



Earlewood

Neighborhood Newsletter



May/June 2009

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Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings

Monthly Meetings

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 Police & Safety Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and offers an opportunity for residents to address any safety concerns. Officer Wines, the Earlewood police officer, attends to answer your questions. Officer Wines' cell number is 315-3792.

May 21 Meeting

Plans for the 2010 Centennial Celebration for Earlewood will be discussed.

June 18 Meeting

Drawings and final Plans for the NOMA Bark Park will be presented.

Earlewood Flea Market & Plant Sale Saturday, May 16 from 8 am until 12 Clean Out Your Closets, Attic & Garages! Help Raise Money For Neighborhood Projects!

Earlewood's 7th Annual Flea Market and Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 16th in the parking lot of Reformation Lutheran Church at 1118 Union St. from 8 am until 12 Noon. The neighborhood association will purchase the Garage Sale License and run ads on Friday & Saturday in The State newspaper. Hundreds of treasure hunters and gardeners are expected to come to our Flea Market & Plant Sale! You can buy coffee, doughnuts, and soft drinks and raffle tickets with some great prizes - including a week in New Orleans and a week in the NC mountains! We need everyone's help to make our annual fundraiser a great success. You can participate in one of the following ways.

◆ Donate Items To The Earlewood Table

If you don't want to setup your own table consider donating things you don't want or need anymore to sell at the Earlewood Table. Your donated items (no clothes please!) will be picked up on Friday from your home or you may bring them to the church on Friday afternoon. If you want "Pick-Up" call Virginia Bedford at 765-0264 or Brian South at 429-9433 with your name and address. Please put the items in boxes on your front porch with a note saying "FLEA MARKET" and we will pick them up for the Earlewood Table.

◆ Sell Your Own "Stuff"

Residents who want to sell their own items may rent a space for \$10 - much less than the cost of a garage sale license & ad! Each space is about 15 feet by 10 feet. You can also rent 6 foot tables for \$5 each. To reserve your space & tables call Virginia Bedford at 765-0264 or Brian South at 429-9433.

◆ Come & Buy!

In addition to flea market items, there will be many varieties of plants for sale. We need everyone's help in this fund-raising event for Earlewood!

Go to www.earlewood.org to view some of the plants for sale

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 Eiwien
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

Historic Fountain Returning To Earlewood Park

In the early 1900's The National Humane Alliance presented 125 watering troughs or fountains to communities around the United States. It is believed that one fountain was donated to each state sometime between 1906 and 1911. Identical fountains have been found in Denver, San Francisco, Charlotte, Albuquerque and Atlanta.

Each fountain was made of polished Maine granite, weighed about 5 tons and stood over six feet high. The design of the original fountains had ornate lion head spigots on the sides and water flowed from the mouths of the lions into a basin so that "*man, horses and dogs may drink for all time to come*". There are also small cups at the bottom for cats, dogs and other animals.

Columbia received two fountains from the Humane Alliance and placed both of them on Assembly Street which was the former location of the local farmer's market. When the Farmer's Market was moved from Assembly Street one fountain was placed in Earlewood Park where it remained for many years. In the 1980's the fountain was moved from Earlewood and placed in front of the Township Auditorium.

At the request of the Earlewood neighborhood, County Council and City Council recently approved the return of this historic fountain to Earlewood Park. The fountain will be placed in the plaza of the new Administration Building of Columbia Parks & Recreation. Construction on this building will begin in a few months and should be completed late 2010.

Yard of the Month May

3304 River Drive

Kirstin Gilbert of Capital Relocation Group will present Chris and Jennifer Jeffcoat with a \$25 Lowe's Gift Certificate.

June

1119 Darlington

Petie Bradley of Russell & Jeffcoat Realtors will present April Grant with a \$25 Lowe's Gift Certificate.

Spring Porch Party

Everyone enjoyed the Porch Party - especially the tasty chili dogs provided by Doug Onley & Jeffrey Harrell. Check out the pictures of the Porch Party on the Earlewood website at www.earlewood.org

Saturday Farmers St. Mark Methodist 3200 Lyles Street

Fresh produce from St. John's Island will be available again this year at St. Mark Methodist on Saturday morning. The Farmer's Market will begin the first of June and continue through the summer.

NOMA Bark Park North Main Dog Park

On April 15 City Council unanimously approved that Parks & Rec. develop a design and cost estimate for a downtown dog park.

The proposed site for the dog park is on a portion of the land acquired by DOT for a failed connector project. Several years ago this land was leased to Columbia Parks & Recreation for 99 years.

The proposed location for the dog park is a 4 acre area bordered by River Drive, Anthony Street, Drayton Street and the CSX Railroad tracks. A dog park on this property will provide an excellent use of the land and it is convenient to thousands of Columbia dog-owners.

Preliminary plans for the dog park include off-street parking, a holding gate for animal safety, multi-use water fountain, pet waste stations, benches and shade trees, a separate area for small dogs, an informational kiosk and storm water best management practices.

For the safety of all dogs who use the dog park, Parks & Recreation will require animals be spayed or neutered, up-to-date on inoculations and licensed with the City. There may be a small annual fee to use the dog park that will cover maintenance & management costs.



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Rutherford Agency

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

We have had a gorgeous spring in Earlewood. The azaleas were as brilliant as I can remember. With all of the other flowering trees, bushes and plants, the Earlewood neighborhood couldn't be more of a showcase.

And in a way that's what we will be doing when we have our annual Flea Market and Plant Sale on May 16 in the parking area of Reformation Lutheran Church. Showcasing Earlewood.

Please sign up for a spot and a table, or make a donation of something you don't need but that someone else will treasure to the Earlewood table; and/or sign up to help sell plants, food or other activities. You can do this by contacting Virginia Bedford at 765-0264.

Perhaps the most exciting news – and there is actually quite a lot of good news in this otherwise dismal economy – is the evolution of the Bark Park in the green space at the River Drive entrance to Earlewood. (See story) Our motion to consider the park was unanimously approved by City Council in April and we are moving forward with Columbia Parks & Rec on the details. The grassroots interest and support for the Bark Park has been very gratify-

ing and important to the movement of this idea. Earlewood's own Rebecca Spratlin has taken the lead in this and we are very thankful for her efforts. Her enthusiasm is inspiring.

We are moving forward on the 501 C 3 non-profit designation with the help of two dedicated USC Law School graduates, Suzanne White and Sarah Henry through the schools Non-Profit Clinic. It will take some time to complete this process, but our goal is to get it done in time to possibly go after a grant and be in a position to accept donations to help with our centennial celebration in 2010.

Speaking of our history, we are about to get a piece of that history back. Richland County Council unanimously approved giving Earlewood the fountain in front of Township Auditorium. This is the fountain that horses once drank from on Assembly Street in the early 1900s and which was moved to Earlewood. We are working with Columbia Parks & Rec to install the fountain in front of the new administration and community buildings in Earlewood Park.

Meanwhile, I want to encourage you to sign up for one of Earle-

wood's Committees. We have nine standing committees and we need your involvement. They range from the very active Quality of Life Committee (which has multiple sub-committees including the Parks Committee) to Communications. A list of the committees and their chairs and contact info are listed in this newsletter. In addition, we will have a sign up sheet at the Flea Market and the May and June meetings.

In closing, we always want your feedback, thoughts and suggestions and now you can do it online at www.earlewood.org Take a look at our website. Through the website we quickly received more than 200 online signatures for the Bark Park. It is a very effective tool and designer Julie Britt did a great job.

See you soon – perhaps at the Flea Market!!

Fred



Fred Monk
President

At-Large Council Members Open House Tameika Devine & Daniel Rickenmann June 10th from 5 pm to 8 pm

Make a personal appointment to meet with At-Large City Council Members Tameika Isaac Devine & Daniel Rickenmann. The Open House will be held at City Hall located at 1727 Main Street.

Our at-large City Council members are interested in knowing your thoughts regarding public safety, economic development, city services, neighborhood issues or other community concerns.

Call 545-3061 to schedule your appointment.

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Going Green in Earlewood: Recycling

Our neighborhood is fortunate to have recycling service offered right outside our door as well as many other opportunities to recycle in close proximity.

The city picks up our curbside recycling on Tuesdays with the trash. You can put your newspapers, aluminum and steel cans and lids, PETE #1 and HDPE #2 plastic bottles, magazines, clear, brown, and green glass in the blue bins provided by the city. If you need a recycling bin you can call 545-3800 to request one.

Your office paper and cardboard as well as most of the curbside items mentioned above can be dropped off at the recycling bins in the parking lot located between DHEC and Department of Social Services off of Bull Street. The cardboard

bin is located to the right of the DHEC building and the rest of the bins are in the very back of the parking lot directly behind the cardboard.

Electronic items for recycling can be dropped off at the Public Works headquarters at 2910 Colonial Drive (off Slighs Avenue behind the City's First Tee Golf Center) between the hours of 9:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Just remember to have your ID for proof of city residency. They will accept items such as computers, monitors, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, audio and stereo equipment, cellular phones, digital cameras, and other electronic devices.

Many of our local supermarkets like Publix and Wal-

mart will recycle old plastic bags. Publix also takes used egg cartons.

The UPS beside Food Lion on Broad River Road will accept clean packing peanuts.

The closest places to drop off used motor oil recycling are Auto Zone at 3601 Main St or Advance Auto Parts at 249 Bush River Road. You should be able to drop it off at any Advance Auto, Auto Zone, or Pep Boys.

One way to reduce much of the trash you send to the landfill is to compost your kitchen scraps. DHEC has a lot of great composting and recycling information and tips on their website at <http://www.scdhec.net/>. Check out the right hand side of page and click on "Recycling" under Popular Topics.

Volunteers Needed!

Several committees need members to help with various community activities and projects. If you would like to work with any of these committees or on these projects, please call Virginia Bedford, Membership Chair, at 765-0264. You may also sign up on our website at www.earlewood.org.

- Flea Market & Plant Sale (May 16)
- 2010 Centennial Celebration
- Newsletter
- Web Site
- Planting of Entrance Beds
- Neighborhood Watch
- Beautification Projects
- Grants & Fundraising
- Membership
- National Night Out (August 4)

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**

This form may be downloaded at www.earlewood.org