



# Earlewood

## Neighborhood Newsletter



March/April 2009

www.earlewood.org

### Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings

#### Monthly Meetings

Our neighborhood meetings are held the third Thursday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. and last about one hour. Meetings are held at Reformation Lutheran Church located at 1118 Union Street.

#### Police & Safety Meeting

The monthly Police & Safety Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. This meeting provides an opportunity for residents to address their safety concerns.

Officer Wines, the Earlewood police officer, attends to answer your questions.

#### March 19 Meeting

Susan Wilson will lead a discussion about traffic calming measures in Earlewood.

#### April 16 Meeting

Damon McDuffie with Parks & Rec will present an update on plans for the new building and recreational trail in Earlewood Park.

### Traffic Calming Revisited on March 19

Susan Wilson, Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee, did a great job at our February meeting discussing various "traffic calming" measures that are used in other cities.

Due to technical difficulties Susan wasn't able to give her laptop presentation so she will be featured again at the March meeting. If you have any concerns about the traffic in our neighborhood, plan to attend this meeting.

#### Earlewood Executive Council

The Executive Council is composed of the officers and committee chairs and meets monthly to discuss plans and projects for our neighborhood.

President	Fred Monk (765-0264)
Vice-President	Drue Barker
Secretary	Martha Mason
Treasurer	Bill Eiwen
Member-at-Large	Susan Wilson
Past President	Jim Prater

Committee	Chair
Communication	John Sinclair
Elections	Scott King
Grants	Wes Crosby
Membership	Virginia Bedford
Nominating	Tiaa Rutherford
Police & Safety	Brenda Creson
Quality of Life	Fred Monk
Street Captains	Ford Mason
Zoning	Julia Prater

### Recycling Energy Efficient Lightbulbs



As Kermit would say ... "Sometimes it isn't easy being green!"

While many of us are trying to use more energy

efficient light bulbs, otherwise known as Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs), disposing of them when they finally do burn out is a chore. However, there is an answer. The City of Columbia accepts CFLs at its solid waste facility and Home Depot is now accepting burned out CFLs.

#### Here are the details:

City of Columbia Department of Public Works:

2910 Colonial Drive; off of Slighs Road (Next to the Clyburn First Tee Golf Center)

**Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:30 - 3:30**  
Proof of residency is required.

#### Home Depot Stores (All Locations)

Bring any expired, unbroken CFL to any Home Depot location and place it in the designated bin or give it to the store associate at the returns desk.

## **Yard of the Month March**

3009 Lincoln Street

Petie Bradley of Russell & Jeffcoat Realtors will present Gus and Laura Smith with a \$25 Lowe's Gift Certificate.

## **April**

3100 Lakewood

Jennifer McBroom of Russell & Jeffcoat Realtors will present Jamie and Tameika Devine with a \$25 Lowe's Gift Certificate.

## **Garbage/Trash Pick-Up**

For residents new to Earlewood, the City picks up trash each Monday. City ordinance requires homeowners to separate their vegetation (yard trash) from other debris such as broken lawn equipment, old furniture, broken down cardboard boxes, etc.

Garbage and recycling collection is on Tuesday. If you need a new roll cart garbage container or a recycling bin, contact the Solid Waste Division at 545-3800.

## **Neighborhood Watch**

Unfortunately, in these troubling economic times crime is on the rise. CNN reported that 44 percent of crimes could be attributed to the economic crisis. Robberies were up 39 percent, theft was up 40 percent, and 63 percent of the agencies polled said that they expected these types of crimes to continue to increase.

A strong Neighborhood Watch program is the first line of defense for our local police department. We all need to work together and demonstrate to others that we are a neighborhood that watches out for our own. Call Officer Wines when you see something the least suspicious in your area.

There will be a free workshop on Neighborhood Crime Watch Programs and Identity Theft presented by the Columbia Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and on March 21st at 2:00 p.m. at One Justice Square near Washington & Lincoln Streets.

## **Police Officer Recruiting**

The Columbia Police will present a Community Recruiting Program on March 19, at 7 pm at the Capitol Senior Center, 1650 Park Circle. Chief Carter will discuss the qualifications for police officers. This is an attempt to "grow our own" group of new officers. To register for this event, please call 545-3509.

## **We Love Dogs But...**

Please pick up after them when they have done their business. We have received a number of complaints about dog poop being left in yards around Earlewood.

Get your plastic grocery bag or even one of the doggie "mitts" at either Marshall or Earlewood Park and pick up after Fido. The newspaper plastic bags also make good "mitts."

Many thanks on behalf of all homeowners who don't want to mess with someone else's poop.

## **Disc Golf Events**

There are two disc golf tournaments at Earlewood Park in March: The Earlewood Classic, on March 7-8 and March Madness on March 28. Earlewood Park has one of the best disc golf courses in the southeast. For more information, see [www.columbiadiscgolfclub.com](http://www.columbiadiscgolfclub.com).



## **Rutherford Agency**

**ERIK RUTHERFORD**

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Columbia, SC 29201

**803.748.4145**

As an Allstate Agent and Earlewood resident, my knowledge and understanding of the people in our community help me provide customers with an outstanding level of service.

# Letter from the President

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Welcome to the first edition of the expanded Earlewood newsletter. Under this new format we have the opportunity to include more information in a more pleasing way.

We are thankful for the efforts of the interns at ECI-Find New Markets, who helped with the layout of the newsletter, and Jerry Smith, owner of Smith Printing, who is doing our printing and offered a few suggestions not the least of which was including ads.

Yes, we have two charter advertisers – Classical Glass on North Main near the Railroad trestle and the Rutherford Agency, which is the Allstate agency located across from Jim Moore Cadillac. Both Bill Roberson, owner of Classical Glass, and Erik Rutherford are residents of Earlewood. We are grateful for their support so please support them. We expect to be adding a few more advertisers to help offset the cost of the newsletter in the coming issues.

And we have a new Earlewood website. Check out [www.Earlewood.org](http://www.Earlewood.org).

Julie Britt of JulieBritt.Com has helped us re-invent the site and we will continue to tweak it to make it useful for Earlewood residents and those who want to learn more about Earlewood and our wonderful neighborhood.

For both the newsletter and the website upgrade, we owe a special thanks to the City of Columbia. We received a community development mini-grant that helps us with both projects.

We had two excellent membership meetings in January and February and are very happy that so many people are taking an active interest in the neighborhood.

Obviously, as an organization our foremost priority is safety and security for our neighborhood and we are staying in close contact with the police to make sure any matter

or incident is addressed. We have a new Captain for the North Precinct, Captain Estelle Young, who many of you already know. She attended our membership meetings in January and February. If you see or suspect something is happening, don't hesitate to call the police. And call 911. It's not just for emergencies.

We have some fun events coming up. First is the Porch Party on April 19 on Clark Street and then our annual Flea Market & Plant Sale on May 16 at Reformation Lutheran Church. Please read the info on the Porch Party in the newsletter and plan on attending.

Check out the website and let us know if you have any information to include in the next newsletter.

*Fred Monk*

President



## Save the Date!

Earlewood's Seventh Annual  
**Flea Market & Plant Sale**  
Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m. - 12 Noon

It's time to clear out all your accumulated "stuff" and help raise money for the neighborhood association at the same time. If you don't want to rent a space, consider donating items to the neighborhood to sell at the Earlewood Table. To make it easy for everyone, we will come to your house and pick up any items (no clothes please) or plants you want to donate. More information to come!

### **Classical Glass Of South Carolina**

**Custom Designed Stained Glass Windows  
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## Earlewood's First Annual Spring

# Porch Party

**Remember back when the front porch was everyone's favorite place to hang-out and visit with their friends and neighbors?**

**Sunday Afternoon  
April 19  
4 to 7 p.m.**

**2900 Block of Clark Street**

**2910 Clark    2918 Clark**

**2923 Clark    2924 Clark**

Stroll on over to the 2900 block of Clark Street on Sunday afternoon, April 19, around 4 o'clock and join other Earlewood residents at our neighborhood's first Porch Party. Grills and tables will be set up in the vacant lot at 2922 Clark.

Just bring burgers or hotdogs to throw on the grill and something to drink - beer and wine are OK. There will be music and volleyball too!

Call Cynthia South at 413-4758 for more information.

## North Main Corridor Zoning

The City of Columbia is looking to implement the recommendations of the North Main Street Corridor Master Plan which received input from neighborhoods more than a year ago.

By the end of April, the city's planning department will be making recommendations to Columbia City Council on updated zoning and urban design guidelines for the commercially zoned areas in the master plan.

The Planning Department is seeking your feedback which you can leave by going to [www.columbiaplanning.net](http://www.columbiaplanning.net).

At a recent public hearing, members of the planning department outlined their interest in making the master plan come to life with a new zoning district. Among the decisions will be whether to create incentive-based or mandatory design guidelines.

## **ECCO Membership Form**

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership (\$5.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Household Membership (\$10.00)

**Please mail this form with your dues to:  
Earlewood Community Citizens Organization (ECCO)  
PO Box 30225  
Columbia, SC 29230**