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Indian Spring News

October 11: Fall Festival

Family Fun at ISCA Fall Fest 2009

by Celeste Raker- Dillen


Come join your neighbors on Sunday, October 11, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Indian Spring Recreational Center for an afternoon of fun and food at the 2009 Indian Spring Fall Fest and Chili Cook-off. Make a batch of your favorite chili and compete for the coveted "Golden Ladle" award. See if you can out cook your friends and neighbors! If chili cooking is not your thing, please bring a side dish, dessert or cornbread to share. Families with last names beginning with A–N should bring a side dish or cornbread; those whose last names begin with O–Z should bring a dessert. This event is free for all ISCA members and will occur rain or shine.

ISCA will provide hotdogs, ice cream floats, a moon bounce, arts and crafts activities, and plenty of games for the young and old! The renowned raffle will also be a part of the day's festivities. Win fabulous prizes and

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General Meeting: September 21 "Silver Spring—Where Are We Going?"

The next general meeting of the Indian Spring Citizens Association will be held on Monday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., at the Indian Spring Recreational Center, 9717 Lawndale Drive (corner of Fairway Ave. and Lawndale Dr.).

The topic will be "Silver Spring—Where Are We Going?" The meeting will consist of a lively discussion about existing and future planning and development in the Silver Spring area. The panel will include Reemberto Rodriguez from the Silver Spring Regional Center; Bill Barron from the Montgomery County Planning Department; and Jennifer Nettles from Downtown Silver Spring, Inc. Please bring your questions and get some answers. 

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Save the Date!

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Silver Spring—
Where Are We Going?"

**Sunday,
October 11**

Fall Festival

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Walter J. Gottlieb, September 2009

It was an action-packed summer for my family and me. Between the beach, the mountains, a couple of international trips, family gatherings, day camp "sharings," and some cool projects at work, my summer memories are already a multicolored blur. I'm sure it's the same for most of you.


The thing is no matter how prepared we thought we were for our summer travels, we often found ourselves needing something at the last minute, and our Indian Spring neighbors were always there to help. I had meant to send away for an EZ pass before a trip up I-95, but I hadn't found the time. No problem. Our across-the-street neighbor lent us an extra EZ pass. (Of course we reimbursed him for the tolls!)

When we were packing for our camping trip, I realized that a friend hadn't returned a tent that I had lent him—a tent we desperately needed. Again, a neighbor (actually, a neighbor's teenage son) came to the rescue, offering not only a tent but an extra air mattress.

The icing on the cake was when our neighbor from a couple of doors down came around with a fresh crop of home-grown tomatoes just before we left for the camping trip. Needless to say, we had fresh tomato slices to garnish our hot dogs at dinner and our scrambled eggs in the morning. I turned to my wife (Becky Granatstein) during one of these trips and said, "You know, if it weren't for our neighbors, these trips wouldn't have been as nice." She agreed wholeheartedly. I already knew (from experience) that the Indian Spring community is there for us—and vice versa—in times of crisis, but it's nice to know that neighbors offer each other the little things that help make something like summer vacation even more pleasant.

We have lived in a number of neighborhoods during our adult lives: New York, Florida, D.C., and other parts of Silver Spring. In some of those neighborhoods, no one really knew each other. Neighbors were anonymous. We happened across Indian Spring almost exactly ten years ago because I saw a classified ad for a house on sale that our real estate agent had missed. The first person we met when we came to look at the house was my neighbor who lent us the EZ pass. "Is this a good place to live?" we asked. "The best," he said.

I mentioned that last anecdote during my first President's Column two years ago. I am now proud to be serving a third term as ISCA president, and I'm thrilled that we have a new board member, Bob Tiller, who answered our call for new participants. With Bob's help, and the continued dedication of our long-serving officers, we are approaching the new season with renewed energy.

Of course, from time to time, my thoughts will inevitably drift back to the summer of '09. 

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gift certificates donated by our local businesses and restaurants. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase (1 ticket for \$1 or 6 for \$5) during the Fall Fest. Winners do not have to be present to win.

As always, VOLUNTEERS are needed to make this day a big success. Please help set-up, clean-up, run the moon bounce, serve ice cream floats, grill hot dogs, and/or provide tables and chairs. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering or being a chili chef, please contact Celeste Raker Dillen at 301-585-8446 or at dillensl@aol.com.

The fall festival is open to all dues paying members. See Phyllis Zusman's article on membership near the end of this newsletter. [↻](#)



Bob Tiller, Board Member, Aging in Place Chair

Bob Tiller retired last year after a career in government relations and public policy advocacy with several nonprofits. In April he was appointed to the Montgomery County Commission on Aging by County Executive Leggett. He and his wife have lived on East Indian Spring Drive for 29 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(This section for announcements about new neighbors, births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc.
Send announcements to thausner@gmail.com)*

We are saddened to learn of the death of

Alan Behall

206 East Indian Spring Drive

date of death 6-11-09

We wish the best to former neighbors George Komatsoulis and Ann Miller, of 9518 Garwood Street, who have moved from our neighborhood in August.

We offer best wishes to Diana Nolan Haslup, daughter of Mike and Enid Nolan, on her wedding this August to Ben Haslup.

Our College-Bound Youth

The following Indian Spring teen-agers are starting their college lives this fall. All graduated in June from either Northwood HS or Montgomery Blair HS. We wish them the best in their college careers.

Camille Huang, Indiana University,
Bloomington, Ind.

Gabbi Winnick, Haverford College,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Lizzie Sauber, University of Maryland,
College Park

Andy Scott, Greensboro College,
Greensboro, N.C.

Wil Jackson, Mary Washington University,
Fredericksburg, Va.

Seth Goldman, Guilford College,
Greensboro, N.C.



Montgomery County Council

From the Office of Councilmember Valerie Ervin

July 10, 2009

Contact: Tony Hausner 301-641-0497
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Safe Silver Spring Summit Steering Committee Releases Recommendations

Over 120 residents and 14 local and regional organizations participated in May 16 Summit at Montgomery College. Recommendations focus on ways to improve safety and coordination.

ROCKVILLE, Md., July 10, 2009 — On May 16, 2009, Councilmember Valerie Ervin, the Presidents' Council of Silver Spring Civic Associations (PREZCO), the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board (SSCAB), and the Silver Spring Regional Service Center (SSRSC) sponsored the first Safe Silver Spring Summit. Fourteen local and regional organizations from the county, state, and federal level, and 120 residents participated in the summit, which included six different workshops. Some of the workshops were targeted to Spanish speakers and local teenagers.

The Summit steering committee has completed its report and will be sending letters to the County Council and County Executive that list the key action steps and recommendations made by the summit participants. Copies of the executive summary and the full report can be obtained by emailing safesilverspring@gmail.com or by calling 301-587-6943.

"The report's recommendations on youth, improving coordination among law enforcement, and methods to improve crime prevention in our neighborhoods, are great first steps. I look forward to working with the steering committee and Silver Spring residents to make the recommendations a reality," said Councilmember Valerie Ervin.

As Chair of the Education Committee, "I have asked the Office of Legislative Oversight to conduct an evaluation of truancy in Montgomery County, and I am working with the State's

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Attorney's Office to evaluate ways we can help children who are not reporting to school and improve our truancy enforcement," said Ervin. "I believe that we can learn from neighboring jurisdictions and develop best practices to ensure that our children attend school as required by law."

Tony Hausner, chair of the steering committee indicated that "we will be sending letters to other participating organizations, including: the Montgomery County Police, the Department of Recreation, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the State's Attorney's Office, the Board of Education, the Montgomery County Planning Board, the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board, and a coalition of local youth groups, named Mixed Unity.

The report's priority recommendations are as follows:

Youth, Schools, and Recreation:

- Evaluate a teen center in central Silver Spring;
- Empower teens to address problems and concerns;
- Focus on civility, for example through arts projects and videos;
- Improve coordination among organizations dealing with truancy;
- Conduct gang workshops for as many relevant groups as appropriate; and
- Develop alternative programs and additional teaching resources for failing students.

Police and Criminal Justice:

- Examine Community Relations Councils similar to those found in Baltimore, which are resident led and work with the police to develop goals and solve major issues;
- Increase proactive community policing efforts;
- Conduct safety assessments for apartment complexes and neighborhoods and ensure corrective action;
- Continue efforts to help police learn and understand cultural barriers;
- Encourage greater use of community listservs by law enforcement; and
- Maximize relations between police departments and other criminal justice agencies.

Neighborhoods, Civic Associations, and the Silver Spring Central Business District:

- Form a non-profit organization to develop solutions and apply for funding;
- Enhance environmental design to reduce crime, e.g. proper public lighting;
- Conduct safety assessments for apartment complexes and neighborhoods and ensure corrective action;
- Install more security cameras in the Silver Spring Central Business District and key neighborhood locations; and
- Strengthen or establish more neighborhood watched where desires.

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Editor's Note: The following press release was issued by councilmember Valerie Ervin in conjunction with the Safe Silver Spring Summit steering committee. Tony Hausner is chair of the committee, representing ISCA. Contact Tony Hausner at thausner@gmail.com for further information or to get involved.

Area Groups Applaud Maryland Gov. O'Malley for Purple Line Support

from Purple Line Now

Light rail line will link housing and jobs in inner suburban Maryland, provide relief to commuters and strengthen the eastside of the region says broad coalition of environmental, smart growth, transit and bicycle advocates.

(New Carrollton, MD) Area groups praised Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley today for announcing his support for the Purple Line as a 16-mile light rail transit project connecting the spokes of the Metrorail system in inner Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. The proposed light rail line is an important investment to give commuters better transit service, revitalize the region's inner suburban communities while protecting the Chesapeake Bay. The 16-mile light rail line will take 20,000 cars off the road and add 48,000 transit trips daily.

"Governor O'Malley has given us the leadership we need to keep Maryland and the region competitive. This is a visionary initiative to enhance our region's transportation choices while revitalizing key communities," said Cheryl Cort, Policy Director for the Coalition for Smarter Growth.

"Thanks to Gov. O'Malley for demonstrating Maryland's commitment to smart, green, transit-oriented development, which will revitalize our neighborhoods and protect and restore our creeks, rivers and the Bay," said Andrew Fellows, Chesapeake Regional Director, Clean Water Action.

"We agree that the Chesapeake Bay can be a significant beneficiary when the State focuses its efforts on obtaining efficient transit such as the Purple Line, and the kind of close-in, compact development that transit enables," said Kim Coble, Maryland Director for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

The Sierra Club Montgomery County group praised Gov. O'Malley's decision. "Once funded by the federal and state governments, this important transit link will help Maryland prepare for a new energy future and protect our climate. The Purple Line is a key part of the solution to stopping sprawl development and preserving Maryland's natural landscapes," said David Hauck, Sierra Club, Montgomery County group.
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The Fate of Sligo Creek Golf Course

*by Merrill Goozner and Woody Brosnan
(Sligo Creek Golf Course Board members)*

Unless the Montgomery County Council intervenes, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will close Sligo Creek Golf Course on October 1st; however, a coalition of neighborhood groups, environmentalists, and golfers has formed the Sligo Creek Golf Association to lobby for saving the course and to raise funds for its improvement.

This 9-hole course is the only Montgomery County public course within the Beltway and is favored especially by young, old, beginner, and female golfers as well as anyone wanting to play a quick round. Thousands of seniors, women, minorities, youths, and novice golfers have learned to play the game on this user-friendly course. Thousands more golfers who work in and around the downtown Silver Spring area frequent the course either before or after work.

The Montgomery County Revenue Authority, which began leasing the course from M-NCPPC in 2006, decided to return the course to M-NCPPC after it failed to win approval for a plan that would have added a two-tier lighted driving range and two putt-putt golf courses. Neighbors and golfers objected to the plan, which would have dramatically altered the course and increased traffic on the already heavily congested Sligo Creek Parkway.

The Revenue Authority claims Sligo Creek loses money, but the Sligo Creek Golf Association is challenging this claim. The Revenue Authority forces Sligo Creek to pay almost a fourth of its revenues, \$139,000, back to the Revenue Authority for a

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Mark Your Calendars and Join the Fun

ISCA FALL FEST 2009

Sunday, October 11

3-5:30 p.m.

INDIAN SPRING

RECREATIONAL CENTER

(Intersection of Fairway Ave. and Lawndale Dr.)

Purple Line Support *(continued from page 7)*

“We commend Governor O’Malley for his commitment to investing in Maryland’s future. The Purple Line in suburban Maryland and the Red line in Baltimore will boost the State’s competitive advantage for economic development while protecting the Bay and providing better transportation choices for Marylanders,” said Jennifer Bevan-Dangel, 1000 Friends of Maryland.

This transit investment helps bicyclists and people who seek alternatives to driving. The rail project includes completing the trail from Bethesda to Silver Spring, long sought by area bicyclists and other trail users. “We are gratified to see Maryland move forward with this rail and trail project. The Purple Line provides better transportation choices and a key trail link for our region,” said Eric Gilliland, Executive Director, Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

Support for the Purple Line as a light rail line connecting downtown Bethesda to Silver Spring, Langley Park, College Park, Riverdale and New Carrollton is widespread across the region.

“We’re thrilled with the governor’s decision to move forward. It promises relief to thousands of commuters and the opportunity to build better communities for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren,” said Ben Ross, President of Montgomery County-based Action Committee for Transit.

“Across our region, we recognize the value of the Purple Line, but it is especially important for connecting workers on the eastside to jobs on the west. Over time, this is a great opportunity to bring more jobs to Prince George’s County,” said Gustavo Torres, Executive Director of CASA de Maryland.

Karren Pope-Onwukwe, co-chair of the Prince George’s Advocates for Community-based Transit, commented: “I’m excited. We’ve been working on this for so long. At the federal level we now have an administration that understands the need for public transportation. At the state level, we have a Governor who understands how important this is to our communities. As our population ages we need more public transit. Everything is aligned for this to move forward.”

Harry Sanders, President of Purple Line NOW!, the regional advocacy coalition for the Purple Line commented, “This is a major advance towards securing federal funding, and getting this important rail link built. It’s now up to our Congressional delegation to ensure the funding is there.”

The long awaited transit line is now ready to seek federal funding. The groups are calling on the Washington, D.C. area Congressional delegation to secure the funding to begin the engineering phase of the project. Once funding is secured, the State anticipates construction to commence in 2014 and service to begin in 2017.

Editor’s note: The following press release was sent out by Purple Line Now (PLN) (www.purplelinenow.com). ISCA is a member of PLN, which includes elected officials, business organizations, environmental groups, civic groups, and many individuals. ISCA voted in 2008 to endorse a light rail option for the Purple Line.

(See past issues of the newsletter from the spring of 2008 on the ISCA web site, www.iscaonline.com.)

Tony Hausner, ISCA board member and past president, is an active leader in PLN as well as two county-wide Purple Line task forces. 

Sligo Creek Golf Course *(continued from page 7)*


“management fee.” Sligo is forced to pay the same fee as the county’s 18-hole and 27-hole courses.

After strong protests from golfers and Silver Spring civic associations, county officials are now considering ways to override the Revenue Authority’s decision.

County Executive Ike Leggett is expected to seek a \$150,000 supplemental appropriation from the Council in September to keep the course open another year. He would appoint a Citizens Advisory Board to consider long-term options.

Council member Valerie Ervin has proposed using Sligo as a therapeutic golf center for disabled veterans.

The Revenue Authority’s golf courses are supported by greens fees paid by the golfers. If the course is shut down, any future costs will be borne by taxpayers.

Please contact the Montgomery County Council (county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov) to make your views known regarding the course. 

Winner of Rhonda Mortensen Scholarship is Announced

by Leila Collins

Susan Branson, a recent graduate from Montgomery Blair High School, has been awarded a \$3,000 college scholarship by The Rhonda Mortensen Group. The scholarship was promoted in Indian Spring News earlier this year.


Rhonda Mortensen, a resident of Silver Spring and a Long & Foster realtor, was looking for a creative way to show her appreciation to families in the neighborhood who have supported her team during the past eight years. With ongoing talk of economic struggles and endless conversations about stimulus packages, Rhonda decided to start a small stimulus of her own. As a mother of three, she immediately saw the difficulties many families faced with dwindled 401Ks and savings. The time seemed right to create an annual program donating \$3,000 to a recent high school grad.

“The program was immediately welcomed with open arms by the Indian Spring, Woodside, and Woodmoor communities. The Gazette helped spread the word, as did the more than 30 schools we contacted in the Maryland metro area,” explained Mortensen.

“We were very impressed with the quality of each application received. The key criterion for the scholarship was a ‘positive attitude’ because our real estate team believes this has led us to successes both personally and professionally,” said Mortensen. “It was a tough choice, but Susie Branson really stood out from the group.”

Susie Branson boasts an impressive resume for a high school graduate. She attended Eastern Middle School and later Montgomery Blair High School’s selective Communication Arts Program. She played varsity lacrosse for four years and became the team captain. She was a record breaking lacrosse player for Blair and Montgomery County Public Schools. Susie served as Features Editor for Blair’s school newspaper and Life Editor of the school yearbook, and she volunteered more than 400 hours in a leadership position for Summer Buddies, a summer program that builds social skills for children with and without disabilities.

Susie will be attending Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, in the fall. She is interested in law and is considering majoring in Political Science with a minor in Business Administration. Susie explained that when she visited Presbyterian she fell “in love” with the school, plus it achieves her desire to “get out of the D.C. bubble” without going “too far out west.”

“Susie is exactly the type of young person we want to support. Her successes so far have undoubtedly been due to her positive attitude, high energy, and dedication to the things she takes on. We are confident that this is just the start of many more accomplishments!” said Mortensen. 



Susie Branson, recipient of the Rhonda Mortensen Group scholarship, and Rhonda Mortensen.



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<i>My Listing</i>	114 Granville Drive	\$439,000	\$429,900	SOLD	Colonial	3	1	1
<i>My Listing</i>	118 University Boulevard E	\$365,000	\$350,000	SOLD	Cape Cod	4	2	
<i>My Listing</i>	9711 Lawndale Drive	\$489,000	\$460,000	SOLD	Colonial	4	2	1
<i>My Listing</i>	125 Normandy Drive	\$399,000	\$388,000	SOLD	Colonial	3	1	
	303 Brewster Avenue	\$549,900	\$530,000	SOLD	Colonial	3	2	1
	215 Normandy Drive	\$365,000	\$365,000	SOLD	Colonial	3	2	
	203 Franklin Avenue	\$449,900	\$420,000	SOLD	Cape Cod	4	2	1
	316 Brewster Court	\$419,900	\$410,000	SOLD	Cape Cod	3	2	
	219 Normandy Drive	\$485,000	\$471,000	SOLD	Colonial	4	2	
	9608 Evergreen Street	\$439,900	\$422,000	SOLD	Rambler	4	2	
	100 Normandy Drive	\$489,000	\$495,000	SOLD	Colonial	3	2	1
	202 Baden Street	\$479,900	\$477,000	SOLD	Colonial	3	1	1
	9 Normandy Drive	\$464,900	-	Contract	Colonial	3	2	1
	9605 Garwood Street	\$339,000	-	Contract	Colonial	3	2	
	9305 Biltmore Drive	\$269,999	-	Contract	Rambler	5	2	
	302 Dearborn Avenue	\$449,500	-	Contract	Tudor	5	3	
<i>My Listing</i>	9626 Lawndale Drive	\$549,000	-	Active	Colonial	3	3	
<i>My Listing</i>	9607 Flower Avenue	\$549,000	-	Active	Rambler	3	2	
<i>My Listing</i>	212 Dearborn Avenue	\$499,000	-	Active	Farm House	4	2	1
<i>My Listing</i>	224 Shorey Road	\$515,000	-	Active	Colonial	3	3	
<i>My Listing</i>	321 University Boulevard E	\$469,900	-	Active	Colonial	3	2	1

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My Volunteer Service with President Obama

by Richard Adamson

President Barack Obama, after signing a bill that would fund AmeriCorps and other volunteer and non-profit organizations, chose to encourage volunteering by doing so himself at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. President Obama scheduled an outing to plant trees along the stream bank. He was accompanied by former President Bill Clinton, Vice President Joe Biden, Michelle Obama, and Jill Biden. The President also asked our local chapter of the Student Conservation Association (SCA) to select its 12 hardest working kids and invite them to help at the event. Thus, I and 11 other students were given the chance of a lifetime to serve with the President. We were briefed for four hours on how to plant young trees and how to act around the “Principals” (as our crew leaders referred to them). The event was so significant for SCA that the President of the organization, Dale Penny, came down from Vermont to attend and to oversee our work.

On the day of the outing, two students were assigned to work directly with each “principal” in a work group, while the other students provided support. I provided each work group with enough mulch and plant food to cover the base of their tree, and so I was given the chance to interact with each work group. We planted Redbuds and Dogwoods, both natives to the surrounding area. Although the principals were only there for an hour or so, and our crew stayed all day to clean up, we were left with photos and memories we won't soon forget.

What I took from this experience was the realization that the President's power comes from the people and not from his position in office. By directly participating in volunteer work, President Obama encouraged citizens all across the nation to pitch in, in the same way. The President can make a decision, but without the support of the people, the decision is meaningless. One man does not have all the power, but the power is shared, and only through cooperative effort can we hope to improve this country in any way. That was the message he tried to teach us by coming out and planting trees that day, and if asked to, we would do it again any day.

Editor's note: Richard Adamson is a senior at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring. His interests include creative writing, video games, and natural conservation. He has been a member of the Student Conservation Association for three years. He is currently applying to colleges for next year, and he plans to major in environmental and ecological studies. His career goals are to become a park ranger or a wildlife biologist. [QR](#)

President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton, along with Indian Spring resident Richard Adamson, volunteer at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens.



Northwood's Rapid Rise Continues

by Jay P. Goldman

Northwood High School is starting the 2009–2010 school year with its largest enrollment since the school reopened in fall 2004. More than 1,400 students are expected on opening day.

This year the school is introducing its Academy of Musical Theater. The academy will be geared toward students interested in pursuing college degrees and professional careers in musical theater, dance, vocal music, and instrumental music. Students will produce and perform in onstage productions. Course work will focus on aspects of musical theater production, including technical production, vocal and instrumental music, dance, and dramatics. In conjunction with the new academy, the backstage area of Northwood's auditorium was renovated during the summer.

Northwood is expanding its partnership with the University of Maryland and Montgomery College. The collaborations will provide Northwood students with an option to take college courses in their area of interest and to work with college students and professors during their senior year at Northwood.

Back to School Night is slated for 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 24. Homecoming will run October 15–17, featuring a pep rally, football game (vs. Wheaton) and dance.


Northwood's population growth has pushed the Gladiators from Class 2A into Class 3A for inter-scholastic athletics. In girls' volleyball, the Northwood and Montgomery Blair High School teams will battle for bragging rights in the neighborhood on October 9 at Northwood's gym, starting with the junior varsity match at 5:30 p.m. and followed by the varsity match at 6:30 p.m. In girls' field hockey, the two schools will square off under the lights at Northwood at 7 p.m. on October 22. The Northwood–Blair girls' and boys' soccer games were played earlier in September. The Northwood–Blair football game will serve as the season-ender at 6:30 p.m. on November 6 at Blair's new, natural-turf playing field.

Northwood is the designated high school for the Indian Spring neighborhood, although students can choose from among four others. 

Support Neighborhood Schools...Painlessly

by Jay P. Goldman

As Indian Spring residents, you can financially support the neighborhood's public schools through easy, "painless" ways, even if you do not have children in any of the schools. There are several ways to do so:

1. Register your Giant BonusCard to designate as many as three schools of your choice to be the beneficiaries of your grocery shopping. The schools receive points for the money you spend. Each area school has a unique five-digit code. (For example, the school code for Northwood High School is 04641.) Sign-up must be done at the start of each school year when Giant re-opens its A+ school support program at the end of August. You can call the BonusCard toll-free hotline at 877-366-2668 or sign up at www.giantfood.com/aplus.
2. Safeway offers financial help to schools during its 8-month program, which runs from October to May. Each school has a separate "Group ID" number. To look up the number and to register visit www.eScrip.com or call 877-SAFEWAY if you do not know your Safeway card number.
3. Northwood HS is collecting cash-register receipts from Snider's Supermarket for purchase made during 2009. Carol Smalls will pick up receipts from any ISCA resident. Call her at 301-585-9682.
4. Office Depot runs a year-long school support program. The customer must tell the cashier they want a particular school to receive the 5% credit. (Cashiers do not prompt customers; each store keeps a notebook with school codes.) 

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News from Highland View PTA

by Amber Khan, HVES PTA President

Back to School News from Highland View
Keeping our neighborhood elementary school strong and helping all students excel is important to the Highland View E.S. PTA and our diverse community. This summer, 30 project coordinators and officers met to begin preparing for the 2009-2010 school year. Our priorities include building a strong community, appreciating our teachers, supporting our students, advocating for resources and providing meaningful ways for parents and the community to support our school.

Setting High Goals

Our goal is to beat our own numbers! Last year we increased our PTA membership by 30% and counted an unprecedented 6,000+ hours of volunteer service over 9 months. Thanks to generous contributions and fundraisers, the PTA was able to provide more than \$6,000.00 in scholarship monies for students to attend field trips, participate in the Spring Carnival and enroll in after-school programs. In addition, affinity programs like the Box Tops and Giant Bonus Bucks generated over \$3,000 for the school to buy materials like the new heavy duty entry mat in the foyer.

These are just a few of our successes but they speak to the generosity of our neighborhood community and reflect the high value we place on supporting our students. We invite all of our neighbors and HVES alum to help us beat last year's numbers by getting involved early and often.

JOIN—Become a PTA Member

At our open house, 35+ families joined. It's not too late! You can join the PTA whether or not you have a student at Highland View. Our PTA meetings are the first Tuesday of every month from 7:15pm – 8:45pm. You can join at the meeting or drop a form off at the school. Every membership of \$10.00 will help us advocate and collectively demonstrates the strength of our organization. Remember, all donations are tax deductible. Contact: Rebecca Lane, 301-587-3383 or Reblane@starpower.net or Liz Hunter, 301-562-9582 or noahdalbey@earthlink.net .

Stay Connected—Join the PTA Listserve

You can opt-in to receive regular updates, reminders and alerts on the HVES PTA list serve that is hosted on YAHOO GROUPS. To join the group, visit the sign-up box at the www.hvespta.com website to add your email address to the list.

Contact: Joe Baremore at baremore@yahoo.com .

Volunteer—Give 3 Hours in 9 Months

This year we are continuing our call for “Three For Me” —asking families and community members to pledge 3 volunteer hours over the next 9 months at Highland View. Whether you are looking for a one-time volunteer opportunity or something more regular, consider giving time to HVES. Volunteer coordinator and ISCA resident Heather Sauter will be publishing “Volunteers Wanted” ads every month featuring needs of teachers and staff. Contact: Heather Sauter at 301-704-0497 or hpowers@realia.com

Grocery Matters—Designate HVES for Affinity Programs

We are encouraging families to support Highland View when they shop for grocery and supplies. The programs listed below generated a total of \$3,027.93 during the 2008-2009 school year!

Giant's (Bonus A+ Bucks), Safeway (e scrip), Snyder's (receipts), Target (red card), General Mills (Box Tops) and Office Depot all have affinity programs where you can designate Highland View to receive a donated portion of your sales. To learn how to sign up visit www.hvespta.com for more information or contact Ingrid Pipher at 301-589-7519. *continued on page 14*

Calling all chili chefs for the annual ISCA chili challenge! Compete for the “Golden Ladle” award and a gift certificate from Hard Times Café during the ISCA Fall Fest, Sunday, October 11. Contact Eileen Fisher for details at eileenfisher@yahoo.com.

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Order Mums—Turn Forms In By September 16th

Place your orders for beautiful fall mums! The proceeds from the HVES Fall Mum Flower Sale supports field trips, scholarships and cultural arts programming. The order forms can be found online at www.hvespta.com and are due on September 16th. The pick up day will be on Saturday, October 3rd from 10 a.m. until Noon. Contact: Rebecca Lane, 301-587-3383 or Reblane@starpower.net or Liz Hunter, 301-562-9582 or noahdalbey@earthlink.net

Donate Blood—Saturday, October 3rd from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Help others by donating blood at the Red Cross blood drive that will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at HVES in the All Purpose Room. Sign up sheets will be sent home in upcoming “Thursday Folders” and will be posted online providing details on how to make an appointment. To learn about blood donor eligibility visit www.my-redcross.org. Contact: Ingrid Pipher at 301-589-7519.

Get A Flu Shot—Tuesday, October 6th at HVES from 3:45 until 8 p.m.

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will be administering the seasonal flu vaccination free of charge for enrolled MCPS elementary school students (with parental consent). However, this does not extend to adult family members or siblings not enrolled at the school. Therefore, on October 6th the HVES PTA will host a flu clinic is being held to provide family members, neighbors and siblings over 2 years of age with either flu shot or nasal spray. The PTA will host a flu clinic at Highland View offering flu vaccines (injections) and the flu mist (nasal spray) for individuals who are 2 years and older. For those who pre-register, the cost of vaccines (injections) will be \$25.00 and the flu mist (nasal spray) will be \$30.00. Beginning September 6th, you can pre-register by calling 1-866-783-3014 or go online at <https://secure.flubusters.com/home.aspx>.

For those who do not pre-register, please note that only injections will be available for walk-ins for a charge of \$27.00. Please note that Medicaid and Medicare Part B will be accepted with proof of coverage and a photo id and that insurances will accept the forms submitted.

Can you help? If you a licensed health professional in Maryland and would like to volunteer time to help out please contact Lynne Harris, 240-462-1483 or lharris@jhsph.edu or Jessica Graef at jessicangraef@verizon.net .

More Updates Online

To learn more about Highland View go to www.hvespta.com. If you have questions about upcoming events, please contact coordinators directly or contact the PTA President Amber Khan at 301-758-7275 or choprakhan@gmail.com. 

***Don't miss the Fall Fest Raffle!
Tickets will be available for purchase
at the annual ISCA Fall Fest on Sunday,
October 11 starting at 3:00 p.m. Tickets will
be 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will go
towards covering the costs of ISCA events
hosted throughout the year. Oh, and bring
those extra address labels that you get in
the mail so that you can quickly, easily and
legibly place your contact information on the
backs of the tickets. You do not need to be
present to win; we just need to be able
to contact you.***

***If you are a business owner and want some
free publicity, consider donating an item for
the Fall Fest Raffle. Contact Anne Keeler
for details at akeeler@rcn.com.***

Indian Spring Babysitting Co-op Seeks Members

by Heather Sauter

Would you like to go out to dinner but don't have a reliable babysitter? Or run to the store without the kids? Have the money to go out but not the money for a sitter?

In existence for almost forty years, the Indian Spring Babysitting Co-op is organized for the mutual benefit of parents in the Indian Spring community. Co-op members call on each other when they need sitters. Payment is through an exchange of points, not cash, making date nights more affordable and running errands more convenient. Joining the co-op is free and limited to 35 families. Learn more by attending a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 at 7:45 p.m. at Heather Sauter's home, 9619 Lawndale Dr. Questions: Contact Heather Sauter at hpowers@realia.com (put Babysitting Co-op in the subject line) or call 301-565-4013. ☞

Indian Spring Playgroup

by Heather Sauter

In 2002, another mother and I started a playgroup for our one-year-olds. Eager to meet other stay-at-home parents, we met weekly. During the ensuing years, terrific friendships were formed, and lots of helpful tips were shared about parenting, preschools, and childhood illness. My oldest is now entering third grade, but his two-year-old brother and I still participate. The group is now comprised of a whole different set of families! I'm glad to see the playgroup continues to meet its objective, and I want to extend an invitation to other Indian Spring families to participate. We're an informal bunch that meets weekly at 10:30 a.m. on either Tuesday or Thursday morning, depending upon the host family. On hiatus for the summer, we will resume in September. So, if you're a parent with young children and are new to Indian Spring or a parent looking for some adult conversation, please join us. Email me, Heather Sauter, at hpowers@realia.com (put Playgroup in the subject line) or call me at 301-565-4013 for the schedule. ☞



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Downtown Silver Spring Calendar of Events, September

Saturday, Sep 12th:

Silver Spring Jazz Festival 2009, 3:30 – 10:45 p.m.
Fenton Street Market, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Silver Spring Farmers Market / FreshFarm Market,
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
The Sparkplugs at McGinty's, 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sep 13th:

Dog Days of Downtown Silver Spring, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Sep 14th:

Gary Grainger Plays Jazz at Blair Mansion Inn,
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music at 8:00 p.m.
Silver Spring Sings, Karaoke Night at Austin Grill,
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sep 15th:

Silver Spring Book Discussion Group:
Charlie Wilson's War, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sep 17th:

Matt Weilmeunster at McGinty's, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Sep 18th:

Cheap Date at McGinty's, 10:00 p.m.
Tiffany Rogers Plays Jazz at Nicaro, 8:00 – 11:00
p.m.

Saturday, Sep 19th:

Silver Spring Farmers Market / FreshFarm Market,
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
The Merchants of Cool at McGinty's, 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sep 20th:

"Mastering Your Money" Financial Literacy Event,
Noon – 3 p.m.
The Sweet Sixteens w/ Beat Beat at Quarry House,
7:00 p.m.

Monday, Sep 21st:

Gary Grainger Plays Jazz at Blair Mansion Inn,
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music at 8:00 p.m.
Silver Spring Sings, Karaoke Night at Austin Grill,
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
The Thad Wilson Group at Vicino's, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sep 23rd:

Latin American Film Festival 2009 opening

Thursday, Sep 24th:

Johnny Graves at McGinty's, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Sep 25th:

Jaared at Blair Mansion Inn, 8:00 p.m.
Midnight Java, 10:00 p.m.
Tiffany Rogers Plays Jazz at Nicaro,
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sep 26th:

Magical Montgomery Cultural Fair, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Hang the DJ at McGinty's, 10:00 p.m.
Silver Spring Farmers Market / FreshFarm Market,
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Sep 28th:

Gary Grainger Plays Jazz at Blair Mansion Inn,
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music at 8:00 p.m.
Silver Spring Sings, Karaoke Night at Austin Grill,
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sep 29th:

Bedtime Stories with Mother Goose & Friends,
7:00 p.m.

<http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/calendar>

Indian Spring Children and Adults Learn Safety Tips during National Night Out

by Marian Lally and Vanessa Krabacher

On the evening of August 4th, more than 20 Indian Spring residents gathered at the Indian Spring Recreational Center to celebrate National Night Out, a nationwide program that aims to reduce crime.

A number of Montgomery County Park Police officers, including McGruff the doggy detective, greeted ISCA neighbors, gave away whistles, safety strobe lights, key chains, pens, and lots of information on ways we can reduce crime in our parks and neighborhoods. Thanks to Vanessa Krabacher, all attendees including the police officers were treated to ice cream pops in the air conditioned Recreational Center.

The Montgomery County Parks Police set up a table of giveaways and information and stayed the entire time evening talking with neighbors. Kids were especially delighted with the red blinking lights; less by the pedestrian safety aspect that makes their parents happy than by the neat blinking frequencies! Pens, coloring books, information on County Parks, safety tips, magnets and more rounded out the Parks full table!

The Attorneys office also had a table of handouts with a wide range of safety and gang-prevention information. ISCA Watch also set up a table with news about our Neighborhood Watch.

The Montgomery Police arrived mid-evening with lights flashing on their patrol cars, vans and motorcycles. They even brought McGruff, the Safety Dog and glow-stick laces!

Police are citizen-focused, responding to the needs of individuals and communities. In addition to keeping us safe, they also perform community outreach (like National Night Out visits!) to stay in contact and talk with us.

One item the Parks Police stressed was that their effectiveness is tied closely to community involvement: citizens like us are key to extending on-the-ground observation for the police. Keeping our eyes open for suspicious activity around our neighborhood, securing our houses and cars to lower 'temptation', and staying in touch with one another so we have the support of our neighbors: these are all ways to supplementing police presence so they can better serve us.

The Park Police urged residents to call the non-emergency Park Police number (301-949-3010) if they witness any suspicious behavior or vehicles at or around the Indian Spring Recreational Center or elsewhere in Montgomery County parks. Residents were told to call 911 if they witness a criminal act or if immediate police help is needed.

As one officer stated, keeping our eyes and ears open and communicating with each other is one of the best ways to keep crime at bay.

We want to thank the following police and staff in particular:

From Montgomery County Police Department
Lt. Paul Liquorie, Deputy Commander of SS district
Community Relations Officer Joy Patil
Lt. Steve D'Ovidio

From Park Police
Corporal Andrew Loudermilk
Sgt. Nicole Adams
Officer Chuck Holmes

Staff from the State's Attorney's Office 



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Indian Spring's National Night Out
Clockwise from the upper right: Cpl. Loudermilk and Lt. Liquorie; Marian Lally, ISCA residents, Officer Joy Patil; Lt. Pat Liquorie, Crime Dog McGruff, and staff from State's Attorney office; Sgt. Adams and Officer Holmes talk with ISCA residents; Pat Reynolds, Sgt. Nicole Adams, Tracey and Amara Chambers
 (photos by Vanessa Krabacher)



Fourth of July Recap

by Arlene Montemarano

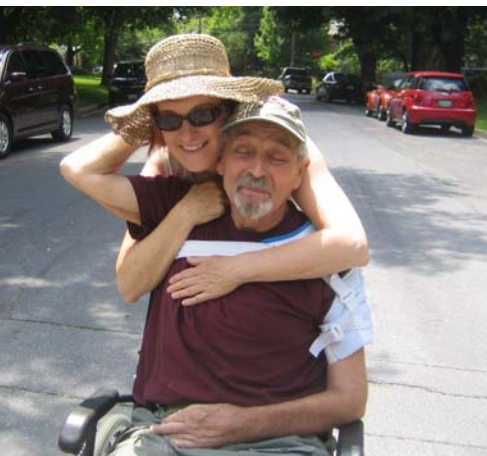
Indian Spring's 4th of July celebration was about as pleasant as any community event could be.

Of course the weather is always crucial, and this year it achieved perfection: sunny, dry, warm but not scorching, and breezy but not enough to maddeningly and constantly blow decorations off the tables (as happened a few times before).

With the weather on our side, ISCAites began to show up, well decorated and cheery. Bikes and flags were everywhere.

There was the parade, followed by watermelon, ice pops, popcorn, and fund-raising lemon/limeade, just as in previous years. Ah, and the beloved water slide/moon bounce! (Check out this wonderful, local small business: bouncefest@bouncefest.net.)

But this time we had something added—ISCA's Talent Show. We were treated to some amazing performances (and young courage). The event was hosted by Jim



**On the left: Dave Schieber and Arlene Montemarano
(photo by Sarah Morgan)**

Above: Angela and Don Henley (photo by Toba Hausner)

Hoskinson from the front porch of the always generous Ole and Jeannie Varmer.

Speaking of generous, Amber Kahn and Vivek Chopra offered up their front lawn for the water slide, which became the source of all those joyful squeals, screams, and laughter that made everyone within earshot smile. That kind of racket is positively musical.

Being entrusted with the heavy responsibility of popping all that corn, Dave and I were continually remarking at the politeness of the children. Even though cups of it were right there in grabbing range, the kids still asked, "May I please have some popcorn?" and then responded with, "Thank you very much." And that was with or without parents present. We were impressed with the caliber of manners-training by Indian Spring parents, so refreshing to a couple of old codgers like us.

The proceeds from the lemonade/limeade sale were gratifyingly 50% higher than last year. The entire amount will be hand delivered to the headquarters of the Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans of America in D.C. This organization is staffed by veterans, exemplary individuals who give their all to help damaged and often highly needy returning vets. Obviously they need all the help they can get. Sophie and Sam Hills will do the presentation, as always, but this time they will be joined by Olivia O'Neill. Sophie, who is 9 years old, did the majority of the selling, and she was obviously very good at it. It was her grandpa, Don Hills,


who built the lemonade stand three years ago, which is now carefully stored away until next year. Maddie Boyer made the sign.

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Fourth of July Recap *(continued from page 19)*

It is good to have personal contact with our political representatives, and that Saturday we were visited by Sheila Hixson, State Delegate, and Jamie Raskin, Maryland State Senator, both from our District 20.

Lastly, I would like to thank the many volunteers, whose willing muscles and brains made the work easier and achievable. Although there were too many to provide a complete list, here are a few of the stand-outs: Sophie Hills was assisted by her friend Olivia O'Neill at the lemonade stand. The lemonade/limeade was mixed in the house, and repeatedly brought out, by Kristen Henley-Hills, Sophie's mom. Jennifer and Bruce Holland were everywhere offering their help. Diane Tyler helped to set up. Celeste Raker-Dillen and Eileen Fisher sliced watermelons and set up beverages. Normandy Brannigan handed out the ice pops. Jennifer Chambers painted many eager little faces. Dave Hills took a slew of photos, as did others. (Many pictures from the event are viewable at www.iscaonline.com.)

Thanks also to the many parents who worked a shift in the hot sun as moon-bounce monitors, including Harvey Valentine, Steve Pierce, Jim Caron, Brian Ng, Carolyn Hoskinson, Joe Kowal, and others. To all of these folks, and quite a few more, your help was appreciated and was absolutely a significant part of the celebration. Great countries are, after all, made up of great neighborhoods. 



Above: Jen and Bruce Holland (photo by Dave Hill); Upper right: Sophie Hill and Olivia O'Neill (photo by Sarah Morgan); Right: Delegate Sheila Hixson and Senator Jamie Raskin (photo by Toba Hausner)

Downtown Silver Spring Calendar of Events, early October

Saturday, October 3rd:

Silver Spring Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Shred It Day, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, October 4th:

**"Step Forward" Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance Walk,
1 – 5 p.m.**

Monday, October 5th:

**Silver Spring Sings, Karaoke Night at Austin Grill,
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Saturday, October 10th:

Silver Spring Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more upcoming events, visit

<http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/calendar>

ISCA Meeting on Energy

On June 8, ISCA hosted a general meeting focused on energy conservation. Brian Ng, from ISCA and the EPA organized the meeting. Susan Conbere, from Energy Penguin, Inc. a home energy audit firm, was the key speaker. Anne Morris, an ISCA resident briefly discussed a WGES savings program.

More details to come next month.



**On the left: Anne Morris
Above: Susan Conbere, Energy Penguin
at the ISCA Energy Meeting
(photos by Walter Gottlieb)**

ISCA Membership

by Phyllis Zusman

The Fall Fest will take place on Saturday, October 11. It has always been one of the most popular and successful events sponsored by the Indian Spring Citizens' Association. We hope you will plan to attend.

To attend the Fall Fest you must be current in your dues. To determine your membership status, please check the following list of current dues-paying members. If your name is not included or if you are unsure of your status, please call Phyllis Zusman at 301-587-9063 or e-mail me at fzusman@erols.com, and I will check your status. Paying during the afternoon of the event is an option, but it does cause delays. Just a reminder, dues are now \$15.00 per household. You can pay online at iscaonline.com or see coupon in this newsletter.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME(s)	PAID THRU
Acosta	Carlos & Ann-Marie	4/1/2010
Acworth	Will	11/1/2009
Aley/Harris	William/Dan .	9/15/2011
Anderson	Nancy	9/1/2010
Arbacher	Judith	10/1/2010
Auerbach	David & Laura	11/1/2010
Baker/Penoyer	Hilda/Brian	5/1/2011
Balmer	Cathy & Arthur	12/1/2009
Barry	Lisette & Jerome	11/1/2010
Beatty	Charles/ Judy	9/1/2010
Blais/Smith	Catherine & Wayne	4/15/2010
Blasdell	Jennifer	3/1/2011
Bond-Lamberty	Monica and Ben	11/1/2009
Boyar	Jay & Gail	4/1/2011
Bridgewater	Monica	6/1/2010
Brigham	Robert	7/1/2010
Bryce	Beverly	4/1/2010
Bullock	Ann & Robert	11/1/2010
Burke/Bodammer	Robin & Andrew	5/1/2010
Carlson	Lesley & Eric	11/1/2009
Caron/Dart	Liz & Tim	11/1/2009
Carroll	Siobhan	11/1/2009
Case	Donna & David	11/1/2009
Cason	Jennifer, Tom,	11/1/2011
Chambers/Kowell	Jennifer & Joseph	4/15/2011
Chang	Linda & William	1/15/2010
Chopra/Khan	Vivek/Amber	11/1/2009
Clark	Chris and Tim	4/15/2010
Collins/Huang	Ann & Chris	2/1/2010
Colucci	Abigail & James	3/1/2010
Cossu/Ayzanoa	Maria & Gerardi	5/15/2011
Cowgill/Smith	Audrey & Steve	4/1/2011
Crowley	Meghan	11/1/2009
Dalbey/Hunter	Matthew/elizabeth	4/15/2010
Damare	Michelle & Ryan	6/1/2010
D'Antuono	Matthew & Carol	10/15/2009
David	Catherine & Brice	11/1/2010
Day/Urgo	Kelly & Brian	10/15/2009
Dietz	Lou Ann & James	5/15/2010
Dooley	Elizabeth & Sean	11/1/2009

Fee/Miller	Colleen, Jack & Jonah	11/1/2009
Flanigan	David	4/1/2010
Fowler/Pressley	Susan & Nelson	2/15/2010
Frye	Mary Anne & Don	10/15/2009
Fuller/Tiddle	Pamela/Melody	10/15/2009
Gadol	Ellis	5/1/2010
Gallagher	Jeffrey & Vivien	12/1/2009
Gannon/Saragivutz	John & Barbara	7/1/2010
Ganzel/Schneider	Penny & Edwin	11/1/2009
Gavin	Marie & Robert	4/15/2010
Gillis	Diane & Stephen	10/1/2010
Gladmon	Sandy & Jim	6/15/2011
Gottlieb/Granatstein	Becky & Walter	4/15/2010
Gottlieb/Miller	Arlene & Chaz	11/1/2009
Graef/Anderson	Jessica & Gary	11/1/2009
Greenstein	Gail	11/1/2009
Gunn	Philip	12/1/2010
Guse/Shelton	Brian/Theran	5/1/2010
Hammer	Jeanne	11/1/2009
Hanna/Srinivasan	Nancy & Suresh	4/1/2011
Harlen	Kevin & Sarah	4/15/2010
Hartnett	Johnette T.	10/15/2009
Hatcher	Mike & Betsy	11/1/2009
Hausner	Tony & Toba	3/15/2011
Hendler/Kuszmerski	Alex/Natalie	4/15/2010
Higgins	Ann & Paul	3/1/2010
Hoelman	Malinda & Louis	6/15/2010
Hoffman	Marc	11/1/2009
Holland	Jennifer & Bruce	4/1/2010
Holley	Robert and Danica	11/1/2009
Howe/Ratkowski	Susan/Patrick	11/15/2011
Howell/Moga	Leah & Josh	12/1/2009
Hulsebus/Rose	Sage/Jon	5/1/2010
Iyer	Prem	4/1/2010
Jackson	Kelly & Dave	7/15/2011
Janus	Cynthia	5/10/2010
Jasper/Gondi	Christine & Robi	4/15/2010
Jenkins	Shawn & family	1/15/2010
Jordan	Diane & Stewart	7/31/2011
Kaesherrick	Nancy & Kirk	5/1/2010
Kay	Peggy & Fred	12/1/2009

Keeler/Dinkel	Ann & Matt	4/1/2010
Kelly	Jan & Terry	7/1/2010
Kelly	Patricia	10/20/2009
Kent	Karen Nelson	11/15/2010
Kilmer	Jaquenette & Kelly	4/1/2010
Kirkham	Patricia	3/1/2010
Kravis	Laura & Jonathan	7/1/2010
Kruhm/Edgley	Gail & Jerry	12/31/2009
Landers/Denniston	Kathleen/Alan	11/1/2009
Lane/Kokkinakis	Rebecca & Steven	12/1/2009
Lilly	Amy	6/1/2010
Lilly	Terese	12/1/2010
Linstrom	Ann & Tom	11/1/2009
Loether	Sandy & Paul	8/1/2010
MacDonald	John & Carol	10/15/2013
Magin	Elizabeth	6/1/2011
Magno	Linda	4/1/2010
Manale	Andrew & Shizumi	5/1/2010
Manning	Richard & Anita	4/15/2011
Marchionini	Brian & Ashley	4/15/2010
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McDonald	Sarah & Eric	11/1/2010
McGann	Jim & Lyn	7/1/2010
McGuinness	Liz	4/15/2010
McGuire	Juanita & John	5/1/2010
Miller	Jolyne	12/1/2009
Miller/Procopio	Jason & Cicely	12/1/2009
Mitrano	Catherine & Nicholas	2/1/2010
Moats	Sue	12/1/2009
Montemarano/Schieber	Arlene & Dave	12/1/2009
Moorin	Bernard & Aida	6/1/2010
Morris	Anne & Willard	6/15/2010
Morrison	Anita/William	12/1/2011
Mosher	Peter G	10/1/2010
Nasser	Michael & Hayat	4/1/2010
Newhouse	Corliss	4/1/2010
Niefeld	Todd & Chrissy	12/1/2009
Ortman-Fouse	Jill & David	4/1/2010
Papile/Scott	Louise & Jack	5/15/2010
Parachini	Elaine & Lawrence	8/15/2010
Parrent	Tony & Mary Ann	6/1/2010
Pelz/Butler	Mary & Michael	10/1/2010
Peterson/Brown	Stephanie & Gregg	4/1/2010
Petullo	David & Susan	6/1/2011

Pizer	Gerald & Stephany	2/1/2010
Pritzlaff	Charles & Olivia	5/1/2010
Raue	Elaine & Francis	4/1/2010
Reser/Swope	David/Dom	3/1/2010
Reynolds	Pat & Bill	4/1/2010
Rixse	Steve	5/15/2010
Roberts	Winifred	4/1/2010
Ropeik/Shauer	Larry & Janet	10/15/2009
Rose	Bernice	6/15/2010
Rothrock/Grovic	Holly & Mark	4/15/2010
Roule	Trifin & Jeannie	10/15/2010
Russell/Mason	Sage & Jeff	12/15/2009
Ryan	Ed	4/1/2011
Sahli	Barbara	4/15/2010
Sahli	Nancy	12/1/2009
Salon/Goldman	Rebecca & Jay	11/1/2009
Sauter	Heather & Daniel	4/15/2010
Schantz	Donna & Lloyd	11/15/2009
Shah	Vrinda	1/1/2010
Shay	Randy & Dave	10/1/2010
Shead	Grace & James	10/1/2010
Shiffer/Campbell	Rebecca & Robert	1/15/2011
Siniawsky/Sutter	Beth & Doug	7/1/2010
Snail	Keith & Malika	4/1/2010
Sperling	Delight & Thomas	4/1/2010
Stephan	Kathleen & Robert	10/1/2010
Summers/Shoop	Laureen & Earl	11/1/2009
Sweitzer/Richert	Karen & Mark	10/1/2010
Tasaki/Ng	Allegra/Brian	6/1/2010
Tellez	Carlos & Rachel	10/15/2010
Thomas	Elizabeth & William	4/1/2010
Tiller	Elaine & Bob	4/15/2010
Tortorelli/Allen	Valeria & Jan	11/1/2009
Turpen	Elizabeth	11/1/2009
Tyler	Diane & James	4/15/2010
Volz	May & Lars	4/1/2010
Wallmo/Hovis	Kristy/Jerry	6/1/2011
Walterman	Frances & Scott	12/15/2009
Warden	Joanna & Andrew	11/1/2010
Washington	Susan	4/15/2010
Whalen	Jennifer & Richard	11/1/2009
Williamwoski	Dorothy & Edward	12/15/2011
Wilson	David & Sue	11/1/2009
Winfield	Frank & Dorothy	7/1/2010
Winick/Carley	Iantha & Paul	10/15/2010
Woodhams	Jim & Marca	4/1/2011
Young/Holland	Dave/Stacey	5/1/2013
Zusman	Phyllis & Fred	10/1/2010



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Tom, I want to tell you that we've received a lot of positive feedback from neighbors saying how great our house showed this past weekend. I've told them that we followed every single one of your recommendations to the best of our ability. That was Soooo important. I tell everyone that I cannot stress that enough!

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"Thank you Tom for all the work you did getting our house on the market and sold quickly. And a special thanks to your team for their professionalism, get it done attitude and all the time they spent getting our house staged for sale. It was a pleasure working with them and you during this time."

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