

# **ECA Newsletter**

## **October 2023**

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### 1. Fall 2023 ECA Members Meeting and Social - TODAY

This fall's ECA Members Meeting and Social is today (Monday, October 2) at the Edgemoor Club. Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Coordinator Alan Pultyniewicz will talk to us and answer your questions about household recycling. We will also hold the biennial election of members of the ECA board. And, there will be lots of opportunities to meet and talk with neighbors over a glass of wine and finger food.

We'll have a social hour from 6 to 7 PM, with light food and beverages (beer, wine, soda, waters) provided by the ECA. Feel free to bring something to share, but it's not necessary. The actual meeting will be from 7 to 8 PM, followed by more socializing until 9. If you can't make the social hour at 6, that's fine. Come for the meeting at 7 and socialize afterward. It will be a great chance to meet some of your neighbors and find out what's happening in the community. I hope to see you there.

### 2. Temporary Closure of Several Metro Red Line Stations

Starting Monday, December 18, three Red Line Metro stations will be closed for 2 weeks for critical safety repairs to the tunnel and track infrastructure, and to upgrade signal and communications systems, and install new platform edge lights. The stations that will close are Farragut North, Metro Center, and Gallery Place/Chinatown. Metro will provide free shuttle buses replacing trains from December 18 through Saturday, December 30. During this time, other lines will operate normally at Metro Center and Gallery Place/Chinatown. In addition, Judiciary Square Station will be closed from Friday, December 22, through Sunday, December 24.

For complete information, go [HERE](#).

### 3. UPDATE: 5025 Edgemoor Lane

As noted in last month's Newsletter, Montgomery County Board of Education plans to tear down the long-vacant house they own at 5025 Edgemoor Lane and "restore" the grounds. I asked them to clarify what that means and when it will happen. They said that they are in the process of disconnecting utilities and obtaining a demolition permit. After they have the permit, they expect to raze the house and then seed/sod the property and leave it as a grass area. Their work will take about 90 days once they have the permit.

### 4. Halloween Parade and Party

Preparations are in full swing for the 2023 ECA Halloween Parade and Party. The parade will start at 5:00 PM on October 31. We will send out all the details as we get closer to that date, but expect a big crowd of kids (and adults) in spooky costumes, and a short parade to the Edgemoor club for pizza and refreshments. It's a great way to start the evening's festivities before moving on to trick-or-treating throughout the neighborhood.

You will find pictures of previous Halloween Parades/Parties on the ECA website [HERE](#).

### 5. County Council Bans Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

On September 26, the Montgomery County Council enacted long-anticipated legislation to prohibit the sale and use of combustion engine-powered leaf blowers and leaf vacuums in most areas of the County. Bill 18-22, Noise Control – Leaf Removal Equipment – Amendments, was proposed by County Executive Marc Elrich and introduced by Council President Evan Glass. The ban on sales of these kinds of devices will start on July 1, 2024 and the ban on their use will go into effect on July 1, 2025. You can read more about it [HERE](#).

### 6. Free COVID Test Kits and Vaccines

COVID-19 Test Kits are again available free, by mail, through the US Postal Service. Households can request up to 4 test kits by going to the website [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov) or by calling 1-800-232-0233.

The newly approved COVID-19 vaccines are now available free from healthcare providers, federally supported health centers, and retail pharmacy chains. You can find locations by going to <https://www.vaccines.gov/>. If you have insurance, check with your selected site or your insurer to confirm that the site is in network. Vaccines

are provided at no cost through CDC programs for adults (info [HERE](#)) and children (info [HERE](#)).

The Montgomery County COVID information portal has the most up-to-date information for county residents [HERE](#). If you have COVID-19 questions, you can also call 0240-777-1050. If there is no answer, leave a message, and someone will return your call.

#### 7. Edgemoor Tip of the Month – Montgomery County Update Newsletter

The office of the County Executive puts out a weekly newsletter/blog with extensive coverage of events, activities, and other news about what's going on in the County. If you want to keep up with local new/events, it's worth subscribing. Each week there is a video and text message from the County Executive as well other County news. Go [HERE](#) to see the most recent posting, and look for the instructions for subscribing on the right side of the page.

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

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