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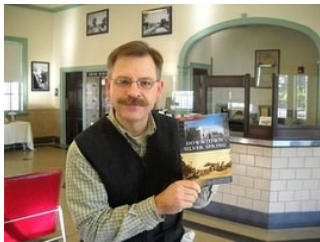
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January/February 2015 Newsletter

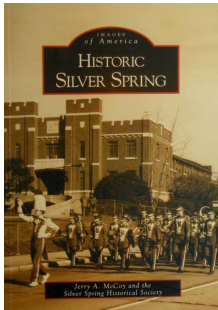
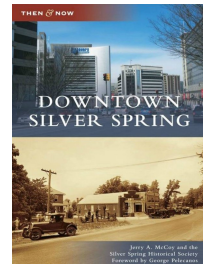
Next SFCCA Meeting: Monday, January 19th - 7:00 p.m.
at the Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road

Silver Spring Historian Jerry McCoy to Speak at January 19th Meeting



Jerry McCoy, author and founder of the Silver Spring Historical Society, will be the featured presenter at our Association's next community meeting.

For the past 16 years, Mr. McCoy has been Instrumental in preserving and documenting our community's past.



Please join us for what promises to be a fascinating presentation as he shares his deep knowledge of our local history, including items from his extensive photographic archives.

(Note: This meeting is on the third Monday in January, the 19th.)

Annual election of SFCCA officers to be held in May

The annual election of officers will be held at the SFCCA meeting on May 18, 2015. **Anyone with interest in running should talk with one of the current officers, who are listed on the last page of the newsletter.** Please consider stepping up to serve your neighbors and the Association in this way.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 19, 2015—7pm—SFCCA Community Meeting, Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road (NOTE new date on third Monday!)

January 24, 2015—10 a.m.—Clean-up of Forest Glen Rd (meet at Argyle Park tennis courts)

March 16, 2015—7pm—SFCCA Community Meeting, Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road (NOTE new date on third Monday!)

March 21, 2015—10 a.m.—Clean-up of Forest Glen Rd (meet at Argyle Park tennis courts)

Editor's Corner

Ben Gross



With the Old Farmer's Almanac calling for above average snowfall this season, with the snowiest period expected from mid-January through mid-February, I'd like to announce the 2015 SFCCA Snowman contest!

Get out in the snow with your family, friends and neighbors and build your most imaginative snow creation. In previous years, we've had snowwomen, snowchefs, Minecraft creepers, SnowNats and all kinds of other cold creations.

Take a good photo of your art and email it to: sfccaeditor@gmail.com, and please post pics and videos of your snow fun on our Facebook page: : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Four-Corners-Silver-Spring/129740147057223>

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10022 Reddick Drive	\$498,000	\$510,963	4
1122 Meurilee Lane	\$353,000	\$353,000	0
10015 Quinby Court	\$525,000	\$522,250	7
1019 Forest Glen Road	\$489,000	\$485,000	19
10020 Tenbrook Drive	\$349,990	\$350,000	227
10122 Renfrew Road	\$365,000	\$420,000	5
10012 Lorain Avenue	\$492,000	\$487,000	15
516 Harding Drive	\$399,000	\$389,000	124
9904 Dallas Avenue	\$454,900	\$454,900	86
9903 Sidney Road	\$525,000	\$525,000	4
322 University Blvd. W.	\$374,900	\$370,000	7
10025 Reddick Drive	\$479,000	\$475,000	20
814 Forest Glen Road	\$250,000	\$330,750	22
1003 Strout Street	\$450,000	\$460,000	7
10017 Portland Road	\$599,900	\$610,500	4
10031 Brunett Avenue	\$469,000	\$450,000	16
10029 Renfrew Road	\$425,900	\$426,000	7
10011 Quinby Court	\$525,000	\$515,000	13
521 Gilmoure Drive	\$314,900	\$314,900	44
10015 Tenbrook Drive	\$399,000	\$399,900	13
602 Forest Glen Road	\$399,900	\$395,000	35
9908 Grayson Avenue	\$449,900	\$455,000	4
903 Forest Glen Road	\$515,000	\$510,000	44
10018 Greenock Road	\$429,900	\$420,000	97
9929 Markham Street	\$499,900	\$499,900	8
10011 Tenbrook Drive	\$315,000	\$300,000	50
10113 Tenbrook Drive	\$429,900	\$410,000	135
706 Lanark Way	\$449,900	\$442,000	49
10005 Kinross Avenue	\$389,900	\$375,000	123
10015 Brunett Avenue	\$319,000	\$304,000	72
10014 Sutherland Road	\$399,000	\$399,000	169
1000 Dennis Ave.	\$399,900	\$390,000	65
10117 Hereford Place	\$360,000	\$331,499	8
1113 Meurilee Lane	\$384,900	\$380,000	82
724 Dennis Avenue	\$569,000	\$559,500	82
9913 Tenbrook Drive	\$379,000	\$379,000	48
9920 Lorain Avenue	\$399,000	\$394,500	54
9921 Rogart Road	\$499,900	\$499,900	4
9902 Renfrew Road	\$369,000	\$364,500	151
1024 Strout Street	\$479,000	\$470,000	16

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Betty was a tremendous advisor to us as we have never sold a home before and lived in this one for 31 years. She helped us sell our home in 9 days. Made the negotiations and settlement process smooth an easy, was responsive to every question and made us feel like the only client she was working with. I would recommend Betty to anyone wishing to sell a home or needing advice on the purchase and sale of a home.”

Marcia and David Custer



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Why should my household join SFCCA?

By John Holden

Dear neighbors,

I wrote the message below this past June, to be included in the "welcome bags" for those moving into South Four Corners. The information is still applicable, and the beginning of the calendar year is a good time to consider the question posed in the title. (Thanks to David Meininger for creating and distributing the welcome bags, and to Heather Potter for doing so before David took over. Thanks also to Betty Batty for keeping track of addresses with new neighbors.)

Please go to SouthFourCorners.com/membership to learn how you can pay the annual household dues of \$15 -- by cash, check, credit card, or Paypal. Please also attend our meetings when you are able; we now meet on the **third** Monday evening of odd-numbered months. Thank you in advance!

South Four Corners Citizens Association (SFCCA) represents nearly 1,200 households in the South Four Corners neighborhood, which is bounded by Colesville Road (Rt 29) on the east, Tenbrook Drive on the west, the Capital Beltway (I-495) to the south, and Dennis Avenue and West University Blvd on the north. We are dedicated to **"Building a stronger community, one neighbor at a time."** We can only do this with your support.

Each year, SFCCA holds six community meetings and distributes six newsletters to every household. The meetings are currently held at 7pm on the second (now third) Monday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, etc.); the newsletters are distributed just before the meetings. SFCCA also supports a community-wide e-mail listserv on Yahoo Groups, as well as the website, SouthFourCorners.com. Each of these is an excellent opportunity for you to meet new neighbors and keep informed about issues affecting our neighborhood.

An important part of SFCCA's mission is to act as a voice for South Four Corners residents, serving as a liaison to their elected representatives and other government officials at both the County and State level. On occasion, SFCCA will take a position on issues affecting our neighborhood; these issues often involve zoning and development that affect our residential character.

For example, SFCCA took a position on recent changes to the Montgomery County zoning standards. It also worked hard to encourage following the area's Master Plan, preventing commercial encroachment into the neighborhood through a developer's request to change a lot zoned for residential use (a change that would have had significant negative impacts).

SFCCA also belongs to the Montgomery County Civic Federation, a county-wide umbrella group designed to promote cooperation, education and effectiveness of civic and community associations in Montgomery County. We often coordinate with other nearby neighborhood associations on matters of mutual concern. In June 2014, we sponsored a Candidate Forum involving all five candidates for the District 5 seat on the Montgomery County Council.

SFCCA is an advocate for neighborhood improvement. In 2012, we were successful in obtaining new painted crosswalks and directional signs. Six times a year (on the Saturday mornings following our meetings), we sponsor a clean-up of Forest Glen Road as part of the Adopt-A-Road program; we have also undertaken a long-term beautification project of the same area.

To help foster a sense of community, SFCCA sponsors a variety of community-wide activities, including ice cream socials, "National Night Out" (an event in early August each year to promote involvement in crime prevention activities and police-community partnerships), a community-wide yard sale, garden tours, plant swaps, a Halloween parade, holiday tree lighting, and welcome bags for our new neighbors.

If you share our goal of **"Building a stronger community, one neighbor at a time."** I encourage you to join SFCCA. Whether you have purchased your home or are renting, you are an important part of our neighborhood. Please go to SouthFourCorners.com/membership to learn how to join; while there, check out the rest of our website to learn about resources, meetings, events, and more. Thank you!

Highlights from the November 10, 2014 SFCCA Meeting Provided by Pat Wills

John Holden opened the meeting with some announcements, including the fact that SFCCA meetings will move to the third Monday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, etc.), starting in 2015. If you have problems with receiving the newsletter before the meetings, please report this to **Dave Nettleton**; John thanked Dave for overseeing the newsletter distribution. If you are not subscribed to our SFCCA listserve on Yahoo, consider doing so to receive calendar updates, announcements about events, and other helpful information.

Each person attending the meeting introduced him/herself with their name, the street on which they live, and how long they have lived in the neighborhood. **Marty Maher** had the longest announced tenure, having lived in SFC for 58 years.

The featured speaker was **Tom Hucker**, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates (until the end of November), and Councilmember-elect to the Montgomery County Council. Tom noted that he has known **Larry Dickter** for many years, and that Larry had encouraged him to run for County Council. Tom asked to hear from those present about issues that are priorities for them. He also noted a few of the issues on which he had run for Council, and that he understood might be matters of concern for SFC residents. Among the issues noted and discussed at the meeting were:

- Washington Gas and the aging infrastructure in our community. It was advised to take pictures of your property before and after the replacement of the gas service line to your house, and to contact Jason Rich of Washington Gas with any concerns.
- Cut-through vehicle traffic and pedestrian safety; and
- the need for good public transportation such as the Purple Line, with minimum disruption to neighborhoods (such as along Wayne Avenue leading into downtown Silver Spring).

Tom identified the pace and balance of development in the county as an issue of concern to him; we want a growing economy, but too much development without appropriate process is not good. Concerning the White Oak Master Plan development, the County Council waived their own rules, and they should be held accountable for the outcomes. Tom also stated his belief in the need for reform at the Planning Board, and that we should make ourselves heard on important issues.

In response to questions about Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and its funding, Tom noted that there are a number of options and that County Executive Ike Leggett must present a plan next year; considerable federal and state funding will also be needed. In response to concerns about what would happen with the BRT at Four Corners (US 29 is one of the transit corridors being considered), Tom is open to diverting the BRT from US 29 to New Hampshire Ave for the southern segment of the corridor. The need to optimize the current Ride-On bus routes was also discussed. Issues with recent tree trimming were also discussed. For these and other matters, Tom can be contacted by e-mail at **Tom@TomHucker.com**.

Other items: **Eileen Broderick** reported that paid membership stood at 162 this year. **Betty Batty** commented that the Halloween Parade was a huge success, and thanked everyone for baking and other help. She also would welcome suggestions of other events and volunteers for the SFCCA social calendar. John noted that one regular opportunity to contribute is the Adopt-A-Road clean up on the Saturday morning following each meeting -- provides a service, and also a chance to meet neighbors. He also thanked **Ben Bishop** for his posting (and later collecting) the road signs before and after the meetings and road clean-ups.

2015 SFCCA Budget

The following annual report and budget was prepared by the SFCCA Treasurer, Dick Messalle, for consideration by the members:

Jan 1 - Dec 31	2015	2015	2014	2014
INCOME				
Dues (goal at least 150 households)		2,250.00		2478.36
Advertisers		4,000.00		3900.99
Donations (Community Day)		0.00		445.05
EXPENSES				
Newsletter Printing	3,200.00		3,180.00	
Newsletter Expenses	300.00		0.00	
Schweinhaut Center Meeting room ren	450.00		420.00	
Other Association Membership dues	120.00		110.00	
Web Site fees	40.00		39.02	
Post Office Box	135.00		128.00	
Office expenses/Supplies,Copying, Pos	100.00		20.14	
Misc Fees /Pay Pal [\$40.60]*				
XMAS Tree Party	150.00		150.00	
Snowman Contest	160.00		160.00	
Ice Cream Social	500.00		412.00	
Community Day	0.00		1,276.69	
Candidate Forum Expenses	0.00		43.45	
Shopping Bags-Welcome Committee	0.00		247.28	
TOTAL	5,155.00	6,250.00	6186.58	6824.40
*For Information only - PayPal Fees in 2014 were deducted from income sources				

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COPING SKILLS * EATING DISORDERS * FAMILY CONFLICT * INFIDELITY
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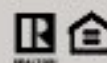


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