

# **ECA Newsletter**

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### Free Taxi Service to COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Sites for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, Assistance for Homebound

Three taxicab companies operating in Montgomery County (Action, Anytime & Regency/Barwood) are providing free roundtrip transportation to COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing locations for county residents who are age 65 and older or who have a disability. The county will reimburse taxi companies for the trips. To schedule a ride, a resident must first call Connect-A-Ride at (301) 738-3252 and provide their name, address, phone number, and age to receive a “Free COVID Taxi Code.”

For complete information, go [HERE](#) and scroll down to the section on Free Rides to COVID Vaccination and Testing Sites.

### COVID Vaccines and Testing for Homebound Individuals

Homebound individuals who need COVID-19 testing can call the County COVID-19 Call Center (240-777-2982). See <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing/home-based-testing.html>

COVID-19 Vaccinations are available for homebound individuals by calling the Maryland GoVAX COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center (855-634-6829) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Please choose the option “No Arm Left Behind” and a support center advocate will take your information for in-home vaccination coordination. See <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/faqs/#faqVP>

### Wild Animal Nuisances

A neighbor recently contacted me for advice about dealing with a family of foxes living under the porch, so I did a little checking.

There are several sources of guidance available for this kind of wildlife nuisance. The Montgomery County 311 help website ([HERE](#)), has a rather unhelpful and unclear explanation of what to do. However, the Montgomery County Police provide a more extensive explanation of what to do in various situations ([HERE](#)), encouraging residents to call 911 for animal-related emergencies in progress, and to call the police non-emergency phone number (301-279-8000) for other animal-related issues or complaints.

Another option for non-emergencies is to contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' nuisance wildlife hotline (877-463-6497) for advice and possible referral to a private licensed Wildlife Control trapper or exterminator to evict the animal(s). The DNR website has a good deal of information about what to do (and not do) for various wildlife problems ([HERE](#)).

#### It's Not Too Late to Comment on Thrive Montgomery 2050

As noted in a previous summary, the County Council was hoping to finish its work and vote on Thrive Montgomery 2050 (the revision of the County's General Plan) in December. That did not happen, so the draft plan remains pending at the Council. That means residents can still write to the Council to express their thoughts about the plan. I've discussed various ways to write to the County Council in my previous messages about Thrive, but the easiest way may be to use the comment submission form on the County Council website ([HERE](#)).

#### Montgomery County Resident Survey

Montgomery County is surveying county residents age 18 and older to get their assessment of quality of life and county services, including:

- Amenities and facilities;
- County programs;
- County employees;
- County communication with residents; and
- Household practices such as recycling.

The survey will be open through January 17. To find out more, go [HERE](#). To take the survey, go [HERE](#). NOTE: The County recommends using a web browser other than Internet Explorer to take the survey.

#### Edgemoor Tip of the Month – Civic Loop Recycling Newsletter

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection publishes a periodic newsletter containing news, tips, and other recycling information. To see previous issues, and to sign up for future Civic Loops, 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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