

# **ECA Newsletter**

## **January 2024**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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### 1. 2024 ECA New Year Bruch

Don't forget! The annual ECA New Year Bruch will be held on Sunday, January 7, from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM at the Edgemoor Club (7415 Exeter Road). Stop by anytime during those hours, and for however long you want.

You'll be able to visit with neighbors (maybe some new ones you have not met) and the members of the ECA board. There will be coffee, bagels, doughnuts, muffins, plus other food and drink, as well as champagne to toast the arrival of 2024. Feel free to bring a food item to share, although that that's not necessary.

Children are welcome, and you can bring along any indoor activities you want to keep the younger ones entertained (coloring, games, etc...). We'll have a table set up for that.

Would you like to help out with the brunch? We can always use help buying/picking up food/drink, setting up, and cleaning up. If you can help, please contact ECA board members Alicia Tompkins ([aliciatompkins@hotmail.com](mailto:aliciatompkins@hotmail.com)) or Huda Montemarano ([huda.monte@gmail.com](mailto:huda.monte@gmail.com)).

### 2. ECA Dues for 2024 Will Be \$35

As you know, the ECA obtains its funding through voluntary annual dues payments from members. We generally receive support from about 60-65% of the households in the neighborhood. For the last 10 years, dues have remained \$25 per household per year. But, continuing (and more recently accelerated) inflation has gradually eroded our ability to continue the social programs (like the July 4 and Halloween Parades/Parties, Members Socials, New Year Brunch) and other services (like EC-Net, the Neighborhood Directory and neighborhood advocacy) we provide for the community. After debating the topic for the last couple of years, the ECA Board made the difficult decision to raise the dues to \$35 per household per year for 2024.

Although dues are voluntary and everyone who lives in this neighborhood is an ECA member, those who also support the ECA financially by paying dues become Voting Members, and can vote in ECA elections. They also receive a printed copy of the ECA's Neighborhood Directory each year, as well as access to the online ECA Directory and phone app.

Thank you for your understanding.

In a few weeks, I'll send out the official reminder notice asking you for your continued financial support. But, if you'd like to scratch something off your New Year to-do list, visit the [Membership and Dues](#) page of the ECA website and make your 2024 dues payment right now.

### 3. Edgemoor Tip of the Month – Montgomery Parks Open Town Hall

A couple of months ago, the ECA Newsletter included an item about how to submit comments about planned renovation of the Capital Crescent Trail. You can still submit comments online at [Montgomery Parks' Open Town Hall](#). In addition, you can comment there on many other Montgomery Parks projects, including a current one to make parks more attractive to older adults. To join the discussion, go [HERE](#).

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

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