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Hi ECA,

A few items for you --

Sidwell Update from the Annual Meeting

At the ECA spring meeting last month, Sidwell Friends' Kate Lindsey, Asst Head of School and CFO, provided an update on their plans for the lower school in our neighborhood. As they are working on the many issues related to the downtown DC property and the acquisition of the Washington Home, Lindsey said that the Lower School is not going on the market in the near term, and probably won't be on the market in the next three years. They have not hired a broker, but they have been approached by numerous brokers, numerous end users with wide ranging ideas for the property. The school recognizes this is a residential neighborhood and do not foresee any potential buyer going to the county council to request a zoning change to allow a high-rise residential building going in the place of the school. In the meantime, Sidwell Friends has a capital campaign underway to pay \$32 million for the Washington Home acquisition and another \$40 million for renovations. We greatly appreciated the update, which presents a very different and deferred timeline from that which seemed possible when Sidwell first announced that they were considering selling the lower school property.

2017 House and Garden Tour!

The 2017 Friends of Edgemoor House and Garden Tour is just one year away and last tour's organizers, Nalini Rogers and Dana Gibson, need to pass the baton to the volunteers who will work on the upcoming tour. This every-other-year neighborhood event has been not only a very nice gathering for the neighborhood, showcasing some beautiful homes, decor and garden design, but it also has provided funds from ticket sales and donations for Edgemoor to plant street trees & support local charities. Please contact Nalini- nalinirogers@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer to work on - or to lead! - the 2017 House and Garden Tour.

ECA Website & Directory

We've updated the ECA website — thank you Barbra Stoddard! — with links and information about the Bethesda Metro Area Village (BMAV), the Coalition of Bethesda Area Residents and contact information for the Washington Gas/Street Paving project that's going on. You can check out the website at edgemoorcitizens.org.

Our ECA directory was mailed last week and thanks to David Moulton's bird identification and photography skills, features the birds of Edgemoor. If you haven't received a directory, your ECA dues may not be up to date. Please contact

ECA treasurer, Alysa Emden at alysa@comcast.net, if you have questions about your dues or the directory.

July 4th Parade & Party

Our next neighborhood social event is the July 4th parade and party. If you'd like to volunteer to help on July 4th, please contact Danielle Ganzi at danielle.ganzi@gmail.com. We need help at the parade start handing out flags and favors and then volunteers who can set up and clean up the party at the Edgemoor Club.

Best wishes,

Judy Gilbert Levey
ECA President