



SOUTH FOUR CORNERS

Citizens Association



November/December 2012 Newsletter

**Next SFCCA Meeting: Monday, November 12th - 7:00 p.m.
at the Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road**

November Meeting Speaker—Meredith Wellington

Meredith Wellington will be the featured speaker at our November 12 community meeting .

Ms. Wellington served for eight years as a Commissioner on the Montgomery County Planning Board, the principal advisor to the County Council on land use, growth and development policies.

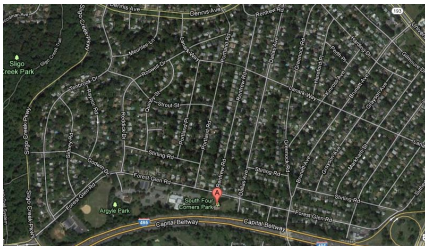
She is currently Chair of Neighborhood Montgomery, a community network, resource and voice for sensible growth. Its principal goal is to maintain and improve the quality of life for County residents by providing them and County decision-makers with the information and analysis needed to act in the public interest.



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Emma Patti

As one of the most uniquely qualified experts on community planning, growth and development in Montgomery County, Ms. Wellington will bring us up to date on related matters currently facing neighborhoods such as ours.

Neighborhood Newcomers?



Are you new to the neighborhood? Have you noticed a new neighbor? If so, please let SFCCA welcome committee chair Heather Potter know. She can provide a welcome bag of information about South Four Corners and other valuable community and local resources.

Contact Heather at hm.potter@yahoo.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 12, 2012, 7 p.m.—SFCCA Meeting, Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd.

November 17, 2012, 10 a.m.—Clean-up of Forest Glen Rd (meet at Argyle Park tennis courts).

December 1, 2012, 5 p.m.—South Four Corners Tree Lighting w/cookies, hot cocoa and holiday cheer (Rogart Rd. & Lanark Way)

January 14, 2013, 7 p.m.—SFCCA Meeting, Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd.

Seeking Advisors

David Meininger

I'm recruiting SFCCA members to join my Advisory Board.

Per the SFCCA by-laws, the Advisory Board meets in the month before the full SFCCA meeting and provides guidance to the elected association officers on issues effecting the association and neighborhood.

The Advisory Board meets six times a year—on the even numbered months (February, April, June, etc.). We meet in the neighborhood and a meeting typically last 90 minutes, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. (There are usually chocolate brownies involved!)

Prior to each meeting an agenda with discussion points is distributed. Occasionally a few pages of reading will be assigned as background material. Being a member of the Advisory Board is a great way to become more involved and help shape the future of our community.

Advisors should be current with their SFCCA dues, make a one year commitment, attend as many of the meetings as your schedule permits and have email access.

If you are interested in joining the Advisory Board please contact me at JDavidM@juno.com.

Child Day Care Center Update

Glen Richardson

On August 28, the developer petitioned the Board of Appeals to reconsider their vote to deny his application for a special exception. At their October 10 meeting, the Board of Appeals declined to accept the developer's petition. The applicant may have the right to appeal the decision to Circuit Court.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments.



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Winter Energy Saving Tips

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- Change your furnace filters monthly. Dirty filters lower efficiency and increase operating costs.
- Use insulated or heavy curtains on windows facing the north side of the house. Open curtains and shades on the south side and close them at night to retain solar heat.
- Do an energy audit to find air leaks. Use caulk and weather stripping to close these leaks, which cause cold drafts and heat escape.
- If your home has a fireplace, be sure the damper fits tightly, and close it when the fireplace is not in use. Add a glass fireplace screen.
- Shut off bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans quickly. When you push air out of the house, cold outdoor air enters to replace it.
- Use a humidifier to keep moisture in the house—this makes it feel warmer.
- Circulate warm air using ceiling fans, which help keep an even temperature in your house.

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The Gardening Guru: Jeanne Berman

The Garden as a Classroom

I love being in a garden because there is always something new to learn.

Thank you to all of our garden/classroom Hosts. Many of us were able to have the opportunity to share our learning experiences with others in the garden during this year in South Four Corners. We learned all about rain barrels, how to grow a rooftop garden, housing chickens, tasting figs, planting heirloom tomatoes and other vegetables, which berries or roses grow better in our soil, what a tree peony to herbaceous peony is and if there is enough light or shade for a certain plants to thrive, and that there really is room for growing an orchard on our little garden plots. It has been fun and interesting while meeting new neighbors, learning their names and growing together as a community. Thank you to all who attended these visits to help support this program in our community.

I have advertised these visits on the list-serv most of the time but I am hoping that our previous hosts and hopefully new hosts such as yourself will volunteer a garden/classroom visit for the upcoming year.. You tell me when you would like us to visit your garden and we will come. Everyone is welcome and the day and time is up to the owner of the garden. I would like to publish the dates in the January 2013 newsletter, so let's plan ahead. Please e-mail me at jjberman8@gmail.com.

If you are not on the list-serv you may not have heard about this program or the dates and gardens we had the opportunity to visit during this past year. I hope you do not miss another opportunity to visit and meet our neighbors in their gardens. Join the SFCCA Yahoo Group list-serv! And please join us for the next garden/classroom visit.


Now that your garden is sleeping take the winter off. Read some good gardening blogs, books or magazines and dream about the possibilities to come...



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Edited Notes from the Sept. 10, 2012 SFCCA Meeting Provided by Jim Janssen

Larry Dickter introduced guest speaker Tom Hucker, who discussed some of his recent work in Annapolis, including the Maryland state budget, which is balanced and kept its AAA bond rating; the Thornton Education Bill for funding criteria to maintain high level of quality in Maryland schools; utility regulation and performance standards (see www.psc.state.md.us for more information); environmental issues (the Chesapeake Bay, storm water runoff issues and banning arsenic in antibiotic in chicken feed) and more.

President **David Meininger** received positive feedback on putting the bi-monthly meeting's agenda on the website in addition to ListServ.

Larry Dickter provided an overview of zoning changes for accessory apartments and shared this proposed resolution (which passed): *Since there is no compelling reason or need to revise the present standards for accessory apartments, and due to the potentially adverse impact and unintended consequences of the proposed revisions on neighborhoods like South Four Corners, the County should retain those standards for accessory apartments currently in effect. The County should instead focus on providing the resources needed to enforce those rules currently in place and possibly streamlining the special exception process, while preserving public notice and participation.*

Attendees also received a number of neighborhood updates:

- Road Work (about 40% complete, some issues with people not moving their cars, drainage issue being addressed, traffic calming devices being installed.)
- Keep South Four Corners Residential (Board of Appeals voted against Day Care facility by 3-2, appeals process underway.)
- Siena School (Started remodeling with demolition just about completed, School reiterated it wants to be a good neighbor.)
- Recording Secretary (Pat Wills has volunteered to fill the position temporarily.)
- Chair- Neighborhood Watch (About 80 people attended National Night Out in August, broken streetlights were a major concern.)

Full minutes are available on www.southfourcorners.com.

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To join: Go to Yahoo.com and create an account; search for SFCCAMembers groups page at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFCCAMembers>; click on the box that says "Join This Group!" and be sure to Include your street name and block number (e.g. 10100 block of Brunett), so you can be approved as a member!

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