



SEVEN OAKS –EVANSWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

of Silver Spring, Maryland

Your neighborhood association
working for a better community!

Join Us For Our Next Meeting

**Thurs., May 17, 2007
starts at 7:30 p.m.,
At Silver Spring
Library**

AGENDA

**Topic: Purple Line
Wayne Ave. Alignment**

Business Meeting:

Approval of the Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Announcements
Old Business: Reports
New Business

Adjourn by 9:00 p.m.

OFFICERS

President: Mark Gabriele

Vice President:
Jennifer Hollander

Secretary:
Ann Johnson

Treasurer:
Bill Kaupert

Latest News from SOECA

Next meeting is May 17, 2007:

SOECA wants to discuss recent developments in the evaluation of routes for the Purple Line that are proposed through our neighborhoods. The Wayne Avenue alignment is getting serious consideration and evaluation. One route (Silver Spring Ave Alignment) is no longer being considered. Join us at the meeting to further discuss our association's position on the proposed route on Wayne Avenue, and a proposed plan of action for our neighborhood.

Everything You Wanted to Know about Solid Waste Management:

Neil Einhorn, Montgomery County Environmental Services, attended the last SOECA meeting (April 5th) and provided an informative presentation on recycling and waste management in the county and answered questions from attendees (see meeting summary on page 2).

Sign Up for Electronic Newsletters:

SOECA newsletters are now available through email. Request email delivery by sending an email to:
soeca.newsletter@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch Program:

There has been a lot of discussion on the listserv regarding increased crime in our area. Everyone needs to be vigilant and report suspicious activities. Get to know the Watch Captains for your street and adjacent areas. For more information on the program contact Elaine Ellis at 301-565-0040.



Summary of Last SOECA Meeting
Meeting Minutes: April 5, 2007
Solid Waste Management

Program: Neil Einhorn, Montgomery County Environmental Services, attended the meeting and gave a comprehensive presentation on solid waste and hazardous waste management in the county. He provided a packet of information to attendees including the following brochures:

- Residents' Guide to Services (Department of Public works and Transportation)
- Trash Collection Regulations (Division of Solid Waste Services)
- Recycling Guidelines
- Household Hazardous Waste
- 2007 Holiday Calendar
- Contractor Performance Survey

Residents may call the county, Division of Solid Waste, and request that a packet be mailed to your home. Mr. Einhorn emphasized that all this information and more is available on the county's excellent website.

Visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste or call 240-777-6410 or 240-777-6442 TTY

Mr. Einhorn discussed trash collection, yard waste, recycling, and hazardous waste collection in detail with attendees. Selected points are summarized below:

Each household allowed 5 special trash pickups a year. Call the phone number for pickup and make sure you have the item(s) at the curb by 7 AM. Sometimes routes and times are adjusted to accommodate the special pickups so don't assume it will happen at the time of your regular pickup.

There is a method to collection process. Color means everything to the collectors and they place cans and lids a certain way after collection. Residents can help greatly by placing cans at the curb and making sure signs are visible from the street so collectors can see it clearly (i.e., yard waste sticker facing out towards the street and not in towards the house).

If you are trying to dispose of an old trash can please call for a special pickup and label it. Collectors are very hesitant to pick up and throw away a resident's trash can. Call and label it clearly.

Recycling in the blue box: It was noted that only plastic bottles with a long neck are recycled. This means that water bottles that we all drink and Gatorade bottles are not recycled by the county. Deli containers and plastic cake containers are not recycled. Check out the website to see what is and what is not recycled. Something new hard cover books are now recycled and can go in the bin with mixed paper.

There is no more landfilling in Montgomery County. The county built a state of the art facility (incinerator) in Dickerson.

Hazardous waste collection station now open Thursday through Sunday up in Shady Grove. There was discussion among attendees that many preferred the community-based collections in our area. Latex paint is not hazardous. Residents may put 1/2 empty cans of dried up (or absorbed with kitty litter) paint at the curb.

Special Announcement: A group of concerned residents have been working long and very hard to petition the Department of Public Works and Transportation to clarify land jurisdiction of a one block portion of Leighton Road adjoining the Sligo-Bennington Neighborhood Park. The residents received a copy of the letter to Mary Bradford, Director of Parks, the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission granting permission to manage this land adjoining the park. Kathleen Samiy described the group's efforts and noted particular thanks to the late Mr. Al Little and to Mr. Golub for their tireless contributions. It was also noted that Councilmember Valerie Ervin and Benjamin Stutz, the Councilmember's Legislative Aide were instrumental in helping to resolve this issue.

Business Meeting

Minutes: The minutes of the March 1, 2007 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report for 04/05/07: Bill Kaupert, SOECA Treasurer, provided the following report: SOECA currently has a checking account balance of \$4,913.56, as of March 31, 2007; the current Certificate of Deposit matured March 8, 2007 with an estimated value of \$2,147.76. New maturity date is June 6, 2007. A membership report was provided and included one new household on Pershing Drive bringing the membership up to 187 households. A motion to approve the report was made and seconded. **Call Bill Kaupert at 301-585-3385 with any questions about membership or dues.**

Announcements/Discussion:

Expansion of Existing Sligo Creek Golf Course Facilities: One member brought up the County's proposed action to build a driving range, miniature golf course, and club house renovations at the site of the current Sligo Creek Golf Course.

Area Roads and Intersections: Photographs showing the condition of the silver traffic poles on Sligo Creek Parkway near the Old Blair track were provided. Group also discussed the need for a barrier located at Sligo Creek and Piney Branch.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Helpful Contact Information

Council member Valerie Ervin:

- **Email:** councilmember.ervin@montgomerycounty.gov.
- **Telephone:** 240-777-7960.

Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Division

Emergency: 301-949-3010

Non emergency: 301-949-8010

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC): go to www.wsscwater.com.

Downtown Silver Spring: go to www.silverspringdowntown.com

New Transit Station: for project updates go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sstc or call [240-777-7221](tel:240-777-7221)

Silver Spring Regional Center: 8435 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910; 301-565-7300; Email: Silverspring@montgomerycountymd.gov

Mark Your Calendar
Last SOECA Meeting before the Summer Break.
Please Join Us!
Thursday, May 17, 2007

No summer meetings; they'll resume in Fall '07

Remember: support our longtime, downtown Silver Spring restaurants and small businesses!

HOW TO JOIN SOECA'S LISTSERV:

- Send an e-mail to: soeca-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.
- You will then receive an e-mail reply at your inbox from "Yahoo Groups".
- Click on "Reply" and then "Send" to return confirmation of your desire to join.
- You can post a message to the community by sending an e-mail to:
soeca@egroups.com or soeca@yahoogroups.com

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BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WHAT DOES SOECA DO?

- Acts as a collective voice representing over 700 households to promote neighborhood interests to state and county representatives
- Provides this newsletter with pertinent neighborhood information
- Helps organize useful programs such as the Neighborhood Watch Program
- Holds regular meetings to address community issues
- Participates in meetings addressing Ellsworth and Bennington Parks and other community issues

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF SOECA

Send this slip plus \$10 annual household dues (\$5 for senior citizens and single members) to: Bill Kaupert, SOECA Treasurer, 9222 Manchester Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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