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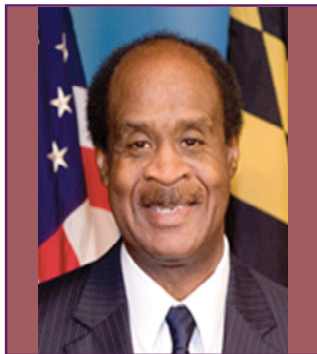
Indian Spring News

General Meeting: May 19, 7:30 PM • Community Yard Sale: June 7, 9:00 AM

County Exec to Join ISCA General Meeting

By Tony Hausner

OUR COUNTY EXECUTIVE, Ike Leggett, will come to an ISCA general meeting on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. He will make brief remarks and then address your questions. Questions can either be submitted in advance or asked at the meeting. For advance questions, please



submit to Tony Hausner at thausner@gmail.com or 301-587-6943. Also, please let Tony know if you plan to attend. We want to make sure that we have a good audience for Mr. Leggett. Please see the President's Column on page 2 for more details.

Community Yard Sale

By Celeste Raker-Dillen and Eileen Fisher

THIS YEAR'S ISCA COMMUNITY YARD SALE will take place Saturday June 7th from 9 a.m.–1 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday June 14th. If you are interested in participating, please let Celeste know by Friday, May 27th. You can email her at dillensl@aol.com, or call 301-585-8446. She needs to know your address and what types of items you hope to sell (e.g. bikes, baby clothes, furniture, etc.).

In order to be included on the map & list that will be handed out to customers, you need to be a current ISCA member. Dues are \$10 for one year. You can pay online using Paypal at the Iscaonline.com Website, or send a check made out to "ISCA Membership" to PO BOX 3724 Silver Spring, MD 20918. Please check your membership status with ISCA Treasurer Phyllis Zusman. Please have your membership dues paid

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Election of Officers

The nominating committee submits the following nominations for officers for the coming year from July 2008–June 2009.

- President: Walter Gottlieb
- Vice President for Civic Affairs: Elizabeth Magin
- Vice President, Social Committee: Celeste Raker-Dillen
- Secretary: Allegra Tasaki
- Treasurer: Phyllis Zusman

Elections will be held at the general meeting on May 19th. Nominations are welcome from the floor. We are always looking for persons to step forward and help out.

Join ISCA / Renew Membership

See coupon on page 2

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Walter J. Gottlieb

AS YOU HAVE PROBABLY SEEN in the newsletter or read on the listserv, County Executive Ike Leggett will join us for a question and answer session at the ISCA General Meeting, Monday, May 19th (7:30pm at the Rec Center). It's a rare opportunity for our community to have unfettered access to the County Executive.

I had the privilege of attending a Q&A with Mr. Leggett last fall, when he met with PREZCO, the group of local community association presidents. Agree or disagree with his policies, he was thoughtful, articulate and—above all—a good listener.

We at ISCA thought the citizens of Indian Spring should have the same opportunity—to be able to ask Mr. Leggett questions about issues of concern to this community, Silver Spring, and the County in general.

There are so many pressing issues on all of our minds. I'm guessing ISCA members would like to question the County Executive about rising crime and pedestrian safety—two of our priorities for this year. Others may want to ask about schools, upcoming budget cuts, or growth issues—maybe even Live Nation. Regardless of what's on your mind, this is your chance to ask and get a direct answer from Mr. Leggett.

Board member Tony Hausner has compiled a list of topic areas that we'd like to address, time-allowing. (See the listserv for more details.) We are actively soliciting your ideas through the listserv. You can also email Tony directly with proposed topics or questions at thausner@gmail.com.

It took us a while to arrange Mr. Leggett's appearance at the general meeting. Given that the County Executive is taking the trouble to meet with us, the least we can do is turn out and take advantage of the opportunity. **So let's fill up the Rec Center for his visit. The more community members that show up, the more seriously our concerns will be taken.**

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Hope to see you all there!

*Show your support;
attend the ISCA
meeting with
Ike Leggett*

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Pitching in to help cleanup our area, L-R: Walter Gottlieb, Kristeen Rosenbusch (kneeling with back to camera), Samantha Liming, Ann Keeler, Binnie Waltherman, Eileen Fisher Valentine

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Taste of ISCA Wrap-Up

By Celeste Raker-Dillen

COMMUNITY. One word sums up the Taste of Indian Spring this year. When I arrived at Highland View at 5:00 p.m. on Monday evening, I found a community of children in the aftercare program. With a tiny bit of anxiety, I searched for school staff and waited for ISCA volunteers to begin the set up. Familiar faces began arriving, along with new helping hands, and soon the tables were ready to receive. Folks dined and mingled with lovely background music, thanks to Jim Hoskinson of Jimmy Bingo and children played on the moonbounce in the gymnasium, thanks to Paul Fuller of Kids After Hours and Carnival Day. As the evening progressed, I watched Viet Nguyen of Edible Arrangements, Debbie Lea from McGinty's, Lok Tiwari from Ghar-e-Kabab, and Ken Snyder of Z Pizza connect and interact with our neighbors. I saw their smiles of delight at explaining their culinary samples, thus witnessing the bonds of community beyond our streets.

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*In foreground:
Erika Shugart,
Pascal and
Joseph
Brzostowski*



Kelly Kilmer, Kelly Lynam, Jill Ortmann Fouse and Tony Hausner serving food

Help Indian Spring Stand Strong Against Crime

By Michelle Gins

INDIAN SPRING IS A WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD to live in for many reasons. One of the main reasons I enjoy living here is the members of the community are involved and work hard and work together in order to produce positive changes. Countless neighbors have put forth a great deal of effort in order to keep our neighborhood safe and to minimize crime. If you would like to help your neighborhood stay safe while only spending a few hours a year, please consider becoming a block captain. The small amounts of time block captains give help keep our neighborhood stay safe in big ways.

Block Captain Responsibilities Include:

- Posting information about any crime or any suspicious activity that occurs on their block.

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- Convene a meeting of your block so that everyone knows each other
- Hand out once every couple of years the watch brochure
- Put together a list of residents on the block
- Let your block know about the availability of the engraver

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Neighborhood Cleanup

By Eileen Fisher

KUDOS TO THE MORE THAN 35 ISCA RESIDENTS who picked up 120 pounds of trash, and 45 pounds of garlic mustard during this year's neighborhood cleanup. Of particular note, the team of Samantha Liming and Kristeen Rosenbusch picked an astonishing 16 pounds of garlic mustard. I'm happy to report that it appears that there was less trash this year than last year. ISCA members cleaned up the playground area near the Rec Center, including the playground equipment; the woods along the sound barrier all the way from the stream to Flower Ave; the field along Hastings Drive, and the stream and woods in our neighborhood south of Franklin Ave. Thank you all for your hard work!

Everyone who showed up received an excellent reusable shopping bag made out of recycled soda bottles, courtesy of Rick Dimont of Montgomery County's Department of Solid Waste. In addition, everyone who picked garlic mustard received a pass to Montgomery County Recreation facilities. This year, two students earned several hours of SSL credits.



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- Colesville Road: 940–9421 (Franklin Ave. to Leighton Ave)
- Colesville Road: 950–9609 (Leighton Ave. to Normandy Dr.)
- Dearborn Avenue: 200–305 (Long Branch Pkwy to Univ. Blvd)
- E. Franklin Avenue: 9–108 (Flower Ave. to Seminole St.)
- Flower Avenue: 9500–9519 (Franklin Ave. to Indian Spring Dr.)
- Franklin Avenue: 1–23 (Flower Ave. to Wire Ave.)
- Franklin Avenue: 101–121 (Caroline Ave. to Wire Ave.)
- Franklin Avenue: 201–215 (Leighton Ave. to Caroline Ave.)
- Garwood Street: 9400–9413 (Dearborn Ave. to E. Franklin Ave.)
- Granville Drive: 4–14 (Flower Ave. to Lawndale Dr.)
- Granville Drive: 200–229 (Caroline Ave. to Hastings Dr)
- Leighton Avenue: 400–410 (Worth Ave. to Colesville Rd., including Leighton Pl.)
- Long Branch Parkway: 9325 (See 9400 Seminole Street)
- Ocala Avenue: 9403–9516 (Franklin Ave. to Indian Spring Dr.)
- University Blvd. East: 213–235 (Beltway to E. Franklin Ave.)
- University Blvd. East: 301–331 (E. Franklin Ave. to E. Melbourne Ave.)
- Wire Avenue: 9408–9509 (Franklin Ave. to Indian Spring Dr.)
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Foreground "Tasters" at ISCA Annual Taste of Indian Spring, Ole Varmer and Anita Manning

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officials, Jamie Raskin and Heather Mizeur joined our midst, and folks gathered to listen and discuss; yet another bond of community was demonstrated. And as the evening came to a close, the evidence of fun and feast lay like confetti after a parade, the call to clean up was made and so very quickly the room was transformed from banquet hall to school, ready for the next day's students, all readily done by helping hands. It is this COMMUNITY that makes ISCA events a success and it is this COMMUNITY that keeps ISCA strong.

This year's Taste was one of the best yet, thanks to the many who contributed. The Highland View Parent Teacher's Association with permission from Principal Anne Dardarian made it possible for us to host the Taste at Highland View Elementary School, which was a great facility for folks to relax and eat while kids had a fun, safe place to play. **We had unprecedented support from our business community. Thanks goes to Viet Nguyen of Edible Arrangements, Debbie Reynolds of McGinty's, Lok Tiwari of Ghar-e-Kabab, and Ken Snyder of Z Pizza for serving their fine dishes. Thanks also goes to Chic-Fil-A, El Golfo, Nicarro, Olazzo, Panera Bread, Starbucks on Ellsworth and York Castle Ice Cream for their very tasty contributions.** From shepherds pie, pizza, pasta,

spicy chickpeas and rice to brownies and ice cream, a feast was had by all.

Those who built the community and who made the event possible were the volunteers. *Thanks to the many who lent a helping hand including: Normandy Brangan and children, Jennifer Chambers, Jeff Dillen and children, Eileen Fisher and children, Rachel Haas, Tony and Toba Hausner, Mary Anne Hess, Marc Hoffman, Jen Holland and family, Jim Hoskinson, Liz Hunter, Kilmer family—Kelly, Jackie, and Kady and John in particular, Rebecca Lane, Kelly Lynam, Ashley Marchionini, Heather Mizuer and staff, Arlene Montemarano, Sarah Morgan, Jill Ortman Fousse, Heather Sauter and children, Bob Tiller, Ole Varmer and Jeanne Philbin and daughter Madeleine, Sue Wilson, Phyllis and Fred Zusman.* This list is in no way complete as there were many who ensured the safety of the children on the moonbounce and many who helped throughout the evening.

Lastly, the atmosphere was much improved with the music provided by Jimmy Bingo—a big thanks to Jim. And on behalf of all the neighborhood kids, thanks to Kids After Hours and Carnival Day for providing the moonbounce.

Again, the Taste of Indian Spring is COMMUNITY at its finest. I'll see you there next year!

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The Annual ISCA Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 28. Meet at the Recreation Center at 10:00 a.m. for the annual parade and end up on the Lawndale block between Granville and Fairway for some neighborhood fun.

More details in the June newsletter or stay tuned to the website and listserve.



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by Saturday, May 28th so that the map will be accurate. In fairness to paid members, Celeste will not include non-members on the map.

Other than that, there's nothing you really need to do except sort through your things and set them out on your lawn the day of the sale. We will take care of placing ads in the newspapers and on Craigslist. I will post a message about whether we will hold the sale on the listserv early in the morning if the weather seems iffy (please keep a good thought!). Celeste also recommends posting a few cardboard signs at your street corners to direct traffic your way.

After this year, the annual ISCA Yard Sale is going biennial, so the next community sponsored yard sale will not be until June of 2010, unless there is an interested party who is willing to take the task of organizing the event, and there is still a need and interest in the community. The Social Committee of ISCA whose dedicated members organize the fine ISCA sponsored events is dwindling due to folks moving on, both in terms of location and responsibilities. Interested in keeping these traditions going? Give Celeste a call.

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ISCA Final Tally on Purple Line Resolution

By Allegra Tasaki

THERE WAS A LIVELY DISCUSSION about the ISCA Purple Line Resolution at our last general meeting held Monday, March 31. The resolution stated: ISCA supports the building of the purple line from New Carrollton to Bethesda. We prefer the light rail option over the bus rapid transit option as it provides better travel times and ridership projections. We favor the purple line as the first major step forward toward developing transit solutions to our transportation needs in preference to highway solutions and we continue to oppose Beltway widening.

As the discussion ensued, it quickly became clear that this was not the only issue upon which ISCA neighbors were voting. As with our past newsletter articles on the matter, the issue of voting on ISCA resolutions, projects, or involvement in greater Silver Spring events in person, was a marquee topic along with the Purple Line Resolution itself. Members actually made a motion to require that ISCA community vote in person on these issues. One observance made by a member was that as United States citizens, we are allowed to vote by absentee ballot for the Presidential elections, so a small community meeting shouldn't require higher standards than what our country follows. An overwhelmingly negative response to the idea of an in-person requirement was voted down, with members stating that not everyone has the resources (i.e. babysitters, long work hours/and shifts, and caring for ill family members) to attend general meetings.

Votes for the Purple Line Resolution were not due until the 2nd of April, so more discussion ensued. Enhanced bus routes and metro line development were discussed in comparison to the light rail solution of the Purple Line. Some wondered whether a trolley system would increase traffic even further and thought since our neighborhood would not be using the route outside of Silver Spring, we wouldn't need another means of transportation. However, the majority felt that a solution was needed to manage traffic flow through our community, even if the solution included other communities.

Most of the members who attended the meeting provided paper ballots for the tally after further discussion regarding newsletter subjects covered in the recent issue. While the turnout for the meeting did not fill the recreation center, there were quite a few neighbors who were able to come. The result of the tally for the votes was definitely positively affected by this meeting and the newsletter articles. However, the most impact came from the work of community volunteer Tony Hausner, our ISCA representative to the Planning Board Purple Line Advisory Group, Prezco, and other Silver Spring organizations; Elizabeth Magin, Vice President for Civic Affairs, who moderated this section of the meeting; and to Clarence Steinberg, who presented an opposing view, providing a well-balanced approach to the information presented. A letter with the results of our vote has been sent to the County Executive and County Council.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in voting on the issue of the ISCA Purple Line Resolution, we hope to see you involved in future general meetings, such as the May 19th meeting with County Executive Ike Leggett. We have a combined total of a 9.13% response rate from our community; hopefully we can reach at least a 10% response rate on the next issue. Here are the final results by method of voting, with the grand totals noted at the end:

Save the Date!

Monday, May 19

- **General Meeting**
with County Executive

Saturday, June 7

- **Yard Sale**

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Saturday, June 28

- **Independence Day Celebration**

Tuesday, August 5

- **National Night Out**

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Saturday, October 12

- **FallFest**

Sunday, December 7

- **Holiday Lights**

Via Email

53 For the resolution
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1 Against the resolution

Grand Totals:

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9622 Flower Avenue	\$564,247	\$565,000	Colonial	3	2	1

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9521 Seminole Street	\$610,000	Contract	Colonial	3	2	1
9705 Fairway Avenue	\$579,000	Contract	Colonial	3	2	1
9711 Lawndale Drive	\$539,000	Active	Colonial	4	2	1
9603 Clearview Place	\$539,000	Active	Colonial	3	3	
9616 Flower Avenue	\$555,000	Active	Colonial	3	2	1
101 Hamilton Avenue	\$565,399	Active	Cape Cod	4	3	
120 University Boulevard E	\$429,000	Active	Cape Cod	4	2	1
9704 Hastings Drive	\$529,000	Active	Colonial	3	3	1
9412 Garwood Street	\$424,900	Active	Cape Cod	4	2	
321 University Boulevard E	\$539,900	Active	Colonial	3	2	1
9404 Ocala Street	\$475,000	Active	Rambler	3	3	
9605 Clearview Place	\$450,000	Active	Colonial	4	4	1
9940 Moss Avenue	\$405,000	Active	Cape Cod	5	2	1
125 Normandy Drive	\$470,000	Active	Colonial	3	1	
9409 Caroline Avenue	\$569,000	Active	Cape Cod	4	2	

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