



# NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Neighborhood parks feature some of our hidden treasures.  
Check out these parks in your own "backyard"

**EARLEWOOD PARK** (1113 Recreation Drive) features a Community Center, amphitheater, one-of-a-kind playground, 2 youth & 1 adult lighted softball/baseball/kickball fields, basketball courts, 2 lighted tennis courts, and Columbia's first 18-hole disc golf course that was established in 1991.

**SAVE the DATE**  
for the 2019  
**EarleJam Disc  
Golf Tourney**  
on Oct 27. If you're  
a regular disc-  
golfer or you've  
never played be-  
fore, join us!



Earlewood Park is also home to the **NoMa Bark Park**, a two-acre off-leash dog park located along North Main Street. Amenities include resting benches, water fountains, shade trees and convenient pet-waste disposal stations - as well as separate small dog and large dog play areas. Membership is \$25/dog/year. Go to [www.nomabarkpark.org](http://www.nomabarkpark.org) for more information.

**BONUS!** The City of Columbia's **Free Summer Movies Series** is being held at the Earlewood Park amphitheater. These movies are free and open to the public. If you didn't make it to see "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" on June 21, mark your calendar to see the following:

**Jul 19** – "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald"

**Aug 2** – "Captain Marvel"

For more information, go to: <https://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation/programs-activities/special-events>

The **Tasty Tomato Festival** is being held at Earlewood Park on **July 13** from 1:00—7:00. This annual festival is a celebration of locally grown food, the people who grow it, the restaurants who serve it, the markets that sell it, and the people who eat it. This event has been named by Southern Living as one of the "Best in the South" things to do.

**MARSHALL PARK** (2905 Lincoln Street) Today this neighborhood park is a large wooded area, approximately 10 acres, with a well-worn walking path. The park once featured a playground but due to the condition of the equipment the City of Columbia tore down the equipment in 2018. ECCO members have been diligently working towards having **new playground equipment installed during 2019.**

## THANK YOU!

To the Earlewood neighbors who generously donated to the recent ECCO Facebook fundraiser. ECCO was able to raise \$1500 to have the wooden Earlewood neighborhood signs repaired and repainted.

Pictured here is a refurbished sign at the corner of Northwood and Lincoln.



## — LOGO CONTEST —

The ECCO EC is asking creative neighbors to submit proposals for a fresh new Earlewood logo

E-mail your logo design by Oct 1 to:

[perkinselizabethanne@gmail.com](mailto:perkinselizabethanne@gmail.com)

Online voting will be held Oct 2-15

The winner will be announced at EarleJam

## [Porch Parties]

*Where you party with & meet your neighbors*

Porch Parties are a casual and relaxed gathering of Earlewood neighbors. Hosts provide paper plates, napkins, and non-alcoholic beverages. Attending neighbors are asked to bring a dish to share, and if you want alcoholic beverages, please BYOB. Join us from 7:00-10:00 at the next Porch Parties:

Sep 20 @ 3120 Park Street; hosts:  
Emily Burn & Ryan Kreulen

Oct 18 @ 1025 Parkside Drive; hosts:  
Michele & Andrew Rabuck

## Considering Remodeling your Earlewood Home?

This is what you need to know before you make exterior improvements in Historic Earlewood:

Earlewood, designated as a Historic District local Protection Area in 2005, has its own unique set of design guidelines. Exterior changes such as additions, demolition, and fences and driveways must be approved by the Design/Development Review Commission (D/DRC). The Earlewood Neighborhood was developed after 1900 and illustrates the development of an early Columbia neighborhood from the time of great suburban expansion in the early twentieth century through the housing boom of the post-World War II period. Historic Earlewood is divided into two areas: Area A where many of the historic structures were built between 1910-1945 and Area B where development occurred between 1940-1955. For Earlewood Protection Area Guidelines, go to the City of Columbia website:

<https://columbiasc.net/planning-preservation/historic-districts/earlewood>

You can also contact Megan McNish @ 803-545-3328 or [megan.mcnish@columbiasc.gov](mailto:megan.mcnish@columbiasc.gov)

If you are considering major renovations to your home, you may be able to benefit from the Bailey Bill, a historic properties tax abatement program. The Bailey Bill allows local governments to grant property tax abatement to encourage rehabilitation of historic properties. The City of Columbia adopted the Bailey Bill in 2007. The main feature of the Bailey Bill is that property owners, who invest at least 20% of the fair market value of the structure, do not have to pay taxes on the increased value of their property for the next 20 years. Megan McNish can also answer your questions about the Bailey Bill.

Interested in more information about these topics?

Don't miss the July 18 ECCO Quarterly Meeting

Starting at 6:30 at the Earlewood Park Community Center

Megan McNish-Preservation Planner with the City of Columbia will be speaking about the D/DRC and the Bailey Bill at our July 2019 ECCO Quarterly meeting. Also, Hope Hasty, City of Columbia Deputy Zoning Administrator, will be there to discuss upcoming zoning changes and how they will affect Earlewood.



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(2018-2020)**

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*Thank You!*



*For providing flowers  
at the Earlewood  
Neighborhood  
entrance signs.*

Join Now!

## ECCO Membership Form

Join Now!

Yes! I want to take a more active role in improving my neighborhood by joining the Earlewood Community Citizens Organization (ECCO). Membership dues (\$10/year) may be paid by check or PayPal. Go online to join at [www.earlewood.org](http://www.earlewood.org) or fill out the information below and mail this form to PO Box 30225, Columbia, SC 29230.

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

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