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## ISCA's Holiday House Tour:

*Building Relationships in the Community* by Allegra Tasaki

This is the “on” year for the ISCA Holiday House Tour, set for Sunday, December 2nd, from 2:15 in the afternoon until 4:30. What does that mean? Well for all you curious neighbors in the community who’ve been watching minor and major home improvement projects over the past two years, now’s your chance to get an inside look at what’s been done. Every odd numbered year, ISCA community members who have had home improvement projects completed in their homes volunteer to allow fellow neighbors to take a tour and ask questions. Inevitably, one of the most popular questions is “Who is your contractor?”—followed immediately by a request for an approximate cost for the project(s).

While many of us have received numerous referrals for work in the neighborhood over the listserv, this event offers a unique opportunity to view the work, get a feel for vendor relationships with customers and get to know their neighbors better in person. This year’s tour will be a special one, with several homes whose projects have sparked our community’s curiosity over the past two summers.

To participate, you will need to stop by 201 Granville Drive, home of Allegra Tasaki and Brian Ng to pick up your map listing the homes on the tour at 2:15 in the afternoon. Your map and name tags are the keys to admittance. Don’t forget to pay your ISCA membership dues, so you can join us this year for some fun, and frolic at the start of a festive season on Sunday, December 2nd.

### Attention Parents and Teens

**Come to ISCA's November general meeting** and help brainstorm creative ways for teens in Indian Spring to earn community service hours in, and around, the neighborhood. Time allowing, we'll also discuss options for new recreational activities for teenagers. *Please join us—and bring your teenagers! We will be serving pizza and soda.*

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If you are not sure of your membership status you can e-mail Phyllis, [fzusman@erols.com](mailto:fzusman@erols.com) or call, 301-587-9063 and she will give you the answer.

## Save the Date!

### Monday, Nov. 19

General meeting on  
Community Service  
Credits

### Sunday, Dec. 2

House Tour

### Sunday, Dec. 9

Holiday Celebration

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Walter J. Gottlieb

Okay, I confess. Before becoming president, I didn't fully realize how many great things ISCA does, and exactly how much it offers its members. Now, I feel like an ISCA evangelist.

Take last month's Fall Fest. There were arts and crafts, face painting, kids ricocheting between TWO moon bounces, inviting pots of aromatic chili, live music, a raffle, neighbors to catch up with and elected officials to talk to one-on-one. Even the weather seemed made-to-order. All it cost to attend was a \$10 annual membership. My hat is off to Kelly Lynam for coordinating Fall Fest (for the first time, I might add), Celeste Raker-Dillen for chairing the raffle and the entire Social Committee for making it possible.

I didn't fully realize before becoming President that ISCA was so active in Montgomery County civic affairs—especially the issues of growth and development that affect us all, but which not all of us take the time to investigate. I learned that ISCA makes sure our voices are heard—by expressing the community's collective concerns to the County, by meeting with elected officials and participating in civic events and forums. Board member Tony Hausner and I recently participated in a meeting of civic association presidents with County Executive Ike Leggett. We were able to share our concerns and hear his thoughts about Silver Spring redevelopment, the Purple Line, the Fillmore/Live Nation music venue and many others unmediated by his staff, the press or anyone else. We have invited Mr. Leggett to do a Q&A with our entire community at an upcoming ISCA General Meeting and will keep you posted.

Truthfully, attendance at our bimonthly ISCA general meetings could be better. Members who do attend quickly discover a real opportunity to voice their opinions about important issues (e.g., the green space and ice rink in downtown Silver Spring, the Birchmere/Live Nation controversy, etc.), so that ISCA can convey the community's feelings to the county. The meetings are always lively and sometimes controversial. At our next general meeting on Monday, November 17th, we will have a brainstorming session about creative ways that teenagers can earn community service hours right here in Indian Spring. I encourage parents and teenagers to attend. Bring yourselves and your ideas.

ISCA membership numbers could be higher. This newsletter goes out to some 800 households, but not everyone who receives it is a member. There's an article in this issue describing the benefits of membership (it's all true, by the way!)—including a pre-addressed envelope to make it a little easier to send in your \$10. In early 2008, we plan to make it even easier to become an ISCA member by signing-up online. Stay tuned... and stay involved in this amazing civic association.

## Thank You 2007 ISCA Newsletter Advertisers!

**Thanks** to our advertisers! During the past year, the following advertisers, listed in alphabetical order, have supported our ISCA newsletter. Many of them have made a strong commitment through multiple issue advertising as well as sponsorship to some of our events such as Fall Fest and Taste of Indian Spring. We are a fortunate community to have half of the production cost for the newsletter covered by the advertisers listed below. Again, thank you very much again for your continued support!

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## Thoughts on the ISCA Listserv: *The Meaning and the Message*

by Allegra Tasaki

One of the many really “cool” things about our community is that we have multiple outlets for communication and means of getting to know our neighbors. Fellow ISCA-ites have venues and events such as the ISCA bimonthly meeting (our next one is November 19th), this newsletter, Fall Fest, the upcoming biannual Holiday House Tour and our ISCA Listserv. We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood that embraces community values while allowing people to get involved in whatever level they feel comfortable. Some of us are involved with many activities, while some of us get involved in the one issue that really speaks to us. This holds true for the ISCA Listserv as well.

Like any bi-directional mode of communication, this can lead to misunderstandings, lack of tone or misinterpretation of the message's meaning. The experience of being on the receiving end of a misunderstood email is not pleasant, and from what has been discussed over our listserv in the past year, this is not an uncommon occurrence. Recently, there was an intense discussion on the listserv regarding a posting construed as being political and inappropriate for our community's digestion. The best part of the discussion was actually the end, when one neighbor posed the question of having a moderated listserv.

The overwhelming response was “no.” Most of us think the “rules” for the ISCA listserv should be fairly simple. First, no restrictions on what we're posting except what's illegal and/or totally inappropriate (pornography; discriminatory issues—race, religion, creed, and use of poor language choices—swearing, etc.) Second, since this

is one of our community's primary modes of communication, don't post anything you wouldn't say to someone in person. Finally, stick to the “Golden Rule” —don't post things in anger or with ill intent. Post to your community the way you'd like them to post to you. After last month's listserv discussion, the ISCA board met and agreed upon the following guidelines when using the ISCA listserv.

1. Make sure to indicate the content of your posting in the subject line so that anyone who doesn't care to read it can hit “Delete” if they wish
2. Refrain from postings that are discriminatory (racially, ethnically, religiously, etc.) or would reasonably be perceived as “hate speech.”
3. Remember that the listserv is for a general audience, so refrain from cursing, swearing, racial slurs and patently offensive language
4. Apply the “Golden Rule,” where possible—don't post something to the listserv that you would not want someone else to post; don't direct comments to another member that you would not want directed at you, etc.
5. Please refrain from personal attacks—focus on the subject matter whenever possible.
6. Any other content is appropriate within the guidelines specified above.
7. Hit “Delete” as liberally, or conservatively, as you wish!

We hope this helps! For more on the listserv policy, read our ISCA President's (Walter Gottlieb) thoughtful posting on the ISCA listserv.

Thanks for reading.

# A Successful 2007 Fall Fest...A fun time was had by all

by Kelly Lynam



ISCA President Walt Gottlieb and Congressional candidate Donna Edwards



Chili entries

On Sunday, October 21st, ISCA hosted its annual Fall Fest with a Chili Cook-Off and Raffle. Neighbors enjoyed good food, conversation and fun. Children played in a moon bounce thanks to Rhonda Mortenson's, of Long and Foster Realty, generous donation. Fabulous arts and crafts activities were held under the creative guidance of Marilyn Weaver. Race running, a water balloon toss, fancyfoot race and marshmallow/spoon race, were lead by Jennifer and Ben Hendricks. Children enjoyed decorating and eating cupcakes under the watchful eye of Jennifer Chambers. Many children were well-decorated after spending time with our wonderful face painters and temporary tattoo artists.

Indian Spring residents feasted on chili, hot dogs, cornbread side dishes, root beer floats and desserts prepared by individual neighbors and ISCA. Congratulations

to Ben Holland for winning the Golden Ladle and Hard Times Cafe gift certificate for his delicious chili. The competition was stiff and plenty. This year the chili recipe variety was expansive, from traditional beef chili, vegetarian/vegan, chicken, turkey and, to fruit and nut chili (a first ever). Our hats go off to our neighborhood chili chefs: Sue and Dave Wilson, Christine Brown, Colleen Fee, Monica Fulvio, Brice David, Amber Khan, Sarah Cotterill, Randy Shay, Eric Kelderman, Celeste Dillen, Alex Stock and others who shared their recipes.

Fall Fest would not be successful without the help of many wonderful neighbors. Each year we rely on a host of volunteers from Indian Spring to make our Annual Fall Fest a super event, so a special thanks goes out to the following ISCA Social Committee members:

- Celeste Dillen, Jill Ortman-Fouse, Allegra Tasaki and Mary Zaudtke for Fall Fest raffle and donations
- Celeste Dillen for being the chair of the social committee and helping with lots of odds and ends
- Phyllis and Fred Zussman for handling the membership table and ISCA treasurer responsibilities
- Arlene Montemarano for lending tables
- Jen Holland and Catherine David for soliciting and coordinating chili makers
- Arlene Gottlieb, Holly Rothrock, Elaine Lindsay, Jill Ortman-Fouse for making terrific root beer floats
- Ashley Marchionini, Kelly Klein and the Gottlieb family for face painting and tattoos

## Thank you, Sponsors!

Thanks to our wonderful **Fall Festival**  
**Community Sponsors:**

- Rhonda Mortensen
- Safeway
- Caribou Coffee
- Hard Times Cafe

## Thanks to our **Fall Fest Raffle Contributors**

Thanks to our local business community, our Fall Fest Raffle was a success. We generated over \$550 for the ISCA coffers and this money will help fund the remaining 2007 and 2008 ISCA events.



*Moon Bounce sponsored by Rhonda Mortensen*



- Marilyn Weaver and Caroline Clements for a very fun and “ghostly” craft
- Jennifer Chambers, Christine Brown, Ashley Marchionini for making cupcakes for our little ones to decorate
- The Hendricks family for coordinating all of the Fall Fest outdoor games
- Larry Ropeik for lending us his sound system
- Set up and clean up crews

Thanks also to Elizabeth Magin for inviting all of our elected officials and candidates who attended including: Senator Jamie Raskin, Delegate Heather Mizeur, Councilmembers Marc Elrich and Nancy Floreen, and Candidate for 4th Congressional District Donna Edwards. It was a great turnout of our elected officials plus a candidate, certainly ensuring that our voices will be heard in multiple ranges of our government.

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We still have a few unclaimed items. If these are your items, please contact Kelly Lynam at 301-585-6462

- Boys 5T navy sweatshirt with basketball and the words Fastbreak Division on the front in yellow
- Pot holder with a green shamrock on it
- Blue ceramic 9x9 dish used to bring cornbread
- Infant backpack carrier, blue-green in color  
(contact Celeste Dillen)

Thanks again to everyone for making our annual Fall Fest successful! We hope to see you at the next ISCA event.

Check out the rest of the Fall Fest photos online at [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com).

# Pay ISCA Dues and Enjoy the Many Benefits of Membership

by Phyllis Zusman

Here's an easy way to become an ISCA member or renew your membership—add your check to our self-addressed envelope! The \$10 yearly family dues comes out to be approximately 2-1/2 cents a day, a REAL bargain!! Your membership dues gives you entry into our popular neighborhood events, such as Fall Fest, Taste of Indian Spring and the Holiday House Tour. The dues also support the publication of the newsletter, Neighborhood Watch activities and advocacy on behalf of our neighborhood and greater Silver Spring. Over the years, this advocacy has played a major role by increasing the quality of our schools, revitalizing downtown Silver Spring, preventing US29 from becoming an

expressway, ceasing the widening of the beltway, installing a noise barrier along the beltway and many other important civic battles.

The Indian Spring Citizens Association covers an area consisting of approximately 800 families. It's true that you can join our immensely informative listserve and receive our newsletter even if you are not a member. However, please consider joining us so everyone can continue the benefit from the wonderful activities and services that we provide. Just fill out the form at the bottom of the first page, put it into the envelope with a \$10 check and either mail it or put it into my mail slot, 200 E. Indian Spring Drive.

# A Periodic Report on The Doings at Northwood High School

by Jay P. Goldman

**CITRUS SALE:** You can support athletics and music programs at the school by ordering a box of oranges and/or grapefruit from Florida through the school's PTSA. Prices range from \$18 to \$30. Deadline for placing orders is Nov. 19. The order form can be found on the home page of the Northwood website: [www.mcps.k12.us/schools/northwoodhs/](http://www.mcps.k12.us/schools/northwoodhs/).

**Winter sports:** The season opens soon with basketball, indoor track, swimming and diving, and wrestling. The MCPS sports schedulers have made it a challenge for those who revel in the neighborhood sports rivalry.

The boys and girls basketball match-ups between Northwood and Montgomery Blair will both take place on Tuesday, December 11. Northwood girls host Blair's JV squad at 5:15 p.m. and varsity at 7 p.m. The boys' contests between the two high schools will be staged at Blair at the same start times.

Lastly, a new, user-friendly e-mail directory of all Northwood High School teachers, administrators and support staff was recently added to the school's website. The staff link can be found on the home page.

## Raise Your Voices and Celebrate the Holidays with your Neighbors!

The Indian Spring Holiday Celebration will be held on Sunday, December 9th, in the field near Granville and Hastings Drive. Come and share a hot beverages and sweet treat with your neighbor, listen to the story of Hanukkah, adorn the ISCA Christmas Tree with your donated, nonbreakable ornament while marveling at the previous years contributions, sing a Christmas carol or two and watch the tree light up—thanks to our neighborhood dentist, Dr. King who kindly donates the electricity. Ceremonies will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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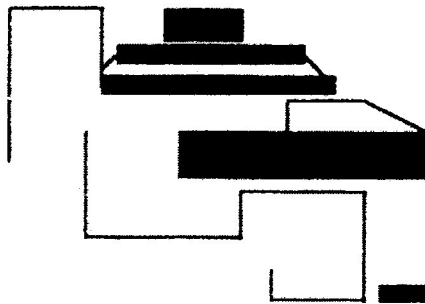
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Address	List Price	Close Price	Style	BR	FB	HB
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225 Granville Drive	\$545,000	\$532,500	Colonial 4	2	1	
9510 Saybrook Avenue	\$375,000	\$378,000	Cape Cod	2	1	
9308 Biltmore Drive	\$479,000	\$469,000	Cape Cod	4	2	
11 Granville Drive	\$456,000	\$440,000	Colonial 3	1	1	

### Partial List of Homes Currently on the Market/Under Contract \*

Address	List Price	Status	Style	BR	FB	HB
9520 Biltmore Drive	\$475,000	Active	Colonial 3	1	1	
213 University Boulevard E	\$357,900	Active	Colonial 3	1	2	
9506 Garwood Street	\$455,000	Active	Cape Cod	3	2	
9406 Garwood Street	\$549,000	Active	Bungalow	4	3	
9704 Hastings Drive	\$595,500	Active	Colonial 4	3	1	
9412 Garwood Street	\$498,000	Active	Cape Cod	4	2	
301 Franklin Avenue E	\$349,500	Active	Cape Cod	2	1	
213 Brewster Avenue E	\$497,000	Active	Rambler 3	2		
9940 Moss Avenue	\$540,000	Active	Cape Cod	5	2	1
9711 Lawndale Drive	\$585,000	Active	Colonial 4	2	1	
321 University Boulevard E	\$579,000	Active	Colonial 3	2	1	
321 University Boulevard E	\$2,500	Rent	Colonial 3	2	1	
16 Indian Spring Drive	\$2,400	Rent	Colonial 3	2	1	

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