

ECA Newsletter

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2018-2019 ECA Neighborhood Directory

All ECA voting members (i.e., those who pay annual dues) should have received their printed copy of the new 2018-2019 Neighborhood Directory in the mail. I hope you find it helpful. Remember that information in the directory is only for your personal, non-commercial and private use.

If you need to change or update anything about your directory listing, please see the instructions on the Neighborhood Directory page of the ECA website (<http://www.edgemoorcitizens.org/neighborhooddirectory.html>).

ECA July 4 Children's Parade and Party

Please join us for the ECA's annual July 4th Parade and Party! Children and parents will assemble 9:45 AM at the cul-de-sac at Moorland Lane and Bethesda Elementary School. A firetruck from the Bethesda Fire Department to lead the parade, starting at 10 AM, marching down Moorland to Exeter, turning left, and then down to the Edgemoor Club. Costumes, decorated bikes, scooters, wagons and strollers are encouraged. Former ECA President and First Lady, Len and Linda Simon, will serve as the parade's Grand Marshals. Neighbors are encouraged to come out at 10:00 AM to line the sidewalks along Moorland Lane and Exeter Road to the Edgemoor Club to cheer on the parade.

At the Club, there will be snacks and drinks until 12:30 PM, as well as face painting and balloon sculptures provided by Jason Levinson & Co.

If we have to cancel the parade due to inclement weather, we will send an email early the morning of July 4. But, the party will go on from 10AM until noon.

Many thanks the Edgemoor Club and its members for their continued support.

Intersection of Arlington Road and Edgemoor Lane

As you may recall, I recently asked for comments from the ECA community about the new traffic/pedestrian light sequence at Arlington Road and Edgemoor Lane in order to try to put together a letter to the Department of Transportation expressing the community's common concerns. Thanks to all of you who sent comments.

It is obvious that you gave a lot of thought to this, and there were many opinions about different aspects of the intersection—but, unfortunately, little consensus about what is good or bad about the new light configuration, or about what a better configuration would look like. For example, some thought the intersection was working fine before the change, while others thought the new arrangement was a big improvement. Some thought the pedestrian crossing time for Arlington Road is now too short, but others thought it allowed plenty of time to cross. A few people even lamented the loss of something that the old intersection didn't actually have or disliked a new feature that was actually the same in the old intersection.

Without significant areas of agreement, it would be inappropriate to send a letter representing specific positions on behalf of the community. Therefore, I will not be sending community comments to DOT. However, if you feel strongly about some aspect of the intersection, I encourage you to send your own thoughts and suggestions to the appropriate Department of Transportation staff (email: trafficops@montgomerycountymd.gov). Be sure to identify the specific intersection you are commenting about.

Planning Board Hearing on Bicycle Master Plan

The Montgomery County Planning Department invites the community to testify at the County Council's public hearing for the Bicycle Master Plan, scheduled for Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Office Building (100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD, third-floor hearing room). The hearing will be televised live on County Cable Montgomery channels and streamed live online. Here are some links if you would like more information:

Bicycle Master Plan - <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/functional-planning/bicycle-master-plan/>

County Council Agendas (to stream hearings live) - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html>

County Council Calendar (to sign up to testify) - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/calendar.html>

Capital Crescent Trail Crossing at Little Falls Parkway

As noted in the May ECA Newsletter, a community meeting was held at Somerset Elementary School on June 13 to introduce the County's project to make permanent changes to the Capital Crescent Trail crossing on Little Falls Parkway. I obtained a copy of the presentation showing the project goals and a dozen different alternative solutions they are looking at (you can see it here - http://www.edgemoorcitizens.org/images/CCT_at_Little_Falls_Community_Meeting_6-13-18_Presentation.pdf). The County plans to seek resident's input through an online "Open Town Hall," soon. I will pass on more information about that as it becomes available.

In addition, you may recall seeing a posting last week seeking information about a possible car/bicycle accident near that intersection. I was able to learn from Park Police that the incident did not involve a car. It appears that a bicyclist fell on the bike lane and a motorist pulled off the roadway to help. No information was available about the condition of the bicyclist.

Edgemoor Tip of the Day – Recycling Dos and Don'ts

My wife showed me an interesting article the other day called "6 Things You're Recycling Wrong" (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/29/climate/recycling-wrong-mistakes.html>). What was most interesting was that, for Montgomery County residents, the advice in the article was wrong on several points. This is, of course, because different communities have different recycling rules. Montgomery County recycles more than many communities, but it has many rules that are not obvious or intuitive. For example, did you know that paper towels should not be recycled with other paper? There is a good list of recycling Tips and Tricks on the Trash and Recycling page of the ECA website (<http://www.edgemoorcitizens.org/trashandrecycling.html>), along with general information about trash and recycling in our area. Check it out. And please recycle.

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.