

ECA Newsletter

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2019-2020 ECA Neighborhood Directory Delivery Date

As I said in the May ECA Newsletter, the 2019 Neighborhood Directory is on its way to your mailbox. They were mailed on June 6. But, my estimate that you would receive it by the 15th appears to have been overly optimistic. According to the printer, at it can take as long as two weeks to make it here. So, give them another week and if you don't have it by the 22nd, feel free to contact me (president@edgemoorcitizens.org).

ECA July 4 Children's Parade and Party

Don't miss the ECA's annual July 4th Parade and Party. The parade (lead by a Fire Truck from the Bethesda Fire Department) starts at 9:45AM the morning of July 4th. The parade will move from there to the Edgemoor Club for a party with food refreshments and entertainment from 10AM until noon. Thanks once again to the Edgemoor Club for allowing the ECA to use their facilities. Look for more information in your email as the date approaches.

Accessory Dwelling Units and Zoning Text Amendment 19-01

In a February 27 email, I told you about draft Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-01, which was being considered by the County Council. At that time, I sent a letter to the Council objecting to several aspects of the ZTA. Since then, the Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) committee held several work session on the ZTA, and recommended some minor modifications. However, as I said in my letter, “[d]espite the PHED's recommended improvements in the proposed ZTA, we continue to believe that the major revisions to the County's ADU policy proposed are unsupported, unwarranted and unwise, and that those changes would seriously undermine the County's single family zoning rules.” The proposed changes would be

especially problematic for homeowners in smaller residential zones (R-60 and R-90, which is the zoning in our neighborhood).

The full County Council is scheduled to hold a work session on the ZTA this coming Tuesday. Given the lack of significant improvement in the current draft, I wrote to the County Council again yesterday. You can see the letter [HERE](#).

If you are interested in writing to the County Council personally, can email the entire Council at

<https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/CCL>ContactForms/ContactCouncil.aspx> and our own Councilperson, Andrew Friedson, at councilmember.friedson@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Motor Vehicle Administration Offices and Emissions Stations Closed June 29

According to the Maryland Department of Transportation, all MDOT MVA Branch Offices and Vehicle Emissions Stations will be closed on Saturday, June 29, 2019 to perform computer system upgrades. The MDOT MVA Online Store and kiosks will also be unavailable from 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019 until 12 noon on Saturday, June 29, 2019. For more information, go [HERE](#).

You can sign up to receive MVA news and information by email. Go [HERE](#).

Edgemoor Tip of the Day – Real ID

As you probably know, States (including Maryland) have, for the past few years, been updating their drivers licenses to comply with the REAL ID Act, a Federal law that sets minimum standards for any kind of identification used for (among other things) boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft. Maryland began issuing new REAL ID-compliant licenses in 2016. (They have a star on the upper right side.) However, last year, the State of Maryland was told by Department of Homeland Security that their documentation retention procedures were not sufficient to meet DHS requirements. Therefore, approximately 1 million Marylanders who thought they had REAL ID-compliant licenses, do not. Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration is gradually recalling all those licenses and attempting to notify affected individuals who must update their documentation. However, the process of notifying individuals is not fool-proof. Don't assume that they will tell you when your license is being recalled. Please check yourself.

If you would like to find out if your license is REAL ID-complaint and what you should do if it is not, MVA has an information page, and a tool to check your license. To check your license, go [HERE](#). For the MVA Information page on REAL ID, go [HERE](#). There is a Washington Post article about this issue [HERE](#).

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

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