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VOICE

**COFFEE CHATS MAKE OUR SUMMER  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE A SUCCESS:**



August was a busy month as neighbors stepped up to host three get-togethers for East Rock Creek Village.

Nate Karch and Becky Donnellan hosted a charming Saturday morning coffee chat with homemade scones on August 15, 2015. The Colonial Village residents who attended asked lots of pertinent questions and expressed much interest with one guest pledging membership on the spot.

On Sunday, August 23, 2015, Arthur and Kathy Frank hosted a coffee chat at their lovely Crestwood home and eighteen interested seniors attended. Two people expressed interest in volunteering for East Rock Creek Village, and at least one couple is interested in becoming household members.

Elana and Jeff Glassman hosted a delightful dessert get-together at their Shepherd Park home this past Monday evening, August 31, 2015. Several of their immediate neighbors attended and two signed up to become volunteers.

**PROGRESS:** As a result of our coffee chats, East Rock Creek Village now has over 100 pledged members and nearly 100 prospective volunteers. Our goal is to reach 130 members before we open and to sign up 15 to 20 more volunteer drivers.

If you are interested in hosting a coffee chat, please let us know by email at [info@eastrockcreekvillage.org](mailto:info@eastrockcreekvillage.org) or by calling Shannon Cockett at 202-341-7775.

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:**



In preparation for the launch of East Rock Creek Village, our Volunteer Committee will hold three training sessions for the volunteers who will actually be providing services to our Village members. The sessions will be held: 1) Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Shepherd Park Library located at 7420 Georgia Avenue, NW; 2) Wednesday, November 11, 2015, the Veterans' Day Holiday, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Takoma Co-housing Common House, located at 6827 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, and

3) Sunday, November 15, 2015, from 1 pm to 5 pm at Ohev Sholom, located at 1600 Jonquil Street, NW.

**So please choose one of those dates for volunteer training!**

If you want to become an ERCV volunteer or desire more information, please contact Susan Learmonth at 202-271-1309 or at [susan.learmonth@gmail.com](mailto:susan.learmonth@gmail.com).

**THE CHAIR'S CORNER:**



*Shannon Cockett, ERCV President*

We are making headway with \$14,000 raised toward our \$25,000 in start-up costs. One couple made a \$1,000 donation that is very much appreciated and David and Sylvia Dennison are donating a suite of office furniture and supplies for our village office. We are also pleased to announce that Neighbors Inc. has pledged to donate \$500 to East Rock Creek Village, and the Shepherd Park Citizens Association has asked us to make a presentation at their September 16, 2015 meeting in support of our donation request. Supporters are welcome to come.

Our village opening costs include: hiring an executive director, renting office space, setting up that office, conducting volunteer training, paying for background checks on volunteers, printing up membership and volunteer manuals, and purchasing liability insurance.

On September 1, 2015, we submitted a grant proposal to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A for a \$3,000 community grant to support the

background screening and training of our volunteers. ERCV board members will make a presentation in support of our application at the October 6, 2015 meeting of ANC 4A at Ft. Stevens Recreation Center. Please feel free to attend in support.

ERCV will submit a community grant proposal to pay for computer equipment and technology to ANC 4B in early September for a vote at their October 26, 2015 meeting.

Ohev Sholom's Seniors Committee is planning to host a fundraiser for ERCV in early October 2015, so please look for mention of that in our upcoming newsletter.

**To close our fundraising gap, we still need your help!** Individual donations have been the largest source of our funds raised thus far. So if you would like to make a donation to East Rock Creek Village, please call 202-341-7775 or email [info@eastrockcreekvillage.org](mailto:info@eastrockcreekvillage.org). Or you may simply mail your donation to East Rock Creek Village, Post Office Box 60622, Washington, DC 20039. With your donations, we will open our doors before the end of 2015.

**"FALL ACROSTIC POEM"**

*By Leanne Gunther*

*Farmers bring in the harvest from the land.  
Animals prepare for the winter chill.  
Leaves fall from the trees—floating  
Lightly to the ground.*

