

ECA Newsletter

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1. Thank You to 2023 ECA Supporters

Thank you to everyone who has supported the ECA this year by making a voluntary dues payment of \$25 for this year. We could not organize and fund ECA events and activities (including the July 4th and Halloween Parades/Parties; twice-yearly Neighborhood Socials and Members Meetings; Spring and Fall Clean Up Days, New Year’s Open House, this ECA Newsletter, the neighborhood email group [EC-Net]) without your help.

If you did not pay dues this year, but would still like to support the ECA, you can pay any time during the year. If you do it in the next couple of days, you may still be in time to get on the mailing list for the new printed version of the 2023 ECA directory (only available to supporters), which I will be finalizing this week.

2. ECA Spring Social and Members Meeting

Speaking of ECA events, the Spring Social and Members Meeting is this Wednesday evening, May 3, at the Edgemoor Club, 7415 Exeter Road.

We start with a social hour from 6 to 7 PM, with light food and beverages (wine, beer, waters, soda) provided by the ECA. If you'd like to bring something to share, feel free to do that, but it's not necessary. This is a great chance to meet some new neighbors and find out what's going on in the community, and talk informally with members of [the ECA Board of Directors](#).

The ECA Members Meeting will be from 7 to 8 PM, with guest speakers Eli Glazier and David Anspacher from Montgomery Planning, who will talk and answer questions about the draft [Pedestrian Master Plan](#) and the [Bicycle Master Plan](#). You've probably heard a lot about these long-term plans and their vision for Montgomery County as a world-class bicycling community, and a place where getting around walking or rolling is more convenient and accessible for everyone. This is your chance to learn more, and get answers to your questions from the experts.

After the meeting, we will resume the social part of the evening until 9 PM.

I hope you can join us. If you can't make the 6:00 social hour, that's fine. Come for the meeting at 7 and socialize with us afterward.

Upcoming WSSC Water Main Work

Many of you will recall (without nostalgia, I suspect) the WSSC water main replacements throughout most of the neighborhood that took place in 2014. You may not recall that one small portion of the community did not have their mains replaced at that time due to the layout of the pipes. WSSC is finally getting around to that segment of the mains to finish the replacement of the older (over 100 years) pipes. The vast majority of this project will take place north of Wilson Lane, but it will also involve the 7600 block of Clarendon Road (between Moorland and Wilson). Residents along that block should already have received notice of the project, which is scheduled to start this coming winter. If anyone would like to more details about the project, please contact me by return email, and I can send you the information.

Neighborhood Leaders Breakfast with Councilmember Friedson

On April 19, I and a number of other community association representatives met our District 1 County Council representative, Andrew Friedson, for breakfast and discussed a wide range of topics. Topics included the Little Falls Parkway changes (which I've written about previously), bicycle and pedestrian safety (ditto), the County Executive's proposed budget (more information [HERE](#)), and affordable housing (more information [HERE](#)). You can read about his work and positions on issues, and subscribe to his e-Newsletter [HERE](#). And, don't forget that the Council's four at-large members (Council Members Alborno, Glass, Jawando, and Sayles) also represent the interests of people in all Council districts, including ours. You can find their contact information in the Resources section of the new ECA website [HERE](#).

"No Turn on Red" Reminder

As you may know, the [Maryland State Highway Administration](#) recently installed a "No Turn on Red" sign at the corner of southbound Fairfax Road where it intersects Bradley Boulevard. Many residents have asked for an explanation of why SHA chose that intersection, where there is little pedestrian traffic, excellent sight lines for drivers, and a very long red light sequence that could cause cars to back up on Fairfax. Despite several inquiries, there has been no coherent explanation for the change ("following a recent engineering study at the subject intersection, we recommended to implement a 'No Turn on Red' restriction"). In addition, the sign they installed at ground level to the right of drivers is difficult to see, and there is no sign hanging next to the signal. After resident inquiries, they moved the sign slightly, but it is still not visible to anyone who stops at the stop line. There is no hanging sign next to the light itself. SHA has promised to install one, but that has yet to materialize.

I've stopped to observe a few times since the No Turn on Red sign was installed, and have never seen a single driver who did not turn on red there when the traffic was clear.

So, a reminder to anyone who travels that route – The sign may not be as obvious as it should be, and that may not be the best place for a No Turn on Red, but, if you turn on red there, you risk receiving a ticket.

Edgemoor Tip of the Month – Volunteer with Montgomery Parks

[Montgomery Parks](#) has an extensive volunteer program with a wide variety of opportunities for individuals, families, and other groups (corporate, scouts, etc.) to become involved in and give back to their communities. Just a few examples:

- Watershed Cleanups (clean/restore watersheds)
- Trail Volunteers (inspect, maintain and improve natural surface trails)
- Weed Warriors (fight non-native, invasive plants)
- Student Service Learning (SSL) opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, go [HERE](#).

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.