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NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - URGENT NEEDS.

By Tony Hausner

Stephanie Peterson, who has been in charge of ISCA newsletter distribution for the past couple of years, and her family are leaving Indian Spring to move to South Dakota to be nearer to family.

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MUSICIANS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ISCA INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE -SATURDAY, JUNE 28

By Ali Breen

As the weather finally warms up and the school year comes to a close, we are all excited about summertime – and

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN ISCA – AUGUST 5

By Tony Hausner and Joyce Stocker

Once again, citizens from Indian Spring will participate in National Night Out. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 5 at the Indian Spring Recreation Center on Lawndale

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We will miss her and wish her and her family the best. We are very grateful to her for the outstanding job she has done as coordinator of the newsletter delivery. If we are to continue to circulate a newsletter, it is essential that we find a replacement for Stephanie. It only takes 2 hours a month. Furthermore, it is best that we find a replacement before Stephanie leaves so that she can fill you in.

Please contact Stephanie at <u>sjpgab@verizon.net</u> or myself at <u>thausner@gmail.com</u>, 301-5876943. We also need persons to deliver as follows.

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Drive. The police will arrive around 6:45 p.m. and will only be here for about 10 minutes, so please come at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Last year's campaign involved citizens, law enforcement officials, civic groups, businesses, and neighborhood organizations. More than 10,000 communities participated from 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. \star

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THAUSNER@GMAIL.COM

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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UPCOMING EVENTS



June 28 Independence Day Celebration



August 5 National Night Out

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its celebrations and traditions, including our local, patriotic favorite, the ISCA Independence Day parade!

The date has been set for Saturday, June 28 from 12 Noon until 2:00 p.m. at the Indian Spring Rec Center. Meet at the Rec Center with your bikes and ride ons decked out in red, white, and blue. Friendly dogs may also join as we parade through the neighborhood. Then back to the Rec Center for refreshments and a neighborhood jam session.

We are looking for volunteers for the day of the event, as well as entertainment. Please contact Ali Breen at ali@vonunderfoot.com if you are interested and available to join in planning this fun event!

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CRIME REPORT FROM JOYCE STOCKER

The following crimes have been reported to the Montgomery County Police Dept from the Indian Spring community from 4/25/14 to 5/25/14

THEFT

on 5/4 9500 block of Evergreen

THEFT

on 5/11 Leighton Ave

THEFT FROM VEHICLE on 5/6 9600 block of Evergreen

ASSAULT

on 5/13 9500 block of Long Branch Parkway and 400 block of E. Melbourne Ave

ASSAULT

on 5/16 9700 block of Hastings Drive

ASSAULT

on 5/22 9500 block of Long Branch Parkway and 400 block of E. Melbourne Ave. Not in crimereports.com database

ASSAULT on 5/23 400 block E. Melbourne

PLEASE REPORT ALL CRIMES, NO MATTER HOW MINOR, TO THE POLICE AND TO THE LISTSERV.

TROUBLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Joyce Stocker

On Thursday, May 22nd, residents of Moss Avenue saw a very large group of students from Eastern Middle School (University Blvd), walking down the street. Previous experience warned them that trouble was brewing; sure enough, within minutes the mob had gathered in the field next to Moss Avenue and Long Branch Parkway. At the center of the mob, a young boy was on the ground, being beaten, while others videotaped the beating with handheld cameras, obviously taken to school for the purpose of filming a planned fight. My daughter, hearing the boy screaming and squealing, ran to assist him, velling at the crowd to stop. She was followed by a group of kids threatening to "come back and shoot" her. Although 911 was called, by the time police arrived the mob had scattered. A woman walking her dog came upon a young girl at the bridge, so hysterical, she was unable to talk. Shortly afterwards, a resident on Long Branch Parkway heard a neighbor's alarm, looked out and saw a boy breaking a glass door. Based on the man's description, the police apprehended the student. Another neighbor opened her door and was surprised to find a student going into her mailbox.

For more than 30 years, residents of Moss Avenue and Long Branch

Parkway have been victims of mischief and mayhem created as Eastern Middle School students are dismissed and walk down Moss Ave. Examples: a white car smeared with red paint, porch furniture tossed into the creek, fires often set in the woods, toys grabbed from young kids and stolen, many bikes taken, mailboxes entered, birdfeeders destroyed.

Meetings with Eastern Middle School officials sometimes were effective in temporarily halting the incidents. Police were sometimes stationed on Moss Ave at dismissal. Once, Eastern students and Long Branch residents worked together to create a community garden. Despite these interventions, the problems recur.

Community outrage following the recent incident elicited responses from both the Montgomery County Police Department, the school principal and school security officials. Hopefully, root causes of the problems will be explored and addressed before the next school year. If issues continue, members of the community will ask to meet with Montgomery County school officials. Thanks to Tony Hausner for being on top of this situation, and to Lt. Alan Felsen for investigating all aspects of this incident. ★



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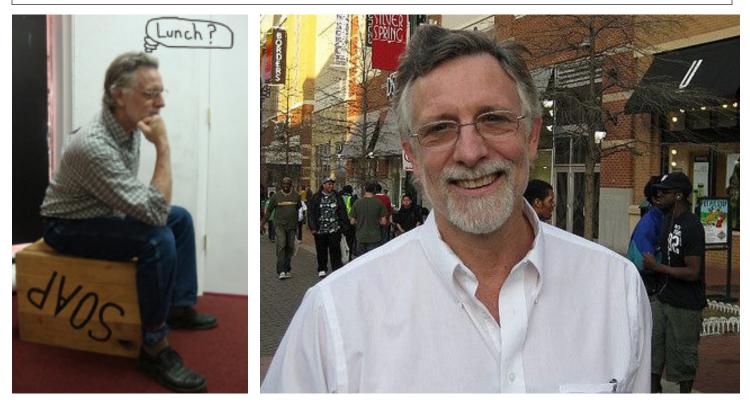
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RICHARD JAEGGI

We are very saddened to learn of the death of Richard Jaeggi, Executive Director of the Gandhi Brigade. Richard died on Sunday, May 25, 2014. Until recently, Richard and his family had been long-time residents of Indian Spring and he had been quite active in our association over the years. We will have more information about Richard in our next issue in September. One of the accompanying photos is taken from his bio on Gandhi Brigade which is provided below. This bio was probably written several years ago. Needless to say, Richard was a wonderful friend to many of us and an amazing leader for the Gandhi Brigade.

"We began the Gandhi Brigade in the summer of 2005 for the purpose of preparing a new generation of leaders that would be equal to challenges of the Twenty-First Century. We took up Gandhi's challenge to form a "peace brigade" that trained for justice the way an army trains for war. We taught ourselves how to use video and other digital media as a tool to engage young people in the life of their community and to use the power of communication to transform the world. I was born in New Jersey but moved to Memphis in my teens, and later went to High School in Winter Haven, Florida. I hold a master degree in Religious studies and wrote my thesis on the spiritual transformations of 2nd century Rome."

"Before devoting myself full time to the building of the Gandhi Brigade I ran several community technology centers in Washington DC. I have made a living as a cabinet maker, a carpenter, a network administrator, a construction employment trainer, and as a cook on an oil supply boat. I spent two years in Nepal as a Peace Corps volunteer where I met my wife."

"I like to make things, swim, ride my bicycle on the local trails, and throw goofy parties that often involve fire. I am married to Yoshiko Zenfuku and have three children, Lisa, Daniel, and Isaac. I have lived in Silver Spring for 16 years and care deeply about my community."

"I am immensely fortunate to have the privilege of earning my living by doing the thing I love the most: doing my part in preparing today's youth to become wise, compassionate, and courageous." ★

ISCA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Aronson, Allison Clifford, Nathaniel (4) & Diesel (feline) moved to Granville Drive from just the other side of Franklin in Long Branch. We're very excited to be part of the neighborhood and look forward to meeting more of you.

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



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

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TASTE OF INDIAN SPRING DRAWS 9 RESTAURANTS AND A NICE GROUP OF NEIGHBORS

By Christina Taylor

Neighbors gathered at **Highland View Elementary** School on May 5, 2014 to sample many different flavors from around the world at ISCA's annual Taste of Indian Spring. We had a solid group of restaurants on display: some of our old favorites and a few new kids on the block. The flavors ranged from Indian to Thai to Lebanese to Latin American right down to good old-fashioned pizza and chicken nuggets. Needless to say, no matter your age and level of adventure with food, everyone found something they enjoyed.

First, I'd like to thank Josie Leonard for jumping in...even with three kids in tow. Set-up and logistic coordination and insights from last year were necessary to make this event a big success.

A special thank you goes to Maureen (Mo) Bridgewater and Arlene Gottlieb at Highland View Elementary and to our extraordinary neighbors Ann Horton, JoAnn McLean, Mary Anne Hess, Arlene Montemarano and Dave Scheiber. Without Mary Anne, JoAnn, Arlene and Dave we wouldn't have had many of the restaurants on hand. They slogged around Silver Spring to pick up several of our donations.

Here is our list of participating restaurants:

Pete's New Haven Pizza, La Malinche, Chick-Fil-A, El Golfo, Ghar E Kabob, Kao Thai, Lebanese Taverna, Red Maple, and Samantha's Silver Spring.

Pete's New Haven Pizza was generous enough to send their chef and manager to join us, and Lebanese Taverna was on hand to showcase their famous hummus.

Thank you to the neighbors that brought side dishes to help supplement our selections...we sure had plenty of food!

Please consider dining at one of these places when you're picking a place to eat out, and remember to thank them for participating in Taste of Indian Spring. \star

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If you shop at Snider's for your groceries, please retain your receipts from purchases as they can be used to support Northwood High School's PTSA. Once you have collected two or more, please contact Indian Spring neighbor Susan Luck at susanluck@comcast.net. She coordinates the painless fundraising initiatives at the school. ★



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FORMER INDIAN SPRING RESIDENT WILLIAM E. "BRIT" KIRWAN STEPS DOWN FROM U OF MD CHANCELLOR POST

by Ann Kirwan Horton



William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland (USM) since August 2002, announced that he will step down from his leadership position after a career spanning more than 50 years in public higher education. At the request of the USM Board of Regents, Kirwan will remain as chancellor until the board conducts a national search and chooses his successor.

"I am completing my 12th year as chancellor and my 50th year in higher education, and I have decided that this is the right time to announce my intention to step down," Kirwan said. "It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to lead the state of Maryland's public higher education system. Thanks to the excellent board members and outstanding USM administrators, faculty, staff and students with whom I have had the privilege to work, we have accomplished a great deal. I am enormously proud of our collective efforts, and I believe the system is poised to continue on its paths of academic excellence, inclusion, and innovation that have become its hallmark."

Kirwan has had a long and distinguished career in higher education. He has served as president of two Association of American Universities (AAU) institutions -- University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), (1988-98), and The Ohio State University (1998-2002). Earlier, he served as vice president of academic affairs and chair of the Department of Mathematics at UMCP.

"Brit has been an invaluable and critical partner in our efforts to strengthen and grow our middle class by expanding access to high-quality higher education in Maryland," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "Here in Maryland, we're incredibly grateful to him for his leadership in strategically aligning course offerings to spur economic development and help close our State's 'skills gap'; his work to improve important and essential transitions for community college students to four-year institutions; and his efforts to help my Administration hold down the cost of college to the lowest levels in the nation."

Kirwan was a long-time Indian Spring resident, and lived on Flower Avenue before moving to Indian Spring in 1974. He and his wife Patty still have friends in the neighborhood. His daughter, Ann Kirwan Horton, lives in their family home on Indian Spring Drive with her husband and two daughters. ★

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ISCA'S HENNESSEY NAMED MODEL STUDENT-ATHLETE

By Jay P. Goldman



Shown in the photo with Hennessey are Stuart Scott, of Scott Orthodontics, who sponsored the Model Gladiator Award, and Northwood's first-year principal Mildred Charley-Greene. (Photo by Susan Shaffer).

Charles Hennessey, son of Indian Spring residents Valerie and Ted Hennessey of Normandy Drive, was named 2014 Model Gladiator of the Year at Northwood High School's Senior Sports Banquet on May 20 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Silver Spring.

Hennessey, 6-foot-1 and. 215 lbs., was a starter at quarterback since the end of his freshman campaign as a member of the Gladiators' varsity football team. He also started on the varsity lacrosse team for four seasons. He plans to attend McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., this fall where he expects to play football and lacrosse.

Each spring, Northwood recognizes one male and one female athlete with the Model Gladiator of the Year awards based on their performance in academics, athletics and overall school participation.

Another ISCA resident was honored previously as a Model Gladiator: Calvin Kane (2011). ★



19 INDIAN SPRING YOUTHS GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

By Jay Goldman

Indian Spring will contribute its share to the new graduate ranks at high schools and colleges this spring.

Northwood and Montgomery Blair, the two principal high schools that serve our neighborhood, can claim 17 residents of Indian Spring among the new graduates. Two others residents received their post-secondary sheepskins in May.

The Northwood graduation list includes Mark Medina Lemus, Abel Webshet, Lucas Kane, Reilly Staples, Charles Hennessey, Steven Monaghan, Emily Slagle and Matthew Buonora.

The following Indian Spring residents are graduating from Blair: Victor Adamson, Alexander Boyer, Emma Howells, Emma Jenkins, Jacob Kirkendall, Daniel Pressley, Margaret Sauber, Andrew Snail and Stephen Vogel. On the collegiate level, Lauren Bodin has graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School with an M.S. in systems engineering. She will continue her studies as a flight test engineer for the Naval Air Systems Command at the Naval Air Station at Patuxent River.

Collin Shay graduated with a B.S. in psychology from Juniata College, and he plans to pursue a master's degree after a gap year. \star

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please report any high school and college graduate additions to newsletter editor Tony Hausner (thausner@gmail.com), so the ISCA newsletter can include them in the first issue of the fall.)





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ISCA TEEN EARNS COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

By Lauren Burkett

Northwood High School senior Lucas Kane will be attending prestigious Davidson College this fall on a football scholarship.

Davidson, located in North Carolina, just north of Charlotte, competes in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision.

Lucas, who lives on Wire Avenue, has only been playing football since his freshman year, and he was recognized by Davidson's head coach who came to Northwood in search of not only an athletically talented student, but also one with an academic performance record to meet the college's high standards of admission. The coach made the six-hour trip from the heart of North Carolina in the hopes of picking up prospective studentathletes. Lucas was offered a full scholarship complete with financial aid to cover all four years at the academically rigorous college.

Only six students from Northwood High School previously have earned football scholarship money, according to Dennis Harris, Northwood's varsity football coach for 10 years. "Lucas is a true student-athlete," Harris said in an e-mail interview. "He has carried greater than a 4.0 GPA for his entire high school academic career."

Maintaining a high GPA shouldn't be a problem for Lucas because he aspired to attend a college where he could make a difference in the classroom and in athletics. Coach Harris calls Lucas "very



Lucas Kane (second from left) with members of his Wire Avenue family.)

goal oriented." He added: "In a post-season meeting after his sophomore year, he told me that he wanted to play Division 1 football and that he would do whatever it takes, and here we are!"

At 6-foot-6 and 270 lbs., he played left tackle for the Gladiators.

Lucas remained very choosy of the college he would attend because he wanted to be sure he would like his college choice. Even larger universities, such as Brown and Georgetown, contacted him about playing football on their teams. Davidson College is an independent liberal arts institution with about 1,700 students. The college has an acceptance rate of only 25 percent.

Davidson's coach has been trying to rebuild the team to its earlier standard, with several seniors graduating this year.

Lucas, son of Vicki and Steve Kane, will have no problem fitting into his new home away from home. Indian Spring's very own contribution to Division I college football hopes this fall to earn playing time with the Wildcats in games at Richardson Stadium. The football team has games scheduled against Princeton, Marist in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Drake in Des Moines, Iowa.

Congratulations to Lucas for receiving such an honorable achievement. \bigstar

MY AWARD AS MCDCC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - ACA AND SAFE SILVER SPRING IMPLICATIONS

By Tony Hausner

On Saturday, May 10, the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee presented me with the Kelsey Cooke Volunteer of the Year Award at their annual Spring Ball. This post contains the acceptance statement I submitted, the video statement, and photos from the event. Councilmember Marc Elrich made very moving remarks when he introduced my award. I was given this award for my work on the ACA and Safe Silver Spring among others and for over 30 years of contributions to the community. I am deeply moved and humbled by this award. It means that good deeds are appreciated. In accepting the award, I said that the ACA is a big deal, there is much more to be done, and that I expect everyone to help.

1. Name and Award.

Tony Hausner, Kelsey Cooke Volunteer of the Year Award

2. When and how did you embrace being a Democrat?

I became a Democrat in the early 1960s. as I totally supported the Kennedy/Johnson Great Society programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid and Headstart. I felt it critical that our country provide programs to help low income and disadvantaged populations.

I became fully engaged in Democratic politics in the 1980s after we moved to Silver Spring. First,



in 1982, I worked with six Silver Spring schools and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law to battle a segregation decision made by the Montgomery County Board of Education. We filed a successful civil rights case against the School Board and then subsequently elected a new school board. The Blair Magnet was one product of that battle as well as the restoration of numerous boundary changes.

In the late 1980s, I was involved in two complimentary battles. The first was over

This statement can also be seen on my blog at http://tinyurl.com/hra051414award Video of acceptance statement https://www.dropbox.com/l/rYAHYG3uBNoCwZY9nK2jDn? My written detailed acceptance statement http://tinyurl.com/awardaccept51014



development of downtown Silver Spring. As part of the Silver Spring Takoma Traffic Coalition and the Arts Deco Society, we opposed the plan to build lots of office buildings, an enclosed shopping mall and the destruction of the Silver Theater. We wanted more residential development and street facing stores. Fortunately that vision prevailed. As the leader of the Route 29 Coalition, we successfully opposed creating a super highway out of Colesville Road, US29, as we felt an underpass at Four Corners would have been a nightmare. It would have divided neighborhoods and resulted in more traffic congestion. Those projects got me fully involved in the 1990 elections in which the voters elected a new County Executive and County Council.

3. Why do you think you were chosen for this award?

I believe I was chosen primarily for my work on the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Much of my career was devoted to health policy. I spent 26 years working for the U. S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Policy from which I retired in 2006.

In 2008, I joined Organizing for Action (OFA), President Obama's grassroots organization, and in 2010 I organized phonebanks for them as we lobbied constituents across the country to support the ACA. This past year, I have served as OFA Deputy state lead for ACA and organized many enrollment events. I recruited volunteers and worked with a number of elected officials to support these enrollment plans. As part of this effort, I worked with many of the connector organizations in the Capital Region that served as enrollment centers. In the process, I discovered a website that provides the best ACA consumer comparison info. I shared this information with leading experts and had the site endorsed by the Commonwealth Fund and other leading experts. My only regret is that more



My family: Dan Stromberg, Stephen Ronci, Deena Hausner, Toba hausner, Ariele Hausner Stromberg, myself

folks did not make use of it. Another highlight was identifying a fraudulent site masking as the State's site. I also conducted a number of training sessions for OFA volunteers especially with the Prince George's team. More info can be seen at http://healthreformaction.blogspot.com

I helped create Safe Silver Spring six years ago. We are focused on criminal justice issues but are also concerned with a broad array of related social issues, such as affordable housing and jobs for minority teenagers. We have successfully advocated for increases in county police officers, school police, and the truancy court program among others. Last year, we played a significant role in the successful passage of gun safety legislation by the Maryland Assembly. I helped organize and spoke at a large rally, organized letter writing campaigns, and lobbying efforts among other activities. More information at http://SafeSilverSpring.com I have been an active board member of the Greater Silver Spring Democratic Club which has sponsored many candidate forums and related events. As part of this Club, I twice organized Metro to the polls for the Central Committee and organized several ACA phonebanks.

4. What does this award mean to you?

I am greatly humbled by this award which indicates that my commitment to the Democratic Party and to the social values that it stands for is appreciated. That we want all persons to benefit fully from our society especially low income and disadvantaged.

5. What is the one thing all Democrats could learn from you?

That hard work on behalf of social causes to help low income and disadvantaged populations will lead to progress and will be valued. \star



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THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROJECT

Joyce Stocker

The once abundant monarch butterfly is being threatened by loss of habitat, pesticides, drought and climate change. A mountainous region of Mexico, once a tourist attraction for its hundreds of millions of migrating monarchs has seen the population plummet in recent years. Members of the Indian Spring Garden Club are launching grass roots programs to help preserve these beautiful creatures who are also important pollinators. Aided by nearby neighbors in the Longbranch community, we hope to encourage people to add milkweed, the necessary plant that monarchs use for egg-laying, to their garden. Some Indian Spring and Longbranch residents have volunteered to start plants from seed, and Behnke's started carrying the plants several years ago. The Monarch Project, still in its infancy, hopes to result in these plants being grown in various sites around our neighborhood, engaging schools in helping to raise butterflies and plant the milkweed, perhaps, as community service projects. If you would like to participate in this project, please contact Joyce Stocker at comit89@aol.com. ★

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