

Indian Spring News

General Meeting • March 18, 2013

Neighborhood Safety Concerns

By Evan Glass

Neighbors, on February 4 I attended a meeting organized by the Montgomery County Police Department's 3rd District to discuss the string of burglaries in the Indian Spring, Sligo Branview and Sligo Park Hills neighborhoods.

Over the last few months there were two sets of criminals canvassing the different neighborhoods. The pairs were unrelated to each other, but together they inundated the neighborhoods with burglaries. The two who worked Indian Spring and Sligo Branview robbed 15 homes before being apprehended; once they were caught the robberies stopped. The two individuals in Sligo Park Hills were also arrested, though one was released and wound up being re-arrested by law enforcement; he is now being held on a very high bond.

The nearly three dozen people who attended the meeting repeatedly asked the police about crime prevention measures. The following is a mix of facts and tips that everyone should know in order to lower the risk of a break-in.

■ **Many break-ins occur during daytime hours.**

If you see suspicious individuals in your neighborhood, play it safe and call the police (911). For non-emergency situations you can call 301-279-8000. **If you don't call, no one will.**

- Burglars rarely carry firearms when they enter a home, as they know that possession of a gun significantly increases their sentence.
- Most burglaries involve the theft of small electronics, gaming systems, jewelry and other things easily carried out of the house.
- Many break-ins are forced entry situations, usually breaking windows or doors on the side or back of a home.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Evan Glass

Silver Spring remains on the move and hasn't looked back since we officially "sprung" around 2003. Whether you have lived in the community for decades or since December, it is safe to say that you like the Silver Spring of today and all the options for dining, shopping and entertainment that have come with a revitalized central business district.

All the redevelopment brought about a lot of change and new residents. According to the 2010 census, there are more than 11,000 residents living in Silver Spring's central business district. The average monthly rent for the nearly 6,600 households (multifamily and single-family homes) is \$1,376, a majority of the population is between 18 and 44-years-old and 56 percent of residents use public transit.

But with such growth also comes some pain. Many lament the shortage of green space as our urban core redevelops and there are a growing number of residents who are unable to afford the increasing cost of living. These are two issues of importance to me and ones that I have been working to address with community groups. And at our upcoming meeting on March 18 we will be able to discuss these and other important issues with Montgomery County Councilmember Marc Elrich.

In addition to his advocacy on behalf of renters (which make up 30 percent of county residents), Marc has been a leader in working toward transportation

solutions for the county. His visionary plan to create a network of dedicated lane bus networks—known as "bus rapid transit"—will help transport people throughout the county along the most highly trafficked corridors.

Marc is also a principal advocate for creating a night time economy in Montgomery County, on which a Washington Post headline read: "Montgomery County Looks to Get Hip." The impetus is to get young people to stay in Montgomery County rather than move to the District or Arlington, especially those who are products of Montgomery County Public Schools. Some view the need to attract young people as a return on investment, considering it costs an estimated \$180,000 to educate a MCPS student from kindergarten to high school graduation.

So whether you are interested in redevelopment, BRT, or being cool (err, hip), I hope you are able to join in the conversation with Councilmember Marc Elrich at our ISCA meeting on March 18. See you then. *

Your neighbor,
Evan



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CRIME REPORT

From Joyce Stocker

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- Assault 02/15/2013
200 Block E INDIAN SPRING DR

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.

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- Consider upgrading locks and getting an alarm system. Dogs and security systems can also be a deterrent.
- Overgrown bushes in front of your home may provide cover for burglars. Strike a balance between safety and curb appeal.

MCPD will also conduct free home security surveys to any resident who would like a police officer to visit their home for a safety inspection. You can request a home security survey by contacting Officer Joy Patil: Joy.Patil@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Crimes like burglaries are often cyclical, the officers said. They have now apprehended four individuals who committed many burglaries in our area.

I hope you find this information helpful and that it provides some peace of mind. *



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Raising Money-Smart Kids: Teaching Children to Save, Share and Spend Responsibly

By Steven Oriol

Kids are fascinated by how many pennies are in a dollar, or how much candy they can really buy for 75 cents. But teaching them the value of money and the importance of saving—now that's another story. Children (and many adults) tend to live in the moment, so encouraging them to save for a rainy day can be challenging, though not impossible. Setting the right example and instilling good money management habits while kids are still young is the first step towards raising financially literate adults.

Allowance Basics: The 10-10-80 Rule

As soon as children are old enough to handle small amounts of money (typically around first or second grade) they should be allowed some of their own cash to manage. Once you've established the amount, frequency

and guidelines of allowances in your home, sit with your children to discuss a plan for saving, sharing and spending. A good rule of thumb is the 10-10-80 allocation: 10% to savings; 10% to charity/church; and 80% to keep and/or spend.

Like many of us, most children will not be initially thrilled at the idea of saving 10% of their money. But teaching them that saving isn't what we do with money that's leftover, rather, it's what we set aside right off the top, can establish a positive money management pattern that will carry them into adulthood. It helps to give young children a reason to save by identifying some goals they may have. Inspire a child's desire to save by brainstorming about big ticket items the child has been wanting—a computer game, microscope, etc. Then sit down and figure out a savings plan that will

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help him or her achieve that goal. If you believe in paying your child for odd jobs and chores, help him come up with income producing ideas to accomplish his goal. Not only will this help teach a lesson on the value of money, it will also make the purchased item more meaningful once it is finally obtained.

You can also teach your children about the magic of compound interest by offering to add interest to their savings for each week or month they leave it untouched. Watching their money grow will do more to motivate them than any number of lectures on the subject. (Saving \$5 a week at 6 percent interest compounded quarterly will total about \$266 after a year, \$1,503 after 5 years, and \$3,527 after 10 years!)

Teaching children to share begins in pre-school, so applying it to the financial arena may not be as difficult as you may think. Encourage your children to set aside 10% of their allowance for charity. Allow them to contribute to organizations that help families and children within

your community, and also allow them to participate in food, clothing and toy drives. Be sure to track their contributions in a notebook you review at the end of the year so they can see the many ways their generosity impacted others. Pint-size philanthropy pays off. *

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The newsletter is printed in black and white to save on costs. A color PDF is online at iscaonline.com. So if you want to see any photos, ads, etc. in color, I recommend going online. Additional photos from the ISCA events can be found in our online photo gallery.*

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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SAVE THE DATE

**General Meeting, March 18 with
Councilmember Marc Elrich!**

**7:30 p.m. at the Indian Spring
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Indian Spring Co-ed Garden Club Meeting

By Jennifer Whalen

Gardeners! Landscapers! Plant enthusiasts! Garden/outdoor photographers! Bon vivants! Please join us on Saturday, March 16 for our second garden club meeting of the year. The club has a dynamite speaker lined up. Landscaper Susan Bell will present her talk “Applying the Principles of Landscape Design.” Susan promises lots of beautiful photos. See more about Susan and her topic on the next page.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend, and let the host know if you will be bringing a food/beverage to share (Movie snacks would be good as the host home will be set up like an old-fashioned movie theater sans stadium seating.)

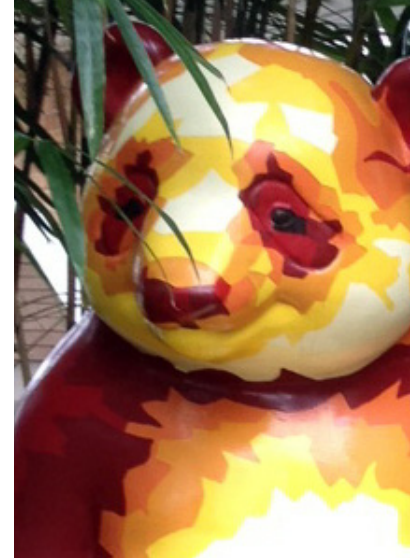
Saturday, March 16, 2:00 p.m.

“Applying the Principles of Landscape Design”

Host: Audrey Cowgill, RSVP: acowgill@verizon.net

Please let the host know if anyone in the ‘hood can lend us a movie screen for the day

Susan Bell is a life-long gardener who followed her passion: First, to become a Master Gardener, which led to taking Landscape Design at George Washington University. Susan’s dream expanded to create a landscaping business so she could do what she loved every day!



“Happy Bear” garden statue (See more on the next page.) Photo by Ann Collins



Passersby enjoy the show of color and artifacts in front of this Lawndale Drive. Photo by Arlene Montemarano

Garden Club, *continued from previous page*

After becoming a licensed contractor, Susan began installing and maintaining gardens, and she just celebrated ten years in that business. Susan's specialty is "One Day Garden Makeovers." The design focus is to increase your property values, while reducing the necessary maintenance.

Topic: "Applying the Principles of Landscape Design"

What makes a garden beautiful? Design principles are the guidelines used to organize various landscape elements into functional and attractive spaces. An understanding of the principles of proportion, balance, repetition, contrast, and sequence, will help you blend your gardens harmoniously with your home and its surroundings. An analogy is that these principles are the recipe, while the elements, such as color, form, texture, scale, mass, etc., are the ingredients.

Monthly Meetings

The future garden club meetings list includes dates and topics. Anyone interested in coming to these free meetings is welcome to suggest a topic (especially for July and August). We hope to have a month devoted to vegetable gardening. Any volunteers to host the vegetable gardening meeting, or any other meeting, and to share their expertise are welcome (no obligation or commitment necessary beyond hosting the one meeting if you so desire). We can be flexible in shifting the meeting topics to a different month.

This is not your mother's stuffy garden club! You do not need to be an avid gardener to join our group. We welcome anyone interested in gardening or plants in general; we are friendly, supportive neighbors who are all at different levels of expertise and interest

and gladly welcome new members to the group. Please send your full name and email address to Donald Franck if you'd like to be added to the garden club email list to be notified directly of future meetings, events, and related garden/plant notices.

April 20, Rain Gardens, Donald Franck, host, 104 Normandy Drive. RSVP to donald.franck@verizon.net.

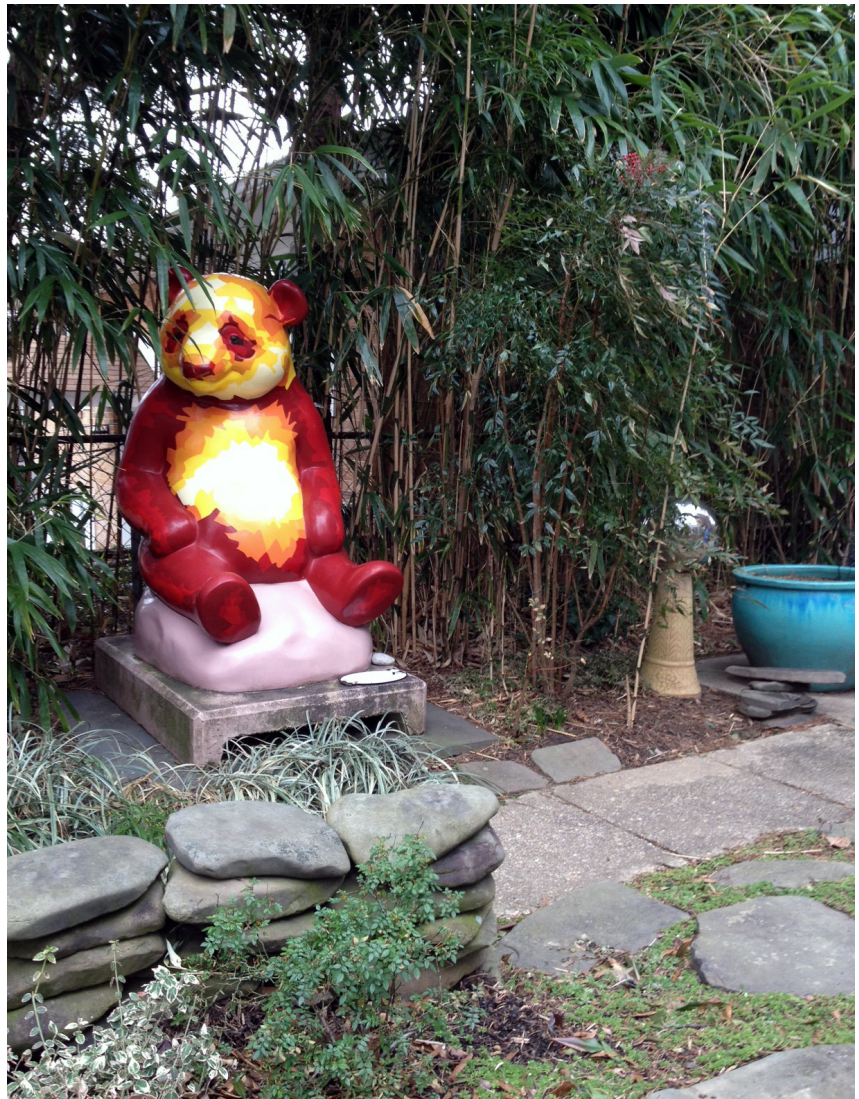
May 18, Companion Planting

June 15, Shade Gardening

July 20, Topic to be determined

August 17, Topic to be determined

See you on March 16th! ✨



Statue overseeing the winter garden of Ann Collins on Saybrook Avenue. The bear, painted by Annapolis artist Jeff Huntington, came from DC's "Pandamania" where she reigned outside at Studio Theatre. A tribute to its garden charm, a neighborhood toddler would say "Go see the happy bear!" and the toddler and parents would stroll over to visit the colorful bear, "Sunset."

Garden Club, *continued from previous page*



The photos on this page are of Andy and Shizumi Manale's yard. Andy's echo rain garden was featured in The Washington Post (Search "Andy Manale" on the Post's website for the 7-3-08 article.) Andy was an adviser at the National Geographic Society's Zen garden exhibition. Photos by Shizumi Manale.

The April 20th ISCA Garden Club will be on the topic of rain gardens. RSVP to donald.franck@verizon.net if you wish to attend.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Congratulations to Steve and Dare Oriol on the birth of Madelyn Claire. Born 2/15/13

Ed Freestone, our wonderful neighbor on Garwood Street, passed away on February 21, 2013, after a struggle with cancer. Ed was a long-time resident of

the neighborhood and active in ISCA. He loved this area and always watched for ways to keep us safe. He could often be seen walking his dogs mornings and evenings. He is survived by his wife, Jane, and son, KJ. Ed will be missed.

Memorial donations may be made to Montgomery Hospice Foundation, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Please put "in memory of Ed Freestone" on your check along with your name and address.

Northwood Gladiators Report

Compiled by Jay P. Goldman

Neighborhood Hotshot

ISCA teen Sean Vanduring was the subject of a gushing profile in the Feb. 13 issue of the Silver Spring Gazette. The article focused on Sean's outstanding play on the boys varsity basketball team at Northwood HS, where he's a senior who is fielding interest from an array of small colleges. You can access the article at www.gazette.net.

New Leadership

Mark Kelsch, a veteran administrator, has come out of retirement to serve as interim principal at Northwood this semester following the departure in January of Henry Johnson, who was named assistant superintendent in the Maryland Department of Education. Johnson was the principal who oversaw the reopening of Northwood as a high school in 2004 following its closure for 20 years. A permanent successor will be named later this spring.

Painless Support

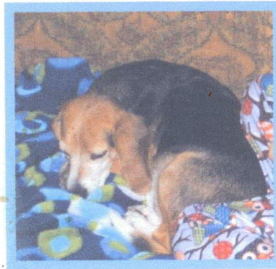
You need not have an affiliation with the school to be supportive of the PTSA through your weekly grocery shopping. Northwood's painless fund-raising program has these options:

- **Snider's:** save your receipts and when you have a few in hand, contact ISCA resident Susan Luck, a Northwood parent who coordinates the program, at susanluck@comcast.net.
- **Safeway or Giant:** send the member/account number on the back of your Safeway Club card and/or Giant Bonus card to Susan at [\[comcast.net\]\(http://comcast.net\) as the store will contribute 1 percent of your purchases to Northwood's PTSA.](mailto:susanluck@</div><div data-bbox=)

Athletic Rivalry

Whenever Montgomery Blair and Northwood face off in an athletic contest, the decibel levels are a little louder and the emotions a little higher since both schools draw high school kids from Indian Spring.

- The two schools will meet this spring as follows: Boys lacrosse @ Northwood, April 8, 5:15 p.m.; Girls lacrosse @ Blair, April 8, 7 p.m.; and track and field @ Northwood, April 23, 3:30 p.m.
- Through the quirkiness of the county schedule makers, the two schools do not play each other in baseball, softball, coed volleyball, boys volleyball or boys tennis—despite being located just a few blocks apart. *



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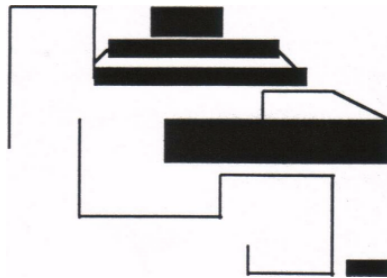


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