

# The ECHO

*The Newsletter of the Randolph Civic Association*

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## RCA Membership Drive for the 2010 Season Begins

**Do Your Civic Duty! Renew your Civic Association Membership Today!**

*A Special Message from the Randolph Civic Association*

How does RCA advocate for the community? Just one successful example is the White Flint Sector Plan development. The RCA gave you a voice on the Steering Committee for the Sector Plan and to have a say in how White Flint is developed over the next three decades. What was the result? RCA secured a recommendation by the Planning Board that Rocking Horse Center be once again used as our elementary school. The RCA was also successful in getting a new MARC stop located within walking distance of RCA neighborhoods.

### **What do you get for your \$10 RCA membership?**

- The Echo, the RCA newsletter - an invaluable resource into what is happening within RCA, delivered right to your door.
- Community events to bring us all together!
- Membership keeps the RCA strong and influential as it advocates with the local, county and state government officials.
- Provides access and support for other community communication efforts, such as, the RCA website (<http://randolphcivic.org>) and the community Yahoo Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/>)

Our membership form is a bit different this year. We've have added a new box that will allow you to donate dollars directly to the Randolph Civic Foundation (RCF). Please note that while donations to the RCA are not tax deductible, they keep The Echo in print, and our yard sales and other activities funded. Donations to the RCF are tax deductible. The RCF supports and sponsors activities such as community beautification and local youth groups. It's important to note that \$10 is a relatively small amount compared to the large impact the RCA has on your community. Did you know that we have the lowest dues of any civic association in the county? Any additional funds you can contribute, even if it's only a small amount, make a huge difference.

You will also see a few other changes on the membership form this year. The RCA will not be selling bulbs this season. We have also have made a change to how Sam's Club membership works. You can renew your membership directly at the Gaithersburg Sam's Club store and not through the RCA. Please see the related article in this issue for more information.

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## Upcoming Events

### **RCA General Meeting**

September 10th, 8pm - Viers Mill Rec Center

Our guest speakers will be Roger Berliner, our District One County Council member and Marc Elrich, one of our At-Large member of the Council.

### **RCA Fall Yard Sale**

September 26th, 7:30am - 1:30pm - Loehmann's Plaza

### **RCA Executive Board Meeting**

October 1st, 8pm - Viers Mill Rec Center

This meeting is open to all members, but there is no planned speaker and the agenda will focus on administrative matters.

### **RCA Community Day**

October 17th, 11am-3pm - Randolph Hills Shopping Center

Our first annual Community Day! Come meet your neighbors

## The Echo is Changing!

*A Message from the Communications Committee*

Beginning with this month's issue, and continuing for the next several issues, you're going to start seeing some changes to the Echo. The layout will be updated and so will the focus of the content. *A big thanks goes out to Eileen White for all her hard work on the Echo for so many years.* We all owe her a glass of wine.

So with that, we also are seeking someone to become our Echo Editor. This person should be reliable, have a good eye for detail, and work well with others. If you're interested please call Matt Tifford at (301)770-4377.

We welcome your feedback as we implement these changes! Please email [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) to let us know what you think!

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## President's Message

by Matthew Tifford, RCA President

Hi everyone, hard to believe that summer is over! As much as I'll miss it, I can't help but feel excitement about the months before us. You may not be aware of it yet, but we have BIG changes in store. As you can see from this issue, the Echo is changing. We have a new look, with new features to be introduced throughout the year. There's also a new website coming online in September, with all kinds of tools for keeping up with happenings in the RCA and the surrounding area. In September, we will be kicking off a huge membership drive. An army of volunteers, made up of your neighbors, will be going door-to-door, ready to answer your questions about current RCA initiatives. Best of all, you can give your membership payment right to the volunteer (of course you can still mail them in too). In October we will follow up with the biggest community event the RCA has put together in recent memory- definitely an event not to be missed.

We want to increase RCA membership and have more of our community volunteers participating in RCA programs and initiatives to show the world, we've got a great, vibrant and involved community. In the coming months we have opportunities to make some noise and bring about changes that will benefit our community for decades to come. A re-opening of elementary school, park improvements, and beautification of Boiling Brook are all on the table.

In this issue, don't miss important updates on our Rocking Horse Elementary School effort, the Sam's Club program, the Dog Park proposal, Boiling Brook beautification efforts, and our September 10th General Meeting featuring County Councilmen Roger Berliner and Marc Elrich.

This is going to be a banner year for the RCA, but we can't do it without your support. Please make sure you join, and contribute to the cause. Also, don't forget to sign on to our Yahoo group <http://www.randolphcivic.org/listserv/index.html> to be a part of the discussion!

**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 \$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](http://www.randolphcivic.org)**

## Neighborhood News in Brief

- The **White Flint Sector Plan** was unanimously approved on July 16th. During the vote, Commissioner Joe Alfandre made some glowing remarks about the way RCA was engaged in the process. Check out [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org) to hear the audio clip. The Plan is slated to be taken up by the County Council in early November.
- **Montrose Parkway – Old Georgetown Rd to Maple/Chapman Avenue.** As part of the new Montrose Parkway, Randolph/Montrose Road will be routed under Rockville Pike (MD 355). Crews anticipate completing the new Rockville Pike bridge and opening it to traffic in late Fall 2009.
- **Montrose Parkway - Maple/Chapman Ave to Parklawn Drive.** There is no funding or start date to eliminate the on-grade crossing of the railroad tracks and begin improvements at Parklawn Drive, the final termination of the new Montrose. Future plans call for continuing Parkway across Rock Creek Park to Veirs Mill Road.
- **New Parking Laws in RCA-land.** On July 1, 2009, a new County residential parking law went into effect. Many types of vehicles are now prohibited from parking overnight on RCA-land streets. The new law affects the parking of heavy commercial and recreational vehicles in residential Montgomery County neighborhoods. The law went into effect July 1st. Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/> for more details.
- MCPS is expanding the **Rocking Horse school** (Center) on Macon Rd, constructing a modular building which will be a permanent expansion as an office for 8-10 employees. The building will have brick facing, and is permanent.
- Randolph Hills Park **Basketball Court Lighting:**

When the old rec center was destroyed last year, the lighting for the basketball court was accidentally cut off. However, soon the wiring should be repaired, with new timer switches installed. Coming soon, pickup basketball games?

- **RCA's web site** is being updated - watch for new features and services – Chad Salganik and Steve Feehan are taking the lead on the renovation.
- The **Friends of White Flint** is hosting a Town Hall as an opportunity for residents in White Flint to learn and ask questions about the new White Flint Sector Plan. The Plan has been approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board, and will soon be considered by the Montgomery County Council. The Plan will be presented by the Chair of the Planning Board, Dr. Royce Hanson, and the former Vice-Chair of the Planning Board, John Robinson, will moderate the presentation and audience questions. For more information visit [www.friendsofwhiteflint.org](http://www.friendsofwhiteflint.org). The RCA supports the White Flint Sector Plan.
- **New Parent Meet and Greet:** Are you one of the many new parents in the RCA? Interested in meeting other new parents? Email Katie at [kslyegriffin@gmail.com](mailto:kslyegriffin@gmail.com) for details on a meet & greet for new parents. Include your name, phone number and the age of your little one in the email.

**Do you have a quick bite of news you'd like to share with the neighborhood? Please feel free to submit a few sentences to [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) by the deadlines posted on page 19 of this issue. Thank you!**

**Keep in touch with your neighbors! Join the RCA Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/>**

### Membership Drive (continued from page 1)

Volunteers will also be coming door-to-door providing information about the RCA and collecting dues and donations. Or you can use the convenient envelope provided with this Echo to send in your membership dues. Please fill out the membership form completely. Because of turnover, the RCA does not have every (new) homeowner's name, so please supply your name if the previous occupant has moved. The only thing that never changes is the address!



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# Minutes of the June RCA Executive Meeting

by Angelee Marques, RCA Secretary

**June 4th, 2009**

The meeting began with RCA President Matt Tifford welcoming everyone in attendance. The Agenda was:

1. Guest Speaker, Brooke Farquhar, Montgomery County Parks- Proposed Dog Park in RCA land
2. RCA 2009-2010 Board Elections
3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes
4. Committee Reports
5. Old Business

1. Guest Speaker, Brooke Farquhar, Montgomery County Parks- Proposed Dog Park in RCA-land  
Brooke Farquhar, of the Montgomery County Parks, Park Planning division, introduced herself as speaking in place of her superior, John Hench. She wanted to spend some time with our community to discuss the recent improvements to the RCA parks, to provide guidance and answer questions on a proposed Dog Park in RCA, and to have the Park Police discuss and answer any question on the status of safety in RCA parks.

RCA parks recently received a number of improvements: the removal of invasive species in and around the park areas, the installation of a new playground, an increase in security patrols by park police, and coming soon-- air conditioning will be added to the Viers Mill Rec Center (where the RCA meetings are held) and a picnic shelter will be added to the Randolph Hills Park. Brooke asked the Board and audience how they felt about these recent improvements. The room provided a loud round of applause in response!

Regarding the picnic shelter in the Randolph Hills Park, Brooke provided the audience with pictures of several proposed design options. A question was raised as to whether the RCA has a vote in the design of the shelter chosen. Brooke responded with insight into the approval process and relayed that the RCA does indeed have an influence in the decision and will need to attend public meetings to voice its opinions.

Brooke moved on to the topic of a Dog Park in RCA land, in specific, the Randolph Hills Park. In the audience were members of the newly minted Randolph Hills Dog Club, who introduced themselves to Brooke and asked for insight into the decision process for the dog park and guidance as to how best support the effort in our community. Brooke proceeded to describe the county policies in place for Dog Parks and the

requirements and decisions that need to be made in terms of location, size, fencing, amenities, etc. Brooke stressed the need for maintenance consideration, especially in these times of budget cuts, in the design. She also relayed the influence a public-private partnership can have in assisting with maintenance needs (such as the Dog Club and/or Dogtopia).

Brooke provided the group with a large map of the area, flood plains, streams, buffers, etc. The site chosen will have to be outside of a flood plain, which currently would make the proposed ball fields behind the tennis courts not possible (these were built before the policies of park areas only in non-flood plains were put in place). Several more steps need to take place to determine if the Randolph Hills park is suitable for a Dog Park, such as:

- A thorough site analysis of any and all proposed locations within the park; alternative sites would also need to be determined
- A review of Dog park programs in place within the community
- An advertised public meeting to discuss the proposal

A discussion was raised by the RCA Dog Club on their role and the role of the RCA/RCF in support of the dog park. The RCA Board supports the Dog Club and will assist in getting the word out on initiatives and providing presence at public meetings. A non-member of the RCA who was in attendance to support the Dog Park initiative, spoke up about how she was happy to help with the initiative and would like to see other surrounding communities notified and included in this effort. The President of the RCA Dog Club thanked Brooke for her information and asked to continually receive guidance as to how the RCA Dog Club can better support the effort.

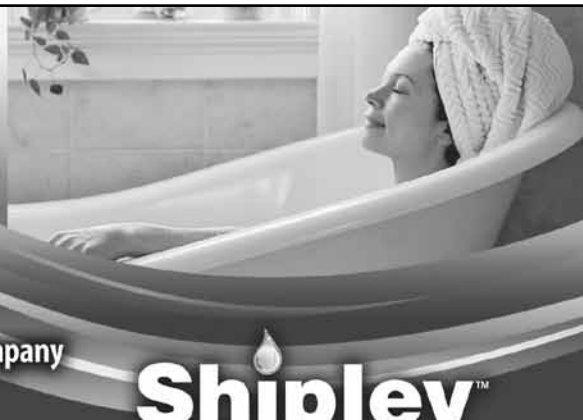
Off-topic of the Dog Park, Matt Tifford reminded Brooke that the RCA has asked for a water fountain at the Waverly-Schuykill park and was curious as to the status of this request. Brooke was unable to receive a status on this request prior to the meeting but would follow-up with Matt post meeting.

In conclusion, Brooke introduced the Park Police to the audience. The Park Police wanted to gauge the community's feeling on their patrol work and any safety concerns within the parks. The Police officers

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## June RCA Executive Meeting Minutes

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on patrol at the park have joined the RCA Yahoo group to stay abreast of and to communicate any community concerns. Matt Tifford asked if there was a possibility of getting a call box inside the Randolph Hills Park as he had requested this at a previous Planning Board meeting. The Park Police stated they would follow up on this request post meeting. The Park police noted that they have been doing more undercover work to try gauge and combat safety issues. In closing, the RCA audience applauded both the Park Police and Brooke for their efforts in improving the RCA community! RCA Residents--Please note the Park Police contact number is 301-949-8010.

### 2. RCA 2009-2010 Board Election

As the current RCA Board Members cannot execute an election, Kevin Kline, RCA Director, took the floor to announce and hold a vote for the 2009-2010 RCA Board. Kevin read the slate of candidates:

President- Matt Tifford

1st Vice President- Dan Hoffman

2nd Vice President- Chad Salganik

Treasurer- Nick Kreisle

Secretary- Angelee Marques

Director- Karen Helfert (only one of the three Director positions is required to be filled; the other two Directors are Kevin Kline and Frank Shore)

Kevin noted that even though there are only a few Board Member positions, there are a number of committee and volunteer positions open and available. He encouraged everyone in the community to assist the RCA in any capacity possible; the RCA needs a great number of people to be an efficient and effective organization for our large community. Kevin raised a motion to vote on the entire slate of candidates; no opposition was noted and the slate was passed. The new officers took seats at the Board table. The only freshman officer, Treasurer Nick Kreisle, introduced himself to the audience.

### 3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Matt Tifford noted that the May Meeting Minutes erroneously left off Karen Helfert as a nominee for Director of the RCA. A motion for approval of the revised May Meeting Minutes was raised and the group unanimously approved.

### 2. Committee Reports

#### 2.A. Membership

John Kehoe, RCA Membership Director, updated the Board on the number of paid RCA Members, 493,

and encouraged the Board and audience to create and promote self-interest groups within the community. He provided the example of the recently created RCA Dog Club, that upon creation, immediately brought in four new RCA Members. The Dog Club continues to grow. Similar interest groups could be created to bring more Members to the RCA.

If you are interested in joining the RCA Dog Club, please subscribe to the Yahoo group where you can meet other dog owners in the neighborhood and stay abreast of meet-ups and news:

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

### 2.B. Budget

Kevin Kline, Budget Director, reminded the Board and audience that the budget must be approved before the RCA can start using its funds. Kevin provided all in attendance a copy of the proposed 2009-2010 budget, stating that the budget numbers were created from historical review, and asked for feedback. Several items were noted:

- A \$60 expense was needed to fund the website
- Income is down \$250 from last year due to 25 fewer RCA Members
- The yard sale cost is greater than revenue as the insurance needed for the yard sale and other RCA events is set against the yard sale revenue. As the insurance is for more than just the yard sale, a point was raised to change the statement of the insurance to be clear that the cost covers all RCA event liabilities for the year.
- Providing postage for membership return envelopes, a budgeted item and also a recurring question on the cost versus reward each year, was noted. It was discussed that yes, the budget does allow for this, but this item needs to be discussed further to decide if the program should continue.
- A \$60 expense for Echo Mailings is needed to cover the cost of mailing Echos to advertisers and contributing businesses.

Upon discussion of the above items, a motion to pass the budget was raised and the budget was quickly approved by unanimous vote.

### 3. Old Business

#### 3. A. Advertising

Kendra Fletcher, Advertising Director, reminded the Board and audience that a new 2009-2010 Media Kit has been posted on the RCA website. The media kit provides all of the information potential advertisers need to have a presence in the Echo and RCA-land. Kendra encouraged  
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## Are we getting a new elementary school?

by Dan Hoffman, RCA Vice President

The White Flint/North Bethesda area will be undergoing a major development and revitalization process. The changes outlined in the White Flint Sector Plan (WFSP), will bring new business, retail, entertainment, and residents into the local community. As such, the development is required to provide a new elementary school to service the increase in school-age children. The Rocking Horse Center (formerly the elementary school for RCA communities), has recently been named as the 'recommended' location for the new WFSP elementary school by the Montgomery County Planning Board, the arm of local government in charge of planning the development with its stakeholders (other county agencies, White Flint Developers, Local Residents, etc.).

The recent recommendation is a significant and extremely positive milestone for RCA. However, there are still a number of challenges ahead, as the recommendation needs to be approved by the Montgomery County Council before Rocking Horse Center is named as 'the' elementary school for the WFSP.

The RCA has been leading the effort to re-open the Rocking Horse Center as an elementary school. The

RCA has had a representative representing them on the White Flint Citizens Advisory Board and Steering Committee. This group of area residents advised Montgomery County Planning Staff on development issues, and the RCA has worked extremely hard to have the Rocking Horse location, first, considered (RCA lies outside the formal WFSP boundaries), and second, named as the recommended location for the new WFSP elementary school.

There are a number of benefits that come from RCA land having its own elementary school. These benefits include: a new, modern, spacious facility for our children, a greater sense of community for the neighborhood, the ability to walk our children to school, the availability of a community meeting place and an increased appeal to our homes. However, the primary reason the RCA is pushing for the re-opening of the school is to ensure our children are provided adequate school facilities. The RCA is currently served by Viers Mill Elementary, an overcrowded school, enrolling more and more students each year. The school, although staffed with a wonderful faculty, has exceeded its capacity by 180+ students with no confirmed plans by the County to add much needed additional classroom and activity space. The school already has ten portable classrooms, and space on the site is limited.

For RCA residents that do not have school-age children, the benefits are just as great. Neighborhoods  
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## New Elementary School?

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with elementary schools are highly sought out by prospective homeowners. Our neighborhood would thus benefit by becoming a much more marketable, desirable location, increasing our property values along the way. Making the neighborhood a desirable place for families also increases neighborhood stability, by encouraging long-term occupation by neighbors who have a vested interest in the success of the neighborhood.

There is a possibility that because the elementary school would service the White Flint development, the school would need to feed into the Walter Johnson (WJ) High School cluster. However, this is unknown at this point and remains to be a decision by the Montgomery County School Board. A significant portion of RCA-land already attends the WJ cluster. Given the capacity issues facing school clusters across the county, the RCA will continue to work hard to ensure all school clusters have adequate capacity. The RCA is actively advocating for additional school capacity for all county schools. Given these challenges and the building moratoriums being put in place due to school over-crowding, the County is facing an increasingly loud chorus of school construction advocates. In fact the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board recently sent a letter to the County Executive regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) stating, "it is time to rededicate ourselves to the notion that education comes first in this county, because there is no greater single area of need as we develop this CIP."

The RCA is very active in supporting the re-opening of Rocking Horse and getting the White Flint Sector Plan approved by the Council. To do this we need your continued support. The RCA has convened a special committee focused on getting Rocking Horse re-opened. The activities this committee is undertaking require volunteers. If you're interested in helping out, contact RCA Board member Dan Hoffman (301-938-7494) for more information.

## Get to Know Your Neighbors this Fall!

*A message from the Rocking Horse Committee*



Fall in RCA-land is a beautiful time - the weather is crisp and the leaves begin to turn. It's also the perfect chance to come together as a community and the RCA has two great opportunities. On October 17th, come be a part of the first annual RCA Community Day at the Randolph Hills Shopping Center on Boiling Brook Parkway. We're taking over the parking lot in front of Koshers Mart to celebrate our neighborhood with a day of fun, from 11am-3pm. The festivities will include food from a variety of local vendors and entertainment for the whole family, including those with four legs! Come let the kids get their faces painted or decorate a pumpkin. Enjoy demonstrations from the Fire and Police Departments and performances by several entertainers. And, there are many more surprises in store. So, mark your calendars now for this huge and exciting event that will showcase the strength and spirit of our community!

But first, join us on September 26th in the Loehmann's Plaza parking lot for our bi-annual RCA Yard Sale! Participate as a vendor by bringing your own table and wares. For a nominal fee, you can clear out that attic to make room for holiday purchases. Or, come stroll the aisles and find some treasures of your own! Check out the RCA website, [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org) as the date draws near for more information. We live in a really great place and our neighbors make it all the better! Come join the fun!

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## Call for Volunteers

*A message from the RCA Executive Board*

As you may have read in the cover story regarding the membership drive this fall, the RCA is rolling out a door-to-door campaign to stimulate membership and improve our outreach to the community. This effort will require a minimum of 15-20 volunteers and your help is critical. You can contact RCA Board member Dan Hoffman for more information.

The RCA also has several committee openings it is looking to fill as soon as possible. There are currently openings on the following committees: Public Safety (three openings), Environment and Services (two openings), Membership and Welcome (three openings), Ways and Means (one opening), and Education (one opening). If you'd like to serve on any of these committees, please contact RCA President Matt Tifford for more information. The contact information for both Dan and Matt is located on the inside front cover of the Echo.

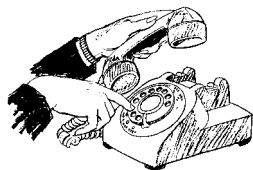


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## The RCA Hotline

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*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.*

### Hotline and Yahoo Group messages

We are including a few of the messages from the Yahoo Group. In addition to the messages included here, there are always some messages recommending service people such as favorite plumbers, electricians or auto mechanics.

#### From Yahoo Group:

Car Theft in Randolph Hills - Reminder to Lock-up May 6, 2009 - I just wanted to remind everyone to lock your cars EVERY single night. On the night of May 4, my car was accidentally left unlocked (which rarely, if ever, happens) and my GPS was stolen. The GPS was in the glove compartment and the GPS stand was not visible. It appears that there could be someone canvassing the neighborhood because my car is always locked and I find it odd that on the one night that it was unlocked, that someone would steal something. They did not do any damage other than empty out my glove compartment and console and take the GPS but just wanted to remind everyone to be extra vigilant.

#### From Hotline

2009-05-25 (Mon) 10:39 am Yes hi, this is concerning a call that was put in May 2nd of 2009. Apparently, there is a woman who lives next door to a group of people who just moved in. She's complaining that people are having parties every night until 4:30 in the morning. This has been a huge problem in this community. Over on Galena, on any given summer night, two to three houses will have alcohol-fueled parties until late. Police have been called and do nothing. I have contacted the county, and this is for this woman's benefit. The county does have a noise complaint form that you can fill out. The county will basically go out there and tell them to shut up. It seems that this has done well over here. The RCA needs to form commit-

tees on traffic, noise, and other things like this. I don't feel that the RCA does enough to help in these areas of the community- basically leaving it up to the neighbors. If the RCA would gather together large groups of people to stop these kinds of problems, they wouldn't occur. Thank you so much. *RCA Comment: The RCA volunteers ARE your neighbors and we would welcome your assistance in working to alleviate some of these problems. We do have a committee that reviews issues of traffic and any other matter that affects your ability to quietly enjoy your home. This committee, chaired by RCA President Matt Tifford, currently needs volunteers.*

#### From Hotline

2009-05-25 (Mon) 10:57 am Hi, the grass at xxxx Creek Shore is well over two feet high. Hope this association can do something about it to get it within reasonable limits. Thank you. *RCA Comment: This yard has since been mowed by the county and the RCA has been actively pushing the county to more frequently mow abandoned or severely unkempt yards.*

#### From Hotline

2009-05-27 (Wed) 9:59 am Yes, I am a neighbor, and I feel that the address at xxxx Macon should take better care of their lawn. They have weeds growing. People complain about clothes lines, trash bins and other stuff like that. Why can't people take care of their yard? These people have let their weeds grow, they have two kids and a dog. They don't go out there and pick up anything and the weeds are growing in my neighbors yard. This is disgusting. I thought the RCA is supposed to take care and make sure these people cut their grass and keep their yards clean. Well, apparently they are not doing their job. You have a good day. *RCA Comment: The RCA is a civic association not a Home Owners Association (HOA). An HOA has legal authority to mandate certain standards. We can help you get County enforcement. We can try to educate residents about being good neighbors, and let owners know that a messy yard/house lowers everybody's property values. However, the RCA cannot "make" residents comply with any standard.*

#### From Hotline

2009-05-30 (Sat) 1:46 pm I am concerned about the speeding in Randolph Hills. I had noticed in the Echo that someone was concerned as well about safety, and worried about a tragedy. It has been bad for a very long time. People don't stop at the stop sign at Garrett Park Road and Schuylkill, and sometimes they go 60 mph down this road. It's very difficult to open your car door on the street. It's very dangerous. The speed bumps don't seem to be working, people who have big cars are not deterred by them. I'm going to send an e-mail to the Pedestrian

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everyone to share the Media Kit with any businesses that they frequent to increase exposure of the Echo and community. If you have any questions or would like to assist the Echo Advertising Committee, please reach out directly to Kendra Fletcher via phone or email. Her contact information can be found on page 2 of the Echo.

### 3. B. White Flint Sector Plan Update

Dan Hoffman, RCA 1st Vice President, provided an update on the status of the White Flint Sector Plan. The Planning Board voted in May to approve the Rocking Horse Center as the designated site for an elementary school to service the growth of the White Flint Sector Plan. This event was and is an enormous milestone for the RCA as the RCA has been pushing for more than two years to have the Rocking Horse Center site recognized. Even though this milestone is great, it will still be quite some time before a new elementary school in RC-land is set in stone. Until then, a number of important steps and continual involvement of the RCA needs to take place. The County Council will take up the plan in November 2009. In the midst of Dan's review, it was raised by the group that his effort, and the effort of the RCA has been stupendous in getting this approved. The RCA has been working for 25+ years to be included in surrounding area improvements and we are now fully entrenched. Dan received a loud round of applause from the group!

Dan stressed the need for the RCA to continue to offer solutions to the Planning Board and White Flint Developers for any negativity or obstacles they put in front of the Rocking Horse Center location. Developers to date have been very supportive of the Rocking Horse site and are open to providing metro accessible space for the administrative staff currently housed at Rocking Horse Center. Dan reminded the group that he held an information session at his house earlier in the spring to gather more community support and volunteers to assist in the RCA's efforts. Further information sessions will be scheduled. Look here and on the Yahoo group for details on future information sessions! If you are able to assist in the effort to re-open the Rocking Horse Center as an elementary school, please reach out to Dan Hoffman or any of the RCA Board members-- we need to continue to grow our volunteer network! A question was raised as to whether the Rocking Horse Center building would be renovated or destroyed and rebuilt. Dan relayed that at this point, this has not been decided, but due to cost, the building most likely would be rebuilt. As the site is big enough for both an elementary and middle school, it would need to be reconfigured extensively to take full advantage

of this sites size.

Along with the approval of the Rocking Horse Center site, a new MARC location, fully supported by the RCA, was also approved. The new location at Nicholson Court (the cul-de-sac behind Shoppers Food Warehouse that currently contains several businesses, such as a taxi station and gym) will be a great benefit to the RCA as it will require a walking bridge across the train tracks, providing RCA residents with a safe and secure footpath directly to the White Flint Town Center. This new station will also bring new development to the Nicholson Court area and will most likely transform the current under-utilized and hard to access warehouse area into a thriving business center with walking and driving access. A question was raised on the timing of the new MARC Station. Dan relayed that a timeframe has not been discussed but that there are a number of stakeholders pushing strongly for this improvement. We, the RCA, will need to work closely with these stakeholders and, in particular, the Garrett Park community to ensure that all needs are addressed.

No new business was raised and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48pm.



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Safety Committee in Montgomery County. Hopefully they will respond and look into the matter. There are too many children, little animals, and elderly people around here and I don't think it is excusable to have this kind of speeding in a residential area. Thank you. *RCA Comment: Traffic problems are something the RCA has consistently worked to alleviate, however sometimes bureaucracy, rules and regulations make getting changes very difficult. We applaud your efforts to involve the County.*

### From Hotline

2009-06-06 (Sat) 3:34 pm Yes, I tried to call the other day. I got the Echo, it was soaking wet. I don't understand why the volunteers, and I appreciate the volunteers, but why do they distribute the Echo on a rainy day and leave it on your doorstep. It doesn't make sense, all you're doing is trying to read something that is not readable. Thank you. *RCA Comment: The RCA is an all-volunteer organization and does its best to deliver the Echo in the best condition. If any resident does not receive an Echo or is delivered a damaged one, you have two options: you can go to [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org) and get an electronic copy OR call the Communications Chair and one will be delivered to you.*

### From Yahoo Group:

June 10 - Housing Code violation

Hi everyone, I hope you will help me with a housing code violation problem. The property at XXXX Ashley Drive has clearly been abandoned and the grass is severely overgrown. Others have been complaining, and now there are five citations taped to the front door, some of which are fading from age! We need to insist that the Department of Housing Code Enforcement send out a crew to cut the grass. They can do this, and will place a lien on the house to cover the cost. To file your complaint online go to: <http://www.montgomery-countymd.gov> Thanks for your help! *RCA Comment: Squeaky wheels, persistence and complaints some times get results. The RCA is aware of this house and has been working with the county on it as well.*

### From Hotline

2009-07-18 (Sat) 3:25 pm Hello, I need your help. Your favorite Loehmann's Plaza shopping center, one of the stores there, Buffalo Wings and Beer, has applied for a license to sell hard liquor. I was wondering if you could help us to stop them from selling hard liquor in our community. Right now we have so many people roaming around drunk, what else is going to happen if they start selling hard liquor? Their application and hearing is going to be August 20th,

so please help us stop them from selling hard liquor at Loehmann's shopping center. Thank you, and good luck. *RCA Comment: Since the Echo does not get delivered in the summer, this issue will not have gone to print before the hearing occurs. However, we encourage you to exercise your right by testifying at this hearing.*

From Yahoo Group:

Jun 28 - Band Practice - For Those on 11300 Block of Schuylkill and 11200 Block

Sorry for the blanket e-mail, but this message should only apply to residents living in the blocks mentioned above. I live in the XXXX block of Schuylkill and will be using my basement as a practice space and semi-recording studio for an established local band. We plan to begin practice this week (likely Tuesday or Wednesday) and will be practicing once per week on Thursday evenings post-Independence Day. I am alerting neighbors so we can work with the community on any noise issues in a responsible and direct manner. By being proactive, we hope to avoid formal noise complaints from MCPD. We know there are young families and older residents, so we're going to do our best to be as transparent as possible.

Here's some important information:

- We are all adults in our mid-30s and have serious "day" careers. We're aiming to get to bed at a reasonable hour, too. :-)
- We are aware of the Montgomery County noise restrictions for residential areas, which impose tighter controls beginning at 9:00p. We plan to practice from 8:00 - 9:00p, but may overshoot that by a few minutes, especially on our first couple of meetings. Please bear with us as we fine tune our schedules (most are coming from offices in DC).
- Similarly, we're aware of the actual noise levels we are not to exceed. We are installing sound-deadening insulation and it will also take a few practices to figure out which additional units of insulation we need to order, install and adjust. Low frequencies are particularly challenging to isolate.
- Band practice space is difficult to find and very expensive, so we would like to do whatever is necessary to strike the right balance with surrounding neighbors.

If you have any questions or concerns before or during our practices, feel free to e-mail me directly at xxxx. I am happy to provide my mobile phone number to those who live in the blocks I mentioned. If you live in the area, please tell any neighbors who might not be on the listserv. Thank you.

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### From Yahoo Group:

June 29 - Suspicious house watching

Just a notice for folks to be on the lookout for suspicious activity - particularly if you or your neighbors are on vacation. We were on vacation a week ago and while we were out of town, our neighbor was kind enough to check in on our house and pets while we were gone. While she was doing so, she noticed 4 men parked in front of our house twice, just sitting and watching our house. The first time was Friday the 19th and the second was Sunday the 21st. (This was on Schuylkill Road.) She saw 4 men - some young and some old. The first incident they were in a red Honda Accord. The second they were driving a red Acura with Chesapeake Bay license plates (I have the plate numbers but won't disclose them here). We did not call the police as (a) we weren't home at the time of the incidents, and (b) they could have had the wrong house if they were looking for someone or some other innocent explanation. We figured if they came around again, we'd call. This note is to warn folks to keep an eye open for these guys in case something is up near your house. Also, when you are on vacation, take extra measures to protect your house and family in case

anyone else is casing houses looking for people out of town. We are very fortunate to have our neighbors watching out for us. They came in and turned on and off lights and helped out tremendously. Keep watch everyone! *RCA Comment: Good advice! Thanks for the information. We encourage you to volunteer on our Public Safety Committee. We currently need someone to lead our public safety initiatives. Any takers?*

### From Yahoo Group:

July 18 - Car accident

Hi all - we live over on Schuylkill Road. Someone drove down the road last night and did a "hit and run" with our car that was parked on the street. We will know on Monday when the insurance appraiser comes, but we believe the car was totalled by the fact that the person who hit it moved the parked vehicle 6 feet down the street and up onto the curb, and from the extensive damage. This message is to:

(1) warn people that this happened and to be careful parking your cars on the street. We suspect that the person who hit the car was a drunk driver as it happened late on a Friday night and was a powerful impact. Plus, the fact that they left no note or any indication of who did this to our car. We know they left marks on the road that indicated they continued for about 150 feet till they pulled over in front of our neigh-

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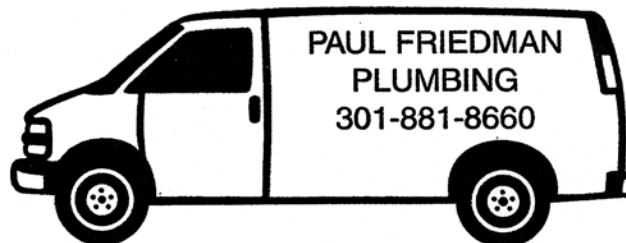
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## RCA Treasurer's Report

by Nick Kreisle, RCA Treasurer

Greetings! I'm looking forward to serving as RCA Treasurer for the upcoming fiscal year. I owe a debt of gratitude to previous Treasurers Dell Pillars-Cline and Lauren Lehman for helping me get oriented. Fortunately the summer has been slow, and we head toward the fall with a reasonable surplus on hand.

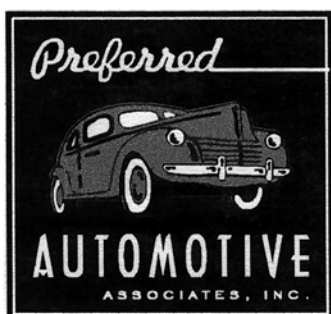
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	5/22/09	Previous balance		\$1985.59	\$1985.59
	5/28/09	Advertising Income		\$102.00	\$2087.59
	6/10/09	Advertising Income		\$120.00	\$2207.59
	6/10/09	Membership Dues		\$136.00	\$2343.59
96	7/15/09	Echo file conversion	\$25.00		\$2318.59
95	7/15/09	Troop 1083, Echo Delivery	\$960.00		\$1358.59
93	7/15/09	Echo Mailing Expenses	\$41.35		\$1317.24
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bor's house (to assess their own car presumably); and (2) If anyone heard anything on Schuylkill Road last night between midnight and 6 AM out of the ordinary, please email me with the information. The police came out and looked at our car this morning and unless there is another car that was damaged or someone heard or saw anything, they can only have us deal with it through the insurance company and not actually deal with it as a hit and run problem. So, if anyone heard or saw anything, please contact me.

-When we spoke with the officers this morning they said perhaps we should park our cars in the driveway and we said, yes we should except that then we'd get ticketed for blocking the sidewalk. He kind of shrugged his shoulders as "well, yes - that is a problem".

## From Yahoo Group

July 23 - Lyme Disease in our neighborhood  
One of my neighbors was just diagnosed with Lyme Disease after feeling ill for about 4 weeks. The referenced article by the American Lyme Disease Foundation tells you what to look for and what can happen if you ignore the warning signs of a tick bite. <http://www.aldf.com/lyme.shtml> *RCA comment: Not only do deer munch on your garden plants, they bring deer ticks which carry Lyme Disease*

## From Hotline

2009-8-03 (Mon) 10:05 pm Hello, I am a very annoyed RCA member who goes for walks frequently. We have cars blocking the sidewalk. I am aware that this is illegal, and that police can ticket the vehicles. Who can I call to have them come out one night and ticket all the vehicles parked on the sidewalk in the neighborhood? I'm very frustrated and annoyed, thank you. *RCA Comment: On our website we have links to County phone numbers, resources and enforcement agencies: <http://randolphcivic.org/links.html>. The RCA has also contacted the District One traffic officers about this, as well.*

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## Dog Park Update

After the June meeting, many felt the MNCPPC had been fairly negative, citing the many obstacles to overcome before our Randolph Dog Park could be created. The primary obstacle was that much of the proposed Dog Park lies within the 100-year flood plain - where current MNCPPC rules forbid building park facilities.

However, developments over the summer have been very positive. One such development has been the discovery that some of the trees located in the non-flood plain section of Randolph Park are actually invasive species not native to Maryland, meaning that they can and should be removed. Removal of these trees will make more open land available for the Dog Park.

As of this writing, a special community meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th, 8 pm at the Viers Mill Rec Center. The purpose of this meeting will be for Park officials to present to the community a proposal for a Dog Park, details about the exact nature of their proposal are not yet available. Please check our website [www.randolphcivic.org/dogpark](http://www.randolphcivic.org/dogpark), where more information will be posted as it becomes available.

## New Parking Laws in RCA-land

On July 1, 2009 a new County law went into effect. These vehicles are prohibited from parking overnight on RCA-land streets:

- Boats, jet-skis, and trailers that pull boats or jet-skis.
- Large commercial vehicles: any truck where the cab of the truck and the rest of truck are separate. For example, box trucks will be a violation of the code, while panel vans will not.
- Recreational vehicles: motor homes, travel trailers, campers, camping trailers, or any other type of recreational trailer.

Supporting arguments for these laws are: a driver's line-of-sight is limited by a parked commercial vehicle; and pedestrian safety is threatened. The County Code Enforcement (240) 777-3600 of the the Community Services division of the Montgomery County Police (240) 773-5524 is responsible for enforcement.

Anonymous complaint calls are accepted, and the RCA encourages you call for enforcement. Note: commercial and recreational vehicles can still legally park while loading or during deliveries.



## President's Message

by Karen Helfert, RCF President

One of the missions of the RCF is beautification of our community – if we look good, we feel better about our community and we give a better impression to community visitors. To that end, two projects are in the works: community sign improvement/beautification and oversight of any landscaping plans by the Montgomery County (MoCo) Department of Transportation (DOT) for Boiling Brook's ugly rock cages.

First, Boiling Brook and MoCo DOT. They heard our concerns about the ugliness they created along Boiling Brook Parkway and are in the process of hiring a consultant to develop a landscaping plan. They will come to a meeting to discuss the plan. We will continue to urge that long term plans include environmental remediation, as the rock cages have increased the speed of storm water runoff into Rock Creek. We have been supported in this effort by the Friends of Rock Creek and we will seek support from other environmental organizations

Second, improvements for our community signs on Ashley Drive at Garrett Park Road, and on Boiling Brook Parkway. The sign on Ashley is in pitiful condition and there is no "landscaping" at all...sad to see. The sign at Garrett Park road has some plantings planted and cared for by friends in the nearby neighborhood. The planting bed at the Boiling Brook sign is in desperate need of renovation.

Several problems exist. The existing bulbs are coming to the surface, lasting only a limited time which interferes planting annuals at an appropriate time, so the blooming of annuals is delayed. Also, the bed is a raised berm, so the rain runs right off.



What is needed?

1. Dig up all the bulbs, replant some, and remove some. In the process re-grade the bed a bit to catch and retain more rain water

2. Develop a plan to move to a perennial bed providing flowers through the season – perhaps with planting of some annuals.

Planting perennials has an upfront cost, but a large cost saving for all future years. We are asking for donations to the RCF to purchase new perennials. We need volunteers to help with the "Bed Dig" and also for volunteers who would like to help develop the perennial plan. Contact me if you are interested in participating.

On the organizational and administrative side, we are starting work on revising and updating the RCF By-Laws. We hope to develop By-Laws which will more closely reflect the organization's mission and function...and, at the same time, fix any typos, inconsistencies or confusing references.

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## Troop 1083 News

by Dave Talbott, Scoutmaster

Troop 1083 and Venturing Crew 1083 wrapped up the 2008-09 school year with the Troop's traditional weekend camping trip to Assateague Island. We had a great campsite, right on the beach. The wind and rain didn't stop us the scouts from keeping Troop 1083 traditions including: go-karting, a day in the surf at Assateague Island, and an evening on the boardwalk in nearby Ocean City. It was a blast!

During the last weekend in July, Troop 1083 participated in the 8th Annual Beach Safety Weekend at Dewey Beach, Delaware. We started at the Dewey Beach Patrol HQ watching the lifeguards go through their morning training routine. We learned from the highly-trained Dewey Beach Patrol how to recognize and avoid surf and beach hazards such as dehydration, jellyfish stings, rip currents, and hard shore breaks. Next, we practiced surf rescue and first aid techniques. Then, our Scouts and other participants ran through some examples of the training and responsibilities required of beach lifeguards. The Scouts had an opportunity to talk to the press about the program: Anthony Gadbois and Bryan Bravo were interviewed and quoted in the Daily Times Newspaper ([delmarvanow.com](http://delmarvanow.com)). Finally, we had an afternoon of relaxing and enjoying the beach – safely!

As we go to print, the scouts are at Camp Olmsted on the Goshen Scout Reservation. Next issue, we will report on merit badges, rank advancements, and wrap-up of the camp happenings.

If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade, you can join Troop 1083 which meets 7:30 p.m. Monday nights at Viers Mill ES. Check out our troop web page at [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org). Or, call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. We have weekend campouts scheduled for September, October, and November. Join now and you can go, too!

Venturing Crew 1083 also has an exciting year planned and would welcome any youth (male or female) ages 14 to 21 to join the crew - contact Crew President Jen Wood at 301-946-4634.



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## News from Girl Scout Troop 1028

by Leora Hernandez

This troop is a multi-level troop which consists of Juniors (3rd-5th grade), Brownies (2nd – 3rd) and Daisies (1st - K).

It has been a little while since you've heard from our troop. We were really busy this spring and have even enjoyed summer fun together.

The troop went on its first camping trip. For many of the girls it was their first ever. And for a few, it was the first time spending a night away from their families. We participated in an encampment with other troops in our service unit.

The girls worked hard at setting up tents, preparing food and we even went on a short hike. At night, they joined with other troops making s'mores, and singing songs around the campfire. Speaking on behalf of the leaders, we were extremely proud as many of the girls grew in their appreciation of nature. At our next meeting we asked the girls for their thoughts about the experience. Their response was, 'how soon can we go again'?

The girls took home with them from the Heidi performance at the Imagination Stage how important it is to try to be positive in life as well as an appreciation for the performing arts.

We meet at Viers Mill Elementary School for one meeting and learned the difference between dirt and soil. In case you don't know – soil is made up of nutrients and living organisms and dirt is something you would throw out. The Brownies then planted some flowers around the welcome sign, while the Juniors looked into service projects they could do to beautify the school.

Our closing ceremony in June celebrated the girls completing another year of scouting. As they bridged to the next level, their bios were read and they received any badges they had earned since the last awards ceremony. It was also my time to say good-bye as my daughter was the only one to graduate from Junior to Cadettes. She will be joining another troop in the area with other middle school age girls. Even though my daughter and I are moving on, the



*Troop 1028 on their first camping trip.*

troop will continue under the trusty leadership of Rosi and Lorrie and I hope to have opportunities to work with them in the future.

In July, the girls enjoyed earning their Horse Fan badge. They learned about caring for horses and going for a ride.

August proved to be a perfect time for a pool party. Thank you, Jose, for cooking burgers and hot dogs while the girls played Marco Polo, Sharks and Minnows, and Tag. Thank you to the other families who contributed to our dinner. Yummy!

Girls in K – 5th grade interested in Girl Scouts? We meet every other Thursday at the Viers Mill Recreation Center at 4425 Garrett Park Road from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Contact Rosi Muehlstedt (hablo Espanol) 240-603-1847 for more information.

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## Home Security – Be Alert

Over the summer there have been several suspected incidents of homes being 'cased' or surveilled by would-be robbers. In one incident, a family who lives in Randolph Hills had a young boy come to their door selling candy, and their own children answered the door. The boy looked into their living room and remarked on the fact that they owned a Wii video game console (in case you haven't heard of these, they are in high demand and cost hundreds of dollars). The boy left, and was seen signaling to the occupants of a large SUV. Think twice before opening your door to anyone you don't know, and always ask door-to-door salespersons to display their permit.

In another incident, a resident reported seeing a strange car parked in front of a neighbors home for several days in a row. When someone finally approached the car, it sped away. The police were called and notified of the incident.

So, please be alert and mindful of your surroundings this fall and as holiday season approaches. This would also be a good time to remind everyone that we are looking for a resident to chair our Public Safety committee. This involves working with our local law enforcement officers and helping keep the RCA and its members aware of safety concerns in a timely manner. Contact Matt Tifford at (301)770-4377.

## CLASSIFIEDS

*The Echo publishes classified ads free for community members, to a maximum of one ad per year per household. Additional ads may be purchased for \$5.00. The Echo makes no claims or guarantees regarding the quality of goods or services sold.*

**WATERCOLOR CLASSES.** Learn to paint in nearby Garrett Park! Small, informal classes for adults. All levels welcome, including complete beginners. Held in teacher's Victorian home. Martha Seigel, MFA, the American University, 27 years experience. Call 301-946-5388.

### Note to Contributors:

Deadlines for the remainder of the 2009-2010 Issue year are:

November 2009 .....	October 9th
December 2009 .....	November 20th
January/February 2010.....	January 8th
March 2010.....	February 12th
April 2010.....	March 8th
May 2010.....	April 9th
June/July/Aug 2010 .....	May 3rd



## 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 .....	301-949-3010
<i>(for Randolph Hills and Waverly-Schuylkill Parks)</i>	
Abandoned Cars (on private property) .....	240-777-3785
Abandoned Cars (on the street) .....	301-840-2454
Animal Control.....	240-773-5960
Building Permits .....	240-777-6200
Consumer Affairs .....	240-777-3636
Crisis Hotline (24 hours) .....	301-315-4000
Department of Natural Resources .....	800-442-0708
<i>(wildlife nuisance problems)</i>	
Disability Resources.....	240-777-1246
Fire Non-Emergency .....	240-777-0744
Housing Code Violations.....	240-777-3600
<i>(for calls about tall grass, broken windows, trash in yard, etc.)</i>	
Large Item Pick-up .....	240-777-6410
Libraries: Hours, etc. ....	240-777-0002
Telephone Reference .....	240-777-0001
Metrotrans and Metrobus schedules & info. ....	202-637-7000
Montgomery County Humane Society .....	240-773-5960
Emergencies only .....	240-773-5900
Licensing Dept. ....	240-773-5946
Motor Vehicle Administration .....	1-800-950-1682
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance .....	240-777-7700
<i>(noise, burning leaves, hazardous materials, spilled/leaking motor oil)</i>	
Parking Tickets.....	240-453-0113
Parks: Information & Permits .....	301-495-2525
PEPCO: Power Out .....	toll free 1-877-737-2662
Emergency/Life Threatening .....	202-872-3432
Post Office, Rollins Ave., Rockville.....	301-231-5973
Rat Control Unit (Health Dept.).....	240-777-3986
RCA Hotline.....	301-881-2722
Recycling Info ( <a href="http://www.mcrcycles.org">www.mcrcycles.org</a> ) .....	240-777-6400
Recreation Information.....	240-777-6804
School Information .....	301-279-3391
Senior Citizens (Holiday Park).....	240-777-4999
Street Light Out (metal poles).....	240-777-2190
Street Light Out (wooden poles).....	202-872-3432
Transportation (Highway Services).....	240-777-7623
<i>(to report traffic signals out, street sign damage, potholes, graffiti, etc.)</i>	
Transit Information Center ( <a href="http://www.dtwp.com">www.dtwp.com</a> ).....	240-777-7433
Trash Collection .....	240-777-6410
Tree Maintenance (ask for county arborist).....	240-777-7623
Voter Registration .....	240-777-8500
Water and Sewer (WSSC).....	301-206-8000
Weeds/Rubbish Complaints.....	240-777-6400





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

Address	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy	Date Settled	DOM
11119 Rock Road	\$219,900	\$219,900	\$0	17-Apr-09	12
4806 Wilwyn Way	\$365,000	\$320,000	\$4,000	23-Apr-09	112
12000 Galena Road	\$250,000	\$245,000	\$0	27-Apr-09	6
4708 Topping Road	\$300,000	\$305,550	\$9,450	28-Apr-09	35
11828 Rocking Horse Road	\$349,900	\$338,000	\$3,500	30-Apr-09	3
11702 Ashley Drive	\$349,500	\$338,000	\$11,000	14-May-09	7
11904 Rocking Horse Road	\$365,000	\$335,000	\$5,000	27-May-09	313
12110 Lauderdale Drive	\$312,000	\$302,000	\$12,000	12-Jun-09	20
11507 Ashley Drive	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$0	19-Jun-09	20
11900 Ashley Drive	\$299,000	\$269,000	\$8,070	29-Jun-09	436
12005 Rocking Horse Road	\$289,500	\$275,000	\$6,500	30-Jun-09	53
4825 Ertter Drive	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	2-Jul-09	5
11304 Ashley Drive	\$345,000	\$340,000	\$0	7-Jul-09	23
10911 Troy Road	\$347,950	\$370,000	\$0	17-Jul-09	6
4721 Wyaconda Road	\$315,000	\$315,000	\$12,000	12-Aug-09	10

Currently, there are "zero" active listings on the market in these neighborhoods... it is a good time to sell, if you are looking to move. The average list price is \$310,154 and the average sold price is \$311,163.

The number of days on the market is down from 79 to 62.

Open Houses have been very busy... there are lots of first-time buyers looking and ready to buy.

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