

# **ECA Newsletter**

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## No Contact Ordering from Montgomery County Farms

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, many farms in Montgomery County are now offering online ordering with no-contact pick-up and/or delivery. The County maintains a listing of all of the participating farms, with links to their websites, [HERE](#).

## ECA Letter to Montgomery County Planning Board

At its June 4 meeting, the Montgomery County Planning Board will consider modifying the borders of the Silver Spring Central Business District. They expect to do this through an administrative action, without any substantive public notice, outreach or comment, and without review by the County Council. You can view the Board's agenda and find a link to the staff analysis of the issue [HERE](#).

On June 2, I sent a letter to Planning Board Chairman Casey Anderson expressing our concern about this action, which would effectively rezone part of the surrounding residential community without community or County Council involvement. Although the Board's current action would have no immediate impact on our community, it would set a dangerous precedent for the future, when the Board could take similar action to expand the Bethesda Central Business District into adjacent residential communities like ours. You can see a copy of the letter [HERE](#).

## Seeking Ideas for a Safe July 4<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Celebration This Year

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, the ECA Board decided not to hold our traditional July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Party this year. Although we are disappointed to have to miss this great annual event, we would like to find a safe alternative way to celebrate the

holiday--and, we're asking for your help. Do you have an idea? Maybe you've heard of another community that found a safer approach? Please email me your suggestions or other thoughts ([president@edgemoorcitizens.org](mailto:president@edgemoorcitizens.org)).

### Montgomery County Council Seeks Applicants for Police Advisory Commission

Last year, Montgomery County passed a law establishing the Policing Advisory Commission. The goal of the Commission is to improve the Montgomery County Council's oversight of the Montgomery County Police Department ("MCPD") and strengthen community trust in police. The Commission will advise the Council on policing matters, provide information regarding best practices, recommend policies, and engage in public education and other programs. The Commission will be made up of 13 public members, nine appointed by the County Council and four appointed by the County Executive. The County Council is now seeking applications for its appointments to the Commission. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on June 19, 2020. For more information about how to apply, go [HERE](#).

### Edgemoor Tip of the Month – 2020 Census Reminder

Have you completed your 2020 Census? Results of the Census determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding will be allocated for the next decade for roads, transit, schools, and other vital programs for our community. So, it's important for everyone to be counted. Less than three quarters of Montgomery County residents have completed the Census as of today.

You should already have received a request to respond to the 2020 Census in the mail. Everyone living in the United States is required, by law, to respond. It does not matter whether you are a US Citizen and you will not be asked about your Citizenship status. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Responding one of these ways is especially important this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic because you will reduce the need for the Census Bureau to send census takers out into communities to follow up.

If you did not receive your Census request in the mail, or you no longer have yours, learn what to do [HERE](#) (where you can also get answers to other frequently asked questions). For complete information about the 2020 Census, including instructions on how to complete the Census in unusual circumstances, go [HERE](#).

Do you have a tip you'd like to share with your neighbors? Please email me your suggestions [HERE](#).

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