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**EAST BETHESDA  
CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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**Fall 2018**

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## President's Notebook

By Andy O'Hare

Happy Fall to all. Please mark your calendars for the EBCA General Membership meeting being held on Wednesday, October 17, from 7-9 p.m. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School. Please plan to attend. A meeting agenda is outlined below.

Much has been going on since our Spring communication. Construction on the Purple Line has begun in earnest, and more commercial development in downtown Bethesda is going full steam. There are detailed updates on these initiatives elsewhere in this newsletter.

I want to put a plug in for the small band of dedicated volunteers who do a very able job of looking out for the interests of our community, with different, but much appreciated contributions.

Amanda Farber, our first Vice President, works her second full time job representing East Bethesda on the Bethesda Plan implementation committee. This requires representation at many community meetings and attention to many details.

Jack Hayes, our long-time Treasurer (and a previous EBCA President), possesses a wealth of knowledge of our community and has very ably represented East Bethesda's interests (well beyond financial) in various capacities over many years.

Katya Marin, our second Vice President, also sit on the Bethesda Elementary PTA and Western

Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board, ensuring East Bethesda's voice is heard.

Melissa Groman, our Secretary, has kept the organization on task by creating written records of our gatherings. Very helpful to all, especially those new to the EBCA leadership.

Paige Nerenberg, our Membership Chair, has moved our organization to a new level through implementation of the Memberplanet online platform.

Jay Briar, our Newsletter Editor, has ensured that you are able to read what you are now reading. His attention to detail and design is valued and much appreciated.

Lastly, our newest volunteer, is our Social Chair, Caroline Aslan. She is very interested in getting East Bethesda residents engaged with each other and was responsible for organizing the recent community yard sale in September.

There are many other previous EBCA volunteers that still reside in East Bethesda that have made many substantial contributions to the community over the years which is that much better for their efforts. I encourage all residents, both long-term and new, to join EBCA and share your many talents on behalf of the community. Please reach out to me regarding your interest in engaging with your community association. You can contact me at [president@ebca.org](mailto:president@ebca.org). I hope to see you on October 17!

## Purple Line Work

Construction work began in earnest on the Purple Line this past spring, with a focus on clearing the right of way, including the removal of many trees and other vegetation. In the meantime, residents that reside on the right-of-way in East Bethesda, Chevy Chase and Edgevale have formed an informal coalition and have been meeting on an occasional basis with state and county officials to address construction impacts and future design details. Construction attention is presently focused on new tunnels under Wisconsin Avenue and the tunnel closer to Silver Spring, but attention is expected to soon be redirected towards East Bethesda with work on stormwater and electric utilities. Please sign up for updates at: [www.purplelinemd.com/construction](http://www.purplelinemd.com/construction). Questions about the Purple Line can be sent to: Andy O'Hare at [president@ebca.org](mailto:president@ebca.org).

### **General Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 17  
7-9 p.m., B-CC High School**

**7:00 Intros  
7:05 B-CC HS Field Use  
7:20 Marriott HQ  
7:45 Purple Line  
8:00 Membership  
8:10 Financials  
8:20 Other Business**

## EBCA Membership Update

It is almost time to renew your EBCA membership. Membership is valid for a calendar year. We are starting our second year using memberplanet.com to manage our membership. There have been very few issues and we are happy with the tools they offer us. These include better management of email distributions and online payment options.

Starting in December, you will receive an email notifying you that it is time to renew! You will be able to link to your account from this email and pay online.

There are still some current members who have yet to create unique log in/passwords for their membership. You will be able to do this from the renewal notification as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email them to [membership@ebca.org](mailto:membership@ebca.org).

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## Social Committee Plans

As part of your membership dues, EBCA facilitates social events that allow us to spend some time together as a community. If you have not done so already, please join our EBCA Facebook group where we announce events and inviting ideas. If Facebook is not your thing, please send me your email address at [caroline.aslan@longandfoster.com](mailto:caroline.aslan@longandfoster.com) and I will update you.

In case you missed what has already happened this year, we had some very well attended happy hours before the summer, a wonderful fireworks evening celebrating July 4th, and a great Community Yard sale just recently. Thirty eight vendors were on hand, making the event a tremendous success.

More is planned, starting with our next happy hour, currently scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th, at Guapos, followed by our annual Halloween Parade (weather permitting!) on Sunday, October 28th.

Any and all activities need support from YOU! Whether you are attending or volunteering, your services in whatever capacity are crucial to the continuation and success of these social events in our neighborhood, so please join us!

The advertisement features a central portrait of Brittany Allison, a blonde woman with her arms crossed, wearing a black top. To the left of the portrait is the logo for Casaday Allison, consisting of a stylized 'A' inside a circle, with the name 'CASADAY ALLISON' below it. Below the logo is the text 'Your Neighbor. Your Real Estate Expert.' and contact information for Brittany Allison: 'Realtor® DC/MD/VA', 'brittany@casadayallison.com', and '301.461.0084'. To the right of the portrait is a white box containing the text '\$20M+' and 'Over \$20M sold in Bethesda'. On the far right, the word 'COMPASS' is written vertically in white capital letters. At the bottom left, there is a small disclaimer: '© 2018 Compass. All rights reserved. This advertisement is not intended to constitute an offer of any financial product or service. Please contact your broker for more information. All trademarks are the property of their respective owners. All rights reserved. © 2018 Compass. All rights reserved.'

## Development Committee Update: Construction Planning

Many projects are headed our way adjacent to East Bethesda in downtown Bethesda. The Wisconsin Avenue corridor will be a focus for the foreseeable future. How is it possible to keep up with them all? The following are helpful links to agendas, tracking information, and materials:

- Agenda: [montgomeryplanningboard.org/agendas](http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/agendas)
- Development Tracking: [bit.ly/ebca-plan](http://bit.ly/ebca-plan)
- Design Advisory Panel: [bit.ly/ebca-design](http://bit.ly/ebca-design)

It is also helpful to know where a project is in the approval process. In general, projects must first hold a public Community Meeting to present the Sketch Plan. New projects must also go through the Design Review Panel. Sketch Plans must then be approved by the Planning Board - or they may tell the applicant to go back to the drawing board and make changes. The next steps once the Sketch Plan is approved are Preliminary Plan and Site Plan. Projects usually will go back through Design Review before final Site Plan approval. Site plans may also be amended once they are approved, resulting in minor and major project changes. The meetings that are held to implement these series of development steps are all open to the public. All are encouraged to get

engaged as development in Bethesda kicks into high gear!

So far, no development projects are in the pipeline for the east side of Wisconsin Avenue, adjacent to East Bethesda. This could change at any time, however.

Some of the significant projects currently underway or proposed include: Apex, Marriott, 7900 Wisconsin, 8000 Wisconsin, Gallery 2, 8280 Wisconsin, 7359 Wisconsin, ZOM Arlington, Edgemont 2, Brightview, 4915/4921 Auburn Ave, 4747 Bethesda Ave, Claiborne, and the Farm Women's Market including 7121 & 7126 Wisconsin Ave.

## Website Changes Coming

The current EBCA website is not presently what we would all like it to be. We will be transitioning to a new website in the coming months, using what will hopefully be a platform that is easier to update and more focused on the key interests and concerns of East Bethesda residents and EBCA members. Those that may have an expertise and/or interest in this area are encouraged to reach out to Andy O'Hare at [president@ebca.org](mailto:president@ebca.org)

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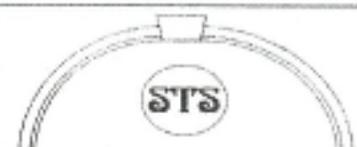
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