

Neighbors gather at the first annual ISCA Block Party!

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## ISCA launches a new tradition—the community wide block party!

by Beth Siniawsky and Abbe Spokane

On Sunday May 1, many ISCA families braved the dreary weather to celebrate the first annual Indian Spring neighborhood-wide block party. Long-time residents reconnected and met new neighbors while kids enjoyed the playground, basketball, board games, and sidewalk chalk drawings. One main attraction was delicious crepes from the Crepe Love food truck. We sampled sweet and savory flavors like “S’mores” and “Jean Dijon.” Volunteers handed out popsicles and water, and helped renew ISCA memberships.

Special thanks to Jen Holland, Ann Horton, Elizabeth Magin, Tony and Toba Hausner, Cati Blais, and Mary Anne Hess for helping with advertising, set up, clean up, photos, membership, refreshments, and equipment. Thanks to all the neighbors who stopped by to talk, play, and build our community. Hopefully we can have more events like this in sunny weather! More photos can be seen at <https://iscaonline.shutterfly.com/pictures/2418>



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## Tell Us About Your Creative Gardening

Indian Spring residents are finding imaginative ways to protect their vegetable and flower gardens from rabbits, deer and other hungry critters. The homeowner at 100 Normandy Drive created a raised bed, protected with wire mesh hung on curved plastic. The ISCA newsletter would like to publish accounts of other imaginative garden designs in the neighborhood in the September issue. To be included, send a few photos (as JPEG files) and a short writeup by Aug. 10 to [jgoldman@aasa.org](mailto:jgoldman@aasa.org). 🍄

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (this section for announcements about new neighbors, births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc. Send announcements to [thausner@gmail.com](mailto:thausner@gmail.com))

We invite information on new residents and other special occasions. 🍄

**Editor's note:** Tim Clark's "History of Indian Spring" will continue in the next issue. 🍄

**Editor's note:** The newsletter is printed in black and white to save on costs. A color version is online at [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com); so if you want to see any photos, ads, etc. in color, I recommend going online. 🍄



## Neighborhood Students Collect Degrees and Diplomas

Indian Spring is home to more than a dozen students who are reaching milestones in their formal education this spring.

Three residents in May earned their bachelor's degrees from higher education institutions in New Jersey, Virginia and Ohio, and a fourth is expected to collect his sheepskin this summer from a college in North Carolina.

In addition, nine teen-agers are graduating this month from the two public schools that serve Indian Spring – Montgomery Blair and Northwood high schools – plus several independent and religious high schools.

(The Indian Spring newsletter staff made a concerted effort to include all neighborhood residents who are completing their college or high school studies. If you know someone who was overlooked, please drop a note to [jgoldman@aasa.org](mailto:jgoldman@aasa.org), and we will publish an addendum in the newsletter's September issue.)

### Collegians

**Richard Adamson**, son of Vickie and David Adamson, graduating in summer from Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., with a B.A. in environmental studies and criminal justice.

**Peirce Marston**, son of Julia and Chris Marston, graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J., with a B.S. and an M.S. in civil engineering..

**Myla Sapp**, daughter of Patricia and Philip Sapp, graduated from University of Richmond in Virginia with a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology.

**Bridget Stocker**, daughter of Joyce Stocker and the late Dan Stocker, graduated from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, with a B.S. in wildlife management policy and a minor in sustainability and environmental health.

### Northwood HS

**Cole Jordan**, son of Diane and Stewart Jordan. He will enter Penn State University.

**Aaron Zajac**, son of Robin Zajac and Lt Col. Tim Zajac. He will matriculate at Texas A&M University.

### Montgomery Blair HS

**Maddie Boyer**, daughter of Laura and Pete Boyer. She is entering Davidson College in Davidson, N.C.

**Thomas Shoppert**, son of Geoff and Ricky Shoppert.

### Wheaton HS

**Sam Hendricks**, son of Ben and Jennifer Hendricks. He will enter UMBC in the fall.

### St. John's College HS

**Emily Carroll**, daughter of Laura and Tom Carrol. She will matriculate at University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt.

**Matty Pizzola**, son of Kristin and Tony Pizzola. He is entering Ithaca College in the fall.

### Academy of the Holy Cross

**Anna Flood**, daughter of Diane and Mike Flood. She will matriculate at University of Maryland.

### Gonzaga High School

**Teddy Flood**, son of Kathy and Andy Flood. He will enroll at Villanova University in suburban Philadelphia 🐾

## Collecting Sniders Receipts

Indian Spring families are asked to collect their grocery receipts from shopping this summer at Sniders Food Market as these can be used to support the PTSA at Northwood High School.

Once you have a few in hand, contact Sue Luck at susanluck@comcast.net to arrange a pickup of your receipts. She coordinates the "painless fund-raising" program for the Northwood PTSA. Sniders provide an annual donation to the school in the amount of 1 percent of the aggregate total of receipts collected.

The PTSA uses the funds to support the school's teachers. 🌸



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from Joyce Stocker

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March 31 Theft 9500 block Worth Ave  
April 8 Breaking and Entering 200 block Brewster Ave

The following car break-ins were reported on the Indian Spring listserv, but did NOT show up on the "crime report" website:

April 28 Normandy Drive  
April 29 Granville  
April 30 Indian Spring Drive  
April 30 Granville  
May 2 Lawndale Drive

Montgomery County police in their weekly report stated the following which occurred during the night of May 6th:

"Six thefts from vehicles occurred during night/overnight hours. Vehicle doors were unlocked or entry was unknown in each of the events. WH/M, 19 years old and W/M, 20 years old were arrested in the 9200 block of Long Branch Parkway after being observed trying car door handles. A laptop that was stolen in an earlier event at the Sheraton Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, was recovered from a backpack of one of the defendants."

These thefts probably include the car break-ins reported on our 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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## Books for Easy Borrowing in Indian Spring

by Jay P. Goldman

Residents of the neighborhood are reminded that Indian Spring is home to five small lending libraries, where you can find an array of ever-changing titles for young readers and older ones. And more sites are on the way.

Little Free Libraries currently sit on four front lawns in Indian Spring. Four stand on Normandy Drive -- one in the 100 block, two in the 200 block and one in the 300 block. The fifth has popped up in recent weeks in the 9400-block of Caroline Avenue. All are part of a nationwide movement to share good used books in neighborhoods and promote literacy.

The Indian Spring neighborhood will receive additional Little Free Libraries in the coming months. Teen Benny Anderson, son of Molly Moore and John Anderson of Seminole Street, is building and painting three new units as part of his Maryland high school community service project.

Benny has raised the money and has commitments from three ISCA residents for housing the Little Free Libraries in their front yards. He is seeking additional donations to build more Little Free Libraries for the neighborhood. He can be reached through his mother at [mollymoore50@yahoo.com](mailto:mollymoore50@yahoo.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](mailto:thausner@gmail.com), 301-587-6943 and we would love to have students to serve as reporters for student service credits. 🐾

The libraries actually are adorable wooden boxes appearing near the street on front lawns of homes. The existing ones were decorated by the family that owns each. Everyone can contribute books they would like to share or to take books that interest them. As a result, the titles you'll find in each library are constantly turning over.

The Little Free Libraries movement began in 2009 in Hudson, Wis. There are more than 25,000 registered Little Free Libraries worldwide.

To learn how to order a kit for your own front-lawn lending library, visit [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org). 🐾



This is the Little Free Library that stands on the corner of a home lawn in the 100-block of Normandy Drive. It is owned by Sheila Rao and Jeff D'Avy.



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# A Successful Year for SSIMS 'Dine-Out' Nights

by Sarah Baker Morgan

The PTSA at Silver Spring International Middle School had its most successful Dine-Out Fundraiser at the downtown Silver Spring Chipotle on May 17. The event generated the highest revenue of the PTSA's five restaurant fundraising events conducted during the 2015-16 school year.

The SSIMS PTSA each year raises funds through various events to enhance the student experience, promote school spirit and offer special opportunities to engage, learn and inspire members of the school community. The Dine-Out nights take place at Silver Spring restaurants that agree to turn over a percentage of the evening's proceeds to the SSIMS PTSA.

The Dine-Out series kicked off with a combination ZPizza/DTSS Ice Skating Night, followed by events held at McGinty's, El Golfo, Pete's Pizza and Chipotle.

The funds allow the SSIMS PTSA to support the annual March Madness student-teacher basketball game; scholarships for students to attend field trips and other academic enrichment programs; mini-grants for faculty who aim to enhance the student experience; Staff Appreciation Week; and much more.

Many thanks to the SSIMS families and Indian Spring families who may not have a child at SSIMS yet recognize the value of supporting our neighborhood schools. We couldn't do it without you! More photos can be seen at <https://iscaonline.shutterstock.com/pictures/2448>

(Sarah Morgan is the PTSA executive vice president at Silver Spring International Middle School and an Indian Spring resident since 2005.) 🍷



Among those who turned out at The Dine-Out event Chipotle's in support of SSIMS – clockwise from left:

three members of the Sauter family Sam, Heather and Dan.

Nilam Patel, Asha Weinfeld and Jason Weinfeld.

Sarah Morgan, one of the primary organizers of SSIMS fundraisers, shown with daughter Ellie.





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## All About Billboard: A Northwood Musical Tradition

by Melissa Kane

It's pretty well known that Northwood High School has been a part of my life for pretty much forever. Since I was 6, I have attended countless football games, a never-ending series of awards ceremonies, five Mr. Northwood contests and two graduations. That's all a function of having two older brothers precede me at Northwood. They graduated in 2011 and 2014.

But the one event to which I most looked forward to seeing with my family was the annual spring show at Northwood known as "Billboard Magic." Whenever I have mentioned Billboard to someone, without fail I get asked something along the lines of, "So what even is Billboard?" and I'm sure many readers of this newsletter probably are wondering the same. Allow me to explain.

The best way to describe Billboard is a bunch of live music videos. It's a musical theater production with about 25 numbers, each consisting of a singer and numerous dancers along with backup vocalists, all performed to live music by our band. By far, it's the biggest student production that we do through the Musical Theater and Dance Academy at Northwood.

Ever since I saw my first Billboard as an elementary school student, I knew instantly that I wanted to be a part of it. Seeing kids who had been to my house as friends of my brothers up on the auditorium stage singing and dancing like they were famous performers absolutely blew my mind. For years I dreamed of being part of Billboard. This year, as a Northwood freshman,

my dream came true. I was chosen to be a dancer in "Billboard Magic: A Look Back."

Learning the dances and putting the show together was a long, challenging process. Non-stop rehearsals every day for three months and staying at school until 9 o'clock at night for weeks cleaning and putting everything together was one of the most exhausting things I've ever been a part of. But when performance days came around in late April, it was all worth the time and effort.

The cast and crew put on three nights of an amazing show that drew crowds filling our whole auditorium. Not only did I learn so much about dance, I also had the privilege of working with some of the most amazing teachers, choreographers and student performers I've ever met. All of our hard work gave me the experience of a lifetime, memories I'll never forget and a second family. I am eternally grateful to everyone who was involved and fully hope to be a part of Billboard during my remaining three years of high school.

I highly encourage everyone to come out to see next spring's production of "Billboard Magic" at Northwood High School. It is truly one for the record books. 🎭

(Melissa Kane is a lifelong resident of Indian Spring and a freshman at Northwood.)

Melissa Kane (left), a freshman, performs in Northwood's annual spring musical "Billboard Magic: A Look Back.", which will be staged again next April.  
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