

ECA Newsletter

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ECA July 4th Parade and Party

I hope you were able to make it to the annual ECA July 4 Parade and Party. It was a beautiful day and we all had a great time. By my rough count, we had over 110 marchers in the parade (including a few dogs). We all followed the B-CC Rescue Squad's truck to the Edgemoor Club for the after-parade party, featuring balloon sculptures and a face painter, along with food and refreshments. If you missed the event this year, I hope you can make it next year.

The event was made possible by the financial support of ECA members and the help of many volunteers, including ECA Board Members Jeffrey Drichta, Huda Montemarano and Alicia Tompkins, John and Lynne Ford, Nick and Julie Clark, Robyn Greenhouse, Jamie Hays, Rebecca Dillon, Pavani Reddy, and Michaela Barnes.

Thanks also to the Edgemoor Club, its members, and Club Manager Mary Gardiner for their help and support of the ECA, and to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad.

In previous years, we've posted photos of ECA events on the ECA website but, due to technical problems with the site we are not able to do that right now. So, I've posed a few photos of the event elsewhere online (on Dropbox), and you can access the digital files by clicking [HERE](#). You do not need a Dropbox account. [If you have trouble clicking on this link, try copying and pasting this address in your browser address window:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s5qlcmbtb1jvw7q/AACYWB_xrkT4QUsxDWSKK-3fa?dl=0] To view the photos, just click on one of the file names and your computer or phone's photo viewing software/app should take care of the rest.

Proposed Ban on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on September 20 at 1:30PM to consider a ban on the sale and use of gas-powered leaf blowers and leaf

vacuums. You can complete information about the proposed legislation [HERE](#) (item #4) and read an article about it in Bethesda Beat [HERE](#).

The bill, which was proposed at the request of the County Executive, would ban the sale of the leaf blowers six months after the legislation is enacted and prohibit the use of the leaf blowers one year after enactment. Violations would be subject to a fine of as much as \$1,000. The bill would also authorize a reimbursement program to give a partial credit to residents and businesses who return their gas-powered leaf blower or vacuum to the county and buy an electric leaf blower.

If you would like testify at the hearing or submit written testimony, go [HERE](#).

2022 Primary Election – Where, When, and How to Vote

The 2022 Primary Election Day is Tuesday, July 19. Voters registered as either Democrats or Republicans may vote in the primary for candidates in their party and for candidates for non-partisan offices. There are three ways to vote:

1. In person on Primary Election Day. You may vote at your assigned polling center which, for this neighborhood, is Bethesda Elementary School located at 7600 Arlington Road. The polls are open Election Day from 7 AM until 8 PM. For additional information, go [HERE](#);
2. At any of the Early Voting Centers, which are already open, and will remain open every day until July 14 from 7 AM until 8 PM. You can find a list of early voting centers and early voting frequently asked questions [HERE](#);
3. By mail-in ballot. Any registered voter can vote by mail-in ballot. You do not need a reason. The process and deadlines for mail-in ballots are different depending on how you request the ballot (online, by submitting a form request, or in person). For complete information, go [HERE](#).

You can find a list of candidates for Montgomery County offices [HERE](#). You can find a list of candidates for Maryland State office [HERE](#).

You may also find the Voter's Guide from Bethesda Magazine helpful – [HERE](#).

Help Free the Trees on the Capital Crescent Trail

The [Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail](#) and the [Little Falls Watershed Alliance](#) are looking for volunteers to help remove invasive vines and shrubs along the Capital Crescent Trail this Saturday, July 16, from 10AM until 12PM. No experience is necessary. The organizations will provide the tools, gloves and instruction you need to save the native plants that sustain local wildlife, the watershed's fragile ecosystem, and the trail's natural beauty.

The event is open to all. Volunteers under 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Pre-approved for MCPS SSL hours.

To register for the event and to learn more about it, go [HERE](#).

Edgemoor Tip of the Month – Want to keep up-to-date on all things related to transportation in the County? “Go Montgomery” is the monthly Newsletter from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. It includes news and information about all modes of transportation, including roads, mass transit, hiker-biker trails and pedestrian safety. You’ll find the most recent Newsletter [HERE](#). On that page, you’ll also find a link to click if you would like to sign up to receive the Newsletter.

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.