

ECA Newsletter

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ECA Spring Membership Meeting

The spring ECA membership meeting is held in April each year. This year, we’ve had some trouble finding a location and date to hold the meeting, so it is going to be delayed. I will post an announcement as soon as the meeting is scheduled. In the meantime, if anyone has a specific issue/topics they think we should cover at the meeting, please send me an email message (president@edgemoorcitizens.org).

Connie Morella Library Now Open

Following a 9-month renovation, the Bethesda Library is now open. A dedication ceremony was held on April 14, renaming the library the Connie Morella Library, in honor of the longtime Bethesda resident, who represented area residents for 8 years in the Maryland General Assembly, and for 16 years in the US House of Representatives. The dedication ceremony drew a large crowd of local residents and dignitaries, including Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan, Montgomery County Council President Hans Reimer, Maryland State Delegate Marc Korman, Maryland State Senator Susan Lee, U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin, and many others. Bethesda resident and library patron Cokie Roberts gave the dedication address. You can see the program for the dedication as well as some photos on the Neighborhood News page of the ECA website (<http://www.edgemoorcitizens.org/neighborhoodnews.html>).

BOWA/ECA Junk Day

This year’s BOWA/ECA Junk Day will be held on Sunday, May 6 in the parking lot of the Connie Morella Library (formerly Bethesda Library) at 7400 Arlington Road. Between 9:00 and 11:00 AM, there will be a truck and crew there to collect junk for disposal, gently used items for donation, and electronics for recycling. No paint or

hazardous materials will be accepted. I'll send out a separate message in the next few days with further details.

Bethesda Small Business Showcase – Henry's Sweet Retreat

Edgemoor residents Tom and Patty Craver opened Henry's Sweet Retreat at 4823 St. Elmo Ave. in October, 2016. When their middle child went off to college, Patty needed something to fill her free time. She had always wanted her own business and after many brainstorming sessions, they came up with something that Bethesda didn't have. They also wanted a business that would be fun and that would make people feel good and happy when they walked into the store. Mission accomplished! Henry's is a modern version of a traditional candy store, with not only candies and sweets, but fudge, hand-scooped ice cream floats, shakes and lots more. They introduced Graeter's ice cream to this area. (Graeter's is from Cincinnati - Tom's hometown.) Just this month, they introduced their new Acacia Bowls – a healthy sweet option.

According to Patty, the support they've received from the local community has been overwhelming. They love that they were able to bring a small, locally-owned mom and pop business to Bethesda when it seems like chain stores are dominating downtown. They like the challenge of coming up with new ideas and trying to stay current. Of course, owning a business is not without plenty of other challenges. The anxiety and stress that comes with being responsible for every aspect of the business never goes away. But, Tom and Patty get a great deal of enjoyment from running the store and meeting all the nice people of all ages who come in. They love seeing their neighbors and friends come in. If you haven't made it to Henry's yet, they would love to see you stop by.

Henry's Sweet Retreat is located at 4823 St. Elmo Ave. They are open from 11AM-8PM Monday through Thursday, 11AM-10PM Friday, 9AM-10PM Saturday, and 9AM-8PM Sunday. The phone number is 240-483-0485 and their web address is <http://www.henrysweetretreat.com/>

Do you have a suggestion for a local small business to feature in the Small Business Showcase? Send me an email (president@edgemoorcitizens.org).

Edgemoor Tip of the Day – infoShare

“InfoShare” is the weekly newsletter of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, containing general information on the week's Planning Board Agenda, upcoming events in the Department of Parks and important notices pertaining to the Planning Department. You can have it delivered to your email inbox every Friday. It's a great way to keep up to speed on M-NCPPC activity. To sign up, go here:

<http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/infoshare/>

Incidentally -- if you want more detailed news about specific Parks and Planning initiatives, you can also sign up for project-specific email updates here:

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001uV3jnccU8baGNBTdLLpjxRAi7A6iOrSSeZdJOoM116ZvH4HYhjf5aTOcRuN8w4NmXZkG6coSpnwlc5pmuOf0zDWjK83FLF4zxZ-6jI8ZG4XRusa2rEmKny6yS8Lk0B0ncjqbDm2BsP8KOSL8uptD9UfrkMyG5_4E

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