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Jamie Raskin will
come to ISCA's
general meeting
on April 26.



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Indian Spring News

From the State Capitol to the Rec Center

MARYLAND STATE SENATOR JAMIE RASKIN will meet with our community at ISCA's General Meeting on Monday, April 26th, at 7:30 pm at the Rec Center.

Fresh from the 2010 session of the General Assembly, Sen. Raskin will talk about legisla-

tive activity that affects Silver Spring and our community—and take questions from the public. Whether it's crime, the environment, or social justice issues you're interested in, come ask questions and express your concerns. *

Celebrate Earth Day Weekend with a Clean Neighborhood!

Eileen Fisher

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS in keeping our neighborhood sparkling and litter free! The annual ISCA Neighborhood Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 24. Volunteers will meet at the Indian Spring Rec Center at 10:00 am. Rain date will be Sunday, April 25—same

time, same meeting place. Please dress appropriately for mud and potential poison ivy; bring gloves if you like (will be provided), and a water bottle that you can fill from our cooler.

We will tackle cleaning our neighborhood on several fronts:

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

APRIL 2010

Walter J. Gottlieb

In September, 2007, I wrote my first President's Column for this newsletter. This month's column will be one of my last. At the end of this term, I will step down as ISCA president and give someone else the opportunity to lead this terrific organization. I have served three terms as President, and enjoyed it immensely.

I remember when the Acting President approached me about assuming the presidency, and I wasn't sure what the job entailed or whether I was up to it. I'm glad that he convinced me. I discovered that the ISCA presidency—though there are some prescribed duties—is largely what you make it.

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I wanted to bring to the job my personal energy and my deep affection for this neighborhood. I'd hoped to get other people excited about ISCA and want to participate. You never know what issues you'll face during any given term. It turns out that crime became an important issue during my three years, and under the guidance and tireless advocacy of the board members and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Tony Hausner, in particular, we tried to do our part to help keep the neighborhood safe. With the help of past president Jennifer Chambers, we took steps to make our community's voice heard about the issue of pedestrian safety.

We updated the ISCA website to allow members to join or renew online. Before the end of this term, we also will experiment with launching an ISCA Facebook group. After some heated discussions on the Listserv, we instituted a new set of listserv "Golden Rules" to encourage greater civility online.

We have tried to be good guardians of ISCA's finances, which have suffered during the recession but will recover.

Of course, the best part of the job is being out in the community, interacting with neighbors on walks, bike rides, and at ISCA's famous social events: The Fall Fest, The Taste, the Holiday festivities, and the

Independence Day parade.

Thanks to my fellow board members—Allegra Tasaki, Celeste Raker-Dillen, Eileen Fisher, Elizabeth Magin, Bob Tiller, Phyllis Zusman, Mary Anne Hess and Tony Hausner—for being so supportive, and so much fun to work with. They do the heavy lifting for ISCA, and I know they have the community's gratitude. I will continue to do my part by remaining on the Board.

Thanks, especially, to all of our ISCA friends and neighbors for making this such an enjoyable experience.

The Board looks forward to presenting a nominee later this Spring to replace me as president, in time for the elections for the Board and senior officers of ISCA. Please

stay tuned! *

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Observations of Spring in Indian Spring

Jana Lee Frazier

HATE WALKING. This morning my knees ache, my feet hurt, I am breathless and my lungs burn. But I am ill and I walk with the hope of getting well.

I am always angry when I start out, coffee mug in hand, my heart beating hard with dread. Today, I want to turn around about five feet from the front door.

But I don't. In the still starkly bare dogwood tree, a mockingbird perches, the tree's only decoration. He's singing a bit of his wondrously complicated song. Where I spent most of my life there was no such bird and no such music, a mixture of pure classical sonata and a stand-up comedy routine of imitated sounds. I feel blessed just to be here where he is in this moment in time.

Beyond the yard where the bridge crosses a shallow stream, a lone mallard spins in lazy eddies, his head iridescently emerald.

I worry he's wasting his time just playing when he should be seriously looking for a mate. He pays me no mind whatsoever as I pass by, then I stop suddenly to stand in a shower of sherbet-pink petals the wind has sent my way from the weeping cherry straight ahead. I am transfixed. Staring up into the cascade of flowers falling down around me from long, pendulous branches that ride the breeze against an azure sky in which a chalky moon glows softly even this early in the day.

There is a chattering, clattering show that

instantly distracts me from gazing at the moon. Two squirrels, their sleek coats the color of onyx, chase each other up and down a huge old tree at the water's edge. I wonder what it would be like to have that much energy, that much joy, that much freedom. In fact, I realize, that if I turn slowly in a complete circle, I

will see wacky, exuberant squirrels in every direction, in a multitude of colors—lustrous cream, grizzled grey, golden brown, black as night, with squirrel nests resting in the arms of every other tree in sight.

And there are trees galore! I pass under a maple with tiny starbursts of blood-red bloom and oaks still wearing last year's leaves, several magnolias completely covered in heavy, waxy white flowers tinged in crimson. I see that water from recent rain has collected in each cup. A robin stops by to drink from the rim of a blossom.

I hear woodpeckers tapping out their cryptic codes on the thick barks of tulip poplars whose straight trunks soar ever-skyward.

As I head back to home I move through a tunnel of forsythia bright as flame and crunch a delicious confetti of pine cones, acorns and the spiky seed pods of sweet gums under my feet, releasing a wonderful aroma into the air. As I reach the front door, I know that even though I don't hurt nearly as badly, I still hate walking. But in Indian Spring, I realize that I love going for walks.



Brookside cherry tree. Photo by Audrey Cowgill.

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The Green Column

Joyce Stocker

A BOOK THAT'S MAKING A BIG IMPACT on readers is Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*. The author's family inherited a farm in Virginia and vowed to spend a year, eating only what they could raise themselves.

This well-researched book describes the environmental impact of factory farming and trucking out-of-season food long distances. It made me rethink my garden to maximize my harvest spring through fall.

I'm now harvesting broccoli rabe, onions, chard and carrots that overwintered. I just planted lettuce, broccoli, beets, peas, potatoes and radishes.

Behnke's in Beltsville is still selling seed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuces and cabbage seedlings. I'm starting seeds of cukes,

butternut and pattypan squash, peppers, zucchini, beans, and tomatoes (This year I'm going to try to grow one in those upside down bags.) I wouldn't eat okra, thinking it too slimy, until I grew my own. Now, it's a yearly favorite.

Even if one doesn't have room for a garden, many vegetables can be grown in containers—just google “container gardening” [And you can use part of your yard as a veggie garden. Or you can tuck your veggies in with your shrubs and flowers for edible landscaping. See photos below and throughout the newsletter as well as page 8 for column's recipe.]

There's incredible satisfaction in “shopping” for dinner from my garden. ✨



Melons from Eileen's front yard garden. Photo by Eileen Fisher.



Annuals mixed with basil, sage—part of Eileen's cheerful and tasty side yard herb garden. Photo by Eileen Fisher.

Whiskey barrels in Audrey's front yard planted with cherry tomatoes, sweet peppers, and petunias as part of edible landscaping. Photo by Audrey Cowgill.



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Earth Day, *continued from page 1*

- Clean-up teams will tidy up areas around the neighborhood including: the playground area, the Hastings Drive entry, the wooded areas bordering the sound barrier, along the stream in the part of ISCA that is South of Franklin Avenue, and the triangle at Colesville Road and Franklin Avenue.
- We will wash the playground equipment.
- We will be participating for our third year in the county-wide Garlic Mustard Challenge. Garlic Mustard is a non-native, invasive plant that is out-competing our native plants

and trees. It is easy to identify and easy to pull. We will weigh our garlic mustard hauls, and the county-wide winning picker/teams will get a prize. Everyone who participates will receive a “Come Play in the Parks” card good for free or discounted Montgomery Parks activities.

Last year, our top team picked 60 pounds of Garlic Mustard. Can you pick more?

Students can earn community service points by participating in the clean up, and we will have forms on hand.

Please contact Eileen Fisher at eileenfisher@yahoo.com to join the cleaning fun! *

Cont. from the Green Column

Here's a luscious dressing to pour over the vegetables you harvest—Joyce.

A bounty of fall veggies from Winifred's backyard garden—beautiful tomatoes, eggplants and butternut squash. Photo by Winifred Roberts.

Asian Ginger Dressing

- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 TBS. minced fresh ginger root
- 3/4 c olive oil
- 1/3 c rice vinegar
- 1/2 c soy sauce
- 3 TBS. honey

Combine all ingredients in a pint size jar, cover with a tight fitting lid; shake well. Remove the lid, heat the jar for 30 seconds or until the honey is dissolved. Let cool and shake well before serving. Store in refrigerator (especially good on shredded cabbage).



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CRIME REPORT: Joyce Stocker

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- 3/19/10 Theft from Vehicle, 6:34 a.m.
9300 block Colesville and Franklin
- 3/23/10 Theft from Vehicle, 7:26 a.m.
200 block Leighton Ave
- 3/12/10 Attempt break, 3:00 p.m.,
9900 block Moss Ave
- 3/5/10 Theft from Vehicle, 9:32 a.m.
9800 block Hastings (YMCA)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joyce Stocker has indicated that she would be glad to report burned out street lights to PEPCO. Send an email to comit89@aol.com.

Calendar for Downtown Silver Spring

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April 2010

- 17** Silver Spring Farmers Market
9am – 1pm
Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure
Registration Drive
9am – 7pm
- 23** Amnesty International USA—
Human Rights Art Festival
- 24** Silver Spring Farmers Market
9am – 1pm

May 2010

- 1** Silver Spring Farmers Market
9am – 1pm
- 5** Cinco de Mayo Celebration,
9am – 8pm
- 8** Silver Spring Farmers Market
9am – 1pm
Youth Media Festival sponsored by
Gandhi Brigade,
2:30pm – 8:30pm
- 15** Silver Spring Farmers Market
9am – 1pm
2nd Annual Sounding Notes for Change
sponsored by Shepherd's Table,
Time TBD
- 16** Fiesta Asia at Silver Spring,
10am – 5pm
- 22** Silver Spring Farmers Market
9am – 1pm
2nd Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival,
sponsored by Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.
Time TBD
- 23** Handmade Mart,
10am – 5pm
- 26** Fountain Opening Celebration/Little Tots
Series
10:30am
- 29** Silver Spring Farmers Market
9am – 1pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 24

- Earth Day Clean up (10:00 am)

Sunday, April 25

- Earth Day RAIN DATE (10:00 am)

Monday, April 26

- Gen. Mtng. with Sen. Raskin (7:30 pm)

Saturday, May 1

- Garden Club Meeting (3:00 pm)
Pls. email Jennifer Whalen at jj.whalen@verizon.net for details.



*Black-eyed Susans mixed with veggies in Eileen's front yard garden, planted with cataloupes, patty pan squash, roma beans, carrots and tomatoes.
Photo by Eileen Fisher.*



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