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ISCA Halloween Plans Announced

For all the activities below, please maintain proper social distancing and wear a mask – and remember, Halloween masks don't count!

Trick-Or-Treating

Please join us for front yard, contactless Trick-or-Treating on October 31, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm!

ISCA strongly believes that Halloween is on October 31 only! However, ISCA also strongly believes that 2020 will mess with our plans every chance it gets. Therefore, this year, our "in case of serious, derecho-level emergency weather" rain date will be November 1.

For Participating Houses

Move your spooky base of operations from the front door to the front yard, to encourage social distancing! Feel free to go wild with your decorations – the more, the spookier!

Give out your "treats" safely: spread them out on a table, use a Halloween candy chute (like this one), make a zip line (like this one), use a grabber tool (like this one) – be creative! Also, chalk lines can help trick-or-treaters remember to keep 6 feet apart.

As always, if you will not be participating this year, please turn off your exterior lights.

For Trick-Or-Treaters

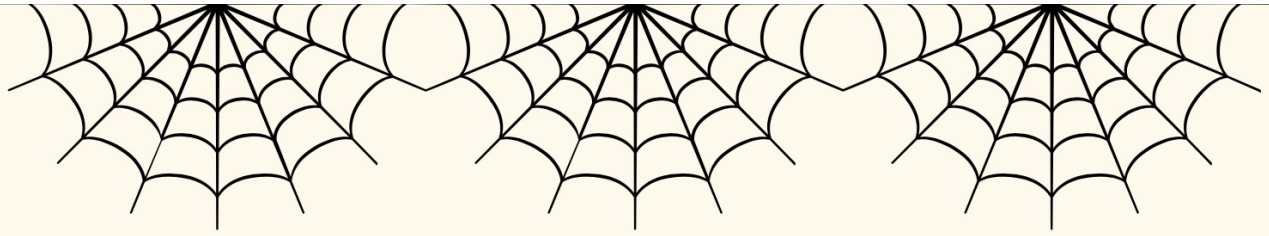
Parents, please stay with your kids as much as possible – it's hard for them to concentrate on social distancing in the face of so much candy. Sticking with them can help keep our neighbors safe.

This year, the county is not allowing street closures (sorry, Caroline)! Be careful out there, and if you absolutely must drive in our neighborhood during Halloween night, please drive slowly.

Door knocking is discouraged! We note that, per county and national guidance, traditional trick-or-treating, where children gather around the door and get candy from a single person or bowl, is not considered a safe activity.

Please help children avoid houses where the lights are off (that's true every year, but particularly this year!).

Stay local! We all know the neighborhood "hot spots," but there are tons of candy opportunities on every street! Please try to stick to the streets near your house to help with social distancing.



YOU'RE INVITED TO AN

ISCA HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

CAN YOU FIND A:



WITCH?
BLACK CAT?
HILARIOUS COSTUME?
RBG TRIBUTE?
SPOOKY HOUSE?
CANDY CHUTE?
NON-HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS?
SKELETON ACTING ALIVE?
PET IN COSTUME?
PREHISTORIC CREATURES?
GIANT PANDA?
VACCINE?



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Halloween Contests on the [ISCA Facebook page](#)

Submit pictures of your entries in the following categories:

- Best house decorations
- Best pumpkin carving (adults)
- Best pumpkin carving (under 18)
- Best socially distant candy distribution system

Submit your entries to iscamembership20901@gmail.com.

Entries must be received by noon on November 1. The polls will be open on the ISCA Facebook page until (when else) 8:00 pm November 3. We promise that these results will be announced on election night! Winners get bragging rights and will be shared on our Facebook page and listserv!

Stay safe and spooky!

The ISCA Halloween Committee

ISCA Membership Renewal Update

Did you know that ISCA is now on a “calendar year” renewal period? That means we ALL renew at the same time each year. This year’s renewal season starts 12/1/20 for the 2021 membership year. Look out for notices on the ISCA listserv or mark your calendars to renew!

Indian Spring Citizens Association - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Dues are \$20 per household per year – Send Check to ISCA P.O. Box 3724, Silver Spring, MD 20918-3724

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Phone: _____ Email: _____@_____

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Please note, membership now runs January 1 – December 31 each year. Renew online at www.iscaonline.com or using the form on the reverse side.

Dear ISCA Community,

Fall is always my favorite time of the year. The changing leaves, relief from the heat, and the opportunity to sport a comfortable hoodie with a pumpkin spiced latte by my side are just a few of my favorite things. This Fall we get to add a mask to the ensemble and assess what we deem to be safe, whether it is trick or treating, seeing our families over Thanksgiving, or joining a neighbor for an outside bonfire. My family may be missing out on many of our favorite fall and winter activities this year, but we take comfort in our local community which provides endless support and comfort.

I moved to Indian Spring from Ohio through Washington, D.C. with my husband, Romel, son, Joseph, and dog, Prada in November of 2014. Our family lived far away, and I slowly watched many of my closest friends leave the city for nearby suburbs or other states. The house we ended up buying was the first house we looked at outside of DC and I instantly fell in love with the tall trees, the backyard, and most importantly the sense of community. The realtor talked about fall festivals, tree lightings, Halloween and a tight knit community that rivals Wisteria Lane. We got all this and more when we moved into the neighborhood. I am thankful for everyone who reached out to us, and their neighbors around them to build this great community.

Each of us brings something unique to this neighborhood. Whether you are involved with the ISCA Board or have offered to help a neighbor shovel their driveway or lend a tool, you are what makes this community so special. The generosity I see amongst this community transcends the old saying of borrowing a cup of sugar. I wanted to share how this community has been such an intimate part of my life. Our neighbors have:

- Looked after our fur babies
- Watched our children so the parents could reconnect
- Checked in on us when police have been called
- Cared for our oldest child when in labor with my second
- Helped us bake a birthday cake, or even provided a cake
- Furnished rooms and helped us decorate with items no longer needed
- Dropped off hand me down clothes or a meal when we needed it most
- Delivered Coffee and toilet paper in the middle of a snowstorm

And the list goes on and on. I cannot list all the wonderful memories this neighborhood has brought our young family in the last six years. When my husband and I talk with our children about family being everything, I often hesitate, as this neighborhood has become our larger family which we can undeniably rely on for support. Thank you to our ISCA "Aunts" and "Uncles" and each and everyone of you that go out of your way to support your neighbor and be a part of this wonderful community. I wake up each day so thankful to live in ISCA.

In these trying times I hope you know that you are not alone and this neighborhood will be there to help with anything you need. You can always reach out to me personally on my cell 202-590-5523 or by email at iscapres20901@gmail.com . Even if you just want to say hello I welcome your call or text.

Warmest Regards,
Melanie Stickle
President

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Make Your Plan for the 2020 General Election

The General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and ISCA residents need to stand and be counted.

There are *three ways to vote*:

- Mail/Drop-Off
- Early Voting Centers 10/26/20 – 11/2/20 from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Voting Centers on Election Day – 11/3/20 from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

If you have requested a ballot, it is recommended that you vote as soon as possible using that ballot. Postage is prepaid, so you can return it by mail or at a Board of Elections dropbox. **Do not wait until Election Day.** If you do, bring your ballot with you to avoid waiting in a long line and then having to vote a provisional ballot.

The closest early voting and election day voting center is the Silver Spring Civic Building. Drop off collection sites include the Civic Building and Montgomery Blair High School, but many locations are available across Montgomery County.

Visit www.777vote.org for more information



Update on Future of Hastings/Colesville Intersection

On July 28, 2020 as a follow-up to January's meeting as covered in the July newsletter, about 15 residents from Indian Springs and North Hills met virtually with representatives from the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA). After an extensive study of both traffic and pedestrian use patterns, SHA presented their proposed solution to implement a crosswalk and light across the north end of the Colesville/Hastings intersection.

Towards the interest of timeliness in order to solve the most urgent risk to pedestrian safety, they wanted to put a traffic light up on the north end and allow for safe crossing. Construction is expected to begin this December, in coordination with the [planned repaving of Colesville](#). For any questions please reach out to your ISCA Civic Co-Chairs, Romel Lira (romel.lira@outlook.com) and Lisa Silverman (silverman.lisaw@gmail.com).

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ISCA Celebrates Our Collegiates!

While the end of the 2020 school year was not what we all expected, many of ISCA's younger crowd started college this Fall, both virtually and in person. Check out where some of our neighborhood young adults have started their collegiate careers:

- ⇒ **Sean Case** graduated from Wheaton High School and is off in beautiful Cali attending San Diego State University.
- ⇒ **Ethan Ginyard** graduated from Blair High School's Entrepreneurship Academy and is attending Loyola University Maryland's Sellinger School of Business.
- ⇒ **Nate Helsing** graduated from Blair High School and is attending Ithaca College in New York.
- ⇒ **Daly Horton** graduated from Northwood High School and started freshman year at the Cleveland Institute of Art and Case Western Reserve University, majoring in biomedical illustration.
- ⇒ **James Linstrom** (a 2019 Northwood High School grad) began his sophomore year at Frostburg State University studying mass communications.
- ⇒ **Ellie Morgan** graduated from Northwood High School and is taking a gap year in 2020-2021. Ellie will be starting at St. Mary's Honors College in Fall 2021.
- ⇒ **Natalie Morris** graduated from Einstein High School and is pursuing an animation degree at Montgomery College.

ISCA Gets a New Logo

This summer, the ISCA Board held a contest to create a new logo for the neighborhood to promote the community we all treasure.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest by creating an amazing graphic, or voting for your favorite.

First Place

First place went to Eli Turner's elegant blue design featuring a large tree and ISCA inside a circle, with "Indian Spring Citizens Association" along the bottom of the circle. Thank you Eli! Your design comes with so many useful applications, we can't wait to see it everywhere (including the cover of the newsletter)!

Second Place

Second place went to Ellie Morgan's colorful block "ISCA" logo with images of families walking, kids playing, and a beautiful tree. What a great logo you designed, Ellie!



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Third Place

Third place went to Sam Levy, who designed a colorful wheel of petal-like shapes with homes in the center and "ISCA" at the bottom. We loved your design, Sam, and we are so grateful for your work on this.

Honorable Mention

Honorable mention went to an amazing young artist named Nate Aronson whose hand-drawn logo featured a blue ink drawing with ISCA and Silver Spring, MD in a circle. Nate's logo touched our hearts and souls, so we added a special category for this award, and provided Nate with a certificate of appreciation.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this worthwhile project. We are excited to use our new ISCA logo.

-The ISCA Board

ISCA Neighborhood Sign Replaced

The ISCA Board is excited to announce the NEW "Indian Spring" sign that was installed this month to replace the old sign. This sign can be found at the entrance to the neighborhood at 29 and Granville.



This sign is the same dimensions and color scheme as the old sign, as recommended by the MoCo permitting office.

New landscaping around the sign coming soon.

This would not have been possible without your support through membership dues - we thank you for your support!

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2020 has been quite the year! We decided to bring some joy to our neighbors, coworkers, clients and potential buyers by staging DKG listings with skeletons throughout the entire month of October. So far, the skeletons have brought thousands of DMV residents much needed comic relief, and our skellie friends have been featured in the Washingtonian, Fox 5 DC, Fox News and more! We have plans for a finale, so stay tuned for more!

See the skellies in action on our Instagram:
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INDIAN SPRING & THE BELTWAY EXPANSION DEIS COMMENTS DUE NOVEMBER 9, 2020

By Ole Varmer, ISCA Resident

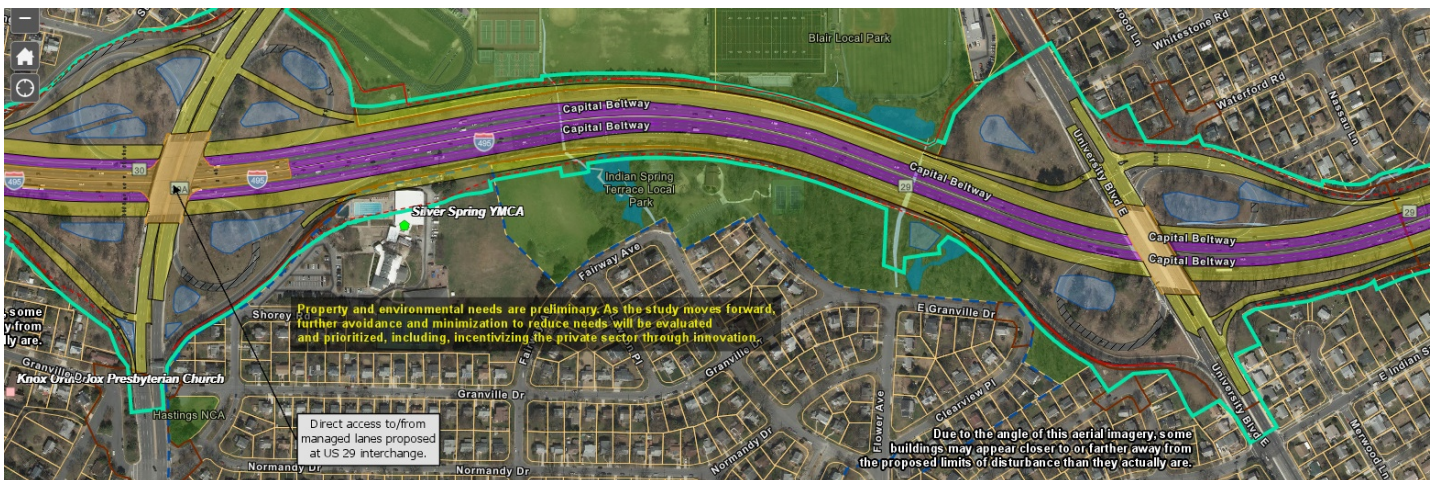
The Beltway was constructed before the enactment of the National Historic Preservation Act and public concern about the destruction of historic properties from construction like the Beltway was a primary catalyst for its enactment. So, we don't have a lot of information about what historical or natural environment was destroyed as the adverse effect were not considered much less given the "hard look" now required under NEPA that I fear is not taking place. While I'm confident that our neighborhood will be resilient and survive if not thrive, I ask you to submit comments to MDOT by the November 9 deadline. Regardless whether you support or oppose, I hope we can agree that MDOT needs to do more work and analysis before making any final decision.

Adverse effects and impacts to historic properties and parks from the proposed expansion of the Beltway

According to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Indian Spring Club Estates and Terrace Park are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under a number of criteria under the NHPA. It also acknowledges that 30 historic properties would be adversely impacted by the expansion of the Beltway including Indian Spring. The others include the C & O Canal National Historic Park, Rock Creek Park, National Park Seminary District, Greenbelt National Park, Sligo Park, the Glenarden Historic District, the B&O Metro Brach and two National Park Service Parkways (BW and George Washington Parkway which has important archaeological sites and the Dead Run Ridges Archaeological District). DEIS Vol 4, Table 4-11 on pp-4-44. Please submit a comment requesting an additional survey of our historic neighborhood. Another article on the History of Indian Spring will be published in a subsequent Newsletter or otherwise uploaded to the website.

Most important, the DEIS was compiled before the pandemic so it does not discuss the increase in teleworking, reduction in traffic and other strategies and alternatives that should be considered before exacerbating the harm to the environment already done. Also please consider how Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the Purple Line is blowing up in our face, and another PPP is hurting students and parents going to a public institution, the University of Md. At NOAA, they used PPP so that nautical charts could be printed out at local marinas. That worked until we realized that a competition clause precluded NOAA from sharing its charts with the United Kingdom which is the world's largest provider of nautical charts resulting in foreign flag vessels plying US waters with charts that were not up to date. Please ask Maryland Dept. of Transportation to press pause and take a harder look at whether it is in the public interest to do another PPP at this time when so much more study is needed.

Submit your comment by the November 9, 2020 deadline. See the [MD DOT website for options on comments](#). Here is the link for [comments on line](#).



[Link to Map of Proposed Widening Impact on ISCA from MDOT](#)