

Hi ECA,

Happy December! Here's what you need to know as we head into the cold weather, the holidays and the end of 2014.

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Best wishes,

Judy Gilbert Levey
ECA President

1/20/15 - Caroline Freeland Park Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 20, 7:30 pm at the Bethesda Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane

Montgomery County Parks representatives will share the Preferred Plan for the renovation of Caroline Freeland Park (at the corner of Elm & Arlington across from the Giant) and hold an informal discussion about great new ideas for improvements to the park. Many neighbors participated in the idea-generating sessions for the park renovation and their involvement is greatly appreciated. Let's find out what happens next at this meeting!

NY Day ECA Brunch

1/1/15 — hard to believe! — but we'll be gathering on New Year's Day for our annual neighborhood brunch. You'll get an invitation with details soon, but plan on joining us from 10ish to 1ish.

ECA "A Wider Circle" Collection

Now that the December holiday season is upon us, the ECA Board thought it would be nice if our neighborhood organized to help support some of the many needy families in our county over the holidays. We've teamed up with a Wider Circle to support Montgomery County's initiative to provide meals and gifts to needy local families for the holidays. There are well over a thousand families in Montgomery County that need coverage and 90 families in the Bethesda Area zip codes alone.

Our goal for this year is to provide at least 50 families in the county with gift cards for food and 50 kids with a toy or gift for the holidays. We need to collect

everything by December 14th. With your help we can hit this goal! The needs are great and gifts of any size help. Gift cards to Giant, Safeway and Target are always big hits, but other ideas and gifts are welcome. Toys for any age and gender will be matched with a kid in the county.

We hope you'll consider supporting this initiative. The collection will run from December 1 - December 14th. If you would like to contribute, gifts can be dropped off at my house at 5117 Wessling Lane or at Judy Gilbert Levey's house at 7408 Fairfax Road. (Gifts and gift cards for Edgemoor's program can also be dropped off at the annual Wheels to Africa Bike Drive taking place at Bethesda Elementary on Saturday December 13th from 10-4.)

Thank you to those neighbors who have already contributed!

WSSC

As WSSC work continues, here's a reminder of the contact information for the project: If you have a concern about water shut offs, or any of the WSSC work, the first thing to do is contact the onsite engineer, Robert Rodriguez at cell 240-508-3674 or email rrodrig@wsscwater.com. He is most likely the person who you would see at the job site and many have immediate information. Mark Brown is the manager of the project, and his contact information is cell 202-304-8717 and email mbrown6@wsscwater.com. There's also a new name on signs that have recently gone up — this may reflect the sewer repair phase of the work. The contact there is Fabio Fernades and his cell is 202-345-0695. The 24 hour emergency number for WSSC is 301-206-4002

ECA Directory Cover — Your Pet?

Send an image (one per family, please, no matter how many pets you have!) of your dog, cat, fish, bird, ferret, hamster... to me at j.levey@verizon.net for inclusion on our ECA neighborhood directory cover. I'll be assembling the cover by Feb 1, so I need your image by then — thanks!

Bethesda News

You may wonder how people get their news about what's happening in Bethesda. Here's a few sites that you can subscribe to or check on to stay in the know:

Bethesdanow.com

patch.com

Edgemoor Community group on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

the ECA website — edgemoorcitizens.org

And, of course, the ECA list serve!