

# **ECA Newsletter**

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## ECA New Year's Neighborhood Brunch

The ECA will hold its annual New Year's Neighborhood Brunch at the Edgemoor Club on Sunday, January 7 from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Please note that, as it was last year, the Brunch is not on New Year's Day, but the Sunday following that. The ECA will provide bagels, toppings, coffee and juice. Feel free to bring along a dish to share with your neighbors. We could use some volunteer's to help with buying and delivering food, and with set-up and clean up. If you are interested in helping out, please email [DavidKBarnes@gmail.com](mailto:DavidKBarnes@gmail.com).

## Arlington Road Pedestrian Safety and Bicycle Lanes

Montgomery County Department of Transportation hosted a meeting of local citizens on December 7 to present the most recent findings and actions to come out of a new Safety Evaluation of Arlington Road. As you may know, the County did an assessment in 2014 to see whether it was feasible to put dedicated bicycle lanes along Arlington Road, and they determined that the bicycle lanes were not feasible due to the adverse impact on traffic movement. The new study was conducted to assess both pedestrian and bicycle safety issues. The new study found that traffic volume along the road was less than it had been in 2014, but that bicycle lanes were still not feasible. DOT staff indicated that these lanes may still be possible at some time in the future, but not now. They are now focusing on separate bike lanes on Woodmont Avenue. The study also found several pedestrian safety issues related to signage, lane/crosswalk markings, ADA compliance and traffic light timing. The contractor who conducted the study made recommendations to enhance pedestrian safety. Many of the

recommended changes related to signage, road/crosswalk markings, and vegetation trimming have already been completed by DOT. Some of the other significant changes that DOT plans to implement in the near future:

- Changes to the intersections of Arlington Road at Edgemoor and at Elm so that vehicle traffic traveling eastbound and westbound will not be able to make a left turn onto Arlington at the same time pedestrians are crossing Arlington in their path.
- Changes to the signal timing at the intersection of Bethesda Avenue and Arlington so that pedestrian in all directions have a dedicated signal when all traffic is stopped for pedestrian crossing.

### Montgomery County Planning Board Hearing on Bicycle Master Plan

In related news, the Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a hearing on the County's draft Bicycle Master Plan on January 25. If you would like more information, go to:

<http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/functional-planning/bicycle-master-plan/2017-bicycle-master-plan-public-hearing-draft/>

### Leaf Collection Schedule

Montgomery County has completed both of its leaf collections in our area (Area 3F, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/leaf/index.html>). If you still have piles of leaves in your yard, they will not be collected and you will have to either bag them (in paper bags—not plastic) or put them in a trash can for pick up with the weekly yard waste collection on trash day.

### Fairfax/Clarendon Intersection Revision

Those of you who frequent the southern part of Edgemoor have probably noticed the changes to the intersection where Fairfax Road, Clarendon Road, and Manning Drive intersect. The major structural changes and landscaping have been completed and the new traffic pattern is in place. However, the project is not complete yet. Additional work will be performed (in the next couple of weeks, they say) to repave the roadways at the intersection and paint new lane markings, crosswalks and lane lines. Please continue to use caution in that area as drivers and pedestrians become accustomed to the new configuration.

### Digital Parking Permits and Decals

Many of you may have just received a letter in the mail from Montgomery County Division of Parking Management, which included decals that you can put on your vehicles that are registered for a Digital Parking Permit. The letter raises a number of questions and residents have gotten conflicting answers from calling the parking office. The ECA has contacted the Chief of the Parking Operations Section to clarify the following questions. We hope to have answers early next week, and will pass them to Edgemoor residents immediately through EC-Net:

1. Are users of digital parking permits required to use the decals, or is use of the decals is optional;
2. What is the procedure for a person who does not currently have a digital visitor permit to obtain a paper visitor permit; and
3. What is the deadline for mailing back the form for converting a current digital visitor permit to a paper visitor permit? (The letter was dated November 6, but was not mailed until a month later. It gives a deadline of November 30, which had expired before the letter was even mailed.)

#### EC-Net Etiquette

A reminder, for those of you who use EC-Net, the ECA's email discussion list: When you reply to a posting, please "reply" only to the person who made the original posting. Do not "reply all." The postings are monitored and replies will not be sent on to the entire list (although the reply to the original poster will go through). Addressing the response properly (to only the poster) will save our EC-Net monitor unnecessary work. For more information about EC-Net rules and etiquette, see:  
<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/Edgemoor>

#### Tip of the Day – Montgomery County 311

Need a new Recycling Bin? Have a question about your property tax bill? Want to complain about a missed trash pick-up? Have a landlord/tenant dispute? Call 311. MC311 Customer Service Center is Montgomery County's source for non-emergency government information and services. Many residents have used it and found that it's convenient and the people are very responsive. (When you call, you actually get to talk with a real human being.) Monday-Friday 7am-7pm. There's also a web portal:  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mc311/>

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