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Indian Spring News

General Meeting January 24

Holiday Lights

By Stephanie Helsing, the Christmas Tree Lady

I want to thank everyone who braved the December rain to come to our annual tree lighting and holiday celebration. While numbers were a little thin and the actual event itself was shortened, primarily by statements like “can we just light the tree already?”, fun was had by all. The songs were indeed lead by the children also showing a number of the adults that we have a bit of work to do to prepare for next years celebration if we do not want to be upstaged.

We also collected a nice sized box for the soldier collection which will be sent to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Things being collected were toiletries, individually wrapped snacks, gum, feminine products, magazines, stationary, and even books and blank DVD's to record stories on for children of deployed parents.

Happy Holidays and thanks for being such great neighbors and role models for all of the youth in our hood! ☞



This year's ISCA Holiday tree.

ISCA General Meeting on Crime on January 24

District 3 Lt. Commander Robert Carter will join us Monday, Jan. 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Center. Area crime has been a concern to our community. Please join us and learn what we can do help prevent crime in Indian Spring. Mark your calendar now!

Tony Hausner, Neighborhood Watch Organizer, would like to meet with all block captains and all persons interested in the neighborhood watch at 6:45 p.m. at the Rec Center to discuss any issues and thoughts on the neighborhood watch. ☞

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Jill Ortman-Fouse, January 2011

I hope everyone was able to enjoy a peaceful break over the holidays. We had a busy fall in Indian Spring, and the ISCA Board and community have been active on a number of issues.

It was great to have a full house for our ISCA General Meeting in November. The evening began with an update on several issues that had been brought up on the ISCA listserv, including: noise from Montgomery Blair High School, pedestrian and vehicle safety issues, and the car break-ins.

And then we had a lively discussion on power reliability and tree maintenance with our guests from PEPCO, the Montgomery County chief of tree maintenance and state Delegate Tom Hucker. Thanks to Suzanne Pattee for taking notes on this discussion, which appear in her article later in this issue. We were also happy to have representatives from state Senator Jamie Raskin's and Councilmember Valerie Erwin's offices present to hear our concerns. All of our guests graciously stayed for the entire meeting, and I really appreciated everyone's constructive engagement. Again, thank you to all who came out for this meeting. It is always helpful to have local leadership hear our concerns and see our involvement

Regarding the noise from the Blair speakers; Mary Bradford, Director of Parks for the Mo. Co. Dept. of Parks, is a resident of Indian Spring and was present at the November meeting. She has been in communication with Blair, the Park Police and others to resolve the issue through a number of measures. Hopefully, with the steps that have been taken, the speaker sound will be at more tolerable levels in the future.

Regarding the traffic and pedestrian safety issues, a committee has been formed and had a very productive meeting in December covering a range of traffic concerns, but focusing mostly on Franklin Ave. The committee meeting was well attended, thanks to the organization and leadership of Jennifer Chambers, and we moved constructively through a full agenda. Members from the other neighborhoods adjacent to Franklin Ave. were also present. It was very helpful to have representatives from all the decision-making offices at one table to make sure we were all on the same page and could get the answers we needed directly in order to move forward. Please see Jennifer Chamber's article later in the newsletter for details of the meeting. Special thanks to Heidi for agreeing to chair the committee. We will be keeping Indian Spring updated and seeking input from the community as planning to address the pedestrian and traffic safety concerns continues.

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Presidents Column

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Regarding the car break-ins, Lt. Robert Carter, who is in charge of our area (District 3), will be joining us for our Jan. 24 ISCA meeting. He will talk about area crime, answer our questions and tell us what we can do to help prevent crime in our neighborhood. Also, he has suggested calling Officer Joy Patil, at 301-565-7740, if you would like a home security survey.

He said the most important thing we can all do to prevent theft from vehicles, is try our best to remember to lock our cars, and leave no valuables inside them. Also, he asks that we please call the police when we see any suspicious activity. Alert neighbors have been responsible for the capture of three different thieves so far. Lt. Carter says that theft from vehicles is up from Prince Georges County to Howard County to the D.C. lines, and everyone must be equally vigilant whether you are at home, shopping or visiting friends.

One final note, it has been great to see new members of the community taking an active role on issues important to our neighborhood. Fresh faces bring new energy to our efforts. We are ready for a great new year in Indian Spring! 

Obituary Notices

We extend our condolences to the following neighbors.

Anita Manning, wife of Richard Manning, who had been a long time resident of Indian spring and frequently attended ISCA meetings. Mr. Manning was an engineer who worked for WMATA for many years and was instrumental in developing the rail yard designs in use today.

The family of Jeanne Hammer. Mrs. Hammer was a kind and thoughtful neighbor. She represented her church to the National Center of children and Families, frequently attended ISCA meetings, and was a neighborhood watch block captain.

Crime Report

from Joyce Stocker

Crimes Reported to Montgomery County Police from Indian Spring according to Crimereports.com. Between 11/25/10-12/26/10:

12/22	1:09pm	Assault 10100 block Colesville Rd
12/20	1:08pm	Theft from Vehicle 500 block E Indian Spring
12/16	4:45pm	Theft 10100 block Colesville Rd
12/13	5:45pm	Breaking/Entering 100 block Normandy
12/3	7:12pm	Theft of Vehicle 9900 block Moss Ave

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Editor's note: The newsletter is printed in black and white to save on costs. A color version is online at iscaonline.com; so if you want to see any photos, ads, etc. in color, we recommend going online. Additional photos from the November general meeting and holiday lights can be found in our online photo gallery.

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General Meeting on Pepco, Power Outages and Trees

by Suzanne Pattee

At our November 15 general meeting, we were fortunate to have guest speakers from Pepco and the Montgomery County Tree Maintenance program to respond to our requests for dialogue on reducing power outages in our neighborhood.

POWER

George Scola, Jr., who works in utility operations finance for Pepco, shared with us some of the issues that affect power reliability. He reviewed issues such as power failure and onstage analysis. Pepco is targeting Montgomery and Prince George's Counties for enhancements through its Reliability Enhancement Program. Pepco planned to inspect circuits in ISCA in November. Scola also addressed its Energy-Wise Program to save energy in the hot summer months, and the Mid Atlantic Power Project to address power congestion, where they are considering building new power lines to alleviate problems.

Several improvements are planned for our area including:

- Trimming trees, using funds from the state budget. This is a high priority for Montgomery County, and the work will be done by Aspen.
- Addressing feeder performance with consideration of new equipment and new power lines.
- Distribution automation switches are being considered using new technology to allow operators to remotely fix power problems over multiple years.

New Equipment

Pepco is considering adding "smart meters" to the system. Pepco joined with Baltimore Gas and Electric to study these meters and identify benefits for customers. The meters would show Pepco that power is out in certain areas so that customers don't have to call in outages, among other benefits.

The dialogue with Mr. Scola was animated with many questions about Pepco's performance, age of equipment, power failure on hot days and storms, as well as the impact of branches and animals on power lines.

FAQ on POWER

Q: What will be done if there are still power outages after trees are cleared from lines?

A: Pepco referred to its statistics on power reliability and outages. After instituting more aggressive tree trimming, it did result in a 70 percent improvement in some local areas. Also, Pepco is implementing an Enhanced Integrated Vegetation Management (EIVM) Program in Montgomery County (a.k.a. tree trimming).

Q: How is power restoration prioritized?

A: Pepco generally strives to provide power back to public institutions, police and fire departments and other areas that address public safety. Hospitals often have their own generators. For neighborhoods where fewer people are linked to a power feeder, it may take longer to return power.

TREES

Our second guest speaker was Brett Linkletter, chief of tree maintenance at the Maryland Department of Transportation. He discussed the impact of tree maintenance on power availability, as well as laws that limit the ability of the county—and residents—to prune trees to reduce power outages.

Mr. Linkletter told us that all utilities, including Pepco, have a 10 foot round aerial property line around power lines and they have "jurisdiction" over trees in that air space. Before a tree is trimmed, permission is needed—whether it is a private property tree or a county tree. The county does prune trees for hazard reduction, provide directional trimming to raise the tree canopy, and removes dead wood. Yet, its first priority is to clear the power lines.

The county is in communications with Pepco foresters, especially for large tree trimming projects. A large percent of the trees in this area are county trees. They often provide clean up after Pepco trims. However, if too much of a tree is within 10 feet of the power line, the county is prohibited from trimming the tree due to safety standards required by occupational safety and health laws (OSHA). Also, the county contractors stay off of private property.

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When removing trees, they are marked for removal with red dots. However, due to budget constraints, removing such trees takes longer than generally anticipated. There is a more than 3 month backlog to have a tree inspected to assess safety, a backlog of 1 year to remove a tree and a 2.5 year backlog for stump removal.

On the other hand, you can get a tree planted within a year. The county is planting approximately 650 trees this year; however, this is in contrast to prior planting rate of 1,600-1,800 trees/year in the recent past.

FAQ on TREES

Q: What can residents trim/remove on their own?

A: It is possible for residents to remove trees themselves; however, this may need a state permit. It is best to work with the county to discuss plans. Also, residents can remove a stump on their own initiative without a permit. Alert the county if you remove a stump so they can delete the work order from their inventory system.

“Trees can elicit very strong reactions from people.” Brett Linkletter, chief of tree maintenance with the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Q: What about installing underground wires?

A: The feeder lines to the ISCA houses are overhead. Pepco is considering installing some selective underground wires for some problem feeders. They have installed them in downtown Silver Spring and downtown Bethesda. However, it may be very costly to install them in the local neighborhood.

Next Steps

For questions/problems with power, contact George Scola, Jr., Finance, Utility Operations Finance, gascola@pepco.com.

For streetlight outages, neighbor Joyce Stocker volunteered to facilitate contact with Pepco and can be reached at comit89@aol.com.

For questions on tree trimming and maintenance, contact Brett Linkletter, Chief of Tree Maintenance, Certified Arborist/Urban Forester, Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services, Brett.Linkletter@montgomerycountymd.gov

Websites For More Information

Reporting outages to Pepco and their restoration process: <http://www.pepco.com/home/emergency/report/>
Pepco Reliability Enhance Plan for Montgomery County: http://www.pepco.com/_res/documents/pepcoreliabilityplan_old.pdf

County information on tree maintenance, including planting, removal and “approved street trees”:
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hwytempl.asp?url=/content/dot/highway/tree.asp>

For more details on the discussions between Pepco and local communities, see <http://silverspring.patch.com/articles/state-delegate-tom-hucker-visits-community-meeting> (Oct 19, 2010)
<http://silverspring.patch.com/articles/montgomery-county-council-and-pepco-discuss-power-restoration-after-outage> (Oct. 22, 2010)

The following writeup was supplied by Arlene Montemarano.

As Tom Hucker, State Delegate, spoke to us, I learned for the first time that Montgomery County, which excels in so many quality-of-life areas, has one of the worst-rated utilities in the nation, while at the same time being the most profitable for the company.

Yes, we have had four major storms just this year, and that is challenging for any utility provider, with lots of overhead wires and lots of aging trees. Yet, the performance standards are not being met in that equipment is out of date and not very well maintained. The system is not efficient, storms or not.

Here are some facts about those storms from Tom: we had four major storms, but those same storms caused around 7,000 outages in Fairfax, around 5,000 in DC, and over 200,000 in Montgomery.

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The difference is not the storms, but the utility's reliability. Pepco serves DC as well, but I assume DC's regulation is more effective. More wires are underground, and I assume there is better tree trimming. Whatever the cause, the point is that we have levels of reliability that are not inevitable, and we should not tolerate them.

At the very least, we should have a live call center so that we can speak with people day and night during a storm or other emergency. There should be a close coordination with first responders, which there currently is not, so that police and others know where they are needed most to save lives and provide for urgent needs. We have "100 year old technology" all in the face of huge profits for PEPCO in salaries and large sums being spent for an army of expensive lobbyists.


Unless this is changed, we can look forward to enduring a worse mess with the next storms, while profits continue to do quite nicely. It is up to our local government to insist that performance standards be raised, and to insist that money be spent by PEPCO to modernize, so that they can do the best job for us.

PEPCO is an officially sanctioned monopoly, and with that privilege comes a great deal of obligation on PEPCO'S part. There is legislation being drafted now that would require PEPCO to drastically improve their system or pay heavy fines. Fine money that would come, not from rate raises, but from their own profits now being spent on salaries and expensive lobbyists. I would hope that people would support this legislation.

It might involve a trip to Annapolis sometime between January 11 and April 12, as well as letters and phone calls.


But only the strongest public support can achieve the kind of laws that could challenge the current system, which is very inferior and needs an overhaul. We are very dependent on electricity. We have seen what life is like without it for days at a time, and it ain't nice and it ain't necessary.

PEPCO needs to take some of those high profits and invest them in service to us! But we can be sure that they won't... *unless we make them.*

To learn more about what you can do to help support changes so Pepco can provide more reliable service, contact Tom Hucker, Member of the Maryland House of Delegates for our area, at:
Tom.Hucker@house.state.md.us 

The Green Column: My Top 10 Green Resolutions for 2011

by Joyce Stocker

- 1. I will pledge to reduce my utility bills by 10% (more about this in a subsequent column).**
- 2. I will at least investigate the trip to work using public transportation, and try at least twice a month to make the bus trip.**
- 3. I will try to reduce my driving by combining trips and errands.**
- 4. I will always take my own grocery bags to the store and always keep a pouch in my purse.**
- 5. I will never buy or use styrofoam. I will take my own "doggy bag" containers to restaurants to bring home food—no matter how embarrassed the kids say they are. (Secretly, they support me doing this!)**
- 6. I will continue to reduce our consumption of meat by getting out my Vegetarian Times magazine and planning meals. (I've never made a dish from this magazine that we didn't like).**
- 7. I will take my own forks, spoons to work to eat my lunch instead of using disposable.**
- 8. I will seek out and fix the draft in the kitchen which makes it so cold in there.**
- 9. I will use more vinegar and baking soda for cleaning.**
- 10. I will learn how to use the new steamer we bought so we can clean without chemical products.** 

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New Traffic and Safety Committee Responds to Neighbors' Concerns

by Jennifer Chambers

In response to a number of neighbors' concerns regarding the safety of area streets, particularly Franklin Ave due to speeding and a recent car accident, Jennifer Chambers organized the first meeting of our ISCA Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee. All the neighborhoods which border Franklin Ave. were represented: ISCA, Seven Oaks, and Sligo-Branview. Also present at the meeting were engineers from the Dept. of Transportation, Sgt. Harmon of the MCPD, the Pedestrian Safety Coordinator for Mo.Co. Exec. Ike Leggett's office, Jeff Dunkel; and Richard Romer, chief of staff for Mo.Co. County Council President Valerie Ervin.

The participants listed all of the concerns which include: speeding, sight lines, unsafe pedestrian crossings, passing busses, noise, large trucks, and unsafe and incomplete sidewalks. The group discussed a wide array of options for addressing these issues, such as bump outs, refuge islands, crosswalk paddle signs, speed humps, and speed cameras, and assigned next steps.

The engineers have already done walk-throughs, taken photos of the intersections along Franklin, and conducted a limited speed study which documented the speeding on Franklin Ave. They are going to take some additional measurements

of street conditions (street grade, site lines, etc.) and do a more comprehensive speed study, then put together a plan for our review. We will have a general meeting for neighbors to provide feedback on the initial plan when it is ready. They will remain open to community input during the process. The DOT engineers hope to have recommendations for ISCA by late spring.

FYI, the lead engineer on this project also designed the traffic-calming measures for Dale Dr. and Arcola Ave., and average speed was successfully reduced on both those streets.

Much appreciation to Heidi Whitesell who has agreed to chair the ISCA Traffic and Pedestrian Safety committee.

The committee will update the community and provide opportunities for input as the process progresses. 



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Editor's note: As noted previously, we will be including interviews with noted members of our community. We would welcome suggestions for further persons to be interviewed, please send to thausner@gmail.com, 301-587-6943 and we would love to have students to serve as reporters for student service credits.

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ISCA Entrepreneurs at Home: Iantha Carley

by Jay P. Goldman

(Editor's Note: This is part 4 of a series in the ISCA newsletter focusing on individuals in the neighborhood who run businesses out of their homes.)

When as a teenager her parents would ask what she wanted to do for the rest of her life, Iantha Carley would say "interior designer." However, back in 1975, few, if any, African-Americans worked in the design field so, under parental influence, she majored in computer information systems with a business minor at Howard University. She spent 17 years with the Environmental Protection Agency, mostly as a systems analyst.

With the birth of daughter Gabi in 1992 and then son Ian three years later, Iantha became a stay-at-home mom. As the kids grew older, she returned to school, as she puts it, "to follow my heart's desire." She enrolled in the interior design program at Montgomery College, and her part-time internship at Kravet Fabrics soon turned into a full-time job followed by an assistant manager post at Lee Jofa Fabrics and Century Furniture.

Seeking greater flexibility in her schedule, she formed Iantha Carley Interiors in 2006. The firm specializes in residential interiors and provides services as simple as color consultation to full room design. She serves clients with an array of budgets.



Left: Iantha Carley shown in room she designed for the DC Design House.
Right: Living room in Indian Spring home designed by Iantha Carley.

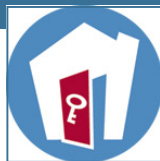
"I feel it's my job to help clients get the most value and quality in their design projects," she says. "It was a little bit of an adjustment working on my own and having free time until I built up my clientele." To fill the void, she is an authorized Hunter Douglas dealer.

In 2009, Iantha was selected to design two spaces in the DC Design House, which benefits Children's Hospital. It's a penultimate experience for designers. Iantha admits she was "thrilled to be selected because I would be the first African-American designer to participate in the showhouse, and I was proud to be an example to my children of never giving up on your dreams—no matter how old you are!"

Her work also has appeared in local design magazines, as well as The Washington Post and Washingtonian.

In the coming months, she intends to re-embrace her technology roots by launching a design blog that focuses on smaller homes (under 3,000 square feet), a Facebook fan page and maybe even Twitter! She also will update her website, www.ianthainteriors.com, with new photos, including several projects in Indian Spring.





TAMARA KUCIK
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13-Apr	540000	540000	8000	123 NORMANDY DR	22	3	2
30-Jun	509000	509000	14000	9707 FAIRWAY AVE	77	3	2
30-Aug	525000	480000	0	203 NORMANDY DR	105	3	2
3-Aug	647000	618000	0	218 GRANVILLE DR	35	4	3
19-Aug	399000	400000	0	220 GRANVILLE DR	12	3	1
6-Dec	550000	550000	0	104 GRANVILLE DR	4	4	2
29-Jan	385900	386000	10000	217 BADEN ST	70	4	1
23-Apr	329900	341900	12000	9505 OCALA ST	15	6	2
26-May	489000	487000	0	221 BADEN ST	4	3	1
19-Apr	498000	475000	15000	9517 SEMINOLE ST E	128	3	1
14-Jun	445000	435000	8700	9600 EVERGREEN ST	12	3	2
22-Sep	435000	435000	10000	9604 EVERGREEN ST	33	3	1
1-Mar	485000	487000	0	9508 SEMINOLE ST	22	4	2
7-Jul	299000	290000	5000	9408 GARWOOD ST	17	5	4
28-Apr	475000	475000	14250	212 DEARBORN AVE	6	4	2
9-Aug	299999	282000	4000	313 UNIVERSITY BLVD E	88	3	2
7-Jul	675000	647000	0	9411 GARWOOD ST	52	4	3
16-Sep	400000	375000	0	9406 BILTMORE DR	85	2	1
13-Oct	229900	228000	8000	235 UNIVERSITY BLVD E	26	3	2
22-Oct	450000	415000	20000	9935 MOSS AVE	11	3	2
24-May	489000	480000	0	9511 SAYBROOK AVE	27	3	1
28-Jul	579000	569000	0	115 FRANKLIN AVE	18	3	1
11-Mar	285000	285000	10000	10143 SUTHERLAND RD	111	3	2
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Northwood High School News

by Jay Goldman

Changes to Master Schedule

Northwood is making a major adjustment in the school's daily class schedule beginning in fall 2011, moving from the 8-period block format that has been in place for several years in favor of the standard 7-period school day.

In a letter to parents in mid-December, Principal Henry Johnson, a proponent of the block schedule since Northwood re-opened in 2004, said the school's Instructional Council recommended the change for several reasons. Foremost, he said, faculty believe the 7-period schedule, allowing them to see students every day, outweighs the benefits of the longer time periods of the block schedule. Students take four classes a day in the block, which also gives them an additional opportunity for course electives each semester.

While this may come as a disappointment to many parents and students, I am confident that Northwood will continue to find ways to grow as a school community with the new changes that will take place," Johnson said. "Many teachers feel that the every other day schedule was limiting the success of many of our students."

Parents who are not happy about the forthcoming schedule change are expected to turn out in large numbers at the next PTSA meeting at Northwood on Tuesday, Jan. 18, in the school's media center. During that meeting, Johnson said he will address all questions and concerns.

Northwood is the only high school in Montgomery County offering an 8-period block schedule of approximately 90-minute classes, although students enrolled in the CAP and magnet programs at Blair have an option for an eighth course each semester.

Sports Rivals

Whenever Northwood and Montgomery Blair face off in varsity athletics, the competition is lively and hotly contested and usually well attended. The two schools draw from largely the same geographic areas, and some of the competitors grew up together playing on the same recreation league teams.

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From Silver Chips Online: Blair Green Club ranks in the Green Neighborhood Challenge Club receives award for promoting wind power

by Marjorie Fuchs, Staff Writer

Blair's Green Club won second place in the Green Neighborhood Challenge on Dec. 2. Maryland-based energy company Clean Currents awarded the club \$460 for efforts in promoting wind power as a household energy source; the club is using the money for their water awareness campaign.

The Green Club won 2nd place in the Green Neighborhood Challenge promoting wind energy as sustainable energy source.

As part of the Green Neighborhood Challenge, the Green Club advocated the switch to wind power as the primary energy source in local homes. The Green Club earned \$10 for each household that referenced Blair when signing up for wind power through Clean Currents. From this past February to October, the club persuaded 46 households to convert to wind energy. Many different groups participated in the challenge, including other schools, church groups and businesses. Thomas S. Wootton High School won first place with 52 households and received additional money.

A representative from the Clean Currents presented the Green Club with a check for \$460 at the club's weekly meeting last Thursday. Clean Currents awards the money to help fund an environmental project of the club's choice; Blair's club directed these funds towards purchasing 1,000 eco-friendly water bottles, which they are selling to Blazers to promote eco-friendly resource usage. The Green Club is working in conjunction with Students for Global Responsibility (SGR) on this new water bottle campaign and will donate profits towards the H2O Project, a charity organization that, among other things, builds wells in third world countries.

The Green Club used various advertising techniques to promote the benefits of wind powered energy and explain how to switch to Clean Currents. The club created flyers and posters, spoke to their classes and at

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This winter, the boys and girls varsity basketball games between Northwood and Blair are scheduled on the same night at opposite venues. The boys varsity basketball game takes place on Friday, Jan. 21 at Northwood, while the girls varsity teams will square off at Blair's gymnasium. Both games tip off at 7 p.m.

Fund-Raising via Giant

Northwood would appreciate the support of Indian Spring residents (who aren't already committed to another neighborhood school) through the A+ School Rewards program at Giant markets. The fund-raising window for the 2010-11 school year closes on March 24.

The website for registering your Giant BonusCard is www.giantfood.com/aplus, and Northwood's code is 04641. If you do not know your card number, you can call 877-ASK-APLUS (877-275-2758). You must register every school year in order to bring in money for Northwood through Giant's school support program. 

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different Blair events such as at freshman orientation and back to school night according to senior and club member Olga Aguilar. The club also created a video about the project which won second place at the MCPS Environmental Film Festival last April. Senior and Green Club President Nissi Chilkamari believes that participating in the Green Neighborhood challenge helped the club spread word on an important issue and also provided the club with funds to continue on with other projects. "Getting second place in the Challenge feels great because we got more people aware of the benefits of wind power. We can do so much with this money and can use it to be an influence on the Blair community," Chilkamari said.

After Green Club's success in the Green Neighborhood Challenge, Clean Currents encouraged the group to participate in the next round of the competition. According to Green Club Sponsor Karen Shilling, the Green Club will continue their promotion to switch even more people to wind power as well as with their other main project on recycling. "The club is very active this year; we're hoping to win this next round and further help the environment," she said.

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Hopes, Challenges, and Dreams

*message from Julio Orellana
Executive Director, YMCA Silver Spring
YMCA of Metropolitan Washington*



Hopes, dreams, and moonbeams of character are all within reach at the YMCA.

Many youngsters hope to be able to make it across the pool, shoot the first basket, or discover a role model who is sincerely interested in them.

Families hope for a safe place where quality time can be spent, loving relationships strengthened, and lasting memories made.

Communities hope for groups to come together, to volunteer for services to be provided, and YMCA programs and facilities developed.

When the parents are involved in their children's lives, children are more likely to maximize opportunities and avoid risks.

Children look forward to having fun and making new friends with others families with trained mature leaders that are role models. Homework assistance, sports, games, character lessons, science, art and computer training are included in various programs.


Society often overlooks young people's positive attitudes and contribution, but not the YMCA. True, there are a lot of kids who face many challenges; however, at the YMCA we find a majority successful from childhood to adulthood.

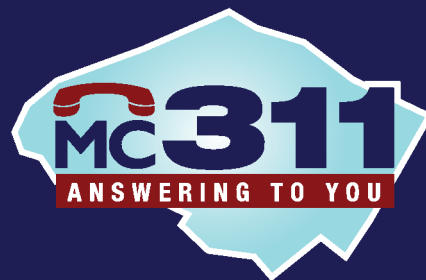
Kids learn how to do the right thing at the YMCA. All YMCA youth learn about the character building values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility in programs like baseball, flag football, martial arts, gymnastics, soccer, swimming and basketball. Programs teach not only physical skills, but inner skills too.

Day and Resident Camps and YMCA Preschool also teach kids that self-respect, independence, appreciation for nature, and the ability to get along with others are tools needed to prepare for success and to become productive citizens.

We invite you to be part of the YMCA family.

Welcome to the YMCA Silver Spring. Come and enjoy open enrollment for ISCA families in January 2011 and pay no joiner fees. ISCA members also receive 15% off YMCA membership dues.

Thank you Indian Spring Citizens Association for helping us build strong kids, strong families and strong communities, and making hopes and dreams come true. 



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