

## 10 Great Things About Edmonston

- 1. Quality of life.** We are an attractive, quaint and affordable community near the DC line, close to parks, the arts, rivers, metro, shopping, and less than 15 minutes away from Silver Spring, Capitol Hill, H Street, U Street and Columbia Heights.
- 2. Diversity.** We celebrate our cultural richness, as lifetime residents and newcomers from around the world are here together as one community.
- 3. Great local businesses.** For our small size we have outsized entrepreneurs who have established some of the most innovative businesses and organizations in the region: DC Glassworks, Community Forklift, ECO City Farms, La Fondita Restaurante, and Three Brothers Pizza flagship restaurant and Italian Market).
- 4. Sustainability.** Edmonston is the region's greenest community, with our award winning "Green Street" and all municipal energy use from 100% wind power.
- 5. History.** We are part of a robust history, including nearby Bladensburg Port, Riversdale Mansion, and our inspirational community founders, Adam Plummer and Emily Saunders. Freed after the Civil War from Riversdale Plantation, they purchased 10 acres (on the east side of Edmonston) and travelled the deep south to find family members sold during slavery to bring them to this new homestead, thus establishing our community. This amazing story is recognized by the Smithsonian, which holds Adam's diary and other family artifacts.
- 6. A bridging community.** We were incorporated in 1924 for the main purpose of building a bridge to safely cross the Anacostia River, which today is our symbol of connection, community and possibility.
- 7. Nature and recreation.** The heart of the Town is the Anacostia River and its adjacent parks, with nearby access to canoeing, kayaking, hiking, biking, fishing and birdwatching. You can enjoy the richness of the outdoors by watercraft on the river, or by foot and bike on the Anacostia bike trail network that takes you to Greenbelt, Silver Spring and now DC.
- 8. Safety.** Because of our excellent community-oriented police department, Edmonston is among the safest communities in Prince George's County.
- 9. Archemedes Screws.** To prevent flooding our pumping station features three bus-sized screws that can churn up to 250 million gallons of water a day out of the town. This screw-pump technology was developed in the 4th Century BC developed by the Greek mathematician Archemedes. Pretty neat.
- 10. Welcoming.** We attract warm community-oriented people, served by our responsive Town staff that honors our ethic to treat all people with respect, regardless of race, class, language, or sexual orientation.