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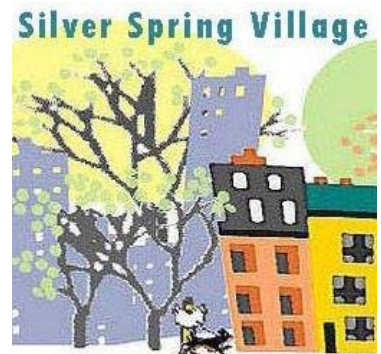


**March/April 2015 Newsletter**

**Next SFCCA Meeting: Monday, March 16th - 7:00 p.m.  
at the Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road**

### **Come learn about Silver Spring Village and 'aging in place'!**

Silver Spring Village, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that offers needed services and programs for older adults who wish to "age in place" -- to remain as long as possible in their own homes, amid familiar people and surroundings. Like other Villages throughout the U.S. -- it is one of approximately 36 villages either established or under development in the Washington D.C. area -- its network of "neighbors helping neighbors" aims to support individuals and to strengthen the local community. Help includes things like transportation, minor home repairs, and grocery shopping, plus a program of social and educational events. Participation by a diverse mix of residents within the Village's defined geographic area enhances the quality of life for the entire community.



**This is not just for folks who are getting up there in years, people of all ages can be involved.**

**Mae Novak**, past vice-president and current chair of Silver Spring Village's volunteers committee, will be the **featured speaker at our March 16 meeting**. Come to the meeting to learn more about Silver Spring Village and about other activities and opportunities in our neighborhood.

### **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!**

**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)

**April 25, 2015**—8-11am—Community Yard Sale

**May 18, 2015**—7pm—SFCCA Community Meeting, Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road (NOTE new date on third Monday!)

**May 23, 2015**—10 a.m.—Clean-up of Forest Glen Rd (meet at Argyle Park tennis courts)

## Snowman Contest

Ben Gross

We've received some great submissions so far, but there's still time to enter the 2014-15 snowman contest!

Get outside with your family, friends and neighbors and create something out of snow. You can use props, people, pets, really anything that you can imagine!

Take a good photo of your art and email it to: [sfccaeditor@gmail.com](mailto: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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- Betty is a Certified Negotiation Expert, a certification that a small percentage hold in the area and has also completed the National Association of Realtor's Green Designation.
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## Annual Community Yard Sale will be held on April 25 from 8:00-11:00a.m.

Location: We ask that each neighbor set up in their own yard or coordinate with your neighbor and host in their yard.

Advertising: The association will advertise online and in local newspapers. We will also post signs at major intersections throughout the community. We encourage each street to make sure there is a sign at the end of their block directing traffic to their sale.

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE AND HANG SIGNS

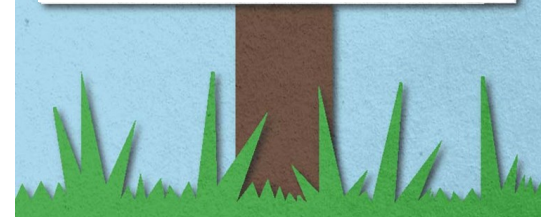
We need someone to volunteer 1-2 hours of their time making and hanging signs for the yard sale. Ideally two volunteers would be great.

### SEEKING A DRIVEWAY FOR CHARITY PICK UP

We are working to provide a drop off location in the neighborhood after the sale for those wanting to donate any unsold items to charity. If you can volunteer your driveway as a drop off location it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Betty if you can help at [battyrealestate@gmail.com](mailto:battyrealestate@gmail.com) or 301-832-7609

South Four Corners  
**Community  
Yard Sale**





## Farm Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Delivered to your neighborhood once a week!

Heather Miller

If you've ever visited the Fenton Street Market, or other local farmer's markets, you've likely seen a gorgeous array of fresh fruits and vegetables. Did you know that you can sign-up to receive a weekly supply of organic produce and have it delivered right to the neighborhood?

The Lancaster Farm Fresh Coop's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program provides seasonal, local, Certified Organic produce year - round and has set up a weekly pick-up location on Lanark Way.

The Cooperative is built on family-owned farm partnerships to produce sustainable food from some of the best, nutrient-rich soil in the country - right in nearby Lancaster County.

The Summer 2015 CSA Season runs for 26 weeks—from May 3rd through October 25th.

You can choose from a mini custom share, small, medium, large or extra-large sized shares to suit your needs. A small share is \$355 (\$13.65 per week) and a large share is \$799 (\$30.73 per week.)



Bread, Cheese, Meat, Organic Egg, and Flower shares are also available!

If you're wondering what might be in the share, it varies depending on the season. Your share could include:

**May-June**—Asparagus, Lettuces, Snow Peas, Baby Greens, Radishes, Young Kale, Sugar Snap Peas, Rhubarb, Spinach, Strawberries, Scallions. **July-August**—Slicing Tomatoes, Heirloom Tomatoes, Peppers, Carrots, Sweet Peppers, Kale, Collard Greens, Swiss Chard, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Green Beans, Onions, Leeks, Culinary Herbs, Lima Beans, Okra, Sweet Corn, Watermelons, Summer Squash, Zucchini. **September-October**—Winter Squash, Bok Choy, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Garlic, Pumpkin, Rutabagas, Sweet Potatoes, Kale, Collard Greens, Cauliflower, Fingerling Potatoes, Potatoes, Turnips, Heirloom Mixed Radishes, Spinach, Baby Greens, Lettuces, Onions, Shallots, Parsnips, Cabbage, Leeks, Mustard Greens, Bell Peppers, Roma Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Celery, Carrots.

My family of four has really enjoyed the CSA, and we know you will too! Makes healthy eating super easy! Email [Heather.I.b.miller@gmail.com](mailto:Heather.I.b.miller@gmail.com) with any questions.

For more information and to sign up online, go to: <http://lancasterfarmfresh.csasignup.com/members>

**John Holden** opened the meeting with a few announcements, including items from the SFCCA calendar. He also read the following statement from an audit report submitted to him: "On January 14, 2015 **Sharon Cohany** and **Glen Richardson** performed an audit of the SFCCA Financial Records for January 2013 to December 2014. The records we used for testing were monthly bank statements, copies of paid checks, receipts for expenses, PayPal activity log and the Treasurer's electronic spread sheet of transactions. We found the records were complete and accurate. All expenses were fully documented and accounted for."

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.

The featured speaker was **Jerry McCoy**, who is an author, professional librarian, and founder of the Silver Spring Historical Society (in 1998). He has written 2 books, "Historic Silver Spring" and "Silver Spring Then and Now"; they can be ordered on Amazon. Jerry's slide presentation on "Silver Spring: A Century Ago" featured 1917 photos by Willard Ross, who was responsible for providing most of the photo history of Silver Spring. Among the interesting facts shared: The first name for Georgia Avenue was 7<sup>th</sup> Street Pike; it was named Georgia Avenue in 1907. Acorn Park was the 1<sup>st</sup> park with a gazebo; the acorn gazebo was commissioned by Francis Preston Blair and built around 1850. In 1878, the first railroad station was built. In 1910, the first bank opened, Silver Spring National Bank. The first Georgia Avenue underpass was built in 1925. In 1915 the first volunteer fire department was formed. You can find pictures of historical Silver Spring at [digdc.dclibrary.org](http://digdc.dclibrary.org). Go to [sshistory.org](http://sshistory.org) for other information, including about walking tours on the first Saturday of the month (under Upcoming Events).

**Larry Dickter** announced a newly organized "Greater Four Corners Alliance," and an important forum (on Jan 28) to be focused on impending White Oak development plans that are likely to have a substantial impact on local traffic conditions, land use, public facilities, and taxes. (For more background, see Larry's message posted to the SFCCA listserv on January 25.)

The proposed 2015 SFCCA Budget, printed in the Jan/Feb 2015 newsletter, was introduced. John Holden noted that there would be a 2015 expense of \$185 for 100 canvas SFCCA "welcome bags"; this represents a savings from 2014, because the same design avoids another set up fee for the lettering. A question was asked about the new line item for "Newsletter Expenses"; upon discussion, it was clarified that the \$300 in 2015 was proposed as a payment to the newsletter editor (unbeknownst to the editor). John noted that SFCCA is a *volunteer*-based civic association that relies on the willingness of members and residents to voluntarily contribute their time and talents. Some present expressed concern about future vacancy in the newsletter editor position; John expressed his belief that people would rise to meet that challenge when it occurs -- as happened four years ago when Roberto Fernandez Larsson left the neighborhood and stopped serving as editor. Since no payment has been requested by the editor, it was suggested by **Ben Bishop** and others that the editor be asked if he is willing to continue serving in this volunteer position. [Editor **Ben Gross** subsequently responded that he'd be happy to continue on for the next year and would not expect any payment. This is much appreciated, as are all of the volunteer contributions to our neighborhood and Association!]

## Spring Home Maintenance Tips

Betty Batty

After what felt like the longest, darkest and coldest winter ever, the bright sun and warmer temperatures of Spring will be a welcomed breath of fresh air!

Here is a Spring maintenance checklist to help you prepare for the season and prevent costly repairs later.

1. Inspect your gutters and downspouts. Remove any debris that has accumulated through the winter and make sure there are no signs of damage to the gutters.
2. Examine roof shingles and the exterior of the chimney for damage that may have occurred during the winter. Have the chimney flue cleaned and roof repaired by a professional.
3. Prepare for the warmer weather by scheduling an air conditioner spring cleaning. And don't forget to change your filters monthly!
4. Turn on your outside water spigots and test to make sure you have good water flow. Listen inside for any water leaks.
5. Clean and prepare your outdoor living space for the season. Pressure wash the area and stain and seal your wood deck to make it last longer.
6. De-clutter your garage/shed and make sure all chemicals are out of children's reach.
7. Make sure it's safe to swing. Check kids' outdoor play structures and tighten bolts if needed. Avoid splinters by looking for splitting wood.
8. Visit the attic to confirm there are no signs of leaks.
9. Trim the trees. We tend to have strong winds in the spring and summer and loose tree branches can really do some damage to your home and injure others.
10. Remove lint from clothes dryer exhaust duct and the space under the dryer to avoid fires.
11. Avoid leaky basements by having a proper slope away from the foundation. Experts recommend a slope of 6 inches for the first 10 feet.

Enjoy the season. Happy Spring!

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