



Independence Day Parade is on June 28! (See details on page 1.)

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# Indian Spring News

Independence Day Parade: June 28 • National Night Out: August 5

## Annual ISCA Independence Day Parade

By Celeste Raker-Dillen, VP Neighborhood Pride/Social

**J**OIN THE FUN! Kids and kids at heart are invited to decorate their bikes, wagons and strollers to celebrate the Fourth of July at the annual Indian Spring Parade and Block Party on Saturday, June 28. The parade will begin at 10:15 a.m. and will run east along Marshall Avenue, right on Flower and right on Lawndale. The party will be held on the block on Lawndale between Granville and Fairway, starting upon completion of the parade and wrapping up around noon. Anticipate summer treats such as watermelon,

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## National Night Out

By Joyce Stocker

**T**HIS YEAR, NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—America's Night Out Against Crime—will be held on Tuesday, August 5th at the Indian Spring Rec Center, 9717 Lawndale Drive. The police will here promptly from 6:45 to 7:00 pm and we will have ice cream after that. This annual event boasted 34 million participants nationwide last year. The purpose of the event is four fold: to heighten crime and drug prevention, to generate community support for anticrime programs, to strengthen neighborhood spirit, and to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back.

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## Indian Spring Citizens Association

### Membership Application and Renewal

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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!

Saturday, June 28

- Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, August 5

- National Night Out
- contact: Joyce Stocker  
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Saturday, October 12

- FallFest

Sunday, December 7

- Holiday Lights

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Walter J. Gottlieb

**S**INCE THIS IS THE LAST ISCA NEWSLETTER OF THE SEASON, I wanted to make sure to thank you for your support during my first year as president. I've been able to meet many Indian Spring neighbors I didn't previously know, and was able to get to know others better. Serving as president has only reaffirmed what I'd felt all along—that this is a singular neighborhood, filled with great people who care about their neighbors and their community.

I've been really impressed with the committee chairs and volunteers (Celeste Raker-Dillen, Eileen Fisher, Kelly Lyman) who spearhead ISCA's signature events—the Fall Fest, the holiday house tour, the Spring Clean-Up, Taste of Indian Spring, etc. This year, we had some of the best ever.

I'm proud that ISCA has taken a stand on some of the major issues facing Silver Spring and Montgomery County in general: from the Purple Line to crime to the Live Nation controversy. I'm also gratified that ISCA co-sponsored the debate last Fall between Congressman Al Wynn and challenger Donna Edwards, and I saw an awful lot of fellow ISCA members there.

It was our honor to welcome County Executive Ike Leggett to a question and answer session with the community on May 19th. I was impressed with the turnout. We asked the

community to fill the rec center that night—and sure enough, it was filled. For more than an hour, Mr. Leggett fielded questions from residents on everything from property taxes to affordable housing.

We've weathered some stressful times in our neighborhood this season. Vehicle break-ins and attempted home break-ins spiked during the winter,

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County Executive Ike Leggett speaks at ISCA Meeting on May 19th.  
Photo courtesy of Michelle Gins.

## **President's Column,** *continued from page 2*

so we brought in the police to hear our concerns. Pedestrian safety was on our minds when a 12-year old Indian Spring resident was struck by a car. ISCA's Jennifer Chambers worked with PREZCO and the County to request safety improvements—and to consider ISCA's concerns in the County Executive's Pedestrian Safety plan.

There were a few heated exchanges on the Listserv which prompted us to post some new rules of thumb, which, by and large seem to have worked.

We made it a little easier to join ISCA by offering a new option—registering online. (Visit [www.iscaonline.com](http://www.iscaonline.com) <<http://www.iscaonline.com/>> .) We've also begun planning for new neighborhood welcome signs.

I've seen first hand how the ISCA Board—made of up elected members of the community who volunteer their time—works hard for this neighborhood. Sometimes I think they don't always receive the appreciation they deserve. So my hat is off to Tony Hausner, Allegra Tasaki, Celeste Raker-Dillen, Phyllis Zusman, and Elizabeth Magin for everything they did this past season. It was a privilege to work with all of you!

At the last general meeting, the Board and I were honored to be re-elected to another term. There is a lot to do in the coming season. Neighborhood Watch and the newsletter need more volunteers. No doubt, there will be new issues we can't foresee. I'd love to see new volunteers step forward. Everyone's busy, but take it from me after one year as president, serving this community is a great feeling—and well worth it.

## **Parade,** *continued from page 1*

popcorn, popsicles, balloons and more. Lounge on Ole Varmer's front yard while listening to the tunes played by his band, and if the spirit moves you, bring an instrument and join in! Plus, bring your spare change to savor Arlene Montemarano's lemonade for a good cause. This year's charity is yet to be announced, but rest assured it will be a good one!

This event is one of the many fun neighborhood events brought to you by the Social Committee of the Indian Spring Citizens Association. It is FREE to all and is a lot of fun. And as with all ISCA events, volunteers are needed for small jobs such as setting up, cleaning up, and serving watermelon and popsicles. Contact Celeste Raker Dillen for details at [dillensl@aol.com](mailto:dillensl@aol.com) or via phone at 301-585-8446.

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## **National Night Out,** *continued from page 1*

As in previous years, the event for ISCA residents will be held at the Rec Center where Montgomery County police will visit. As in previous years, ISCA will provide ice cream to all who attend. This lively "block party" is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and renew the committment to rally against crime. The event enhances strong community and police support in fighting crime. In past years, McGruff, the anti-crime mascot dog delighted the kids. Hopefully, he'll be able to attend again this year.

ISCA residents are asked to turn on their outside porch lights at sundown in a show of solidarity against crime.

Hope to see you there!

# The Greening of ISCA

By Joyce Stocker

**K**UDOS EARTH DAY EVENTS IN APRIL INSPIRED discussions on Moss Avenue of how we, as a community, might adopt earth friendly practices. So Ali Breen and I sought the ISCA Board's approval to write a monthly e-column for the list-serve, as well as submit articles for the newsletter.

Our first offering, in May, discussed the wastefulness (and litter factor) of plastic grocery bags, and alternatives offered by local grocers.

Upcoming columns will offer ideas on how to cut back on driving, reduce contributions to landfills and save money on groceries.

For example—there has been interest expressed on both the ISCA and adjoining LongBranch listserves on finding out how to recycle computer parts. One answer is to take them to the Shady Grove transfer station—yikes! Who wants to use

that much time/gas? But if someone was willing to make a trip for the community, I'd gladly contribute towards the gas just to get the old computers/printers out of my garage.

And finally, with beautiful summer breezes arriving (and the added expense of AC), consider letting solar and wind energy dry your clothes. Last year I bought an outdoor "dryer" for my backyard. My handyman installed it in minutes. Using it reminds me of the days, as a little girl, that I helped my mom, clothespins in her mouth, hang our sheets and towels to blow dry in the sun and wind.

Thinking of those long ago days reminds me of my grandma's motto, a good one to end this column:

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Address	List Price	Sold	Style	BR	FB	HB
9937 Moss Avenue	\$450,000	\$445,000	Cape Cod	3	3	
9521 Seminole Street	\$610,000	\$610,000	Colonial	3	2	1
9935 Moss Avenue	\$459,000	\$459,000	Cape Cod	3	2	
214 Granville Drive	\$445,000	\$410,000	Colonial	3	1	1
9622 Flower Avenue	\$564,247	\$565,000	Colonial	3	2	1

## Partial List of Homes Currently Under Contract/Active \*

Address	List Price	Status	Style	BR	FB	HB
9705 Fairway Avenue	\$579,000	Contract	Colonial	3	2	1
9711 Lawndale Drive	\$489,000	Active	Colonial	4	2	1
9603 Clearview Place	\$515,000	Active	Colonial	3	3	
9616 Flower Avenue	\$529,000	Active	Colonial	3	2	1
235 University Boulevard E	\$405,000	Active	Colonial	5	2	1
9405 Seminole Street	\$460,000	Active	Colonial	3	2	1
9509 Garwood Street	\$400,000	Active	Cottage	2	1	
9614 Lawndale Court	\$500,000	Active	Colonial	3	2	1
9704 Hastings Drive	\$499,900	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	
9940 Moss Avenue	\$354,900	Active	Cape Cod	5	2	1
125 Normandy Drive	\$470,000	Active	Colonial	3	1	

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