

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

FALL 2017

ANNOUNCING EARLEJAM 2017

FAMILY FRIENDLY MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 29, 3-7 PM Earlewood Park Amphitheater

Plan now to attend EarleJam 2017 for some family-friendly fun at the Earlewood Amphitheater — Sunday, October 29 from 3-7 p.m. Enjoy popular beers from Bierkeller Columbia, assorted food trucks, and live music from the Station Seven band. Earlewood residents Landon Thompson and Scott King are members of Station Seven.

Admission is free, but bring cash or credit card for food and drinks. You may also bring blankets or chairs, but no coolers, please. Parking will be limited inside the park but available at Earlewood Baptist Church, a short distance from the amphitheater.

Please note: Parkside Drive (that runs through the park) and the Northwood Extension (that crosses Earlewood Drive and goes around the baseball field to Parkside Drive) will be closed from 1-8 p.m. for this event.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down.

To volunteer for EarleJam, please contact

Allison Caldwell at 803-528-0740.



Earlewood Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 15 • 7:00 PM
Earlewood Park Community Center

The Earlewood Thanksgiving Dinner is a long-standing tradition enjoyed by everyone. All Earlewood residents and their guests are invited. ECCO provides the turkey, dressing, and iced tea, and neighbors bring sides or a dessert to share. It's a chance to express our collective gratitude for living in one of the best neighborhoods in Columbia and a great opportunity to connect and share a meal with your neighbors.

Please bring your food items to the community center between 6:30-7:00 so we can set the tables. The meal will begin after a blessing at 7:15 p.m.

To volunteer for set up or clean up, please contact Tracy Duecker at 386-445-0951.

MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT WORK!



Historic Register Plaques Available

As part of the Alta-Vista, Camp Fornance and Newman Park Historic District, Earlewood is now listed in The National Register of Historic Places (NHRP)! Homes in Earlewood are eligible to display South Carolina National Register plaques, available for \$150.

For more information or to purchase a plaque with your home address, contact Virginia Bedford at 803-546-1482.



Theft from Vehicles

One of the most common crimes committed in Earlewood is theft from the cars and trucks of Earlewood residents. The majority of all vehicles broken into were left unlocked! Don't make your car attractive to thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight. Take them inside. And park in well-lighted areas as many thefts from vehicles occur at night.

Everyone should remove all valuables (even coins in the console!), lock the doors, and park in a well-lit space.

ECCO QUARTERLY MEETING & 2018 SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 19 • 6:30 PM
Earlewood Park Community Center
1113 Parkside Drive

ECCO's next quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, October 19, at the Earlewood Park Community Center. All residents of Earlewood and surrounding communities are invited and encouraged to attend.

Special speaker Mike Dawson, executive director of The River Alliance, will discuss the latest leg of the Three Rivers Greenway, on which ground was broken in July. A potential connector between Earlewood and the Greenway that begins at Lucius Road (the dream of several Earlewoodians) will also be discussed.

Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. with a police and safety briefing, followed immediately by a general session at 7:00. Meet your neighbors and Executive Committee members, address safety concerns with Columbia Police officers who regularly patrol our neighborhood, and learn how to get involved in upcoming projects and events.

SAVE THE DATE for quarterly meetings in 2018 (same place and time, with special speakers TBA):

Thursday, January 18

Thursday, April 19

Thursday, July 19

Thursday, October 18

2017 Big Flea — Big Success

This past spring, our annual Big Flea community yard sale event began at Earlewood Baptist Church and continued in over 25 yards throughout the neighborhood. Feedback from sellers and shoppers was positive, and everyone agreed that selling their "stuff" in their own front yard was much easier than hauling it to a central location. Including registration fees and raffle proceeds, we raised more than \$1,000 for ECCO. Every penny is an investment in our neighborhood, supporting the projects and events that improve the quality of life for all of us.



Save the date for the 2018 Big Flea: April 5, 2018.

New Member Exclusive! Earlewood Doodle Shirts for Half Price



New members can purchase the ECCO Doodle T-shirt for only \$10 (regularly \$20). Designed by Earlewood residents Bill Roberson and Scot Holder, the shirts come in two colors (stonewashed blue or green) and feature doodle drawings of neighborhood landmarks such as The Humane Society Fountain, the Civil War Surrender Stone, the Disc Golf Course and Earlewood Amphitheater. Shirts will be sold while supplies last at EarleJam, Thanksgiving Dinner, and our Membership Appreciation event in January.

To purchase a Doodle shirt, please contact ECCO Membership Chair Virginia Bedford at 803-546-1482.

Suspicious Activity? Call CPD ASAP!

Suspects can be apprehended more quickly if citizens call the Columbia Police Department to report suspicious activity promptly. Officers recommend that you call CPD if someone's actions or an incident you observe is disturbing, threatening, or out of the ordinary.

The Columbia Police Department is providing these simple tips to help you report suspicious activity.

Call 911 or 252-2911 (non-emergency) and give details about the suspicious person or vehicle:

- ▶ People: Give race, gender, height, weight, clothing, distinguishing marks
- ▶ Vehicle: Give Model/Make, License Plate, Direction of Travel

Remember, you may be telling the CPD something that they are not aware of or may be giving them the information to assist with an arrest. The more information you can give them, the greater the chances are of the person(s) being caught. For additional crime prevention tips, visit ColumbiaPD.net.

National Night Out

On August 1st, neighbors, friends, and local officials met for Earlewood's annual National Night Out. This event provides an opportunity to promote and celebrate police-community partnerships in crime prevention efforts as well as strengthen neighborhood spirit. Throughout the year, Earlewood's Police and Safety Committee works in cooperation with Columbia police officers to help keep our community safe. If you're interested in serving on this committee, please contact info@earlewood.org.

Safety Contact Information

It's important to have the right contact numbers handy.

Columbia Dispatch (non-emergency): 803-252-2911

Columbia Police Department: 803-545-3500

Report street light outages to **SCE&G**: 800-251-7234

Officer T.H. Johnson, Earlewood Community Officer): 803-528-4664 or (thjohnson@columbiasc.net)

Please report all suspicious activity to Dispatch or by email to Officer Johnson. Even if nothing is damaged or missing, the information gathered is important and could help the CPD as they continue working to keep Earlewood safe.



PORCH PARTIES

Neighbors Enjoying Neighbors!

As anyone who has attended one can tell you, the primary goal of Earlewood's seasonal Porch Parties is to have a good time on a Friday night. The secondary goal?

To provide a casual, relaxed opportunity for Earlewood residents to get to know each other in our wonderful neighborhood. Neighbors have opened their porches, homes, backyards, and pools to their neighbors and friends this year.

BIG THANKS to our hosts this past season:

Jackie Ortner (May), Michal Simmonsen and Kelly Yongue (June), Jennifer Ashburn (July), Mandy Joye (August), Evelyn May (September), and Amy and Kai Jorgensen (October).

To host a Earlewood Porch Party in 2018, contact Susie King at 615-506-9994.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



In September 2008, I made one of the best decisions of my life when I bought my house in the Earlewood neighborhood. The location of Earlewood so close to downtown Columbia (and just two miles from my office) was the initial selling point. Since then, I have experienced the other wonderful things Earlewood has to offer. I have gotten to know my neighbors and have made lasting friendships. I have had the opportunity to participate in decisions affecting our neighborhood and Columbia.

Getting involved with our neighborhood association, ECCO, is what provided those opportunities to me. And now, I want to extend the same opportunities to you. With ECCO, there is never a dull moment; we are always planning, working, or advocating for something. As you can see in this newsletter, there are opportunities to get involved and participate in activities as varied as the EarleJam music and beer festival, beautification of River Drive, and the Big Flea neighborhood yard sale. There are also lots of great opportunities to just hang out with your neighbors at our regular porch parties and the Member Appreciation Backyard Bar-B-Q coming up in January.

In addition, we are always looking for folks to join our Executive Committee. This is the core group of neighbors who make all our events and activities happen. We particularly need folks who are interested in public relations, marketing, social media, event planning, and improving our parks. Even if you don't know what you want to do but you just know you want to get more involved, contact me. We can find a volunteer opportunity that matches your time, skills, and interest.

And don't forget, the most important way to get involved with the neighborhood is to become a member of ECCO. It is only \$10 per person! We want to get to know you, your concerns, and your hopes for our neighborhood, and the best way to do that is for you to join ECCO. Working together we can keep Earlewood the best neighborhood in Columbia.

Thank you,

Kathleen McDaniel President

ECCO Officers (2016-2018)

Fred Monk Vice President

Evelyn May Secretary

Yvette Sistar Treasurer

Jennifer McBroom Member-at-Large

Serve on the River Drive Beautification Committee

It's long been a desire to beautify and slow traffic on River Drive, Earlewood's main thoroughfare. To that end, ECCO recently formed the River Drive Beautification Committee and seeks active participants to form and help implement projects within a two-year plan. Virginia Bedford and Allison Caldwell have volunteered to co-chair this new committee. Join the ECCO group on Facebook if you haven't already, then ask to join the private **River Drive Beautification** group or email vabedford@aol.com. We look forward to seeing what takes shape!

Subscribe to Receive ECCO Emails

You can now opt to receive ECCO news via email! Simply visit Earlewood.org and submit your info at the bottom of the Home page to receive relevant information electronically, including this newsletter. You don't have to be an ECCO member to subscribe, but we do hope you'll join. Get the latest neighborhood news in your inbox, and help us save a few trees (and more than a few bucks on printing).



Front Porch Roll Call

The Front Porch Roll Call was developed to support the Police Department's community police initiative. The goal of the program is to build better relationships between officers and the community. Police are present to answer questions about the concerns of the community. The Neighborhood Roll Call is held several times a month and begins at 5:45 p.m. It is held in different neighborhoods throughout the North Precinct. If you are concerned about crime and safety this is a great opportunity to talk directly to the police officers.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

YOU Make the Difference: VOLUNTEER! GET INVOLVED!

Active ECCO members make Earlewood an even better place to live, and we're actively recruiting people to serve as committee chairs and committee members.

To join other residents and become more active in neighborhood activities, *please contact Membership Chair Virginia Bedford at 803-546-1482.*

COMMITTEES

Please check committee(s) you are interested in helping with.

- Beautification
- River Drive Beautification
- Membership
- Grants
- Zoning
- Police and Safety
- Parks
- Communication
- Newsletters
- Website
- Public Relations
- Social Media
- Events
- National Night Out (*August*)
- Thanksgiving (*November*)
- Member Appreciation Event (*January*)
- Big Flea (*April*)
- Monthly Porch Parties (*May – October*)
- Amphitheater Events (*Spring & Fall*)

2018 ECCO Membership Drive

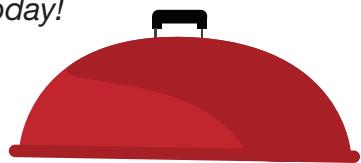
What Are You Waiting For? Join ECCO Today!

You're a proud resident of Earlewood. You care about your neighbors and your community. You want to maintain and continually improve safety and the quality of life here — and you're reading this newsletter, right now.

If that sounds like you, it's time to join **ECCO** for the first time, or renew your membership for 2018. Our membership year runs January 1 through December 31, and the annual membership fee is only \$10. Absolutely all proceeds support the projects and community events that make living in Earlewood so special for all of us.

New this year is the **ECCO** Member Appreciation Backyard Bar-B-Q: Saturday, January 20 at the home of ECCO President Kathleen McDaniel (3103 Lakewood Drive). Admission is free for members, \$10 for nonmembers (the price of an annual membership, coincidentally, so come join us — literally!). Hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and turkey dogs will be served.

Join ECCO today, and take an active role in making your neighborhood a better place to live. Join and pay online at Earlewood.org, or complete and mail the membership form below with a \$10 check to ECCO, P.O. Box 30225, Columbia, SC 29203.



DON'T MISS IT!

ECCO Member Appreciation Backyard Bar-B-Q

Saturday, January 20

6 p.m.-until

*Home of Kathleen McDaniel,
3103 Lakewood Drive*



A fun way to thank all ECCO members for supporting your community organization. If you're not a member yet, there's plenty of time to join. Hope to see you there!



ECCO Membership Form

JOIN NOW

YES! I want to take a more active role in improving my neighborhood and including my selected committeees in the "Volunteerrs Needed" checkbox.) Membership dues may be paid by check or PayPal. Mailing address is P.O. Box 30225, Columbia, SC 29203. To pay online go to www.earlewood.org.

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Preferred Contact Number:

Email Address:

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NOMA Community Garden • NOMA Neighborhood Watch
NOMA Parents