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ISCA celebrates National Night Out

by Tony Hausner and Joyce Stocker

Joyce Stocker organized National Night out which was held on August 4 and had an excellent turnout despite the rain.

Many thanks to Commander Jones for speaking with us and the various police officers who joined him. Glad to see Councilmember Tom Hucker stop by. Thanks to Jay

Goldman for describing the successful return of his stolen car.

Commander Jones discussed the use of covert cars to successfully catch several criminals in several Silver Spring neighborhoods. These cars have been used in our neighborhood but we are awaiting details as to whether any of the car thieves that have been caught are tied to our crimes.

Covert cars look like ordinary cars but police are in them. These contrast bait cars that do not have police in them.

The kids and adults enjoyed the ice cream sandwiches which Tim Reynolds distributed.

The photos accompanying this article and in the following link were taken by Toba Hausner. Additional photos can be seen at <https://iscaonline.shutterfly.com/pictures/2399>



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We welcome the Hurwitz family to Caroline Avenue.

We invite information on new residents and other special occasions. 

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Girls Scouts Strong in ISCA!

by Chris Clark

Girl Scouts of all ages live in our neighborhood and are doing amazing things! There are currently seven troops that have girls from Highland View and Silver Spring International Middle School (that I know of). 1st Grade: Troops 1202 and 139, 2nd Grade: Troop 2772, 3rd Grade: Troop 4272, 5th Grade: Troop 2986, 7th Grade: Troop 4005, 8th Grade: Troop 4274

Here are some amazing things the girls are doing now: Troop 4272 3rd grade scouts volunteered at the DC Diaper Bank - the girls spent an evening bundling up diapers, which were then given to organizations that serve families in the DC area. This Fall, they are planning to go on a tour of the White House. They are currently looking for some animal-related service opportunities - and would love suggestions.

As part of 5th grade Troop 2986 bridging from Brownies to Junior Girl Scouts, the troop made individual "Brownie Memories" quilts, drawing squares representing memorable activities done as Brownies singing songs and giving holiday ornaments at a local retirement village, tent camping, selling cookies, going horseback riding, visiting the Tudor House, earning our sewing badge, going to an aerial adventure park, etc. and then sharing a square with each Girl Scout sister and sewing them together into a quilt. They crossed the bridge at Brookside Gardens with each Girl Scout explaining the significance of her square.

Troop 4005 7th grade girls spent a lot of energy toward improving hallway crowding and behavior at Silver Spring International Middle School. In addition to testifying at a Board of Education Meeting and State Senate Meeting and meeting with the Principal, Vice Principal and Teacher committee at the school to discuss overcrowding and offer solutions, they decided to also put energy into supporting incoming 6th graders by meeting with the 5th grade class last spring and starting a Big Sister Program this year where they met with and supported individual girls. They hope this program will grow and continue year after year. The girls had an adventure camping trip last spring to test their limits. They have been trying to raise money through cookie and bake sales for a future trip possibly to Niagra Falls or even Switzerland!

Troop 4274 8th grade scouts ended last year with the successful completion of their year-long "Journey" the theme was Media and how media shapes and influences people. The troop also mentored a Brownie troop and together they created holiday cards for U.S. veterans. In addition, the troop made holiday gift packages for the homeless through the non-profit organization So Others Might Eat (SOME). For the coming year, the scouts will focus their energies on

community outreach and earning badges. They are particularly looking forward to the upcoming overnight camping trip to Cape Henlopen, DE and working on some of the requirements to fulfill the "Night Owl" badge. They are also looking forward to earning the babysitting, field day, comic artist, and first aid badges (among others). They may have the opportunity to again reach out to younger troops in a mentor capacity and participate in assisting local volunteer organizations, such as A Wider Circle.

If you know of a current Kindergarten girl that would enjoy Girl Scouting and doing some amazing things, there will be a meeting at Highland View in October for interested families. Contact Chris Clark, chrisamyclark@gmail.com if you have any Girl Scout questions. 





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7-8PM Slige Creek ES
September 30 Pack Meeting**

Also coming up this Fall: camping trip in October; in November Scouting for Food (food donation drive); downtown Silver Spring Thanksgiving parade; Festival of Light in December.

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Crime Report

from Joyce Stocker

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Theft from Vehicle

June 17	9500 block Biltmore Drive
June 23	300 block Brewster Court
June 23	100 block Granville Dr
June 23	200 block Granville Dr
June 24	9500 block Evergreen St
June 26	9500 block Ocala St
June 27	9700 block Marshall St
Aug 2	200 block Granville Dr
Aug 12	9900 block Moss Ave

Theft of Vehicle

July 17	9500 block Ocala St
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Theft

June 23	9400 block Worth Ave
July 31	9700 block Lawndale Dr
Aug 7	200 block Indian Spring Dr

This is a higher level of crime than usual. Please report all crimes, no matter how minor, to the police and to the listserv. Be sure you lock your vehicles and leave nothing in them. Please also report to the listserv any suspects that are arrested, convictions, etc. See also the article about National Night Out for steps being taken by the Police Department.

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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The school can receive \$2 for each ink cartridge when recycled, and Snider's grocery store receipts dated 2015 are worth 1 percent of the receipt value.

You can contact Jim Burke (301-585-4930, jaburke@erols.com) to arrange a pickup or leave the cartridges and receipts for the PTSA in Northwood's main office and the media center. ☞

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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