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## East Silver Spring Citizens' Association, Inc.

MARCH 2018

*Informal networking and dinner at our next*

EAST SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (ESSCA) MEETING • MEETING DATE: MONDAY, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM  
MARCH MEETING PLACE - PETE'S NEW HAVEN PIZZA

962 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring MD - (301) 588-7383 - [petesapizza.com](http://petesapizza.com)

NEW REGULAR MEETING TIME: Third Monday of every other month (Sept - May) Doors open 6:45 PM, Meeting starts 7:00 PM

JOIN ESSCA'S LIST-SERVE: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eastsilverspringcivic>

(Include your name and street name when you send your "join request")

JOIN ESSCA'S Facebook Group: East Silver Spring Citizens' Association

VISIT ESSCA'S NEW WEBSITE: <https://eastsilverspring.org/> EMAIL CONTACT: [esscaprez@gmail.com](mailto:esscaprez@gmail.com)

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MONDAY MARCH 19, 2018 -  
7:00 TO 9:00 PM - PETE'S PIZZA -  
962 WAYNE AVENUE, SILVER SPRING

Neighborhood Meet and Greet at Pete's New Haven Pizza! We will not have a formal agenda for this meeting. This will be a chance to meet some new neighbors, catch up with old ones and tell us what is on your mind. Why not make a night of it and bring your kids? Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

### REPORT FROM OUR JANUARY MEETING

The primary topic of our January 22nd meeting was a continuation of the discussion to balance pedestrian safety, parking, vehicular access, and enforcing limited access for heavy trucks and buses on Grove Street from our previous meeting in November. The topic proved complex and layered enough that it clearly warranted more discussion and the January meeting was an opportunity to talk and learn more specifics on the existing set of conditions, problems and opportunities of this narrow 4 block long street connecting Bonifant Street and Sligo Avenue. The County Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) has told us that they are open to experimenting by

trying a variety of short term measures to improve pedestrian and bike safety and to limit heavy truck and bus access, which is not allowed on this narrow street. Possible things to try include speed bumps, channelized turns, neck-downs, and traffic cameras. And while it appears that space is not available to add sidewalks within the existing rights-of-way, there are still some questions on whether or not this might be possible, while still maintaining two-way traffic and on-street parking, both of which many have expressed concern about keeping. The ESSCA board believes it is now sufficiently armed with an understanding of the community's concerns that they can now approach D.O.T. to discuss the feasibility of implementing some of these measures. ESSCA will report back to the community with more information and further opportunity for input before any such measures are implemented.

### CREATE ARTS CENTER MOVING

This local non-profit organization will be moving from their space on Thayer Avenue behind Weller's to new digs in the former Roadhouse Oldies storefront location on Silver Spring Avenue. The Center will form a working partnership with their new neighbor, Highwood Theatre. The Center hopes this new,

more visible location will augment their mission to promote creativity, self-expression, and creativity in the arts. You can learn more about them by visiting [www.createartcenter.org](http://www.createartcenter.org)

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ESSCA BOARD POSITIONS

We are now taking nominations for board positions. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. As we reported in January, long-time board member Nancy Gurganus intends to step down from her post as Recording Secretary after this year.

If you are interested please contact Nancy Gurganus who has agreed to serve as Nomination Coordinator. Nancy can be reached by phone at 301-585-3726 or by email at [nancy.gurganus@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.gurganus@gmail.com). Per the ESSCA Constitution we will be open for nominations from now through April 15th and all candidates must be included in our next newsletter to be printed prior to our final meeting of the season on May 19th, at which time we will have elections for officers. The outreach and advocacy efforts of your civic association will only be as effective as those who serve in these leadership positions.



TASTE THE WORLD OF FENTON VILLAGE

TTWFFV, the largest restaurant crawl in the Metro area is celebrating its eighth year on Sunday, May 20th from 1-5 pm. Thirty-two local restaurants will be participating, including a brewery and wine tasting. The event will again feature live music, a raffle and local art non-profits. Check out [Fentonvillage.org](http://Fentonvillage.org) for the latest.

ESSCA FEST RETURNS!

The sixth installment of our annual community block party featuring local musicians will be back on Saturday, May 5th. We are finalizing the time and location of this year's Fest - stay tuned to the list serve for further details. As we have done in the past we will close the chosen street for the afternoon for festivities, including music, dancing and refreshments. Our appreciation again goes to Nancy Gurganus and Tim Haverland for organizing this fun event. We hope you can come by, sample some of our local talent and get to meet your neighbors!

FROM REEMBERTO RODRIGUEZ, SILVER SPRING REGIONAL AREA DIRECTOR FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

If you are interested in what is going on in our broader Silver Spring Regional Area (including Takoma Park) you are invited to subscribe to the Regional Area's eNewsletter from the link at [www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/SilverSpring](http://www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/SilverSpring)



PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH ESSCA!

How much is community worth to you?

ESSCA has calculated community can be improved with just \$10 per household per year. Seriously that's it! Your \$10 enables ESSCA to print and distribute The Advocate newsletter, maintain a website, and host 5 public meetings a year. And don't forget ESSCA Fest, our annual block party with free music and refreshments! If everyone chips in, we can do even more together! We have an amazing community and if you invest in it; together we can become even more effective!!!



Give to ESSCA in any of these three ways:

1. Give at the ESSCA Meeting
2. Go to the website at: <https://eastsilverspring.org/> and pay via PayPal
3. Write a check payable to ESSCA and send it to: Steve Knight, 808 Violet Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Please note that ESSCA is a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation and that member dues are not tax-deductable. Thank you!

East Silver Spring Citizens' Association Proudly Presents the Sixth Annual

ESSCA FEST



To Be Determined Street location TBD

Saturday, May 5 Rain or Shine!

FREE!

Live Bands 1-6 PM

"Open Mic" between sets for acoustic singer/songwriters

Family Activities! Bring your lawn chair & relax!

Snacks and soft beverages provided! BYOB!

Open to all neighbors in the ESSCA community