



# SOUTH FOUR CORNERS

## Citizens Association



*Building a stronger community, one neighbor at a time*

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Mar 16, 2019 – 10 am**

Adopt a Road, Forest Glen Rd  
(meet at Argyle Park tennis courts)

**Mar 18, 2019 – 7 pm**

SFCCA Community Meeting  
Schweinhaut Senior Center

**Apr 20, 2019 – 8 am**

Indoor Yard Sale  
Schweinhaut Senior Center

**Apr 27, 2019 – 8 am**

Neighborhood Yard Sale  
(see page 8)

**May 18, 2019 – 10 am**

Adopt a Road, Forest Glen Rd  
(meet at Argyle Park tennis courts)

**May 20, 2019 – 7 pm**

SFCCA Community Meeting  
Schweinhaut Senior Center

## Next SFCCA Meeting

**Monday, March 18 at 7pm**

Schweinhaut Senior Center 1000 Forest Glen Road

Featured Guest Speaker:

**Ralph Buglass**

**Montgomery County Historical Society**

*Off the Beaten Path in Montgomery County*

Please join us for the next SFCCA meeting as we welcome Montgomery County historian **Ralph Buglass**, who will give an illustrated PowerPoint presentation on his “Top 10” lesser-known, but important historical places and spectacular nature spots in our County. Learn about some famous residents’ homes and houses designed by prominent architects, spots with connections to events of national significance, oases of natural beauty, unique museums, still-standing relics of our past, and more.



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Ralph Buglass, a Montgomery County native and avid history buff, has taught at lifelong learning institutes associated with Johns Hopkins and American universities, as well as Montgomery College. He speaks frequently to community and business groups, as well as at national conferences. Mr. Buglass, who has a B.A. in American history from Cornell and an M.A. in journalism from American University, is also a docent at Montgomery Parks’ restored Kingsley schoolhouse in Clarksburg’s Little Bennett Park.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you there on the 18th for this informative and entertaining program!

SFCCA meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd. When the third Monday of the month falls on a federal holiday, the meeting is postponed, space permitting, to the following day.



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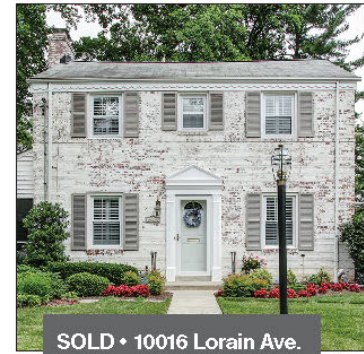


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Betty Batty was a pleasure to work with during the process of selling my home. I can't imagine Betty doing anything more to make the experience any better – she was outstanding all around. She is organized, extremely knowledgeable, and positive and she was always available for my numerous questions. Betty handled issues before they became



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— Debbie



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## Election of Officers

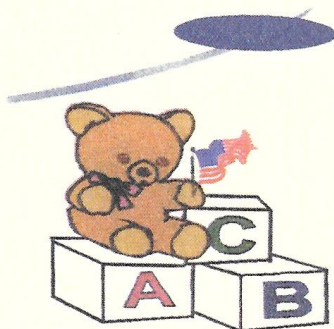


### Reminder and a look ahead:

The annual election of SFCCA officers is held in a few months at the May meeting. Members will nominate and elect the next President, Vice President,

Treasurer and Secretary to serve the community until May 2020. Any member in good standing is eligible to serve. Nomination of officers may be made from the floor while the May meeting is in progress.

**Please join us! Serve your community by running for an elected position. And plan to attend the May meeting and vote!**



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## SFCCA Officers & Chairpersons

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### Officers:

Carolyn Stanek Lucy, President • Laurence Dickter, Vice President  
Secretary, **VACANT** • Richard Messalle, Treasurer

### Chairpersons:

Eileen Broderick, Membership • Nghi Nguyen, Neighborhood Safety  
Jane Jannotta, Newsletter Editor • Dave Nettleton, Newsletter Distribution  
Dave West, Listserv Manager • Emma Bennett, Website/Social Media  
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# UPDATE AND CALL TO ACTION ON BELTWAY EXPANSION

By John Holden



On February 13, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT) released its list of "recommended screened alternatives" and they all involve adding toll lanes. (The "No Build" Alternative 1 is being carried forward for baseline comparison purposes only.) MDOT dropped Alternative 2, which would improve the operations of the existing transportation system through Transportation System Management and Transportation Demand Management. MDOT also dropped all of the public transit alternatives.

On February 6, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) had sent MDOT a detailed memo with recommended objectives and metrics for considering the alternatives; this was ignored by MDOT. MDOT had also declined M-NCPPC's request in November for funding assistance for some staffing needs to support the necessary work of M-NCPPC as a cooperating agency to the Managed Lanes Study.

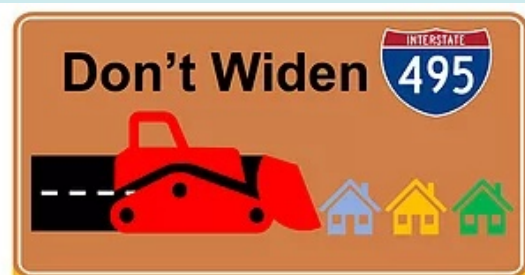
Although MDOT received an overwhelming number of public comments that oppose widening I-495 and I-270, it dropped the relevant options from its "screened alternatives." Its decision ignores the public, and threatens homes, communities, and the environment by rushing to sign an \$11 billion, 50-year contract to expand I-495 for

privatized toll lanes, like the ones in northern Virginia where tolls can top \$46.

### ACTION IS NEEDED:

- Contact now your elected officials in the Maryland General Assembly, which must complete this year's legislative work by the end of the session on April 8. Tell them to support the bills described here: <https://www.cabe495.com/legislative-action>
- Keep up-to-date at the Citizens Against Beltway Expansion (CABE) home page at <https://www.cabe495.com/> and its "In the News" page at <https://www.cabe495.com/news>
- Learn more from the work of the M-NCPPC. See the webpage and various links at <https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/i-495-and-i-270-managed-lanes-study/>
- Plan to attend one of the public workshops in April. The one nearest to SFC will be Wednesday, April 24, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Eastern Middle School, 300 University Blvd East.
- Spread the word to your neighbors, by talking with them and by posting a yard sign - <https://www.cabe495.com/yard-signs-flyers> ■

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SFCCA is the voice of our residential community. Its vigorous advocacy and events make South Four Corners safer, more beautiful and more connected.

**Join today! Only \$15 per year:**

- Pay by cash/check at the upcoming SFCCA meeting
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- Pay online using credit card or PayPal at <https://southfourcorners.com/membership>

**For more information contact Eileen Broderick, Membership, at [eileen@starpower.net](mailto:eileen@starpower.net)**



## Gardening

# THOUGHTS ON SPRING GARDENING



A few years ago Jeanne Berman organized some garden tours of the South Four Corners area. We had fun seeing what other people were growing, and learned some things about gardening in our little area.

Is anyone interested in repeating this adventure, whether by hosting or visiting or both? I personally have some questions about two invasive weeds that have shown up in my garden and in every garden I visit. I'd love help with them.

I also am interested in plant or seed exchanges. Certainly I have much I could share. Contact me by email, or talk to me at the next Civic Association meeting: **Karen Michels at karenpc6365@gmail.com** ■



*Helping All Seniors Thrive®*

The Jewish Council for the Aging's Kensington Clubs is excited to announce their newest location at Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring in collaboration with Montgomery County Recreation. The club will offer exercise, dance, art and music therapy, discussions and trips for those with a diagnosis of early stage memory loss. The club is open Mondays. For information about monthly dues, or to schedule a visit, call 202.735.3464 or 301.255.4204.

## Volunteers Needed

### Make a Difference Close to Home!

Eager to get more **involved in your neighborhood?** SFCCA is looking for talented people who are inspired to make a difference in our community.

**SFCCA Officers.** The annual election of officers takes place at the May meeting. Consider running for office! Join an involved and caring group of people committed to improving and protecting our neighborhood interests. Available to any SFCCA member in good standing, meaning you've paid your annual \$15 leadership dues

**Opening Doors column** "opens the door" to a neighbor's life experience using the same 7-question

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template each issue. It's a great way to meet one another and learn about neighbors' lives, challenges and aspirations. We are looking for a community-minded person to spearhead and manage this important and popular column.

**The bottom line:** Greater involvement, diversity, and leadership from new people are always welcome! Submit an article for publication in the newsletter, run for an officer position in May, become a featured guest for the Opening Doors column, and so much more! While we have a structure with officers, committees, and members, our work is very self-generated with lots of room for creative expression. ■



## Upcoming Events

### TWO COMMUNITY YARD SALES!

#### SCHWEINHAUT SENIOR CTR INDOOR YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20 8 AM - 1 PM**

**D**oing Spring cleaning? Bring your throwaways and turn them into cash at our Indoor Yard Sale! We will have 3 rooms of vendors. Vendors are responsible for setting up and taking down of space. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. \$10 for 8 ft. space, \$5 for 6 ft.



#### SOUTH FOUR CORNERS NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27 8-11 AM**

**GET YOUR  
RID OF  
STUFF**

**S**ave the date! Each neighbor will set up in their own yard or coordinate with a neighbor to host in their yards. We'll post signs on streets and intersections and listservs the week of the sale. Please send

an email to **Jenny Cannon** ([jenny.cannon@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.cannon@gmail.com)) by April 15th with your address and general items for sale in order to to be included on a list of participants. If you're available to make and/or post signs please also contact Jenny.

### THUNDERBOLTS BASEBALL IS BACK!



**S**ummer is coming and with it our great American sport, baseball!! Come out and support the 2019 season of our **Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts**.

**GENERAL INFO:** As part of the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate League, TBolts play games at Blair Stadium, with the first home game Wednesday, June 7. Home games Monday – Saturday at 7 pm, gates open at 6 pm. Sunday home games at 6 pm, gates open at 5 pm. Adults \$6. Under 18, \$2. Youth baseball and softball players in uniform and children under the age of 5 yrs. FREE. Concession stand sells dogs, burgers, chips, drinks, peanuts and Cracker Jacks.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:** The TBolts seek host families to house players during June and July. This is a great opportunity to get to know college baseball players from all around the US. Host families receive:

1. A free family season pass to all Thunderbolt home games
2. Invitations to attend special events sponsored by the Thunderbolts during the season

Players provide their own lunch and dinner. Hosts are not

required to provide transportation. For hosting guidelines, go to <https://tbolts.org/host-for-us>. Or at the top of the page - under "Community" choose "Host Families" in the pulldown menu. If interested, please contact **David Nettleton, Thunderbolts Host Family Coordinator** at [tboltshostfamily@gmail.com](mailto:tboltshostfamily@gmail.com); or contact [Tboltsbaseball@Gmail.com](mailto:Tboltsbaseball@Gmail.com).

Whether you get yourself and the kids out for some fresh air and support college players from across our great country, or extend your family by hosting for two months, we guarantee that you'll be better for it.

**BASEBALL CAMPS:** For boys and girls:

1. Five weeks of camps June 17-July 18 (ages 7-14)
2. Three Day specialty camps June 24-July 10 (ages 11-16, minimum age, rising 5th grader)

Register early to make sure you are not shut out. Learn more and register online at <https://tbolts.org/our-camps>

**See you at the ball game!**