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Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2006, 8:00 p.m.

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2006, 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.

Home Assessments Way Up - But Not Taxes

by Richard Zierdt

Most, if not all, RCA residents received their home Assessment Notice from the State of Maryland in late December or early January. No doubt your property was assessed way upward, perhaps even doubling in value since the last time the State sent you its Notice three years ago. However, your property taxes will not rise proportionally. Here's why.

As long as you live at the same home, your assessed value, the figure the State uses to calculate property taxes, cannot rise by more than 10% per year. Assessed value is different than Market value, which is the figure that appears in boxes 8, 9, and 10 of the Notice. Yes, Market value is "phased in" over a period of three years, but the Assessed value (box 2) is what is used to calculate taxes.

To calculate your Assessed value for 2007 and 2008, multiply the figure in box 2 by 1.1 (10% increase) for 2007, and that product again by 1.1 to get the assessed value for 2008 (too bad the State doesn't do this). The calculated figures will be substantially below "Market value."

Now there is no limit to the property tax rate which the State Board of Public Works decides annually [the Board consists of the Governor, comptroller, and treasurer].

The important point here is that you remain in the same home. If you sold your home, the new owners will pay taxes based on the Market value of the home, thus paying at least \$1000 more in property taxes per year over what you pay now. If you buy and move to another home in Montgomery County, you can expect to pay perhaps twice what you pay now. So stay put!

Sam's Club Increases Its Membership Fees for 2006

by Richard Zierdt

Starting January 1, 2006, Sam's Club began charging \$35 for its basic annual membership fee, up from \$30. RCAers with Sam's Club memberships paid \$30 at RCA's September Membership drive, good until October 31, 2006.

At RCA's next membership drive in September, I'm afraid the RCA will also have to charge \$35 for this service.

Anyone can buy an individual Sam's Club membership on their own at the same price, but buying one through the RCA is a Sam's business membership, which means you can shop from 7 AM until 10 AM, Monday through Friday, when others cannot, and also from 7 AM to 9:30 AM on Saturdays.

The RCA makes no money offering Sam's membership. This is offered as a service to our neighborhood. ■

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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..."

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Treasurer's Report by Richard Zierdt

As of January 7, 2006, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$9,055.40. All new and existing RCA/Sam's memberships have been paid. Now I will weed out any unpaid Sam's memberships, for which the RCA will receive a refund. If you want to keep your Sam's account but haven't yet paid, be forewarned: you will not be able to shop there!

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 11/16/20	005		10,270.33
11/22	774	Quick Printing	December	997.50	9,029.03
11/22	775	Postmaster	P.O. Box 2002 rental	90.00	8,939.03
11/22	776	Eileen White	ISP and software for ECHO	279.00	8,660.03
12/10	777	Sam's Club	3 new memberships	90.00	8,570.03
12/14	778	Sam's Club	account renewal	240.00	8,330.03
12/16		RCAssociation	membership	495.00	8,825.03
12/17	779	Elvira Roche	refund for bulbs	61.50	8,763.53
12/19	E-xfr	Verizon	Nov 22 telephone	23.94	8,739.59
01/07		RCAssociation	membership	141.00	8,880.59
		BALANCE 01/07/20	006		8,880.59
		Suntrust Bank balan	ce, December 22, 2005: 8,739.59		

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 11/16/200	05		285.9
11/30		RCFoundation	interest received .09%	0.02	285.9
12/23	1081	Dutch Mill Bulbs	spring bulbs	111.20	174.7
12/30		RCFoundation	interest received .08%	0.02	174.8
BALANCE 01/07/2005			174.8		
			05 e, December 31, 2005: 174.81		17

Randolph Civic Association Paid Members for 2005-2006

by Carol Brown

Current membership count is 576, pretty good for a civic association. Stars by a member's name is the extra contribution amount given above the RCA's incredibly low \$5 basic membership dues:

However, one member, Charles Middleton of Ashley Drive, buried the "Star Meter" with a \$200 donation this year, and a \$165 donation last year. Thank you, Charles!

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Stone

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Knight ***
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Nottingham *
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Flynn
George ***
Kessler
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Marsden
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Schotthoefer **
Speer
Watts ****

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301-881-2722 (2RCA)

Calls Received November 16, 2005 to January 6, 2006



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.

If anyone notices that the hotline is not working, please call Richard Zierdt at 301-881-0283, and/or e-mail the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org. Thanks!

2005-11-20 (Sun) 3:16 pm Not anonymous. Caller has old ECHOs from 1978 on. If interested, please call. [The RCA always appreciates old ECHOs to help fill in gaps in the archives. While most issues are saved, a few from years past are missing.]

2005-11-26 (Sat) 4:14 pm Anonymous. Someone's dog is defecating in caller's back yard. Caller describes the problems this situation creates. Caller hopes the RCA can do something about it. [Caller can call the County's Health and Human Services department Regulatory Services at 240-777-3986 or Animal Control at 240-773-5960 and/or call back the RCA. However, in both cases, caller must provide the address so this complaint can be investigated.]

2005-12-04 (Sun) 12:08 pm Anonymous. On Rock Road, there's a house there that has toys in the front yard. It looks ungodly, and it's a menace to the neighborhood. There is sand in the driveway so the kids can play. Is homeowner running a nursery? Very distracting.

2005-12-10 (Sat) **10:46** am John Polk of Troy Road. Caller appreciates the person who shoveled snow from caller's walkway after the recent snowstorm. Caller was unable to get to the house, and thanks whoever did it!

2005-12-14 (Wed) 9:39 pm Anonymous. Does anyone have information about the helicopter that was hovering overhead this evening? Caller called the Rockville police station, and the police said they were unaware of any activity. [Richard Zierdt here. This is not the first time something like this has happened, but it is rare. The one time I witnessed it, the helicopter shown a bright light, looking for a suspect. In this case, it may have been Maryland State police, or not a police action at all.]

2005-12-21 (Wed) 9:32 pm Boiling Brook Parkway. Caller ordered flower bulbs, but has not received them. [The RCA began selling flower bulbs this past fall to great success (see the September/October and December ECHOs). However, as in any burgeoning enterprise, we missed a couple of residences (four to be exact). Such participants will receive a refund or replacement bulbs.]

2005-12-21 (Sun) 12:29 pm Montrose Park. Caller just received caller's property tax assessment notice, and it went up substantially. Have other RCAer's received similar notices? [See article in this ECHO.] ■

Trash Collections in RCA-land

by Richard Zierdt

Trash and recycling pick-up occurs weekly every Monday in all of RCA-land, except during some holidays, when our stuff is picked up on Tuesday. However, last Christmas (2005), New Year's, and King's Birthday all created some confusion because all trash and recycling pick-ups occurred on the same, regular, day: Monday.

Unless the holiday actually occurs on a Monday, then trash collection for the week is done on our usual day, even if it is a federal holiday.

For 2006, here's the explicit list of federal holidays and the trash pick-up days:

RCA-land 2006 Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Washington's Birthday: observed Monday, February 20 - Regular collection

Memorial Day: Monday, May 29 - no collections on May 29; all collections will be on Tuesday, May 30

Independence Day: Tuesday, July 4 - Regular collection on Monday, July 3

Labor Day: Monday, September 4 - no collections on September 4: all collections will be on Tuesday, September 5

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 23 - Regular collections on Monday, November 20

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25 - no collections on December 25; all collections will be on Tuesday, December 26

New Year's Day 2007: Monday, January 1 - no collections on January 1; all collections will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2007

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News from Pack 1081

by Mike Mulcahy



November and December are always busy months for Pack 1081 Cub Scouts. On Saturday, November 12th, along with Troop 1083 Boy Scouts, Scout leaders, many parents, and the following Cub Scouts from our Pack collected 143 full milk crates of non-perishable food for the Manna Food Bank: Andrew Caffi, Brandon Wagner, Colin McLean, Daniel Mbulaitey, Chris Mulcahy, DJ Terry, Aidan Gibbons, Preston Polk, Sawyer Kibbe, Brad Gessford, Patrick Owen, Brenton Polk, Maxwell DeMulder, Steve Hernandez.

Since our last *Echo* column, the scouts have been working hard and have earned many advancement awards as follows: Sports & Academics Belt Loop for Bowling – Tiger Andrew Caffi; Wolves Diego Carrillo and Mateo Streed; Bears Alex Mayorga, Colin McLean, Carlos Delcid and Brandon Wagner: Webelos Is Gabriel Hernandez and Luis Mayorga; Music Beltloop – Tiger Andrew Caffi; Astronomy – Bear Adam Levengard; Sports & Academics Belt Loop & Pin for Baseball – Bear Adam Levengard. Webelos I Scouts Brad Gessford,

Right: Cub Scouts sing holiday favorites at the Randolph Hills Nursing Center.

Below: Bear Scouts 'strike' a pose at the bowling outing.

Opposite page: Webelos I Scouts become Outdoorsmen on Sugarloaf Mountain.



Sawyer Kibbe, David Villareal, Steven Escalante, Gabriel Hernandez, and Luis Mayorga earned the Citizenship Activity Beltloop and Activity Pin. Brad Gessford also earned the Citizenship Academic Beltloop and Pin. Webelos IIs earned the following: Readyman Activity Pin - Steve Hernandez, Joshua Murtagh, Maxwell DeMulder, Brenton Polk, Matthew Luong, Patrick Owen, Karlo Begazo, and Matthew Best; Compass patch - Maxwell DeMulder, Matthew Best, and Patrick Owen; Compass plus E compass point – Steve Hernandez, Joshua Murtagh, Brenton Polk, and Matthew Luong: Emergency Preparedness Badge -Steve Hernandez, Joshua Murtagh,

Maxwell DeMulder, Brenton Polk, Matthew Luong, and Karlo Begazo.

The annual trip to White Oak Lanes took place on Sunday, November 13th, and, as usual, duckpins went flying with all the strikes and spares! Maxwell DeMulder, Brenton Polk, Matthew Luong, Patrick Owen, Sawyer Kibbe, Brad Gessford, Gabriel Hernandez, Luis Mayorga, Preston Polk, Aidan Gibbons, DJ Terry, Christopher Mulcahy, Adam Levengard, Alex Mayorga, Colin McLean, Carlos Delcid, Brandon Wagner, Diego Carrillo, Mateo Streed, Matt Kimball, and Andrew Caffi all had a great time bowling.

Under the musical talent of **Mrs. Karen Wood**, a loyal scout parent, the







Pack caroled for the seniors at the Randolph Hills Nursing Center on Sunday, December 4th. Our holiday chorus for this event included Andrew Caffi, Mateo Streed, Matt Kimball, Jassir Begazo, Aidan Gibbons, Adam Levengard, Alex Mayorga, Colin McLean, Steven Escalante, Patrick Loberg, Gabriel Hernandez, Luis Mayorga, Jose Velasquez, David Villareal, Sawyer Kibbe, Matthew Best, Maxwell DeMulder, Joshua Murtagh, Steve Hernandez, Matthew Luong, Karlo Begazo, Brad Gessford and Brandon Wagner.

On Saturday, December 10th, **Daniel Mbtutaileye**, **Aidan Gibbons, Sawyer Kibbe, Maxwell DeMulder** and **Steve Hernandez** braved the cold weather to assemble an evergreen wreath from scratch and then visited Mt. Vernon to participate in a solemn wreath laying ceremony at the gravesite of George Washington.

Our Holiday Pack Meeting, scheduled originally for December 15th, was postponed due to inclement weather but took place on Monday, December 19th. This fun-filled annual event featured music, crafts, 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 helped Santa hand out candy canes with the Troop 1083 Boy Scouts on a 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 workshop sessions. Be careful putting the wheels on the car, guys!

At press time, the Pack is looking forward to the Webelos Klondike Derby on January 21 and the Pinewood Derby event on January 28. Happy New Year to all our readers! Please visit our new 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 Elementary School any Monday school evening at 6:30 or call Mark Kibbe at (301) 946-6393. It's never too late to join! ■



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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. The current meeting schedule is:

February 2, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting
March 2, 2006 General Membership Meeting
April 6, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting
May 4, 2006 General Membership Meeting
June 1, 2006 General Membership Meeting

All are welcome at every meeting.

Troop 1083 News

by Jaime Todaro

Troop 1083 would like to thank everyone who supported us by buying a tree from our lot, making our fundraiser quite a success! We'd like to remind everyone that our Spring fundraiser, the mulch sale, is now getting underway. We are selling 3 cubic feet bags of Mountain Top Shredded Hardwood for \$3.50 which we'll deliver March 10-12. Orders are due by February 25, 2006. Order forms are available on our website, www.troop1083.org, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott: 301-933-0048.

In November, we held our annual "Scouting for Food" event. We collected 143 full milk crates of various non-perishable food that was delivered to the District site drop-off at Loehmann's Safeway lot. Generally

this food goes to Manna of Montgomery County. With some of our nation's disasters to consider, it's possible our donations may be spread further geographically. These scouts participated: Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Gregory Gadbois, Joshua Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Ed Huggins, Scott Johnson, Scott Levengard, Anthony





Gadbois, Galen Miley, Joseph Owen, John Pitkin, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, and Andy Wood.

Our campout in November was at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. This campground, set in the mountains of Pennsylvania, has two lakes, and provided the perfect place for our Saturday hike. Scouts who camped: Kyle Blakely, Jake Blakely, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Josh Hart, Johnny Hilderbrand, Scott Johnson, Joseph Owen, David Santos, Steven Santos, David Turish, and Andy Wood.

With the help of many of Cub Scout Pack 1081's elder statesmen, Troop 1083 hosted an annual visit from a very special guest. Santa Claus has a very warm spot in his heart for Randolph Hills, and always sets aside some time from his busy December schedule to be the scouts' guest of honor. He never misses the opportunity to greet the children of the neighborhood, and with the help of the Kensington VFD, he hops aboard the fire truck to tour the neighborhood. All the while, scouts walk alongside the truck, delivering candy canes to all who come out to see Mr. Claus. In a year packed with community service and other outings, the pleasure of welcoming our jolly old friend is always one of our favorite events! Scouts who assisted Santa: Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Kyle Blakely, Mark Bushong, Alex Cassel, Anthony Gadbois, Gregory Gadbois, Johnny Hilderbrand, Bubba Hart, Josh Hart, Edward Huggins, Scott Johnson, Scott Levengard, Joseph Owen, John Pitkin, David Santos, Steven Santos, Scott Talbott, Hafez Taghavi, and Andy Wood. Others who participated: Amy Hart, Vickie Hilderbrand, Jenn Wood and 6 Webelos II scouts.

Upcoming events include camping, the Klondike Derby, a ski trip to Ski Liberty, and the Spring Court of Honor. 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 web page at www.troop1083.org. ■

Opposite page, top: Got room for one more up there? Opposite page, bottom: Giving out holiday cheer and candy canes.

This page, top: Sorted food is loaded for delivery to Manna, the group that distributes the food to the needy.

This page, bottom: After collecting food donations, the items are sorted.





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Power Outages? - Call PEPCO

by Richard Zierdt

The RCA received an e-mail message (info@randolph civic.org) from a Schuylkill Road resident who was "sick of losing electricity" and asked if the RCA could do something about it. There were a series of power outages during high wind and rain around January 14.

The RCA can't fix the power, but we can supply some "heat" to Pepco and elected officials if persistent problems occur. But when a power outage occurs, our best advice is for all residents to call Pepco's automated power outage line (877-737-2662 (877-PEPCO62)) whenever power is lost. This number is published in every *Echo*. Keep at least one copy of the *Echo* around, and a flashlight. Don't assume that "someone must have called already." The more residents who call, the better. I called twice during the storm that weekend, and both times Pepco, through its automated reporting system, gave an estimated time that power would be restored, and in both cases power was restored within the announced time frame.

I notice, with some amount of envy, that some residents have installed outside power generators that kick-in when street power is lost. A couple of years ago, the RCA hosted a representative from Banner Power, who demonstrated his

system at an RCA meeting. Banner Power has an office in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center, if any resident is interested. (The RCA has no financial interest in Banner Power! But Banner might advertise in the *Echo* if an RCAer buys a system.)

Power outages are always annoying and sometimes aggravating, but are a fact of life – unless we bury the power lines underground. For now, that's cost-prohibitive. Now if the RCA were a municipality . . . ■

History of RCA-Land



Beautification Day, 1965

This page was taken from the May, 1965 issue of the "Randolph Echo." Two and a half pages of photos were published, along with an article describing the event. I'll reprint more of the photos and article next month if there's room. The article begins... "It was a perfect day from the beginning..."

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The deadline for the March issue of the *Echo* is Saturday, February 4th.

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Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park 2005 Market Review!

Randolph Hills	2001*	2002*	2003*	2004	2005
Average List Price	\$197,414	\$251,604	\$288,133	\$343,071	\$429,402
Average Sale Price	\$198,087	\$251,781	\$288,102	\$344,496	\$433,028
Lowest Sale Price	\$125,000	\$165,000	\$225,000	\$289,900	\$350,000
Highest Sale Price	\$232,000	\$285,000	\$359,900	\$410,000	\$510,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	21	30	28	17	19
Sales per Year	42	42	65	60	47
Franklin Park	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Average List Price	\$229,867	\$281,765	\$309,580	\$398,553	\$459,507
Average Sale Price	\$230,385	\$281,780	\$304,100	\$396,626	\$457,536
Lowest Sale Price	\$204,000	\$235,000	\$290,000	\$318,500	\$400,000
Highest Sale Price	\$282,000	\$340,000	\$325,000	\$480,000	\$545,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	22	14	29	30	22
Sales per Year	9	10	5	15	14
Montrose Park	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Average List Price	\$233,225	\$274,700	\$314,254	\$415,087	\$435,967
Average Sale Price	\$228,750	\$279,271	\$321,000	\$414,437	\$437,333
Lowest Sale Price	\$218,000	\$245,000	\$310,000	\$380,000	\$420,000
Highest Sale Price	\$239,000	\$310,000	\$332,000	\$441,000	\$450,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	32	22	21	22	7
Sales per Year	4	7	2	8	3
Randolph Farms	2001*	2002*	2003*	2004	2005
Average List Price	₩:	=	=	\$440,600	\$574,778
Average Sale Price	. 	-	=	\$444,211	\$571,000
Lowest Sale Price	-	-	-	\$359,900	\$435,000
Highest Sale Price	•	-	=	\$527,427	\$716,000
Average # Days on Mkt.	-	-	-	52	27
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