



Earlewood

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

July/August 2010

BUNGALOW FEST September 12 • 1 to 6 pm

Earlewood will continue to observe its 2010 Centennial Celebration with BungalowFest, a Tour of Earlewood Homes & Gardens, on Sunday afternoon, September 12th, from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Earlewood is known for its many Craftsman Bungalows, an architectural design that was popular in the early 20th Century.

The American Craftsman Bungalow was named from the Arts & Crafts movement that emphasized simple design and fine craftsmanship. The term 'Bungalow' comes from India (via England) and means a modest-sized house with low-gabled roofs and wide porches. Gabled



roofs with overhanging exposed eaves and rafters, welcoming front porches and an abundance of windows are characteristics of the Craftsman Bungalow.

Earlewood's first home and garden tour will showcase 10

historic homes and gardens plus two townhomes at the former McCants Elementary School, an award winning property for its adaptive reuse of an historic building. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the tour and can be purchased at First Citizens Bank, a sponsor of BungalowFest, at their North Main branch located at 6824 N. Main Street. **BungalowFest: A History and Tour Guide of Earlewood** will be available soon at the North Main branch of First Citizens and also on-line at www.earlewood.org.



Bungalow Fest


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A TOUR OF EARLEWOOD
HOMES & GARDENS

Earlewood Cleanup Week – September 6-11

BungalowFest is essentially an Earlewood Open House and while just a few of our homes and gardens will be on the tour, all of Earlewood will be on display. So, everyone can play a role in making sure that the first impression that people outside of Earlewood get when they visit on Sunday, Sept. 12 will be a lasting impression. We hope you will join in the week before BungalowFest to make Earlewood beautiful and as clean as possible. Please help by picking up trash along your street and elsewhere. Thanks in advance for helping Earlewood put its best face on.

Robin Hallyburton



Robin Hallyburton is into the arts. So it was no wonder that she and her husband, Scott, acquired one of the newly built Craftsmen-style houses that blended with their desire for to be in an established neighborhood.

A classically trained bassist, Robin is Development Director for the South Carolina Philharmonic. She grew up in Spartanburg,

graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in music and then launched a professional career that included heading up development for The Atlanta Opera before coming to Columbia.

"I'm responsible for fundraising and stewardship," said Robin about her position with one of Columbia's most prestigious arts organizations. "I'm very lucky. I work with great people in a field that I truly love."

And she'd like to share that love – "I would like to offer my Earlewood neighbors a half-priced ticket to a concert. Just let me know if you are interested."

Robin and Scott married in 2008. "We met when our mutual friends asked us to be godparents of their daughter," she said. She and Scott, who works for SCANA, have a Chihuahua named Snack "who has met many Earlewood dogs at the park."

How long have you lived in Earlewood.

Scott and I moved to Earlewood in September 2008.

What do you like about our neighborhood?

There are so many things I love about Earlewood. The diversity of our neighbors, accessibility to the city, the beautiful homes and meeting new folks.

Why did you decide to move to Earlewood?

Scott and I wanted a home in an established neighborhood vs. a development. We have a good friend, Jenny Satterwaite, who lives in Earlewood and she encouraged us to check it out. We saw a new house being built on Darlington and fell in love with its style and features. Brent Dohn is the designer/builder of our home and he recently became a resident of Earlewood, too.

What changes would you like to see in Earlewood?

I would like the neighborhood to be safer, particularly during evening hours.



New Playground for Earlewood Park

Earlewood Park will soon become home for Columbia's Parks and Recreation Administration. The new building will be built where the current playground and water sprinkler are now and a new community center will replace the current building.

The loss of the old playground has given us a great opportunity. P&R is working with the ECCO Playground Committee chaired by Melanie Lewismoss to plan a new playground on the green space between the ball fields and parking lot above the amphitheater. The new playground will include swings and separate equipment for children ages 2 to 5 and ages 5 to 12. A large shade canopy will cover the equipment. There are also plans for a new picnic shelter, benches, shade trees, a water fountain plus horse shoe and bocce courts.

Keep your eyes open in the months to come. With the recent addition of the NOMA Nature Trail, a face lift for the basketball court and the coming dog park Earlewood Park is growing and changing to meet the needs of our neighborhood.

Yard of the Month

May

3117 Gadsden Street

Jennifer McBroom of Russell Jeffcoat Realtors presented Erik & Tiaa Rutherford with a \$25 Lowe's Gift Certificate.

June

3003 Clark Street

Petie Bradley of Russell Jeffcoat Realtors presented Susan and Michael Hamilton with a \$25 Lowe's Gift Certificate.

July

2901 Earlewood Drive

Kirstin Averhoff-Gilbert of Capital Relocation Group will present Michael & Cynthia Barnett with a \$25 Lowe's Gift Certificate.

August

2831 Clark Street

Jennifer McBroom of Russell Jeffcoat Realtors will present Drue Barker with a \$25 Lowe's Gift Certificate.



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NOMA Bark Park Opens in August!

After two years of hard work by dog-owning-volunteers, the NOMA Bark Park is set to open in August. The dog park will be located inside the walking track near the North Main entrance to Earlewood Park. Amenities include separate areas for large and small dogs, pet waste stations, benches and water fountains for dogs and their owners.

The NOMA Bark Park will be managed in a similar way to the dog park on Shop Road. An annual membership fee of \$25 per dog will be charged and each dog must have a City/County pet license. Only dogs that have been spayed or neutered may use the dog park. There will be a key-code entry system.

The Earlewood Citizens Community Organization (ECCO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and will be responsible for the Bark Park. The ECCO Executive Committee will appoint seven people to serve on the NOMA Bark Park Committee. This all-volunteer committee will provide oversight of the dog park. All membership fees will go toward the maintenance and management of the dog park.

For more information, please visit www.earlewood.org or join the Facebook Group, Friends of NOMA Bark Park.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3rd • 6 to 8 pm
Reformation Lutheran Church, 1118 Union Street
Dinner provided by ECCO

Come Join the Earlewood Gang and help us give crime & drugs a going away party! Join your neighbors for a picnic dinner at Reformation Lutheran as Earlewood unites with over 10,000 communities across the United States. NNO is sponsored by the City of Columbia and the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and to provide an opportunity to promote and celebrate police-community partnerships in crime prevention efforts. Earlewood residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening with their neighbors. Together we can send a strong message to criminals that we will not tolerate crime in our neighborhood.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's Now Time to Make More History

The Earlewood Reunion is now history – and what a wonderful moment in history it was. And you will get a glimpse into that history through the photos in the newsletter.

But there is a lot to look forward to.

In July construction began on the much-anticipated NOMA Bark Park near the entrance to Earlewood Park. By the time this newsletter hits your house, the Dog Park Committee will be signing up members – dogs that is.

And as we cope with the Dog Days of Summer, we have our upcoming National Night Out on Aug. 3. This year it will be at Reformation Lutheran Church educational building – AIR CONDITIONED. So, come join us for an evening of fellowship and another round of Doug and Jeff's Famous Dogs (not to overdo the Dog motif). Since National Night Out comes in early August, we forgo a July meeting. Our next regular monthly meeting will be on Aug. 19.

The second half of this year's Centennial celebration will be on Sept. 12 with Bungalow Fest. Sixteen of your neighbors will be putting their homes and gardens on display. Bungalow Fest is on a Sunday, so we are hoping to attract people from across the city to see the character of Earlewood.

Right after the Bungalow Fest, ECCO members will have the ability to once again exercise their voting rights. At the September meeting, we elect officers for the next two years.

Then, before you know it, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and then the holidays – phew, the year went by fast.

But the main reason for looking ahead is really to urge you to be involved in our many activities.

Stay Vigilant, Call 911

This year has been a challenge on the police and safety front. Like other neighborhoods, we have experienced a number of break-ins, particularly auto break-ins. Please remember to lock your car no matter how short a duration you will be away from it. Also, please do not leave anything visible in the car – particularly cell phones, GPS devices and, of course, computers. That is an open invitation for those who want to do no good. Also remember that if you have made a major purchase, such as a computer, do not put the cardboard box on the street until Sunday evening or Monday morning when the trash is picked up.

We have been in constant communication with the Police concerning the security in the neighborhood and in Earlewood Park. It is important if you see anything that's suspicious to not hesitate to call 252-2911. If it is something that needs even quicker response, call 911. Stay on the line and give the 911 person as much information as you can.

If you have a problem with something that is a neighborhood concern, such as a property code violation, trash or some non-security issue, then the number to call is 311.

We are a very fortunate neighborhood. In case you haven't noticed we are getting an influx of new neighbors and some of the "For Sale" signs are finally coming down. There is new life at Earlewood Park with the wonderful nature trail, the soon-to-be completed dog park, a new flower bed at the entrance to the park from a Columbia Green Grant and a donation by Wild Indigo Moon. A new committee is focusing on developing a new playground below the ball fields and selecting new playground equipment appropriate for different ages.

And we welcome new ideas for new activities.

Meanwhile, stay cool and see you at National Night Out.



FRED MONK

– Fred Monk

Earlewood Reunion

AT-A-GLANCE



Historic Earlewood had a historic day on May 8 when we celebrated our 100th anniversary with a Reunion that brought former residents back to Earlewood from as far away as Aiken. And history was made with the opening of the NOMA Nature Trail, a neighborhood effort four years in the making and creating a 1.1 mile path winding through the tall pines and oaks of the city's largest park.



Some 300 to 400 people of all ages got into the spirit of day at different times, engaging in kickball, dog contests, dancing, scavenging for centennial clues, rocking and reminiscing at the History corner and, of course, eating Doug and Jeff's Famous Hot Dogs. Lefty at the Washout preformed at the Amphitheater to draw our 100th anniversary celebration to a close. It was a wonderful day in the park.



Neighborhood Monthly Meetings



► **Reformation Lutheran Church**
1118 Union Street

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and are open to everyone.

► **Police & Safety Meeting**
6:30 to 7:00 pm

The Police & Safety Meetings offer an opportunity for residents to address any safety concerns with the police. Officer Larry Walker, the Earlewood neighborhood officer, attends to answer questions. Officer Walker's cell number is 391-2391.

► **Membership Meetings**
7:00 to 8:00 pm

Regular membership meetings begin promptly at 7:00 and last an hour or less. These meetings provide an opportunity for residents to discuss issues important to Earlewood.

August 19th

► **Heidi Johnson**

The Executive Director of Keep the Midlands Beautiful will be the speaker. We will also have an update on the NOMA Bark Park and the proposed Parks & Recreation building.

September 16

► **Election of Officers for 2010 – 2012**

EARLEWOOD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (EC) includes officers and committee chairs. The EC meets monthly to discuss plans and projects for Earlewood.

PRESIDENT	Fred Monk (765-0264)
VICE-PRESIDENT	Drue Barker
SECRETARY	Martha Mason (252-4584)
TREASURER	Bill Eiwen (252-1507)
MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Susan Lourie
PAST PRESIDENT	Jim Prater

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COMMUNICATION	John Sinclair
ELECTIONS	Scott King
GRANTS	Wes Crosby
MEMBERSHIP	Virginia Bedford
NOMINATING	Tiaa Rutherford
POLICE & SAFETY	Robert Smith
QUALITY OF LIFE	Fred Monk
STREET CAPTAINS	Ford Mason
ZONING	Brian South

ECCO Elections – September 16

Officers for the next two year (2010-2012) will be elected at the September neighborhood meeting. If you would like to serve as an officer of the Earlewood Community Citizens Organization, or recommend someone else who is willing to serve, please contact Tiaa Rutherford, Chair of the Nomination Committee. Tiaa's email is tiaa_booker@hotmail.com.

ECCO Membership Form July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Name(s)	
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