

# THE CLASSICS

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## **The Classics Restaurant Closing For Business**

*The Classics Restaurant's Last Day Of Business, February 27, 2018*

**SILVER SPRING MD, February 13, 2018** – The Classics Restaurant, Silver Spring MD, will close for business at the end of the day on February 27, 2018. Opened as “Ray’s The Classics” in August 2006 and continued in business as “The Classics Restaurant” from July 2013, dwindling market and support from local government makes continuation of business untenable.

“Ray’s The Classics” was opened on August 3, 2006 by Michael Landrum (Owner) and Elliott Rattley (Director of Operations), to be a landmark in the rejuvenation of “Downtown Silver Spring” as an arts and theater district, with the support of the Montgomery County Government. “Ray’s The Classics” persevered through initiatives by the Montgomery County Government, that never came to fruition, the over budget, over time Silver Spring transit hub as a prime example.

In early 2013, Michael Landrum sold the restaurant to Elliott Rattley, with a transition date of July 1, 2013. Mr. Rattley then incorporated Nick Lopata, a tenured bartender, into the business as a General Manager/Partner and the establishment was changed to “The Classics Restaurant”.

After some eleven and a half years, the Montgomery County Government has yet to show any support for the independent businessman in this area. Along with the onerous burden that the ineffective Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control places on

an independent operator by their over the normal, for every local jurisdiction, pricing structure to support a bloated and antiquated bureaucracy, and the unfriendly business climate that Montgomery County in general creates, the continuance of this business is untenable. Of course, the loss of a Fortune 500 company directly across the street hastened this decision. (Discovery Channel)

“The Classics Restaurant”, myself and my staff would like to convey the greatest thanks to the folks who have supported the restaurant over the years; the neighborhood residents, the concierges at the hotels for referring their guests to the restaurant, many friendships have developed for the folks in on business.

Special thanks goes to Lee Development Group, Bruce Lee and his staff, who went over the norm to restructure and give assistance to make the restaurant viable. Jane Reddicker and her staff at the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce, for being on point for any issues that would affect the small businessman.

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