovitch  
Beckmann\*\*

Beltz\*  
Boyd  
Charuhas  
Donaldson  
George\*  
Gribble\*\*\*\*  
Kessler\*\*  
King\*\*  
Marsden  
Poole\*\*  
Schotthoefer\*\*  
Speer  
Tessier  
Watts\*\*\*\*

**Patapsco Drive**

Allen\*\*  
Andrews\*\*  
Chalkin\*\*  
Cordani\*\*\*  
Cotter  
Donahoe\*  
Faircloth\*\*\*  
Kaschak  
Lewis  
Reed, M.D.\*\*\*\*  
Retana

**Portree Drive**

Calvo & Bryck  
Howard  
Kim\*  
Kriedeman &  
Martin\*\*  
McCombs  
McGovern  
Milihran\*  
Zmudzka

**Putnam Road**

Block\*  
Levy  
Strickland  
Zeitlin\*

**Randolph Road**

Adorian  
Aker\*\*  
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Ecuacion\*\*  
Kline\*\*\*\*  
Lamas  
Schlutz, D.M.D.  
Stevens\*\*\*  
Williams\*

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Anderson  
Beaver\*\*  
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Cannon\*\*\*  
Divel\*\*  
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Gibbins  
Kehoe\*\*  
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Quinton  
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Ward

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Ashworth  
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Baker\*  
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Lee\*\*  
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# Dear Mrs. Brown



Happy New Year!

First, I would like to thank all the readers who have sent in questions and comments. Writing about what interests you the most is the best use of this column. With that in mind, here are two reader's thoughts.

**Dear Mrs. Brown,**  
**Several of my son's friends are getting weekly allowances. He just turned six, isn't he too young?**

Some parents prefer to wait until a child is older, but age five or six isn't too early to start an allowance. This is a great teaching tool on how to handle money. Begin with a small amount (like one dollar) and use coins. Another good idea is to have your child divide their total week's allowance into three equal portions: 1) money they can spend immediately, 2) money they save toward a larger priced item they want, and 3) money that goes into a piggy-bank or savings account at the local bank for long-term savings. It is generally recommended that parents not connect allowance with home chores because this gives children a mistaken idea about family responsibilities.

**Dear Mrs. Brown,**  
**I don't have a question, but wanted to address the issue of "sidewalk etiquette." Neighbors, please remember that sidewalks are public right-of-ways for traffic in two directions. Sidewalks should always be kept clear and not blocked with toys, tricycles, bicycles, motorcycles, cars, construction materials, trash, mud, leaves, snow, etc. When you are using the sidewalk be mindful that other people need to use it as well.**

This is a good subject and I would like to add a few thoughts:

*1. You and your friends are not more important than everyone else.*

If you are walking around the neighborhood with a group of friends, don't continue to take up the entire sidewalk walking two-three-four-abreast when someone is approaching you from the opposite direction. That is the time to switch to "single file" for a few paces. Be the first to move aside – step onto the grass – or otherwise make room for others to

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**The deadline for the March issue  
of the *Echo* is Saturday, February 5th.**

pass. To this end, don't walk with your head down pretending you don't see anyone else so you can maintain a straight line. Thinking that everyone else must move and accommodate you is very bad manners and just darn right rude!

### 2. "On the left!"

If you are clipping along the sidewalk doing your daily power walk and you come upon someone meandering at a slug's pace, don't sneak up behind them. This is especially important if you are on a bicycle. Yell out, "On the left" or "Excuse me" and switch to the left side of the sidewalk and go around. Sidewalks should be considered like roads insofar as you drive/walk on the right and pass on the left.

### 3. Step to the side

Generally, it is rather bad manners to walk between two people who are having a conversation. So, don't do it yourself and don't force other people to do it! If you meet a friend/neighbor on the sidewalk and you stop to talk for a while, then have enough sense to move to the same side of the sidewalk. Do not stand on opposite sides and expect people to walk between you.

Mail your questions to: *The RCA, Inc, Attn: Dear Mrs. Brown, P.O. Box 2202, North Bethesda, MD 20852;*  
or e-mail: [dearmrsbrown@msn.com](mailto:dearmrsbrown@msn.com)

Questions used in the column may be edited for brevity and clarification. ■

## Triple-Cheese Omelet Casserole

60 minutes to prepare (day ahead)  
35 minutes to cook – Preheat oven 350°  
Serves 8



In skillet, fry:

**12 slices of bacon until crisp**

Remove from pan, reserving 2 tbsp. drippings.  
Crumble bacon and set aside.

In same skillet with drippings, sauté:

**1/2 cup chopped onion**

**1/4 cup chopped green pepper**

Place in a greased shallow 3-qt. baking dish:

**1 (26 oz) Pkg. frozen shredded hash browns (thawed)**

Sprinkle with: **2 cups shredded Swiss cheese**

**Half of crumbled bacon**

**Onion and green pepper mixture**

In bowl, beat until creamy with electric mixer:

**2 (3 oz.) pkgs. Cream Cheese, softened**

**6 large eggs**

**1/2 cup milk**

Add and beat just until blended:

**1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese**

**1/2 tsp each salt and pepper**

Pour cream cheese mixture into baking dish and sprinkle with remaining bacon. Cover and chill overnight (8 to 12 hours).

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## News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois



Happy New Year from Pack 1081! Our Cub Scouts stayed very busy this past November and December as always. On Nov. 13th, along with Troop 1083 Boy Scouts, Scout leaders, and many parents, the following Cub Scouts from our Pack helped to collect over 90 crates of non-perishable food for the Montgomery County Manna Food Bank: **Elijah Evans, Conor McGinley, Kyle Baal, Aidan Gibbons, Chris Mulcahy, Preston Polk, DJ Terry, Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe, David Villarreal, Matthew Best, Steve Hernandez, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Gregory Gadbois and Josh Hart.**

Since our last *Echo* column, the following scouts have worked hard to earn the following advancement awards: Webelos II: Athlete Activity Pin - **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Josh Hart, Antonio Garcia, Scott Levensgard**; Scholar, Handyman & Traveler Activity Pins: **Scott Levensgard**; Letter "C" for Sports & Academics Program Pin - **Antonio Garcia**; Sports & Academic Program Sports Pin for Physical Fitness - **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Alan Costas, Gregory Gadbois, Josh Hart, Antonio Garcia, Scott Levensgard.** Webelos I Awards: Bobcat Rank Badge - **Maxwell DeMulder**; Fitness Activity Pin - **Matthew Best, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Steve Hernandez, Matthew Luong, Maxwell DeMulder, Clark Cervantes**; Engineer Activity

*Scouts working together sorting food for Manna.*



*Cubs caroling for seniors at the Nursing Center.*

Pin - **Matthew Best, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Steve Hernandez, Maxwell DeMulder, Clark Cervantes, Christopher Chalfant-Leal.** Bear Awards: Bobcat Rank Badge - **Richard Torres**; Leave No Trace Award - **Tyler Bochniak, Sawyer Kibbe**; Sports & Academic Program Academic Pin for Science - **Sawyer Kibbe**, and Academic Pin for Math - **Tyler Bochniak.** Wolf Awards: Bobcat Rank Badge - **Kyle Baal, Aidan Gibbons, Adam Levensgard, Christopher Mulcahy, Preston Polk, DJ Terry.** Tiger Awards: Sports & Academics Program: Soccer Sports Belt Loop - **Conor McGinley**; Bowling Sports Belt Loop - **Elijah Evans, Conor McGinley**; Music Academics Belt Loop - **Elijah Evans, Conor McGinley.** The Recruiter patch was awarded to **Sawyer Kibbe** for bringing **David Villarreal** on board as a new Bear scout. One adult leader was awarded for his tenure in leadership (with associated advanced training): **Fred Beam** - Cub Scouter Award.

On Sunday, Nov. 21st, **Elijah Evans, Aidan Gibbons, DJ Terry, Tyler Bochniak, Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe, Richard Torres, David Villarreal, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Steve Hernandez, Matthew Luong, Maxwell DeMulder, Jason Beam and Gregory Gadbois** visited the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar Hazy Center at Dulles. This fun and educational outing allowed the boys to see many historical aircraft up close. From a Wright Brothers competitor to the Enola Gay to the SR-71 to the prototype space shuttle Enterprise, our knowledgeable docent walked our group through years of aviation in less than a couple of hours. All the boys thought the planes were awesome.

Our annual bowling trip took place at the AMF College Park Duck Pin Lanes on Saturday, December 11th,



where as at White Oak in past years, duckpins went flying with all the strikes and spares. It was a great time enjoyed by **Elijah Evans, Conor McGinley, Aidan Gibbons, Christopher Mulcahy, DJ Terry, Sawyer Kibbe, Richard Torres, Patrick Owen, Maxwell DeMulder, Jason Beam, Gregory Gadbois and Scott Levangard.**

Under the musical talent of **Mrs. Jane Owen**, our Pack treasurer, the Pack caroled for the seniors at the Randolph Hills Nursing Center on Sunday, Dec. 12th. Our holiday chorus for this event included **Elijah Evans, Aidan Gibbons, Christopher Mulcahy, Tyler Bochniak, Brad Gessford, Sawyer Kibbe, Richard Torres, Matthew Best, Joshua Murtagh, Patrick Owen, Steve Hernandez, Maxwell DeMulder, Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Gregory Gadbois and Josh Hart.**

Our Holiday Pack meeting on December 16th featured music, crafts, a skit from the Bear Den, caroling, decorations and a somewhat expected visit from Santa himself, who had gifts for all the kids. On the following Sunday, our Webelos II scouts, **Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Gregory Gadbois, Josh Hart and Scott Levangard** helped Santa hand out candy canes with the Troop 1083 Boy Scouts on the annual fire truck ride through the Randolph Hills neighborhood. After Christmas, several boys and parents spent some winter break time designing, cutting, filing and sanding Pinewood Derby cars at a couple of afternoon sessions at the Cubmaster's & Committee Chair's workshops.

*Santa visits the Cubs at their Holiday Party.*



*Group shot at the Udvar-Hazy Center.*

At press time, the Pack is looking forward to the Pinewood Derby event on Jan. 29th as well as some skating and skiing outings. Please visit our website location: <http://hometown.aol.com/pack1081>. If you are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout program for your 1st – 5th grade son, please stop by Viers Mill ES any Monday evening at 6:30 or call George Gadbois at 301-770-5386. It's never too late to join! ■



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## Troop 1083 News

by Jaime Todaro

In December, we held our tree sale, provided a cleanup of Viers Mill ES grounds, and escorted Santa through Randolph Hills. All events were a great success. We sold all of our trees. During the sale we collected quite a few DVDs and cash contributions to help build the video library for our injured soldiers hospitalized in Germany. We also received many generous donations during Santa's excursion, which we split with the Kensington VFD. A big thanks to everyone in the community for all your support!

Scouts who participated in Santa's visit to Randolph Hills: **Jacob Bolt, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Matthew Fieller, Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Edward Huggins, Scott Johnson, Joseph Owen, John Pitkin, Steven Santos, Chris Soares, Scott Talbott, Andy Wood.** Family members who participated: **David Santos, Amy Hart, Jen Wood, Vickie Hilderbrand, Josh Hart, Gregory Gadbois, Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, and Scott Levensgard.** Former scouts and leaders: **AJ Tao, Tim Tao, Dave Talbott, Mike Saunders, Ben Pitkin, Jaime Todaro, Brian McGahey, George Gadbois, Greg Skolnik and John Hilderbrand.**

*Santa rides the fire truck.*



*Troop 1083 Scouts on their annual Christmas run through RCA-land.*

Mr. Greg Skolnik provided this detailed report of our Viers Mill ES cleanup effort, including pictures of the crew, and the trash they gathered:

*"Hey Folks, Greg Skolnik here. Boy, am I tired! I'm happy to say that 13 members of our community braved the mild weather and participated in a cleanup service day to benefit the Viers Mill Elementary School and PTA. We collected trash and debris in excess of...say...800,000 pounds!! Well, felt like it anyway. We were so good at picking up trash in the south-eastern forested area (bike jumps), we finished early, so we continued on and policed the entire perimeter of the school grounds, along the fence lines and even had kids underneath the walkways to the portables. All of the green areas around the school were picked up as well. This group worked well and was rewarded handsomely as each belly was filled to the brim with pizza and soda. Some of the surprising finds: A car battery, three tire/wheel assemblies, two bicycle rims (both bent), plastic chairs, curtain rods, concrete statues, and trash of all kinds."*

Upcoming events include competing at the Klondike Derby at Little Bennett in January, near Clarksburg, Md. We will be skiing at Ski Liberty in February (one of the reasons we sell Christmas trees), and our Winter Court of Honor will be in February.

This spring we will deliver mulch to area residents. Please check our ad on the opposite page for details. 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 301-881-6567. Check out the troop web page at [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org). ■

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## **Girl Scout Troop 1487**

*by Pat Hart*

Girl scout cookie time started Jan 7th and will continue until the end of March with booth sales. The Girl Scouts greatly appreciate all your support.

Although we were rained out of our field trip to Summers Farm in October, the Girl Scouts did march to the Kensington Thanksgiving Parade.

We've lost a great many girls this year, but that usually happens when they start 6th grade. Our four remaining girls, **Aimee Hart, Vicki Hildebrand, Stacy Johnson and Melissa Terry** have been joined by **Evelyn & Nicole Georgiev**.

**Aimee, Vicki, Stacy and Melissa** have finished the music fan badge, and I can say we all had a great time making up a dance and playing music together.

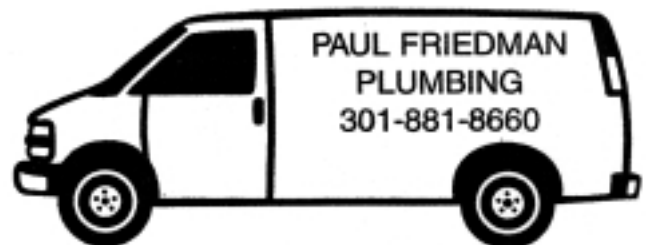
We are currently working on the ceramics and sculpture badge. We've painted tiles and rolled play-doh into sculptures. With the help of **Jamie Todaro**, we will be making pinch pots from clay, that will be fired in Ms. Todaro's kiln and later glazed. We will also have taken a field trip to the Pottery Barn in White Flint Mall to look at different types of pottery.

With the loss of so many girls, we also lost our co-leader **Amy Hixenbaugh**, who did so much during the four years she worked with us. Amy will be greatly missed.

We are happy to welcome **Stephanie French** as the new co-leader. Stephanie is a lifetime girl scout and is great with the girls. She is forming a new Brownie Troop at Viers Mill, and all girls grade 1-3 are eligible to join. The organizational meeting was January 11th at Viers Mill. Anyone interested may call Stephanie French at (301)770- 3171. ■

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## Zoning News

by Kevin Kline

### White Flint Metro Station

Metro is constructing a six-level parking garage at the White Flint Metro station. The new structure will have 1,272 parking spaces, and is scheduled to open in the summer of 2006.

### Twinbrook Commons

Twinbrook Commons is a new development that will be constructed on both the east and west sides of the Twinbrook Metro Station. Presently, the east side is in the city of Rockville, and the west side is in Montgomery County. The City of Rockville is annexing 16 acres to gain complete jurisdiction over this new "Southern Gateway to Rockville." This project includes two twelve-story buildings, townhouses, and retail shopping along Twinbrook Parkway. Supporters testified that the impact on traffic and schools will be minimal, but the RCA remains skeptical. ■

## SAMs Club Update

by Richard Zierdt

All RCA/SAMs Club cards have been issued. If you don't have yours, call me at 301-881-0283.

All \*existing\* SAMs Club holders (from last year) were renewed in October. Continue to use your Sams Card as usual; new cards are \*not\* issued.

All \*new\* SAMs Club holders: I telephoned each one and gave you your SAMs number. Simply go to any SAMs Club and SAMs will issue you a permanent plastic card which you use from then on.

RCA has a money-back guarantee: If you have any problem with your SAMs Card, the RCA will extend your membership card free for one additional year or give you your money back. ■

## RCA Meetings

RCA meetings are held the  
**first Thursday of every month**  
(except January, July and August) at the  
Randolph Hills Recreation Center  
at 8:00 p.m. Usually we alternate between General  
and Executive meetings. If you are unsure about  
meeting times and dates, please call the RCA  
Hotline (301-881-2722) for verification.  
All are welcome at every meeting.



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# History of RCA-Land

Dear Readers,

At a recent RCA meeting, a neighbor approached me and said she had a box of old *Echos* in her car, and asked if the RCA would like to have them. They had been saved for many years by her mother, who had recently passed away. The RCA gratefully accepted this horde. As I read through these old *Echos*, I learned a lot about the history of our community, and had a few laughs about how things change, and how they stay the same. As space allows, I will reprint items from these old issues, in their original format (and feel really bad for the poor Editor who had to type all that stuff!)

Many, many thanks to Theresia Ingberg, who donated these *Echos* on behalf of her mother, Elaine Ingberg, a Randolph Hills resident from Fall 1959 to Spring 2004.

~Eileen White, Echo Editor

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*This Letter to the Editor is one of my favorites. If you think drivers are bad now, get a load of this. I think Mrs. Funderburk is quite eloquent, don't you? [from the Randolph Echo, Sept. 1965]*

August 14, 1965

Dear Editor,

I wonder if in a future publication of the ECHO you might say something to the people of Randolph Hills who, though they are supposed to be our neighbors, seem bent on killing one of us. There are eleven children in the four houses here on Rocking Horse as it enters Randolph Rd. They must cross Rocking Horse for school, recreation, scouting, etc., which explains what I am about to say.

It is common practice for drivers to turn from Randolph into Rocking Horse and really stomp the accelerator -- lay rubber, spin gravel, shriek tires, make the car fish tail, the whole bit. (I walk around with a knot in my stomach all day and spend most of my time checking to see that a pre-school child hasn't left the fenced yard and that one of those screaming tires hasn't left a school age one lying in the street.) In the past six weeks we have had two of these cars careen across the street and back, across our drive and into a pole and/or tree.

It has, for as long as we've lived here, been Randolph Hills Sport to top the hill and round the curve on Rocking Horse as fast as one can. You've won the game if no other cars are there and you can make a nose-diving stop, then fish-tail your auto around the corner and down Randolph in a fury of squalling tires and flying gravel.

These are not just wild kids. At least 50% are young men--out of high school, living at home maybe, but probably Randolph Hills homeowners and fathers. It is this that makes me furious! If they do not care enough for their own children to live for them that's their business, but they do not have the right to kill my children or my neighbor's child. We care.

There is nothing smart about being stupid. If driving habits are any index, we've got more idiots per 100 people than any other subdivision.

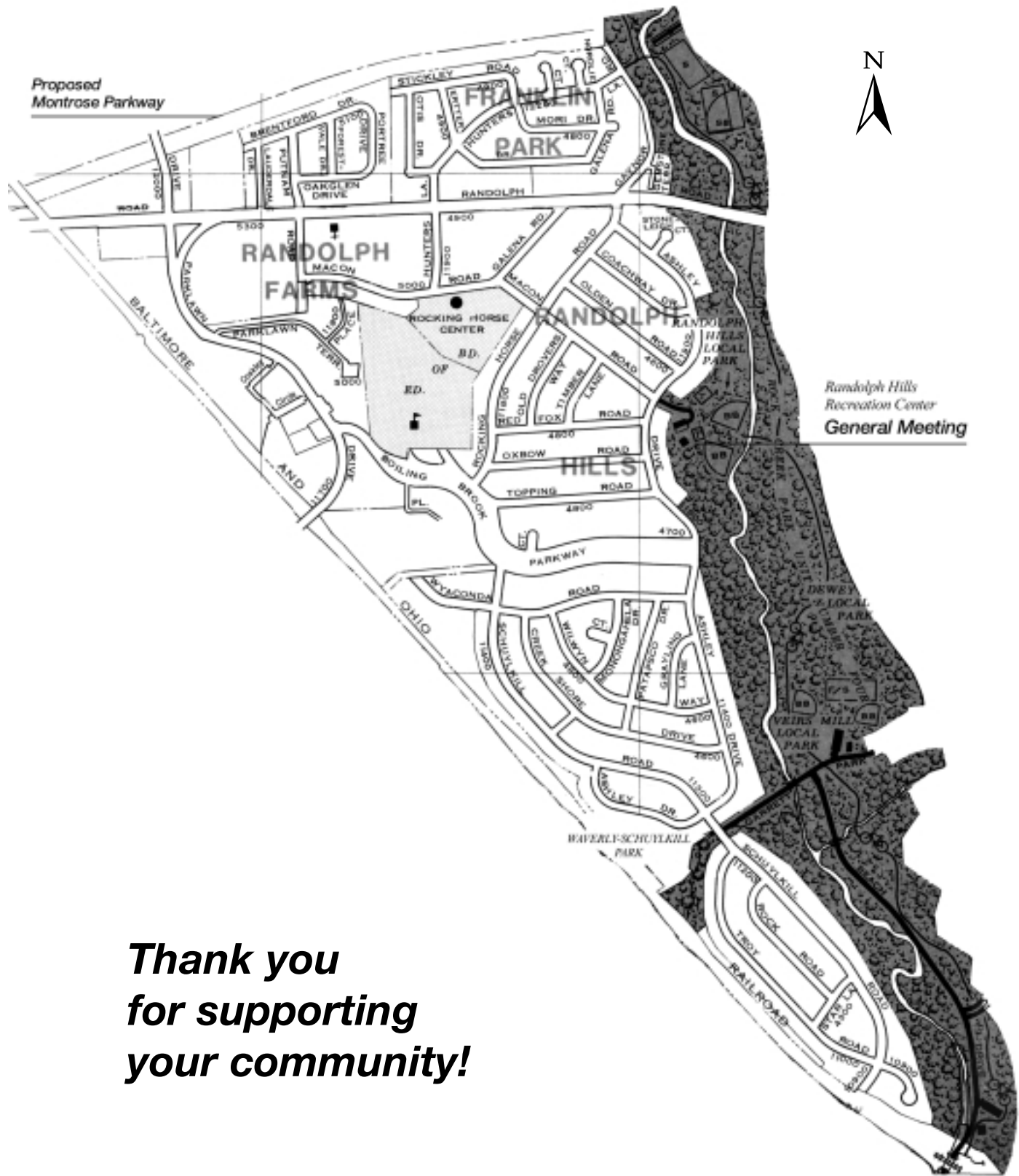
What to do? Parents of irresponsible youths can take the car keys--yes, even if it is the kid's car. He is your responsibility--and make him walk or take the bus until he learns that privilege carries responsibility. As for you older ones. You're grown up. Act like it. If you have to take your temper out on something, hang a punching bag in the basement. If you need to feel like a big man, try working with children who have nothing or no one to care.

This is an angry letter and I apologize because it is directed to you, Mr. Editor, but I do not apologize for the anger.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. S. Funderburk  
12008 Rocking Horse Road

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**Matt Bebawy** 301-881-4698 Red Fox

**Alex Cassel** 301-770-8757 Macon Road

**Steven Santos** 301-468-1756 Wilwyn Way

**Chris Geerman** 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive

**Mark Bushong** 301-942-5890 Bennion Road

**Andy Wood** 301-946-4634 Idlewood Road

**Moses (Bubba) Hart** 301-230-2740

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**Casey Stillwell** 301-231-4934 Macon Road



## Important Phone Numbers



Police: Non-Emergency	301-279-8000
<i>(Police Reporting Areas (PRA): Franklin, Montrose Park: #306; Westminster, Randolph Farms: #308; Randolph Hills 1st &amp; 2nd sections #308; Randolph Hills 3rd section: #309)</i>	
Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	301-279-1591
Police: Emergency	911
Park Police	301-949-3010
<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuylkill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3600
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Building Permits	240-777-6200
Consumer Affairs	240-777-3636
Crisis Hotline (24 hours)	301-315-4000
Department of Natural Resources	800-442-0708
<i>(wildlife nuisance problems)</i>	
Disability Resources	240-777-1246
Fire Non-Emergency	240-777-0744
Housing Code Violations	240-777-3600
<i>(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)</i>	
Large Item Pick-up	240-777-6410
Libraries: Hours, etc.	240-777-0002
Telephone Reference	240-777-0001
Metrorail and Metrobus schedules & info.	202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society	240-773-5960
Emergencies only	240-773-5900
Licensing Dept.	240-773-5946
Motor Vehicle Administration	1-800-950-1682
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance	240-777-7700
<i>(noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leaking motor oil)</i>	
Parking Tickets	240-453-0113
Parks: Information & Permits	301-495-2525
PEPCO: Power Out	toll free 1-877-737-2662
Emergency/Life Threatening	202-872-3432
Post Office, Rollins Ave., Rockville	301-231-5973
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept.)	240-777-3986
RCA Hotline	301-881-2722
Recycling Info ( <a href="http://www.mcrecycles.org">www.mcrecycles.org</a> )	240-777-6400
Recreation Information	240-777-6804
School Information	301-279-3391
Senior Citizens (Holiday Park)	301-468-4448
Street Light Out	240-777-2190
Transportation (Highway Services)	240-777-7623
<i>(to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.)</i>	
Transit Information Center ( <a href="http://www.dtwp.com">www.dtwp.com</a> )	240-777-7433
Trash Collection	240-777-6410
Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist)	240-777-7623
Voter Registration	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-8000
Weeds/Rubbish Complaints	240-777-6400



## *Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park 2004 Market Review!*

<u>Randolph Hills</u>	2000*	2001*	2002*	2003*	2004
Average List Price	\$178,652	\$197,414	\$251,604	\$288,133	\$343,071
Average Sale Price	\$178,080	\$198,087	\$251,781	\$288,102	\$344,496
Lowest Sale Price	\$149,900	\$125,000	\$165,000	\$225,000	\$289,900
Highest Sale Price	\$204,900	\$232,000	\$285,000	\$359,900	\$410,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	29	21	30	28	17
Sales per Year	43	42	42	65	60

<u>Franklin Park</u>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Average List Price	\$200,593	\$229,867	\$281,765	\$309,580	\$398,553
Average Sale Price	\$201,600	\$230,385	\$281,780	\$304,100	\$396,626
Lowest Sale Price	\$181,500	\$204,000	\$235,000	\$290,000	\$318,500
Highest Sale Price	\$249,000	\$282,000	\$340,000	\$325,000	\$480,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	27	22	14	29	30
Sales per Year	14	9	10	5	15

<u>Montrose Park</u>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Average List Price	\$203,983	\$233,225	\$274,700	\$314,254	\$415,087
Average Sale Price	\$205,000	\$228,750	\$279,271	\$321,000	\$414,437
Lowest Sale Price	\$180,000	\$218,000	\$245,000	\$310,000	\$380,000
Highest Sale Price	\$225,000	\$239,000	\$310,000	\$332,000	\$441,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	6	32	22	21	22
Sales per Year	6	4	7	2	8

<u>Randolph Farms</u>	2000*	2001*	2002*	2003*	2004
Average List Price	-	-	-	-	\$440,600
Average Sale Price	-	-	-	-	\$444,211
Lowest Sale Price	-	-	-	-	\$359,900
Highest Sale Price	-	-	-	-	\$527,427
Average # Days on Mkt.	-	-	-	-	52
Sales per Year	-	-	-	-	6

\*For years 2000-2003, prior to the new home sales in Randolph Farms, the Randolph Hills and Randolph Farms market statistics were combined.



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