

The Newsletter of the Randolph Civic Association and Randolph Civic Foundation

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Upcoming Events

RCA General Meeting

Thursday, June 5, 2003 8:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker, Mike Smith of LCOR

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

RCA Executive Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 2003 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.

President's Message

by Matt Shore

After three attempts to have LCOR speak at an RCA meeting, I think we finally have them coming in June. The RCA asked LCOR to come in March, May and June, and hopefully three times is a charm and we will definitely see them at the June meeting. LCOR is trying to get approval for a 33 acre development behind the White Flint Metro. This project will be a commercial and residential site that includes office space, apartments, movies and a grocery store/strip mall. I think we can all agree that this development is too big for that area and will only make traffic worse on Rockville Pike. Unfortunately, Montgomery County has a policy of blindly putting developments near any Metro station. Mike Smith will speak for LCOR at the meeting to answer any of your questions.

The RCA will also discuss what type of sign will replace the broken one at Boiling Brook. We decided at the May meeting to choose between wood, concrete and brick signs. If you have any other suggestions please bring them up at the June meeting before we take a vote.

A special thanks goes out to Frank Shore for getting the Park Service to put up a bench at Coachway and Ashley near our newest RCA sign. Frank has close contacts with the Parks, which helps us with anything we do with MNCPPC. Another big thanks goes out to Charles Middleton who cuts the grass around the sign and bench and keeps it looking well groomed.

I hope to see you at the June meeting!

Agenda for the RCA General Membership Meeting, Thursday, June 5, 8 PM

- Guest Speaker Mike Smith from LCOR will give a presentation on the huge Town Center project proposed for the White Flint Metro station. This is the largest development project ever proposed near our neighborhood. Don't miss this chance to find out all about it.
- Election of RCA officers for 2003-2004; proposed are:

President Matt Shore
VP Mike Saunders
2nd VP George Gadbois
Secretary Kevin Kline
Treasurer Richard Zierdt
Directors Jack Stillwell
Frank Shore

Frank Rossomondo

Additional nominations can be made from the floor.

Presentation of ideas for a new RCA sign on Boiling Brook Parkway.

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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.

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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

Minutes of the RCA General Meeting

May 1, 2003

Vice-President Mike Saunders introduced our guest speakers, representatives of Montgomery County's Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC). HOC was established in 1974 to provide affordable housing for low-income county residents. The HOC has learned it is better to "de-concentrate poverty" – to spread out low-income housing, and not build public housing "projects" that concentrate poverty into one area. HOC owns and manages 6,838 units in the county. In addition, there are other federal housing programs not supervised by HOC. After a 45-minute presentation, the floor was opened to questions.

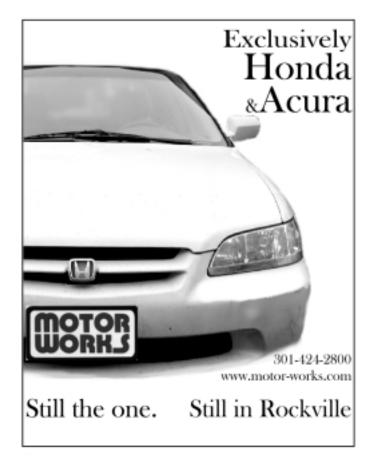
Mike delicately asked whether HOC house renters are taught the finer points of being a good neighbor, like mowing the lawn and shoveling the sidewalk. HOC renters sign leases that do specify "good-neighbor" requirements. Other polite questions from the floor made it clear that the HOC would not answer an obvious question: is there any subsidized house in RCA-land? The question period ran another ten minutes, and after an hour the HOC reps were given a round of applause.

President Matt Shore, seated in the back during the presentation, now joined Mike at the head table, and turned the meeting to old business. As promised, Secretary Kevin Kline distributed a fresh Montgomery County Police Sex Offenders Registry Listing to any RCA'er who wanted the report (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police). The bad news is that a convicted "Sexual Child Abuse Offender" recently moved into a house on Dewey Road, just on the other side (east) of Randolph Hills Local Park.

Kevin briefed RCA'ers on four upcoming zoning issues and passed out accompanying text. First, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will finally begin a major construction project through Rock Creek Park, from Veirs Mill Road, across Randolph Road, and stopping near Dewey and Mahan Roads. WSSC is going to replace the 1960's era 42-inch sewer pipe, and the 1950's-era 24-inch pipe that runs beside the Rock Creek stream. An overflow could happen if these pipes are not replaced (whereby raw sewage leaks out through manhole covers).

Winding Creek Park, the section of Rock Creek Park just north of Randolph Road, will be closed for two years, and used as a staging area for heavy construction equipment. Trucks and equipment will use RCA-land's Gaynor Road – and Dewey & Mahan Roads – to haul in large sections of pipe. There will be controlled blasting during daylight hours, to cut through solid rock. The hiker/biker trail

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RCA Executive Meeting

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will remain open with detours. The project should be complete in 2004.

Second, the county will build a new road from Nicholson to Marinelli named Citadel Avenue. This new road will be located just west of the Strathmore Court subsidized apartment complex. The RCA has no comment yet, but the Garrett Park Estates-White Flint Park Citizens' Association have strongly endorsed this new road, to alleviate traffic.

Third, the Flagship Center (the Giant food store shopping center) plans on building 150 apartments on the small surface parking lot next to (north of) the parking garage. Kevin recommended the RCA oppose this plan, because of the negative traffic impact.

Fourth, the County Council approved a change to the Master (zoning) Plan, to allow for a massive White Flint Metro Station development called "LCOR." There was some discussion on this topic. The LCOR project is in addition to the White Flint Conference Center that is now being built on the opposite side of Rockville Pike, and the White Flint Office Park, now being built on the northeast corner of Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road. Kevin said the RCA has opposed the LCOR development, but that the County Council just approved it. An RCA'er suggested the RCA write a letter to the Council expressing our continued dissatisfaction with this project, and the cumulative traffic impact once these projects are finished.

Treasurer Richard Zierdt reported that the RCA received a check for the insurance claim he submitted. The claim was for the RCA neighborhood sign on Boiling Brook that was destroyed in a traffic accident. Richard asked for suggestions on what type of replacement sign RCA'ers would like to see. The two favorites seemed to be brick or the standard redwood with white lettering. RCA'ers are encouraged to call the hotline and voice their vote.

Mike Saunders opened the floor to new business, and an informal discussion on various topics ensued: A representative of the Veirs Mill Village Civic Association, Kevin Jackson, was in attendance and recognized; an RCA'er reported that the "worst intersection in the county" (Boiling Brook and Rocking Horse) is as bad as ever; and RCA'er Frank Shore got the county to install a park bench at Coachway and Ashley, next to our "Randolph Hills" sign. Frank said the county is also going to install a flagstone walkway, and Black-eyed Susan flowers! Frank was given a round of applause for his achievement. Special thanks to the RCA neighbor who faithfully mows the grass and edges the sidewalk around this sign and park bench.

An RCA'er asked that people stop parking their cars on the grassy strip between the curb and the sidewalk. This right-of-way is clearly county land and parking on it is not only illegal, but tacky. STOP IT!



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Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

As of May 11, 2003, combined RCA+RCF assets total \$10,611.88. I missed two RCA deposits last month, so this month's report restates financial activity since April 1. The "bank fee" of \$91.95 in the Foundation's report is for the reprinting of checks to replace the old Citizen's Bank (remember them?) checks we had been using. Since this was at Suntrust's (the successor to Citizen's) insistence, I "requested" that the fee be refunded. It will, and will be reflected in the next treasurer's report in September.

4/01/2003 through 5/11/2003						
Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance	
		BALANCE 04/01/20	03		8,686.26	
04/03		RCAssociation	advertising - ECHO	60.00	8,746.26	
04/11		RCAssociation		1,427.50	10,173.76	
		advertising	classified ad - Seig	5.00		
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04/11		RCAssociation	classified ad	5.00	10,178.76	
04/16	E-xfr	Verizon	March 22 phone	-21.68	10,157.08	
04/21	699	Quick Printing	May ECHO, 16 pgs	-860.00	9,297.08	
04/21	700	Brian McGahey	Candy Canes/Santa	-75.00	9,222.08	
		BALANCE 05/11/20	03		9,222.08	
		RCA bank balance, April 22, 2003: 9,297.08				

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Amount	Balance
BALANCE 04/01/2003					1,831.56
04/03		Suntrust Bank	bank fee - checks	-91.95	1,739.61
04/07	1057	Erie Insurance	community yard sale	-200.00	1,539.61
04/07	1058	Cub Scout Pack 1081	contribution	-200.00	1,339.61
04/15		RCFoundation	donation	50.00	1,389.61
04/30		interest	.15%	0.19	1,389.80
		BALANCE 05/11/2003			1,389.80
		RCF bank balance, April 30, 2003: 1,589.80			·

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Total RCA+RCF cash assets

RCA Provides FREE Use of Yard Sale Signs

by Richard Zierdt

Planning a yard sale this summer? Don't mess up the neighborhood with ugly signs tacked to trees and utility poles. Instead, save yourself time and



effort and borrow signs made expressly for this job by calling RCA's yard sale sign co-ordinator, Shelby Hurt, at 301-770-1783 (also listed on page 2).

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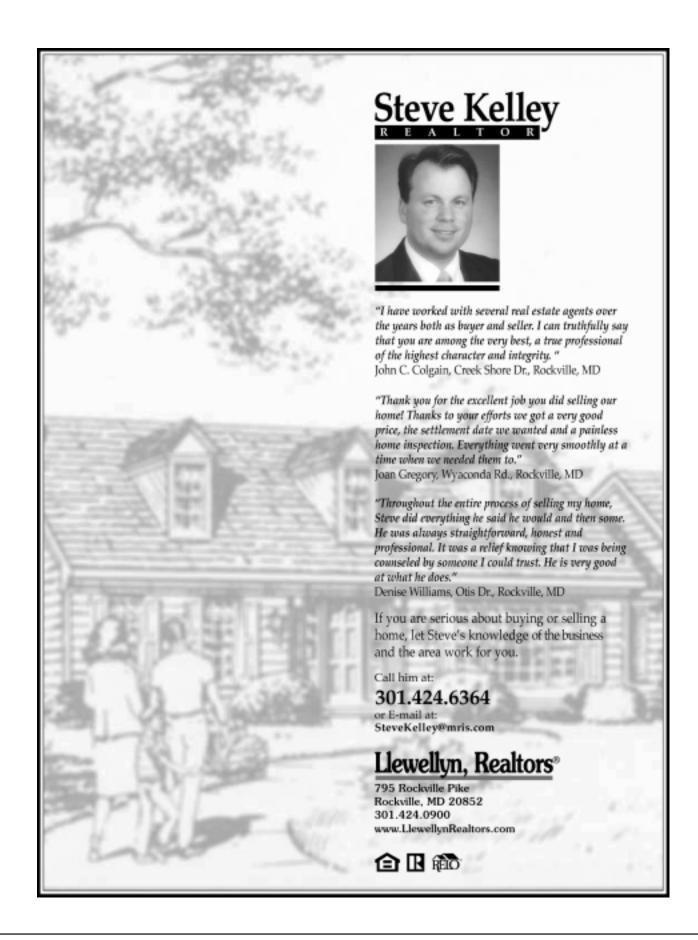
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April 9, 2003 to May 11, 2003



General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published in the ECHO almost every month. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA is here to help everyone keep our neighborhood as orderly as possible, so please use these numbers. Please call the RCA as well. We appreciate knowing and learning about our community.

2003-04-19 (Sat) 7:28 pm Anonymous. Long-time resident, 1st time caller. Concerned about a gang that's moving into this area named MS-13. Caller has noticed a lot of MS-13 graffiti at Loehmanns' Plaza bus stop, at the railroad tracks, the schools down there on Aspen Hill, and in Langley Park. Does the RCA know about it? Can the RCA call the police, and let them know there's a lot of MS-13 graffiti, and there's a lot of gang-type people looking in the neighborhood now. Caller is concerned about caller's children.

2003-04-23 (Wed) 3:23 pm Caller would like to install a swing hanging from a tree in caller's back yard, but the tree is too high. Can the RCA recommend a service that would do this?

2003-04-23 (Wed) 4:56 pm Randolph Hills, 3rd section. Has question about the sidewalk construction now underway: Can resident call the contractor and have them work on caller's driveway at the same time? [Yes. Public Works and Transportation (240-777-7623) would have the number.]

2003-04-24 (Thu) 3:04 pm Rocking Horse Road. Has not received Sam's Club card yet. *[Done!]*

2003-04-28 (Mon) 11:28 am When is the community yard sale? [May 17]

2003-04-29 (Tue) 8:03 am Anonymous. House at 1112x Schuylkill Road. This house has had a school bus parked in front of it for the last two weeks. It has now been painted a hand-painted green, and is just absolutely appalling. There must be county ordinance that prevents this. [There is.] Can the RCA do something about this? [If it's on the street, it's a police matter; if it's on private property, it is a housing code violation. Phone numbers for both of these offices are listed on the penultimate

page of every ECHO. Residents are encouraged to use these services directly and call the RCA as well. Preferably, the RCA would get involved if affected residents do not receive results in a timely manner. RCA Execs will observe the address and call the County if the bus is still there.]

2003-04-29 (Tue) 7:05 pm Anonymous. RCA member on Boiling Brook. Caller thanks the RCA for the work it performs, and thanks the Boy Scouts for cleaning up Boiling Brook Parkway. Caller notices the "exasperated" phone calls that sometimes appear in the *Echo*, but wants the Association to know that residents appreciate you. [Thank you, caller. Actually, it was a Cub Scout Pack 1081 and Boy Scout Troop 1083 joint effort. The compliment is appreciated.]

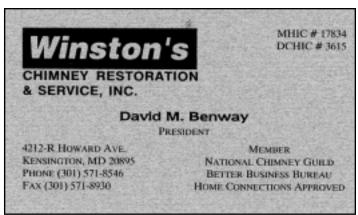
2003-04-30 (Wed) 9:22 am Fairly new to the neighborhood. Is mulch still available (through the Boy Scouts)? [This is a new program our Boy Scout leaders started last year. Call the scoutmaster (see page 2) for the latest information.]

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RCA Hotline

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2003-04-30 (Wed) 5:32 pm Anonymous. Calling to comment on the fine article on Andrew Tao in the May *Echo*. This is a great idea. There was a wonderful National Honors Society induction program held at Wheaton High School last night, Tuesday, April 29. Caller hopes there will be an article on this for the next newsletter.

2003-05-02 (Fri) 6:50 pm Concerned parent and neighbor on Topping Road. There appears to be a teenager that drives up and down the streets and sidewalks on a motorbike (moped) excessively fast. Teenager rides on the streets and sidewalks, sometimes one-handed when he's smoking or something. Driving on the sidewalks and streets with complete disregard to anybody else on the road or in his way. Caller hopes something is done about this before someone is seriously hurt. [Please call the police non-emergency number 301-279-8000 when this behavior is observed.]

2003-05-05 (Mon) 2:52 pm Caller emailed the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org regarding information about recruiting teen volunteers.

2003-05-08 (Thu) 9:53 pm Ashley Drive, 1st section. On Tuesday, May 6, 2 AM, a car hit caller's car which was parked in the street and totaled it. Right now, Thursday, May 8, about 10 PM, and there's no street lights on, on Ashley Drive. Caller notes that this is a recent problem on this stretch of Ashley, where caller's home is just before a bad curve. Who do we call to get street lights working, so people can see where they're going and don't crash into parked cars? There have been other cars that have been hit in the recent past months because there's no light. We pay taxes and the taxes should keep the lights working properly. [Call 240-777-2190 to report street lights out. The receptionist may ask for the utility pole number (tag attached to every pole)].

2003-05-11 (Sun) 6:56 pm Anonymous. Caller was walking on Ashley near Topping Road, when a motorized bike drove through the stop sign, apparently while talking on a cell phone. No helmet. *[Please call police non-emergency number 301-279-8000 when this is seen. You do not have to give your name.]*

News from Pack 1081

by George Gadbois

Our April pack meeting brought our annual Native American "PowWow" ceremony, and an array of awards. After Medicine Man, Mr. Taylor, presented ceremonial names upon our newest members in the Pack, the Olde Mill District American Indian Ceremonial Team performed the always-impressive Arrow of Light ceremony for our Webelos II scouts earning the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. Congratulations to our hard-working Webelos II who earned this award: Fredis Mata, Johnny Hilderbrand and Joseph Owen. The final activity pins earned by these boys were: Family Member & Craftsman to Johnny Hilderbrand, Fredis Mata for Family Member, Traveler & Craftsman, and Joseph

The Webelos I scouts earned recognition for their efforts too. **Derick Pineda** was awarded his Activity Pin for Aquanaut and **Matt Fieller, Kyle Blakely** and **Tony Caffi** were presented their Compass Point. The Compass Point patch and associated "point" pins are given to Webelos scouts as they earn increments of Activity Pins.

Owen, also for Family Member, Traveler & Craftsman.

Our Bear scouts were busy this month earning the following elective Bear Arrow Points: Gold Arrow Point for Jason Beam, Jake Blakely, Diego Vallejos; Silver Arrow Points, one each, to Gregory Gadbois, Sasha Hevey and AJ Taylor.

The Wolf scouts were also busy this month earning their elective Arrow Points: A Wolf Gold Arrow Point went to Matthew Best, Krisztian Mazo, Brenton Polk; Silver Arrow Points to Ayinde Warren for 3, Krisztian Mazo, Joshua Murtagh for 2 and Patrick Owen and Brenton Polk for one.

Tiger Rank badges were presented to hard working Tiger scouts **Jose Gallardo**, **Brad Gessford**, **Alex**

Scouts hiking on the Billy Goat Trail.





Arrow of Light Ceremony.

Sanchez, and Ben Weitzel. These same boys also earned one Tiger Elective Bead each. Tyler Bochniak and Sawyer Kibbe were awarded their Tiger badge at the following den meeting and will be recognized at the May Pack Meeting. Good work guys!

Uniform inspections resulted in very close gross and net scores between all the dens. Final tallies were not available for this publication, so we'll report the results in September's edition for our "best-dressed" Cub Scouts.

Our April meeting ended with the traditional bridging ceremony where Pack 1081 says good-bye to our graduating Webelos II scouts. Fredis Mata, Johnny Hilderbrand and Joseph Owen crossed the bridge with their parents and became the newest members of Boy Scout Troop 1083. Scoutmaster Talbott and other leaders and troop members welcomed them with new insignia and Scout manuals, hearty handshakes and a follow up reception. Thanks also went out to our "graduating" Webelos II leader and committee member for their hard work: Mike Costas for Webelos Den Leader and John Hilderbrand for photographer, assisting with compiling the annual slide show and webmaster.

Our April 26th bike ride was rained out and we've rescheduled it as a summertime activity in July. **Gregory Gadbois** was the only scout reported this year who hiked the strenuous 4 miles of woods and boulders of the Billy Goat Trail on May 4.

We are again looking forward to the rest of our Pack members graduating at the May Pack meeting, camping at Cabin John, as well as many summer activities including day camp and overnight camps, a picnic, a mother/son softball game, a carwash and pro baseball games with special scout or kid promotions. We're looking for all interested 1st to 5th grade boys to come join the fun, learning and adventure of Cub Scouting! Contact us at the numbers listed in the front of this *Echo* edition for more information. Have a great summer and remember to check out our website at:

http://hometown.aol.com//jph3190/1081.html

Troop 1083 News

by Brian McGahey

Troop 1083 has been busy this spring
We welcome three new Boy Scouts: Johnny
Hilderbrand, Joseph Owen, and Fredis Mata. The
three boys "bridged over" from Pack 1081. At the April
Pack meeting, they literally walked over a bridge to
Troop 1083 and left their Cub Scout years behind.

Welcome new Scouts and their families.

Our April Campout was a bike trip on the C&O Canal. The boys biked 10 or 15 miles according to ability and camped on the Canal at the Antietam Creek Campground. Attending were: Mark Bushong, Edwin Fuentes, Anthony Gadbois, Bubba Hart, Johnny Hildebrand, Edward Huggins, Galen Miley, John Pitkin, Chris Soares, Hafez Taghavi, Scott Talbott and Andrew Wood.

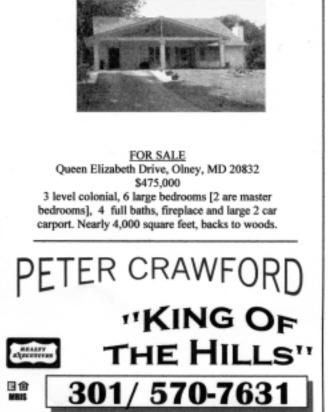
In May we are going rafting on the Shenandoah near Harper's Ferry, and roughing it at the KOA. In June, we head to Solomon's Island, in July to Assateague Island. We are doing two weeks of summer camp this summer. In July we are going to Heritage Reservation, near Uniontown, PA for a week and to Goshen Scout Reservation for a week in August.

If these activities appeal to you, and you are a boy who will finish, or has finished, the fifth grade, you can join us. We meet every Monday night at Viers Mill Elementary at 7:30 p.m., when school is in session. Or call Mr. Talbott our Scoutmaster at 301-881-6567.

Gardening Tips

To continue enjoying a beautiful lawn, your maintenance must focus on insect and weed control. Start by raising your mower to summer cutting height: Bluegrass 2 1/2"; Fine Fescue 3"; Tall Fescue 3 - 4". Lawns mowed too short – 2 to 3 inches – attract chickweed, clover, moss, and veronica. Water lawn between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m., so grass is dry by nightfall. Spot treat crabgrass and goose grass with Vantage from Home Depot.





Many Thanks for the Donated Plants!

by Margaret Dikel

The recently expanded garden beds at the Schuylkill Road end of Waverly-Schuylkill Park along with the planters along the path are slowly being filled with new plants, thanks to several people who donated "extras" from their gardens!

We've added canna, three white azalea bushes, hosta, rudbeckia (Maryland's state flower!), and several other small perennials we hope will expand over the next couple of years. Several cuttings of hydrangea have been poked into the ground in the hope that they will root and start some nice bushes. We also divided liriope and sedum already established in the older beds to get them going in the new beds.

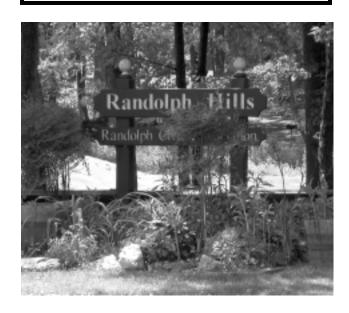
It takes time to establish a perennial garden, so we must be patient, but things are starting to look better already. If you find yourself with more plantings than you can handle and you think it will work in a partly-shady bed, please call Margaret Dikel (301-881-0122) or Frank Shore (301-468-1225). Come fall, we'll especially be looking for spring-blooming bulbs.

The garden bed on Schuylkill at Waverly-Schuylkill Park looks great, thanks to several dedicated volunteers. ▶

Fall Clean-up in Waverly-Schuylkill Park!

Saturday, October 25, 2003 Mark your calendars now!

Questions, call Margaret Dikel, 301-881-0122







LATE-BREAKING NEWS!

RCA-Land Loses Another Sign to Traffic Incident

How ironic. Just as we were going to press, our sign on Schuylkill Road at Garrett Park Road (pictured above) was damaged, along with a flower barrel, which was completely destroyed. A car, apparently unmindful of the stop sign on Garrett Park Road, simply ran the intersection, hit the opposite curb and became airborne, hitting and destroy-

ing a wooden barrel flower box, clipped the left side of the RCA sign, clipped and warped the top of the guard rail, then proceeded down the ravine taking bark off trees, and finally stopped at the bottom. Fortunately and amazingly, the driver and passenger walked away from it unscathed.

So it has happened already twice this year – a RCA sign has been destroyed. We will file an insurance claim for this sign, just like we did for the sign at Boiling Brook!

Top: The left side of the Randolph Hills sign at Schuylkill and Garrett Park Roads was broken off by an airborne vehicle.

Bottom: Remains of the whiskey barrel planter can be seen at bottom left.

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Lifetime Memories Lost. Can you help? Our mom's tireless caregiver's purse was stolen recently in Randolph Hills. She is heart-broken about losing the last remaining photos and mementos of her husband and mother, as well as all of her IDs. Please be on the lookout for a black leather purse, perhaps tossed into the bushes near your house or business. Please call 703-524-7234 with any information, or drop the purse in the mail postage due to: Ken Schoultz, 4019 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, VA 22207. Thank you!

Yard Work and Grass Mowing: Here's Your Help

Here's a list of boys willing to perform leaf raking, snow shoveling, general yard work, etc.

Andrew Souder 301-770-7632 Ashley Drive Matt Bebawy 301-881-4698 Red Fox Brett Valenta 301-816-0293 Ashley Drive Alex Cassel 301-770-8757 Macon Road Mike Couture 301-984-8647 Creekshore Drive Steven Santos 301-468-1756 Wilwyn Way Chris Geerman 301-230-1386 Ashley Drive

Note to Contributors:

The *Echo* is taking the summer off!

The next issue will be the September/October issue. The deadline is August 23rd.

Important Phone Numbers (Police Reporting Areas (PRA): Franklin, Montrose Park: #306; Westminster, Randolph Farms: #308; Randolph Hills 1st & 2nd sections #308; Randolph Hills 3rd section: #309) Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station) 301-279-1591 Police: Emergency911 (for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuylkill Parks) Abandoned Cars (on private property)240-777-3600 Department of Natural Resources800-442-0708 (wildlife nuisance problems) Housing Code Violations240-777-3600 (for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.) Large Item Pick-up240-777-6410 Montgomery County Humane Society240-773-5960 Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance . .240-777-7700 (noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leaking motor oil) Parks: Information & Permits301-495-2525 PEPCO: Power Out toll free 1-877-737-2662 Emergency/Life Threatening202-872-3432 Transportation (Highway Services)240-777-7623 (to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.) Transit Information Center (www.dtwp.com) 240-777-7433 Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist) 240-777-7623



Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park and Montrose Park Market Update...

Home Sales Settled Since April 1, 2003

Address	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy	DOM			
11708 Rocking Horse Road	\$314,900	\$307,000	\$0	11			
4907 Stickley Road	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	4			
11701 Hunters Lane	\$294,000	\$300,000	\$6,000	19			
4710 Olden Road	\$286,000	\$290,000	\$0	5			
11122 Schuylkill Road	\$285,000	\$287,000	\$0	4			
11205 Ashley Drive	\$274,900	\$275,000	\$0	63			
4706 Olden Road	\$278,000	\$273,000	\$0	16			
11912 Rocking Horse Road	\$274,500	\$274,500	\$1,000	3			
12004 Ashley Drive	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$0	10			
11600 Ashley Drive	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$0	0			
11116 Rock Road	\$235,000	\$235,000	\$0	4			
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Address	List Price	Address		List Price			
4725 Wyaconda Road	\$329,000	12224 Hunters	Lane	\$299,000			

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