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VOICE

THE CHAIR'S CORNER: CALLING IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES



Shannon Cockett, ERCV President

The finish line for recruiting members, volunteers, and donations is within reach. We have recruited over 100 pledged members, over 100 volunteers, and raised \$16,000 toward our \$25,000 in start-up costs. Grant applications are pending and two more fundraisers will be held before the end of the year, so we are confident that East Rock Creek Village will open in late December 2015. ERCV will officially operate on the calendar year from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Special thanks go to Neighbors Incorporated for their \$500 donation and to the Shepherd Park Citizen's Association for their \$500 donation toward our liability insurance.

We are also pleased to announce that the Takoma Park Baptist Church (TPBC), led by pastor, Dr. Ernest Trice, Sr., has offered our Village office space in their church located at 635 Aspen St., NW.



With fanfare, we ask all 102 pledged members, as well as those considering joining, to send in your dues from October 15, 2015 through November 15, 2015. Individual memberships are \$500 and household memberships are \$750 annually. We want to add 10 individual members and 18 household members to reach our 130-member goal by launch. Dues may be sent to:

East Rock Creek Village
Post Office Box 60622
Washington, DC 20039
ATTN: ERCV Treasurer

Or you can go online to www.eastrockcreekvillage.org and pay your dues via PayPal. To arrange to pay in installments, please email info@astrockcreekvillage.org.

Your dues payments will allow us to hire an Executive Director to run the day-to-day operations of East Rock Creek Village, to begin paying for the vetting and training of our ERCV volunteer corps, to print up our membership and volunteer handbooks, and to purchase office equipment and supplies.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:



The ERCV Volunteer Committee led by Susan Learmonth has designed an engaging and informative volunteer training. The Physical Therapy Department at George Washington University has agreed to present tips on assisting older, frail, and assistive-device-dependent people. Mary Ann Hardy, a trained nurse and medical advocate, will give a talk on understanding mental health and cognitive issues for older adults on November 7th only. Ms. Hardy practiced nursing for 19 years, has a BA, BSN, as well as a Master's degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, and is a certified medical advocate.

Please choose just one of the following dates for volunteer training!

The sessions will be held: 1) Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 9:30 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 4th Street, NW, and 3) Sunday, November 15, 2015, from 1 pm to 5 pm at Ohev Sholom, located at 1600 Jonquil Street, NW.

If you want to become an ERCV volunteer, **and we still need about 20 more drivers**, or you desire more information, please contact Susan Learmonth at 202-271-1309 or at susan.learmonth@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, December 6, 2015 (tentative date) in the early afternoon for a fundraiser at the home of Loretta Neumann and Dan Smith.

Friday, January 15, 2016, from 5 pm to 8 pm, for the official "Launch Party" for East Rock Creek Village to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the People's Congregational United Church of Christ at 4704 13th Street, NW, DC 20011. Tickets will be \$35 per person to cover food and entertainment by Sherlita Settles, a jazz singer.

HELP NEEDED: We very much need the help of a professional grant writer. Doug White kindly lent us a hand before he accepted a full-time job, and his work was outstanding.

"Spooky Halloween Night"

by Jacey Vantimmeren, 11 years old

*It's very spooky on Halloween night,
The ghosts and goblins will give you a fright.*

*Watch your back, do not be blind.
If you're not careful, who knows what you'll find?*

*You might see things like little black bats,
Or you might see things like scary black cats.*

*On every porch there's a pumpkin or two,
With their creepy grins smiling at you.*

It's very spooky on Halloween night.

