

# **ECA Newsletter**

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## ECA Spring Membership Meeting – Mark Your Calendar

The semi-annual ECA Membership for spring 2019 will be held on Thursday, April 11 at the Edgemoor Club. We're going to make some changes to the meeting schedule this time, with wine and hors d'oeuvres (provided by the ECA) at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:15. Look for more information in a future email, but the special guest will be our Montgomery County Councilmember Andrew Friedson, who will speak on his priorities, listen to your concerns, and answer questions. We will also discuss possible changes to EC-Net rules and user guidelines.

## Pay Your ECA Membership Dues for 2019

As noted in last month's Newsletter, you can help reduce the cost and effort involved in collecting ECA dues (still just \$25) by paying online now--so we don't have to send you a reminder letter. You can pay using a credit or debit card, PayPal or Venmo. If you do it by the end of February, we'll cross you off the dues letter mailing list. (Of course, you can still wait for the letter and pay by mail.)

To pay online, go to the ECA Membership page on the ECA website [HERE](#), and follow the instructions under "To Renew Your Current ECA Membership."

## Montgomery County Seeks Residents' Input on Future Dog Park Locations

Recognizing the demand for additional dog park facilities in the County, Montgomery Parks is conducting a *Suitability Study for Dog Parks* to identify M-NCPPC Parks suitable for future dog park facilities. The study is intended to help identify locations for temporary, pop-up dog park events (such as the "Yappy Hour" that has been held at Elm Street Park) and that may be suitable for future permanent dog parks. The study focuses on higher-density parts of the County to better serve residents living in townhouses or multi-family housing who are unlikely to have a yard. Sites identified in

this study do not guarantee the construction of a future dog park facility or preclude the possibility of a dog park facility at other parks in the County. As part of the study, they are asking for public input on preferred sites for future dog parks. To find out more, and to participate in the survey, go [HERE](#).

#### New ECA Board Member

Following the ECA board changes mentioned in last month's Newsletter, the board appointed Huda Montemarano to serve as an at-large member of the board. She will fill the position vacated by Jeffrey Drichta when he was appointed Vice President. Huda is a pediatric radiologist, and lives on Fairfax Road with her husband and their two youngest children. She has been involved in previous ECA activities as a volunteer, and we are delighted that she agreed to serve on the board. As noted last month, all ECA board member terms expire in October 2019, when we will hold the semi-annual election at our fall meeting. Look for more information about the election in a future ECA Newsletter.

#### Edgemoor Tip of the Day – Tree Montgomery

*Tree Montgomery* is a county program to plant shade trees across Montgomery County. The goal is to plant shade trees and increase the tree county's canopy. They work closely with residents to choose locations and tree species to plant on their property, supply and plant the trees, and help with caring for the new trees--all for free. They have a waiting list, so it may not be fast and you'll need to be patient. But the program is ongoing and is funded. For more information and to sign up, go [HERE](#).

(Note that street trees, including trees on the street side county right-of-way, are managed under the Division of Highway Services Street Tree Maintenance Program. Look for more on that in a future Tip of the Day.)

Do you have a tip you'd like to share with your neighbors? Please email me your suggestions ([president@edgemoorcitizens.org](mailto:president@edgemoorcitizens.org)).

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