



March 14, 2022 Virtual Meeting

Highlights

How You Can Help

- Spring cleaning! Join Eckington Parks and Arts for a community cleanup on the first and third Saturday of every month or just take a few minutes on your own time to pick up trash on your block. Every bit helps!
- Remember to consult the ECA's [resident guide](#) if you need help from the city addressing a problem. [DC 311](#) is a great place to start for bulk trash pickup, rodent abatement, odor nuisance complaints (especially odors you notice near the asphalt plant), alley repair, street cleaning, missing street signs, traffic safety investigations, and similar issues.

ECA Updates

- Discussion of liquor license application for 501 Wine & Spirits LLC (1501 Harry Thomas Way NE)
 - Some folks have reached out regarding concerns about this application
 - Scott McFadden (francis.mcfadden@gmail.com) is a member of ANC 5E's ABRA and will share feedback received from the ECA membership with that group and Commissioner Wright.
 - The ECA officers and members did not recommend involving the association in this matter.
- BZA relief application for 1933 2nd St NE.
 - Owner is seeking relief from rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 & the rooftop and upper floor requirements of Subtitle E § 206.1, asking to construct a third story and rear addition with penthouse and roof deck, and add two additional dwelling units to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, 4-unit apartment house in the RF-1 zone.
 - Neighboring households attended the call and indicated that they are generally supportive of the project and remain in dialogue with the architect about a few specific remaining questions.
 - ECA members do not have any concerns with the relief being sought and are not proposing to take action.
- Other ECA updates:
 - The ECA has transmitted a [letter to DMPED re: Engine 12 RFP](#) (2225 5th Street NE and 513 Rhode Island Avenue NE)
 - The ECA has also transmitted a letter to [DDOT re: traffic safety improvements](#) on east side of Eckington.
 - Ward 5 ANC redistricting maps are anticipated shortly. A working group on ANC 5E proposed splitting the commission in two, which is consistent with the ECA's request in January. The ECA will circulate the new maps via the listserv when it is received.
 - A North Capitol Street Community Advisory Committee has begun to meet.
 - First public meeting about North Capitol Street concept planning and short term safety fixes is expected this summer.
 - Short term Lincoln Road safety improvements are now anticipated to be a component of this project, but a timeline has not yet been announced for this part of the project.
 - Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie released his [budget letter for FY2023](#)

Updates from the offices of elected representatives and community members

- [Silas Grant](#), Constituent Analyst, [Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie](#)
 - The councilmember made [budget requests](#) to Mayor, including expedition of process to install bike lane on Edgewood side of MBT trail (8th Street); request that the slip lane on the west side of N. Capitol Street at Florida Avenue be eliminated to allow for beautification. Currently in process of identifying all requests that we've heard, documenting them, and working with other committees to determine which we can fulfill.
 - Public restroom pilots will include a few sites in Ward 5, including at N. Capitol and Florida (budget would include maintenance).
 - A series of in-person [budget hearings](#) planned after anticipated release of budget (Mar 16).
 - Constituents can reach out to Kelly Cislo (202-724-8028; kcislo@dccouncil.us) about applying for STAY DC, or if you're waiting for claims to be released, or for unemployment claims. Folks can escalate to Laisha Doherty (ldougherty@dccouncil.us) if they're not hearing back from the Constituent Services Team.
- Eckington Parks & Arts will be partnering with WABA for a cleanup sometime in April, and some workouts in the park. EP&A is also collaborating on a DC Trail Ranger program with WABA.
- Eckington/Langley Community Food Forest (<https://eckingtonparks.com/greenways>) will host a Spring Planting Day on April 2 from 9a – 12p. This season will feature native flowers and shrubs that support local pollinators and will also serve as ground cover to compete with the weeds. Folks will also check in on all the trees and shrubs that are already in the ground (a long list including pomegranates, persimmon, blackberry, paw paw, jujube, figs, blueberries, strawberries, mint, horseradish, and more). The group expects to start harvesting some of the spring fruits. Attendees can learn about the plants and Food Forest ecology. Please [sign up here](#) if you can make it, feel free to share with any friends and neighbors who you think might be interested.
- Saturday (Mar 26th) is the Rock & Roll Marathon along N. Cap Street.
- May 21st will be Bloomingdale Community Day

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- First and third Saturday of every month: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- March 29: [DC Mayoral and Chair Transportation Candidate Forum](#) at Metrobar in Edgewood
- Monday, April 11: Next ECA monthly meeting

About the Eckington Civic Association

The Eckington Civic Association meets the first Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted). You do not need to be a member to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the association, which allows you to vote at meetings and serve on committees, please register [HERE](#). Membership is free for residents (your participation is your most valuable contribution!), but we welcome donations [HERE](#).

Website: <https://eckingtoncivicassociation.com>

Twitter: [@EckingtonCivic](#)

Email: eckingtoncivic@gmail.com

Join the Eckington Google Group [HERE](#).

You can also follow us on NextDoor!

2022 ECA Officers

Conor Shaw, President

Dana Samuels, Daniel Agold, Taylor Kennedy, and Brandt Witt, Vice Presidents

Neil Shah, Treasurer

Ben Colbert, Communications Director

Other contact information

DC 311 (this is where you should file city service requests, like rodent abatement, tree planting, etc.)

Contact: File a request for city services at <https://311.dc.gov/citizen/home>, on their smartphone app (search DC 311) or on twitter [@311DCgov](https://twitter.com/311DCgov).

If you are having an issue with city services, please begin by filing a service request to see if it resolves your issue. If contacting 311 does not or cannot resolve your issue, please consult the list below to contact the appropriate office.

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (contact your ANC commissioners about zoning, permitting, and related matters)

Contacts: Denise Wright, ANC 5E03 (East Eckington) Commissioner: 5E03@anc.dc.gov or 202-262-7717;

Sylvia Pinkney ANC 5E04 (West Eckington) Commissioner: 5E04@anc.dc.gov or (202) 269-4180

Eckington's ANC commissioners should be your first point of contact for zoning, permitting, and other ANC matters. The ECA endeavors to coordinate with our ANC officials on other matters when possible. ANC 5E typically meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School, 1400 1st Street NW, Washington, DC. More information here: <https://anc5edc.blogspot.com/>.

The Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services (Mayor Bowser's constituent services office)

Contact: Nokomis Hunter Ward 5 Liaison, MOCRS: Nokomis.Hunter@dc.gov or (202) 251-5049. .

MOCRS serves as the Mayor's primary constituent services organization by responding to constituent requests, complaints, and questions. If you are experiencing issues with a city agency, MOCRS may be able to help resolve the matter.

Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie (your Ward CM)

Contacts: Silas Grant, Constituent Analyst: shgrant@dccouncil.us or (202) 727-8274; Kelley Cislo, Constituent Services Director: kcislo@dccouncil.us or (202) 724-8172

Council Member McDuffie's office should be your primary point of contact regarding legislative matters, and his office can also be a resource to navigate issues with city agencies. Council Member McDuffie represents Ward 5, which includes Eckington. Keep in mind that you also have 5 other representatives on the DC Council who hold at-large seats and also may be able to assist you. They are currently: Chairman Phil Mendelson; Anita Bonds; Christina Henderson; Elissa Silverman; and Robert White, Jr.

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) 5th District

Contacts: Call 911 for any emergencies. Otherwise, contact Ralph McLean, 5th District Commander: ralph.mclean@dc.gov or (202) 698-0150 for inquiries about our local police district. You can also contact

Frances Penn, who is the Chair of the 5th District Citizens' Advisory Council: chair@the5dcac.org

Murder Free DC Violence Interruptors in Eckington/Truxton Circle

Contact: Sean Magruder at seanmagruder@murderfreedc.org or +1 (619) 956-6065

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Contact: Kelly Jeong-Olson, DDOT Ward 5 liaison: Kelly.Jeong-Olson1@dc.gov