

June 30, Independence Day Celebration!

Independence Day Celebration

By Arlene Montemarano

t is that time again ISCA. Independence Day will be celebrated on Saturday, June 30, and, as in years past, will start at the Recreation Center at 10 am. Dress up.... have fun with it: Bikes, wagons, children, pets, will all look great in red white and blue. The parade will continue its route to wind up at 9704 Lawndale Drive for pop-corn, lemonade, watermelon, Popsicles, and best of all, Jimmy Bingo's Renowned Talent Show. It is always fun, and often surprising, to watch our highly talented, and in fact brilliant, children perform on Jimmy's stage.

As we have done for five years, we will have fresh-squeezed lemonade on sale, the proceeds of which are donated to a wonderful group who serves our veterans, The Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans Association in DC.

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National Night Out in Indian Spring

By Tony Hausner

nce again, citizens from Indian Spring will participate in National Night Our. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 7 at the Indian Spring Recreational Center on Lawndale Drive. Do not know what time the police will come, but will notify via the listserv. Generally, they come around 6:45 p.m.

This national campaign, which is now in its ninth year, has four main goals:

- 1. Heighten crime- and drug-prevention awareness
- 2. Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- 4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jill Ortman-Fouse

his is my last ISCA President's column (And it's a long one!) Evan Glass was voted in as the new ISCA



President Jill Ortman-Fouse

president at our May ISCA meeting. Three cheers for Evan! Many thanks to our nominating committee, particularly co-chairs Walter Gottlieb and Deb Levy, for their role in recruiting such an outstanding new president.

Evan and his husband Jason Gedeik recently moved to Indian Spring from South Silver Spring where Evan was president and founder of their neighborhood association. He has been very active in the Presidents' Council of Silver Spring Civic Organizations and the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board. In addition, he writes a blog covering Silver Spring issues. He also serves on the board of Conservation Montgomery, Safe Silver Spring and Equality Maryland. He is a former CNN news producer where he spent 12 years covering Capitol Hill and national politics. He is now a communications professional with Reingold Inc.

Evan obviously brings a lot of skills to the board, and we are particularly grateful to him for agreeing

to take on this role so soon after moving into our neighborhood—and with so many other community commitments already on his plate. Let's do all we can to support and assist Evan and the rest of the ISCA board in their mission to keep Indian Spring such a great place to live.

We also voted in the rest of the ISCA slate of officers at the May meeting and are grateful for their signing up for another term: Christina Taylor, VP of social activities; Eileen Fisher, VP of civic affairs; Elizabeth Magin, treasurer; and Suresh Srinivasan, secretary. Thanks to the rest of the board for their return as well.

Kudos to Eileen Fisher for organizing the excellent program on solar energy options for the meeting. The presentations were very educational, and I'm sure everyone who attended learned a lot. We appreciate all who came out for the meeting. See the minutes later in the newsletter for specifics about the information presented.

What we love about Indian Spring...

In my time as ISCA president, I have found even more reasons to treasure Indian Spring. When I recently asked on the listserv what you all love about Indian Spring, I received many wonderful responses. Among them:

"When you lose your dog, chances are someone knows whose it is and will get him/her back to you."

"The laid back atmosphere of our 'hood and the great people that live here."

"As a recent transplant to the neighborhood, I could not have imagined a more fun, inspiring, vibrant, loving community."

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"Our 'hood is so inclusive...conservatives and liberals all get along—it's our own little Utopia!" From a neighbor who's been here for decades:

"Where should I start? About 95% of our residents are great and those who aren't can be ignored. Most keep their homes up-to-date, flowers grown, grass mowed and so forth. There really isn't much I can complain about.

I always feel like I belong. I like the caring and looking out for one another.

I love the family-oriented environment Indian Spring offers. I enjoy the peace and serenity. I love it when streets are closed for block parties. That's just a few of many things that I like about our community. The people...always willing to help a neighbor. The sense of community...working together to make our neighbor the safest and best in the county—everyone watches out for one another. The listserve...an invaluable tool."

And these two lovely replies. The first from Liz Carron: "I love the listserv...talk about feeling connected to those in your neighborhood. I love that people lend out garden tools and power tools, Halloween costumes and jogging strollers. I love that when someone needs help moving, lo and behold, people materialize to help. I love that we inform each other about neighborhood crime and foxes, that when we need a recommendation we know who to ask, that when we need childcare someone is always willing to help out, and that when our computers go on the fritz someone will know how to fix it or who to call. I love that you can find a used set of bunk beds on the cheap, and that you can find someone who wants your old—but still very usable-swing set. Everybody wins! The listserv is a daily benefit of living in Indian Spring." And this one from Ann Linstrom:

"Growing up in rural farmland, I always felt somehow shortchanged that I didn't have a neighborhood like those I loved in my favorite TV shows and movies- houses close together, one lawn blending into the next, seeing people leaning over their fences to talk or help each other, grabbing a pick-up baseball game, and getting treats from the ice cream man."

What I have come to realize is that I not only have this, I have even more! Every day I am grateful for this amazing little community of people and their brilliant intellect, their strength of spirit, diversity in their passions, and the listserv to share it. Thank you ISCA! Finally, my parting words to you, here is my...

Top 10 List of Things I Love About Indian Spring:

- 10) Our quaint original bathroom tile. It's really amazing how some neighbors have made it work. Particularly the Pepto-Bismol pink and Catholic-school-bathroom green.
- 9) The intimacy and quirkiness of our post-WWII homes. Although sturdily built, interior doors often don't lock or quite close all the way, you can hear what everyone in your house is doing, bathrooms are often not the private rooms one might expect. I think this is why we have such great kids in Indian Spring they can't get away with much.
- 8) Neighbors who know a good deal and can tell you where to get it. A true appreciation for half-price day at Value Village, for instance.
- 7) Friends that share my strong belief that creative clutter is better than ideal neatness.
- 6) If you need something (really almost anything!), you can borrow it from someone else.
 - 5) Neighbors here value education.
- 4) We buck the declining social capital trends data made famous in Robert Putnam's "Bowling Alone" by actually knowing our neighbors, being civicly active, and hosting myriad well-attended neighborhood events and celebrations.
- 3) The kids that my kids are growing up with here are like their brothers and sisters. And the adults try to look out for everyone else's kids.
- 2) Neighbors who have inspired me to do things I may have never done. Where else could you find people who will ask you to join a ladies' arm wrestling league, enthusiastically do an ironman relay team with you, trail run, do marathons and half-ironmen with you? All in one neighborhood?
- 1) Neighbors who amaze me by how much time they commit to their schools, churches, synagogues, the neighborhood, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, being coaches, etc. I am eternally grateful for the weight they have carried, which has made a richer life for everyone in my family and the community.

Thank you Indian Spring neighbors, and all my best to Evan in his new role!

Jill *



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June 23, Free Shredding Day!

ISCA Solar Power Meeting

By Eileen Fisher

any thanks to the three knowledgeable and interesting speakers at the most recent ISCA general meeting on May 21st. The ISCA neighbors in attendance enjoyed slide show presentations and were able to ask questions of these three experts on solar power electricity and on solar hot water heat. Each company has an impressive list of clients, including in the case of Standard, some ISCA neighbors.

Our first speaker was Lauren Harris of Solar City, who explained the basics of solar electric power. She also explained how power purchase agreement (PPAs) work: briefly: homeowners lock in an energy rate that is lower than what Pepco offers in return for having solar panels on their roofs. Solar City provides and maintains the panels as well as the roof for twenty years, and also reap the benefit of any state, local or federal incentives on solar power. Solar City is a large company with programs in many states, nevertheless, homeowners always have one point of contact within the company.

The second speaker was Brian Desmond of Standard Solar, based in Rockville. Standard Solar partners with Sun Run, another large company with programs in many states. They offer similar PPA programs to Solar City's. Brian Desmond also noted the importance of a home energy audit before adding solar to a house. He also focused on some of the societal and environmental benefits of solar power such as job creation,

reduced greenhouse gases, and easing the strain on the electricity grid.

Our final speaker was Albert Nunez of Capitol Sun Group, who has been involved with green energy for many years. Capitol Sun Group is based in Cabin John, MD. He spoke about different systems of solar water heat, their efficiencies, and which systems are best suited to our climate. He took us through the components of a hot water heat system, detailed the maintenance that they might need, and described the cost structure of solar water heat.

Contact information for each company follows: These generous speakers would be happy to fill in the details and answer all your questions about green energy! *

Solar City

888-765-2489 www.Solarcity.com

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Albert Nunez 301-229-0671

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So please bring the money that will go to help our veterans.

Volunteers are needed to help setup and dismantle, etc. To help out, please contact Arlene Montemarano

at 301-589-6465, mikarl@starpower.net.

And, above all, please attend. The success of this event depends on it. *

Minutes from ISCA Meeting

By Rob Levy (subbing for secretary Suresh Srinivasan who was away)

5/21/2012 @ 7:30 at the Rec Center

Aprox. 25 attendees.

ISCA Business:

- Treasurer (Elizabeth Magin) reported that there was \$2500 in ISCA's account which is slightly more than last year at this time.
- Newsletter (Tony Hausner) noted that newsletter revenue is 75% of printing cost, and this is good.
- Membership (Phyllis Zussman) noted there are 6 new members in last month, and 201 total paid households.

Upcoming events:

- House tour postponed until November to accommodate several households that wanted to be part of the tour.
- Shred Event, June 23rd, 9–11 AM
- Independence Day celebration and block party is June 30. And Jimmy "Bingo" Hoskinson will be emceeing the ISCA's Got Talent show.
- National Night Out, Aug 7

Voting:

- Iill Ortman-Fouse introduced Evan Glass as the candidate for new ISCA president
- Jill suggested a motion to vote on entire slate of candidates for ISCA officers which was approved.

* President: Evan Glass

* VP of social activities: Christina Taylor

* VP of Civic: Eileen Fisher

* Treasurer: Elizabeth Magin

* Secretary: Suresh Srinivasan

Jill and the attendees pledged to support and assist Evan and the board as needed.

Program:

 Three speakers, working on power point presentations

1) Lauren Harris from Solar City

- Talking about Lease/Power purchase: known as
- Solar City is a "full service"—largest residential installer in country
- Lots of commercial and govt contracts
- PPA—Lock in energy rate over long term
 - * Solar City; buys, installs, maintains on your roof for 20 years
 - * They get the county, state and national incentives; you get the savings on power
 - * Solar panels are 14-15% efficient
 - * They provide a home energy audit for \$100, subsidized by PEPCO
 - * If PEPCO goes down, your power goes down too.
 - * The point: \$PPA < \$PEPCO, and Solar City makes it super easy

2) Brian Desmond from Standard Solar

- Local company out of Rockville with 90 employees
- Direct purchase of system, lots of U.S. and Maryland incentives
- Solar adds value to house
- Solar does NOT add tax value to house
- Also offers a PPA

3) Albert Nunez of Capitol Sun Group

presentation on solar water heatering **



Free and Secure Shredding Event Coming to ISCA!

fter widespread neighborhood interest in a free and secure shredding event to safely dispose of your secure documents, an event has been scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This event for ISCA residents ONLY will take place in the Rec Center parking lot and is being scheduled in coordination with Office Paper Systems, the company that provides your curbside recycling. You can read about them at www.freesecureshredding.com

What you need to know:

THIS EVENT IS FOR ISCA RESIDENTS ONLY. The limited time that the shredding truck will be here and the small size of the Rec Center parking lot prohibits this from being a community wide event.

Please do not post this event on other listserves.

PLEASE!! NO CONTAMINANTS!! Please take the time to remove all metals and plastics....this means no spirals, binders, clips, hanging files...

Paperclips and staples are fine.

PLEASE prepare your materials before you bring them. PAPER ONLY PLEASE.

Sorry...they can't accommodate your trash or things like miscellaneous pens, pennies or other items that may have fallen into your recycling bin!

ALL TRAFFIC MUST ENTER FROM FAIRWAY OR LAWNDALE and exit via Marshall Avenue. The shredding truck will be parked alongside the right side of the lot as you enter from Fairway or Lawndale. You will pull up, hand them your materials, and they will empty your contents and shred it in the truck. Paper bags can be shredded; other containers will be returned to you to recycle at home.

You will then drive straight ahead and exit the far end of the lot onto Marshall Avenue.

Did I mention that this event is for ISCA residents only? Indeed, Office Paper Systems, provides this as a community service but does need to charge \$160.00 to cover the expense of running the truck for two hours. A group of your neighbors have generously offered to

donate toward this expense so that ISCA residents can take advantage of the ease of shredding secure documents right close to home. Please respect that this event is being planned for ISCA neighbors only.

If you would like to contribute to the \$160 fee and haven't already contacted me, please let me know. If more than \$160 is collected, the remainder will be donated to ISCA.

QUESTIONS? Please contact me, Ann Collins, at amccah@erols.com. *

CRIME REPORT

From Joyce Stocker

Crimes Reported to Montgomery County Police for February between 4/26/12 and 5/26/12

5/15/12 9800 block Hastings Drive

Theft

5/18/12 9500 block Biltmore Drive

Theft from vehicle

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

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.

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August 7
National Night Out

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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 this night.

In our own community, police officers met with residents and reviewed facts about car thefts, thefts from cars, and home break-ins. Information on security systems and guard dogs was shared. Despite the seriousness of the topics, the night ended on a sweet note as ISCA provided ice cream to all who attended.

Please come, meet your neighbors, provide a show of solidarity to your community and the police, and let criminals know that we are united in our efforts to reduce crime in our neighborhood. Please contact me if you can help at 301-5876943, thausner@gmail.com.

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

FROM JAY GOLDMAN:

Congratulations to the following high school and college graduates:

- * Annie Ropiek graduated from Boston University.
- Myla Sapp, Montgomery Blair HS, who will attend University of Richmond in the fall.

Abigail Sauber, Northwood HS, who will enter University of Maryland this fall.

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