



East Silver Spring Citizens' Association, Inc.

MARCH 2015

Silver Spring Library Branch Manager, Fran Ware will come talk to us at our next

EAST SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (ESSCA) MEETING

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, March 16, 2015

MEETING LOCATION IS THE HISTORIC B&O TRAIN STATION

8100 Georgia Avenue, just south of the Fire Station

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

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

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

VISIT ESSCA'S NEW WEBSITE: www.eastsilverspring.org EMAIL CONTACT: esscaprez@gmail.com

HEAR MORE ABOUT PLANS FOR THE NEW SILVER SPRING LIBRARY AT OUR MARCH 16TH MEETING

Currently under construction at the corner of Wayne Avenue and Fenton Street, the new Silver Spring Library is targeted for completion by late spring of this year. The old Library at 8901 Colesville Road is scheduled to close on March 15th. The new facility is intended to house the library on its upper floors as well as a privately-operated café. Additional space on the lower floors was originally to be occupied by Pyramid Atlantic, a local paper and book arts organization located on Georgia Avenue, but the deal for that fell through last year. This space is now slated to be used by a consortium of yet-to-be-determined arts organizations. Branch Manager Fran Ware will be at our March meeting to tell us about plans and programming for the new facility. Representatives from Friends of the Library, a private group that fundraises and advocates for the library, plus local PTA groups will also be on hand. We hope you can join us for what should be an informative session as well as an opportunity for individuals to provide feedback and ideas to make the new Library more useful to the community.

ALSO ON MARCH 16TH: A DISCUSSION ON HOW TO GET A MORE ROBUST POLICE SUB-STATION ON GEORGIA AVENUE

You may recall our November meeting report featuring comments by and discussion with Commander Marcus Jones of the 3rd District County Police. More specifically, there was discussion on the Police Sub-Station housed in the Fire Station on Georgia Avenue. As we

now know, the 3rd District operates almost solely out of its new facility in White Oak and the Sub-Station is not regularly staffed, serving only as a satellite office space available to patrol officers as needed for conducting interviews and writing reports.

There is strong interest in the community for having a more serviceable and accessible Sub-Station for East Silver Spring, one of the most densely populated areas of the County. ESSCA Vice President Darian Unger will lead a discussion to solicit ideas and support for beefing up the Sub-Station's presence. Ideas currently on the table include visible signage clearly identifying the Sub-Station plus adding some full time staff that can operate a front desk to handle walk-ins, inquiries and other functions.

OUR JANUARY MEETING AT PETE'S PIZZA WAS A HIT!

Over thirty of our friends and neighbors turned out for our second annual social meeting. It was a great time to catch up with neighbors new and old and to learn more about issues and current events in the area. Stay tuned for future ESSCA-sponsored opportunities to mix and mingle with your neighbors!

MORE DINING OPTIONS IN FENTON VILLAGE

Sligo Café in the 900 block of Sligo Avenue is now open, serving "comfort food with a twist" and great cocktails to boot! Also, the long-awaited reopening of Urban Butcher happened last month. We also hear the stalled renovation of the restaurant space at the

northeast corner of Fenton and Silver Spring Avenue has started back up again: the owner of what will soon be the Italian Kitchen said they had issues with the previous contractor who left project unexpectedly, but that a new firm has been retained to complete the renovations. More than wishing these new and returning establishments well, we hope you will support them with a visit for a meal out or for happy hour in the near future as well!

TASTE THE WORLD OF FENTON VILLAGE V

While we are on the subject of restaurants, the successful neighborhood restaurant crawl celebrating the many independent restaurants of Fenton Village will be back for the fifth year on Sunday May 3rd from 1 to 6 PM. Plans are still in the works and the event will again feature live music, a raffle and other entertainment. More information will follow soon on the ESSCA Listserve and in the next edition of *The Advocate*.

AWARD MADE TO REDEVELOP THE OLD POLICE STATION SITE ON SLIGO AVENUE

We understand the County has made an award to a developer following a thorough solicitation process for redeveloping the old police station site at the corner of Sligo and Grove. The winner, Artspace, intends to redevelop the site with a combination of housing and arts-oriented uses. Karen Roper will be meeting next month with Artspace and County representatives to work out the community outreach and input process. We will provide more information when we know more about the specific schedule and events this will entail.

UPDATE FOR MIXED USE PROJECT ON
THE BAPTIST CHURCH SITE ON FENTON,
BETWEEN WAYNE & BONIFANT

We have been told some utility-related issues have presented the latest set of hurdles to the project planned for the Baptist Church site. After spending some time negotiating a handful of coordination issues with PEPCO, the developer learned recently that a large scale vault owned and operated by Washington Gas occupies the southwest corner of the site. It requires more clearance for rights of way than originally thought, necessitating some minor adjustment to building setbacks. The developer now anticipates starting site preparation work in the spring.

COMMUNITY
YARD SALE

Interested in unloading some unwanted and underused items as part of your spring cleaning? ESSCA can offer one possible outlet: a community yard sale! We have started plans for hosting a yard sale in the parking lot of the old Police Station on Sligo Avenue. The anticipated date will be Saturday April 18th. Space for selling your wares will be free to all ESSCA members (hint, hint: if you want to participate as a seller, see info. below on how to become an ESSCA member). If you are interested in participating or in volunteering to help organize the sale, please contact Megan Moriarty at esscaprez@gmail.com.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ESSCA
BOARD POSITIONS

We are now taking nominations for board positions. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary (currently vacant) and Recording Secretary. 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. We will be open for nominations 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 18th, at which time we will have elections for officers.



BEST OF FENTON VILLAGE 2014

Please join us in thanking this year's winners for Best of Fenton Village! This annual contest has grown into a wonderful way for East Silver Spring residents and customers to share our appreciation for the many small independent businesses in Fenton Village. This year we had a special awards ceremony graciously hosted by Spa Mesu salon on Fenton Street. The March 4th event was well attended and included presentations by County Executive Ike Leggett and other local officials. Many thanks to Karen Burditt and her committee for their continued hard work in organizing this event and thanks to all of you who participated by casting your votes as well! Here is the list of the first- and second-place winners for this year:

Winners

Automotive: Latino Auto Tech
Bank/Loans: Capital One Bank
Bars/Taverns: Quarry House Tavern
Cafes: KefaCafe
Food Shops: Thai Market
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops: Spa Mesu
Dance/Fitness/Sport: Sky House Yoga
Dry Cleaners/Alterations: Weller's Dry Cleaners
Education/Non Profit: Meditation Museum
Media/Web Publishing: Blue Sky films
Music/Art/Books: Plaza Art
Professional Services: Ambassador Animal Hospital
Restaurants: Pacci's Pizzeria
Services & Repairs: Arina's Shoe and Leather Repair
Specialty Shops: Alliance Comics

Second Place

Automotive: Murray's Auto Clinic
Bank/Loans: Best Pawn
Bars/Taverns: Sidebar
Cafes: Fenton Zed's Cafe
Food Shops: Safeway
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops: Ebony Barbers Unisex Inc
Dance/Fitness/Sport: Princess Mhoon Dance Institute
Dry Cleaners/Alterations: Tailoring and Alteration Ctr
Education/Non Profit: Create Art Center
Media/Web Publishing: Fleming Aod/Studio Spark
Music/Art/Books: Silver Spring Books
Professional Services: Rapp Funeral Services
Restaurants: Mandalay Restaurant
Services & Repairs: Moren Watch Repair
Specialty Shops: Dor Ne Corset Shop

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP WITH ESSCA!

We Are Your Civic Association. Membership dues allow us to print and deliver this newsletter, beautify our neighborhood and our parks, work on other issues beneficial to the community, including working with local developers for better projects, parking permits and monitoring neighborhood crime and safety issues.



NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS
CAN NOW PAY THEIR DUES ONLINE
THROUGH PAYPAL!

Visit the ESSCA Website:
[http://eastsilverspring.org/
Membership.html](http://eastsilverspring.org/Membership.html)



WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP WE COULD
IMPROVE ON THESE EFFORTS
& DO A LOT MORE.

Annual ESSCA dues are \$10/family. Dues cover each meeting season, from September to May. Please pay at our next meeting, or send a check (payable to ESSCA) to Steve Knight, ESSCA Treasurer, 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!