



State Senator Jamie Raskin joins ISCA families at the Taste of Indian Spring
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General Meeting – May 18 – Speaker: Delegate Sheila Hixson, Chair House Ways and Means

Taste of Indian Spring Draws 12 Restaurants and Tons of Neighbors

by Josie Leonard

With spring right on our heels, many familiar and new neighbors gathered at Highland View Elementary School on Earth Day to sample many different flavors from around the world at ISCA's annual Taste of Indian Spring. We had a record number (at least that's what I'm told) of restaurants this year, totaling 12! The flavors ranged from Indian to Thai to Lebanese to Latin American right down to good old-fashioned cheese pizza and chicken nuggets. Needless to say, no matter your age and level of adventure with food, everyone found something they enjoyed.

We were honored to have so many of our local community leaders and politicians present. County Executive Ike Leggett made a brief appearance, and his staff members Joy Nurmi and Tom Street stayed longer. Also present were State Senator Jamie Raskin,

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Appeal to Save the Fourth!

After ten years of hosting the Fourth of July celebration at 9704 Lawndale Drive, Dave and I have decided, for many reasons, that it is time to retire.

What is needed now is someone to coordinate the parade, which will now take place in the Rec Center parking lot.

The children love the parade, and so do the parents. It is just a lovely event, and very gratifying to see each year.

But now we do need new coordinator for this short event. Give us a call, and we can tell you all that is needed. And, of course, we will help in ways that we can.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Evan Glass, May 2013

The month of May is here. Despite its fits and starts, the spring season is in all its glory. And as soon as we begin basking in the beautiful weather, strolling around the neighborhood and stopping to smell the flowers, BAM... it's summer. Welcome to the microclimate of Indian Spring.



Despite the bizarre weather we've experienced over the last year (climate change, anyone?), summer usually races onto the scene in dramatic fashion. The unofficial start of the season—Memorial Day—is nearly here, with the summer solstice in June simply acting as a scientific marker; it gets hot here long before June.

This screed against the usurping of our spring weather begs one question: what are your plans for the summer? Here in Silver Spring there is no shortage of summertime activities for youth, families and individuals. So, to kick-start the summer season, here are a few ideas for summer fun.

Activities for Youth

Kids are already gathering around the fountain on Ellsworth Drive, soaking in the water and fun. Every Wednesday this summer, families are invited to a free outdoor performance for kids—particularly “little tots”—at Ellsworth Plaza. Performers include Eric Energy (“Making Learning Science Fun!”) and popular entertainer “The Great Zucchini.”

The day after schools close, local summer reading programs often begin. Special programs, events, incentives and fun are already being planned by our local libraries to encourage children to continue reading. Check with the Silver Spring library to inquire about its programs.

The Montgomery County Parks Department continues to offer summer camp programs to young residents interested in skateboarding, tennis, ice hockey, figure skating, gardening, outdoor adventures and other activities. Participation ages range from four to 17. Visit MontgomeryParks.org for more information.

Activities for Families

Put your life vest on and head over to Lake Needwood in Rockville for some kayaking, canoeing and paddle boating! The lake's season started on May 4, so you don't have to wait to enjoy the water and the area's abundant wildlife.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN *continued* by Evan Glass

Looking for more adventure? Head up to Sandy Spring and check out the zip lines and aerial ropes at The Adventure Park at Sandy Spring Friends School. Here you can find 13 separate courses of varying levels of difficulty, each with a zip line and bridge between platforms. Develop skills, endurance and confidence while swinging in the trees.

Activities for Adults

There are so many wonderful hiking trails nearby, from the Northwest Branch Trail to stretches within Rock Creek Park. If you want to escape Maryland and get far outside the beltway, a hike near Virginia's Skyline Drive, with a stop at nearby winery, always makes for a fun day getaway.

And probably one of the best things that can be done over the summer: go to a National's game. They are off to a good start (disclaimer: this was written weeks ago), so take the Metro down to the Waterfront and treat yourself to some Cracker Jacks.

Did I not include your favorite DC summer activity? Email me what you like to do and we'll include it in the next newsletter. Thanks! ☞



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Rossin Junior Fellowship

Ole Varmer and Jeanne Philbin of Lawndale Drive certainly have reason to be proud of their daughter Madeleine, second year student at Lehigh. It seems she has already made her mark.

Lehigh University's College of Engineering has named Madeleine Varmer a Rossin Junior Fellow, in recognition of outstanding academics, dynamic personality, leadership and community service. She was one of only two Bio-engineering majors so recognized.

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Taste of Indian Spring *cont. from page 1* by Josie Leonard

County Councilman Marc Elrich, Delegate Tom Hucker, and Simone Myrie from Delegate Heather Mizeur's office.

There were so many volunteers that made this event possible and a great success.

First, I'd like to thank Christina Taylor, who was instrumental in finding restaurants! She came up with our list and followed through numerous times despite her busy work and travel schedule. She also helped from beginning to end on the day of the event and was a great sounding board throughout the planning process. Also, we'd like to thank Arlene Montemarano and Dave Scheiber and Bob and Elaine Tiller for picking up the baton and running with it when the rest of us were out of steam on finding restaurants. I think they found something like 8 or 9 of the restaurants between the two couples. Lastly, but certainly not least, Eileen Fisher, Lynette Mattke, Tony Hausner, Jill Ortman-Fouse, Will Acworth, Evan Glass, Deb Levy and Monica Bridgewater for further following up and getting all these great restaurants on board to be part of this great community event.

Many thanks to Dave and Arlene, Neil Ogden, Tony Hauser, and Rob Levy for picking up all the food and getting it to the school for everyone to feast on.

Also, we'd like to recognize the Phyllis and Fred Zusman for heading up the membership table all on a last minute's notice. That's a huge job and helps hold the neighborhood together. Phyllis has assured me that it's her last year of doing this, so if anyone is interested in taking over membership please contact her at fzusman@erols.com.

Thank you to Pam Wertz and all her cupcake bakers for spontaneously agreeing and pulling together "The Pam Wertz Cupcake Extravaganza!" Pam donated all the toppings, frosting and the SUPER eco-friendly serving pieces. Also many thanks to Deb Levy, Fran Walterman, Alegra Tasaki, Kristy Wallmo, Ann Horton, and, of course, Pam, for baking the numerous cupcakes needed.

I'd also like to recognize Alegra Tasaki and Celeste Raker-Dillen for making all the signs for the event.

Anne Morris, thanks for taking the reins on finding our A/V equipment and getting all my wordy announcements out this year.

Monica Bridgewater was a rock star from start to finish and a great liaison between the neighborhood and the school.

There were so many folks that help set up, serve and stayed to return the school back to its tiptop shape. To all of you, thanks for coming through and keeping my blood pressure low. I'm afraid to list everyone as I know I'll leave someone out, but you know who you are and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Joe Kowal gets the award as my knight in shining armor. Every organizer needs a Joe Kowal in their back pocket to pull off their event.

Thank you to Tony Hausner for securing the school and being instrumental in the planning process of the whole event. He knows everything about this neighborhood, and with me being relatively new here, I needed that more than you can imagine.

As many of you can imagine, we had a plethora of food left over from the event. Dave and Arlene were gracious enough to drive it over to Shepherd's Table in downtown Silver Spring and donate it all to the homeless, male population of our community. What a gift!

Without further ado, the grand list of participating restaurants:

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Joe Kowal volunteering at the Kao Thai table at the Taste of Indian Spring.
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Thank you Indian Spring for participating in this year's Taste of Indian Spring!



Clockwise from the top right:
Joy Nurmi, Tony Hausner, and Evan Glass.
Erik and Pam Wertz.
State Senator Jamie Raskie with the Kleines.
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Favorite Things of Indian Spring Residents

by Joyce Stocker

Last month, I asked Indian Spring residents, via the listserv, what were some of their “favorite things” in our area. (See also “Service Recommendations” on the ISCA website.) Thanks to all who responded! Here are their replies:

FOOD

Woodmoor Bakery in Four Corners – “Unique to our area and independently owned. My son’s favorite is their strawberry rhubarb pie.” Also got a vote for their “excellent pumpnickel bread and breakfast pastries” (see the Washington Post 4/24 “A Dozen Weeks of Donuts”).

Santucci’s Deli – “No other pesto will do—I always have this and the bakery’s strawberry rhubarb pie on hand when my kids come for a visit.”

Bestway and LA Mart – great fresh fish and a variety of produce and meats, many of which are favorites of our multicultural neighbors.

Panera Bread’s coffee ring – “We get this when we are having company for breakfast.”

Eastern Chinese carry out on Piney Branch Rd – “Large servings and very good.”

Trader Joe’s blueberries – “Plump, juicy and tasty.”

Whole Food’s **Upper Crust Bakery** harvest grain bread.

Other restaurants mentioned as favorites – **Mandalay, Olazzo, Samantha’s, Kao Thai, Asian Bistro, Atega, Pho An** (in White Oak shopping center).

AUTO SERVICES

Joe at the **Citco Station** on University Blvd across from Safeway.

Central Car Repair – half block off of Fenton Street; “honest assessments, competent work, pleasant people.”

Radial Tire – on Brookville Road; “always fair, no upselling, and fixed three tires for us for FREE.”

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Chris and Wonok Lancette – second-hand furniture, antiques (202 731 9447)

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Capital One Bank in Four Corners – “staff is courteous and helpful.”

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ACTIVITIES

Walks at **Brookside Gardens** and the model train in the greenhouse at Christmas

The **Indian Spring Garden Club** – initiated by Jennifer Whalen

The **Fire Engine Park**, and playground on Wayne close to **Sligo Creek Parkway**

The **Myosenji Buddhist Temple** on University Blvd. – has a class each month on various topics and chanting. “Chanting will change your life.”

And of course, the Indian Spring listserv was mentioned several times as a great way to share information.

Editor’s note: at iscaonline.com, there is a list of services recommendations that has a more comprehensive list of service providers and evaluations. ☞

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ISCA Entrepreneurs at Home: Lynette Mattke by Jay P. Goldman

(Editor's Note: This is part 8 of an occasional ISCA newsletter series focusing on individuals in the neighborhood who run businesses out of their homes. Previous installments featured Ann Horton, Deborah Levy, Kendra LaDuca, Iantha Carley, Monica Bridgewater, Christopher Lancette and Christina Taylor. Send suggestions for future profiles to jgoldman@aasa.org.)

Lynette Mattke was seeking a change of pace in her life after homeschooling two daughters and a son over four years. With a newly acquired iPod Touch, she began searching the device for child-friendly apps but could find no age-appropriate stories with appealing illustrations.

So Mattke, who admits she knew nothing about creating an iPod app, scraped together \$30,000 in start-up funds from savings and investments from two partners and relied on the software programming talents of her husband Manuel to form what has become her escalating business, PicPocket Books. She worked out an arrangement with publishers to provide existing children's books for the new platform and then devised a pricing structure that made sense.

"It took some lying awake at night to figure out how to make it work," says Mattke, a Northern Virginia native who has lived with her family in Indian Spring since 1998. Mattke, who holds a B.A. in English literature from Haverford College, landed her first picture-book title, My Friend Isabelle, in 2009. PicPocket (www.picpocketbooks.com) now has more than 150 titles suitable for iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch. You can find them in the iTunes App Store.

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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Recently, Mattke collaborated with a fellow ISCA resident, Ann Marie Allison, on another book app, The Worst Parents Ever, which will be released this summer. Allison handled the manuscript, while an artist in Spain is wrapping up illustrations and images to be used in the animations.

Before starting her family (which now includes two teen-agers and a 12-year-old), Mattke worked in special education. She's keeping as busy as she wants in her book production at the moment, juggling connections with graphic artists, voice-over artists and a social media and marketing specialist.

A converted sunroom off the living room serves as her home office, although, she notes, her business is pretty portable "as long as I have my MacBook Air and an Internet connection." ☞



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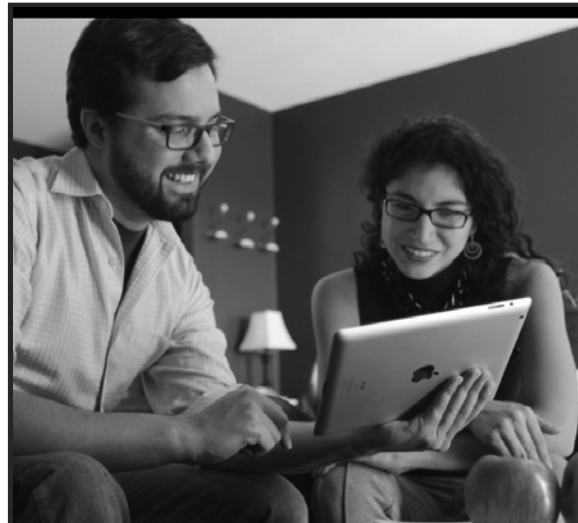
Crime Report from Joyce Stocker

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3/28 9900 block of Moss Ave theft

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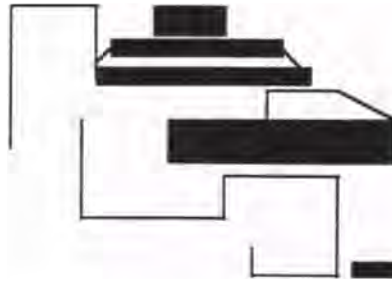
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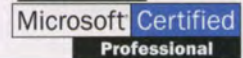
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