

ECA Newsletter

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ECA Fall Membership Meeting and Board Election

The fall 2019 ECA Membership meeting was held on October 15 at the Edgemoor Club. At the meeting, all current members of the ECA Board of Directors were re-elected for another 2-year term. You can read the summary of the meeting that was previously distributed by email [HERE](#).

ECA Halloween Parade and Party

More than 100 kids, parents, and other ghouls and goblins attended the 2019 ECA Halloween Parade and Party this year. The event was a great success, despite a dire weather forecast. Many thanks to Jeffrey Drichta, Julie & Nick Clark, Anne Witkowsky, Huda and Andy Montemarano, Karen Dubrow, Jean Dudek, Naomi Freeman, Mary Gardiner, and Pam Hoffman for helping make this such a great event. And, thanks again to the members of the Edgemoor Club for allowing us to use their facilities for the party.

Parade and Party pictures are posted on the ECA website [HERE](#).

Watch Out for 'Porch Pirates' and 'Mock Mailers' During the Holidays

The Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection is warning residents about two scams that increase in volume during the holiday season. One involves “porch pirates” who target deliveries for theft. The other comes through the Postal Service in the form of “mock mail” that gets holiday-distracted residents concerned about their vehicles or the status of their mortgages. You can view the full press release [HERE](#).

BCC Rescue Squad Cancels Plans to Redevelop Battery Lane Property

Although this may be old news to some of you, it only recently came to my attention. For several years, the BCC Rescue Squad has been working on a plan to sell part of its property at Battery Lane and Old Georgetown Road to a developer, who planned to build a high-rise apartment complex there. However, earlier this year, the BCC Rescue Squad Board of Directors announced [HERE](#) that it is no longer pursuing that course of action:

We concluded our contract with a building developer and decided not to move forward with the redevelopment/construction plan on our property at 5020 Battery Lane. We have no current plans to sell or re-develop our property and facility at 5020 Battery Lane, though we do plan to undertake a strategic review at some point in the future to address the need for a new building to replace our structure that was built in the mid-1970s.

Montgomery County Police Arrest Suspects in Vehicle Thefts

Detectives from the Montgomery County Department of Police – Central Auto Theft Section and 2nd and 4th District Patrol Investigations Units—arrested four suspects in a series of auto-related thefts in Montgomery County. Police believe the individuals, working together, stole about 30 vehicles and committed about 100 thefts from vehicles. For additional information, go [HERE](#).

Planning Board Approves Sketch Plan for Farm Women’s Cooperative Market Area

In late October, the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the Sketch Plan for development of the Farm Women’s Cooperative Market and other adjacent properties. The developer made several changes to its initial proposal in response to concerns about the size and scope of the project, and the Planning Board approved the modified plan unanimously.

You can read a brief article about the development in Bethesda Beat [HERE](#). You can see a detailed description and analysis of the Sketch Plan by the Planning Board [HERE](#).

Ride-On Bus Stop Location Changes in Silver Spring Starting Dec. 1

Construction of the Purple Line, the 16-mile east-west light rail line that will connect the Bethesda and New Carrollton metro stations, will necessitate temporary bus route modifications in response to construction in and around the Transit Center at the Silver Spring Metro. Starting Sunday, Dec. 1, those changes will impact Ride On passengers traveling to or from Silver Spring. Some routes will move from the first floor of the Transit Center to the street (Routes 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 28, and 129). For a map showing those locations, go [HERE](#). Other routes will move from the first floor of the Transit Center to the second floor (Routes 1, 11, and 16). For a map showing those changes, go [HERE](#). For complete information about Ride-On Bus service, go [HERE](#).

Edgemoor Tip of the Month – B-CC Regional Service Center Newsletter

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Service Center at 4805 Edgemoor Lane (next to the Metro station) is our communities' local Montgomery County office. It also has meeting rooms available for public use, hosts programs from local non-profit organizations, lectures, exercise classes, mediation training, family and youth counseling, and computer classes. The Center's Director issues a regular newsletter with lots of information about local events, activities, news, etc. To learn more about the center, go [HERE](#). To sign up for the newsletter, click on the "Newsletter Signup" link on the upper right side of that page.

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

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