

# **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](mailto: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.

## Recycling Reminders

In the June ECA Newsletter, I included an item on recycling, and noted that the ECA website has a nice page on residential trash collection and recycling (<http://edgemoorcitizens.org/trashandrecycling.html>). Neighborhood recycling expert Ben Beach asked me to go a step further, and specifically highlight some frequently

misunderstood recycling rules. So, here is my “Top 6 Recycling Rules You May Have Missed”:

- Waxed Cardboard. Items like milk or juice cartons should be placed in the Paper recycling bin.
- Paper Towels/Napkins/Tissues. These do not go in the paper recycling. Put them in regular trash.
- Polystyrene/Styrofoam. Most plastic items can go into your recycling bin—but not polystyrene/Styrofoam (#6 Plastic).
- Pizza boxes. These can go into recycling—if there is very little or no pizza residue. If there is residue, the best thing to do is rip off that part & put it in the trash. Then the rest of the box can be recycled.
- Light Bulbs. Older style incandescent bulbs and halogen bulbs go in regular trash - not in recycling. Compact fluorescent lamp (CFL), light emitting diode (LED), and liquid crystal display (LCD) bulbs, and florescent tubes and ballasts all contain hazardous chemicals, so they cannot disposed of in regular trash or recycling. They should be treated as Household Hazardous Waste. [CLICK HERE](#) for disposal instructions. You can also drop those items off for proper disposal at Home Depot, IKEA, Zimmerman's Home Center (Burtonsville), and Amicus Green Building Center (Kensington).
- Batteries. You can dispose of dry cell and alkaline batteries in your normal trash. But, almost all other batteries, including rechargeable ones (lithium batteries, lithium-ion batteries, nickel-cadmium batteries, lead acid (vehicle) batteries, uninterruptable power supplies (personal & network), and tool batteries) are treated as Household Hazardous Waste. [CLICK HERE](#) for disposal instructions.

For complete information about trash and recycling, visit the Division of Solid Waste Services excellent website (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/>).

#### Edgemoor Tip of the Day - Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection

An ECA member recently contacted me to recommend a quarterly newsletter on consumer issues, issued by the Fairfax County Consumer Services Division. It’s a nice publication, and you can see the current issue online (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/csd/enewsletter-fall-2018>). But, Montgomery County has a great Office of Consumer Protection, with a wide range of consumer resources that are available for free. You can sign up for alerts and newsletters (check out their Step-By-Step Guide to Facebook and Privacy), find links to news articles on consumer issues, and even file a consumer complaint. They are on Twitter and Facebook, as well as Nexdoor. Go to: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OCP/index.html>

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

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