



**Ward 4 Neighbors, We Wish You a Prosperous & Happy New Year!**

East Rock Creek Village (ERCV) is grateful for the numerous neighbors who have pledged to become members, signed up as volunteers, and made donations. We are over halfway toward our goal of enrolling 130 members and 100 volunteers before launch. Energized by the tremendous response so far, the ERCV board is enthusiastic about our village opening its doors in late 2015. Below is a recap of accomplishments to date:

**KEY ORGANIZATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Incorporated in DC as a non-profit corporation
- Approved as a Section 501(c)(3) charity by the IRS
- Obtained DC license to solicit contributions
- Joined several senior village advocacy groups
- Successfully achieved sign-ups of 71 members and 70 volunteers
- Launched website— [www.eastrockcreekvillage.org](http://www.eastrockcreekvillage.org)
- Set up email address— [info@eastrockcreekvillage.org](mailto:info@eastrockcreekvillage.org)
- Introduced the village to numerous neighborhood and community organizations.

**WHAT COMES NEXT?**

- Aggressively soliciting start-up funds from the District Government and local corporate sponsors;
- Soliciting tax-deductible contributions from individuals for start-up costs through direct mail appeals and fundraising events;
- Seeking another 60 individual/household memberships and 30 service volunteers to meet strategic goals; and
- Obtaining office space, furniture and equipment, including electronic office needs.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Find a neighbor who could benefit from the Village concept and encourage him or her to sign up.
- Host a small gathering, a coffee or tea, in your home, church, or community center to recruit more members.
- Forward this newsletter to your neighbors and friends living in Brightwood, Colonial Village, Crestwood, Manor Park, North Portal Estates, Shepherd Park, and Takoma DC—the neighborhoods included in East Rock Creek Village.
- Make a tax-deductible contribution to help the village open for business sooner. Send checks to: Post Office Box 60622, Washington, DC 20039.
- Provide suggestions for the website, [www.eastrockcreekvillage.org](http://www.eastrockcreekvillage.org) via email at [info@eastrockcreekvillage.org](mailto:info@eastrockcreekvillage.org).

**HEALTH TIP AFTER THE HOLIDAYS: Keep active.** Do something to keep fit each day—something you enjoy that maintains strength, balance and flexibility and promotes cardiovascular health. Physical activity helps you stay at a healthy weight, prevent or control illness, sleep better, reduce stress, avoid falls, and look and feel better too.



ERCV Board members from left to right are: Carroll Green, Paula Blair, Gloria Sulton, Shannon Cockett, Abe Hussein, Marjorie Odle and Susan Learmonth. Not in photo is David Mackoff.