

ECA Newsletter

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ECA/BOWA Fall Clean-Up Day

The annual ECA/BOWA clean-up day, held this past Sunday in the Connie Morella Library parking lot, was a huge success. Area residents came with just about anything you can think of—from a single sandwich bag with a few old nuts and bolts, to 4 carloads of unwanted household items. There were even a couple of items hand-carried in because they were too large to fit in a car. We almost filled two large trucks with items for disposal, donation, and recycling. Don't miss next year's clean-up day. We will announce the date well in advance to give you plenty of time to dig out all those old unwanted items.

ECA Fall Membership Meeting and Board Election

The Fall ECA Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday October 15 in the evening at the Edgemoor Club. As we did with the spring meeting, we will have refreshments (including wine) and hors d'oeuvres available starting at 6:30 and the meeting itself will start at 7:15. So, come early and join us for the social hour (well, $\frac{3}{4}$ hour). Currently, there are two main items on the agenda:

1. ECA member Oliver Carr, Chief Executive Officer of Carr Properties will discuss and answer questions about the The Wilson and The Elm, the 23-story office and residential complex they are building above the new Purple Line station at the corner of Elm Street and Wisconsin Avenue (The former location of the Apex building, which contained the Regal Cinema.) Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about this project and its integration with the new Purple Line Metro Station and the existing Red Line station.
2. We will hold the election of the ECA Board for the next two-year term. All current board members (listed [HERE](#)) are running for reelection, unopposed. Every Voting Member of the ECA (that is, members over age 21 whose

household paid ECA dues for 2019) present at the meeting is eligible to vote. At least five Voting Members and two Board Members must be present to conduct the election.

I'll send more information about the Agenda for the meeting as it becomes available. Feel free to email me suggestions for additional topics for this or future ECA meetings.

Capital Crescent Trail/Little Falls Parkway Update

As you may know, the Montgomery County Planning Board has been looking at different options for a permanent revision of the intersection of Little Falls Parkway and the Capital Crescent Trail. Back in June, the Planning Board voted to restore Little Falls Parkway to 4 lanes of traffic and reroute the Capital Crescent Trail so that it would cross Little Falls at Arlington Road. At the same time, they asked for further investigation of the option to install a pedestrian and bike overpass.

Subsequently, the County Council's Transportation and Environment Committee, citing safety concerns, asked the Planning Board to reconsider that decision. On September 13, the Planning Board voted to delay funding for the project and to retain the current configuration of the intersection (with two lanes of traffic) for an at least 5 more years. You can view the press release from the County Council [HERE](#).

I will continue to pass on information on any future developments.

Approved Bicycle Master Plan Available Online

Montgomery Planning has posted the Bicycle Master Plan, which was approved by the County Council last year, online. The Plan website also includes the Approved Bicycle Network map that shows the plan's bikeway and bicycle parking recommendations. In addition, it contains the companion Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit, which identifies best practices in bikeway implementation. For additional information, see the [Bicycle Master Plan website](#).

Rodent Control and Dog Safety

You may have noticed a recent EC-Net posting by a neighbor whose dog had ingested rat poison on a walk. I thought it would be appropriate to revisit an item that was included in the May 2018 ECA Newsletter.

Montgomery County provides guidelines for homeowners when using rodent control poisons on their own property ([HERE](#)). These include making sure to place the poison ("bait blocks," which usually look like small, green 1-2" cubes) in an appropriate bait station – a housing designed to prevent other animals and children from coming in contact with the bait. So, if you are a homeowner and you use rodent poison on your property (or you hire a pest control company that does), please do so responsibly.

In addition, if you are a dog owner, remember to keep your dog on a leash and under control at all times when off your own property, for your dog's own safety.

Edgemoor Tip of the Month – Rainscapes Rebates

Montgomery County's "RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program" offers rebates of up to \$7,500 to property owners who install RainScapes techniques such as rain gardens, rain barrels, conservation landscaping, pavement removal, permeable paving retrofitting, and other approved projects that help control stormwater. You can find more information about the program and how to qualify at the Rainscapes website [HERE](#).

Thanks to ECA member Reid Detchon for sharing this month's tip.

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

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