



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021

THE BIG FLEA NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE IS BACK!

In 2002, the Earlewood neighborhood held its first yard sale to benefit the neighborhood association. The popular yard sale has morphed into the Big Flea, one of the largest community yard sales in the southeast. This year's Big Flea will take place on **Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

To participate as a buyer, start the day at the Earlewood Baptist Church where you can pick up a map of Earlewood homes participating in the event. But before you head out to hit the yard sales, visit the vendors who have set up shop in the church parking lot.

To participate as a seller, host a yard sale (\$30 fee), or rent a spot (\$45) at the Earlewood Baptist Church parking lot. **Sellers keep 100% of their profits!** To sign up, go to the Earlewood Big Flea page on Earlewood.org by April 14. The registration goes towards expenses of the Big Flea (Garage Sales licenses from the City of Columbia, yard sale signs with balloons, printed and electronic maps identifying host homes, paid advertisement in The State newspaper, online advertising and promotion via Facebook, Twitter, Craig's List, and garage sale websites) and to help the association which works on safety and security, entrance bed beautification, holiday parties, Porch Parties, and other projects that make Earlewood such an attractive place to live.



On Tuesday, March 30th, Mayor Steve Benjamin was joined by City Council Members Tameika Issac-Devine and Sam Davis, Assistant City Manager Henry Simons, Parks and Recreation Director Randy Davis, and ECCO President Emily Burn for the official ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new playground equipment at Marshall Park.

Thanks Earlewood neighbors for participating in the March 6 Storm Drain Marking Event!

Local waterways, including creeks, are negatively affected by pollutants such as motor oil, pesticides/herbicides, cigarette butts, and pet waste that flow into storm drains. In addition to keeping these items out of the storm drains, residents should also keep the storm drains free of yard debris.



Upcoming Community Events

Quarterly Meetings

Thursday, April 15
and
Thursday, July 15
(6:30p-8:00p)

The Big Flea

Saturday, April 24
(8:00a-12:00p)

Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, May 22
(8:30a-11:30a)

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3
6:00p-9:00p

For more information on upcoming community events, go to earlewood.org,

or to the [Earlewood Neighborhood Facebook](#) page

From the President — Emily Burn



Happy Spring Earlewood neighbors! After the challenging past year we've all had, ECCO is excited to start to see the beginning of a return to normalcy for our community. We are looking forward to again hosting our Big Flea Neighborhood Yard Sale on April 24th! We were not able to host this event last year due to Covid, so you can expect this year's Big Flea to be extra BIG! We have several wonderful vendors signed up, including Drip Coffee, Carrie Vine's Homemade Treats, The Diva Lash, and Back Acres Farms. We also expect between 15-20 yard sales throughout Earlewood, so you can plan to shop 'til you drop! Masks required, of course! Stay tuned for details about more of our upcoming events by joining ECCO, subscribing to our email list, and following us on social media. We're keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to safely hold other annual events later in the year, including National Night Out, EarleJam, and our Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Until then, stay safe, take care of one another, join ECCO, and plan on joining us for the Big Flea!

ECCO's Business Partner of the Quarter is:

NoMa Bistro by Al-Amir was originally founded in 2001. This wonderful restaurant moved to its current location - 2431 Main Street - in 2019, and we are so happy to have them adjacent to our neighborhood! Not only do they have a restaurant, but they now have an ice cream truck AND an outdoor market behind the restaurant that offers fresh produce, flowers, herbs, and other plants.

More on NoMa Bistro from their Facebook page: "NoMa is a locally owned Mediterranean restaurant with choices for everyone! All our food is halal and locally sourced. We have choices suitable for vegetarians, vegans, gluten-free, and dairy-free."

PS - they have excellent Mediterranean pizza!



ECCO Officers (2020-2022)

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Emily Burn**

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Elizabeth Perkins**

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ECCO would also like to thank our other Business Partners:

J Brown Studio, Lotus Acupuncture, Metropolis Salon, Jennifer McBroom of Coldwell Banker, Isaac Insurance Agency, SOCO, Abigail Thomas Digital, Rambo's Fat Cat Biscuits, Vino Garage, Carrie Vine's Homemade Treats, Curiosity Coffee Bar, The War Mouth, Indah Coffee, Savage Craft Ale Works, Hotel Trundle, Gardener's Outpost, Carolina Imports Furniture, The Diva Lash, Bell Automotive, The Comet, Modern Exterminating Company, Crescent Construction, Distinctive Surfaces, Rachel Resin and Strider & Company.

**Congratulations to Earlewood's
Yard of the Month Winners!**

February—908 Florence Street

March — 1108 Lancaster Street

April — 3031 Lincoln Street

Safety Contact Information

**Non-emergency, Columbia Dispatch: 803.252.2911
Columbia Police Department: 803.545.3500
Street Light Outage: 800.251.7234
Code Enforcement: 803.518.4634**

**Community Response Team Sergeant for Columbia
Police Department's North Region: SGT Ryan McIntyre**

Report all suspicious activity to Columbia Dispatch. Even if nothing is damaged or missing, information gathered is important and could assist the Police Department as they continue working to keep Earlewood safe.



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