

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

FALL 2013

## What Does Earlewood Need in 2014? You!

The end of 2013 is quickly approaching, and it's that time when we take stock and make plans for the new year. Earlewood and the NoMa area have seen many major improvements over the past few years, but we're always thinking up ways to make our community even better. If you have ideas for how to make Earlewood a more enjoyable place to live, we'd love to have you get involved!

Earlewood is home to a very active and passionate neighborhood citizens organization. In addition to monthly meetings, Earlewood hosts exciting events for residents to have fun, kick back, and get to know each other. It's amazing who you meet when you get together with your neighbors. By being involved in Earlewood, you have the chance to help make decisions that will affect our area for years to come.

Getting involved can mean whatever you want it to mean. If you don't have a lot of time to commit to volunteering or going to meetings, there are many social events scheduled for next year that you can help plan, and most of the committees meet only casually a couple of times a year. If you have more time to devote to the neighborhood, but you just don't know where to start or what you can do, please come to the monthly membership meeting to talk to committee chairs and officers, or contact any of the officers and chairs through email.

When you connect with other Earlewood residents - especially our dedicated volunteers - it opens up a world of possibilities, activities and information. We'd love to have you involved!

## NoMa Bark Park News

The NoMa Bark Park has had a busy fall, throwing its first annual Howloween Bash to raise money for the Animal Mission. Community members brought their pets to bob for hotdogs and show off their costumes for local celebrities including Mayor Steve Benjamin, Steve from WXRY, Andy Smith from the Nick and Earlewood resident Maggie Brunson.

We have lots of Earlewood pet owners who are also members of NOMA Bark Park! For those residents, we offer a friendly reminder that all 2013 Bark Park memberships expire on December 31st. In the coming weeks, please look for an email from NOMA Bark Park with information on how to renew.

To become a member and join fellow dog owners for more great events like this, visit [www.nomabarkpark.org](http://www.nomabarkpark.org).

## New Earlewood Park Bathrooms

We're excited to report even more improvements to Earlewood Park! A completely new set of bathrooms has been built adjacent to the amphitheater – which has just gotten a fresh coat of paint. With these upgrades, we're looking to start planning more events at our beautiful outdoor performance space. Groups and performers will have access to facilities to use as green rooms, our audiences will have bathrooms nearby, and food trucks can even use the amenities at the upper parking lot to offer food at our shows! If you are interested in working to help us book entertainment at the Earlewood

Park amphitheater, please contact ECCO at [info@earlwood.org](mailto:info@earlwood.org). We're always looking for new ways to bring exciting events to the neighborhood!

Make plans to kick off the season with your friends and neighbors at Earlewood's Holiday Party. There will be great food with lots of spirits and good cheer! No need to get all dressed up - casual clothes are fine. And children are welcome.

Jim and Julia Prater will host the Holiday Party this year at their new home on Keenan Drive. Come by anytime between 4 pm and 7 pm. If you want to contribute food – please bring your favorite dessert.

We look forward to celebrating the Holidays with our neighbors!



Sunday, December 8  
from 4 'til 7

Home of Jim & Julia Prater  
3426 Keenan Drive



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello, to old neighbors and new.

Thank you for another great year in Earlewood. As we close out 2013, we enter into my favorite time of year. November and December give us opportunities to celebrate the holidays and our community with our neighbors. I hope to see you at our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20th at the Earlewood Park Community Center and at the Holiday Party on December 8th at Jim and Julia Prater's new home (congrats!). We'll get back down to community business with our next monthly meeting on January 16th. Till then, I hope to see you at one of our holiday celebrations.

2014 brings many opportunities. Your hard-working Executive Committee has several ideas of ways to make living in Earlewood even better, but we also want your opinions... and your help.

Please join us for our monthly meetings at Earlewood Park (3rd Thursday of the month starting in January). If a meeting isn't your thing, you can also meet up at our monthly ECCO Night Out (usually at the Whig or Kelly's Pub on the 2nd Thursday of the month). You can also shoot us an email at info@earlewood.org or reach me directly at president@earlewood.org. Would you like to help us put on a concert series at the Earlewood Park amphitheater? What about helping us organize community service projects? Can you help out your block by joining our Street Captains or Police and Safety committees? Would you like to help organize our 2014 tour of homes? Maybe you have a particular skill you can easily share in your spare time, like grant writing or event planning? Whatever your schedule allows, we can make it easy for you to be involved. In the very least, we hope you'll become a member of our organization as a member at [www.earlewood.org](http://www.earlewood.org).

I recently participated in the Midlands Reality Check where I joined 300 community leaders from the eight midlands counties to discuss how our region will grow over the next 30 years. A national planning expert shared with us that people are choosing to live where they feel a strong sense of place. They want to know their neighbors. They want to be close to where they work. They want a strong community where they can have whatever type of family they choose. Listening to the expert, I realized that I was lucky. I have that. We have that. We have a strong neighborhood that creates a sense of place that keeps us here. Thank you for that.

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**

## Neighborhood Monthly Meetings

### Earlewood Park Community Center — 1113 Parkside Drive

*Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month and are open to everyone. ECCO does not hold monthly meetings in the months of November and December due to the Thanksgiving Dinner and Holiday Party being held in those months. Upcoming meetings: January 16th, February 20th and March 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 [thass@columbiasc.net](mailto:thass@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.*

# Yard of the Month

August

**2825 Earlewood Drive**  
*Katherine Swartz & Greg Hilton*

June & July

**No Homes Chosen**

May

**907 Northwood Street**  
*Kelly Yongue & Micah Simonsen*

April

**3031 Lincoln Street**  
*Susan Bolick*

## 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*

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Wesley Crosby

**SECRETARY:** Kelli Wukela

**TREASURER:** John Sinclair

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE:** Susan Lourie

**COMMITTEE** **CHAIR**

**COMMUNICATIONS** Perrin Brunson

**ELECTIONS** Thomas Jennings

**GRANTS** Robert Davis

**MEMBERSHIP** Virginia Bedford

**NOMINATING** Kathleen McDaniel

**POLICE & SAFETY** Vacant

**QUALITY OF LIFE** Vacant

**STREET CAPTAINS** Ford Mason

**ZONING & PLANNING** Angi Fuller Wildt

## CHECK US OUT ON



- [Earlewood Facebook Page](#)
- [ECCO Group](#)
- [NOMA Bark Park](#)
- [NOMA Community Garden](#)
- [NOMA Neighborhood Watch](#)
- [NOMA Parents](#)



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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are here! Help our NOMA Neighborhood Watch keep Earlewood safe by considering the following tips from our Police and Safety Committee:

- If you plan on going out of town for the holidays, do not post 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.
- 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.
- Contact the CPD to put extra patrols around your home while you are out of town.
- After Christmas, do not place your empty gift boxes on the curb. This advertises to potential criminals what you have inside to steal. Either break the boxes up to put in your roll cart, put them out just before collection or take them to the cardboard recycling bin behind the Department of Mental Health.
- When Christmas shopping, do not leave purchased items visible in the car — leave them in the trunk where potential thieves can't see them.



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** (thass@columbiasc.net)

Want to stay informed about neighborhood crime and safety?

Visit [www.earlewood.org](http://www.earlewood.org) and sign up under "The Neighborhood Gossip."

## 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](http://www.earlewood.org), complete  
the membership form and pay online.

### St Mark United Methodist Church

[www.neighborhoodchurch.com](http://www.neighborhoodchurch.com)

#### The Great Drop+Shop!

Dec. 13th  
6:00 to 9:00pm  
Drop the kids off  
with us for  
holiday fun!

call 803-477-0001

#### Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Dec. 24th  
5:00 pm  
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#### Upcoming Tastings

December 7th, 5 – 7PM

Organic/biodynamic/sustainable wines

December 14th, 5 – 7PM

Winter beers from around the world

December 28th, 5 – 7PM

Sparkling wines for new years