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GENERAL MEETING, Monday, November 16th, Topic: Crime and Safety in Indian Spring

Our next general meeting is Monday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Indian Spring Rec Center, 9717 Lawndale Drive, Silver Spring, 20901. The topic is "Crime and Safety in Indian Spring." We will host Lt. Paul Liquorie, Deputy Commander, 3rd District, who will discuss issues related to crime in our neighborhood and crime prevention, Sgt. Tom Harmon who is in charge of Traffic Safety, and a representative of the county's Pedestrian Safety Program. Come with your questions and suggestions on these topics, and let these representatives know that we care about what happens in our neighborhood. 

ISCA's Holiday House Tour: Continuing to Build Community Relationships

by Allegra Tasaki

Every odd year (2005, 2007, etc.) the ISCA Holiday House Tour gets in full swing. This year, the tour will offer quite a selection of homes, with a variety of home improvement projects. Join us Saturday, December 5th from 2:15 in the afternoon until 4:30. So, for all you curious neighbors in the community who've been watching construction over the past two years, now's your chance to get an inside look at what's been done. This is your chance to ask fellow neighbors about their ideas, experiences, and of course their contractors. As the first house on the tour, I'll be hosting my contractor and providing his contact information for those of you who are interested.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Walter J. Gottlieb, October 2009

I wrote in an earlier column that I hoped this year would bring some relief from the recession. I'm not sure how many of us are feeling all that relieved, at least right now. Despite some hopeful economic indicators, several of our neighbors have been laid off in the past few months. We feel for them and wish them the best finding new jobs. I, as a small business owner, have certainly felt the squeeze this year and am hoping for better times ahead. I hear houses are moving faster, including here in Indian Spring, and that's welcome news.

The ISCA treasury has taken a hit from the hard economic times. Last year, we reluctantly raised dues to \$15 per family to help cover the increase in operating costs and dip in revenue that we began to feel in 2008, which has helped. Nevertheless, our coffers remain lower than we'd like.


We count on events like Fall Fest to refill ISCA's coffers so that ISCA can continue to provide the myriad benefits to the community that we are all accustomed to—Fall Fest, The Taste, The Fourth of July Parade, etc.

The Fall Fest was a big success in terms of the great chili, the beautiful weather, and the healthy turnout. However, due to a change in permitting policies, we had to move the ISCA dues collection table offsite. Participation in Fall Fest requires that attendees' dues be up to date or renewed at the event. The receipts in dues from this year's Fall Fest, however, did not match the attendance.

We respectfully ask that if you attended Fall Fest and aren't current on your membership dues and didn't renew at the event (perhaps because the membership table wasn't directly on the park property or wasn't as visible) that you please go online and renew at www.iscaonline.com.

Even if you didn't attend Fall Fest, it's important that you renew your ISCA membership in order to participate in future ISCA events, including the Taste of Indian Spring.

Kudos to Celeste Raker-Dillen and the entire Social Committee for making this year's Fall Fest so enjoyable.


Meanwhile, here's hoping that the economic indicators continue to improve, and more importantly, that everyone in Indian Spring and around the country begins to feel the effects in their daily lives, and their pocketbooks. 

* If interested in vacant editor position, please contact Tony Hausner at thausner@gmail.com

Holiday House Tour *cont from page 1*

by Allegra Tasaki

While many of us have received numerous referrals for work in the neighborhood over the listserv, this event offers a unique opportunity to view the work, get a feel for vendor relationships with customers, and a chance to know their neighbors better in person. This year's tour will be a special one, with several homes whose projects have sparked our community's curiosity over the past two summers. We've already had four homes (with another two who are pending) who have gladly volunteered to open their hearts and homes to kick off our happy holiday season.

To participate, you will need to stop by 201 Granville Drive, home of Allegra Tasaki and Brian Ng and pick up your map listing the homes on the tour at 2:15 in the afternoon. Your map and name tags are the keys to admittance. Don't forget to pay your ISCA membership dues, so you can join us this year for some fun and frolic at the start of a festive season on Saturday, December 5th. 

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Crime Report

from Joyce Stocker

No information between September 16 and October 16 available due to system being down.



ISCA Holiday Lights Ceremony

by Celeste Raker-Dillen

Celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah with your neighbors at the Annual ISCA Holiday Lights Ceremony on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the Granville cul-de-sac, near Hastings Drive. Sing carols, hear the Hanukkah story, nibble cookies and sip hot chocolate while we light the Christmas tree and Menorah. Reminisce as you gaze upon donated ornaments of years past and bring a new one to add to the collection. In a combined charity effort with Colesville Presbyterian Church, please bring an item to support our soldiers overseas such as toiletries, magazines, candy, gum or even a letter of appreciation.

Let's spread some holiday cheer! 

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

**4:30 p.m. Drumline Competition begins,
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Community Profile: Jerome Barry *by Julia Skolnik*

Whether he is fondly recalling his travels across Europe where or describing his revolutionary concert series, Jerome Barry's love for music, culture, and especially his family, gushes out of his every word. A renowned cantor and baritone, Barry's passion for life is expressed through his numerous commitments to his community and to the music world.

Barry discovered his love for singing at a young age, and decided at age 11 to pursue his interest. When he overheard his 15 year old cousin taking lessons, he made up his mind to do the same. "I said I can do better than that!" Barry recalls, so he nagged the voice teacher to take him on as a student. He continued to sing throughout high school, traveling and performing locally until college. After graduate school, Barry decided to travel around Europe to continue his education, and ended up staying for nine years. "Europe is so much more intimate and filled with opportunities," he says. "The people really appreciate what you're doing."


When he returned the United States in 1974, Barry began to sing in embassies, his inspiration for his own embassy concert series that began in 1994 and continues today. "Life was getting boring, so I decided to start my own group," he says. The Embassy Series, which states its mission as promoting "international understanding and global cultural diplomacy through music and the arts," hosts concerts with different cultural themes in 46 different embassies throughout the year. The series is Barry's proudest achievement, bringing together different cultures while promoting young and talented artists: "I bring young people from other countries as a cultural exchange," Barry remarks. "It's a forum to present a lot of wonderful artists that might never have gotten the chance."

Barry does much outside of the Embassy Series as well, the most important to him being teaching. He's taught as far back as he can remember, starting with language lessons at Tufts University. He then continued to teach in Europe and still teaches today. "There's an old saying that those who can't perform teach," Barry says. "It's hogwash! Teaching is the best of both worlds: a good teacher learns from his students and inspires others at

Editor's note: Beginning with this issue, we will be including interviews with noted members of our community. This first interview is with Jerome Barry. Our reporter for this interview is Julia Skolnik, a student at Blair High. We would welcome suggestions for further persons to be interviewed, please send to thausner@gmail.com, 301-587-6943. We also welcome other students to serve as reporters for student service credits.

the same time." He is very passionate about his teaching career and has unending praises for his students, many of whom can sing in other languages and sing with the DC Youth Orchestra.

Barry is also involved in many other activities, which he regrets not having enough time to dedicate more energy to. He has served as the Senior Associate for the Voice Treatment Center at George Washington University Medical Center since 1989, where he works with people who have lost or have trouble using their voices. Most importantly, however, is his family. A grandfather of three little boys, Barry cannot fully convey his adoration of them. He talks about taking one of the boys to France over the summer and how he wishes he saw them more often. When he does spend time with the boys, Barry immerses them into the world of music by taking them to concerts. "There's always music in my house," Barry says. Whether he's spending time practicing his Steinway piano, giving lessons in the music room of his home, or just listening to one of his many CDs, there is always music in Barry's life.

Barry plans on releasing an album early next year and visiting Indonesia and China. Until then, he loves his home and his neighbors in Indian Springs and hopes to open his house to the neighborhood for a day of music sometime soon. Barry hopes to continue his adventures, expressing his desire to see more of Europe and the rest of the world he hasn't seen. "You have to try things out, experience things," he says. "Keep on learning." 

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN SILVER SPRING: Community Building, Community Organizing, and Community Leadership

*By Reemberto Rodríguez, Director,
Silver Spring Regional Center*

Community engagement brings together community building, community organizing, and community leadership to improve lives and strengthen communities. Successful community engagement is the positive, constructive convergence of strong community building efforts and active community organizing with a relentless commitment to community leadership.

We are faced with the increasingly difficult challenge of stabilizing our communities and neighborhoods in the face of the devastating impact of economic disruptions and dislocation, foreclosure, joblessness, and diminishing traditional resources. Bricks and mortar alone are not the answer. Traditional involvement models no longer suffice. These models are impeded by the real stress of longer commutes, multiple jobs, and larger number of families caring for the young and old simultaneously. The resiliency of community residents and leaders is tested like never before; yet their boldness to invent new ways to engage the community consistently shines.

Participation in community—indeed, volunteerism in general—has matured beyond simply going to meetings or helping out the local charity. Community organizing, community building, and community leadership now come together to engage the whole community to create a better place to live, work, play, and worship.

Bringing together the traditional interests of residents, business, and government now expands to include social entrepreneurs; youth; on-line participants; the non-English speaker; renters as well as homeowners; the unemployed as well as the employed; the one-time

Editor's Note: In September, ISCA hosted a meeting: "Silver Spring – Where are We Going?" Reemberto Rodríguez was one of our speakers. Bill Barron was scheduled to speak, but had to cancel due to illness. We invited them to submit articles for this issue to follow-up on their presentations (or planned ones).

volunteer as well as the fervent activist; new comers as well as established residents and interests. How decisions are made at the local level have become increasingly critical—and linked—to regional, national, and international issues. Today we are challenged with building our human capital, strengthening relationships, and connecting people to act in ways that yield tangible, measurable results in our lives and communities.

New and emerging issues require new tools, techniques and approaches. Some of these include: greening our neighborhoods; effectively managing family wealth and health; connecting the local economy to civic and volunteer participation; bringing to the decision process the voices of underserved communities; and tapping into the on-line world while reaffirming face-to-face connections.

It is through community engagement that people connect to improve lives where they live, and bring together individual, institutional, and social network interests to serve the common good. It is through the community building, community organizing, and community leadership that community engagement happens. Community engagement thrives when partnerships, collaborations and coalitions are nourished. Its values are rooted in inclusion, tolerance, and active participation. These values and context are operationalized in a real-world environment that is first and foremost diverse. Diversity is the driving cultural paradigm of successful community engagement. Ultimately it is through connecting people that communities thrive.

And, where else in the USofA is there a multi-ethnic community that identifies diversity as its core strength? That is what Silver Spring does. What I've found here in Silver Spring is that all segments of our community—the political, civic, business, faith, and residential communities—celebrate our multi-ethnicity and diversity.

I know there are plenty of places that have minority-majority and are rightfully proud of their achievements. These include my own fellow Cuban-Americans in Miami; my African-American friends in Atlanta; the Asian community in San Francisco;

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the Arab-Americans in Detroit; my Mexican-American cousins in San Antonio; and our Salvadorian friends in L.A.—just to name a few.

In all these examples—great as they are—there is a prominent minority that has risen to the occasion and established a thriving, healthy minority community. In most of these, however, ethnic strife continues; racial tensions prevail; the traditional white power structure remains weary of the change and reluctant to share power.

In Silver Spring, the multi-ethnicity is real: Ethiopians, Salvadorians, Guatemalans, Eastern-Europeans, Middle-Easterns, Nigerians, African-Americans, and European Whites are all here in substantial numbers. None are a majority. The generational diversity is also real. The youth is a constant element – if not always at the table – in community dialogues and decision making arena. And so is the socio-economic diversity, tenure diversity. We also have a healthy mix of home-owners vs. renters, a topic persistently considered and discussed.

The established power-base, while not numerically balanced, is increasingly reflective of the general population. More importantly, the establish power-base includes a core of leaders that regardless of their ethnicity or socio-economic status are legitimately committed to promoting multi-ethnicity and diversity as a—no, the—main asset of Silver Spring. The consensus is clear that this multi-ethnicity and diversity is the driving force for economic development, entrepreneurship opportunities, and the force that will gives Silver Spring a competitive advantage as a thriving community and a place where businesses can succeed.

Silver Spring is one heck of an experiment! I am not sure this has ‘worked’ anywhere else in the USofA—or in the world for that matter. Being part of the team that is committed to making this experiment work is exhilaratingly exciting!... But, it will be tough; there will be setbacks; there will be nay-sayers when a youth concert goes bad at the end, or when there are no brown faces at a community meeting... Nonetheless, we know we are trying; we know we will be relentless in our efforts to make it work. 



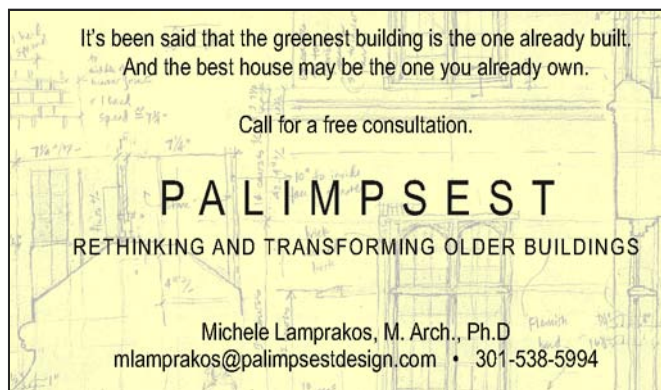
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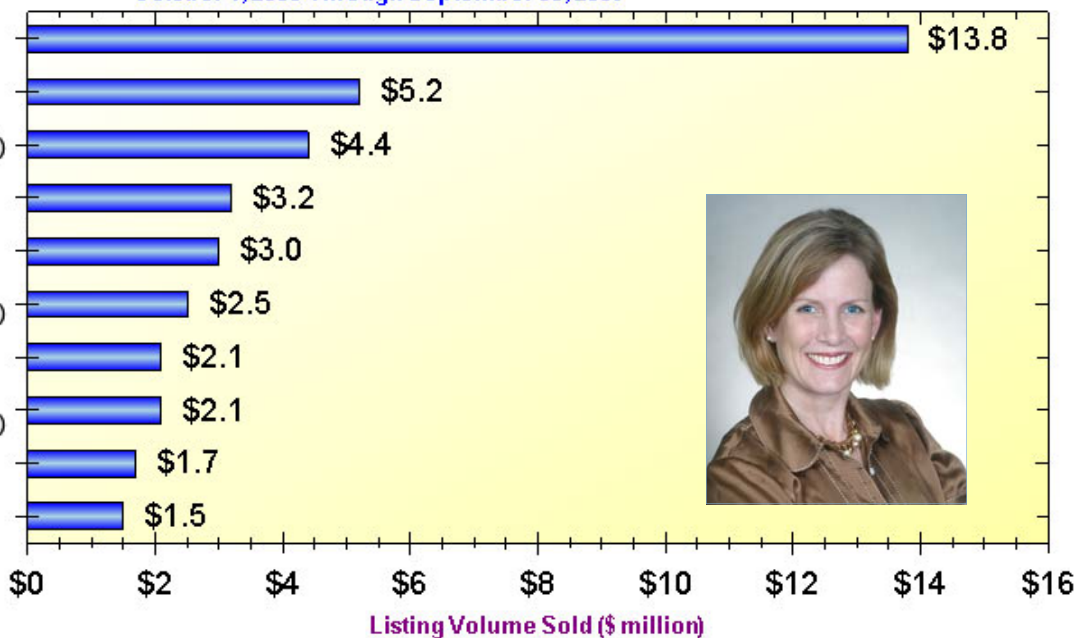
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Silver Spring Plans

*By Bill Barron, Montgomery County
Planning Department*

The economy is still a long ways from healthy and we are seeing the economic downturn influencing the number of projects in Silver Spring. Currently the active development applications include:

The proposed Studio Plaza project is a public-private partnership that would redevelop the majority of a block in the Fenton Village area of the Silver Spring CBD, including County Parking Lot 3 located at the center of the block. The multi-building development would mix housing, office, retail, and restaurant uses, and possibly a hotel. It would create a new mid-block private street, a significant central public green space, and a through-block pedestrian system. Given the complexity of the project program, the staff review of this Project Plan has remained general, focusing on maximum base density and the minimum public use and amenity package. Final arrangement, design, and disposition of the various project elements, including the mix of uses, density, number of dwelling units, and the quality and quantity of public space, will be determined subsequently by the Planning Board during the Preliminary Plan and Site Plan reviews.

The proposed development of 8621 Georgia Avenue would redevelop an existing surface parking lot on Georgia Avenue in the Silver Spring CBD. The site design includes ground-floor retail/restaurant and a public art component. The development application is a 191,000 sf. mixed-use office building, including approximately 6,000 sf. of retail/restaurant below approximately 185,000 sf. of office uses, on 1.10 acres; located on Georgia Avenue 75 feet northwest of Colesville Road.

The Silver Spring Park development is a mixed-use application for apartments, a hotel and retail development. It is located on the southeast corner of Fenton Street and Silver Spring Avenue.

The Montgomery County Planning Board is completing work on the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan. Initiated in January, 2008 the Plan makes recommendations for a transit-oriented, pedestrian friendly community that celebrates and builds upon the cultural diversity of the Crossroads community.

The Plan recommends light rail transit (the Purple Line) in the median along University Boulevard with a stop at the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Transit Center. The Transit Center will be built at the intersection of University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue. The Plan also makes recommendations for improved and safer pedestrian connections, a network of "Green Streets", and new parks and open space as a part of future development. The Purple Line is an important element of this Plan and is the basis for the land use, design and zoning recommendations.

The Montgomery County Planning Department is starting work on a new Long Branch Sector Plan. Long Branch is a physically aging, multi-cultural community located between Sligo Creek Parkway and University Boulevard, along Piney Branch Road. The Flower Avenue commercial core is adjacent to a mixture of low density, free standing, stores and small strip commercial shopping centers. Surrounding the core at Flower Avenue and Arliss Street are a variety of housing types, ranging from single family detached and attached homes to typical post-World War II style garden apartments along Piney Branch Road, Sligo Creek Parkway and University Boulevard.

The goal of this sector plan is to preserve the existing affordable housing and enhance the unique character of this diverse multi-cultural area. It will encourage mixed-use, transit and pedestrian oriented development and commercial reinvestment to support the proposed Purple Line Stations at Arliss Street and Gilbert Street.

The Purple Line is a proposed 16 mile Transitway that will link a number of stations along different lines of the Washington D.C. Metrorail system and provide east-west connections to a number of regional centers inside the Capital Beltway. The two stations at Arliss Street and Gilbert Street will create regional accessibility in this area and could become a catalyst for new transit oriented mixed -use development. The sector plan will also address affordable housing, reinvestment in the commercial areas, transit improvements, pedestrian safety, community facilities, parks and open space. The community's multi-cultural population and future transit accessibility makes Long Branch an ideal location to support new jobs, mixed residential and retail uses and recreational opportunities.

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Silver Spring Plans *cont from page 9*

By Bill Barron

If you have any questions about planning, development, or life in general in Silver Spring, you can get in touch with Bill Barron at 301-495-4556 or bill.barron@mncppc-mc.org.

Montgomery County's future growth, with a population expected to increase by 195,000 by 2030, should occur near transit and on surface parking lots, planners say in the draft 2009-2011 Growth Policy report.

With less than four percent of the county left to develop, the Montgomery County Planning Department drafted a Growth Policy that sets forth more strategic and sustainable strategies to accommodate that growth.

While the draft Growth Policy, a biennial report, continues to weigh development proposals against school and road capacity, the proposed 2009-2011 edition also recommends how to build smarter. Its recommendations include encouraging mixed uses, using less energy and even generating energy on site. Smarter growth leads to better health as people walk and cycle to get around, less congestion and pollution thanks to fewer cars on the road, better use of existing infrastructure, and less land consumption.

Since 1990, the county grew by 195,000 residents, some of them children born to Montgomery County families. Most of that growth – housing, jobs and services – sprawled onto vacant or agricultural land. Planners estimate 40,000 acres of land were developed in the last 20 years.

Given the Agricultural Reserve, which protects 93,000 acres for farming, and 33,000 acres of parkland, Montgomery County's development envelope has shrunk. Planners calculate there are just 29,000 acres in the county to develop, including some overlap between 14,000 acres of vacant land, 8,000 acres of surface parking, and 10,500 acres in and around transit and strip malls.


The draft Growth Policy guides development to where services – such public transportation, schools, stores, health clinics and more – are in place.

In a departure from previous Growth Policies, the 2009-2011 recommendations include replacing some of the commercial and office uses with housing, bringing people closer to jobs and reducing congestion. The majority of the new housing should be multi-family units in higher densities, planners say, given the need to consume less land.

Bringing people closer to where they work and shop generates fewer vehicle trips than commercial development and generates far fewer carbon emissions than the single-family home development pattern that has characterized growth in the county for decades. The average condominium or apartment uses about 40 percent of the energy of a typical single-family house.

In its "greenest" twist, the draft policy suggests reducing transportation improvements sometimes required of developers if they build smart – providing additional affordable housing, or within a half-mile of transit, or close to basic services, such as grocery stores, libraries, fire stations and parks. Providing incentives to builders to develop in urban areas preserves established neighborhoods while reducing sprawl and energy use.

The 2009-2011 Growth Policy does not recommend changes to the formulas planners use to evaluate the capacity of school districts to accommodate the students of new households. Current school capacity tests can place growth moratoriums if school populations are calculated to exceed 120 percent. The Planning Board is now assessing the moratorium areas.

The proposed Growth Policy is one of a number of planning strategies – including new community master plans and a major rewrite of the county Zoning Ordinance among them – to bring about more sustainable growth in Montgomery County. 

Fair Weather and Fall Fun—Another Successful ISCA FallFest 2009


by Celeste Raker-Dillen

On Sunday, October 11, ISCA hosted its annual Fall Fest and Chili Contest complete with the much anticipated ISCA Raffle under delightful October skies and pleasant temperatures. Jimmy Bingo (Jim Hoskinson) helped us get our groove on and not miss out on Sunday sports—who knew wide screen TV's were so portable? Neighbors enjoyed grilled hotdogs thanks to the efforts of Willard Morris and Jay Goldman with the help of the Kahn's grill, plus a plethora of desserts and samples of the the contestants chili. Kids had a blast bouncing in the moonbounce thanks to Highland View's very own Glen from Kids After Hours and a generous contribution from Rhonda Mortenson of Long and Foster. After bouncing, kids exercised their creativity (and had a hoot) with Ashley Marchionini's charming owl craft and Pam Wertz's fantastic decorate-a-cupcake menagerie. And in case enough sugar wasn't ingested, Heather Sauter, Arlene Gottlieb and Madeleine Varmer served up some tasty rootbeer floats. To burn off that sugar high, Ben and Jennifer Hendricks refereed good old-fashioned fun with games like the sack race and the ever popular water balloon toss. On top of all this, conversation was enlivened by guests, Delegates Tom Hucker and Sheila Hixson.

Despite fewer entries than in past years, the chili competition was tough. This year's Golden Ladle winner, complete with a gift certificate to Hard Times Cafe went to Erik Wertz. Thanks to all who contributed and to all neighbors who supplied the cornbread and desserts. And yes, next year we will have sides!

The FallFest Raffle was a sure crowd pleaser, and with the help of Ann Keeler, Tony Hausner and Jill Ortman Fouse, the prizes were plenty. After all was said and done, ISCA made more than \$300 to fund our future events, plus the money from membership renewals.

Many thanks are needed to all that helped with this event beyond those mentioned above. Set up was a smooth and easy with the help of the Gottlieb family, Jamie Colucci, Tony Hausner, the Bridgewater, the Keeler-Dinkle Family and Elizabeth Magin and to Arlene Montemarano for donating tables. Thanks to Leora Gottlieb, Jay Pillar, Joy Turner, and Kinsey Gibb for donating their talents with face painting and tattooing. Eileen Fisher and Monica Bridgewater did a lovely job managing the Chili Contest. The Raffle winners easily claimed their loot with the helping hands of Katie Ryan, Carolyn Hoskinson and our youngest volunteers Sienna Foust and Maclaren Remy. And thanks to many helping hands including the Kilmer Family and Allegra Tasaki, the clean up process was a breeze. There are many more of you who contributed and I am sure that I have forgotten a name or two, but rest assured that your help is appreciated as with all events it takes a community to make it successful.

Be sure to check out the complete set of photos at iscaonline.com and a few which are in this newsletter. See you at the next event! 



Delegate Sheila Hixson, Chaz Miller, and Arlene Gottlieb at ISCA Fall Fest 2009. Photo by Tony Hausner.



Images from ISCA Fall Fest 2009. Clockwise from the top: Ann Keeler at raffle table; the Kids Art Table; ISCA neighbors enjoying the beautiful weather—on the right, Joe Kowals, Walter Gottlieb ISCA President, and Jill Ortmann Fouse. Photos by Tony Hausner.



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~ Ann Keeler

News from Highland View PTA

by Amber Khan, HVES PTA President

October was an exciting and busy month filled with community service and spirit-building activities for our neighborhood community.

With your support we had record-breaking turnout at our HVES Flu Clinic offering more than 100 residents with seasonal flu vaccinations; our fun-filled Family Dinner Night at El Golfo helped raise \$400 for student support programs and we worked together on community service day to donate much needed blood to the Red Cross and helped keep our school grounds clean!

Looking Ahead...

Clip Box Tops: General Mills Box Tops Collection Begins in November!

A classroom competition for collecting Box Tops will begin in November. If you have General Mills products with Box Top coupons, please clip and donate to HVES. A container in the main office is located by Ms. Hyder's desk or send to your child's classroom. Remember each Box Top is redeemable for .10 and the money we raise goes directly to Highland View. For more information, contact Lesley Carlson at lesleymcarlson@gmail.com.

Book Fair: Purchase Books to Support School Library November 9 thru 12th

Dr. Covington and the media team at HVES will be sponsoring a book fair in the media center for families to purchase popular books and educational resources. Just in time for the holidays, the book fair is conveniently held during the week days of Parent Teacher Conferences.

Upcoming Field Trips: 2nd Graders to visit the Strathmore on November 17th

Second grade families will receive more information in upcoming Thursday folders as the teachers prepare for their first field trip for the year. In October the Kindergarteners took a field trip to a farm and the third graders went to Brookside Gardens. The HVES PTA raises money to support field trips for each grade and appreciates all the support from our community to ensure that all students have an opportunity to participate in these out of classroom enrichment activities. Volunteers are needed to assist in planning and researching field trips. If you have time to help out or have an idea for a field trip, contact Amber Khan at 301-758-7275.

Upcoming Family Night: Pizza and Bingo Night at Highland View on November 20th

As the weather cools down, family nights are back! This month features Jimmy "Bingo" hosting a fun-filled night on Friday, November 20th starting at 6:30pm with a pizza dinner (pre-ordered). All kids must be accompanied by parents or guardians and pre-orders for pizza will be arriving home in Thursday folders and can be found online at www.hvespta.com. Consider donating those gently used toys, puzzles and games – contact Jimmy Hoskinson at 301-589-0153 or hosk@mindspring.net.

Cultural Arts: Next Assembly on December 3

On October 26th the PTA Cultural Arts team sponsored Paul Hadfield, aka The Funny Guy. The program was entertaining reinforcing the message that it is important to work hard and keep trying. The next cultural arts assembly will take place on December 3rd at HVES. Parents and siblings are always welcome to attend! A special thanks to Susan Luck and Kendra DeLuca for their leadership in bringing high-quality assembly programs to HVES families.

Math Night: An Evening to Celebrate Math on December 8th

Making Math fun and accessible is a priority at HVES and this year's Math Night promises to be a informative, entertaining and interactive experiences for parents, students and siblings. For more information, contact Ms. Sherri Stevens at 301-650-6426.

Donations: Consider Making a Charitable Donation to HVES PTA

As the holiday season begins soon, consider designating the HVES PTA for your charitable donations. As a tax-exempt organization, all donations are tax deductible and your contributions will directly help support our neighborhood school! For more information on sponsoring programs or designating contributions or donations, contact Valerie Hennessey at 301-587-1830.

Stay Informed – Visit www.hvespta.com for calendar updates and activities. 

Fall Happenings at Northwood High School

by Ann Bullock

FALL FEST! SILENT AUCTION, GAMES, FOOD, DRUMLINE...

Expect drumlines from Kennedy HS, Wooton, Springbrook, Whitman, Annapolis Area Christian and Northwood to kick-off our annual Fallfest on Saturday, November 14th. Beginning at 4:30 p.m.—also featuring the Washington Redskins Drumline!

But that's only the beginning—join us for a hearty meal from Lucia's (one local Italian mother *who asked not be named* proclaims the sauce is "better than my Mom's!") and stroll the Silent Auction, the major After Prom fundraiser—full of lots of services, home cooked meals, favorite home-baked birthday cakes, gift baskets and other fun stuff.

Last and most fun for students is Game Night featuring card games aimed at high school students—to benefit the Class of 2010. Come to the Cafeteria at 6 to enjoy the whole scene and one or all of these happenings. It's a great community event, especially fun for parents of middle-schoolers who are curious about what Northwood has to offer. We'd love to tell you about Northwood!


Thanksgiving Parade...

See the Gladiator Marching Band and NHS Show Choir in the Silver Spring Thanksgiving Day Parade on Saturday 11/21. Call 301/649-8293 for info on start times.

Musical Theatre...

The Musical Theatre Academy at Northwood is performing the musical comedy, "The Wedding Singer" on December 3rd, 4th and 5th at 7:00 p.m. (2 p.m. matinee on 12/5). "Come Party Like it's 1986!"

Northwood Sports...

Come visit the Northwood High School's newly designed website for stunning sports photos by NHS parent Susie Shaffer and great news coverage. From the main page, click on "Athletics" and then "News". Then you can click on individual games in all fall sports to read coverage to accompany Susie's pictures. It's almost like being there! 

Blair's 75th Anniversary Reunion

by Julia Skolnik

Montgomery Blair celebrated its 75th Anniversary this month with a weekend of activities celebrating its history and alumni. The Blair Alumni Association planned two full days of activities, including a golf tournament, a parade, a football game, and more. Over 1,000 past Blazers returned to Silver Spring to enjoy the festivities and reminisce about high school.

Friday the 16th began with a golf tournament where players were asked to share a funny high school anecdote to post on the signboard at the starting hole. Friday night hosted the highlight of the weekend's activities with the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Induction at the Strathmore Music Center. The night, emceed by noted economist and actor Ben Stein, included performances by the Blair Orchestra and Choir, induction of 13 graduates into the hall of fame, and alumni who graduated all the way back in 1935. Saturday was filled with activities, with a Homecoming Parade down Wayne Avenue in the morning, a "nostalgia tour" of the old Blair (now Silver Spring International Middle School), and an open house in the afternoon. The Blair vs. B-CC football game took place at 4, followed by a Blair block party in downtown Silver Spring. Some individual classes held their own separate reunions throughout the weekend as well.

The event brought generations of Blair graduates together for the first time in the school's 75 years. Graduates gathered to celebrate the school's rich history and enduring Blazer spirit in a weekend filled with high school memories and nostalgic entertainment.

Some of the key Blair alumni include:

Carl Bernstein—Journalist who exposed Watergate scandal of the Nixon White House along with Bob Woodward.

Tom Brown—Former Washington Senator and starting safety for the Green Bay Packers in that team's back-to-back wins of the first two Super Bowls, 1966 and 1967.

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by *Julia Skolnik*

Connie Chung—Award-winning television journalist and CBS Evening News hostess among other positions with CBS and NBC.

Goldie Hawn—Dancer and Academy Award-winning actress known for her roles in such films as “Cactus Flower,” “Private Benjamin,” and “Death Becomes Her.”

Sonny Jackson—Rookie of the Year runner-up for the Houston Colt 45's (later the Astros) and noted MLB coach.

John Klippstein—Blair's first Major League Baseball player, a pitcher in Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Minnesota and Chicago, winning a World Series with Los Angeles in 1959. Awarded posthumously.

Tom Norris—Medal of Honor-recipient for “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action,” as a Navy SEAL in Vietnam rescuing two downed American pilots from behind enemy lines. Norris also worked for the FBI.


David Pittle—Consumer Product Safety Commission commissioner and champion of consumer safety and interests under four presidents.

Vince Pugliese—Former Blair history teacher and head football coach during the 1964 undefeated County Championship team.

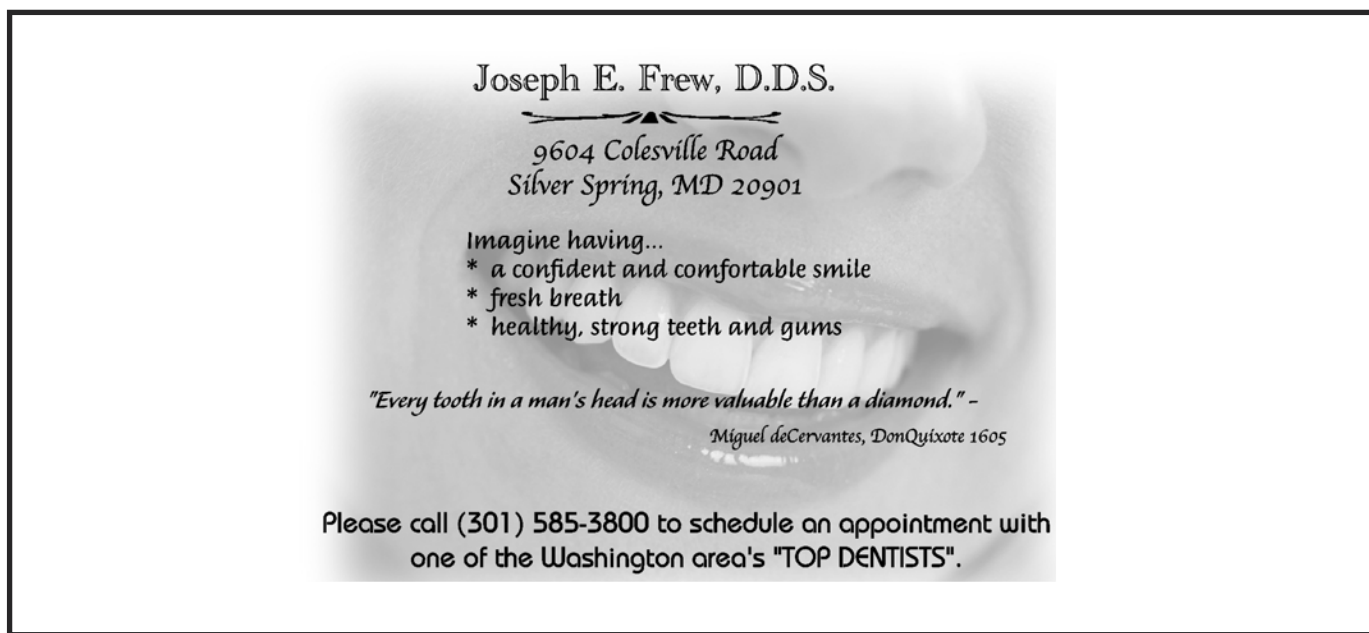
Ben Stein—White House speechwriter for Richard Nixon, noted contributor to the Wall Street Journal and The New York Times. Stein is also well known as the boring economics' professor in “Ferris Bueller's Day Off” and as the TV host of “Win Ben Stein's Money.”

Chris Sullivan—Former president of Bennigan's restaurant franchise and founder, current chairman and CEO of Outback Steakhouse. Sullivan is also a noted philanthropist.

Bob Windsor—Junior College All American in football and basketball, Windsor played professional football for the San Francisco 49ers and finished his career with the New England Patriots to coach and teach at several Montgomery County schools.

Morgan Wootten—Winningest head coach in the history of basketball from overall record between 1956 and 2002 coaching and teaching at DeMatha High School. Inducted into National Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000. 

*Julia is a Blair student interning with Walter Gottlieb, ISCA President.



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Volunteers for Citizenship Training Needed

By Fred and Phyllis Zusman

About four and a half years ago there was a message on ISCA's listserv looking for volunteers to work with legal immigrants who are preparing to pass their Citizenship test and interview. It sounded like something we would enjoy doing and so we started.

Fred and I have been volunteering every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. It has been very rewarding. Most of the students are hardworking people (from over 72 countries) some with no reading or writing education in their native languages. The amount of effort they expend to achieve their goal is wonderful and when they pass and return to tell their results to the others who are going to go soon their pride and joy is priceless. Montgomery College provides the space in a building right across the street on Fenton Street across from City Place. Parking is free in the lot about a block from the school.

In the years we have been doing this we have seen the price of a citizenship application almost double in cost to approximately \$800.00. This covers the cost of their fingerprints and two opportunities to pass the test and interview. Those of them who are good speakers of everyday English have an easier job, the others have to work much harder to learn to read and write. In fact, the first thing they are asked to do when they come into the interviewers' office is to take the oath to swear to tell the truth and explain what it means.


There are three parts to this interview. They have to be able to write one sentence perfectly. These are sentences that are answers to questions they may be asked to read. Up to three sentences are given, if all three are not accurate they will have to come back a second time to see if they can do it.

One hundred civics/history questions are in this test. They will be asked up to 10, six have to be answered correctly to pass. As with the writing, if they fail these, a second test will be given at a later date.

The last part of the interview involves review of the applicant's N-400 (Citizenship application) and a demonstration of an understanding of it. This is definitely the part that understanding and speaking everyday English is helpful. Teaching this part of the interview is simply going through the N400 with them so that they will understand the questions asked and help them remember some of the terms that are used, such as "what is does eligible mean?"

The last part of the interview involves an understanding of the Oath of Allegiance. The people work from a workbook that contains the sentences for reading and writing; the civics and history questions; as well as the all the information that is on the N400 with sample answers to these questions.

Not passing any part of the interview will mean that they would have to return at a scheduled date to try again. Failing the second time means the application as to reapply and pay the fee again.

If any of our members have a couple of hours a week, or more, and would like help in this effort, please contact us at fzusman@erols.com, or 301-587-9063. Learning how to work with the applicants is easy, you sit in with a volunteer teaching one or a group of people and just get the idea. The last time we put this on the listserv we ended up with four people, two of which are still doing it. No foreign language skills are needed although one of the volunteers does speak Spanish. Hope to hear from some of you. 



Tina Slater 301-585-5038 slater.tina@gmail.com

Downtown Silver Spring Calendar of Events, November / early December 2009

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Petra Martin & Friends, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**Tribute to America's Veterans Concert,
7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Wayne Welintz's Cloudburst, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**Mystery in Mo'Town I, Doors Open 6:30,
Show 8:30 p.m.**

Phaze II at Blair Mansion Inn, 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

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

**Silver Spring Sweet Tooth... Guinness World
Record Style!, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (cont)

**Arthur Loves Plastic Listening Party,
8:00 p.m.**

**Mystery in Mo'Town I, Doors Open 6:30,
Show 8:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**Mystery in Mo'Town I, Doors Open 6:30,
Show 8:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

**Thanksgiving Parade, 9:30 a.m. until
12:00 Noon**

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

Black Holes, Gravity to the Max, 7:00p.m.

**Mystery in Mo'Town I, Doors Open 6:30,
Show 8:30 p.m.**

**Closing: Angels in America, Part I:
Millennium Approaches**



TOUCH A TRUCK FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday, November 14, 2009
from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

YMCA Silver Spring will have their Touch a Truck Fall Festival. This will be a time where kids and youth can touch and climb aboard numerous trucks from different public service areas. We will also have Food, Games, Arts & Crafts, and Moon Bounces. This event will take place rain or shine. Admission cost is \$5 per person. Indian Spring residences have special membership pricing as well. For more information, call (301)585-2120.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**Girls on the Run of Montgomery County
5K, 9:00 a.m.**

**Closing: Angels in America, Part II:
Perestroika**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**Mystery in Mo'Town I, Doors Open 6:30,
Show 8:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

**Mystery in Mo'Town I, Doors Open 6:30,
Show 8:30 p.m.**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Steve Novosel at Vicino, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

The Merchant of Venice, CA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

**Holiday Shop-N-Stroll, 10:00 a.m. until
3 p.m.**

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

The Merchant of Venice, CA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Ensemble Staged Readings

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Ensemble Staged Readings

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Merchant of Venice, CA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

The Merchant of Venice, CA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

The Merchant of Venice, CA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Winter Solstice at the Planetarium, 7:00
p.m.**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

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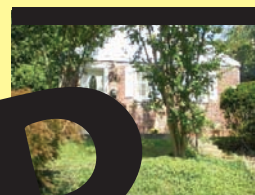


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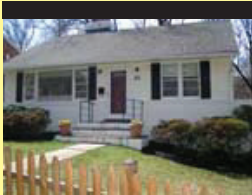
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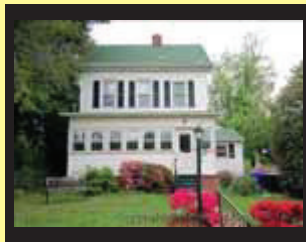
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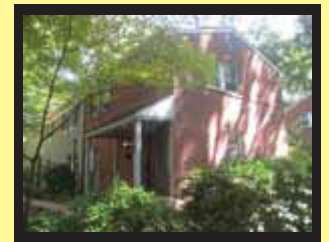
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