



EBCA

**EAST BETHESDA
CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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REPRESENTING THE 1200 HOUSEHOLDS NORTH OF EAST-WEST HIGHWAY, SOUTH OF JONES BRIDGE ROAD, EAST OF WISCONSIN AVENUE AND WEST OF COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB.

EBCA Elections: February 22nd Meeting We need you!

Below is the slate of officers for elections for EBCA. As you see we have lots of vacancies. If you want to get involved come to the meeting and join us!!

- President: VACANT
- 1st Vice President: VACANT
- 2nd Vice President: Brittany Allison
- Recording Secretary: Melissa Groman
- Treasurer: Jack Hayes
- Social Committee: VACANT
- Parks Committee: VACANT
- Membership: Paige Nerenburg

Renew Your EBCA Membership

Once again it's time for our annual membership drive. Your membership and support is vital to our neighborhood!

EBCA works to build a strong community within and beyond our borders by organizing social events, advocating for issues effecting our community and providing information to our members through mailed newsletters, emails, and the website. General membership meetings are held twice a year. Our membership year follows our fiscal year: January 1-December 31.

Some of the issues EBCA is facing this year include: traffic, Purple Line construction, Bethesda Sector Plan changes and new middle school boundaries. Your voice and vote is needed!

Membership is only \$15 for each voting resident of East Bethesda! Purchase \$15 for a single member, \$30 for 2 members and \$45 for 3 members.

You can renew via PayPal or you can mail in the form below. When using PayPal, please opt to allow PayPal to include your address in their notification of your new membership.

Purple Line Stalled

By Andy O'Hare

The Purple Line project continues to be stalled over a question regarding how the projected ridership figures will be impacted by the continued challenges of the performance of the Metro system.

There is also pending litigation addressing the project environmental impact analysis over concerns about a particular endangered crayfish in Rock Creek. As a consequence, virtually all construction activities are now on hold.

On a related note, a citizens advisory group, upon which EBCA will be represented, has not yet convened and will not convene until these matters are resolved. Finally, the new President has identified infrastructure investment as a key priority for economic stimulus and favors public-private partnership approaches.

We will see how this preference plays out over the next few months and whether it impacts the Purple Line.

Capital Crescent Trail Detour

By Amanda Farber

Preliminary signs detouring the trail if/when the Purple Line construction begins were recently installed (and are covered) along the southern side of Jones Bridge to Maryland/Pearl and through the neighborhood to East West Highway.

The neighborhood will ask that there be safety/use "improvements" incorporated into the potentially years-long detour route that could then be used in the future (particularly where identified in past and current plans). The Wisconsin tunnel will be closed for 4+ years and funding to complete the trail tunnel must be provided in a future CIP budget. DOT officials also stated they had to consider that Elm Street will be closed for construction of the Apex building and that the Marriott project will have a major impact on Woodmont Ave.

Bethesda Sector Plan Update

By Amanda Farber

The Bethesda Sector Plan is now up for review by the Council PHED Committee. The Staff and Councilmembers will be considering the density, heights, traffic/transit, school, park, design guidelines and other recommendations in the Plan.

The first Plan overview meeting was held January 23rd and was productive. The Council decisions will help shape development and infrastructure in the downtown area for years to come. There are several work sessions scheduled and residents are encouraged to attend or watch online at the Council website:

- February 6, 2:00, Bethesda Downtown Plan, schools and fiscal impact
- February 13, 2:00, Bethesda Downtown Plan, continued
- February 27, 2:00, Bethesda Downtown Plan, transportation
- March 6, 2:00, Bethesda Downtown Plan, continued
- March 13, 2:00, Bethesda Downtown Plan, ZTA 16-20--Overlay Zone

Reminders

**Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 22
7 p.m. at BCC High School**

**Community Shred
Saturday, April 8
10-12 @ Lynbrook Drive
Blacktop**

EBCA Proposes Changes to By-Laws

Below are the proposed changes the EBCA By-Laws. The proposed changes are to make the number of required meetings two per year rather than four and to make the Executive Committee meetings quarterly rather than monthly. This does not mean there will only be two meetings per year; they will continue to be held as needed as they have been in the past. These changes are proposed to relieve some of the burden on the President and Executive Committee. Please see the details below. These changes will be voted on by the Membership at the General Membership meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 pm at BCC High School.

East Bethesda Citizens Association (EBCA) BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. The name of the organization is the EAST BETHESDA CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

Section 2. The area represented by the Association is bounded on the west by Wisconsin Avenue, on the south by East-West Highway, on the east by the Columbia Country Club and on the north by Jones Bridge Road.

ARTICLE TWO. OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The Association shall serve as a means of uniting residents and promoting the civic betterment of the area.

Section 2. The Association shall encourage active involvement of residents in all civic, environmental, educational, recreational, social, and development and maintenance matters in and around the area.

Section 3. The Association shall uphold the principles of good government while remaining a politically non-partisan organization.

ARTICLE THREE. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any individual who is a resident in or owner of property within the area delineated in Article I, Section 2, upon reaching the age of 18, is eligible for membership in the Association.

Section 2. Membership is obtained by payment of dues.

Section 3. Only members may vote, become officers and hold committee assignments. Failure to pay membership dues will result in suspension of membership and loss of voting privileges.

Section 4. Membership dues are on a Calendar Year basis, (January 1 - December 31).

Section 5. The membership dues are set annually by the Executive Committee and approved at a General Meeting.

Section 6. Voting shall be by members present. No proxies are permitted.

ARTICLE FOUR. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association are President, two (2) Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Asst. Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers, the immediate past president and the chairs of established committees comprise the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. As such, the President:

a. Presides over regular and special meetings of the Association and casts a deciding vote on any question in case of a tie.

b. With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, determines which committees shall be established or dissolved, and names their chairs. (S)He is ex-officio member of established committees.

c. Appoints delegates and alternates to represent the Association at allied organizations, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Vice-Presidents assist the President in the discharge of the latter's duties of office. In the absence of the President, the vice-president designated to do so will preside at the meetings of the Association.

Section 5. The Recording Secretary keeps a correct record of the proceedings of the Association.

Section 6. The Treasurer is custodian of the funds of the Association. (S)He maintains appropriate bank accounts, receives dues from members, pays bills authorized by the Executive Committee and submits periodic reports on the fiscal condition of the treasury. In case of the Treasurer's absence, the President shall disburse Association funds, after being authorized to do so by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Any officer may resign by written notice to the President or either Vice President. Any officer may be removed by two-thirds vote, upon reasonable notice, at meeting of the general membership.

ARTICLE FIVE. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Association are held at least ~~bi-annually quarterly~~. The day and place of meeting is set in advance by the President and the membership shall receive reasonable notice thereof.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Association shall take place in November. At this meeting, all annual reports except the Treasurer's report, are ~~delivered submitted~~ and officers to serve the ensuing fiscal year are elected. The Treasurer's report shall be submitted at the first regular meeting of the calendar year.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President as necessary, with reasonable notice to the membership. Members may petition the President to call a special meeting by identifying the purpose of the meeting and supplying signatures of ten (10) members to support the petition. Only such business as the meeting was called to consider shall be discussed and be acted upon.

Section 4. At any meeting of the Association a quorum shall be ten (10) members.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order, as newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary guide and shall govern the proceedings of the Association.

Section 6. The Association membership shall not take final action during a General Meeting on any issue that was not set forth on the agenda for such General Meeting as published in the Association Newsletter. The Association Membership may introduce an issue as is necessary and appropriate including but not limited to, referring the issue to the Executive Committee, or any other committee of the Association for further investigation or setting the issue on the agenda for a future

General Meeting or Special Meeting. To serve this purpose, published on the agenda for each meeting, should be listed the opportunity for new business.

Section 7. The Executive Committee shall meet at least ~~quarterly~~ ~~bimonthly~~ as directed by the President, upon reasonable notice, either written or oral.

ARTICLE SIX. ELECTIONS

Section 1. ~~At the meeting preceding the annual meeting of the Association,~~ The President shall appoint a nominating committee ~~preceding the annual meeting~~, composed of a minimum of three (3) active members. The nominating committee will select members for each elective office and will submit the names of such nominees to the President for publication in the notice of the annual ~~May~~ meeting.

Section 2. At the annual meeting, ~~in November~~, any member may make nominations from the floor. If more than one name is presented for any office, the members present shall elect by majority vote. If no one receives a majority, the nominee receiving the smallest number of votes shall withdraw and the same procedure is followed in each succeeding ballot until one nominee receives a majority of all votes cast.

Section 3. Voting in the elections shall be by members present. No proxies are permitted.

Section 4. All officers shall be elected to serve for the ensuing fiscal year or until their successors are duly elected.

Section 5. Any vacancy in any office of the Association shall be filled by appointment by the President with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee. The foregoing does not apply to the office of the President which shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The President shall not be eligible to serve for more than two terms in succession. A portion of a term shall not be considered a full term.

ARTICLE SEVEN. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. These By-Laws shall become effective when adopted by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the Association and shall supersede all previous By-Laws of the Association.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended or altered as follows:

a. Any member may offer a resolution for amendment in writing at a regular meeting of the Association or may mail such written resolution to the President.

b. The resolution so offered shall be published in the Association Newsletter or announcement of next meeting.

c. At the regular meeting following the introduction of the resolution, the resolution shall be read and discussed and any amendments to the resolution considered.

d. The resolution, with amendments, if any, shall be published in the Association Newsletter or announcement of next meeting.

e. At the second regular meeting following the introduction of the resolution, the resolution with amendments, if any, may be adopted by two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE EIGHT. DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall, without election therefor, consist of the officers.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Two or more Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Marriott Update

By Amanda Farber

The relocation of Marriott headquarters to the block bordered by Wisconsin, Cheltenham/Norfolk, and Woodmont Ave will have a major impact on the area both during and after construction. Marriott is proposing a 22-story office building and 12-story, 230 room hotel on the site. The Tastee Diner and Woodmont Grill properties are not included in the plan layout (the parking lot adjacent is included). Marriott will get business hour use of the Woodmont County Garage which is 1000+ parking spaces and will build another 800 underground spaces. The images released by Marriott include a "public park" on the north side of Cheltenham (where Union Hardware is located). The current draft of the Bethesda Sector Plan indicates that .5 acre park will only be implemented with an additional 290 ft building developed immediately north of it. However the County Council is still reviewing the Plan and recommendations for these properties at this time.

A Marriott spokesperson released a statement "I think first and foremost, we take great pride in being a good neighbor and having strong relationships with the community." EBCA reached out to Marriott and a representative from Marin Warner public relations, representing Marriott, called EBCA to say they see our group as a top priority and they are putting together a "full blown community relations plan." They will reach out in earnest shortly. In the meantime, they have created a dedicated website and welcome residents to sign up for more information and updates. <http://www.mhqbethesda.com/get-updates>.

East Bethesda Neighborhood Shred Event

Sponsored by: Brittany Allison, Realtor & EBCA

Where? 8001 Lynbrook Drive Blacktop

When? April 8th 10am-12pm

How? Pull up on the blacktop and unload your boxes

Cost? FREE

Why? Donations will be accepted on behalf of Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad! Please help us support the brave citizens who serve our community!

Find EBCA Online!

Our Website:
www.EBCA.org

Our Facebook Group:
[facebook.com/groups/ebca1](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ebca1)

*This group is "closed" for privacy.
Please request membership approval.*



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Have you joined EBCA this year yet? You can Join now for 2017!

Fill out and mail in this form or renew online at www.ebca.org.

You can also renew your EBCA Membership at the February 22 meeting; please bring cash or check.

Please support our neighborhood activities, this newsletter, and the community activism that makes East Bethesda one of the most desirable places in which to invest and raise a family.

\$15 per voting member, but additional contributions are always welcome.

EBCA – Membership
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