

# *embrace your* **Village~osity** *serving residents of zip code 20910*

*Meet Our Village*



*Love Our Village*



*Belong to Our Village*



Helping Neighbors Age in Place

**FY 2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

# Silver Spring Village

Helping Neighbors Age in Place



*The mission of Silver Spring Village is to build and sustain a supportive network of neighbors helping neighbors remain in their own homes and be engaged in the community as they age.*



Peggy Gervasi  
President, FY 2016



Debbie Billet-Roumell  
Executive Director

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Silver Spring Village was honored to give a presentation about our vital work to the Montgomery County Civic Federation, an umbrella organization of neighborhood, homeowner and condominium associations. And we were especially honored to be described by Pazit Aviv, Montgomery County's Village Coordinator, as *"a robust Village."*

Miriam-Webster defines "robust" as: "having or showing vigor, strength, or firmness; strongly formed or constructed; capable of performing without failure under a wide range of conditions."

What made us a robust Village in FY 2016?

We continued to provide extraordinary care to our members in need. Our oldest member is 95 years old. We drive her to her exercise class twice a week, grocery visits once a week and doctor appointments. A volunteer comes to her home twice a week for a friendly visit. We are in regular contact with her son who lives out of state.

A quick glance at our numbers (page 4) makes clear that our seniors are taking advantage of the many services and programs we provide. Volunteers provided 725 rides, 523 friendly visits and phone calls, 403 in-home and other services. We offered a total of 122 educational, social, and recreational programs to make sure seniors had a way to develop social connections that are so important for their wellbeing.

We added services to assist our members in particularly vulnerable situations like medical appointments and storms.

Eight of our volunteers are trained in medical note-taking. On request, these volunteers accompany members to doctor visits, take notes during the visit, and ensure that all of the member's questions are answered.

In our "storm buddy" program, volunteers prepare members before a storm by checking for adequate flashlights, medications, and food. They help during the storm with daily phone calls and following the storm with snow removal or yard cleanup.

We expanded our programs to include intergenerational offerings: yoga with Silver Spring Day School students and a monthly reading program with Easter Seals.

We hired a consultant to expand the racial, ethnic and income diversity of our Village. Diversity benefits our Village and strengthens our community.

We hope after reading this Annual Report, you will agree that Silver Spring Village is robust and on the move as we gain momentum in enriching the lives of seniors and reaching out to more constituents.

**Your support makes this possible.**

# Meet Our Village

Silver Spring Village is a vibrant network of neighbors helping neighbors who want to “age in place.” Since 2013, we have been providing services and programs that help our older neighbors thrive – in their own homes and community.

**OUR MEMBERS** include long-time Silver Spring residents as well as new arrivals, homeowners and apartment dwellers, working people and retirees with vastly different histories and circumstances. We prize the ethnic and cultural diversity of the “suburban/urban” area we serve, and we welcome all.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS** bring an amazing array of skills and experiences and a can-do attitude. They address members’ diverse needs and interests with compassion, skill and joy. Many of our volunteers are Village members.

## OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

cosponsor events, provide meeting venues and other resources that expand and enrich our program offerings.

Together, we are working to make Silver Spring a great place to age in place. We thank you for your help thus far, and we invite you to embrace your “village-osity”!

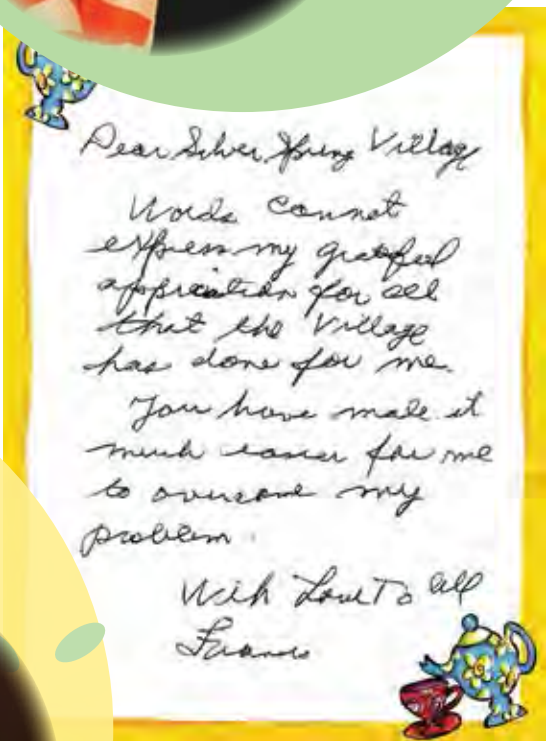
*Jay joined for the activities and to expand his social network. He says the Village “is a wonderful way to meet new people with diverse interests and fascinating stories.”*



*Frances wants to stay in the home where she’s lived for over 54 years.*



*Thanks to the Village, she’s doing just that.*



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**SILVER SPRING VILLAGE, INC.  
LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Peggy Gervasi, President  
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 Robin Talbert  
 Sara Watkins, Capacity Partners

**VILLAGE VIBE EDITORS**

Connie Raab & Erica Summers

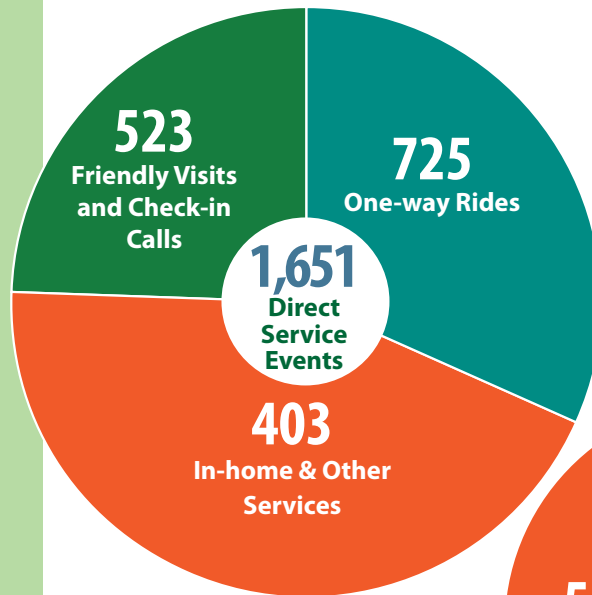
**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Easter Seals DC/MD/VA  
 Holy Cross Hospital  
 Silver Spring Day School  
 Silver Spring Library  
 Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.

*Silver Spring Village, Inc. is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization [501(c)(3)].*

*This report covers Village activities and accomplishments for FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016).*

**MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER NUMBERS as of June 30th**



**"In-home & Other Services" includes:** home repairs, de-cluttering, paperwork, meal delivery, shopping, cooking, medical note-taking, escorted walks, I.T. support, pet care, yard work, and more.



*Volunteers practiced role-playing during our required training.*



*Board members showed our colors in downtown Silver Spring.*



# Love Our Village

## MEMBERS' VOICES

### WHAT THEY LOVE ABOUT OUR VILLAGE:

#### SOCIAL CONNECTIONS & COMMUNITY

“I have met so many people since I joined, built friendships, become more active than I have ever been.”

“Various social events keep me in tune with other like-minded folks.”

“I get a sense of real community.”

#### ABILITY TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT

“[The Village] takes very seriously our needs and desires to remain independent with a little support, and to have a real life according to our interests.”

“I can call and arrange for someone to take me to the doctor or pick up medicine, go to the grocery store, or anywhere.”

“Help with recycling bin, paperwork, changing light bulbs, de-cluttering, technology...”

#### HEALTHY MINDS AND BODIES

“I enjoy the intellectual challenge of the book group: new ideas, new information, different perspectives.”

“Loved intergenerational yoga! Good division of time between the kids and the adults.”

“The professor’s lecture on the economy gave me great talking points for dinner party conversations. Substantive content that is very relevant in Washington DC!”

#### PEACE OF MIND

“Having people to call when I need help.”

“I am thinking of the future and that, as I age, I will be able to stay in my home since help is available through the Village.”

“Silver Spring Village adds **VALUE** to my home and **SUSTAINABILITY** to my community.”

~ Jim  
a member

## INTEREST GROUPS:

Current Events

Books

Bridge

Scrabble

Foodies

Film Lovers

Members meet for coffee and conversation.



Our Scrabblers have a way with words!

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## SILVER SPRING VILLAGE, INC.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

#### INCOME:

Membership Dues .....	\$24,150
Donations:	
Individuals .....	15,712
Foundations .....	10,000
Contracts.....	25,000
Other .....	1,032
In-Kind Income .....	11,228
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$ 87,122</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Programs .....	\$49,511
Fundraising .....	7,443
Administration .....	10,621
In-Kind Expenses .....	11,228
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$78,804</b>
<b>NET INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$ 8,318</b>

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2016

#### Assets:

Cash .....	\$58,092
Other Assets .....	1,291
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$59,383</b>

#### Liabilities & Net Assets:

Account Payables.....	\$626
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$626</b>
Unrestricted Assets.....	\$58,757
Temporarily Restricted Assets .....	0
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$58,757</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp;</b>	
<b>NET ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$59,383</b>

Overall, total income (excluding in-kind donations) increased 28% to \$75,894 in FY 2016 compared to prior year. About a third of the income came from membership dues, a third from a County contract, and a third from donations from individuals and foundations. Operating expenses also increased significantly with the hiring of two part-time paid employees with payroll expenses accounting for about 54% of total expenses (excluding in-kind donations). Net income totaled \$8,318 which increased unrestricted assets to \$58,757. This includes an operating reserve of \$38,000 to ensure sustainability of the organization.

## THANK YOU, DONORS & VOLUNTEERS!

### DONORS

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

#### GIFTS OF \$1,000 AND ABOVE

Peggy & Fred Gervasi  
Raab Spirit Fund  
Mac and Carlene Roberts  
Seekers Church, Takoma Park, MD

#### GIFTS OF \$500 TO \$999

Martine Brizius  
Kathy Kopnisky & Peter Collins  
George Lane  
Ed Lee & Alice Richey  
Claire & David Maklan  
Anthony R. Sarmiento & Janet Silva  
Mary Ann Zimmerman

#### GIFTS OF \$250 TO \$499

Gil Baxter  
David Goldstein  
Dennis Gosier  
Gary Klauber  
Sheila Maklan  
Anne & Jim McHenry  
Mae Novak  
Terry Savage & Dwight Onley  
Chuck & Denise Sherer  
Darren Vieira

#### GIFTS OF \$100 TO \$249

Anonymous (3)  
Karen Alibrando & Bill Brekke  
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Liz Brent, Go Brent Team, KWCP  
Maria & Richard Burcroff  
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Marcy Frosh

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Theone Relos  
Steve Rosen  
Dee Schofield  
Alan Talbert  
Betty Whitley  
Norma & Dwight Wilson

#### GIFTS UP TO \$99

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Megan L. Foley  
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James Meyerhoff  
Jeannette O'Connor  
Richard J. Penze  
Vanessa Ripps  
Bruce & Bonnie Rosenthal  
Elizabeth J. Samuels  
Elyse I. Summers

#### GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation  
Montgomery County Executive Collaboration  
IN-KIND SUPPORT  
CVS (Blair Park)  
Steve Devoney  
Giant (Blair Park)  
Holly Looney Photography  
Willie James Inman  
Jewish Council on Aging/Village Rides  
Kaldi's Social House

Parkway Deli  
Daniel Peck, Peck Studios  
Safeway (Thayer Ave.)  
Seabury at Springvale Terrace  
Senior Service America  
Silver Spring Regional Center  
United Therapeutics

### VOLUNTEERS

Marilyn Bate  
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Martine Brizius  
Jacqueline Brown  
Jane Brown  
Erin Byrne  
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Zoe Davis  
Sue Decker  
Tanya DeKona  
Ellen Dreyer  
Harriet Dugan  
Katie Dust  
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Cherri Eitel  
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Cynna Janus  
Sandy Kempner

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Andrea Kline  
Shannah Koss  
Carolyn Lauer  
Ed Lee  
Elaine Lewis  
Brian Lichter  
Jennie Lichter  
Roberta Light  
Carol Lite  
Claire Maklan  
Nancy Markstein  
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Ina Marx  
Veronica McCandless  
Anne McHenry  
Carroll McKown  
Helen McLendon  
Vern McLendon  
Isabelle Melese-d'Hospital  
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Arvid Muller  
Blake Novak  
Mae Novak  
Angela Nugent  
Marsha Obusek  
Lynn Olson  
Nora Onley  
Judith Perry  
Bill Pierce  
Gail Polivy  
Connie Raab  
Reemberto Rodriguez  
Lois Rose  
Bruce Rosenthal  
Jim Roumell  
Tony Sarmiento  
Terry Savage  
Bill Schauman  
Kerstin Schmidt  
Chuck Sherer  
Denise Sherer  
Jurg Siegenthaler  
Erica Summers  
Fran Sussman  
Darren Vieira  
Jacqueline Wallen  
Lynn Weiss  
Stefanie Weldon  
Robert Werner  
Martha Wittman  
Janice Zalen  
Mary Ann Zimmerman

# Belong to Our Village

Silver Spring  
Village creates  
**BONDS** within and  
across **DIVERSE**  
neighborhoods.

**JOIN.** Whether you are interested in attending programs, engaging in social activities, receiving services, or just want to demonstrate your support, membership is one way to participate.

*Full Members* can receive volunteer services, invitations to all our events and programs, discounts from local businesses, referrals to professionals, and *Washington Consumers' Checkbook*. Annual dues are \$350 for an individual and \$450 for a couple. Financial assistance is available; contact us for details.

*Associate Members* receive invitations to all Village activities and programs plus all other benefits of full membership except volunteer services. Annual dues are \$150 for an individual and \$250 for a couple.

**VOLUNTEER.** Whether you have a lot of time to give, or just a little, volunteering is another way to be part of our Village.

Volunteer opportunities are tailored to your interests, skills, and schedule. We will train you, insure you, and provide rewarding experiences.

**SUPPORT.** Your financial contribution helps keep our Village strong and growing.

*We are grateful to all of our past – and future – donors.* Financial support from individuals, government, foundations, businesses, and corporate and religious institutions is a vital supplement to our dues income. In-kind donations, like discounts, meeting venues, and supplies, are additional ways you can be part of our Village.

Photos from top:  
*These members are also volunteers.*

*Members and children participated in intergenerational yoga.*

*Film lovers went behind the scenes at the AFI theater.*

*Village events are opportunities to make new friends.*



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# Build Our Village!

## HOW TO:

**DONATE BY CHECK**—make payable to Silver Spring Village and send to Silver Spring Village, PO Box 8217, Silver Spring, MD 20907.

**DONATE ON-LINE**—go to [www.silverspringvillage.org](http://www.silverspringvillage.org) and press the Donate tab.

**LEAVE A LEGACY**—contact Darren Vieira about a bequest or other planned giving by calling 301-503-7401 or send email to [info@silverspringvillage.org](mailto:info@silverspringvillage.org).

**JOIN**—go to [www.silverspringvillage.org](http://www.silverspringvillage.org) and press the Membership tab, or call 301-503-7401 and ask to speak with Anne McHenry.

**VOLUNTEER**—go to [www.silverspringvillage.org](http://www.silverspringvillage.org) and press the Volunteers tab, or call 301-503-7401 and ask to speak with Vanessa Rippes.

Cover photos from top:

*Like many others, these neighbors first met at a Village event.*

*When they moved to Montgomery County from New Jersey, this couple chose Silver Spring—because of our Village!*

*Members, volunteers, and friends enjoyed a sunny afternoon exchanging plants and seeds.*



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## EVENTS SAMPLER *Something for everyone!*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FY 2016 MEMBER EVENTS

**INSIDE WASHINGTON:** *Washington Post* local columnist John Kelly regaled members with stories collected over his long and interesting career.

**JAMAICAN COOKING LESSON:** Members had fun – followed by a tasty feast – at a cooking lesson with a Villager who grew up in Jamaica.

**THE U.S. ECONOMY:** Professor Arthur Alexander debunked many widely held “myths” about the U.S. economy.

**STRICTLY SOCIAL:** Members enjoyed wine, cheese and conversation around another member’s fireplace.

**FASHION FUN:** Carol Trawick of the Trawick Foundation entertained and enlightened members in her talk and demonstration about “Fun with Fashion,” where she revealed her secrets for fashion success.

**HISTORY OF THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY:** A presentation by diplomat and historian Stephen H. Grant focused on the life of Henry and Emily Folger, founders of the Folger Shakespeare Library.

**OPENING DAY BASEBALL:** Nats’ fans gathered for an Opening Day Viewing Party at a member’s home. They enjoyed the excitement of Opening Day on a big screen TV with food, fun and companionship.

**OUTREACH:** We held a Valentines Day event at Church of the Ascension to introduce our Village to residents of East Silver Spring.

**ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE:** Representatives from the Alzheimer’s Association presented workshops on “Healthy Living for Brain and Body” and “Know the Ten Signs: Early Detection Matters.”

**GALLERY VISIT:** Members viewed an exhibit of art glass at the Waverly Gallery followed by a casual lunch.

**ANTIQUÉ FURNITURE:** Members who are experts on antique furniture restoration gave a presentation and demonstration on “Gold Leaf through the Ages.”

**PLANT AND SEED SWAP:** Members and guests exchanged tips, pots, and more at our third annual Plant and Seed Swap in a member’s garden.

**PI/PIE DAY:** On March 14, to celebrate the significance of “3.14.16,” Village volunteers delivered slices of home-baked pie to any member who had so requested.

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