

Dear ECA,

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Judy Gilbert Levey

ECA President

ECA Meeting 4/21 at 7:30 pm, Edgemoor Club

The ECA will hold its spring meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 pm at the Edgemoor Club, 7415 Exeter Road. Thank you to the Club for hosting us! We'll have our neighbor, State Delegate Marc Korman speaking about what's happening in Annapolis and we'll also have presentation on the Edgemoor Neighborhood Patrol security activity. I hope you'll join us!

House and Garden Tour 4/26, 12-4 pm

Beautiful homes and their gardens will be open on Sunday, April 26 from 12 - 4 pm for the Friends of Edgemoor House and Garden Tour. Tickets are \$20 and you can buy them in advance for pick up on the day of the tour by emailing Barbara Felker at lansefel@comcast.net or get them at the Edgemoor Club on the day of the tour from 12-3 pm. You can't see the houses or join in the tea until you've got a ticket! This community event is a fundraiser for the nonprofit Friends of Edgemoor, which has used the tour proceeds to plant trees and remove trees stumps (in conjunction with the ECA), provide landscaping and playground equipment at Bethesda Elementary and to support books and programs for Bethesda Library. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the tea or in the houses on the day of the tour, please contact tour chairs Dana Gibson gibsongirlldc@aol.com and Nalini Rogers nalinitrogers@gmail.com.

Tree Care 101 5/16, 10 am at Elm & Fairfax

The ECA will be hosting a Conservation Montgomery program of Tree Care 101, on Saturday, May 16 from 10-12 am, meeting at the right-of-way at Elm St & Fairfax Road. A certified arborist will conduct the session and answer questions about how we can make great planting choices and provide care for the health of our trees. No fee for ECA residents, but you do need to let me know you are coming at j.levey@verizon.net — if you'd like to bring an out-of-neighborhood friend, let me know so we can get an accurate program count and he/she can pay \$20 Conservation Montgomery on the day of the program.

Noise & Quiet Hours!

Montgomery County has a Noise Ordinance that limits the times of day that noisy activity (like lawn mowing with power mowers or building construction) can occur. Please respect the ordinance — and your neighbors — by ensuring that your landscapers or contractors abide by the rules: Noise permitted times are 7 am to 9 pm weekdays and 9 am to 9 pm weekends and holidays. In other words, if you wake up your neighbors with a leaf blower at 8 am on Saturday morning, you can be fined for violating the ordinance! Detailed information on the noise ordinance and the links for forms to file complaints (should that be necessary) are

at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/community/noise-ordinance.html>

Celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, April 14th at 4 pm with children's author, Miranda Paul, and award winning environmental activist Isatou Ceesay. They will discuss the book ***One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia***, an inspiring true story about women who made a huge difference in their community. Copies of this book will be available for purchase and signing through a special arrangement with Politics and Prose Bookstore. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library, Bethesda Chapter.

Bethesda Library - Literary Festival FREE Programs This Weekend

For the Bethesda Literary Festival on Saturday April 18th at the Bethesda Library, these events are family events, and are free of charge:

11am: Susan Stockdale, picture book author & illustrator of ***Spectacular Spots***.

2pm: Author and *Washington Post* columnist Gene Weingarten and illustrator Eric Shansby to celebrate their new book: ***Me and Dog***.

3pm: Laura Gehl: Author of ***One Big Pair of Underwear, And Then Another Sheep Turned Up*** and ***Hare and Tortoise Across Israel***.

4pm: Karen Deans: Author of ***Swing Sisters: The Story of International Sweethearts of Rhythm***.

You can find more free programs at Bethesda Library, including piano recitals, poetry readings, bookclubs and more

at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/bethesda.html>

Dogs & Being Good Dog Neighbors

Dogs bark and dogs are being walked in the neighborhood, both a part of everyday life we don't want to change. However, I am a dog lover and I want dogs and the ECA to get along! I do hear from neighbors with concerns about dog waste, dogs barking and dogs that behave aggressively and if it sounds like it could be your dog, please take steps to be a good dog-owning neighbor. If your dog is let into your yard, monitor whether the dog is barking or disturbing other people (especially late at night or early in the morning). Don't let your dog out at the crack of dawn or late at night barking is the result! If you or a dog walker is taking your dog out for a walk, please be sure to clean up after your dog. There is no "free" zone where it's ok to leave dog waste, whether you are in a right-of-way or it's late at night. Thank you!