

ECA Newsletter

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The July issue of the ECA newsletter is shorter than usual (as the August one will probably be), but here are a few items.

ECA July 4th Parade and Party

Neighborhood kids and parents came out to celebrate Independence Day in style at the annual ECA July 4th Parade and Party. Pictures of the event are posted on the ECA website (<http://www.edgemoorcitizens.org/july4th.html>), so check them out.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and to everyone who made the event possible:

- ECA board members Julie Clark, who was the main organizer; Jeffrey Drichta and Bridget Foist, who helped making all the arrangements; and Josh Perelman, who arranged for the fire and rescue equipment to lead the parade.
- Neighborhood volunteers Suzanne Snedegar, Bruce and Suzanne Glassman, Nick Clark and David Hilton.
- And the Edgemoor Club and its members for allowing us to use the club, and for their continued support of the ECA's community activities.

Intersection of Arlington Road and Bethesda Avenue

As you may remember, the ECA sent a letter on May 30 to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation about the new traffic/pedestrian pattern at the intersection of Arlington Road and Bethesda Avenue. Although we supported the idea of an all-pedestrian phase in the light there, we suggested several modifications, including left turn signals and lanes for cars. I'm happy to report that DOT reinstated the left turn arrow for traffic traveling westbound on Bethesda Avenue, turning left at Arlington. They also changed the lane designations so that cars traveling that route have a dedicated left turn lane. The right hand lane is now for cars going straight across or turning right on Arlington.

EC-Net Reminders

Here are a few brief reminders for those of you who post and reply to messages on EC-Net, the ECA's neighborhood email list. As the list moderator, I try to be as flexible as possible when deciding whether a posting meets the usage guidelines (which you can review in their entirety at <http://www.edgemoorcitizens.org/ecnet.html>). Users are remarkably good about following the guidelines. But, there are still some posting rules that sometimes get missed:

1. Sign all posts with your first and last name. Even if you think people can figure out who you are from your email address, please sign your name at the end of the message.
2. Do not post messages on behalf of others. If you are passing on some message or information from another source that is of specific relevance to our community, then that's fine.
3. When replying to a post, send your reply only to the author of the original post—not to the entire email list. (That is, use "Reply" rather than "Reply All.") The only exception is if your reply is urgent and would be of great interest to the entire email list.

Edgemoor Tip of the Day – Montgomery County 311 Online

A few months ago, I wrote about Montgomery County's 311 service, where you can talk to a real human being about any Montgomery County service. In passing, I mentioned that there is an online portal for the service. This month, I wanted to call specific attention to the online version (at <https://www3.montgomerycountymd.gov/311/Alldepartments.aspx>).

If you go there, you'll find a list of almost 40 County offices or departments and clicking on any one will take you to the full list of all of that organization's services, with links for each service to more information and to online service requests. I had occasion to use this service once a few weeks ago when a neighbor contacted me to ask why the Elm Street right-of-way (the walking path that runs from the intersection of Elm and Exfair over to Fairfax and Glenbrook) had become overgrown. I went to the Department of Transportation's 311 listing (they handle mowing of rights-of-way along county roads), found the entry for Mowing, and completed a simple online form. That was at 8:10 in the morning. I happened to drive by the area around 1:30 that afternoon, and they were already half done mowing it. I can't guarantee that kind of response every time, but it's still a great resource to have.

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

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