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Wheaton High School Re-Modernization Project

By Amber Tedesco

On February 7, 2013, the RCA was fortunate to have Kevin Lowndes, the Principal of Wheaton High School, come and speak to the community about the improvements to both the physical school as well as how kids are learning and being taught.

Over the next several years the Wheaton High School / Thomas Edison High School of Technology campus will receive a complete overhaul. It is a total rebuild -- not a renovation. Superintendent Joshua Starr wants Wheaton High School to be the model for all future Montgomery County High Schools. All Montgomery County high school teachers will come to Wheaton High School to get trained.

Wheaton High School is being built as a green school with solar panels and state of the art amenities. The new school will take over the corner of Randolph Road and

Dalewood Drive with the main entrance of the school facing Dalewood Drive. The new school will be able to hold 2,000, but they expect the new population when it opens in 2015 to be 1,650, up from the current population of 1,250. It will be a three floor building with a large courtyard in the middle, a new health center for the community, an auditorium that will have tier seating to hold 1,100 people, an All-Purpose Room that will welcome community events, as



WHEATON HIGH SCHOOL - SOUTH ELEVATION

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well as interactive and inviting class rooms.

Wheaton High School has a magnet program that started last year, in addition to four academies to attract students to help them be more successful in school. The academies cater towards Engineering, Global and Cultural Studies, Information Technology, and the Biosciences.

The school has a digital arts program and their goal is to teach kids 21st century skills and to prepare them for the workplace. They merge high school and college level classes and are working with the University of Maryland on a college level math course.

Once the new Wheaton High School opens the construction will start on the new school for Edison. Edison will be adding a finance center as well as offering homeland security instruction when it opens in 2017. The total project is slated to be completed in 2018 with new

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Upcoming Events

RCA Executive Committee Meeting

March 7th, 2013 8:00pm-9:00pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

RCA General Membership Meeting

April 4th, 2013 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

Guest Speaker: Montgomery County Sierra Club presentation on energy savings;
Special Event: Executive Board Elections and Budget Approval

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President's Message

by Chad Salganik, RCA President

This is the March Echo, and I've just ordered my annual haul of mulch from Boy Scout Troop 1083. I am genuinely excited for Spring, even if it's 34 degrees outside as I write this. We've had another relatively snowless winter, which reminds me of an RCA board discussion a few years ago where we discussed purchasing snow blowers to help clear sidewalks in the neighborhood. It seemed like a great idea after we were socked with snow in 2008-2009. We didn't buy the snowblowers, fortunately, as they'd be gathering dust now. We've gone a record 742 days without a 2 inch or greater snow event! Fingers crossed, maybe next year we'll be out on the hill in Randolph Hills Local Park on our sleds.

We had a great General Meeting this month. Kevin Lowndes, the Principal of Wheaton High School, gave an excellent presentation. You can read about it in more detail in this month's Echo. There is a lot to look forward to at Wheaton in the coming years. Mr. Lowndes is keenly interested in making Wheaton a community high school. Let's help him achieve this. If you have ideas about how the high school can become part of the fabric of our community, please share them with a board member or the Yahoo group. You can find Mr. Lowndes on Twitter @WHSPrincipal1. Special thanks to long time RCA board member and advocate, George Gadbois for arranging the presentation.

Speaking of great presentations, come on out to the April General Meeting. The Montgomery County Sierra Club will present on home energy saving. Learn energy saving tips and ways to reduce your gas and electric bills. See you there on Thursday, April 4th, 8pm at the Viers Mill Rec Center.

Note to Echo Contributors:

Deadlines for the remainder of the 2012-2013 Issue year are:

April 2013..... March 1st

May 2013 April 12th

June/July/Aug 2013 May 24th

RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.

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

Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.

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

Web site: www.randolphcivic.org

Helping Randolph Area Sellers

Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park Sales

March 2013 Update (No new January/February sales)

Last 10 Randolph Civic Area Home Sales

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	4905 Randolph Rd	3	2	\$389,900	\$389,000	1/4/2013	\$0
Sold	4802 Oxbow Rd	3	1	\$265,000	\$270,000	12/21/2012	\$0
Sold	11808 Timber Ln	3	2	\$359,900	\$359,900	12/14/2012	\$12,500
Sold	4813 Wilwyn Way	3	2	\$365,000	\$365,000	12/13/2012	\$5,000
Sold	11401 Ashley Dr	3	2	\$414,900	\$400,000	11/17/2012	\$0
Sold	11009 Troy Rd	3	1.5	\$339,000	\$327,500	11/12/2012	\$0
Sold	4806 Wyaconda Rd	3	2	\$374,900	\$375,000	11/8/2012	\$2,500
Sold	12106 Otis Dr	3	2	\$300,000	\$312,500	11/6/2012	\$0
Sold	4813 Mori Dr	3	2	\$424,900	\$404,000	11/5/2012	\$1,500
Sold	12128 Gaynor Rd	4	2	\$439,900	\$439,900	11/1/2012	\$5,000

Just Sold (Chris Mann Real Estate Co.)

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List Price: \$265,000

Sold Price: \$270,000



This home sold in 7 days. We received 5 offers. Through negotiating I was able to get the price up from our initial offer of \$250,000 up to \$270,000, \$5,000 over list price.

We also negotiated no home inspection and selected an all cash buyer. This home was in bad condition and in need of full renovation. Over a week, we provided enough time for all those interested to see it. We had 20 unique showings.

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Neighborhood News in Brief

- **On February 12, several Parks Department trucks arrived at Randolph Hills Park, loaded with new trees.** The warm, sunny day was perfect for the work crew who planted a variety of species: red maples, to provide some autumn color, magnolias, gum trees, and sycamores. Our neighborhood is scheduled to receive a number of trees, to make up for the losses we incurred due to the storms in the past years. If you want to report a dead or damaged tree, contact the Service Center at 301 670-8080. Give them the exact location, and a short description of the problem. (See pictures below)
- **The RCF is planning a Stream Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 6 from 9 am to 12 noon.** This will be done in conjunction with the local Boy Scouts. We have a lot of litter in our streams and throughout our neighborhood so please lend a hand (See picture to the right). More details are available in the article in this Echo!



Trash like this (above) needs your attention on April 6th! See page 13!



Crews plant trees in Randolph Hills Local Park

Febraury General Meeting Minutes

by Amber Tedesco

1. Call to Order: 8:05
2. Old Business
Pedestrian Refuge on Randolph:
 - o There was concern regarding traffic turning left from Randolph into Hunters heading going west bound. There seems to have been no issues with the installed crosswalk. One member mentioned it was nice to have spot to stop when crossing Randolph Road.
 - o Membership Drive is over. 420-425 memberships for the year about a 25 person increase for the year. There are a small number of checks to be turned into the treasurer.
3. Standard Business
 - o Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. New Business
 - o Speaker Kevin Lowndes – Principal Wheaton High School – See article
 - o White Flint Development: Friends of White Flint networking. www.Whiteflint.org to became a member
 - o Noise/Block Parties: Block parties are subject to all county regulations and laws. If there is a party and there is a noise issues call the police, the RCA is not able to stop parties. Please give the RCA a police report number. RCA does encourage block parties and are a great way to pull the neighborhood together and for neighbors to get to know one another. Neighbors all need to work together to make it happen.
 - o Community Day Date: 10/5/13 proposed date to secure fields.
5. Committee Chair Reports
 - o Treasurers Report – Nick Kreisle was not at the meeting, but did report that memberships dues are coming in via Paypal.
 - o Safety Report: Brian Hooker and Mara Green-grass announced the new zoning on districts is complete and the new zones are: South of Randolph Road is District 2 Bethesda; North of Randolph Road is District 1 Rockville. We have a community liaison officer, but she is getting ready to retire in the spring/summer 2013.
 - o Education Chair: Amber Tedesco reported that the build-out at Viers Mill Elementary is coming to an end. Planned move-in date is spring 2013. Wheaton Spring Fair is March 16th.
6. RCA Meeting Adjournment – 9:20pm.



Important Websites

Randolph Civic Association	http://randolphcivic.org
Montgomery County	www.montgomerycountymd.gov
Montgomery County Parks	www.montgomeryparks.org
Montgomery County Schools	www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org
Washington Metro Area Transit Authority	www.wmata.com



Important Phone Numbers

Police: Emergency ONLY	911
Police: Non-Emergency (County-wide)	301-279-8000
Police: Non-Emergency (Rockville Station)	240-773-6070
Park Police: Emergency	301-949-3010
<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuykill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property)	240-777-3785
Abandoned Cars (on the street)	240-773-6411
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Building Permits	240-777-6260
Consumer Affairs and Protection	240-777-3636
Crisis Center Hotline (24 hours)	240-777-4000
Department of Natural Resources	877-463-6497
<i>(wildlife nuisance problems)</i>	
Disability Services	240-777-3000
Fire Marshall (Non-Emergency)	240-777-2457
Housing Code Violations	240-777-3785
<i>(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)</i>	
Large Item Pick-up	240-777-6410
Libraries: Locations, Accounts, Etc.	240-777-0001
Metrorail and Metrobus (wmata.com)	202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society (Non-Emer)	240-773-5960
Montgomery County Humane Society (Emer)	240-773-5900
Motor Vehicle Admin (mva.maryland.gov)	800-950-1682
Parking Tickets	240-453-0113
Parks: Information & Permits	301-495-2525
PEPCO: Report Power Outages	877-737-2662
PEPCO: Emergency/Life Threatening	202-872-3432
Pollution Complaint (Dumping, Noise, Burning)	240-777-7700
Post Office: Rollins Ave, Rockville	301-231-5973
Montgomery County Public Schools K-12	301-309-6277
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept)	240-777-1245
RCA Hotline	240-668-4722
Recreation Classes	240-777-6870
Recycling Info	240-777-6410
Senior Programs (55+)	240-777-4925
Street Light Out	240-777-6000
Trash Collection	240-777-6410
Transportation (Highway Services)	240-777-7623
<i>(to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.)</i>	
Tree Maintenance	240-777-6000
Voter Registration	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC)	301-206-4001
Weeds/Rubbish Complaints	240-777-7700

If any of these websites or phone numbers are incorrect, please email info@randolphcivic.org or call the RCA Hotline at 240-668-4722.

The RCA Hotline

240-668-4722 (4RCA)

Calls Received November 7th,
2012 through January 22nd, 2012

General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published on the website. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA reserves the right to not publish calls longer than 1.5 minutes due to the time it takes to transcribe and cost to publish. You can always email the RCA at info@randolphcivic.org or submit an article for publication to the Echo editor.



01-31-13 (Thurs) at 11:41am. Anonymous. I have a question. I've noticed a lot of potholes in the neighborhood's roads. I looked on Montgomery County's website and looked at all the projects to repair and repave roads and I didn't see anything for Randolph Hills. We've been around a pretty long time – a lot of the neighborhoods that I see getting repairs have not been around as long as ours. I'm wondering if there's anything in the works to repave the roads in Randolph Hills. It's been a while. I've lived here a long time. In fact, I live in the house that my parents bought when the neighborhood first opened up and then I ended up moving back here. I appreciate it; thank you.

02-01-13 (Fri) at 6:07pm. Not Anonymous. Hi, we wanted to thank you for the welcome message and the sweets that you left at our home. We live at 118xx Rocking Horse Road and we are very happy to be in the neighborhood. Thank you!

02-08-13 (Fri) at 2:04pm. Not Anonymous. Received via Info@RandolphCivic.org. From a Garrett Park Resident. There are two cats that look to be well cared for strays on my street. The neighbor who found them has not brought them in, even during the coldest days. She says there is a tab for Benson Animal Hospital but the hospital reports no one phoned about missing pets. She should have gotten the numbers off the tabs as that would have helped in identification of the owners. Haven't seen the cats for a few days. Could you please put on your neighborhood listserv that two black cats, one all black and sleek, have been living on Cambria Ave in Garrett Park, down from the swimming pool. We are wondering if they came across the railroad tracks as no one in Town has claimed them. Cats last seen at 4417 Cambria Ave.

Montgomery County Police Department 2nd District Comes to RCA-Land

by Brian Hooker

On February 4th the new Montgomery County Police Districts became effective. This resulted in a shift of the 1st District (Rockville) further north and the 2nd District Bethesda moving north into that space... more or less. The map on page seven shows the new districts and as you can see, RCA-land has now been split into 2 districts separated by Randolph Road. Montrose Park and Franklin Park remain in District 1. What does this mean? Residents will not likely see much of a change according to both Community Liaison Officers for the 1st and 2nd Districts as first responders to issues could come from either District. All emergency and non-emergency numbers remain the same. The beat officers will change as well as the community liaison officers, but overall residents will not likely notice the difference unless they interact regularly with the beat officers. According to the announcement by MCPD the new Districts were needed because of:

- A need to improve service to residents with a more balanced workload between police districts,
- The new location of the Public Safety Headquarters to 100 Edison Park Drive in Gaithersburg,
- The future re-location of the 1st District station to the Public Safety Headquarters in Gaithersburg, and
- A need to improve officer safety.

So, for now we have reached out to the new community liaison officer and will continue to work with the officer from the 1st District. It does seem like RCA-land is a favorite trading card amongst MoCo government agencies; we'll just have to wait and see if any of the new districts will result in better or worse service for the residents that live here. The RCA will be watching the situation closely. **A map of the new 2nd district is on the opposite page (page 7).**

Join Your Neighbors Online

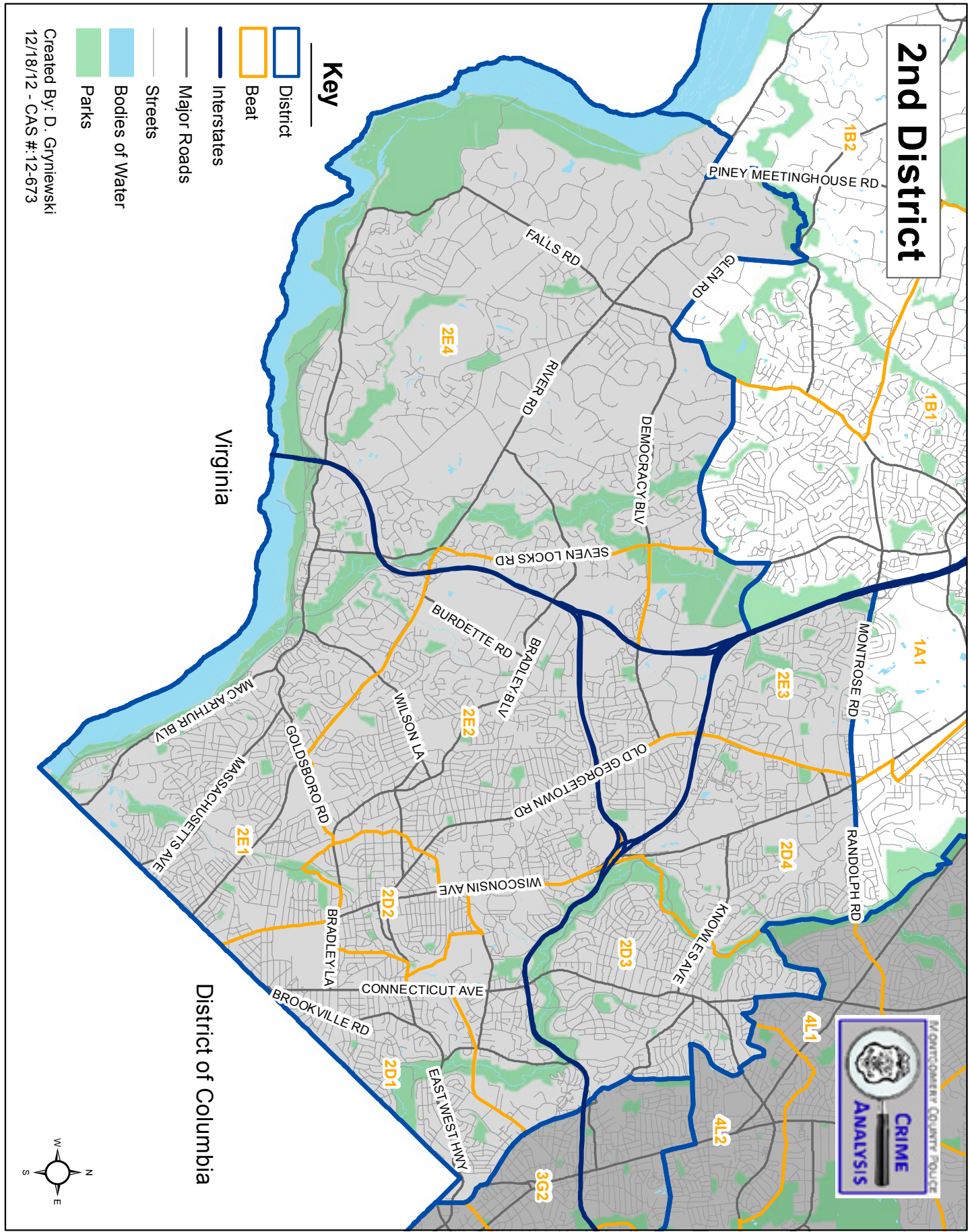
The RCA Yahoo Group is a great resource for keeping up with happenings in RCA land. Need a recommendation for a local handyman? Looking for a babysitter or dog walker? Want to learn more about local activities? Have an idea to improve our neighborhood?



Get in on the conversation at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/>

2nd District



Created By: D. Gryniowski
12/18/12 - CAS #:12-673

Wheaton Modernization (continued from page 1)

football and baseball fields.

There were some questions raised by community members about the downtown consortium feeder pattern. Mr. Lowndes explained that currently Viers Mill Elementary School, Parkland Middle School, and Wheaton High School are our feeder pattern. Because our community is in the downtown consortium the children in the neighborhood have choices when looking at middle school and high schools. The other middle schools the children can attend are A. Mario Loiderman and Argyle; the high schools are Einstein, Kennedy, Blair and Northwood. For both middle school and high school there is an application process. For more information on enrolling please visit the Montgomery County Public School website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>. If you are interested in viewing more information regarding Wheaton re-modernization project you can find it at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wheatonhs/homepage/construction.aspx>.

Help Make our Community a Safer Place Become a RCA Block Captain



The RCA Safety Committee is reviving the neighborhood watch program. The goal of the program is to make our community a safer place and to increase communication regarding safety issues and other neighborhood concerns.

Becoming a Block Captain simply means joining the RCA Safety Committee email listserv and keeping an eye out for safety issues on your street.

Email safety@randolphcivic.org for more information and to learn how you can help.

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Royal Martial Arts	(301) 770-1007
Safeway, Store #1315	(301) 770-3665
Sherwin-Williams	(301) 984-7124
Subway	(301) 881-4672
Vision Cleaners	(301) 881-7142
West Marine Store	(301) 230-0945

Neighbor Noise Solutions

by Matthew Tifford, Environment Committee Chair

One of the more common issues we deal with in our community is noise complaints, most often from late night parties. These kinds of annoyances can be frustrating, as they greatly impact our quality of life and are difficult to stop or prevent. We get calls about such parties throughout the year, but much to our frustration we have found there is little that we as a Civic Association can do about them. We can however provide you with the tools you need to deal with the problem.

The first thing you should consider is whether it is possible to stop the parties simply by approaching the offending party and explaining how their behavior is having a negative effect on their neighbors. I encourage a sort of "charm offensive". Be friendly, bring some kind of goodwill gift, and in making your case approach it with the assumption that they don't realize that their behavior is causing a problem.

If this is not an option for you, or if you have already tried the friendly approach and been rebuffed, your next option is to join the Neighborhood Watch. If there is a house which throws parties on a regular basis, the Watch can plan a regular drive-by of the party house and place calls to the police when an infraction is witnessed. However, be aware that you will need to take an active role and lead the effort.

If the Neighborhood Watch is not an option for you, then you have one other path to pursue. It starts with always calling the police and getting a police report number every time there is an incident. I say that it "starts" with calling the police because calling them will probably not solve the problem in and of itself. We have had recent incidents where police pull up to the offending house, but if the officer doesn't hear anything from the car he/she will then drive away. Police officers cannot issue citations for disturbances if they don't witness them. So, what you are really doing is officially documenting a pattern of misbehavior which will help your effort down the road.

Getting resolution this way will require commitment on your part. Since it is often difficult to create a situation where a police officer will witness the noise disturbance, the county has a provision allowing residents to file a "Citizen's Two-Party Noise Complaint" which can be found at: <http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DE-POnlineForms/NoiseComplaintForm.aspx>.

As long as you can find one other neighbor who will team up with you, you can file this kind of complaint to initiate enforcement action from the county. In this situation, you may be asked to testify in court, so make sure you are prepared for that possibility before you submit the form!


While there are undoubtedly situations where this last measure is unavoidable, please do consider whether the charm offensive might not ultimately be the most effective route. In the past six years of serving as

RCA Environment Chair, I have found that the aggressive action described above usually has the effect of causing the offending party to feel like the victim. Once you have made them the victim, you are likely to start a battle that can go on for years and get very ugly. Even though you may be completely in the right to complain about them, you have created a situation where they will perceive you as an unreasonable aggressor, and themselves as the injured party!

So, what I recommend is that before embarking on an aggressive solution to an offending household, ask yourself what your ultimate goal is, revenge or resolution? Do you want the offending party to suffer for the aggravation they have caused you, or do you just want the parties to stop? It's hard to ask this question without sounding judgmental, so please allow me to follow with the statement that in some cases the aggressive solution is the only option. Some people truly are unreasonable and in rare cases it may be dangerous to approach them in even the friendliest manner. Please use your best judgment. The only point I am trying to make is that you should always include the charm offensive in the options you consider, with the realization that it might be the simplest and most effective option in achieving your goal.

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Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

Troop 1083 conducts two major fundraisers each year: a Christmas tree sale in November-December and a mulch sale for which orders are accepted until late February. In both cases—trees and mulch—the troop provides free local delivery. Mulch deliveries will take place the weekend of March 15–17. We want to offer sincere thanks to all who supported us at the tree sale, and also to those who bought mulch from us.

In late January, Troop 1083 Scouts attended the Potomac District Klondike Derby at Little Bennett Regional Park for two days and two winter nights of camping and gaming. Derby events included various tests of Scout craft, first aid and life saving knowledge and skills, and teambuilding exercises. WEBELOS II Scouts from Packs 1081 and 493 joined the Troop Saturday evening for some lessons in fire building and enjoyed dinner onsite before returning home to their warm beds to sleep.

The Derby also includes a contest to design the next year's Klondike patch. All Scouts in attendance are invited to submit designs. This year's patch, featuring a polar bear in full gallop, was designed by the 2012 contest winner, Troop 1083's Ben Safford; the patch is pictured below. Ben repeated his success this year; his new design once again won the contest, and will be used as the official Klondike patch in 2014. Good work, Ben!

On February 3, Scouts and their families gathered for the Winter Court of Honor (COH). As the troop continues to grow and the Scouts stay focused on their goals, the award and achievement tallies just keep piling up! At

this COH, Troop 1083 Scouts earned a total of 34 Merit Badges and 8 rank advancements. Congratulations to all!

Upcoming events include a ski trip to Ski Liberty, March WEBELOS Weekend, a campout at Sandy Point State Park on the Chesapeake, and whitewater rafting on the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers at Harpers Ferry. If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 at Viers Mill ES, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the Troop's web page at www.troop1083.org.

Venture Crew 1083 Update

By Ben Pitkin, Corresponding Secretary

In January the Venture Crew participated in an annual midwinter competition of scout skills called the Montgomery District Klondike Derby. The Derby is held at Little Bennett Regional Park near Clarksburg, and involves camping out in the less-than-toasty conditions.

In the Derby itself, participants go from station to station; at each they are tasked with demonstrating (or cleverly improvising) various scoutcraft, wilderness survival, and backwoods engineering skills. Examples are as varied as building a fire in the shortest possible time; identifying plant and animal species; winter rescue techniques; building and testing a catapult; providing first aid under disabling conditions; and even the caber toss (of "Highland Games" fame). Of course, prior to the event, each team must construct a sled or wagon to haul their equipment from station to station. Venture Crew 1083 is a well-seasoned group with plenty of cold-weather experience. They laughed at the cold and had a great time in conditions that would reduce most people to whimpering, shivering sacks of misery.

In February, the Crew will head to Ski Liberty in Pennsylvania to find some more cold to laugh at, as they slide down steep slopes with slippery boards attached to their feet. Then, in the spring, the High Adventure program will come back out of hibernation, as two—not one, but two—Philmont 2013 crews will undergo their last warm-up hikes in preparation for July's big trip to the mountains and pinyon-juniper forests near Cimarron, New Mexico. Also in the spring, the Philmont 2015 crew will begin their own 2-year training program with their first few "shakedown" hikes. In the next couple of months, if you happen to be on the Appalachian Trail or some other top-notch hiking venue, and bump into a line of green-shirted backpackers, say hello; it might just be a Venture Crew trek!

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 21. Crew meetings are every Monday night, from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Why not join us? Bring a like-minded friend so you'll already know someone else at the meeting! For more information, contact crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755.



The 2013 Klondike Derby patch, designed by Ben Safford of Troop 1083 and Venture Crew 1083

Randolph Civic Foundation News

Your Turn To Help –

RCA-land Clean-Up, April 6th

by Lindsay Hoffman, Randolph Civic Foundation President

Every year in early April, you've likely noticed a barrage of Scouts and their families fishing trash and litter from our local waterways and parks. The Annual Stream Clean-Up results in bags upon bags of refuse lining our streets awaiting proper disposal and cleaner, freer-flowing waterways. But, the waterways are not the only areas in RCA-land that could use some intense attention. Surely you know of pockets around the neighborhood where trash accumulates. And, now's the time for you to pitch in!

On Saturday, April 6th, the Randolph Civic Foundation will join the Scouts to beautify RCA-land. While the Scouts will continue their focus on the streams and waterways, RCF volunteers (that means YOU!) will be sent throughout the neighborhood for a clean-up of our surface roads and other areas. There are two ways you can pitch in. First, email me at LindsayHoffman@aol.com with suggestions for where we can focus our efforts. Second, join us at 9am on April 6th in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center Parking Lot to collect your gloves, bags and assignments. Your whole family is welcome! It will be a great way to connect with your neighbors, and to keep our neighborhood a source of pride!

See you on Saturday, April 6th!

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RCF Clean-up Day Approaching

by Allison Dewey

The typical beautiful neighborhood has tree-lined streets, manicured flower beds, and well-maintained common areas. Randolph Hills has all of this and is a beautiful area to live, but unfortunately we also have a lot of trash. Our creek beds are littered with plastic bottles, doggie poop bags, food wrappers, grocery bags, and more. It can be an eyesore to walk along our streets and in our parks. Not all of us contribute to this litter, but all of us should consider it our responsibility to clean it up and get our neighborhood back to looking beautiful.

On April 6, the Randolph Civic Foundation will be organizing a neighborhood clean-up day alongside the efforts of the Boy Scouts. We will meet in the parking lot of Randolph Hills Shopping Center at 9:00am. Supplies such as gloves and bags will be provided. The full trash bags will be picked up by the county the following day or soon after. It is important that you let the RCF know where you intend to place the garbage bags so that we can inform the county on the pick-up. Meet in the morning and let us know where you plan on working. Many hands make light work, so please come out and help support keeping our neighborhood beautiful. Officially the trash pick-up will end at 12:00 but continue if you have the energy. If you already have plans for April 6, please consider helping pick up litter another day. Any trash collected outside of the neighborhood clean-up should be placed with your own garbage for pick up.

For all you middle school and high school students, this is a great time to earn some SSL (Student Service Learning) hours! Come out, serve, and contribute.

To help control litter in our neighborhood, follow these few simple guidelines when putting your garbage out.

1. Always place garbage bags in a can with a secure lid.
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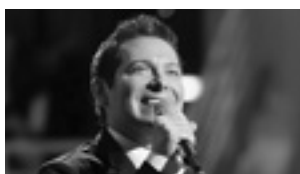
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4701 Coachway Drive	\$385,000	\$380,000	50	\$9,000	12-Oct-12
11906 Ashley Drive	\$299,900	\$290,000	201	\$0	30-Oct-12
12128 Gaynor Road	\$439,900	\$439,900	6	\$5,000	01-Nov-12
4813 Mori Drive	\$424,900	\$404,000	6	\$1,500	05-Nov-12
12106 Otis Drive	\$300,000	\$312,500	198	\$0	06-Nov-12
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11009 Troy Road	\$339,000	\$327,500	12	\$0	12-Nov-12
11401 Ashley Drive	\$414,900	\$400,000	12	\$0	17-Nov-12
4813 Wilwyn Way	\$365,000	\$365,000	8	\$5,000	13-Dec-12
11808 Timber Lane	\$359,900	\$359,900	11	\$12,500	14-Dec-12
4802 Oxbow Road	\$265,000	\$270,000	5	\$0	21-Dec-12
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