

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2013

NEIGHBORHOOD FLEA MARKET, PASS-ALONG PLANT SALE

So much more than a neighborhood yard sale, the Big Flea & Plant Sale features hundreds of pass-along plants & treasures from the attics and garages of dozens of residents and friends!

There are several ways Earlewood residents can help make this event a success:

Rent a space and sell. For less than the cost of a classified ad in the paper, you can reserve your space at the Earlewood Big Flea! It's easy to register – you can do so online at www.earlewoodbigflea.com or at our April meeting. If you have any questions, just email us at earlewoodevents@gmail.com or give us a call at 200-COLA (200-2652).

Donate items for the "Earlewood Table." Do you have a box full of unwanted items waiting for that yard sale you were going to have? Donating items (we will take anything except clothes!) that you no longer want or need will be a huge help to our neighborhood. Remember, this event is the main fundraiser for the neighborhood organization, with all proceeds going towards neighborhood beautification projects and events that directly impact the quality of life in Earlewood. Since we are a non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible. Visit earlewoodbigflea.com or call 200-COLA by May 2nd to schedule a time to drop off your items or to have them picked up.

Volunteer. If you'd like to volunteer to help out on Friday, May 3rd, or Saturday, May 4th, please fill out a volunteer form on our website, earlewoodbigflea.com, or email earlewoodevents@gmail.com.

Attend! Make plans to stop by the Big Flea and Plant Sale on May 4th. And tell your friends to come too!



Saturday, May 4th • 8AM - Noon
Earlewood Park Community Center
1113 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203

NOMA Bark Park News

Spring has arrived and it's the perfect time to bring your dog to the NoMa Bark Park. With warmer weather coming, volunteers are busy with lots of great projects and events to make the Park even more enjoyable for its members, supporters and neighbors. Most recently, the Bark Park partnered with the City of Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department to recycle old playground equipment from Rosewood Park. Tubes and ladders from the playground will be refurbished by a local company and serve as agility equipment for dogs at the Bark Park. The recycled equipment will provide dogs of all sizes a new way to play at the Park. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department staff for coming up with a creative and eco-friendly amenity for Columbia's canine community.

To learn more about what's happening at the Bark Park or to become a member, visit us at www.nomabarkpark.org.

CHECK US OUT ON



Earlewood Facebook Page • ECCO Group
NOMA Bark Park • NOMA Community Garden
NOMA Neighborhood Watch • NOMA Parents

Yard of the Month

March

1009 Beaufort St

Michael Reames & Rafeal Labrador

February

1019 Darlington Street

Shireen & Gerald Hotchkiss

January

3023 Columbia Avenue

Kathy Joye & Harriet Williams

December 2012

1310 Northwood Street

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, to old neighbors and new. Since our Fall 2012 newsletter, ECCO has been busy as usual.

We ended 2012 with holiday festivities breaking in our new community center at Earlewood Park. We'll

have all our monthly meetings and many get-togethers there from now on.

As we transition into spring, we are preparing for our annual Big Flea and Plant Sale on May 4th at Earlewood Park at the community center. Please be sure to volunteer and come shop the sale to help us raise funds for our community. We'll be posting information for all upcoming events on www.earlewood.org and social media.

Impact Earlewood will also continue to connect us to community improvement projects, like our recent litter pick-up along Sunset Drive. We'll need your continued involvement and support. Please join or renew your ECCO membership at our monthly meeting (third Thursday of the month at 7pm) or online at www.earlewood.org. I hope you will look at all the resources we've gathered for our residents online. In particular, check out the info about our committees. Please consider joining a committee. Your time is what you make it; and we'll be here to support you.

Last but not least, I also hope you'll take the time to contribute to our two fundraising campaigns for the historic plaque for our fountain and more shade trees for the amphitheater in Earlewood Park. The park looks great! I particularly want to thank our Park and Playground Committee for their awesome job shepherding all the recent improvements. The playground is located adjacent to the new Parks & Recreation Administration Building in Earlewood Park, so be sure to check it out!

When we combine our resources as a neighborhood, we are unstoppable. Thank you for your support and love of Earlewood. We're going to have a great time.

Rebecca Haynes

Sushi & Hibachi To Go

EARLEWOOD Special

\$3 OFF any purchase of \$20 or more

Japanese Cuisine & Thai
1100 B Elmwood Ave, Columbia, SC
Ph: 803-400-0988 | Fax: 803-400-1898

\$5 Special Every Day &
Buy One Get One Free Sushi Rolls

Mon-Thurs: 10:30am - 9pm | Fri & Sat: 10:30am - 10pm | Sun: Closed
EXPIRES MAY 31, 2013 | LIMIT ONE COUPON PER ORDER

Don't Miss the Earlewood Park Grand Opening Celebration



The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is nearing completion on their improvements to Earlewood Park. The construction of the new Administration building and Community Center, as well as the new playground, are already complete! Additional landscaping, resurfacing of the tennis courts, and improvements to the nature trail and amphitheater will all be completed over the next couple of months, and a new public restroom facility will be constructed near the amphitheater. There are plans for a Park Grand Opening celebration and neighborhood picnic in early June, so please keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD SHOP FOR GOOD BEER & WINE

Wine Garage
Wine and Beer

2327 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 834-3392
winegaragesc.com

Growler station stocked with hard-to-find & top-rated beers
Great selection of low production & great tasting wines
Extremely competitive pricing
& Introducing our new Wine of the Month Club
(see website for details)

EARLEWOOD Special
10% off

ORDERS OF \$20 OR MORE

Mon-Wed: 10am - 7pm | Thurs-Sat: 10am - 8pm | Sun: Closed
EXPIRES MAY 31, 2013 | LIMIT ONE COUPON PER ORDER

Shady Summers Await

Summers at the Earlewood Park Amphitheater will soon be a little cooler. Thanks in part to a grant from Columbia Green and the donations from Earlewood residents, we now have eight new Elm trees lining the top of the soon-to-be-renovated amphitheater. These Elm trees, though small now, are expected to grow to over forty feet tall and will provide a welcome shield from the summer heat at the amphitheater. We would like to thank everyone who has made a donation towards this purchase, and please note that we are still accepting donations to offset the remaining cost of the trees. Also, make sure to thank Columbia Green for their ongoing support of Earlewood...you can visit them online at www.columbiagreen.org!



Spring Break Safety Tips

Spring Break is here and summer is just around the corner! Help our NOMA Neighborhood Watch keep Earlewood safe by considering the following tips from our Police and Safety Committee:

- ▶ Do not post your vacation plans to your Facebook, Twitter, or any other social media account. You never know who is reading.
- ▶ When you leave your home or apartment for a prolonged period of time, discontinue your newspaper and other deliveries ahead of time by phone or in person. Do not leave notes.
- ▶ Have your lawn mowed.
- ▶ Notify the post office to hold or forward your mail or have a trusted person pick it up daily.
- ▶ Put lights on timers both inside and outside the house. Also, place a radio or TV on a timer so it will periodically come on.
- ▶ Turn the volume on the telephone down so it cannot be used as a cue that no one is home.

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

Non-emergency: Columbia Dispatch – 803-252-2911

Columbia Police Department – 803-545-3500

Tyson Hass (Earlewood PACE Officer) – 803-917-5906 (tihass@columbiasc.net)

Want to stay informed about neighborhood crime and safety? Visit www.earlewood.org and sign up under "The Neighborhood Gossip."

EARLEWOOD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2012-2014

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

PRESIDENT:	Rebecca Haynes president@earlewood.org
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STREET CAPTAINS	Ford Mason
ZONING & PLANNING	Angi Fuller Wildt

Neighborhood MonthlyMeetings

Earlewood Park Community Center

1113 Parkside Drive

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and are open to everyone. Upcoming meetings: April 18, May 16, June 20th

Police & Safety Meeting — 6:30 to 7:00pm

The Police & Safety Meetings offer an opportunity for residents to discuss any safety concerns with the police. Officer Tyson Hass, the Earlewood neighborhood PACE officer, attends to answer questions. Officer Hass's phone number is 803-917-5906 and his email is tihass@columbiasc.net.

Membership Meetings — 7:00 to 8:00pm

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

SAVE THE DATE!

EARLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD
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BUNGALOWFEST
A TOUR OF THE HOMES AND GARDENS OF EARLEWOOD
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013
www.bungalowfest.com
www.earlewood.org

Kyle Petersen and Annie Boiter-Jolley



While Kyle Petersen and Annie Boiter-Jolley have planted themselves firmly in the Columbia arts and music scene for close to a decade, it hasn't been until recently that they finally decided to put down serious roots in the area, specifically in the Earlewood community.

After renting a home on River Drive for the past two years, the couple has decided to call Earlewood their permanent home. They recently purchased the vacant house next door to the one they currently live in and will be moving in soon.

The couple both graduated from USC in 2009, got married in 2011, and are currently both working on earning their PhDs.

Since their time in college, Petersen and Boiter-Jolley have both been heavily involved in the local arts scene. Petersen works as a DJ at WUSC, writes for the Free Times, Shuffle Magazine and is the music editor of Jasper Magazine. Boiter-Jolley also works at Jasper Magazine as operation's manager and is a member of the Columbia Community Orchestra.

While they've lived in various places across Columbia during the years, they said they found the growth and hospitality of the Earlewood neighborhood to be inviting and a good reason to call the area home longer than they had expected.

What attracted you to Earlewood in the first place?

K: We wanted to be close to downtown, and we've always been fans of older homes that feel like they have a sense of history about them. When we got a good deal on a house with plenty of room, we jumped on it.

Why did you decide to buy a home here?

K: We debated for a while about whether to buy, since we are both graduate students. A tenure track position often requires moving across the country. At this point, though, we feel such a part of the Columbia community that we really feel comfortable putting some roots down.

A: In addition to the larger Columbia community, we also love the sense of neighborhood community that Earlewood has, which we realized during the year and a half that we've rented here. The community is so active, and it really seems like people watch out for each other.

How have you seen the community grow and change since you've lived here?

K: Well, I've been in Columbia for about eight years now, since I started undergrad, and Earlewood about two years. It definitely seems like the Earlewood community is fairly active and growing, with a nice mix of older and younger residents. In the larger community of Columbia, it's been great to watch the Main Street area blossom with all these new art galleries and businesses. Being five minutes away from the Nickelodeon and the Columbia Museum of Art is something too easily taken for granted.

A: I grew up about 30 minutes outside of Columbia, but came to town often, so I've really seen Columbia change over the years. It does feel like maybe more younger people are moving to the neighborhood.

In what ways would you like to see the community grow or change?

K: I'm all about change, but for right now I think Columbia is moving in a good direction in a lot of ways. I don't think city and county governments are always at their best in terms of ethics or transparency, but you have to take the bad along with the good. It will be great when the Riverwalk and Greenway finally get completed. I'd like to see a few midsize music venues, a midsize black box performance space, that kind of thing. We're still in the infancy of nurturing a creative class, and it will take a lot of little things to keep moving forward.

A: I'd love to see more business like the Wine Garage open in the area. I'd also like to see more stuff happening at the amphitheatre in Earlewood Park.



ECCO MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership valid for one year

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Individual Membership (\$10)

Household Membership (\$20)

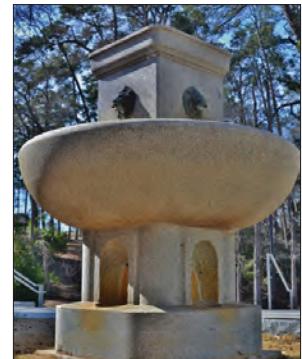
Please mail this form with your dues to:

Earlewood Community Citizens Organization (ECCO)
PO Box 30225, Columbia, SC 29230

Or go to www.earlewood.org, complete the membership form and pay online.

National Humane Alliance Fountain Call for Donations

We're pleased to announce the National Humane Alliance Fountain is back in Earlewood Park! Thanks to the generosity of our residents, ECCO has placed an historical plaque at the base of the fountain so that all visitors and future generations will understand the rich history and significance of this treasured landmark.



ECCO is still raising money to cover the associated costs, and appreciates all donations!

To make a contribution towards the historical plaque, please visit www.earlewood.org or mail your check to: ECCO, PO Box 30225, Columbia, SC 29230