



SOUTH FOUR CORNERS

Citizens Association



Building a stronger community, one neighbor at a time

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 18, 2020 – 10 am

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

**** DATE CHANGE ****

Tues. Jan 21, 2020 – 7 pm

SFCCA Community Meeting
Schweinhaut Senior Center

Mar 14, 2020 – 10 am

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

Mar 16, 2020 – 7 pm

SFCCA Community Meeting
Schweinhaut Senior Center

May 16, 2020 – 10 am

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

May 18, 2020 – 7 pm

SFCCA Community Meeting
Schweinhaut Senior Center

Next SFCCA Meeting

**** Date Change ****

Tuesday, January 21 at 7pm

Schweinhaut Senior Center 1000 Forest Glen Road

Featured Guest Speaker:

Doug Gaddis
Executive Director
Silver Spring Village



There's no place like home. By a wide margin, surveys of Americans 50 and older show that they want to remain in their current residences and communities as they age. And, according to AARP, the likelihood of Americans staying in their current home and never moving actually increases with age.

Enter Silver Spring Village, part of the national village movement that provides volunteer assistance and a wide variety of enrichment activities to adults who wish to "age in place". While each Village is unique, they all share the same vision: Caring neighbors of all ages helping older neighbors to thrive.

Please join us as we welcome **Doug Gaddis, Executive Director of Silver Spring Village, Inc.** to SFCCA's upcoming community meeting. Mr. Gaddis' presentation will focus on the Village's activities, services and volunteer opportunities, while briefing us on its recent decision to expand its current reach into our neighborhood.

Mr. Gaddis brings more than three decades of related experience to his leadership role in the Village. He completed coursework at American University towards a master's degree in non-profit arts management, but has spent most of his career working in resource development for agencies focused on education, leadership development, disabilities and now seniors in the Washington, DC region. A native Kentuckian, Mr. Gaddis currently lives in Kensington and keeps active in the arts world as a professional lyric tenor.

You can find out how to join and/or volunteer for Silver Spring Village by attending the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, you can learn more about it by reading the accompanying article on page 7.

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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President's Corner

A NEW YEAR

Dear Neighbors,

What does the New Year mean to our civic association? As a neighborhood group, where are we now heading? What will this year hold?

I know that all of us will strive to keep South Four Corners the special place it has been. Our trash is collected, dead county trees are removed, streets are swept, the parks are maintained. However, new threats to our community exist. The state has installed a traffic light at Lanark and Colesville, theoretically to serve the people getting on and off the Bus Rapid Transit buses at the new stop next to Blair High School across from Lanark. The left-turning signal will allow pedestrians to cross Colesville at Lanark and allow traffic coming north on Colesville to turn left. Several of us protested that the light would also allow a greater increase in cut-through traffic (already a very real problem), because people want to avoid the jug handle around the church when going west on University Blvd. Our protests were dismissed. For the safety of our residents, keep an eye on what happens. Record what you see if you can. Share with me so that we can try to stay on top of this.

In the new year, the proposals to expand the Beltway and 270 will be of major concern. On the cold, rainy night of December 16, hundreds of people attended a rally in Silver Spring organized by Council Member Hucker and other local politicians. The speakers gave credit to the community for raising important questions and seeking vital information concerning Governor Hogan's proposal for the expansions. They urged us to keep pressuring for responses. Governor Hogan is operating under an odd Maryland law (P3, Public Private Partnership) that gives three people enormous control over state expenditures without needing to deal with the Maryland legislature.

These three state officials are Larry Hogan, Peter Franchot, and Nancy Kopp; together they comprise the committee called the Board of Public Works (BPW). A good explanation of this committee can be found at <https://bpw.maryland.gov/Pages/about-bpw.aspx>.

Other web sites have additional information about the proposals and the opposition. Citizens Against Beltway Expansion (www.cabe495.com) posts current

information, addresses of politicians and Maryland government people, reports of similar projects in other states, concern about high costs to Maryland taxpayers (as seen in other states), and suggestions for personal actions. The Action Committee for Transit emphasizes the great need for a much broader solution to traffic—trains, buses, bike lanes, etc. Go to www.actfortransit.org to see

what they are presenting.

In this country we have the freedom to question our government leaders. Please exercise that gift by staying informed and by contacting the members of the Board of Public Works and your representatives in the state and on the county council to express your opinion:

- The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of the State of Maryland
Valerie Radomsky, Governor's liaison to BPW
valerie.radomsky@maryland.gov
- The Honorable Peter Franchot
Comptroller of Maryland
AKLASE@comp.state.md.us
- The Honorable Nancy Kopp
Treasurer of the State of Maryland
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Local History

WOODMOOR SHOPPING CENTER: THE LINCHPIN OF FOUR CORNERS

By Laurence Dickter



Woodmoor Shopping Center, circa 1950

Even to the most discerning eye, it is almost impossible to tell that the Woodmoor Shopping Center was actually built in seven distinct phases over a period of 30 years. The first group of six stores opened in 1939 at the intersection of Colesville and what was then called Old Bladensburg Road (today's University Boulevard). The final work on the Center was completed around 1970.

Despite repeated construction and additions—including upstairs professional offices, a bowling alley in the basement (where Silver Spring Stage is today) and a small public library (where the Bank of America branch is today) that closed in 1992 after 42 years in operation—the facade of the Shopping Center somehow managed to maintain its unified and harmonious appearance.

As an aficionado of art deco architecture, I have long admired the “streamline moderne” style and other distinctive features of the Shopping

Center—its use of blond brick (currently painted a light tannish color), horizontal bonding, limestone window surrounds, angled storefronts, fluted metal window hardware, marble and plate glass storefronts, and aerodynamic curved corners.

Fortunately, past and present owners of the Center have resisted the temptation to alter its design or to “update” the look of the facade by covering its distinctive brick work with vinyl siding. Other than new signage above each business facing Colesville Road, the Shopping Center looks pretty much the way it looked decades ago. From all outward appearances, it is well maintained and cared for.

Whether or not one appreciates the architectural stylings of the Woodmoor Shopping Center, it is difficult not to appreciate how true it remains to its original intent to provide basic services to nearby neighborhoods. The fact that it continues to thrive, thus escaping the decades-long decline of many small, local shopping centers in the region, speaks volumes about its continuing role as a cornerstone of our community.

The shopping habits and tastes of the “general public” have changed drastically over the years. “Big Box”

stores and e-commerce have put untold thousands of “Mom and Pop” stores out of business across the country. Advances in technology, especially wireless, that were once straight out of science fiction continue apace. Where there was once an electrical appliance store in the Woodmoor Shopping Center, there is now a Sprint store. Where there was once a Chinese restaurant, there is now a Subway sandwich shop. An old-fashioned “beauty parlor,” a real throwback to the mid-twentieth century era, has only in recent years been replaced by a “nails spa”.

However, the Shopping Center still includes a barber shop, grocery, drug store and dry cleaner. And let's not forget the Woodmoor Pastry Shop, the Watch Pocket, and the one and only Santucci's Italian deli (entering its fourth decade here in Four Corners—thank you Carlo!). Not to mention more than a few relatively new businesses and services.

Luckily for us, some of the things that contribute to our positive community identity never change. As long as the Woodmoor Shopping Center is there to provide needed, even vital, services to the neighborhoods which it serves, its place in Four Corners should be assured. Together with the full service post office and the Safeway diagonally opposite, the convenience of these businesses and services make it that much easier for long time neighborhood residents to “age in place” and for all residents, new and old, to shop locally. ■

Woodmoor Shopping Center

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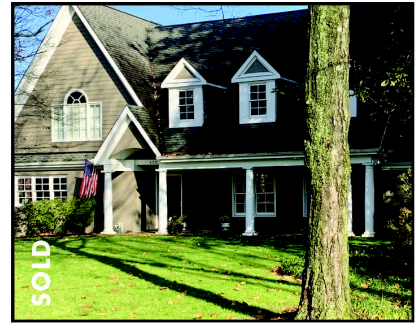
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Networking

SILVER SPRING VILLAGE EXPANDING TO FOUR CORNERS

By Laurence Dickter



Silver Spring Village, a nonprofit organization that is part of the national movement of more than 200 Villages across the United States, is expanding from its original base in zip code 20910 to all of 20901. The mission of each local village is to build and sustain a supportive network of neighbors helping neighbors to remain actively engaged in their community and remain in their own homes as they age.

The village movement started in Boston over 15 years ago and arrived in Silver Spring six years ago. Since that time, it has been recognized by the Greater Washington

Catalogue of Philanthropy as one of the best community-based non-profits in the DC region.

While every village may be unique in its offerings, Silver Spring Village is known not only for its many volunteer services but also for its sponsorship of social, educational and recreational activities that appeal to a broad spectrum of members. The Village includes interest groups in creative writing, philosophy, painting, cooking, hiking, mahjong and poker, among many others. Additionally, the Village hosts a monthly speaker series in a wide and diverse range of fields.

Silver Spring Village also provides volunteer services such as transportation, minor home repairs, decluttering and organizing, medical note taking, friendly visits and check-in calls, technology assistance, and more. If there is a needed service the Village is not currently providing, it will try to make it happen.

To augment its existing team of over 100 volunteers who serve more than 200 current members, the Village is actively recruiting and training volunteers of any age who live in our zip code (20901). Volunteers choose the kinds of activities that most appeal to them and the times that are most convenient.

For membership and volunteer information, you may go to www.silverpringvillage.org or you can call 302-503-7401. ■

This article is based on information provided by Silver Spring Village, Inc.



Membership

Start the new year right **AND**
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Citizens Association!



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<https://southfourcorners.com/membership>

For more information contact Eileen Broderick,
Membership, at eileen@starpower.net

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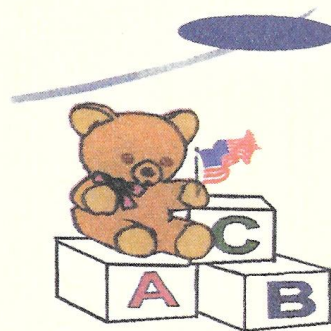
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