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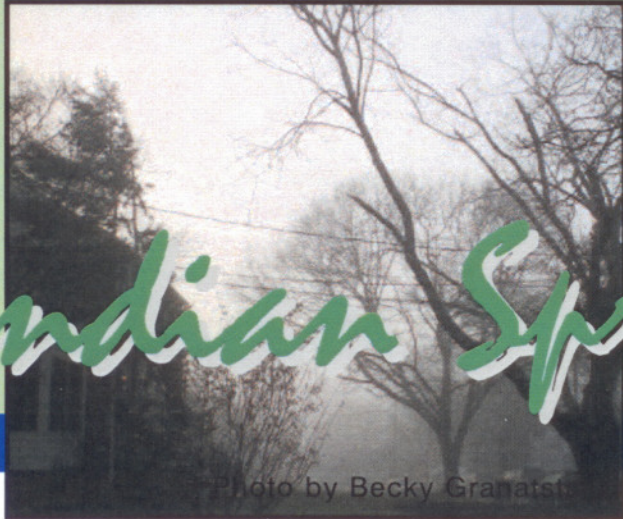


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Indian Spring News

June 8: General Meeting and Election of ISCA Officers

Councilmember Valerie Ervin to open first 'Safe Silver Spring Summit' on May 16 — Meeting Will Focus on Best Strategies to Keep Revitalized Silver Spring a Vibrant and Safe Community

by Tony Hausner

Montgomery County Councilmember Valerie Ervin, whose district includes Silver Spring, will be the opening speaker on Saturday, May 16, at the first "Safe Silver Spring Summit" to be held at Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus at 7600 Takoma Avenue. The meeting of community leaders, residents, public safety officials and other organizations is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is recommended in advance. To register, send an email to SafeSilverSpring@gmail.com or call 301-431-4185 ext 1212.

The summit is being convened by representatives of SSCAB (Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board), the

Silver Spring Regional Center, and Prezco (Presidents' Council of Silver Spring Civic Associations). Prezco neighborhoods include East Silver Spring, Indian Spring, Linden, North Hills of Sligo Creek, North Woodside/Montgomery Hills, Park Hills, Seven Oaks-Evanswood, Sligo Branview, South Silver Spring, Woodside, Woodside Forest and Woodside Park.

Silver Spring is a dynamic and diverse urban and suburban community. The mission of Safe Silver Spring is to develop strategies, partnerships and goals to keep Silver Spring a community where people can live, work, travel, shop and play safely.

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Save the Date!

Saturday, May 16

**Safe Silver Spring
Summit**

(at Montgomery College
Takoma Park/Silver
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Monday, June 8

**General Meeting
on Green Energy
for our Homes
and Election of
ISCA Officers**
(at Rec Center)

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Walter J. Gottlieb, MAY 2009

THE END OF ANOTHER SEASON OF ISCA ACTIVITIES is almost here. Officer Elections are coming up. I am running for another term as ISCA President. Our Treasurer, Phyllis Zusman, who has served ISCA so well for so many years, is stepping down. We value her service and will miss her on the Board. The rest of the Board would like to continue serving for another term. But we'd love to have some fresh faces on the Board, too. Under our bylaws, there is room for additional Board members.

At our April Board meeting, I asked one member why she was willing to be an ISCA officer, having only lived in the neighborhood about five years. She responded, "Because someone asked me." It was as simple as that. I came into the ISCA presidency in much the same way. Though they may not always step forward automatically, people tend to serve their communities when someone asks them to. Please don't be surprised if one of us asks you to consider running for the ISCA Board, or to become involved in one of ISCA's committees, including the one that organizes all those wonderful events that our neighborhood is known for (the Fall Fest, the Taste of Indian Spring, the Independence Day Parade, etc.).

We will hold officer elections at the ISCA General Meeting on Monday, June 8th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Center. You must be present to vote. We hope you'll not only cast a ballot, but be on the ballot along with us.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record (sorry for the old cliché, but anyone over 35 will definitely know what I mean), serving this community has been a very rich and rewarding experience. Since becoming president two years ago, I've met so many neighbors that I otherwise wouldn't have, and have come to appreciate this warm and wonderful community even more than I did before. I think you'll feel the same as I do if you become involved in ISCA.

We are looking for new energy and new ideas for ISCA. We also want to know what you love and appreciate about Indian Spring, and how ISCA can continue to serve you. The June newsletter will include a Neighborhood Survey asking these and other questions. We'll also publish the survey on the listserv this month, so you can respond online if you prefer.

Oh, and if you haven't renewed your ISCA membership yet, please do. You can renew online at www.iscaonline.com, or by dropping a check in Phyllis Zusman's mailbox. For the equivalent of three espresso macchiatos, you and your family get all the benefits of an annual ISCA membership.

Enjoy the rest of the Spring! See you June 8th at the Rec Center.

Safe Silver Spring Summit article

by Tony Hausner

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"I want to commend the leaders of Safe Silver Spring for convening our residents in an open and constructive discussion of public safety issues," said Councilmember Ervin. "As a 22-year resident of Silver Spring, I know that our community's safety is paramount and it is one of my top priorities as your Councilmember."

The first Safe Silver Spring Summit will bring together residents, community leaders, non-profit organizations and public officials to develop an action plan that enables communities to prevent and reduce crime and keep neighborhoods safe.

"Prezco and our partners all believe that law enforcement, the community, businesses and other organizations need to work together to address our concerns with crime and safety in Silver Spring," said Andrew Kleine of Prezco. "Planning for the summit began last fall in response to concerns about assaults and robberies in Silver Spring's commercial areas and burglaries and vehicle break-ins in residential areas," said Tony Hausner, chairman of the steering committee for the summit.

The summit will consist of overview presentations and seven workshops that will be held in the morning and then repeated in the afternoon. The seven workshop topics are:

- Making Safe and Civil Public Spaces
- Gangs and Pack Robberies
- Youth: Schools, Truants, and Kids Hanging Out
- Policing, Security, Resources, and Communication
- Por qué y cómo iniciar un programa de Vigilancia comunitaria en el vecindario? (Why and How to Start a Neighborhood Watch) (NOTE: Workshop will be in Spanish)
- Silver Spring Central Business District (CBD)
- Residential Neighborhoods adjacent to the SSCBD

Resource experts and community residents will participate in the workshops to develop action plans to address issues in each of these areas.

Other organizations participating in this Summit include:

- 3rd District Police District
- State Attorney's Office
- Northwest Park Oakview Weed and Seed
- International Corridor C-Safe
- Downtown Silver Spring
- Safe Takoma
- CASA de Maryland
- USDOJ/COPS
- Maryland Office of Crime Control and Prevention
- Montgomery County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute
- Montgomery County Public Schools Safe and Drug Free Schools
- Impact Silver Spring

When registering, attendees will need to specify the morning or afternoon session, provide their first two choices for workshop topics and indicate if there is a need for language (e.g., Spanish, Amharic, or sign) language translation or other special needs.



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Blair's Bold Spring Musical, *Sweeney Todd*

By Walter J. Gottlieb

Earlier this Spring, Blair High School mounted a production of the Sondheim musical, *Sweeney Todd*, which my family and several of our friends and associates saw. Having been in college at N.Y.U. during the original Broadway run, and having recently seen the Tim Burton/Johnny Depp movie version on DVD, I wondered if Blair could pull it off—the tricky Sondheim score, the dark ambience, the British accents, everything. I, like most of the other people who I know that saw it, was really impressed with Blair's production. The acting, the singing, the orchestra, the Victorian sets and costumes—the whole production—was several notches above what anyone could have reasonably expected from a high school show. There were many talented standouts in the cast. Apparently, the young man who portrayed the villain (Judge Turpin) is on his way to N.Y.U.'s drama school next fall. At any rate, I was sufficiently inspired to talk to Blair teacher and resident theatrical director Kelly Newman O'Connor about the school's production of *Sweeney Todd* for this month's ISCA newsletter.

Q: *How do you feel about the show, now that it's all over?*

A: This was a triumph for us—it stretched the students artistically, dramatically, and musically. Except for the barber chair and Pirelli banner, which were professional pieces of scenery from a New York production, the set was all student design and building. A student choreographer did all the dance numbers. The fabulous orchestra was all students.

Q: *How did you and the students handle the complex Sondheim score?*

A: We hired a voice teacher to coach the singers through this fiendishly difficult music. I think many of the students surprised themselves at their mastery of the score. Half the principals had never had major roles before, and the boy who played Anthony had never even auditioned for anything. He's now completely hooked—he keeps asking me what the fall play is going to be!



Photos
Courtesy
Dave Ottalini

Q: *It's a pretty dark story—corruption, vengeance, murder in Victorian England. How did the students respond to that?*

A: The acting challenges of the story took quite a few of the leads well out of their comfort zones—lovely graceful girls having to behave like ladies of the night; nice, polite boys exploring the minds of lowlifes and murderers. The cast learned a great deal about their acting abilities in this show.

Q: *Was there any controversy regarding the choice of Sweeney Todd?*

A: One parent wrote to the principal when we announced the show choice, requesting that we do something else; she didn't like the idea of Blair doing "a comedy about a serial killer". The principal left the decision to me, so I wrote to the parent, pointing out that it's a thriller, not a comedy, with a strong moral message about the emptiness of seeking vengeance. Seen in that light, I argued, it's the perfect show for a population that is affected by gang violence and vendetta. *Sweeney* certainly has laughs, but not at the end of the play—the audience seemed to be holding their breath for about five straight minutes in the final scene. I cited a few Shakespeare plays that mix genres in the same way—*Titus Andronicus* even has people baked into pies.

Q: *Did you have any doubts along the way?*

A: There were days when I thought, "We've taken on too big a challenge," but it was absolutely thrilling to see and hear it come together. I'm so glad we did it. *Sweeney* is an excellent piece of musical drama with fascinating, ambiguous characters. Even my parents (my dad ran stage crew this year, and my mom always helps with costumes), who are not Sondheim fans, fell in love with the show! Whenever anyone asked me, "Why are you doing that violent show?" I could tell they knew only the movie, which (if you haven't seen it) cuts half the music and the entire chorus!! That's tearing out the heart of the show!

Highland View Elementary School News

By Amber Khan

Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom!

Thanks to our Highland View Elementary School parents and neighbors for their generous support during our Spring Plant sale! Flower purchases raised \$1,000.00 in proceeds. These funds will be used to support May and June field trips, purchase additional playground equipment, and provide scholarship wristbands for the Spring Carnival on May 16th.

A special thanks to Stephanie Helsing, Liz Hunter and Rebecca Lane for coordinating this year's sale.

HVES PTA Meeting—June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Open to HVES current and incoming families, please join us for our last PTA meeting of the year and bring a sweet treat to share! The proposed meeting agenda will include election of a slate of officers, end-of-year update from HVES principal Ms. Dardarian, an update on the County Council budget funding process, and an opportunity to share ideas for the fall. Free babysitting, raffle prizes and coffee will be served!

Taking Action—Parents Continue to Advocate for Public School Funding

With the education budget cuts looming, Highland View parents have been extremely active and vocal in their advocacy efforts to ensure adequate support for Montgomery County Public Schools. These activities included visits with state leaders in Annapolis, testifying before committees, submitting more than 50 letters to Board of Education members, and meeting with County Council members. As the budget funding process continues, parents and community members are encouraged to continue outreach efforts with the County Executive and County Council members. For more information or background, please contact Jennifer Chambers at Jennifer@hikingalong.com.

Highland View Parents Advocate on YouTube!

Taking advocacy to another level, Highland View parents employed new media to create a one-of-kind advocacy video. Accessible and distributed online, viewers can hear the personal voices and stories of our diverse families sharing the new and emerging challenges confronting Montgomery County.

If you have not seen the video, you can find the YouTube link at www.hvespta.com or search "Highland View" on YouTube. A special thanks to Jill Ortman-Fouse, Jennifer Chamber, and Walter Gottlieb for their leadership and contributions in production and to parents for sharing their story.

New Volunteer Program Makes a Difference

This month Highland View will be featured in the Montgomery County Public School Bulletin for the successes of the "3 for Me" program. A special thanks to our amazing volunteer coordinator Heather Sauter and her team for their ongoing work and leadership in making this new parent engagement initiative a success!

If you haven't volunteered yet, it's not too late! HVES PTA is signing up volunteers now for the 2009-2010 academic year. To sign-up, email Heather at hpower@realia.com.

Don't Miss the Summer Ice Cream Social and Heart Healthy Dance!

Our health and wellness team is bringing us another heart healthy dance that will be part of our end-of-year summer Ice Cream Social on June 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Highland View. If you have a dance that you would like to teach, or fun music to share, please contact Lynne Harris at lharris@jhspu.edu to volunteer. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with handing out sweet treats and set-up.

New Kindergarten Playgroup Forming – Over 75 Families Attend Open House!

On May 1st more than 75 families attended the Kindergarten Open House at Highland View to register for the fall. To support new families, the HVES PTA distributed a new "KG Welcome Guide" and will host summer playgroups at Highland View. The first playgroup will take place at HVES on Friday, June 19th at 4:00 p.m. This summer new and incoming families will have the opportunity to meet with staff, network with other parents, and learn about ways to get more involved to support their children's success. If you are interested in signing up for the Kindergarten Parent Exchange, go to www.hvespta.com or call 301-650-6426.

Support for Long Branch Police Substation

By Tony Hausner

The ISCA board approved and sent the following email letter to the County Council. We encourage other members of our community to send a similar letter.

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From: tony hausner <thausner@gmail.com>
Date: Apr 30, 2009 10:52 AM
Subject: Support of Long Branch Police Substation
To: county council <county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Council President Andrews and Members of the
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We are writing on behalf of the board of the Indian Spring Citizens Association (ISCA). ISCA consists of 800 homes inside the Beltway, and is in the Long Branch planning area. Our neighborhood saw significant increases in serious crime last year and we believe some of that is a spinoff from the Long Branch area.

We believe the Long Branch substation is essential to our safety because it places officers in the very location where it is most important that they patrol. Long Branch has been a Weed and Seed site, which is evidence that crime is a serious enough problem to have warranted five years of direct support from the Federal government. The substation makes a statement that Montgomery County has not given up on Long Branch and that we are all concerned with the quality of life of the residents of that immediate area and adjacent areas such as our neighborhood.

We urge you to continue the funding for this substation.

Tony Hausner
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Indian Spring Earth Day Cleanup

By Eileen Fisher

Thank you to the small but determined group of ISCA neighbors who spent part of a beautiful Saturday cleaning up our neighborhood. This year we focused on a few areas: cleaning the playground equipment; picking up the trash from around the Rec Center and the nearby stream, and other parts of the neighborhood; ridding our park of the invasive weed Garlic Mustard; and clearing out brush from the park that is serving as a jungle gym for invasive vines.

Our two mother-daughter garlic mustard teams of Kristeen Rosenbusch and Samantha Liming and Jeanne Philbin and Madeleine Varmer picked a combined 75 pounds of garlic mustard, 30 pounds more than last year! Team Rosenbusch and Liming smashed their last year's record of 16 pounds by picking 60 pounds this year. Our park is very nearly garlic-mustard free!

Many thanks to Ed Freestone and Jill Ortman-Fouse who picked up 44 pounds of trash—consistent with last year's trash haul. The playground equipment is now sparkling, thanks to the efforts of Ann Keeler and Matt, John and Michael Dinkel and Celeste Raker-Dillen and Sid, Ben and Dash Dillen.

Finally, a huge thank you to Joe, Bridget and Vaughn Kowal and Marc Hoffman, who braved poison ivy and hauled tons of heavy brush out of the park woods to be mulched up by County personnel.

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208 Brewster Avenue	\$399,999	\$399,999	Sold	Cape Cod	2	1	
16 Indian Spring Drive	\$509,000	\$480,000	Sold	Colonial	3	2	1
9610 Clearview Place	\$474,900	\$431,000	Sold	Cape Cod	3	2	
My Listing 125 Normandy Drive	\$399,000	-	Contract	Colonial	3	1	
202 Baden Street	\$479,900	-	Contract	Colonial	3	1	1
My Listing 9711 Lawndale Drive	\$489,000	-	Active	Colonial	4	2	1
9615 Evergreen Street	\$479,900	-	Active	Colonial	4	1	2
9605 Garwood Street	\$399,000	-	Active	Colonial	3	2	
219 Normandy Drive	\$499,000	-	Active	Colonial	4	2	
9411 Flower Avenue	\$489,900	-	Active	Cape Cod	5	2	1
303 Brewster Avenue	\$549,900	-	Active	Colonial	3	2	1
316 Brewster Court	\$435,000	-	Active	Cape Cod	3	2	
9305 Biltmore Drive	\$269,999	-	Active	Rambler	5	2	
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