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# Indian Spring News

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## Independence Day Parade and Festival

By Arlene Montemarano

**IT WAS A GREAT DAY:** the weather was perfect, the children beyond perfect, and the volunteers surpassed themselves.

The hero of the day, though, had to be Jim Hoskinson ("Jimmy Bingo"), who showed up full of enthusiasm for the Talent Show, immediately after spending a week of tent camping with young Scouts. One would expect him to have been drained and exhausted, but if he was, he never let on. He was witty and charming, creating just the right atmosphere to encourage the eagerness that makes children willing and relaxed performers. Jim is one of this community's treasures.

Stephanie Peterson, Tony and Toba Hausner, Diane Tyler, Bruce Holland and his entire family, and dozens of others whose names I hope to get, spontaneously pitched in and made the workload

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### Meeting Announcement— Sept 2011

Mark your calendar now for the September 26 ISCA general meeting, at the Indian Spring Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m. The discussion topic will be the proposed teen curfew for Montgomery County. We have planned to have speakers from both the MCPD explain the proposal, and the County to talk about the current status of teen activity programs and services. We also have invited our County Council representatives.

**We encourage you to bring your teens to participate in the discussion.**

**See you on the 26th!**

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I hope everyone had a relaxing and refreshing summer. Our family has enjoyed catching up with neighbors back from vacation on our evening dog walks. We were sad for the loss of Snickers—a sweet old dog whose time had come; and we'll miss Felix, the adopted Shih Tzu with the endearing underbite, and his family that moved this summer.



President Jill Ortman-Fouse

On a less positive note, during one of our walks with a couple of neighbors, a driver impatiently honked his horn and rolled through a nearby stop sign. He then turned the corner and came up behind another group of neighbors with a stroller and kids on bikes. If he was trying to make good time by

cutting through our neighborhood, he was unsuccessful. Please continue to stay alert for joggers, strollers, bikes, and others in our neighborhood out for healthy exercise.

Heidi Whitesell (our new newsletter copyeditor—thanks, Heidi!) has been working with the county on steps to improve the safety of pedestrians and vehicles on Franklin Ave. Now that county officials are back from summer vacations, some of the next steps can be taken, and she'll have an update in next month's newsletter. Dare Andrews has been researching options for curtailing cut-through traffic in the southeastern corner of the neighborhood, focusing mainly on Garwood. Thanks to those neighbors who attended the June safety committee meeting and provided valuable input on both these issues. Our November ISCA meeting will be an opportunity for you to hear the latest traffic safety plans and give feedback on the options to solve some of the bothersome issues.

Indian Spring highlights over the last couple of months include the annual Independence Day Parade and Talent Show, National Night Out, and features in the *Washington Post's* "Where We Live" column and Lifestyle section.

The Parade and Talent Show were a blast. A lot of volunteers worked hard putting all the fun together, and Arlene Montemarano, Dave Scheiber, Stephanie Peterson, and Jen Holland deserve special kudos for their leadership in planning and follow-through with the festivities. In addition, Jimmy "Bingo" Hoskinson did an amazing job emceeing and coaching the little ones to perform in the show that had all the elements of "America's Got Talent," save maybe a magician—so, if that's your act, bring it next year!

Also, thanks to Tony Hausner for planning the ISCA National Night Out event, which was featured in *The Patch*. We enjoy visiting with our local police officers and thanking them for their service to our community—and the kids love the ice cream! It's a good reminder for all of us to stay alert and work closely with local law enforcement.

Speaking of community safety efforts, the ISCA board met this summer to discuss the proposed Montgomery County curfew after we were asked by our local political and law enforcement leadership to weigh in on behalf of our neighborhood. The majority of the ISCA board supported the idea of a curfew, given the information we had and our discussions with others; we decided also to poll the Indian Spring neighborhood via the listserv as an additional way to take the pulse of the community on the issue. The poll results came out strongly in support of the curfew, but the sampling was smaller than ideal. Also, some ISCA-ites were reluctant to vote, since the proposal was a work in progress, and there were still questions about how it would work.

To give the community the opportunity to get answers to their questions and learn more about the proposal, we've decided that the September 26 ISCA general meeting will focus on the curfew and community youth activities, as many believe the two are related.

The ISCA Board agenda beyond that included reviewing further current issues affecting Indian Spring and planning for the coming year. We discussed future ISCA meeting topics, and tentatively plan to focus on "aging in place" and on the Purple Line for the March and May meetings, respectively.

Please put these dates on your calendar for the next ISCA general meetings: 9/26/11, 11/28/11, 3/19/12, and 5/21/12. Hats off to the ISCA Board members for their continued dedication. We are still looking for a new social committee chair—email me if you're interested.

The next community celebration is the annual Fall Fest and Chili Cookout on October 23rd—many thanks to Kristy Walmo for chairing this fun and tasty event. Watch the listserv for announcements from Kristy for opportunities to help out.

Please pay your dues by PayPal or drop off the money to Phyllis Zusman, our esteemed membership chair. You'll avoid the line at Fallfest, and help fund our newsletter and all ISCA activities throughout the year. See the attached dues form.

Thank you, neighbors, for all you do to make Indian Spring such a lovely community. \*

*P.S. Thanks to everyone who offered to share ice, power, space in refrigerators, etc., with their neighbors during the Hurricane Irene power outage. You all are a big reason Indian Spring is a great place to live!*





Photo by Bridget Stocker

## Parade and Festival, *continued from page 1*

diminish in a big way. We very much appreciate their efficient help: it seemed that suddenly, without us noticing, the yard was cleared.

We had fun raising money for our veterans. Carli Boyer, Maddie Boyer, and their friends Zoe and Elana, successfully sold lemonade, and showed how being incredibly cute can help!

A story about the contributions donated to the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) can be found at <http://iava.org/blog/its-never-too-late-celebrate-america>. Representing IAVA was Laura Araujo from the police department, herself a veteran.

Go to [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com) to see several photo albums put together by Bridget Stocker, Toba Hausner, and Arlene Montemarano; and a video taken by Tony Hausner. Altogether there are four albums. The talent show album identifies all the kids who participated. \*



Local treasure, "Jimmy Bingo," helps show that ISCA's got talent (Independence Day festival).

Photo by Arlene Montemarano



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# National Night Out and Curfew Legislation

By Tony Hausner

*Following is a summary of the National Night Out Program on held on August 2. Further below is a section dealing with the proposed curfew legislation to be discussed at the September 26 meeting.*



Assistant State Attorney Hans Moore and another Assistant State Attorney.  
Photo by Toba Hausner

## National Night Out

**ONCE AGAIN**, citizens from Indian Spring participated in National Night Out. The event was held on Tuesday, August 2, at the Indian Spring Recreational Center on Lawndale Drive. The police were there from 6:20 to 6:35 pm and included Commander Donald Johnson, Deputy Commander Robert Carter, Lieutenant Ed Daniels, and others. The National Park Police and some Maryland State's Attorney staff, including Hans Moore and a colleague, also participated.

- This national campaign, now in its seventh year, has four main goals:
- Heighten crime- and drug-prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Last year's campaign involved citizens, law enforcement officials, civic groups, businesses, and neighborhood organizations. More than 10,000 communities participated from among all 50 states. In all, more than 34 million people observed the event.

Despite the seriousness of the topics, the night ended on a sweet note. ISCA provided ice cream to all who attended.

Go to [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com) to see several photos taken by Toba Hausner and a video by Tony Hausner.

## Proposed Curfew Legislation

**ISCA HAS CONDUCTED A SURVEY** of the proposed curfew legislation and found that of the 41 participants in the survey, 73% supported the legislation.

The legislation and other resources can be found on the Safe Silver Spring page at <http://iscaonline.com/safe-silverspring.html>.

Below is a statement provided by Tony Hausner to the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board held on August 24, 2010. It is similar to his testimony before the County Council. The Council will hold a work session on the legislation on September 15.

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### Statement by Tony Hausner, Chair, Safe Silver Spring, before SSCAB/Neighborhood and Pedestrian Safety Committee's meeting on August 24, 2011

I support the idea of a curfew, but the current proposal needs some important modifications before I can fully endorse it

### I. The Legislation's Advantages and The Need For It

Advantages of the legislation: I think there has been an increase in gang violence in the Silver Spring area late at night in the past couple of years. I know of several violent events by gang members from outside the county, such as Prince George's County and the District

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of Columbia. The gang fight in early July was perhaps the most significant battle, but there have been others in Silver Spring: the murder of Tai Lam in 2009 by an MS13 gang member from outside the area, a major fight between outside gangs near the end of a Silver Spring concert, and an incident involving outside members significantly injuring a man on Veteran's Plaza.

Following are some important statistics:

Countywide, between 2009 and 2010, there was a 12% increase in gang members from 1,236 to 1,381. Countywide, for the first 6 months of 2010 vs. 2011, there was a 25% increase in part I crimes (including burglary and larceny) from 129 to 151, and a decrease in violent crimes from 32 to 30.

In the G sectors of the 3rd district, which includes downtown Silver Spring and some nearby neighborhoods, in the past 12 months, juveniles committed 26 aggravated assaults and 65 robberies.

The curfew legislation would be an additional tool for the police to address these gang members.

This law would also take younger teens out of harm's way and provide a means for parents to control their kids because some parents are unable to adequately control their kids.

The curfew legislation is particularly needed because gang members in the July 1 fight indicated by coming to Silver Spring they could avoid the curfew laws instituted in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County. The courts have found the D.C. curfew to be constitutional.

## **II. A Comprehensive Approach to Gang Violence Through a Regional Task Force**

We recently wrote County Executives Leggett and Baker, recommending that as part of their regional efforts, they create a longer term task force to develop a comprehensive approach to gang problems and to enhance positive youth development programs. This is needed because local gangs have members from the entire metro area. The task force should also pursue truancy court programs.

Furthermore, we recommend that you establish a Silver Spring teen center.

## **III. Concerns with Legislation**

This legislation will need modification, including all important exceptions, such as attending movies and entertainment centers, and changing the age limit to less than 17.

Age and racial profiling are also concerns. These issues need to be addressed either in the legislation or through other policies such as training programs.

I understand the concerns of many teenagers who oppose this legislation. None of us likes our freedom restricted.

I recommend that Youth Advisory Councils and other youth groups be consulted before enacting the legislation.

## **IV. Literature**

I understand that there are limitations to the research on teen curfews.

An earlier survey of more than 300 mayors who had instituted curfews in their cities found that a vast majority of their citizens strongly favored keeping the curfews. The mayor of Philadelphia just extended a curfew of 9 p.m. because of gang violence. *The Baltimore Sun* recently had an editorial that urged Montgomery County to use a curfew based on the Baltimore curfew's success.

The best support comprises studies showing how placing restrictions on teen driving results in significantly reduced accidents and cases of speeding. Teens and parents have not expressed major concerns with laws that place such restrictions.

We conducted an informal survey of the Indian Spring neighborhood and some 73% of the respondents supported the curfew.

## **Summary**

I support the teen curfew legislation because it will help to reduce gang violence. However, we need to make modifications to the law, consult with youth groups, and take a comprehensive approach by adding a longer term regional task force. \*

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*From Joyce Stocker*

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8/3/2011	Theft from Vehicle	9400 block of Caroline Ave.
8/10/2011	Vehicle Theft	400 block of Brewster Ave.
8/10/2011	Theft from Vehicle	9500 block of Biltmore Ave.

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*Please report all crimes, no matter how minor, to the police and to the listerv.*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Joyce Stocker has indicated that she would be glad to facilitate the reporting of burned out street lights to PEPCO. Send an email to [comit89@aol.com](mailto:comit89@aol.com).



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**I****N THE VERY NEAR FUTURE**, the Fall Fest will be here. (Editor's note: It is now scheduled for October 23rd.) Again, I will say that there are 865 members on the listserv and 800 homes in the ISCA area; all receive the newsletter, which is a very large item.

Our database has almost 450 members, but only 179 are currently paid up. For \$15.00 a year, a little more than \$1.30 a month, you have the newsletter, the Fall Fest, the Taste of Indian Spring, and many more ways to enjoy our neighborhood and our neighbors.

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Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Fest.

Phyllis Zusman  
Membership Chair

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (This section for announcements about new neighbors, births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc. Send announcements to [thausner@gmail.com](mailto:thausner@gmail.com).)

***Congratulations to Michele and Eric Gins of Normandy Drive on the birth in June of their daughter, Elise.***

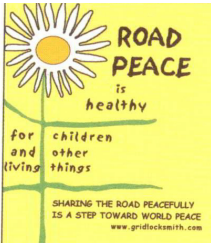
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*Bring your teens to the ISCA general meeting on September 26 to hear MCPD speakers explain the proposed Montgomery County teen curfew and to talk about the current status of teen activity programs and services. County Council representatives have been invited. Teen input into the discussions would be helpful!*

## JOIN THE FUN! Fall Fest 2011, Oct. 23rd

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