



ISCA NEWS



PHOTOS FROM 2020 PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Fall Cultural Fest

Saturday, October 16 from 2-6pm at Indian Spring Terrace Local Park

Join us for ISCA's Fall Cultural Festival! A few details about the event:

- Bring your favorite savory dish. Blind voting for the coveted Golden Ladle will take place for the community's favorite dish.
- We will have a jack-o-lantern pumpkin contest—bring your carved work of art to the festival to be judged and voted on in a blind voting competition.
- Join the cornhole tournament with bracket sign up.
- ISCA Home Brew Club will host a home brew tasting.



New ISCA Website

www.iscaonline.com

Check out our newly redesigned association website! All of the resources you need as a member are right your fingertips. Check out the latest events, read the latest news, and be sure to check out the recommended services sheet at the bottom of the homepage when looking for your new service provider.

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Greetings ISCA neighbors,

It's finally here! Fall is such a wonderful time for getting outside and enjoying the return to our daily schedules. Let's all take care of each other and remember to be kind and drive slowly to keep us all safe. I love the pumpkins and mums I have already seen in the neighborhood and hope many kids and adults will join in at the jack o lantern contest at the upcoming festival.

Your board met this past month and continues to be hard at work on a variety of issues. Over the last two years, this board has tirelessly worked to bring community activities and enhancements to benefit us all. Please note the upcoming Fall Cultural Fest on your calendar and consider the time and effort many of your neighbors put into planning and coordinating community building events. This will also serve as our second membership meeting of the year where you will have the opportunity to chat with other neighbors and ISCA's dedicated group of volunteers.

We have had to pivot in the pandemic, but it made us stronger and brought us even closer together as a neighborhood. We hope you enjoy the variety of opportunities we have orchestrated to encourage neighborhood interaction and strengthen our connection with one another.

If you would like to further connect with your neighbors, please consider joining the neighborhood listserv on groups.io and joining our [Facebook page](#). Finally, please consider being an annual member and continue to participate with your annual dues. Your dues have beautified the neighborhood, provided this newsletter, Fall Cultural Fest, the holiday tree lighting, and help to maintain our infrastructure costs. So much goes into each of these various items and I want to thank our tremendous neighbors and group of volunteers who work to bring us all together.

If you have an idea or an issue you would like the board to address, please reach out to me or any of the board members listed at iscaonline/officers. We welcome all feedback and suggestions.

Do enjoy the coming fall months and stay safe and active. Together, we make this neighborhood a truly wonderful place to live.

Melanie Stickle
ISCA Board President



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The Zinnia team's Grand Opening will
take place on Friday, October 1st!

Join our newsletter at eatzinnia.com or visit our
Instagram page at [@eatzinnia](https://www.instagram.com/eatzinnia) to learn more!

We are super excited to get to know our new
neighbors and are looking forward to having
you join us at Zinnia!

Halloween in ISCA!

The ISCA Halloween Committee is back to help our neighborhood celebrate a safe and happy Halloween. Stay tuned for updates, and if you'd like to join in, please contact jill.siegelbaum@gmail.com.



COMING SOON: ISCA's 2022 Membership Drive

by Mary Schaefer, Membership Chair

Keep on the lookout! We will be kicking off the 2022 Membership Drive in December. We will be reaching out with information on how to join ISCA or renew your membership in our neighborhood association. Your membership is good from January through December of the calendar year. Stay tuned for more soon!



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Beltway Expansion News

Update as of September 1, 2021

By Abbe Spokane, Civic Chair

- The best source of up-to-date news remains the [CABE website](#) and newsletter [Maryland Matters](#) has also carefully covered news related to the project.
- The Board of Public Works and the Montgomery County City Council has supported the first phase of the expansion project, involving I-270 and the American Legion Bridge. Once this phase of the project begins, most local organizations believe that the other phases of the project (including the one that would go through the Indian Spring neighborhood) will be much more likely to proceed.
- MDTA's own report shows opposition among the public to the toll-setting plan and potential for tolls up to \$3.76 PER MILE for cars. [View the MDTA report summary](#) or [read a Maryland Matters article on the report](#).

Individual Action Items

- Don't assume that our neighborhood is no longer in jeopardy of being directly affected by this project. Keep up with news and watch for developments. Remaining knowledgeable about the project as a whole will keep us better prepared to support more environmentally and financially sound alternatives to highway expansion.
- Keep writing your representatives at the state level, county council, and at the board of public works. Call or write Comptroller Peter Franchot to tell him to reconsider his approval of Phase 1 of the project, and that you agree that Phase 2 and 3 should be abandoned. He's running for governor and needs to hear your voice! (410) 260-7801; fax: (410) 974-3808 e-mail: pfranchot@comp.state.md.us



New Committee: Neighborhood Infrastructure

By Rob Levy, Neighborhood Infrastructure Chair

Currently led by Rob Levy, the new Neighborhood Infrastructure Committee works toward improving the physical space we know as Indian Spring. Activities have included replacing the Indian Spring sign on Hastings with some low maintenance plantings, installing birdhouses around the 'hood as part of an Eagle Scout project, and contacting the county government to trim weeds and vines on Colesville. Some aspirations include organizing a 'hood-wide mosquito repellent program and working with the county to remove the invasive vines between the tennis courts and Flower. We need YOU to help make these ideas happen! If interested in joining, please email iscavp20901@gmail.com.



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Join the Silver Spring Village

By Cynna Janus, ISCA Neighbor and Silver Spring Village Member

Did you know that membership in Silver Spring Village is open to residents within the 20901 zip code? Silver Spring Village is a nonprofit organization that offers educational and social programs and needed services for adults who wish to "age in place" – to remain as long as possible in their own homes, amid familiar people and surroundings, and engaged in the community. Our network of "neighbors helping neighbors" supports individuals and also builds a stronger community. The benefits of participation in our Village are available to residents throughout zip codes 20901, 20910, the adjacent section of 20815 east of Rock Creek Park, and part of 20902 east of Wheaton Regional Park.



RECENT VILLAGE PATIO PARTY HELD IN ISCA MEMBER'S BACK YARD.

JOIN! We offer two levels of membership: Full and Associate. Both levels include invitations to all Village events, exclusive discounts, and access to Washington Consumers Checkbook. Full members (only) can receive volunteer services like transportation, home assistance, tech support, and friendly visits and calls. Full membership is for residents of zip codes 20910 and 20901 and the adjacent section of zip code 20815 east of Rock Creek Park. Associate membership is open to all. Annual dues: Full - \$350/ individual, \$450/couple; Associate - \$150/individual, \$250/couple. Reduced cost memberships (Full: \$60, Associate: \$25) are available for those who qualify. For information, please email membership@silverspringvillage.org

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COVID Shutdown Saved My Life

By Marian Lally

Owner, Marian Lally Fitness & Pilates, LLC & ISCA Neighbor
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A Connecticut native, I've been an ISCA resident since 2001 (previously living in Seven Oaks since 1992). Many people in the ISCA neighborhood know me as the "Step Queen" from my days of teaching aerobics at the YMCA during the height of the 1990s Reebok step craze. I still have people stop me on the street saying, "I used to take your step class!" It's truly awesome.

Fitness has been my passion for more than 25 years, and became my second full-time career after my youngest child went to kindergarten. After leaving my position as Group Exercise Director at the SS-YMCA, I took on the same role at Rock Creek Sports Club in Silver Spring. I later obtained my personal training certification, and then completed my 600-hour certification to become a Nationally Certified Pilates Trainer.

My life, like so many, became a gerbil wheel of running between work locations, training, teaching long hours, and caring for ailing family members. To say that I was "burning the candle at both ends" was an understatement. COVID shutdown forced me to stop and made me realize how truly tired I was--my immune system was taxed and emotionally I was drained. When things began to open up again, the thought of returning to my pre-COVID life was daunting. I just couldn't do it. So, after 21 years at the same place of employment, I made the scary, but exciting, decision to go out on my own. I now work in a small private studio in Silver Spring for myself where I have more control over how my time is spent. For me, although this pandemic has been incredibly difficult, it pushed me to make changes for the better. I know I'm not alone.



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News from Neighbors!



Welcome to the world, Emory!

The Ashfords on East Indian Spring would like to announce the birth of their little guy, Emory Thomas! He was born on August 2 at 6lbs 10oz and his big brother is completely in love!



Best of luck, Ellie!

Amir Morgan's (Caroline Ave) daughter, Elizabeth ("Ellie") Morgan, is starting her college journey this fall at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM), Maryland's Honors College! Ellie is a 16-year resident of ISCA and attended Highland View Elementary School, Silver Spring International Middle School, and Northwood High School.

Congratulations, Bridget & Justin!

Bridget Stocker, born and raised in ISCA, is getting married October 9th in Lakewood, Ohio. Bridget is the daughter of Joyce Stocker of Indian Spring, and the late Dan Stocker and the sister of Matt Stocker. Bridget attended St Bernadette's



Elementary School, New Hampshire Estates, Oakview, Eastern MS and Blair HS. After completing degrees in Wildlife, and Sustainability, at Ohio University, Bridget returned home and worked at Second Chance Wildlife Clinic in Gaithersburg. She was often called upon by Indian Spring friends and neighbors for advice on the care of sick or injured squirrels, birds, turtles, bunnies and possums.

She eventually relocated to Ohio and works at a premier dog training facility as the head trainer. Bridget's groom is Justin Morrison from Aurora, Ohio. Justin works in law enforcement. They will honeymoon in St Lucia. The couple plan to live in Lakewood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland.



Hooray, Nick and Mollie!

Nick Allen and Mollie Manier on Lawndale Dr. finally got married after a year's deferment due to COVID, with a small gathering of family and Lawndale clan, as well as their five children. They also bought their long-term rental, so they're staying in the neighborhood for the foreseeable future, and earlier this year, they added Sir Tubbs Jordan Wellington, III to their family, a nine-year-old tuxedo cat.