

ECA Newsletter

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1. 2023 ECA Dues – Still Time to Pay Early

Thank you to everyone who supported the ECA last year by paying voluntary annual dues of \$25 per household. And, a special thank you to those who have already paid 2023 dues. Without you, the ECA would not exist and we could not arrange the activities (like the Halloween and July 4 Parades and Parties), events (like the Fall Cleanup Day and the New Year Brunch), and other services (like EC-Net, Neighborhood News, and Community Meetings).

The 2023 annual reminder letter will go out soon asking you to support the ECA again this year. How would you like to avoid getting that reminder in the mail, and save the ECA some time and money in the bargain? All you have to do is make your dues payment now and we'll scratch you off the mailing list. As a financial supporter, you'll receive this year's ECA Neighborhood Directory later in the spring, along with online directory access, and eligibility to vote in this year's ECA board election this fall.

Just visit the ECA Membership and Dues page on the brand-new ECA website [HERE](#). There are easy instructions for using different payment methods (credit card, PayPal, Apple Pay, Venmo, or personal check). [Note that you can no longer pay dues via the online Neighborhood Directory (on Membership Toolkit)].

2. Wanted: Spring Photos of the Neighborhood

Speaking of the [new ECA website](#), it has some very nice photos of our neighborhood, but we could still use more. If you see a particularly nice spring scene, snap a photo and send it in (to edgemoorcitizens@gmail.com). Feel free to send more than one.

3. ECA Wine Tasting Event Returns – Volunteers Needed

Would you like to sample some new or different wines or simply spend an evening socializing with your neighbors? Several residents have indicated interest in a movable wine party. This has been a popular ECA sponsored event in the past. Please contact ECA Board member Alicia Tompkins (aliciatompkins@hotmail.com) if you are interested in leading or helping put this event together. If there is enough support, we will move forward. We are looking at a May or September date to hold the party. Also, please let Alicia know if you would be interested in serving as a host—you would just have to supply the venue - not the wine or the food. Cheers!

4. Montgomery County Police Seek New Recruits

A few weeks ago, I attended an open house at the 2nd District Police Station and had the chance to meet the new Station Commander Amy Daum. One of the topics discussed extensively was the County's difficulty finding new Police Officers and she asked community groups to help spread the word.

As noted in [a recent County Executive message](#), the starting salary was recently raised (now over \$60,000/year) to be more competitive with other local jurisdictions. In addition, the County and Fraternal Order of Police are now offering a [\\$20,000 incentive bonus to new Officers](#). The Police also have a [Cadet Program](#) for college students who are interested in becoming Police Officers. The requirements and benefits are on the County Police website [HERE](#).

Anyone interested in more information about a challenging and rewarding career in law enforcement can email MCPD.Recruitment@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-773-5300.

5. Bethesda Market Park Community Meeting

Montgomery Parks will host two community meetings to present information about the planned Bethesda Market Park development near the Bethesda Farm Women's Market:

1. Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Jane E Lawton Community Recreation Center (4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815); and
2. Thursday, March 16, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Bethesda Elementary School (7600 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD 20814)

Both meetings will feature the same presentation. Following the community meetings, the public will have 30 days to submit comments. For more information about the project, go [HERE](#).

6. County Council Fills Three Seats on Planning Board

On February 28, the County Council appointed three candidates to positions on the Planning Board. Last year, the Council made temporarily appointments to the five-member Board after the entire Planning Board resigned (at the request of the Council). The County Executive now has 30 days to review the three new appointments. The Council is expected to appoint individuals to fill the two remaining Board seats later this year.

For complete information, see the County Council's press release [HERE](#) and an article on MoCo 360 (formerly Bethesda Beat) [HERE](#).

7. Annual B-CC High School Used Book Sale

The annual B-CC High School Used Book Sale is almost here. It will be held at B-CC High School, 4301 East-West Hwy in Bethesda, on Saturday, March 11 (10 am - 5 pm) and Sunday, March 12 (10 am - 3 pm). All proceeds benefit students at B-CC High School. For more information, go [HERE](#).

8. Edgemoor Tip of the Month – Unwanted Robocalls and Texts

Are you tired of receiving unwanted robocalls and text messages? Although nothing is going to stop all of them, the Federal Communications Commission website has a lot of up-to-date information, along with tips and guides that can help. Go [HERE](#). Most phone service providers (landline and mobile) have advice and tools available to their customers. Check on your provider's website. If you have not looked into those resources lately, it's worth checking. The technology continues to evolve, and you may be missing out on something.

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.