



East Silver Spring Citizens' Association, Inc.

MARCH 2017

*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 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM
MEETING LOCATION IS THE HISTORIC B&O TRAIN STATION**

8100 Georgia Avenue, just south of the Fire Station

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")

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

HEAR ABOUT PLANS TO OPEN MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY AT OUR MARCH 20TH MEETING

We learned recently that a medical marijuana dispensary will be opening in the neighborhood. GTI (www.GTIgrows.com) is a nationwide operator of cannabis cultivation and dispensary facilities who recently received pre-approval for the Senate District 20 dispensary license. GTI intends to operate in the urban corridor of Silver Spring and is eager to engage and educate the broader community on the various facets of their business including eligible patient conditions, the benefits of the medicine, safety and security and community benefits. GTI partners Jennifer Miller and Jason Divelbiss will be at our meeting to tell us more.

ALSO ON MARCH 20TH WE'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GREEN ENERGY CONCEPT COMMUNITY SOLAR

Community Solar has just been approved in the state of Maryland, and a representative from Neighborhood Sun (<https://www.neighborhoodsun.solar>), a community solar start-up, will introduce this interesting new concept. Community Solar allows neighbors to share the power generated from a solar farm or rooftop – as if the solar panels were on their own roof. This is intriguing in our older, more dense neighborhood, as many residents' homes do not have the area, sunlight, or proper

orientation for solar panels. Renters can also take advantage of Community Solar. Come hear what the buzz is all about.

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!

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. 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 15th, 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 V

The successful neighborhood restaurant crawl celebrating the many independent restaurants of Fenton Village will be back for the seventh year on Sunday May 21st 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.

ESSCAFEST RETURNS!

The fifth installment of our annual community block party featuring local musicians will be back on Saturday, May 6th. 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!



BEST OF FENTON VILLAGE 2016

Please join us in thanking this year’s winners for Best of Fenton! 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 Nora School at their newly expanded facility on Sligo Avenue. The February 22nd event was well attended and included presentations by County Executive Ike Leggett and District 5 Council Member Tom Hucker. Many thanks to Fenton Village, Inc. and especially 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 the year:

Winners

- **Automotive: Murray’s Auto Clinic**
- **Bank/Loans: Capital One Bank**
- **Bars/Taverns/Wineries: Quarry House Tavern**
- **Cafes: Kefa Cafe**
- **Food Shops: Thai Market**
- **Beauty Salons/Barber Shops: Spa Mesu**
- **Dance/Wellness: Sky House Yoga/ Our Space Acupuncture**
- **Dry Cleaners/Alterations: Weller’s Dry Cleaners**
- **Education/Non Profit: Create Arts Center**
- **Media/Web Publishing: Lucky Dog Films**
- **Music/Art/Books: Plaza Art**
- **Professional Services: Rapp Funeral Services**
- **Restaurants: Pacci’s Pizza**
- **Services & Repairs: Arina’s Shoe and Leather Repair**
- **Specialty Shops: Pennyworth Shop**

Second Place

- **Automotive: Fenton Citgo**
- **Bank/Loans: Best Pawn**
- **Bars/Taverns/Wineries: Urban Winery**
- **Cafes: Kaldi’s Coffee**
- **Food Shops: Safeway**
- **Beauty Salons/Barber Shops: Nancy’s Nails Salon**
- **Dance/Wellness: Urban Artistry Dance Academy**
- **Dry Cleaners/Alterations: Tailoring and Alteration Center**
- **Education/Non Profit: The Nora School**
- **Media/Web/IT: Sholla**
- **Music/Art/Books: Silver Spring Books**
- **Professional Services: Ashton Rehabilitation Clinic**
- **Restaurants: Ghar-E-Kabab**
- **Services & Repairs: Moren’s Watch Repair**
- **Specialty Shops: Alliance Comics**

The ongoing construction of Studio Plaza in parking lot 3 in the heart of Fenton Village has not been kind to our local businesses, many of which have experienced significant losses in business due to lack of parking. We urge you to show your support by patronizing these businesses. For those who need it, there are several other options for nearby parking: parking lot/garage IV between Sligo and Silver Spring Ave., the parking lot between Easley and Bonifant east of Fenton and in the garage on Ripley on the west side of Georgia Ave.

**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

**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>



**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!