

ECA Newsletter

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Fall ECA Membership Meeting

The semi-annual ECA Membership Meeting will be held at the Edgemoor Club on Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 PM. We don't have a complete agenda yet, but I'd like to know if there are any items you would like to have included. Please send your suggestions to president@edgemoorcitizens.org. I will send out an agenda as soon as we have one.

Renewal of Residential Parking Permits and Visitor Permits

Neighborhood residents should have received notices about expiration and renewal of residential parking permits and visitor permits. Once again, the renewal process has been slightly modified and, once again, the renewal process can be a challenge. There are a few instructional videos that can be helpful (<https://digitalpermits.vids.io/videos?q=Montgomery+County>), as well some answers to frequently asked questions (<https://montgomerycounty.myparkinginfo.com/cws/pages/faq>).

The County tells us that, at the present time, new paper visitor permits are not yet available. Residents have been instructed to continue to use their existing paper visitor permits, which will remain valid until the new ones are available.

The County also says that they will soon be allowing residents to obtain up to two visitor permits once the County's system is modified to allow that. I will try to keep you posted on further developments.

Edgemoor Tip of the Day – Reduce Unwanted Marketing Mail, eMail, and Phone Calls

Are you receiving too many unwanted marketing mail, calls, and emails? I don't have any magic solution that will make them all go away, but there are a few things you can do that may reduce their number.

- For direct mail advertising (junk mail), register with the Direct Marketing Association's mail preference service. You'll need to register for an account (<https://dmachoice.thedma.org/register.php>) and pay a \$2 fee. Then you can opt out of any or all direct mail marketing by members of the Direct Marketing Association.
- For email advertising, the Direct Marketing Association also has an email preference service (<https://www.ims-dm.com/cgi/optoutemps.php>). This service is free.
- For telemarketing phone calls, register on the National Do Not Call Registry (<https://www.donotcall.gov/>). It's free.
- For pre-screened offers of credit or insurance, register with OptOutPrescreen, operated by the four major Consumer Credit Reporting Companies (<https://www.optoutprescreen.com/>). It's free.

All these service are recommended by the Federal Trade Commission (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0262-stopping-unsolicited-mail-phone-calls-and-email>). Don't expect them to get rid of all of the unwanted solicitations. But, they still should help.

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.