

# **ECA Newsletter**

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### New 4-Way Stop Signs in the Neighborhood

As you may recall, Montgomery County DOT conducted several traffic studies throughout the neighborhood last year and, as a result, agreed to make several changes. Since then, they moved the double-yellow center line along Elm Street, between Arlington Road and Clarendon Road, to allow more space for traffic and parking lanes. They also added additional signage at three intersections (Moorland Lane/Glenbrook Road, Moorland Lane/Exeter Road, and Hampden Lane/Denton Road), to warn drivers when oncoming cross-traffic does not stop. Although they also agreed to install 4-way stops signs at two intersections (Hampden Lane/Fairfax Road and at Hampden Lane/Exeter Road), that work had taken longer due to other work priorities related to COVID-19. They now tell us that this work is now scheduled to begin in mid-August, weather and schedule permitting. About 2 weeks prior to installation of the new 4-way stop signs, they put up temporary signage notifying motorists of the upcoming change.

### Pedestrian/Bike/Vehicle Safety on Elm Street Right-of-Way

The expanded pedestrian walking path along the Elm Street right-of-way between Exfair and Glenbrook is popular among neighborhood residents. The path crosses Fairfax Road, and there have been a few pedestrian/bike/vehicle conflicts. The ECA has asked the Department of Transportation to look into adding additional signage or making other necessary safety improvements. They did not give us a specific timeline during which they will come out and review the area. I'll be following up with them to make sure it happens, and keep you posted.

In the meantime, please use extra caution when walking, biking, or driving through that intersection.

### New Library Hours

Most Montgomery County Public Libraries (including Connie Morella Library) have new service hours effective August 2 for telephone and contact-less holds pickup services. The new hours are:

Sunday: 1-5 pm

Monday: 10 am-6 pm

Tuesday: 10 am-8 pm

Wednesday: 10 am-6 pm.

Thursday: 10 am-8 pm

Friday: 10 am-6 pm

Saturday: 10 am-6 pm

### Businesses Reopening

As local businesses continue to reopen across Montgomery County, many residents are confused or have questions about what the rules are for different businesses. The County has a convenient website, [Reopening Montgomery](#), which has all the latest news and up-to-date rules for different circumstances. Contemplating holding or going to a yard sale? The rules are here for that, and just about any other reopening question you might have. Have you seen a business that is not following the rules? You can report violations here, too. Look for the “Report a Violation” link on the right side of the page.

### Safe Disposal of Alkaline Batteries

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection recently changed its policy on how residents should dispose of alkaline batteries. These common every-day household batteries have always been disposed of in regular household trash. Now, they are to be treated as hazardous waste and disposed of at the Shady Grove Processing Facility. For additional information, go [HERE](#).

### EC-Net Reminders

EC-Net, the ECA’s neighborhood email group, is a great way to send and receive neighborhood news and information. It’s also the primary means by which the ECA Board communicates with ECA members, including this Newsletter. The group is moderated and the posting/replying rules are fairly strict in order to keep the number of messages manageable and to keep the group focused on our neighborhood. Here are a few reminders about the most common problem areas. You can find a more complete discussion of these and other rules on the ECA website, [HERE](#):

- Sign all messages with your first and last name so that group members know who sent the message.

- Do not post messages on behalf of others.
- When replying to a message, reply only to the sender of a message - Do not "Reply All."
- In order to send messages to the group, you must use the same email address you receive EC-Net messages on. If not, the system will not recognize you as a member of the group.

### Edgemoor Tip of the Month – Senior Planet Montgomery

*Senior Planet Montgomery* is a technology training program supported by the County Department of Technology Services for people aged 60 and older. It offers free online video conference classes designed to enhance a wide variety of life skills. There are classes in English and Spanish covering a variety of topics such topics as Computer and Internet Basics, Shopping and Entertainment Online, Financial Tools, Food Delivery Apps, Saving Money Online, and Zoom. It also has a variety of exercise classes.

Sessions concentrate on user-friendly tools and resources and are designed to enable older adults to learn to utilize technologies to improve their daily lives. For more information, and to sign up for classes, visit their website [HERE](#).

Do you have a tip you'd like to share with your neighbors? Please email me your suggestions [HERE](#).

*The ECA Newsletter is a compilation of information relevant to Edgemoor area residents. It is distributed on an occasional basis on the EC-Net email list.*