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ISCA general meeting
on Monday, May 19. (See
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Indian Spring News

Taste of Indian Spring: April 14, 6:30 PM • Neighborhood Cleanup: April 19, 1:00 PM

ISCA Dues Can Now Be Paid Online

By Walter Gottlieb

By now you're probably familiar with the benefits of ISCA membership—participation in neighborhood events like the Taste of Indian Spring and the Fall Fest, support for the newsletter, the website, the Listserv, and the Neighborhood Watch, among others.

We've now made it easier than ever to pay your ISCA membership dues. Effective immediately, you can join ISCA or renew your membership online at our website, www.iscaonline.com, through PayPal. It's quick, secure, and easy. Go right to the homepage and look for the payment buttons. You can pay for 1 or 2 years' membership. (There is a negligible service fee for the convenience of paying online.)

Meanwhile, the payment options we've always had are still there. You can visit the website and print out a form to be mailed or dropped off at Treasurer Phyllis Zusman's house—or sign up in person at our major community events.

If you're not sure whether you are currently a member or when your membership expires, consult the membership list in the March, 2008 newsletter, which is also available on the website.

No matter which payment method you choose, we hope you'll join ISCA or renew your membership and continue to enjoy all the benefits that ISCA offers.

Annual Taste of Indian Spring

By Celeste Raker-Dillen

The annual ISCA Taste of Indian Spring is scheduled for Monday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Highland View Elementary School All Purpose Room, thanks to the generosity of the Highland View PTA. As in years past, ISCA has had a huge potluck dinner featuring food from local restaurants and potluck dishes from your neighbors. Wow! What a great turnout of our local restaurants this year, including: Chick-fil-A, Dish Catering, Edible Arrangements, El Golfo, Ghar-e-Kabab, McGinty's, Nicaro, Olazzo, Panera Bread, York Castle Tropical Ice Cream and Z Pizza as well as coffee being provided by the downtown

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ISCA Earth Day Weekend Plans

By Eileen Fisher

Celebrate Earth Day weekend with a clean neighborhood! Join your friends and neighbors in keeping our neighborhood sparkling and litter free. The annual ISCA Neighborhood Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 19. Volunteers will meet at the Indian Spring Recreation Center at 1:00 pm and form clean-up teams to tidy up areas around the neighborhood, including: the playground area, Hastings

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Walter J. Gottlieb

Save the Date!

Monday, April 14

- **Taste of Indian Spring**
at Highland View

contact: Celeste Raker-Dillen
celeste.rakerdillen@verizon.net
301-585-8446

Saturday, April 19

- **Clean Up**

contact: Eileen Fisher
eileenfisher@yahoo.com
301-589-2266

Monday, May 19

- **General Meeting**
with County Executive

Saturday, June 7

- **Yard Sale**

contact: Celeste Raker-Dillen
celeste.rakerdillen@verizon.net

Saturday, June 28

- **Independence Day
Celebration**

Tuesday, August 5

- **National Night Out**

contact: Joyce Stocker
comit89@aol.com

Past experience tells us that crime in the neighborhood tends to spike around December and March, and sure enough it has. But many of us find the most recent wave of burglaries and break-ins to both homes and vehicles disturbing. At the risk of being redundant, I would like to re-iterate some of the pointers that the police gave us at the community meeting on crime in December, only because these common sense measures actually can make a difference. They boil down to a few basics:

- 1) Report any unusual or suspicious activity to 911 immediately. Don't worry if you're not sure the activity is criminal. The police want to hear from us.
- 2) Secure your home (including front and back yard) with adequate outdoor lighting and up to date locks, minimizing places that burglars can conceal themselves.
- 3) Lock vehicles and remove all valuables.
- 4) Get involved in ISCA's Neighborhood Watch program. There's more information on the website... and you can contact coordinator Tony Hausner at thausner@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

The police made it clear that their own resources are stretched to the limit, so it's up to us to implement these measures. ISCA maintains an open line of communication with the police and has had some success in increasing patrols in at least one area of the neighborhood.

The mini crime wave in March led to some pretty intense discussion on the Listserv. This is probably a good time to remember the self-enforced Listserv rules of thumb that the Board posted last fall. The most important of those is to try to respond directly to the person with whom you may disagree rather than sharing your response with the entire Listserv. The other is the golden rule: say things on the Listserv in a way that you would like to be spoken to.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Taste of Indian Spring and at the neighborhood Clean Up later this month. Please see articles in this issue of the newsletter for more details. Here's to a safe, happy and healthy Spring.

Indian Spring Citizens Association

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Name(s): _____ Phone: () - _____ Date: / / _____

Street Address: _____ Silver Spring, MD

Email: _____

If you are not sure of your membership status you can e-mail Phyllis, fzusman@erols.com or call, 301-587-9063, and she will give you the answer.

Special Guest comes to ISCA on May 19



**County
Executive
Ike Leggett
is coming
to the next
ISCA general
meeting.**

Our County Executive, Ike Leggett, will come to an ISCA general meeting on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. He will make brief remarks and then address your questions. Questions can either be submitted in advance or asked at the meeting. For advance questions, please submit to Tony Hausner at thausner@gmail.com or 301-587-6943. Also, please let Tony know if you plan to attend. We want to make sure that we have a good audience for the this meeting.

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Panera Bread

York Castle Tropical Ice Cream

Z Pizza

Starbucks in downtown Silver Spring

Taste of ISCA, *continued from page 1*

Starbucks. We ask that all attendees bring a dish to share so that all our tummies are full. We recommend that last names beginning with A-I bring salads, J-N serve side dishes and O-Z provide desserts—or bring your own favorite specialty or secret recipe.

This event is only successful with a host of VOLUNTEERS. We need helping hands to set up, serve and clean up. Please e-mail Celeste Raker Dillen at celeste.rakerdillen@verizon.net or you can call her at 301-585-8446 to sign up or if you have questions. And rest assured, all volunteers will also get a chance to enjoy the bounty of delicious foods.

This is another fine ISCA event brought to you by the hard working members of the ISCA Social Committee and is FREE to all current ISCA members.

Not sure if you are a member? Just e-mail Phyllis Zusman at fzusman@erols.com, call her at 301-587-9063, or see last month's newsletter available on the web at iscaonline.com. Renewing your membership early makes the check-in process more smooth for everyone. (You can now pay for your membership using paypal on the iscaonline.com web site.)

This is a really fun neighborhood tradition celebrating good food and good friends at our neighborhood's home elementary school. As with last year, the gymnasium will be open for kids to run around, making the dining area in the all purpose room even more conducive to catching up with your neighbors. So, mark your calendars. We'll see you there!



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Earth Day, *continued from page 1*

Drive entry, the wooded areas bordering the sound barrier, along the stream in the part of ISCA that is South of Franklin Avenue, and the triangle at Colesville Road and Franklin Avenue.

In addition, we will be joining a county-wide effort to rid our area of the non-native, invasive garlic mustard plant that is out-competing our native plants and trees. Garlic Mustard is easy to identify and easy to pull. As part of the "Garlic Mustard Challenge," we

will bring the bags of garlic mustard ISCA pulls up to be weighed—if we pick the most, we win a prize.

Please dress appropriately for mud and potential poison ivy. Rain date will be Sunday, April 20—same time, same meeting place. Participating volunteers are recommended to sign up in advance so that we can estimate supplies and snacks, BUT walk-ups are always welcome.

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