



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2020

Exciting News from fellow City Councilpersons **Tameika Isaac Devine & Sam Davis**

- The City of Columbia has been working for the last few years to purchase SCDOT property that runs through our neighborhood and Elmwood Park to North Main. I am happy to say that we have come to an agreement and are working out the details. The property will be a big part of the continuation of the Greenway, allowing Earlewood residents easy access to the trail. But as you can imagine, there is so much property there that development possibilities are endless. Based on goals established through Envision Columbia, the City of Columbia will make sure the property is used in a manner that best supports the continued growth of this area—Tameika Isaac Devine
- Funds have been allocated to install children's playground equipment at Marshall Park before the end of the year. As you may recall, old playground equipment was removed in 2019 due to safety concerns—Sam Davis

Did you know that Earlewood is 1 of 15 Historic Districts in the City of Columbia?

This historic designation is used to protect the integrity of the historic architecture as well as the charm and character of the neighborhood. Before you start any project at your home, please check with the City to make sure you have the proper permits and approvals.

Below are general items that may require City review:

- Exterior Changes—alterations that are visible to the public right-of-way
- Additions/Enclosures—reviewed in all historic districts
- Fences/Walls—must be compatible with the style & period of the house
- Driveways/Parking Lots—paving material must be approved
- Demolition/Relocation—includes primary & secondary structures

For additional information, call 803-545-3222

Code Enforcement & Zoning Ordinances that you should be aware of:

- ◆ **Overgrown Lots**—weeds and plant growth should not exceed 12 inches in height
- ◆ **Trash & Recycling**—trash is picked up on Tuesdays; recycling is picked up on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month (NOT every other week)
- ◆ **Roll Carts**—roll carts for trash and recycling should be placed at the curbside by 8:00 AM and removed from the curbside by 7:30 PM on the day of collection
- ◆ **Front Yard Parking**—parking in the front yard is NOT allowed unless there is a designated and appropriately designed driveway (the driveway cannot be grass or dirt)
- ◆ **Right of Way**—the owner or occupant is required to cut the grass and remove litter within the area between the property line and the adjacent street

For additional information, contact the City of Columbia Police Department, Code Enforcement Division at 803-545-3430 or Earlewood's Code Enforcement Officer Scott at 803-397-1394

Update on the City of Columbia's Water System Capital Improvement Project

As you may have noticed, about half of the roadways have been partially resurfaced after the water lines were replaced. But some of these roads are crumbling and need to be patched or completely resurfaced. There hasn't been any work going on for months. So ECCO asked the City of Columbia Water Engineer for an update. This is what we found out:

Milling and resurfacing of roads impacted during this project should begin during the week of August 10. During that mobilization, the roadway beginning at the portion of River Drive from Marlboro Street to the end of the River Drive project limits closest to North Main Street will be recovered. The contractors would then resurface the remainder of the internal streets. Lastly, the portion of River Drive from Marlboro Street to Lucius Road will be resurfaced.

FROM THE PRESIDENT — JENNIFER MCBROOM

Call to Action:

The ECCO Officers are in the process of assessing the need for additional stop signs and speed bumps in our neighborhood. Over the past year there have been several social media posts containing a lot of comments about **the need for more stop signs and speed bumps**.

The process of getting approval from the City of Columbia and the SCDOT is long and tedious. For that reason, **we need volunteers to help us**. For any street or intersection to be considered for a stop sign or speed bump, we **need a volunteer to represent that street or intersection**.

Earlewood neighbor Sean Gearhart has agreed to chair this committee. If you would like your street or intersection to be considered for a stop sign or speed bump **AND** you are willing to be the representative for said street or intersection, please call Sean at 1-803-240-4262 or email him at sgearhart100@gmail.com



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ECCO's Business Partner of the Quarter is:



Q&A with Curiosity Coffee Bar owners Sandra Moscato & Greg Slattery

What made you choose Main Street for your business?

"We lived in this area for years and really enjoy how eclectic the uptown neighborhoods are. We envisioned a neighborhood coffee shop that residents of Earlewood could walk to and it has been awesome making that a reality."

Tell us about recent changes you've made to keep your business going strong.

"Working through the COVID-19 pandemic has been unique, but it has given us some time to work on ways to increase what we can do at Curiosity. We just completed our kitchen and have ramped up our food game. We have sandwiches, salads, quesadillas as well as more vegan and gluten-free options. We continue to sell household essentials like cleaning products, baking ingredients, basic food items, etc. We keep local beer stocked to help support our breweries and get new beer and wine to keep things interesting. We've seen Earlewood stand up and support not only us but people throughout the community during these hard times. We continue to have a community fund card where unemployed and people in need can come and get some coffee and food at no charge."

Thank you ECCO Business Partners for supporting Earlewood!

Please support these local small businesses:

Christopher Morgan, JP & Associates Realtors
Gardener's Outpost
Grow Garden & Home
Jennifer McBroom, Coldwell Banker
Marla Graddick, Mary Kay Consultant
Metropolis Salon
Midlands Motorworks
Mr. King's Handyman Service
NOMA Bistro Mediterranean Grill
Salon 611
The Comet
The War Mouth
Trisha Walker, Palmetto Moon Properties
Veronica Isaac, State Farm
Vino Garage

If you own a business and would like to become an ECCO Business Partner, please go to www.earlewood.org

Congratulations Yard of the Month Winners!

May — 2917 Columbia Avenue

June — Keenan Drive

July — 727 Florence Street

Want to be more involved with ECCO?

2020 is an election year and ECCO Members will vote people into the following Executive Council positions: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large**. These positions run on a two-year term and elections will be held at the October Quarterly Meeting. Details about each position can be found in the ECCO by-laws on our website www.earlewood.org

We also welcome new volunteers to help out with committees or events such as Yard of the Month, Communications, the Big Flea, Thanksgiving Dinner, and EarleJam.

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