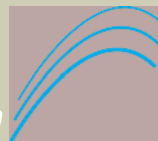




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# Indian Spring News

General Meeting • March 21

## ISCA General Meeting

By Suresh Srinivasan, Secretary

The ISCA general meeting for January 2011 was held on the 24th at the rec center on a cold night. Despite the frigid temperatures, the meeting was well attended with over 30 participants. The special guest for the evening was Lieutenant Robert Carter of the 3rd district who answered a range of questions on crime and safety, both in our neighborhood and in Silver Spring and the surrounding areas.



Lt. Bob Carter, Julio Orellana—Y Director, Tony, Joyce Stocker, and Ed Freestone—block captain extraordinaire

The other issues discussed were zoning (Tony Hausner), the time bank project (Lindy Burnett) and activities at the neighborhood Y.

The planning board is working to simplify the zoning codes in the county. Tony is seeking volunteers to help

track developments and areas of concern for our residents.

The time bank project was conceived to allow the wealth of expertise, talent and experience in our neighborhood to be shared with others in a simple barter. Lindy currently has two volunteer helpers, but would love to hear from more of you who want to help. They are very passionate about wanting to see the time bank become reality. They would also like to know how many

people in the neighborhood are interested in pursuing this idea further.

Mr. Julio Orellana, the executive director of the Y, along with Mr. Jabari Reaves were both present and spoke

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Jill Ortman-Fouse

Despite it being a cold winter night, we had about 30 attendees at our January ISCA meeting. Following issue and event updates provided by neighbors, we had a thorough and engaging discussion with Lt. Robert Carter about area crime and its prevention. His candid responses were very helpful in understanding the nature of current crime trends in our region and community. We are lucky to have his knowledge of our area, and his dedication to keeping District 3 safe.



President Jill Ortman-Fouse

Having covered Pepco and tree maintenance at our November meeting, and crime at our February meeting, the last two topics that received the highest votes on our online poll were: (1) elected officials speaking about local issues of interest to our community; and (2) development plans for downtown Silver Spring. Unless a burning issue presents itself, these will likely be the themes of our next two ISCA general meetings before the summer break. Please mark your calendars now for Monday, March 21, and Monday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Huge thanks to Suresh Srinivasan who has filled the vacancy for ISCA secretary. If you were not able to attend our January meeting, please see the minutes submitted by Suresh, which you will find later in this newsletter.

Speaking of board positions, it is not too early to begin thinking about ISCA leadership for the next term. Happily, several of our board members have already agreed to stay on for an additional term, but we will likely have a couple of openings. If you are interested in contributing to the well-being of our neighborhood by joining the board, please contact me or any other board member. As I've said before, new leaders invigorate and bring fresh ideas and perspectives to our association. We will be voting on the slate at our May meeting.

Stay warm and safe—looking forward to seeing more of you when we thaw out in the spring!

**Post-storm note:** I submitted my column before the snow storm that some are calling “Commutageddon.” I think it could also be referred to as “Pepcotastrophe.” I’m hoping that everyone filled out the Pepco survey, and will support our elected officials as they are working to hold Pepco accountable for their failures in both planning and execution during this storm. Special thanks to Del. Tom Hucker who spoke at our November meeting about the myriad issues with Pepco’s performance, and personally called in to the V.P. of Pepco the addresses of neighbors who were still without power after two days. I was proud of how people took care of each other here in Indian Spring during the power outage. I think Steve Kane’s comment on the ISCA listserv summed up well how a lot of us feel here:

*“It is times like this that I am thankful that my family has lived in this neighborhood since 1963. People reach out and offer to help in any way they can. In an increasingly disconnected world, ISCA and our friends in Longbranch and Sligo-Branview are always willing to help. We don’t always agree on everything, or sometimes anything, but we are all there for each other when needed. Thank you to all the neighbors, including our very active and helpful elected officials.” \**

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## General Meeting, *continued from page 1*



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*Lindy Burnett, Vanessa Krabacher, Ann Lindstrom*

about the community open house at the Y planned for the 26th (Wednesday) from 5pm to 8pm. The doors will be open to non-members to check out the facilities and explore pathways to a healthier lifestyle. Additionally the Y is starting a new partnership with Giant to encourage healthy and nutritious eating. The Y is planning a summer International youth exchange with a youth exchange with Spain.

Lt. Robert Carter who has been policing in Silver Spring for 23 years, then engaged in a lively and informative question-answer session with the audience on a variety of topics. Here are some of the highlights:

- When you see something unusual happening, should you call 911? Yes, absolutely! Calling 911 is always a good idea. Police would rather spend time following up on a call even if it is a false alarm than have to deal with the aftereffects of a real crime. You can also call 311 for non-emergency items but it is easier to do online at <http://www3.montgomerycountymd.gov/311/>
- Vigilant neighborhood—it pays to have a neighborhood like ISCA where people keep an eye out for unusual activity, strange vehicles, etc. It is rare that police happen in on suspicious activity and catch the bad guys in the act. Most arrests are the result of a neighbor or resident's tip.
- Most thefts from cars happen when the cars are left unlocked. Thieves are always pulling on door handles and look for unlocked cars for crimes of opportunity. Loose change, GPS units and CDs are the most commonly stolen items, most of which is hawked on the street. Smarter cars and entry systems have made thefts from autos more rare—there were 500 fewer cases in Silver Spring last year.

- The two best deterrents for crime—having a home alarm system and a dog. Nighttime burglaries are up—usually the perpetrators are juveniles looking for unoccupied houses. When there is a suspicious knock on the door, usually letting them know that someone is in the house (by turning a light on or making a noise) causes them to flee. It is very rare that someone would break into an occupied house.
- Gang activity, especially at schools, continues to be troublesome. Gangs are based on ethnicities. Schools have to step up and ensure that when school is let out early the students board buses and get home instead of congregating and causing problems. Good news is that ISCA does not have a gang problem. If a house in the neighborhood seems to spell trouble (like the one on University), the most effective solution is to call code enforcement, when there are broken windows, uncut lawns, cars in the yard, etc.
- Budget cuts are coming and this will affect how patrols are conducted. Nearly 110 positions will be eliminated in the county; officers will be moved from geo-based patrols (officers assigned to a neighborhood) to a time-based deployment and as a result we won't get the same attention as now.
- Neighborhood watches are extremely valuable, as is an active listserv. The Internet has allowed us to share information immediately.

We are very thankful to Lt. Carter for his time and energy and for sharing useful information with the community. ✨



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# YMCA Camp and Our Eternal Values

By Julio Orellana

Embracing the truly important aspects of life is something we all strive to do.

Seeking for things of high value is a never-ending struggle. My car repair bills are out of sight, my new computer is already outdated, college tuition keeps rising faster than inflation and the list goes on and on.

So every time I write a check I remind myself, “it’s only money”.

The dollars come and the dollars go but is there anything I can invest in that has lasting value?

It makes sense to me that if something has value even beyond this present life, if there is something so precious that a price tag is inconceivable, is this not where the investment of time, energy and resources should be spent? The whole purpose behind YMCA camping for over 125 years has been to build character and develop friendships. Some of the most important things that are great about the camp experience for kids and teens are:

- **Dreamland.** The natural setting of Camp is idyllic. Counselors are carefully selected for their enthusiasm, ability to act as role models, and skills in sharing great adventures with children.
- **Opportunities.** Try things you’ve never done, in a safe setting. Swimming fun, practice youth sports; \*shoot a bulls-eye with a bow and arrow, etc.
- **The Great Outdoors.** What a wonderful thing to experience to be in contact with Nature. Air conditioners, cars, sidewalks, walls and computers are great, but so are fresh air, sunsets, birdcalls, turtles and gentle breezes.
- **Independence.** Campers succeed at Camp. They learn to make friends, gain skills, and be happy in a setting apart from family.
- **Friends.** In the new setting of Camp, all kinds of kids come together, with time to get to know each other. They

make friends with each other on the basis of who they are rather than what they represent.

- **Time.** The Resident and Day Camp setting gives people time to talk—more than the hour or so of a soccer practice. You can really get to know another person through the experience of Summer Camp.



- **Work.** Campers are about the age when parents begin to give up on the idea that their kids are capable of doing actual work, but we know that campers thrive when given tasks and chores. They become a contributing part of a community that counts on them, and are accountable. This builds a sense of responsibility.

- **A Clean Slate.** It’s not school and it’s not family. Whatever “issues” kids have in overly familiar settings, they get a fresh start in life when they enter the world of Summer Camp.

- **Safety.** Good camps spend a lot of time managing risk through staff training, hazard prevention, and careful operation. Frankly, we know what can go wrong at Camp and take many steps on preventative measures.
- **Uniqueness.** Where else can you cheer, sing crazy songs, or sit in a mud pit. Sometimes we need to be reminded that “normal” is not always the only, or best, way.

Silver Spring YMCA is ready to register your kids and teens for Summer Camp 2011.

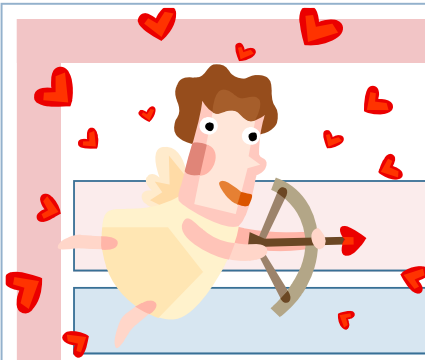
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Julio Orellana  
Executive Director  
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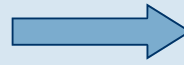
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# Time Banking: Are You Interested?

By Lindy Burnett

There have been some emails on the listserv of late about the possibility of a time bank starting up in the Indian Springs Community. What is time banking? Time banking is when a group or community gets together to share their talents and abilities with each other. We all have abilities that are worthy of sharing with others. Why not share them with your neighbors? You may be a computer whiz and could help someone who is having issues with his computer. Or, maybe you have a hobby like knitting and would like to teach some classes. Do you like to cook? Maybe you'd be willing to cook some meals for someone who doesn't have time. In a time bank, everyone's time is worth the same. Give an hour of your time, receive an hour to use somewhere else. Time banking is not the same as bartering. No money changes hands unless materials are needed to provide the service. Time banking can save us all money and in the process will tighten the community as we all get to know our neighbors better.

A small group has formed to research the possibility of time banking here in our neighborhood. Before we can go further though, we need to find out how many households would be interested in participating. If you are wondering whether participating would cost anything, we aren't sure of that yet. There may be a small membership fee to cover the cost of the software needed to track everyone's hours. We will know more on that subject later.

Please email [LindyBurnett@gmail.com](mailto:LindyBurnett@gmail.com) or write a note and mail it to: P.O. Box 3724 Silver Spring, MD 20918 (indicate on the envelope: Time Banking) to let her know if you're interested in participating. If you are not sure and would like more information on time banking please check out the website [www.hourexchangeportland.org](http://www.hourexchangeportland.org) as they are a time bank currently in progress. The deadline for getting your email or note to Lindy is February 28th. If the interest is high, we will proceed with the plan (We would need at least 50 households to get started). If you'd like to be a part of the team that is forming the time bank please say so in your email/note. We could use a few more people! ✨

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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](mailto:thausner@gmail.com), or call 301-587-6943. We would love to have students serve as reporters for student service credits.



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## Seven Students Announced as Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalists

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By Blake Morgan-Gamber, [Silver Chips] Online Features and Sports Editor  
January 14, 2011 • <http://silverchips.mbhs.edu/story/10604>

Seven seniors were named semifinalists in the Intel Science Talent Search (STS) competition on Wednesday. Semifinalists will continue their research in the hopes of being selected as a finalist later this month.

Elizabeth Duval, who teaches the Senior Research Project (SRP) class of the Magnet program, explained that STS is a research competition, designed for outstanding science students to present original research to nationally recognized professional scientists. "Students are selected not just for their research, but also for their potential as futures researchers," she said.

This year, STS selected 300 semifinalists from a total of 1,744 applicants, according to the STS website. Seven of those finalists came from Blair. Duval explained that a large number of her students apply to STS each year. "We usually have a good, strong representation," she said. Duval recalled that only two schools had a higher number of semifinalists than Blair.

Magnet program students take a research course that begins at the start of their junior year, which is followed by a summer internship, during which students conduct their own research, Duval explained. Often times, students in the course choose to submit to STS because they already have the work complete, she added.

In March, finalists are invited to Washington, D.C., to participate in final judging, display their work and talk to notable scientists. The top participants compete for an award of \$100,000.

Duval expressed how competitive STS is. "Even making it to the top 300 is huge," she said. These seven Blair semifinalists will be placed into a pool from which 40 finalists will be selected by Jan. 26, Duval predicted. "I'm very hopeful that at least one [Blair student] will be selected," Duval said. \*

### Blair's Semifinalists:

*Fang Cao*

*Andrew Das Sarma*

*Ajay Kannan*

*Nilay Kumar*

*Winston Liu*

*Sandra Yan*

*Raina Zheng*

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**Editor's note:** The newsletter is printed in black and white to save on costs. A color pdf is online at [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com). So if you want to see any photos, ads, etc. in color, I recommend going online. Additional photos from the January general meeting can be found in our online photo gallery.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**March 21 General Meeting**

# The Green Column

By Joyce Stocker

**M**y family has pledged to reduce our use of resources by 10% in 2011, both for environmental and budgetary reasons. As we watch gasoline prices edge up penny by penny, we decided to focus on our gasoline usage. A useful website with practical ideas is <http://www.dailyfueleconomy>. Here are seven suggestions taken from that site:

- 1. Don't drive if you don't have to.** Instead of driving to the Blair track or to the path along Sligo Creek to do fitness walking, I now sometimes just walk the neighborhood. Walking up and down the small hills of the streets in my area gives a better workout, as well. And because I make an almost daily trip to the Giant, I've started making a weekly menu to save last-minute trips, and now buy pet food in larger bags. A friend often calls to ask if I need anything from the Giant, saving me a trip. I plan to do the same for her.
- 2. Minimize idling:** if you know you'll be idling for more than 1–2 minutes, it's recommended that you turn off the car. I've started doing this at the traffic lights at Four Corners.

- 3. Coast whenever you can.** Constantly braking and accelerating reduces fuel economy.
- 4. Accelerate and stop smoothly.** I'm always surprised to see drivers rushing by me to stop at the red light!
- 5. Drive at or near the speed limit.** Speeding increases fuel usage by 7–23%.
- 6. Make sure tires are properly inflated.** It takes extra energy to drive on improperly inflated tires—think of riding a bike with flat tires. Because I hate checking my tire pressures, my brother bought me tire valve caps which display a red band if my tire pressure is low. Now, at a glance I can see if I need to add air. They cost about \$5 for 4, and must be purchased for the psi for your tires.
- 7. Remove extra weight from the car and trunk.** For every 100 lbs the fuel economy decreases by 1–2%.

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## Crimes Reported to Montgomery County Police Department from Indian Spring Community between 12/27/2010 and 12/29/2011

By Joyce Stocker

TFV=Theft From Vehicle

B/E= Breaking and Entering

Jan 1 B/E 9500 Block Garwood St

Jan 5 TFV 300 Block Indian Spring

Jan 7 TFV 9600 Block Lawndale Court

Jan 11 Theft 300 Block Leighton Ave

Jan 12 TFV 100 Block Normandy Dr

Jan 12 TFV 9300 Block Wire Ave

Jan 13 TFV 9300 Block Ocala St

Jan 16 TFV 200 Block East Indian Spring

Jan 24 TFV 9600 Block Lawndale

**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](mailto:comit89@aol.com).**

# 'Thunder Snow' Brings Creative Lightning



The Hollands—Jennifer, Bruce, Ben, Jake and Caleb—built a snowbear complete with cola bottle during the last big snowstorm. One neighbor dubbed them “The Michelangelos of snow and ice” while another captured their masterpiece on film for everyone to enjoy for all time. *Photos by Garry Meus, Gnu Photography. \**



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9am–1pm

## **SATURDAY**

February 19

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9am–1pm

## **SATURDAY**

February 26

FreshFarm Market—Farmers Market

9am–1pm

## **SATURDAY**

March 5

FreshFarm Market—Farmers Market

9am–1pm

## **WEDNESDAY**

March 9

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