

December 14: ISCA Christmas Tree & Menorah Lighting



Caroline Avenue Dominates Golden Ladle for 5th Year at 15th Annual Fall Fest

By Jill Ortman-Fouse

B EAUTIFUL WEATHER, FUN TIMES, and remarkably delicious chili were savored by Indian Sprin neighbors at this year's Fall Fest. Thanks to a legion of volunteers that stepped up to set up, run activities and clean up afterwards, we had a very successful event. As Chris Clark, who coordinated the Fall Fest, said, "Everyone did so much – it was a piece of cake!"

Congratulations to two-time Golden Ladle winner Chef Joe Kowal, who once again walked home with neighborhood

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Ready for Better Nightlife?

By Evan Glassa

PROBABLE AST SIX MONTHS, I have been a member of the Nighttime Economy Task Force, a group of 19 individuals tasked with developing a series of policy recommendations designed to foster an increased nightlife for residents, employees and visitors of Montgomery County.

In early 2013, local news outlets ran stories stating that Montgomery County was taking steps to become more "hip." What triggered these stories is that the county realized it was falling behind its neighboring jurisdictions in attracting "millenials," the demographic generally between the ages of 21 and 34. Many millenials in the DC area are moving to the District, Arlington, and Alexandria, taking their tax dollars in the form of taxable wages and recreational spending with them. Montgomery County has a strong economic infrastructure with highly rated schools, strong and emerging communities, and relatively low unemployment. But it is with regard to the nighttime economy that the county must fill in missing pieces in order to strengthen the overall economy.

To achieve the goal of a strong nighttime economy, the county must invest in attracting young people who want to work, live, and play in our communities and contribute to the county's tax base. At the same time, the county must search for ways to create a nighttime economy that is open to all age groups to ensure full participation and encourage continuous economic activity after 6pm. Some of the ideas the Task Force recommended include:

- Develop a targeted strategic plan for attracting new businesses to the county.
- Create, develop and implement a marketing program for the county.
- Create urban park guidelines to activate public spaces through design elements, which will enhance the greater community and appeal to a range of demographics.



- Allow food trucks to operate in designated areas beginning at 10pm until bars close for the night.
- Encourage more housing options.
- Increase funding for the business improvement and urban districts.
- Improve awareness of parking options and taxi stands.
- Expand the frequency and reach of late-night transit service.
- Support dedicated public safety resources for the nighttime economy in high density urban areas.
- Extend hours of operation for venues with beer/ wine/liquor licenses to 3am on weekends.
- Modify the current alcohol-to-food ratio from 50/50 to 60/40 to reflect the change in increased demand for higher quality, higher priced alcoholic beverages.

These recommendations (and others not listed) will help create a vibrant economic infrastructure in which a nighttime economy can function while also attracting businesses, employers, young professionals, and families for both daytime and nighttime activity.

The work of the Task Force is complete, but the decisions about whether or not to implement our recommendations are left for the County Executive, County Council and our lawmakers in Annapolis. Please contact our elected officials if you want to support the efforts of the Task Force or wish to express concerns.

Your neighbor, Evan

15TH ANNUAL FALL FEST

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fame. The competition was particularly fierce this year, with 14 batches of chili competing for the title. They came in all flavors, with a full range of secret

ingredients and surprises like pineapple and short ribs. The chili names were also fabulous, from "Spank Yo Mama" to "Congressional Chaos." The federal furlough gave many of our neighbors more time to work on their recipes, which was also reflected in a few of the fun names.



Fallfest Golden Ladel winner Joe Kowals with Evan Glass and Carolyn Hoskinson

Many elected officials, including our County Executive Ike Leggett, Councilmembers Nancy Floreen and George Lenventhal, and State Senator Jamie Raskin attended and talked with ISCAites about issues of interest and concern. Eight of the ten candidates running for District 20 Delegate also attended. They know we are an important constituency because of our history of community support and activism, so it is great when we can take advantage of the opportunity to connect with them.

This year, we tried a new system to prepare for the event. By using a Sign-up Genius, everyone was able to access the volunteer list to see exactly what help was needed at what time. We will likely use this tool for future events since it worked so well. Many thanks to all of these excellent volunteers, who cooked, crafted, corralled, and said they were happy to fill in wherever needed. Special appreciation to Glenn Clevenger and Kids After Hours, who donated the fun moonbounce.

Also, huge thanks to the delightful and lovely Mo Bridgewater, who, after staffing the membership table for the whole event, volunteered to be our new ISCA Membership Chair!

Start trying out your recipes now, and maybe next year you'll take home the prize! *



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ISCA Christmas Tree & Menorah Lighting

By Stephanie Helsing (A.K.A the Christmas tree Lady)

N DECEMBER 14TH at 5:00, come join your ISCA neighbors for our annual Tree and Menorah lighting celebration. We will hear the story about Hanukkah, sing some Christmas songs and most importantly drink hot chocolate and eat fabulous homemade cookies that your ISCA friend made and donated for the event. I would like to thank Jim and Suzy Finelli of Binghamton Land Design for their generous tree donation all those years ago. For those who have not had the opportunity to see the tree in a while (btw it's HUGE), come and check out how big and beautiful it is.

We have always done a community service collection of some sort at this event, and this year we are collecting for our neighbors the YMCA Youth & Family Services Program. We will support their Angel Tree, which supplies gifts for elementary school-aged kids and teenagers. They are asking for various gift cards to stores we frequent to buy gifts for our kids (e.g., Target, Game Stop, Toys-R-Us, Forever 21, Lids, Aeropostale, Pac Sun, Old Navy, Fro-Yo, Nando's Peri Peri, Noodles & Company, etc. or any other local stores and restaurants that you feel would work). The cards will be hung on a tree at the ISCA Holiday Celebration and collected by representatives from the Youth & Family Services Program who will be attending the Celebration. Cards should be under \$50 in value.

For those of you who are unaware of who our neighbors at 9601 Colesville Road are and what Çthey do, here is a brief synopsis. The YMCA Youth & Family Services (YFS) is a social services branch of the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington. YFS is a collection of over 17 community-based program sites across Montgomery County. Operating for more than four decades, YFS provides comprehensive school- and community-based prevention and early intervention services to over 4,000 at-risk and under-served children and families. Nearly all services are provided free of charge.

If you will be unable to attend the event, you can deposit gift cards in the mailbox at 202 Indian Spring Drive, where they will be collected and hung on the tree at the Celebration.I look forward to seeing you all there and celebrating another year in this FABULOUS community!. *****

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This month there are no announcements

EDITOR'S NOTE: We welcome Amaya Beltrán who has agreed to serve as one of our layout coordinators with assistance from her husband, Alfonso Cuentes. We greatly appreciate their willingness to contribute to our newsletter production. Ali Breen will continue to do her outstanding job as a layout coordinator and she and Amaya will alternate working on the various issues. We are very grateful to Audrey Cowgill who has served as one of our layout coordinators for the last several years and has done an outstanding job. She will continue to provide advice on layout but will step down as one of our regular layout coordinators.



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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From Joyce Stocker

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10/10/13	11:00 am	Theft 9800 block Hastings Rd
10/13/13	12:00 am	Theft 200 block Leighton Ave
10/15/13	7:00 am	TFV 200 block Indian Spring Dr
10/16/13	9:00 am	TFV 9500 block Saybrook Ave
10/21/13	10:00 am	TFV 200 block Normandy Dr
10/22/13	6:30 am	TFV 100 block Normandy Dr
10/22/13	6:00 am	TFV 1 block Granville Dr
10/22/13	7:20 am	TFV 300 block Normandy Dr
10/23/13	7:00 am	TFV 9600 Clearview Place

THIS IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CRIME RATES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN A LONG TIME.

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.

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SCHOOLS NEWS

Silver Spring International Middle School Parent, Teacher, and Student Association



HE SSIMS GIRLS AND BOYS cross country teams had undefeated seasons this year and placed first and third, respectively, at the 5th Annual MCPS Consortia Cross-Country Running Championship held at Northwood High School in October. Go Jaguars!

The principal and PTSA received word that MCPS plans to conduct a feasibility study to add Çmuch needed capacity to the school during the 2014-2015 school year. This is great news for the school and students, as official capacity is 1098 but teachers and the 951 students know differently. SSIMS is the county's test site for the middle school implementation of Standards Based Grading. Students are graded using the following four criteria – Knowledge and Understanding, Investigating, Thinking Critically, and Communicating. These criteria vary slightly depending on the subject matter. The demarcations are to make it easier for students and parents to understand where the child excels and needs improvement. *****

Heather Powers Sauter SSIMS PTSA President



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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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Rhonda's Featured Listing 308 S. Waterford Rd 5 BR/2.5 BA \$535,000 Totally renovated and ready to move in Woodmoor split level. Gourmet kitchen, glamorous master bath, huge walk-in closet. Updates galore!

Gordon's Silver Spring Restaurant Review: Pete's New Haven Pizza

Silver Spring has a new pizzeria in town, on the corner of Wayne and Georgia Avenue in Downtown Silver Spring. One perk of Pete's is that you can buy the whole pie or just a slice. My favorites are the Staven, which has hot sausage, caramelized onions and hot cherry peppers; and when I'm in the vegetarian mood the Edge of the Woods is my go-to with its sautéed spinach, fried eggplant and ricotta cheese. Mondays are half price pizza nights!

Kate's Home Design Tip

Buyers are looking for homes that look modern and also show style. A great way to add some personality to your house is through artwork. Instead of leaving your walls blank, grab an inexpensive frame (from Ikea or the thrift store!) and hit the fabric store. Grab a half a yard of fabric with some color and pattern that coordinates with your room and place in the frames. This cheap project will make your home feel more complete!

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