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## East Silver Spring Citizens' Association, Inc.

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MARCH 2014

**Our District 5 Council Member Cherri Branson - Arts & Humanities Council Rep. Michele Cohen  
will both speak at our next**

**EAST SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (ESSCA) MEETING**

**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING PLACE--SLIGO URBAN RECREATION BUILDING**

500 Sligo Avenue, at corner of Piney Branch Road; parking lot entrance is on Valley Street

REGULAR MEETING DATE: Third Monday of month (Sept - May) Doors open 7:00 pm, Meeting starts 7:30 pm

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

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

**COME MEET COUNCIL MEMBER CHERRI BRANSON AT OUR MARCH MEETING.** Ms. Branson was appointed by the Council in January to fill the remainder of the term of outgoing Council Member Valerie Ervin who announced her resignation last year to pursue an opportunity with a non-profit group in New York. Ms. Branson is our representative for District 5. One of the stipulations of her appointment was that she would not run for reelection when the term is complete at the end of 2014. Please join us to learn more about Ms. Branson's views and issues and to share yours as well.

**WE WILL ALSO LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANS TO REPLACE THE SCULPTURE AT GATEWAY PARK** at the intersection of Fenton St., Philadelphia and Burlington Avenues. Background: On February 11, members of ESSCA met with representatives from the Parks Dept., Arts & Humanities Council & Silver Spring Urban District to survey the sculpture. We discussed the future of the area after the sculpture (which has been sold) is removed. At our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting Michele Cohen from the Arts & Humanities Council will give a presentation to inform us about the opportunities regarding this site. We invite you to offer your thoughts & suggestions at that time, as well as the names of area artists you would like to be considered. Ms. Cohen will use this information to help fashion the project RFP scheduled for release on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AGENDA FOR MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**

7:30-7:40: Introductions & News Items | 7:40-8:10: Council Member Cherri Branson | 8:10-8:40: Michele Cohen & Gateway Park  
8:40-8:55: New Business & Other Issues | 8:55: Adjournment

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING ESSCA!**

**WE ARE YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION.** Membership dues allow us to: Print 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.

**WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP WE COULD IMPROVE ON THESE EFFORTS AND 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. Thank you!

**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. 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). We will be open for nominations through April 15<sup>th</sup> and all candidates must be included in our next newsletter to be printed prior to our final meeting of the season on May 19<sup>th</sup> 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, so if you are interested please let us know.

## **THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US AT PETE'S PIZZA FOR ESSCA'S JANUARY MEETING**

We had a nice turn out and everyone enjoyed the change of atmosphere and the opportunity to mix and mingle with neighbors. And the pizza and beer weren't too bad either! We look forward to planning more fun get-togethers like this in the future and we hope more of you will join us for the next one.

## **BEST OF FENTON II**

Please join us in thanking this year's winners for Best of Fenton! Envisioned and managed by Karen Burditt for the second year, 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 one of the winners, Kefa Kafe. The February 22<sup>nd</sup> event was packed with business owners, local leaders including County Executive Ike Leggett and Council Member Marc Elrich plus many folks from the community. Ike Leggett presented awards to about a dozen of the first- and second-place winners. Many thanks to Karen and her committee for their hard work in organizing and sponsoring this event. Some votes were close, including a few ties. Be sure to support your local businesses and look out for Best of Fenton III next year. Winners as follows:

### **First Place**

Automotive: **Fenton Citgo**  
Bank/Loans: **Capital One Bank**  
Bars/Taverns: **Quarry House Tavern**  
Cafes: **Kefa Cafe**  
Food Shops: **Safeway**  
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops: **Spa Mesu**  
Dance/Fitness/Sport: **Urban Nation Dance Academy**  
Dry Cleaners/Alterations: **Weller's Dry Cleaners**  
Education/Non Profit: **Meditation Museum**  
Media/Web Publishing: **CD Publications**  
Music/Art/Books: **Dale Music**  
Professional Services: **Ambassador Animal Hospital**  
Restaurants: **Mandalay Restaurant**  
Services & Repairs: **Arina's Shoe and Leather Repair**  
Specialty Shops: **Pennyworth Shop/Bell Flowers**

### **Second Place**

Automotive: Murray's Auto Clinic  
Bank/Loans: Best Pawn  
Bars/Taverns: Sidebar  
Cafes: Zed's  
Food Shops: Thai Market  
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops: Ebony Barbers Unisex Inc  
Dance/Fitness/Sport: Princess Mhoon Dance Institute / Martial Arts Academy  
Dry Cleaners/Alterations: Tailoring and Alteration Center  
Education/Non Profit: Create Art Center  
Media/Web Publishing: Blue Sky Films  
Music/Art/Books: Plaza Arts  
Professional Services: Rapp Funeral Home  
Restaurants: Pacci's Pizzeria  
Services & Repairs: Moren's Watch Repair  
Specialty Shops: Alliance Comics

## **THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELP DELIVER THE NEWSLETTER**

Did you know ESSCA prints and delivers over 1,000 of copies of The Advocate to households in the ESSCA community? We are truly unique among Civic Associations in this consistent outreach effort. Please join us in thanking the many volunteers who donate their time and feet for the delivery effort. And a special thank you to Betsy Taylor for her hard work in coordinating the work of our volunteers!

## **ESSCAFEST IS BACK! -- SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Our weekend afternoon party last May in Bullis Park was so much fun we have decided to do another. Details to follow, but we will definitely be following a similar theme with local musicians, food and entertainment. If you are interested in helping plan the event, please contact Tim Haverland at [tim.haverland@gmail.com](mailto:tim.haverland@gmail.com) or Nancy Gurganus at [nancy.gurganus@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.gurganus@gmail.com).