

Indian Spring News

Annual Tree and Hanukkah Menorah lighting celebration.

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Dear Indian Spring Neighbors:

It has been an exciting few months since becoming ISCA's new president. I am learning a lot about the Association, our neighboring associations, and how things work in the civic association world. I have made an effort to walk more throughout the community, and I have enjoyed interacting with our wonderful neighbors (and dogs) along the way.

On October 19th The ISCA board held its first meeting in some time. In that meeting, we elected two new board members – Chris Clark as Social Chair and Pam Wertz as Vice President. The full list of board members can be found in elsewhere in this publication. As a group, we will be working on updating the Association bylaws, creating a plan and budget for 2018, and convening more frequently. Please remember to thank these individuals for their service when you see them. They are an incredible team of committed Indian Spring residents who love and care for our community.

The ISCA board wants your feedback and input. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me (or any board member) to share your ideas of how we can enhance this great community through advocacy, social and service gatherings, and communication. My email is iscapres20901@gmail.com and my cell number is 301-905-2859.

We are excited to announce that the Annual Tree and Menorah Lighting ceremony will take place Saturday, December 5th at 5:00 PM. Please join your neighbors for this beloved annual event that marks the start of the season of holidays. Special thanks go to Stephanie Helsing for coordinating.

The ISCA board is looking to fill two open standing committee chair position. Please consider donating a little of your time and joining this great team. The list of open positions is provided below. Contact me at any time if you have any questions or would like more information.

Warmest regards,
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SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, December 9th at 5:00, come join your ISCA neighbors for our annual Tree and Hanukkah 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 friends made and donated for the event. I would like to once again thank Jim and Suzy Finelli of **Binghampton Landscape** 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. I would also like to thank **Tom Linstrom** for his generous lighting of the tree for the past few years! See photos from last year in this newsletter.

In light of the devastating hurricanes that have ravaged so many communities, our community service collection this year will be for our neighbors at the **YMCA Youth & Family Services Program** who will get the donations to a sister facility in Texas! They have had to relocate their offices themselves, but will continue to work directly with the victims of the hurricanes as they continue to rebuild. We will support their **efforts to collect gift cards to help families meet their needs and put a holiday together.** Unlike in the past, anything goes for the gift card donations. Any stores you frequent to buy gifts for our kids

and adults, not limited to, but including CVS, Amazon, Visa and National chains like Target, Old Navy, etc. (\$25 can buy a turkey for a family of 4) 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 a \$50 value.

If you will be unable to attend the event you can deposit gift cards in the white donation box 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!

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



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ISCA Street Party

We would like to thank everyone who came out for the 2017 ISCA Street Party at the Rec Center and surrounding area. A great time was had by all. Very special thanks to the following amazing volunteers:

Pam and Erik Wertz for organizing the fantastic buffet and donating food and supplies.

- Dave Berry for picking up supplies and grilling throughout the event and bringing his grill to and from the location.

- Carolyn Hoskinson, Elizabeth Magin and Jennifer Chambers for working the Registration Table.

- Talented neighborhood musicians including Aliza Gottlieb and Emily Noyes who provided wonderful live music!

- Donna Kerr and the Donna Kerr Group for donating the moonbounce AND doing hours of face painting for the kids!

The event was enhanced further by the efforts of Tony Hausner who got us our great raffle prizes. Thanks to our incredible raffle prize donors:

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Here are four photo albums from the StreetFest



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Recent History of Indian Spring Neighborhood

By Tony Hausner

In this chapter I am going to focus on the re-activation of the Indian Spring Citizens Association (ISCA) in the 70's and its role in the Indian Spring neighborhood, the fight over Blair High School and downtown Silver Spring. This chapter builds upon the previous chapters written by Tim Clark.

The History of ISCA

The State Highway Administration built the Capital Beltway between 1961 and 1964. It bisected the Indian Spring Country Club, which moved to the Layhill area and many years later closed. The Southern portion of the original country club (south of the Beltway) was converted to the YMCA; the northern portion (North of the Beltway) became woodlands and was identified as the Kay tract after its owners.

Other than the Beltway widening, I do not know about the history of ISCA prior to 1973 as my family and I moved to Indian Spring in 1977.

The association had been inactive for five years until 1978 when the then ISCA President called for a general meeting. Several people attended and Jorge Ribas became President. Sara and Jeffrey Rosen, who moved to another neighborhood 2 years later, and I became board members. Jorge organized a Taste of Indian Spring, which was held at Christ Congregational Church. Tony McCann was President from 1981 to 1982.

Silver Spring Schools

In 1981, I joined the Blair Advisory Council, which

covered all the schools in the Blair area. Barbara Cantor was Chair of the Council. Our older daughter was at East Silver Spring Elementary at the time as our part of the Indian Spring community was assigned to that school at the time for racial balance.

That year, the School Board closed quite a few schools as the school population had declined. In Silver Spring, they closed Northwood High School. In the process, they reassigned the students from three of Silver Spring schools, which had fed Northwood, to Einstein High School instead of Blair because these elementary schools were majority white. In the process of making that decision, they ended up increasing the racial concentration at Blair High, Eastern and Takoma Middle, and one other elementary school. They also broke up the pairing of Rosemary Hills and Bethesda Chevy Chase elementary schools, which had been paired for racial balance. They made Blair a performing arts magnet.

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During the school board hearings, Blair Ewing who was on the school board did a beautiful shake and stated: "We can sing and dance, but we do not shuffle." His leadership contributed to our battle over segregation.

Many persons and organizations countywide were outraged at the decision. I motioned that the Blair Advisory Council take legal action against the school board and the Blair Advisory Council agreed. Two attorneys, Dick Carr and David Bernal, who were parents at East Silver Spring, served as liaisons to the eventual legal team.

David Tatel, who was the head at that time of USHHS Office of Civil Rights, arranged for the Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights Under Law to engage Peter Nichols from Covington and Burling to handle our case. The firm filed an appeal to the State Board of Education, which based on the hearing examiner's recommendation, overturned the school board's decision.

If the original decision had prevailed, there would have been significant white flight and Silver Spring would not have been revitalized. The County electorate then voted out the old school board. The new school board restored racial balance at the above school and retained the pairing of Rosemary Hills and the Chevy Chase School. They also created the Math/Science/Computer magnet at Blair, which has been an important component of its success. Further, it helped stabilize the area.

In 1995 the Blair High PTA (under President Laura Steinberg) requested the school be moved to the Kay tract because the school was very overcrowded. They wanted to keep the population boundaries the same because they valued the racial mix. I introduced Laura to Jorge Ribas who had recently returned to Indian Spring and they led the fight. We formed a core group of eight to meet regularly. We were also joined at fairly regular meetings with PTA leaders from most of the feeder schools. I organized two key rallies with the aid of the other PTAs. More than 1500 wildly cheering

adults and students attended the first rally at Blair. More than 1800 persons attended the second rally at a school in the Rockville area with the County Council in attendance. This put enough pressure on the Council, which voted to build Blair on Kay.

During this process, in ISCA, we had our own controversy over whether to build a bridge over the Beltway so students could walk safely to the new Blair campus rather than cross the dangerous Beltway ramps. Tena Turner was ISCA President. More than 200 persons attended an ISCA meeting. Bridge opponents feared kids from other neighborhoods would use the bridge to commit crimes in the neighborhood. The association narrowly supported the bridge but it was never built because it was deemed too expensive.

Development Battles

During the first 4 years that we lived here, both the Hecht Company and JC Penney closed their stores in downtown Silver Spring and the downtown became dilapidated.

In 1985, Beverly REXSON was president of ISCA. In 1987, two major projects were proposed: The Silver Triangle project and an underpass at Four Corners. The Silver Triangle by Lloyd Moore consisted of a mall at the corner of Colesville and Georgia, and six 20-story office buildings surrounding that area.

Pat Singer who lived in ISCA at the time was the lead, and myself, Marc Elrich, folks from Seven Oaks and Woodside Park created the Silver Spring/Takoma Park Traffic Coalition. We partnered with the Arts Deco Society who wanted to preserve the old movie theater on Colesville, along with the Shopping Center at Georgia and Colesville, which had been completed in 1938. These properties were historic because they used art deco themes inside and outside and were one of the first built in 1938 using an Art Deco Design.

We worked with Dorn McGrath of George Washington University's School of Urban Design on an alternate proposal. Instead of a shopping

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mall he proposed that the county support stores and buildings facing streets. This would encourage residents to wander around the streets and not inside a mall. His design prevailed in the revitalization of Silver Spring.

County Executive Sid Kramer supported the Silver Triangle project and the Council voted its approval. The Traffic Coalition arranged for a pro bono law firm to file a legal appeal. We won at the lower court level, but lost on appeal two years later after the next election was over.

At the same time, the State Highway (SHA) proposed making US 29 into more of a highway including an underpass at Four Corners similar to those on North Capitol Street. I organized several civic associations around Four Corners into the US 29 Coalition. About 1,000 persons turned out a hearing to oppose the underpass. As an alternate, we proposed the jug handle that the SHA finally adopted. While the jug handle is not universally loved, it is a better solution than the underpass.

The combination of the Silver Triangle Project and the US 29 Project contributed significantly to growing anger in the county over too much development. Led by members of our Silver Spring groups, the county voted out Kramer and several key members of the Council and voted in Neal Potter and a more slow growth council. Bruce Adams and Ike Leggett were two of the key members on the Council that supported our battles and they were re-elected. I served as ISCA President twice during this time period.

The new Council scrapped the Silver Triangle Project.

Into the 21st Century

Between 1998 and 2017, we had the following persons serve as ISCA President: Andrew Kleine, Walter Gottlieb, Jennifer Chambers, Jill Ortman-Fouse, Evan Glass, Mary Bradford, and now Ann Kirwan Horton. Quite a distinguished group. I organized two of the Tastes of Indian Spring and we held that for most of those years. We also

held Fourth of July celebrations for many of those years organized by Arlene Montemarano and/or Ali Breen. In 2001, after I experienced a burglary of my home, I completed the organization of a Neighborhood Watch. Joyce Stocker provided valuable assistance. The watch worked for a number of years.

After a couple of major crime incidents, we held a march and rally to affirm our efforts to fight crime. We hosted National Night Out for many of those years at the Indian Spring Terrace Park and were joined by the County and Park Police. In 2016, Abbe Spokane and Beth Siniawsky organized an ISCA Block Party at the rec center and in 2017, Ann Horton and Chris Clark organized a Street Party near the rec center. Both were very successful events.

Now for some history of key contributors from Indian Spring to society. Robert Ball was the Social Security Administration (SSA) Commissioner when the Medicare program was created and administered by SSA for its first 13 years. Herbert Stein served as Chairman of Nixon's Council of Economic Advisors. His son, Ben Stein, is a well-known writer and TV commentator. The late Richard Jaeggi was the founder of the Gandhi Brigade and also an early contributor to Prezco (the President's Council of Silver Spring Civic Associations). Prezco was formed around 1996 and represents about 14 civic associations in this area. Andrew Kleine, who is Baltimore's Budget Director, served as Prezco's leader for several years and I was a leader after him for 2 years. Evan Glass was a Producer for CNN and later succeeded Richard Jaeggi as Director of the Gandhi Brigade. Walter Gottlieb produced two highly regarded films: 1) Silver Spring: Story of an American Suburb 2) Next Stop: Silver Spring. (see the internet for more his films); Jill Ortman-Fouse is on the Montgomery County School Board. Jennifer Chambers is the author of 2 books. I served as the Founder and Chair of Safe Silver Spring for its first 8 years.



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Indian Spring History: From Farmland to Suburb

By Tim Clark

In 1889 Indian Spring was still primarily farm land. The Baltimore Orioles won their first baseball championship in 1894. In 1899 the Naval Academy construction began. In 1908 the State Roads Commission was established to construct early roads in our state.

In one of the two houses on the current Indian Spring property, Franklin and Caroline Clark had their first child, Anna Grace Clark, in 1889. She was the first of 3 children.



Hanson's childhood home, Locust Grove

Locust Grove stood on or near today's YMCA property. Its bricks, used as ballast in ships from England, can be dated to between 1700 and 1750. The house above may have been built in 1829, or some say earlier. Its Victorian style was in general use 1860-1900. One owner was Franklin, b. 1854, and wife Caroline Clark, whose names have been given to two streets near the Y. The house was demolished between 1943 and 1946, after family disagreement. Photo, c1894. Information and photograph generously provided by Charles B. Smith, Jr., 2004

Oliver Clark, owning the north adjacent property (currently YMCA), passed away in 1911. Oliver had no will. In Montgomery County at that time, if a landowner died intestate, the land became property of the county. Consequently, Oliver's land was auctioned. His family was only able to buy some small parcels of land on the west side of Colesville Road (along Forest Glen). The home and 150 acres were sold to Samuel Hickman.

This property currently ranges from Indian Spring Drive to University Boulevard (at that time Bladensburg Road). Other buyers of Oliver's land at the auction were L.L. Brunette, B.F. Leighton, J.J. Wire, S.R. Grub and Harry Peacock. Most are remembered with streets named after them.

1917 Map from Deets and Maddox, Real Estate Atlas of Montgomery County, Maryland, showing landowner names

Traced by the author from an original larger map. Within fifteen years after the map date, Grubb had sold his land to the Argyle Country Club, the present Sligo Golf Course. Peacock had sold his land to Hewitt for the Argyle Park subdivision, and Brunette sold to Lee for the North Hills of Sligo Park subdivision.

The Methodist Church has remained at Four Corners.

Five owners are remembered in street names today: L. L. [L. is in error] Brunette, B. F. Leighton, F. P. Clark, J. J. Wire, and S. R. Grubb (Grubb Road near East/West Highway).

Montgomery County Historical Society



Franklin Clark died in 1916, and Caroline lived in the original homestead with her youngest son, Donald, and his wife, Grace, and their 8 children. This house was located where 9405 Ocala currently is.

The 150 acres that Sam Hickman purchased eventually turned into the Indian Spring Golf Course in 1924. Also at this time the first five blocks of Indian Spring Road were surveyed. Most of the surveying of the south side of Franklin Avenue was complete and construction of housing had begun on both sides of Franklin from Flower to University.

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Indian Spring Golf Course, which opened in 1924 and was founded by Fayette Thomas Moore, was designed by golf course architect Donald Ross. The 36-hole course was a local favorite and hosted many championship tournaments.



Interesting note: In 1926 Caroline Clark donated the land for what would be Christ Congregational Church.

By 1930 Grub had sold his land to the Argyle Country Club (now Sligo Golf Course). Golf was enjoying a huge growth, and courses were being built at a fierce pace nationally. Harry Peacock sold his land to Frank Hewitt for the Argyle Park Subdivision. Hewitt would eventually buy the land that comprised the 10-18 holes of Argyle Country Club, relegating it to the present 9 hole configuration.

When Andrew Kay bought the Indian Spring Golf Course in 1939, the course shrank to 18 holes. Kay was a DC developer. He used the land on the south side of the course to build the homes on Granville and Normandy. It was his intention to subdivide the entire course, but he decided to preserve 18 holes so that members of the Jewish community would have a place to golf. They were barred from

other courses due to the prejudice of that time. Houses constructed on the south side of the course (on Granville and Normandy) were purchased by predominantly Jewish families. Other minorities would be barred from the Indian Spring Golf Course until the mid-1960s, after the club left Four Corners in 1957 and moved to Glenmont. The original fairways were left to be overgrown.

Interesting note: In the early 1960s the northwest corner of the Kay tract (where Blair High School is now) was used by a circus group complete with a midway freak show.

In 1941 Donald and Grace Clark built and moved into 101 Franklin Avenue with their 8 children. In the mid 1940s the older children were moving out, being replaced by boarders. Most notable was Morgan Wooten, who later became the Hall of Fame DaMatha Coach. The Clark family at 101 Franklin also sold Christmas trees every year from 1945-1955 in the front yard.

Caroline Clark stayed in the original homestead until her death in 1946. In 1947 the original homestead was demolished to finish Ocala and Caroline Avenues.



Closeup of previous photo, Franklin Pierce Clark (1854-1914), with wife Caroline. Franklin and Caroline are shown with children Anna and Frank (baby), and an unnamed tenant farmer. The family had two servants. Franklin owned 88 acres at death. Timothy Clark, a descendant, is the only Clark family member living in Indian Spring today. Both Franklin and Caroline are buried in St. John the Evangelist Cemetery on Forest Glen.



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By the mid 1940s most of Franklin Clark's property had been sold to complete the development of Indian Spring Terrace. The last homes were built from Worth to Wire Avenue and Franklin Avenue to Indian Spring Drive. The streets named Saginaw, Ocala, Indian Spring, Seminole and Fairway came from the golf course, which had a Native American theme. Normandy was originally to be Springview Road but was renamed after the WWII invasion in France. Other war-related changes after 1940: Laurel Street was renamed Granville, Fairway below Granville was changed to Caroline (after Caroline Clark who lived in the original homestead until her death in 1946), and Greenview was changed to Hastings. At some point after 1910 Clark was changed to Worth.

We also have two Michigan-related names, Dearborn and Garwood - Dearborn being a city in

Michigan and the latter named for industrialist Garfield Arthur Wood. He invented the hydraulic lift used in heavy machinery. Wood was closely aligned with Henry Ford and other Detroit elite. He was also a power boat racer in the 1920s and 1930s, winning the Harmsworth Trophy from England, which was huge at the time. It stayed in the U.S. for two decades. Garwood Road was named when he was at his peak of public popularity.

Indian Spring is and always has been a special place, from wilderness owned by the 6-foot 7-inch Scotsman Ninian Beall, to farmland to golf courses to bustling suburbia. It remains a beautiful section of Montgomery County. For my family, it has been eight generations of "no place like home!"



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From Joyce Stocker

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Residential Burglary	200 Blk E Melbourne Ave	28-Aug
Theft from Vehicle	9800 Blk Hastings Drive	18-Oct
Theft from Vehicle	9500 Blk Lawnsberry Terr	8-Oct
Theft from Vehicle	200 Blk Normandy Drive	25-Sep
Theft from Vehicle	100 Blk Hamilton Ave	25-Sep
Theft from Vehicle	9400 Blk Curran Road	21-Sep
Theft from Vehicle	9500 Blk Biltmore Drive	18-Sep
Theft from Vehicle	200 Blk Granville Drive	5-Sep

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joyce Stocker has indicated that she would be glad to facilitate the reporting of burned out street lights to PEPCO. She also wants to report lights that are on during the day....there is almost always a light on continuously. Send an email to comit89@aol.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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The fall Ice Cream Social at Highland View Elementary School in September always draws a lot of families from Indian Spring.

The ice cream service, sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Association, is way for families to catch up after the summer months and to meet new people. The ice cream followed a pizza party at the school for new kindergarten pupils and their families.

The Highland View PTA coordinates many projects

throughout the year to benefit the school – the principal elementary school for children in the Indian Spring neighborhood -- and the education of children. From fundraisers to the school carnival, it all happens through the PTA. (The PTA's website is www.hves.my-pta.org.)

For information about getting involved as a volunteer, contact Siobhan Carroll, the PTA chapter president and an Indian Spring resident, at siobhanxo@aol.com.



Elena a 3rd grader (and third-generation Indian Spring resident) enjoys an ice cream treat at Highland View's fall social event. Photo by Josie Leonard



Highland View Principal Gallit Zolkower has a friendly visit with a parent at the ice cream social. Photo by Josie Leonard



Joanna Warden (left) and daughter Emily catch up with neighborhood friend Cory Shindel at the school year's first event sponsored by the Highland View PTA

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Indian Spring Residents for a Half Century Relocate to New Home

By Jay P. Goldman

The northeast corner of Indian Spring Drive and Wire Avenue just won't have the same feel going forward. For the last 51 years, Overton (better known as "Tony") and Mary Ann Parrent have called the two-story brick house at 19 Indian Spring Drive their beloved home. That presumably ranks them among the longest-running residents in our neighborhood.

The Parrents planned to move by the start of November to The Forest at Duke, a continuing care retirement community in Durham, N.C., a relocation prompted by a need for downsizing, possible health care considerations and proximity to family members.

The Parrents, who are both 80, have called Indian Spring their home since September 1966.

The couple's neighbors, Josephine and John Luster and Christine and Patrick O'Brien, did not want the couple to leave Indian Spring quietly without deserved attention.

"Tony and Mary Ann keep the quaint, neighborly feeling to the neighborhood, as one would imagine it was living here 50 years ago," says O'Brien, who has lived across the street since 2008. "I have called and stopped by their house countless times in the middle of cooking dinner because I ran



Mary Ann and Tony Parrent in front of their home for a half century at 19 Indian Spring Drive. (Photo by Christine O'Brien)

out of something and I knew Mary Ann would have it in her kitchen. Tony came to our rescue during a thunderstorm years ago when our basement window was flooding and used his engineering background to pump the water out using some basic yard materials. The Parrents are angels and the neighborhood will not be the same without them."

Josephine Luster, who lives next door, recalled the Parrents warmly welcoming her and her husband to the neighborhood. "We loved when Mary Ann would come over with delicious veggies to share from her garden. Tony has been so

generous as well with his time, conversation and, of course, his tools," she says. "We have enjoyed hearing about their many travels and learning about the history of our neighborhood. We could have not asked for better neighbors and we will miss them very much."

The following Q&A was conducted recently with Tony Parrent by newsletter contributor Jay P. Goldman.

Q: What first brought you to this neighborhood?

"We moved into 19 Indian Spring Drive on Sept. 15, 1966 – it was the first of many houses we looked at with a real estate agent. The house with its brick

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structure, basement-to-roof cement block main interior wall to support the 100-year slate roof, the corner location, the landscaping and the proximity to our places of work were all physical features that strongly appealed to us.”

Q. What do you know about the origins of the house?

“Our house was built in 1947 partially as a gift by a builder, who was a relative for the original owners.”

Q: What’s kept you here?

“Over our years here, we came to know and cherish the friendships and care shown to us by neighbors with their wide variety of personalities and educations and with their accompanying variety of children and dogs who came over to visit or play with our own dogs who ‘ruled’ our corner.

“We picture our small Pomeranian, Ginger, protecting Mary Ann from Max, the affection-loving large golden retriever from the opposite corner – a scene that, while it provided several classic ‘Mutt and Jeff’ standoff vignettes, included tiny Ginger getting even several times when she sneaked in and stole Max’s dinner from his bowl – on his home turf!”

Q: You’ve built strong relationships with your neighbors, despite the comings and goings.

“We will never forget the kindnesses shown to us over the years by so many of our Indian Spring neighbors who, particularly in times of an illness or recovery, came to help by miraculously appearing to shovel snow; to help move heavy items around the

house and yard; to ferry us to doctor visits; to water interior plants while we traveled; or to take our trash cans out to the street when we were temporarily incapacitated.”

Q: Neighborhood walkers presumably have commented on your home’s landscape, including the Japanese magnolias.

“We warmly recall the much-appreciated comments made by many casual passersby about the beauty of our Japanese flowering magnolia trees and landscaped surroundings -- comments that continued to be significant inducements for us to try to maintain the sense of what was intended in the original landscape plans prepared when the house was originally built in 1947.”

Q. In what respects has the Indian Spring neighborhood changed significantly over your time here?

“We really haven’t seen significant changes. Of course, the people, the trees, the freedom of neighborhood dogs, the noises of a new Blair High School, students gathering for buses on the corner and a few other changes are different, but those things have just evolved naturally with changing times. The overall atmosphere of the neighborhood seems to always have been one of friendly, helpful, courteous, caring neighbors.”

Q. What did you and Mary Ann do occupationally before retiring?

“Mary Ann and I met in graduate school at Vanderbilt University. She attended the medical school in dietetics.

We moved to Silver Spring when I started work as a physicist at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory (later renamed the Naval Surface Warfare Center) in White Oak. Mary Ann worked at the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, serving as chief medical dietitian, then became visiting dietitian for Adventist Home Health Services before retiring in 2002.

“During my 42 years of government technical service, I worked in the specialty area of weapon system safety analysis, engineering and management on various mine, swimmer weapon and mine neutralization system developments. One of my last titles was director of the Underwater Weapons Systems Engineering Division. I retired in 2002.”

Q. What’s occupied you in retirement?

“Mary Ann and I have had a very active 55-year membership at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. where I served as director of music for 25 years.”

INDIAN SPRING LONGTIMERS

The newsletter editors would like to know about others who have lived in the Indian Spring neighborhood for more than 50 years in the same home. Please send names and contact information to jgoldman@aasa.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie, Matt, and Perry Calabria welcomed Lucy June to the family on September 7. They live in the 300 block of Dearborn Ave.

Our own Jennifer Brown, who manages the community garden at the YMCA, was featured in a recent podcast about her work with children at the Audubon Society.

You can listen here, or with Stitcher or iTunes. <http://organicgardenerpodcast.com/195-woodend-sanctuary-audubon-naturalist-society/>

Christmas children's book, newly published by ISCA artist. Lovely story, gorgeously written and illustrated by Indian Spring's own Joan Waites.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section for announcements about new neighbors, births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc. Send announcements to thausner@gmail.com
We invite information on new residents and other special occasions.

Snider's Receipts Collected

The PTSA at Northwood High School collects Snider's receipts for fund-raising purposes. The store's owner makes a gift to the PTSA worth 1 percent of the total of receipts submitted at year's end. You can contact Indian Spring resident Susan Luck at susanluck@comcast.net about turning in your collected receipts.

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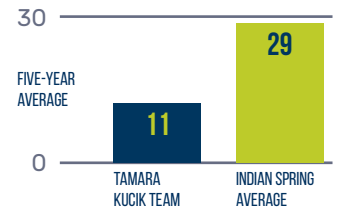
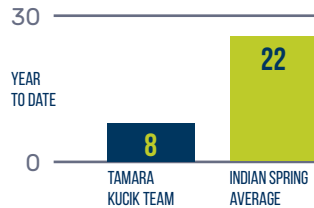
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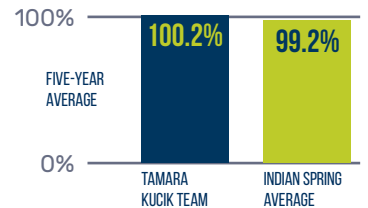
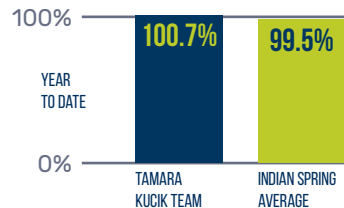
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