

SOUTH FOUR CORNERS



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 17, 2017 – 7pm SFCCA Community Meeting Schweinhaut Senior Center

Jan 21, 2017 – 10am Clean-up of Forest Glen Rd (meet at Argyle Park tennis courts)

Mar 20, 2017 – 7pm SFCCA Community Meeting Schweinhaut Senior Center

Mar 25, 2017 – 10am Clean-up of Forest Glen Rd (meet at Argyle Park tennis courts)

May 15, 2017 – 7pm SFCCA Community Meeting Schweinhaut Senior Center

May 20, 2017 – 10am Clean-up of Forest Glen Rd (meet at Argyle Park tennis courts)

Next SFCCA Meeting

** Date Change **

Tuesday, January 17 at 7pm Schweinhaut Senior Center 1000 Forest Glen Road

Featured Guest Speaker:

Harriet Quinn on Current County Initiatives



Join us at our January 17th community meeting for an update and conversation with Harriet Quinn, one of Montgomery County's most knowledgeable and effective citizen

advocates for sensible growth, sustainable development and workable, affordable solutions to our transportation challenges.

A Four Corners resident of the Woodmoor neighborhood, Ms. Quinn is a leader of the Montgomery County Civic Federation (MCCF) and Chair of the Federation's Planning and Land Use Committee. In that role, she is one of the go-to authorities on the Montgomery County zoning ordinance, which determines what can be built and what activity is permitted virtually anywhere in the County.

Several years ago, Ms. Quinn received the MCCF's prestigious "Community Hero" award, along with the South Four Corners Citizens Association, for her invaluable contribution to helping maintain the residential character of our neighborhood when it was being threatened by commercial development.

Ms. Quinn will recap for us where a number of County initiatives currently stand that may impact our neighborhood in the not-too-distant future. She will also review some of the things we may look forward to in our corner of the County during the year ahead.

** Note: All subsequent SFCCA meetings will follow the usual meeting schedule - 3rd Monday of every other month.





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President's Corner

Happy New Year, neighbors!

The beginning of the year always feels like such a luxury to me. With the whole year spreading out in front of me, everything seems possible. Sometimes that sense of hope is a folly, but this year, as I become more cognizant of the contributions each of you make to our neighborhood and to each other, that sense of hope seems very much rooted in reality. I'm so grateful to make my home here in South Four Corners where I am surrounded by kind neighbors who care about each other, our community, and our environment.

Living within the boundaries of South Four Corners, your household is one of approximately 1,200 represented by our citizens association. SFCCA is recognized by Montgomery County as the voice of South Four Corners' residents to the County and state governments. SFCCA belongs to the Montgomery County Civic Federation and often coordinates with other neighborhood associations within the County on matters of mutual concern. On behalf of our members, SFCCA often takes a position on issues affecting our neighborhood. These issues often involve zoning and development that affect our neighborhood's residential character.

Ours is a civic mission that relies on your involvement.

Membership does indeed matter. Your membership—\$15 per year per household—helps us educate our neighbors, local officials, and politicians about important issues that affect our community. Your membership provides legitimacy to the positions we take on behalf of our neighborhood. Your membership provides us with credibility when we address local officials on issues of community concern.

Many of you already give your time and energy to make South Four Corners a great place to live. In addition, I ask your household to support our community by becoming a member of SFCCA. Your household membership pays for itself with one family trip to SFCCA's annual Ice Cream Social. Like most great things, SFC is only as good as the sum of its parts. Please do your part today by joining or renewing your membership.

Your financial support helps SFCCA:

- develop and maintain an informed, productive membership dedicated to serving the interests of our residential community
- notify, inform, and involve residents in decisions that affect our neighborhood
- cultivate unity, pride, and good communication
- foster nonpartisan, nonsectarian activities that improve our shared quality of life
- promote beautification and environmental sustainability in our neighborhood

Within South Four Corners, I truly believe we are "Building a stronger community, one neighbor at a time." We can only do it with your support. Please renew your annual membership today.

CDAY

Thank you.

Carolyn Stanek Lucy

P.S. **Signing up is easy!** Pay by cash or check and mail to SFC Membership PO Box 792 Silver Spring, MD 20918-0792. Or pay online using credit card or PayPal at https://southfourcorners.com/membership.



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Volunteers Needed!

Get involved, and make a difference in your community!



Come join an active group of people committed to making South Four Corners a vibrant, safe and welcoming community. **Pitch in and help today!**Your contribution truly matters.

Newsletter Distributor

One vacancy to deliver the newsletter to individual homes, six times per year. Get in a good walk, meet new neighbors, and serve your community, all at the same time! Route on Kinross Avenue, 33 homes. If interested, please email **Dave at**ioriandave@aol.com

Welcome Committee

Two vacancies to welcome new neighbors to the community by creating and distributing welcome bags. Bags contain useful information about our community, local services, restaurants, and stores.

If interested, please email **Carolyn at**

interested, please email Carolyn at sfcca.president@gmail.com

Event Recap

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING - DEC 3



Neighbors gathered for the annual tree lighting at the corner of Rogart and Lanark. Megan Wilson dedicated this year's tree to the South Four Corners neighborhood and said that it will serve as a sign of unity and joy in our community.

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New! Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Dear Neighbors,

Neighborhood diversity is about open-mindedness, understanding, and recognizing all the different characteristics our neighbors bring to our South Four Corners neighborhood. Diversity forms a core part of our identity and our choice for living together. Diversity and inclusion will form a part of our legacy and the values we impart to the next generation of Silver Springers.

Diversity is not solely focused on race and ethnicity or gender and sexual orientation. Our neighborhood reflects a wide variety of socio-economic conditions, religious beliefs and political thought. Having a diverse neighborhood allows us to tap into the many talents which our residents from different backgrounds, perspectives, abilities and disabilities bring to the neighborhood. By valuing these differences, we can improve our outlook and, ultimately, strengthen our neighborhood bonds.

As you may know, several hate-related incidents have targeted children and families in Silver Spring, including public elementary schools, an Episcopal Church and a residence in Woodmoor. Additionally, Blair High School students recently protested hate speech and hate violence.

We believe that these incidents demonstrate a need for leadership, for neighbors to show solidarity as well as reaffirm our community values and mutual respect for each other. Diversity and inclusion form a core part of our community value system, and benefits our

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neighborhood by limiting hate speech. Thus, we now have an opportunity to come closer together as neighbors to counter extremism.

To that end, my wife and I, with the support of SFCCA, have volunteered to lead a new committee focused on creating a positive and non-partisan dialogue. We hope that many of you will join us to help support an active committe. We invite you to share your interest and ideas with us by sending an email to janthony39@gmail.com. Going forward, we'll try and hold semi-regular meetings and will include doodle polls to give everyone a chance in planning events.

Our focus will remain on South Four Corners and promoting acts of kindness and service, bringing in guest speakers, and developing programs that we hope you will find fun and beneficial. We also look forward to collaborating with our neighbors in North Four Corners, Woodmoor, Park Hills and Takoma Park, to name a few. Feel free to email us your ideas for a productive 2017.

Respectfully,

John and Peri Evanoff

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Montgomery County General Information & Service: 311 Outside of Montgomery County: 240-777-0311 TTY (for hearing impaired): 240-773-3556

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