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Howard Denis is New Council Member

by Richard Zierdt

Our new County Council representative for our district, Howard Denis, was elected at the April 18 Special Election to replace Betty Ann Krahnke. Totals, both overall and for our two precincts, are listed below. While Mr. Denis won overall, his opponent, Patricia Baptiste, won some precincts by as much as 79%. Mr. Denis was invited to the RCA June meeting, but he will be out of town. Instead, he'll try to make the October 5th meeting.

Precinct	Denis	Baptiste	
4-08	173	158	(Rockinghorse Center)
4-26	43	38	(Montrose Baptist Church)
All Votes	12,705	11,024	

A Message from Councilmember Howard A. Denis

As the newly elected councilmember for District 1, I welcome this opportunity to let you know that my office is available to be of assistance to you. The budget season was in full swing when I was sworn in, and it has been exciting to learn so much about the County's business in such an intense environment.

I look forward to meeting with you and learning about any concerns you have. Please don't hesitate to contact my office. The phone number is 240-777-7964, and the e-mail address is councilmember.denis@co.mo.md.us. Please keep in touch, and I look forward to being with you at your regular meeting in the Fall.

~ Howie Denis

Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting
Thursday, June 1, 2000
8:00 p.m.

Have a great summer!

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 one.

Don't forget to check out the
RCA's Web site at

www.randolphcivic.org

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

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

Membership in the RCA is \$5.00 per year.

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The Randolph Civic Association was formed in 1955 and incorporated in 1958. As stated in the original Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of the RCA are "to stimulate interest in all community problems and improvements that will better the general welfare of the community [and] to pay strict attention to any attempt to lessen the value of property within its borders..."

Web site: www.randolphcivic.org

President's Message

by Jack Stillwell

WHAT TO DO ON YOUR SUMMER VACATION

Oh that's right, we don't really get them now that we've grown up (at least not the three month kind). We don't put out the ECHO because people go off in all different directions at all different times and it doesn't make sense to try to keep up. But we all still spend most of the summer here and neighborhood issues persist. We see extra folks parking and walking through to use the parks and fields, more neighbors and pets are actually outside their homes (until the plus 90 degree days hit) and windows are left open to let in the fresh air and noise. Before we turn on the air conditioner and disappear 'til September, promise you'll do at least one thing for the RCA.

You can write to the school board like we asked last month, (our school situation is really terrible). You can call my wife and get on the volunteer list for times when someone in the neighborhood needs a hand. You can report a noise violation or a commercial truck parked illegally to the police (even though it's frustrating that it takes a while to get a response). You can take that plastic bag from the newspaper and pick up after your pet to keep the fields playable for our kids. And you can take a trash bag on your walk and pick up some of the ugly stuff you see. You can buy something from a scout, come to our June meeting, avoid stealing the shady parking spot in front of your neighbor's house, not block the sidewalk with your car, or make too much noise after 10 pm.

Bottom line, be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Lecture over.

By the way, I wish I could say I was perfect, but I've probably added to the problems a few times in my 15 years here, and I promise my neighbors I'll get the junk out of my yard this weekend.

General griping. Is any other business run as poorly as Cable TV Montgomery? They installed new lines on our street and knocked out our local service for at least a week so far. After calling and working my way through 5 levels of their telephone menu to get a human being, I'm told they're working on the problem and aren't sure when it will be resolved. When I asked about a credit, they informed me that I'd have to call each day to be

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credited for that day, and still work through the menu. We called County Consumer Affairs and were told there had been 4 other calls from Macon Road that day. Most businesses would have made a courtesy call after the second day and offered some kind of recompense. This is a County approved contractor so we're at their mercy. I told them they're an effective sales agent for Digital Satellite service. There, now I don't have to call the RCA hotline.

Have a great summer, do something fun, spend a lot of time with the kids and do something for the neighborhood.

Membership Chair Needed

by Richard Zierdt

This is one of those "opportunities" for volunteerism you hear about so often. A membership chairman, woman, or person would be very helpful in keeping the RCA organized. Here's what's involved: for about two months, October and November, you'll be inundated with over 600 envelopes (U.S. mail) containing RCA membership forms and checks. All you have to do is open the envelopes and enter the information into the RCA's state-of-the-art database. Sounds easy, eh? Well, one other thing: the membership checks go to the RCA treasurer (me).

The other 10 months, you're off! (OK, there's always a few latecomers who send their checks in late). If you need a computer, the RCA will provide you with one. Now there's a benefit!



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RCA May 5th General Meeting

The RCA President was out of town, so Treasurer Richard Zeirdt presided over the meeting. Margaret Lamphier provided lemonade and brownies. The Treasurer introduced the guest speaker John Supinski, an insurance agent, who spoke for 45 minutes on long-term health care insurance. Mr. Supinski took questions and was given a round of applause.

Acting Mobile Watch Chair Frank Shore announced that RCA'er John Polk was willing to become the Chair. John works in security, and even now has begun patrolling RCA streets late after his night shift. Hats off to John! Frank will continue with administrative tasks, like taking your name as a volunteer.

Business turned to the RCA's school boundaries issue. The May Echo encouraged all RCA'ers to write to:

Board of Education
Patricia O'Neil, President
850 Hungerford Dr
Rockville, MD 20850

Board of Education
Nancy J. King, Vice-president
850 Hungerford Dr
Rockville, MD 20850

Board of Education
Superintendent Weast
850 Hungerford Dr
Rockville, MD 20850

Secretary Kevin Kline urged everyone to write saying we want all our children in one school cluster. Write how RCA-land is "one whole neighborhood" with community yard sales, cookouts, newsletters, and an active civic association. Then describe to school officials how terribly unfair and traumatic it is that our children attend different schools, and how Rock Creek Park is a natural divider. **Voted and approved: To invite newly-elected County Councilmen Howard Denis to the next RCA meeting**, to discuss changing the school boundary that runs between Montrose Park and Franklin Park.

The meeting agenda items complete, new business was entertained. One Creek Shore Road mother complained of having to push her baby stroller in the street because of rude homeowners blocking the sidewalks with their cars. This is one of the biggest complaints the RCA gets. Other members also complained – what's the sense of having sidewalks if you cannot walk down them? Treasurer Zeirdt said he had personally called the police, only to have them in his house questioning "how big a problem" this really is. Various remedies were discussed, like putting an ADA (American Disabilities Act)

non-official parking ticket on the offending cars. Other members complained we were planning to take the law into our own hands. Secretary Kline said this is why the RCA is reluctant to get involved. Too many RCA'ers are pro and con, and there's no clear consensus. We do represent all RCA'ers, and some would accuse us of being "busybodies." **Voted and approved: The RCA expects the Police to enforce all laws, including blocked sidewalks, and empower the RCA Executives to use all legal means necessary to keep neighborhood sidewalks clear.**

RCA/RCF Elections at the June Meeting

The Executive Committee is sometimes lax in this area, but there will be RCA elections at the June 1 General Membership meeting, both for the RCA and the RCF (Randolph Civic Foundation). Remember that the RCA and RCF are two legally separate organizations, so it's natural to have two different sets of officers.

Anyway, the proposed slate is as follows:

RCA President	Jack Stillwell
RCA Vice-President	— open —
RCA Secretary	Kevin Kline
RCA Treasurer	Richard Zierdt

Although redundant in this case, the proposed RCF officers are as follows:

RCF President	Jack Stillwell
RCF Vice-President	— open —
RCF Secretary	Kevin Kline
RCF Treasurer	Richard Zierdt

Anyone can be nominated and elected at the meeting. Interested? Come to the meeting.

RCA's Year 2000 Census

by Richard Zierdt

At the risk of overdoing it with Census forms, the RCA needs your help in yet another survey, this time for education in our neighborhood. As the RCA explains its position about school boundaries before the Board of Education and others, it is helpful to know how many children are going to school, now or in the (near) future, in both public and private settings. While some demographics are available from the school system, there is no record of the number of private school students.

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RCA Census

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A very good time to collect information about and ideas from our neighborhood is with the annual membership drive in September. This memo is simply a "heads-up" that your responses, whether or not you actually join the Association, are important to improving the schools for all our children. The RCA always provides a postage-paid return envelope, so it can't be much easier. And we will not ask how many bathrooms you have!

Look for it in September.

RCA Education Committee Attends BOE Meeting

by Richard Zierdt

On May 11, Education Committee members attended the Board of Education meeting held at Parkland Middle School. Topics included the low test results on the recent Algebra I tests, testing in general, the proposed high school consortium of Kennedy, Blair, Einstein, and Northwood (and the fact that Wheaton was not included in this), and Belt.

Attending Board members were Bea Gordon, Mona Signer, Patricia O'Neill (Board President and our district representative), and Kermit Burnett (Board Vice-President). Nick Farson, Wheaton Cluster Coordinator, also was there. He would be a good person to invite to an RCAs meeting.

When asked about Belt (junior high building), Bea Gordon explained that the board *did* ask for it in its 1998-99 budget, but that the county executive did not include it in his budget. "You can check the budget" (that the board submitted). It's clear that the Wheaton cluster is overcrowded by quite a bit and is in clear need of a second middle school. I'll try to investigate Ms. Gordon's claim (which is probably true), and related events. By the way, 1200 students attend Parkland Middle School (!).

George and I talked with Ms. Gordon at length after the meeting. I'll say this: she didn't leave until we were finished. First time I've experienced this with a board member or any politician.

One thing is clear: if we want results (better schools), we're going to have to organize, attend meetings, and write to get it. We attended the Wheaton Cluster meeting, but there's also the Walter Johnson cluster (Montrose Park) to monitor. If you're interested in helping on the Education Committee, call the RCA hotline, or any RCA officer listed on page 2.

Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of May 7, 2000, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$3,424.16. In keeping with the goal of providing all RCA officers and committee volunteers computers (who need them), the RCA bought a computer for our ECHO commercial advertising editor Mauro Biondo's use. Total cost was \$1,598.84. This position is the main income producer for the Association, at over \$6,000 per year. This equipment will help the editor maintain this income.

RCA Checking Register

4/07/2000 through 5/07/2000

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 04/07/2000			5,148.29
04/11		RCA		260.00	5,408.29
		inc:advertising	Choi	90.00	
		inc:advertising	Johnson	20.00	
		inc:advertising	AP Family - Chef Theo	100.00	
		inc:advertising	Supinski	50.00	
04/17	E-xfr	Bell Atlantic	Mar 22 bill	-20.21	5,388.08
04/20		interest	Crestar 0.50 %	2.27	5,390.35
04/25	604	Golden Tech Comp	computer/ECHO prod	-1,415.96	3,974.39
04/27	605	SAM's Club	SAMs card membership	-15.00	3,959.39
04/28	606	Golden Tech Comp	computer/ECHO prod	-182.88	3,776.51
04/30	607	Nineva Printing	May ECHO	-1,040.00	2,736.51
05/05		RCA		130.00	2,866.51
		inc:advertising	India Bristo	50.00	
		inc:advertising	Glenmont Heating & AC	75.00	
		inc:membership	Rodriguez	5.00	
05/06		RCA	Clean Cut Grass	150.00	3,016.51
		BALANCE 05/07/2000			3,016.51

RCF Checking Register

4/07/2000 through 5/07/2000

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
		BALANCE 04/07/2000			357.45
04/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	407.45
04/28		interest	Crestar Bank 0.70 %	0.20	407.65
		BALANCE 05/07/2000			407.65

Total RCA+RCF cash assets				3,424.16
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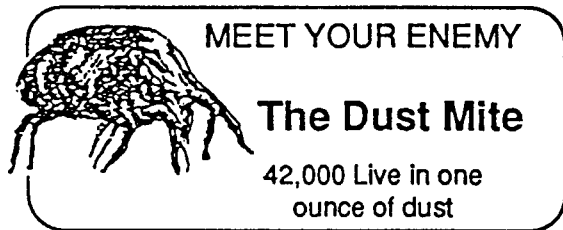
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Calls Received on the RCA Hotline

April 7, 2000 to
May 6, 2000

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.

2000-04-08 (Sat) 5:59 pm Creekshore Drive. Someone is putting bread in a bird bath which is attracting crows. Please reconsider.

2000-04-09 (Sun) 11:20 am Please update the outgoing message more often. It's a little stale. Also, is there an ordinance about hedges spilling over the sidewalk? Please, neighbors, trim bushes back to the edge of the property line. Overgrown bushes make walking difficult.

2000-04-09 (Sun) 7:52 pm Wyaconda Road. Interested in helping on a school committee. Has children. *[We need more like this caller!]*

2000-04-10 (Mon) 11:09 am Anonymous. It's no joke living downwind from 30 or 40 rabbits. Caller is surprised Montgomery County allows it. *[Actually, the County doesn't allow it.]*

2000-04-11 (Tue) 8:49 am When will the yard sale be held?

2000-04-11 (Tue) 10:31 am 114xx Schuylkill. When was the April ECHO delivered?

2000-04-12 (Wed) 1:39 pm Hunters Lane. Very interested in school committee. Please call. *[done]*

2000-04-14 (Fri) 1:03 pm Attempted break-in on Olden Road. House lock was jammed. Also, a nearby car was broken into and \$2000 worth of property taken. Just giving a heads-up to neighbors.

2000-04-16 (Sun) 6:54 pm Anonymous. Still have two commercial trucks parked in the neighborhood on Rockinghorse Road. These vehicles make our neighborhood look terrible. Where's the enforcement?

2000-04-26 (Wed) 8:21 am Caller called police about Airborne Express trucks making an (illegal) left-hand turn at Boiling Brook and Nicholson/Parklawn. One of these trucks hit caller's outside mirror. Would appreciate it if RCA also called.

2000-04-27 (Thu) 4:53 pm Jamie White. Montgomery County Recycling Program, 301-656-7900. Wants to make information available to RCA for inclusion in the ECHO. Free.

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RCA Hotline

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2000-04-28 (Fri) 8:33 am Anonymous. Macon Road. Caller and neighbor are still having difficulty with two large commercial vehicles parked in the neighborhood. Caller has spoken with a captain in the County traffic division office, and is now in litigation. Trucks are now being stored on school property. It's obvious that nothing is being done about it, despite the RCA's meeting about enforcement in March. The Association will not do anything about it. *[Richard Zierdt here. The RCA *is* doing something about it, such as talking with police officers and trying to negotiate legal parking at nearby shopping centers. If caller gets better results, I applaud it. However, I believe officers from the Rockville District are going to need education in this matter. I suspect this caller is the same one from April 16, both anonymous. It would help if caller would provide a name and contact number so we could work together on this.]*

2000-04-28 (Fri) 9:17 am Anonymous. We need a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign at Hunters Lane and Randolph Road. It's ridiculous. It's impossible to get out between 8 and 9 AM. And when you try, other drivers get angry! We need a sign. *[Richard Zierdt: My guess is that the County won't do it. We tried to replace such a*

sign on northbound Rockinghorse and Ashley to no avail. An alternative is to use the light at Gaynor. It's unfortunate that drivers are discourteous and won't make room, especially since they're already stuck in traffic.]

2000-05-01 (Mon) 10:02 am Non-RCA resident. Neighbor is breaking many housing violations. *[Note: caller is a friend of a relative of prominent RCA resident.]*

2000-05-05 (Fri) 10:45 am Two comments. House on Topping Road has parked cars that block the sidewalk. Please inform our neighbors that blocking the sidewalks creates hazards for pedestrians, baby strollers, and people with disabilities. Also, caller had own car broken into earlier this year. Heads up, neighbors!

2000-05-05 (Fri) 8:42 am Anonymous. Caller thinks the new postal facility near East Jefferson should be named the White Flint Postal Facility.

2000-05-05 (Fri) 11:40 am Believes parking trucks at the medical center (Gaynor Road & Randolph) would look bad for the community, since it is so visible. Trucks should park at Randolph Hills Shopping Center in an inconspicuous place. This area is already somewhat industrial. Also, yard sale notice is too short. This happens every year. Otherwise, good job!

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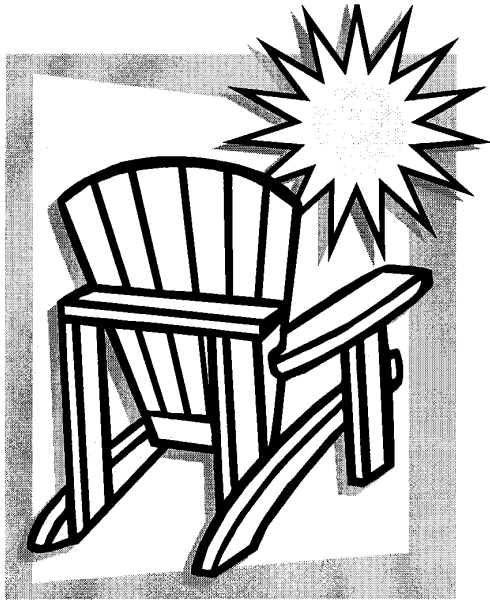


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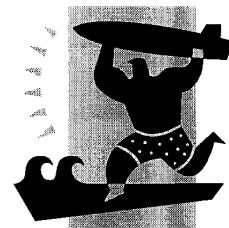
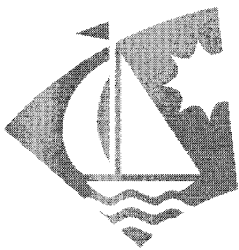
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Looking for Parking Spaces for Trucks

by Richard Zierdt

In order to find alternative parking room for commercial trucks that are parking illegally in RCA residential streets, I contacted Pinnacle Realty, management for Randolph Hills Shopping Center. I left a message asking if they would be willing to rent us some parking spaces, say to the right of Katz Supermarket, where the trucks wouldn't be too conspicuous. They haven't returned my call yet (I'm not surprised), but I'll keep trying. The idea is to support the commercial truck owners and operators in our neighborhood, but also support the residential character of our homes. If we can't work anything here, I'll try the medical center at Rockinghorse and Gaynor, but that's much more visible, and it could become an eyesore itself if too many trucks parked there.

MVA Records to Close

by Richard Zierdt

Up until now, anyone could get a copy of your driving record for \$5 with just a tag number from Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA).

According to Maureen McCarron, aide to our State Senator Jennie Forehand, starting July 1, 2000, all driving records and registration information will be private unless you specify that they be available publicly. In other words, the reverse of the current practice. My guess is that there will be few takers wanting their name, address, driving record, auto insurance information, and who knows what else publicly available.

The bill to change this was exacted three years ago, but three years was given to fully "change the system." How 'bout that!

Our Children's Safety

by Susan Corfman

The past two summers, a strange man has staked out our neighborhood and tried to approach our children. Everyone needs to be on alert this summer and report any suspicious person to the police.

The incidents occurred on the circle of Troy Rd. During the mid part of August 1998 and again in August 1999, a man described as white, middle aged, and wearing heavy clothing on hot days called out to, and tried to approach, children playing outside. Both times the children ran inside and, fortunately, were not approached again. Upon investigation, it was discovered that adults and children in the neighborhood had noticed this man in a white work van, with no license plate in front and a plate too dirty to read in back. He was seen sitting in his van at the corner of the Troy Road circle and Schuykill Road on consecutive days, as well as driving down and around the circle. The police reported that dangerous

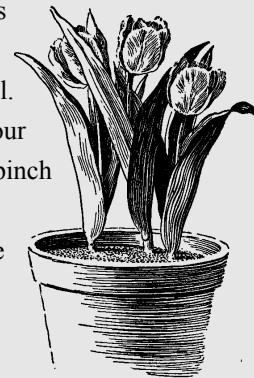
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Gardening Tips

Tulip stalks can now be cut to ground-level without harm. When tropical weather arrives, the spider mite population will explode, attacking arborvitae, hemlock, pine and spruce, forsythia, and roses. Control with Cyon or Orthene. Feed trees victimized by gypsy moths with Woodace. Gypsy moths are starting to pupate, so wrap burlap around tree trunks before the 4th of July. Crabgrass and yellow nutsedge are sprouting on sunny lawns. Mushrooms are harmless

(to your lawn), and only mean you have good soil.

Grateful "Dead head" your geraniums. That means pinch off dead flowers as they wither an inch below the blossom. A replacement flower will then quickly re-grow.



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Our Children's Safety

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people often watch a group of children over time and then single children out to approach. This appears to have been this man's pattern of behavior.

In both August 1998 and again in August 1999, the police were notified immediately after the man called out to and tried to approach the children. The police responded quickly and thoroughly, interviewing the children and increasing police patrol of the neighborhood. However, the man was not seen again during either summer, once the police were involved.

With summer 2000 fast approaching, we urge all neighbors to be on alert. We need to keep our children safe and able to enjoy the long days of summer! Review safety procedures with your children, watch for unfamiliar vehicles, particularly work vans (although there is a legitimate white van at that same corner), and notify the police with any concerns. Our station is the Rockville Station at 301-279-1591. We have been informed that police patrolling has recently been increased in all areas and is being handled by the Youth and Family Services (240-773-5400). One neighbor of ours will be contacting the Youth and Family division to emphasize our concern and request intensive patrolling of the neighborhood through July and August.

News from Cub Scout Pack 1081

by Doneby Smith



As we near the end of our school year, Pack 1081 keeps moving. Our Tigers have earned another Paw for Big Idea #11, "Making Your Family Special" – **Nick Barron, Tony Caffi, Detrick Hoes, Matt Fieller, Michael Rudy, Patrick Souder, Robbie Smith, and Blake Wyatt.** **Tyler Combs** and **Joseph Owens** earned their Wolf rank. **James Crowder, Brian Diaz, Howard Johnson, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott, and Roger Tellez** earned their Naturalist pins. Scott and James received special recognition for earning 20 Webelos pins while they, along with **John Hale, Howard Johnson, Hafez Taghavi** and **Roger Teller** received the Arrow of Light, which is the only insignia they will take with them to wear on their Boy Scout uniforms.

We are both proud and a little sad as we say goodbye to these Webelos II boys as they leave our pack to become Boy Scouts: **James Crowder, Brian Diaz, John Hale, Howard Johnson, Scott Talbott, Hafez Taghavi, and Roger Tellez.** We extend a special thanks to **Collin Murphy** for his work as Den Chief this year.



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Peter Crawford

The year 2000 promises to be a very active year. Please give me a call if you are planning to move.

One of the big Scouting events of the year occurred on May 13: Scouting on the Mall. Scouts from the entire metropolitan area came to share skills, songs, and fun. Our Family Camping event at Pine Cliff Park was a great time, and our annual picnic included the traditional moms-against-sons softball game as well as lots of good food. We look forward to lots of camping this summer. June 19 through June 23 is Camp Akela, which is a day camp for Tigers & Wolves on the Naval Medical Center grounds. Camp Tuckahoe is a "sleep-away" camp for Bears & Webelos I near Gettysburg, PA from August 7th to August 11th. We are hoping to fit in an all-Pack camp-out sometime in July.

Other activities this summer will be two baseball events: Scout night at the Baysox baseball game on August 4th and with the Keys on August 9th. Barring another drought, we plan to hold our carwash fund-raiser on a Saturday in August. Current plans are for August 19th at the Shell station on Randolph Rd. across from the RoundHouse Theater. We hope to see you and your dusty car! Pack 1081 wishes you a safe, relaxing and fun summer!

Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

Troop 1083 has been outdoors this spring. On March 18 & 19 we backpacked on the Appalachian Trail to Pogo campground. It was a beautiful sunny weekend. Scouts **Jacob Bolt**, **Chris Soares**, and **Alex Cassel** hauled all their "stuff" in a pack on their back up and down South Mountain. **Mr. Hagerty** and **Mr. McGahey** hauled themselves up and down too. What a workout.

On April 15 & 16 we went to Laurel Caverns near Uniontown, PA. The beautiful sunny and warm weekend was wasted as we spent most of it in the cave. Some of the Scouts earned Climbing Merit Badge. They were: **Nachi Roper**, **Andrew Tao**, and **Jacob Bolt**.

The following Scouts also earned Geology Merit Badge: **Joseph Ridesatthedoor**, **Alex Shtirberg**, **Alex Cassel**, and **Steven Santos**. Special Thanks to **Mr. & Mrs. Tao**, **Mr. Shtirberg**, and **Mrs. Santos** for helping with the four hour drive and camping with us. Future trips to the cave will include cave exploration and other high adventure.

In May we will go to the Scouting on the Mall show on the Washington Monument grounds and the Armed Forces Day air show at Andrews Air Force Base. In June we will go to Point Lookout State Park and of course to Goshen Scout Camps in August.

If you would like to join the fun, we meet every Monday night when school is in session. We meet at 7:30 p.m. at Viers Mill Elementary School. Or call Mr. McGahey 301-770-7882.



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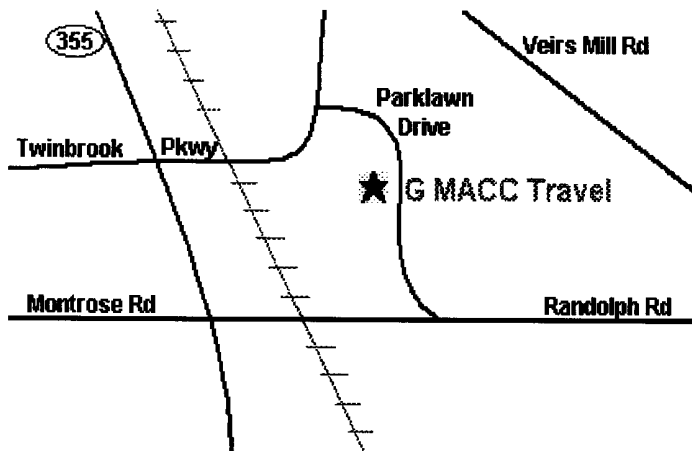
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MCAFCE

by Mary Lee



Our June 5th Pot Luck dinner will be at the home of Shelby Hurt at 6:30 p.m. with Sue Karslo helping as hostess. Please bring your favorite dish and join us. We will be discussing our plans for the Fall months so hope to see you there.

I forgot to mention that in April, Ethel was able to join the ladies "What's new in your Supermarket?" Mr. Magruder ushered them through the Gaithersburg store, mainly the produce section. He told them the Ruby Red grapefruit, Blood oranges, and grape tomatoes are the sweetest, along with carrots grown in California. Lettuce is shipped in and packaged here. They were given a "Goodie Bag" as they left. "Thanks" to Mr. Magruder. Also, thanks to Ruth for being so thoughtful – mailing us a reminder each month as to where the meetings will be and what to bring, if need be.

Many thanks to Eleanor and Eldred for being such "great" hostesses in May. Eleanor, those cucumber sandwiches were a delight, along with the tasty zucchini bread and orange punch. Eldred, the mixed fruit, especially those whopper strawberries and dip, were really good. Yum! It was *so* nice of Blaine to welcome each of us and we were glad to see you.

For our workshop, we assembled the May flowers for Meals on Wheels trays. Thanks Anneke for cutting and gluing them and thanks Margaret for bringing the "Flag Day" favors for June. We were proud to have done them.

If you would like to join us, please call Judy Fewell at (301) 770-5540. The MCAFCE programs are open to all without regard to race, sex, handicap or religion.



Please keep safe and have a great summer! Hope you like the recipes. Enjoy!

P.S. Margaret, you "done good" making those good Triple Fudge Brownies for the Civic Meeting. Several asked about the recipe – it was in the 1997 December Echo. How about that!!!

Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use.

Charles Schultz

Milk Punch (kinda like orange creamsicles)

- 4 cups milk
- 1 quart orange sherbet, softened
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1 liter lemon-lime soda

In a mixing bowl, beat milk, sherbet and ice cream until frothy. Pour into a punch bowl. Stir in soda. Serve immediately.

20 servings.

Wedding Soup

- 2 14 1/2 oz. cans chicken broth
- 1 c. water
- 4 oz. (1 cup) uncooked medium shell pasta
- 16 frozen, cooked meatballs
- 2 c. fresh spinach leaves, finely shredded
- 1 8 oz. can pizza sauce
- grated Parmesan Cheese

In a large saucepan, bring broth and water to a boil. Add pasta and meatballs; return to a boil. Cook 7 to 9 minutes or until pasta is almost tender. Do not drain. Add spinach and pizza sauce. cook 1 to 2 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Spring individual servings with grated Parmesan cheese. Yeild 4 servings.

Black Forest Cake

- 1 fudge cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1 t. almond exttact
- 1 can cherry pie filling

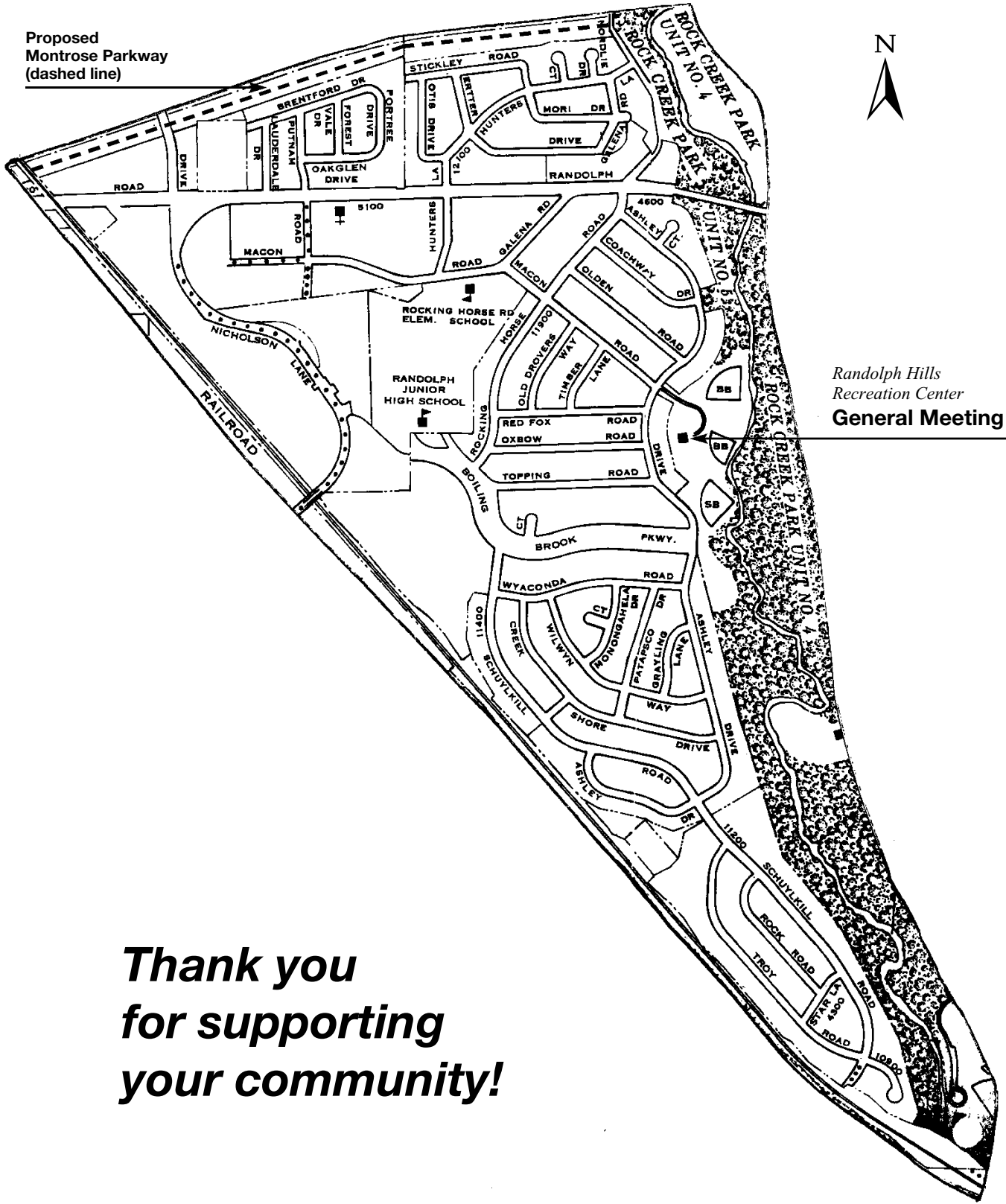
Blend, by hand, cake mix, eggs, and almond extract. Stir in cherry pie filling. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

Frosting:

- 1 c. sugar
- 5 T. margarine
- 1/2 c. milk
- 6 oz. chocolate chips

Bring to a boil; boil one minute. Add chocolate chips; stir until melted. Frost cake while still warm.

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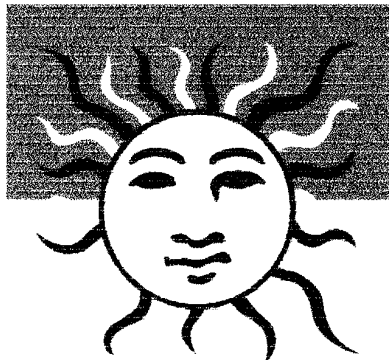
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