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# Indian Spring News

## President's Column

by Walter Gottlieb

There has been another brouhaha on the ISCA listserv about postings of events for political causes. It's the second time in a little more than a year that relatively innocuous postings—most recently for an Obama health care reform event and earlier a posting about helping to fight global warming—have generated heated online discussion.

The posting about global warming was put up by a civic-minded neighborhood teenager who was fairly stunned that his listserv item had offended some members of the community. A lengthy volley of emails from members of various political viewpoints followed.

At that point, the ISCA Board was asked to review listserv policies, which have always been relatively relaxed. The Board issued a new set of guidelines

(or "Golden Rules", as we called them) that the community was asked to follow on a voluntary basis. We do not have a mediated listserv where a moderator has the power to remove postings, and still believe a mediated listerv is not necessary.

Those Golden Rules called for courtesy, avoidance of profanity and hate speech, and other common sense guidelines. By and large, the guidelines have served us well.

None of the postings for political causes or events have violated the guidelines in any way. Nonetheless, some members of the community feel that political postings are inappropriate for the listserv. Some have suggested creating a separate political listserv for ISCA.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Walter J. Gottlieb, October 2009

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The Board is now prepared to revisit the listserv issue in light of complaints about political postings. We will review the listserv policy carefully and with an open mind. I suggest we set aside time at an upcoming General Meeting so that ISCA members can air their views and try to come to a consensus.

I don't speak for the entire board nor for the entire community, of course, and am open to other viewpoints. Personally, I feel that as long as postings do not violate the common sense guidelines we adopted last year, they are perfectly appropriate for the listserv. I believe that creating a separate political listserv would open up a new can of worms in two ways. First, it would deny access to the 600+ members of the current listserv to relevant information about political causes and events that the community might legitimately be interested in. Secondly, it might be a slippery slope trying to determine what is "political" and what is not. Who's to say? Since we don't have a moderated listserv, it may be difficult.

Sometimes democracy is a messy thing. I prefer to allow political postings so long as they are civil, courteous, and do not contain hate speech or support hate groups, just like the Golden Rules say. Then, if people object to the viewpoints expressed, they can say so on the listserv or however else they prefer. That's what Democracy is all about, right? 

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(This section for announcements about new neighbors, births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc.)*

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No new announcements submitted this month. Please send announcements for the next issue.

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# Crime Report

from Joyce Stocker

The following crimes were reported to the Montgomery County Police from the Indian Spring Community. The date and time listed are when/where the crimes were reported, not necessarily committed.

<b>9/23 8:30am</b>	<b>YMCA</b>	<b>Theft from Vehicle</b>
<b>9/15 9:12pm</b>	<b>300 block of Normandy Dr</b>	<b>Theft</b>
<b>9/10 7:38am</b>	<b>9300 block of Worth Ave</b>	<b>Theft from Vehicle</b>
<b>9/10 6:46am</b>	<b>400 block of Leighton Ave</b>	<b>Theft from Vehicle</b>
<b>9/2 9:18am</b>	<b>9400 block of Colesville Rd</b>	<b>Theft from Vehicle</b> 

## ISCA General Meeting – 9/21/09: Silver Spring – Where Are We Going

Meeting led by Eileen Fisher, ISCA VP for Civic Affairs. Program organized by ISCA Board Member Tony Hausner.

**Guests:**

Reemberto Rodriguez, New Silver Spring Regional Center Director  
 Jennifer Nettles, Downtown Silver Spring  
 Bill Barron, Montgomery County Planning Department, was unable to attend due to illness.

Articles forthcoming in next issue from participants.  
 Meeting photos courtesy of Tony Hausner. 



*top: isca members at meeting listening to speakers  
 bottom: Reemberto Rodriguez, Silver Spring Regional Director, and Jennifer Nettles, Manager, Downtown Silver Spring, Inc.*



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## News from Northwood High School

by Ann Bullock

PTSA parents at Northwood High School are now busily working on the Third Annual Fall Fest to be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>—a fun community event for families and students. As the “small” neighborhood high school, Northwood takes prides in it’s strong sense of community. For many of our families, this is what drew them to Northwood.

Fall Fest begins at 4:30 p.m. with the Drumline competition, under the able direction of Music Director, Mr. Jeffrey Johns. Northwood will host drumlines from a number of other local schools in addition to the featured guest—The Washington Redskins Drumline—starting at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Great fun to watch with kids who like loud music!

Stick around afterwards for dinner, Silent Auction (After Prom Fundraiser) and Game Night (this geared to middle school and high school kids)—all happening simultaneously in the cafeteria beginning around 6:30 p.m. Dinner from Lucia’s (local Italian restaurant on University Blvd near Georgia Avenue—and a strong supporter of NHS).

### **2009 Northwood High School Fall Fest, November 14th (on University Boulevard @ Arcola)**

**4:30 p.m. Drumline Competition begins,  
Kaplan Stadium** concessions will be available

**6:00 p.m. FallFest Café opens, cafeteria  
Family dinner & dessert**

**6:00 – 8:30p.m. Silent Auction—cafeteria  
6:30 – 9:00p.m. Game Night—cafeteria  
(sponsored by Senior Class)**

**Consider a donation to the auction—advertise  
your business and support Northwood’s After Prom  
Call Liz Dunn at 301/587-1670.**

**Proceeds benefit Music Booster, After Prom and  
Class of 2010.**

Many parents have told us that Fall Fest was a great introduction to one of the local high school choices for their middle school student. And a great place to meet and talk to current Northwood parents.

Northwood Sports Update: Gladiator Girls’ cross-country continued their utter dominance in dual meetings shutting out Paint Branch, Seneca Valley, Wheaton and Watkins Mill in recent weeks. All of Northwood’s top 5 girls have yet to be beaten by any girl runner in a dual meet! The Boys Varsity cross-country, which has not been beaten in a dual meet since 9/11/2008, continued their despotic reign by dispatching Paint Branch, Seneca Valley and Wheaton.

The Down County Consortium Cross-Country Championships will be held at Northwood this year on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Register and run a race yourself! Register your elementary and middle school students who like running. See for details about participating or contact Coach Sauter (michael\_t\_sauter@mcpsmd.org).

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 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24. Homecoming will run October 15–17, featuring a pep rally, football game (vs. Wheaton) and dance.

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## News from Highland View PTA

by Amber Khan, HVES PTA President

September was a busy month of activities but the numbers are encouraging—parent participation and support from our community of neighbors and alums continues to soar!

### Ice Cream Social Draws 400+ students, parents, alums and neighbors


Despite the drizzling rain, over 400 pieces of ice cream and frozen treats were served at this year's ice cream social as students and families reconnected and enjoyed the moon bounce provided by KAH and tunes of our very own DJ Jimmy "Bingo" Hoskinson. This free PTA sponsored social for the community was just one of the many "Back to School" events that took place in September at Highland View. A special thanks to coordinators Liz Hunter and Rebecca Lane and all those who helped set-up, serve and clean-up!

### PTA Meeting Draws 70 New and Returning Parents

Over 70 parents attended the September 1<sup>st</sup> PTA meeting to learn about programs and plans for the year while more than 20 new home room parents came together on September 20<sup>th</sup> for orientations. Volunteer coordinators have been busily working to support health and wellness and community service projects for activities in early October including HVES Community Service Day and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flu Clinic.

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### Northwood HS *continued from page 5*

Northwood's population growth has pushed the Gladiators from Class 2A into Class 3A for interscholastic 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 7:00 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. 

### HVES Parent Raises Question for Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

Beyond HVES our parent leaders are also advocating for all students. In September, Jill Ortman-Fouse was invited to an education town hall program featuring Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan. Aired live on WETA and online, Ortman-Fouse raised questions about the resources and expectations placed on schools with diverse populations with varied abilities, challenges and needs. To view the forum, visit [www.hvespta.com](http://www.hvespta.com).

### 400+ Mum Orders—Fall Fundraiser a Success!

The generosity of our community rang through as we tallied orders for Mums—this year we sold more than 400 pre-ordered mums which helped us reach our Fall Mum Sale goals. To date over \$1,100 has been raised to directly benefit HVES students. The money raised will directly support field trip transportation costs, after school enrichment scholarships, cultural arts programs, and community building events. A special thanks to Liz Hunter and Rebecca Lane for their leadership and the volunteers who assisted in all aspects of coordination to make this year's Fall Mum Sale a success!

### Join Us for Family Dinner Night at El Golfo Night on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy great food, good company at El Golfo for HVES Family Dinner Night on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Eat in or take out between 5–10pm—just let your server know that you're supporting HVES and the PTA will receive a percentage of the dinner sales to support our scholarship opportunity fund and cultural arts programming. El Golfo is located 8739 Flower Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

### Donate HVES Spiritwear and Help Kids on the Playground Stay Warm

Not all kids at Highland View have clothing for the chilly weather of Fall. This year we are collecting gently used HVES Spiritwear which will be laundered by volunteers and distributed by playground staff and teachers to kids who are in need of an extra layer of warmth as the weather gets chilly. If you have items to donate or would like to make a designated tax-deductible contribution, please drop off items in the Main Office or make checks payable to the HVES PTA with a memo note indicating donation intent.

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**Collect Box Tops and Designate HVES for Bonus Bucks and Affinity Programs**

Last year, affinity rewards totaled more than \$3,000.00 in funds to help purchase supplies and resources for the school including a new heavy duty entry mat that helps keep the halls clean. It's easy and makes a difference.

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](http://www.hvespta.com) for more information or contact Ingrid Pipher @ 301-589-7519.

**Sign the Volunteer Logbook in the Main Office**

If you volunteer at HVES don't forget to sign and log your hours in the new and improved volunteer log book is now located in the main office on the top counter by the sign-in station. Every hour counts and helps us document and demonstrate the hours of service provided by parents, friends and community members. A team of volunteers tabulate these numbers and submit them to Montgomery County Public Schools.

When you contribute 3 hours as part of our 3 for Me initiative, you will earn an "Eagle Feather" and help us meet our goals for the school year.

**Donate Halloween Costumes for School Parade on Friday, October 30th**

If your kids have outgrown their costumes but others might find them useful, consider donating gently used and clean outfits to Highland View for children in need. We don't want anyone to feel left out and will provide a "closet" of options for students who do not have costumes of their own. Donations can be left in the Main Office.

The message behind the numbers is encouraging— participation and support of our community and volunteer leaders continues to soar. Indeed it's been a busy season but one that gives us a chance to connect, share and support our amazing staff and teachers who help make our neighborhood elementary school a great place to learn and grow.

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## Contemporary Artists at Work in Indian Spring

by Jeannie and Triffin Roule

One of the many benefits to living in Indian Spring, besides the close proximity to public transportation, a thriving downtown area and wonderful neighbors, is the large number of talented artists who live in the local area.

Inside and outside our home, local artists have contributed to our eclectic collection of artwork, which includes ceramic wall hangings, murals, paintings, and a variety of sculptures.

One of the main themes that the various local artists share in their artwork is bringing everyday objects that one encounters outdoors into our house. In our home, artists have installed tree limbs, bird's nests and a street light.

In addition, our house contains several sculptures of human figures made from (of all things!) packing tape. The sculptures are the work of D.C. area artist Mark Jenkins, who was one of the first (and finest) artists we met when we moved to Indian Spring nearly six years ago. We also have another wonderful friend, Tim Conlon, another D.C.-based artist, who placed a beautifully designed graffiti tag on the back of our home.

In the coming months, we will place a painting on the outdoor air conditioning unit and "temporary artwork" on the lawn for a day or two.



We welcome anyone to visit our home at 9500 Caroline Avenue to see the amazing art created by some local artists. If you would like to stop by our home, please send an e-mail to: [jeannieroule@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannieroule@hotmail.com). We also want to thank all of our neighbors who have expressed delight in the artwork over the past few years. One neighbor even left a wonderful letter expressing how much he has enjoyed viewing the artwork outside our home.

Our home is like a museum that we are able to visit everyday, and, like most museums in the area, it is free.

We have included a few photographs in the newsletter and other photographs are available for viewing on the ISCA website. [OR](#)



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A special program and resource fair presented by the Aging in Place Coalition\* and Montgomery County Government, in partnership with the Beacon Info Expo.

**Sunday, October 25, 2009**  
**Noon to 4 pm • White Flint Mall**

## PROGRAM

**Noon to 4 p.m.** — Beacon InfoExpo: Free health screenings, dozens of informative exhibits giveaways, door prizes and live entertainment. On White Flint Level 1.

**Noon to 4 p.m.** — Resource Fair featuring Montgomery County Government agencies and nonprofit organizations. On White Flint Level 3.

**1 p.m. "Lessons from Caregiving"** — Paula Span, former Washington Post reporter and author, speaking about her new book on caregiving: "When the Time Comes: Families with Aging Parents Share their Struggles and Solutions." Followed by questions and answers; book signing.



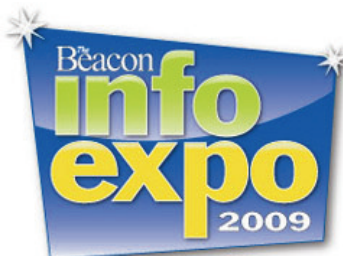
**2:30 p.m. "Exploring our Sexuality"** — Presented by Dr. Susan Milstein, professor and Certified Sexuality Educator. Followed by questions and answers.



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## **Downtown Silver Spring Calendar of Events, October / early November 2009**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**Silver Spring Farmers Market  
FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Shred It Day, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Washington Humane Society  
Pet Adoption Day,  
12:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**Gary Grainger Plays Jazz  
at Blair Mansion Inn,  
doors open at 6:30 p.m.,  
music at 8:00 p.m.**

**Closing of the Latin American Film  
Festival 2009**

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**LODA at Gallery, 9:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.**

**Tiffany Rogers Plays Jazz at Nicaro,  
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**Montgomery Blair High School  
Homecoming Parade, 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Silver Spring Farmers Market  
FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Intergenerational International Fest  
(IIFEST),  
11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**American Heart Association 5K  
presented by Channel 9, 9:00 a.m.**

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**Gary Grainger Plays Jazz  
at Blair Mansion Inn,  
doors open at 6:30 p.m.,  
music at 8:00 p.m.**

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

**Acoustic Alchemy Special Fund Raiser  
Concert, 8:00 p.m.**

**Silver Spring Library Book  
Discussion/African  
American Book, 7:00 p.m.**

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**Tiffany Rogers Plays Jazz at Nicaro,  
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**Silver Spring Farmers Market  
FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**2009 Silver Spring Zombie Walk,  
7:30 p.m. – Midnight**

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## **Downtown Silver Spring Calendar of Events, October / early November 2009** continued from page 12

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**American Kidney Fund's  
"Steps that Count Walk",  
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**Gary Grainger Plays Jazz  
at Blair Mansion Inn,  
doors open at 6:30 p.m.,  
music at 8:00 p.m.**

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**WPG Trio Featuring Chuck Brown  
at Blair Mansion Inn, 8:00 p.m.**

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**Nosferatu, A Symphony of Horror,  
7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.**

**Tiffany Rogers Plays Jazz at Nicaro,  
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**Silver Spring Farmers Market  
FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**Silver Spring Farmers Market  
FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Silver  
Spring, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

**Float Making on the Plaza,  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**Silver Spring Farmers Market  
FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**All the Right Moves, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Float Making on the Plaza,  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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