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Help Support Our Neighborhood School by Supporting Technology Upgrades at Highland View

Did you know Highland View Elementary School recently received ELMO's? No, these are not the sweet little red monsters from Sesame Street. These are wonderful high-tech visual presenters. If you place a document under the camera, the image is projected on to a screen or wall by use of an accompanying LCD projector. Quickly and immediately, the children can review writing assignments together and share work with one another. Teachers can model responses, show science experiments, and students can share artwork or math problems or even homework. The possibilities are endless.

Our teachers have enthusiastically embraced the use of the ELMO's in the classrooms. They are very excited by the new ELMO-projector setups, but these are lean times for MCPS and the school was able to purchase

the Taste of Indian Spring

We have scheduled the Taste of Indian Spring for the evening of March 27. We have a committee of three folks right now and would greatly appreciate a couple of more volunteers to help organize the event. We also welcome suggestions for restaurants to invite to this event. Please contact Tony Hausner at thausner@gmail.com or phone 301-5876943.

only one set-up per grade level. Our principal has a goal of one setup in each classroom and we would like to help support her in this goal.

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Taste of
Indian Spring

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Jill Ortman-Fouse, February 2012

Sorry for the length of this column—we have a lot to catch up on. I took December off from ISCA business. As some of you know, my dad passed away Dec. 13. Several other neighbors lost love ones around the same time. Jim Hoskinson's mom passed, Pam Wertz lost her father and Liz Hunter lost her brother. You may know other neighbors who also experienced deaths in their families. As many people shared with me who had lost someone close to them during the holidays, it is perhaps more difficult because it is traditionally a time to be celebrating with loved ones. Balancing the loss with all the other ways you want to be present for your family during that time is challenging. It was made much easier for me by the support of caring neighbors who were there for me and my family at every turn, from the beginning of my dad's illness through everything that has followed. We are so grateful for everyone's kindness. Death is at some point a part of everyone's lives, and when we can be there to hold each other up, the burden is eased.



Some of you are closer to the age of my father. Calling his friends to let them know that one of their buddies had passed was extremely difficult. For friends in my age group, the struggles of an aging parent and the loss of a parent are becoming more a part of the fabric of our lives. A few neighborhood friends mentioned how we used to worry over the sicknesses and behaviors of our babies, and now we update each other on the current health issues of our folks. One thing for which I am very grateful is the stability of this neighborhood, which is unusual for the D.C.-metro area. Most of the neighbors who I connected with when my kids were just born are still here to lean on as we go through these stages of life with our families.

If you are new to the neighborhood or have been too busy to get to know the people who live around you, volunteering for ISCA events provides a wonderful opportunity to meet neighbors. Soon after we moved into Indian Spring 12 years ago, I volunteered for a couple of events, and the coordinators of those events (Jen Holland and Heather Sauter) have been good friends ever since.

These events are one of the ties that bind our neighborhood together. Some of these traditions change, some fade away and some are still going strong. Sometimes we start new ones. But we seem to have more than any neighborhood I've heard of. Maybe in this world that seems to live more and more online, we like to stay a little more grounded and connect face to face. Now for the tradition round-up...

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** If interested in vacant VP, Social Committee position, please contact Jill Ortman-Fouse at iscapresident1@yahoo.com*

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, I recommend going online.

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Our **Holiday Tree and Menorah Lighting** was a huge success. Dozens of kids and adults participated – it probably helped that it was not pouring rain or snowing this time as in past years. Stephanie Helsing, the Holiday Queen, did a beautiful job of organizing this event (as she always does, rain, sleet or snow). Yummy treats provided by neighbors, delicious hot cocoa and coffee bolstered the crowd for the festivities. Everyone sang traditional songs, listened to the story of the menorah, and oooed and ahhed as the lights illuminated the tree. Thanks, Stephanie, and your group of volunteers that assisted in keeping this event so special to our neighborhood. And big thanks to our neighborhood dentist, Dr. King, who had an outlet installed on his addition just so he could donate power for the tree.

Your next opportunity to join the league of ISCA volunteers (who are the backbone of this neighborhood), is the **Taste of Indian Spring, March 27**. The Taste is a potluck/restaurant combo tradition that outgrew the Rec Center, then the church and now takes place at our local elementary school (HVES). The Taste Committee is looking for volunteers to recruit restaurants, help with set-up, clean-up, etc. Please contact Tony Hausner (thausner@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up!

Next tradition: Have you been wondering if this was the on or off year for what had become the biannual **ISCA Yard Sale**? Or if maybe we had gotten off schedule? Good news! This is now the on year! Vicki Adamson and Vanessa Krabacher have volunteered to coordinate it and hold it in June, so start cleaning your house now. Box up all those treasures and set them aside for the big day. If you don't have a lot, you can always partner with other neighbors on your street. It is always such a fun time to just walk around the neighborhood and see everyone out and about looking for the special thing they didn't even know they needed.

And what about the bi-annual **House Tour**, you say, what happened to that? It's back as well! Stephanie Helsing has agreed to take the lead. We had held it over the holidays for several years — but that also made it ripe for weather issues. So, Stephanie is doing it in the spring. If you have put on an addition, done some renovation, taken out a wall, etc. show your neighbors! Everyone loves to get ideas on how to make their space more functional and attractive. Watch for more news from Stephanie (nizwa328@rcn.com)!

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Help Support Our Neighborhood School by Supporting Technology Upgrades at Highland View

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So why are we asking the ISCA community for help? This is an ambitious goal we have, to raise \$30,000 to help our beloved local elementary school provide updated technology for our children. A donation of any amount will not only help the school and the kids taught there, but it also helps ensure our neighborhood school will remain strong by attracting new faculty when it is needed. Technology of this sort is becoming standard at all public schools and is a given at many private schools.


So how can you help? There are many ways:

- Join our Facebook page and help get the word out at www.facebook.com/hvestech
- Donate Online at <http://www.razoo.com/story/Hvestech>
- Support our Dr. Seuss Read-a-Thon that starts March 2. Go to the Read-A-Thon web pages and support your favorite class at <http://www.razoo.com/team/hvesread>.
- Attend Silver Spring Rocks at McGinty's Public House on Thursday, March 29, 7 pm onward.
- Come to the April 12 Parents vs. Faculty/Staff Basketball Game at SIMS and donate then.
- If you are a local business, consider a sponsorship and have advertisement at all of our events this year and next.

Or, you can mail a donation with a check payable to HVES PTS and mail it to:

HVES PTA Technology Fund
Highland View Elementary School
9010 Providence Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20901

HVES PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) Organization. Tax ID number 52-6060769. All cash donations are tax deductible.

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Now some ISCA business.

For those of you who missed the listserv announcement in November, the ISCA board enacted a **new listserv policy**. Please sign your name and your street to your posts. You do not need to put your street number. This policy was well-received at our last ISCA general meeting where attendees voiced their strong support. And it seems that most posters are up-to-speed. It is a common policy among area listservs, and it is helpful in many ways, including accountability. FYI, we now have over 900 members on our listserv.

We would like to **welcome the newest members of the ISCA Board**: Robert Bullock, Ann Horton, Rob Levy and Siobhan Carroll. Thanks for joining the team! We are still looking for a Social Committee V.P. The events have coordinators — we just need a liaison for the board. Also, we are still recruiting for a new ISCA president. My second term is up in June, and I am stepping down, so please email if you are interested. Seriously. Stay tuned.

And, sorry, dog poop again. With the exception of a few neighbors who others have witnessed not cleaning up after their dogs and who apparently just don't get it, I think the overwhelming majority of our dog owners are responsible. We do have dogs that get loose and relieve themselves in their travels. We also have a number of people who don't live in our neighborhood who walk their dogs here. Anyway, we need to do something about the piles. So, we are going to try putting up a few bag holders and signs. People can just put their leftover newspaper bags in the holders so ISCA doesn't have to buy bags. The poop bag stations will have a sign something like this: "Out of bags? Please take a free one to keep our neighborhood safe and clean. Please take the bag home to deposit in your own trashcan. Thanks!" These stations seem to work well in other places as reminder to walkers, and come in handy just in case they need a second bag and aren't carrying one — which does happen. Also, please remind your kids/teens that they must clean up after the dog when walking him /her. If you want to help with this effort, please email me.

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.

Here's another way to take care of our community. The parents, staff and community of **Highland View Elementary School (HVES) have launched a fund-raising campaign** to support the purchase of needed technology equipment for the school. This is an excellent way for you to invest in our neighborhood school, which has been educating the kids of Indian Spring since 1953. We hope you will make a donation to this campaign online at <http://www.razoo.com/story/Hvestech>, or by participating in one of the events. Perhaps your employer or business would like be a part of this great effort. Because of budget constraints, HVES has not been able to get the technology that some other area schools have gotten during modernization. These tools will help staff better meet the needs and challenges of our very academically, economically and culturally diverse school. Excellent equipment also attracts and helps retain high-caliber staff. Strong schools make strong neighborhoods! Thanks—and please see the article about the campaign later in the newsletter.

If you have any concerns about traffic, speeding or pedestrian safety in our neighborhood, please attend our next **ISCA general meeting, March 19**. Our last ISCA meeting in November – which focused on traffic solutions – was not well-attended despite being well-publicized. Our presenters from the MCPD and county offices patiently answered numerous questions, and integrated our feedback into their traffic solution plans. We then saw several traffic complaints and questions posted on the listserv, most of which had been discussed at this meeting. The time to give your input is when the people who are making the decisions about our community are in the room. Please make the effort. Heidi Whitesell, who has been spearheading this effort, will be posting soon (or will have posted by the time this newsletter is distributed) the notes from the November meeting, along with updates to the items we discussed and the plans we approved at that meeting. If you care about this issue and would like to assist Heidi, please email her at hwhitesell@hotmail.com. If you plan to attend the March meeting, watch for those notes so can have your questions ready.

Bonus points for you for making it to the end of the column! Thank you, and here's to another great year in Indian Spring!

Jill Ortman-Fouse
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ANNOUNCEMENTS; *(this section for announcements about new neighbors, births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc. Send announcements to thausner@gmail.com)*

We welcome new neighbors to Marshall Ave, Lisa and Jeremy Daross and their son Julian.

HOT SHOT SHOOTER

Myla Sapp, a senior on Blair's varsity girls basketball team, has been ranked among the greater Washington area's top three in free throw shooting in high school basketball all winter, according to *The Washington Post*. She also is averaging more than 15 points per game. Myla is the daughter of ISCA residents Patricia and Phil Sapp. 



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Crime Report
from Joyce Stocker

Crimes Reported to
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from 12/28/11 to 1/27/12

1/7/12 Theft from Vehicle
100 Block Normandy Drive

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

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

WEB SITE: iscaonline.com (includes services recommendations and photo albums).
We are also on Facebook under Indian Spring Citizens Association.

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Northwood High School Report

prepared by Jay P. Goldman

Various items from Northwood High School, which draws many students from the Indian Spring neighborhood.

Mulch Sale

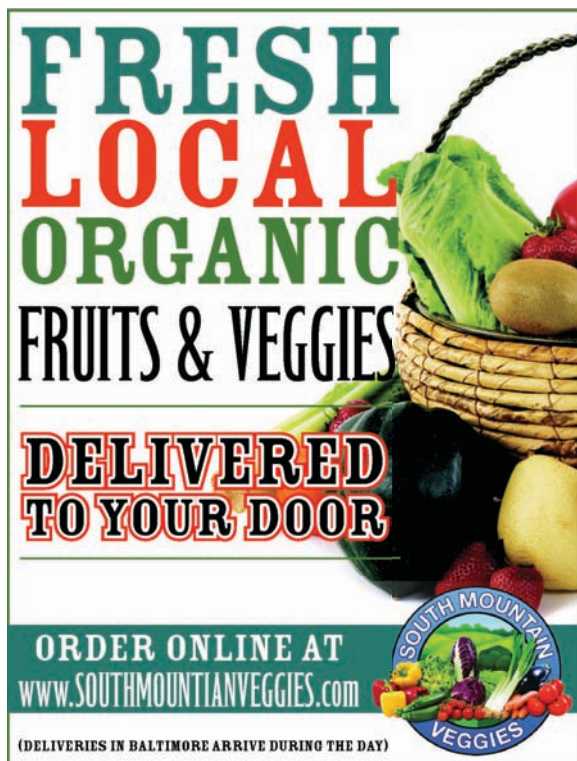
It won't be long before you are preparing your outside property for spring, so please consider participating in the Spring Mulch Sale, sponsored by the Northwood Athletic Boosters. April 4 is the deadline for placing orders.

If you order 12 or more bags of mulch at \$4 per bag, the Boosters will deliver to your home. Otherwise, mulch can be picked up on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school.

To place your order, contact Louise Jung at 301-589-0374 or ljungatheart@gmail.com.

Grocery Receipts

If you shop regularly at Snider's Foods, Northwood would love to collect your receipts for a fund-raising project. When you have two or more receipts from 2012, please contact Susan Luck at susanluck@comcast.net and she will arrange to get them from you anytime throughout this year.



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In addition, The Comedy Workshop at Northwood will perform their new show, "You Think We're Kidding? A Sketch Comedy Perpetration Consisting Of Thirteen Acts of Ridicule" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at the Randolph Road Theatre (formerly The Round House Theatre), 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. For information, call 301-681-5212.

Also, Northwood's Academy of Musical Theatre will present "Billboard Magic: Hollywood Soundtracks" on April 19, 20 and 21 in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for senior citizens, \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. This show will feature favorite songs from the movies by way of singing, dancing, live instrumentation and innovative lighting, video and sound.

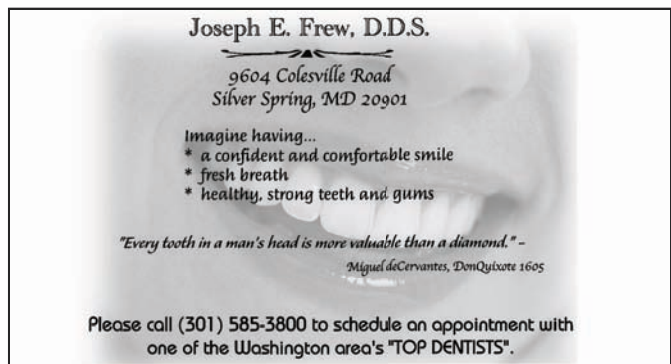
After-Prom Support

Northwood is looking for donations from the Northwood community members of food, prizes and gift cards for its annual After-Prom in May. All donations are tax deductible. Contact *Soffie Ceesay* at soffieeesay@yahoo.com. ☞



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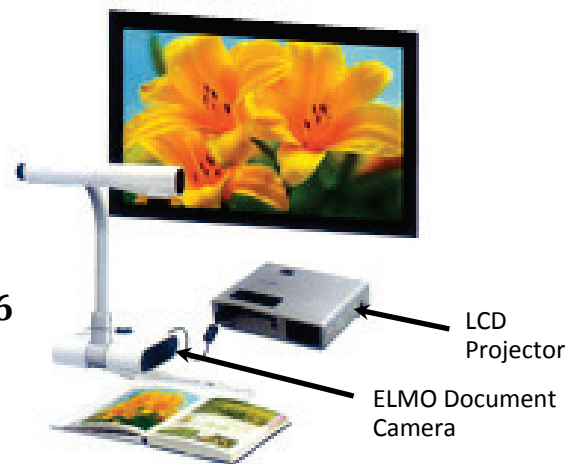
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