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⚙️ **APRIL CALENDAR UPDATE** ⚙️



COVID NEXT STEPS

HOW TO GET YOUR 2nd BOOSTER...

Go to our Ward 4 District-operated COVID Center at 4704 13th Street, NW, inside the Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ. Every day except Sunday, the Center provides one-stop access to free vaccinations, boosters, take-home rapid antigen tests, PCR tests, and KN95 masks. No appointment is necessary and there is plenty of parking. ERCV members and friends have been very pleased with both the Covid Center and the vaccinations at-home program.

Monday: 10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm
Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm
Friday: 9 am - 7 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

or schedule an at-home appointment by calling 1-855-363-0333.

Tax Day is April 18, 2022



If you are unable to file your tax return by this year's April 18 deadline, you can request an automatic six-month extension. An extension allows for extra time to gather, prepare, and file paperwork with the IRS; however, taxpayers should be aware that **a request for an extension provides extra time to file a tax return, but not extra time to pay any taxes owed.** Payments are still due by the original deadline. Taxpayers should file even if they can't pay the full amount. Estimating and paying any owed taxes by the regular deadline avoids possible penalties. For more information, visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/get-an-automatic-six-more-months-to-file-all-taxpayers-can-use-irs-free-file-to-request-an-extension>.

Possible property tax or rent rebates

Homeowner or Renter Households including someone 70 or older with Adjusted Gross Income less than \$76,000 are eligible for up to \$1,225 rebates of property taxes or rent from DC. File a stand-alone Schedule H (or include in your DC income tax return) at [MyTaxDC](#). For more information or help applying for a property tax rebate, please contact the ERCV office at 202-656-7322.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR [APRIL EVENTS](#)

*Please register for East Rock Creek Village events that are held in-person or on Zoom. There is a complete listing of all events on the [ERCV website](#). Click on event title to see the registration page and to get more information. Click on the red registration button and provide your information. You will receive an email with your confirmation soon afterward. If you have questions, please call the office at **202-656-7322** or email info@eastrockcreekvillage.org.*

Fridays, April 15, 22, & 29: 3:00-4:00 pm

ZOOM CHAIR YOGA WITH ANTONIA

- Our long-running class is online each Friday afternoon. Gentle yoga involves centering, stretching, and balancing poses done sitting in a chair or standing next to it. It is recommended for everyone.
- Email info@eastrockcreekvillage.org with questions about Zoom and to receive reminder emails each week.

- Here is the [Zoom link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85628785908?pwd=Ylp1VzZ5dzBDUFA1aFRWMkVmalpNZz09#success) to join the class (The link is the same each week.): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85628785908?pwd=Ylp1VzZ5dzBDUFA1aFRWMkVmalpNZz09#success> Meeting ID is 8562 878 5908 and passcode is 618672.

Mondays, April 18, & 25: 11:00am (NOTE new time)

ERCV MORNING WALKERS

- We will meet at 1312 Juniper St NW and walk downhill to the Juniper St entrance to Rock Creek Park and along the almost flat dirt path for about a mile. On April 18th will be looking for the last of the bluebells and finding other blooms.
- No reservation is necessary but if you reply to this email on Monday by 10:30am or call 202-656-7322 by 11am we will wait for you before we set out.
- No reservation is necessary but if you call 202-656-7322 before 11am, we will wait for you before we set out. Email info@eastrockcreekvillage.org if you would like to receive an email reminder on Sundays.

Mondays, April 18, & 25: 5:00 pm (NOTE new time)

ERCV AFTERNOON WALKERS

- The Monday afternoon walkers will meet at 5pm at the Learmonths' at 1309 Floral St. NW. We may walk on the path in Rock Creek Park to look for the last of the bluebells and other blooms but will avoid steep downhill dirt trails.
- Reservations are not necessary, but if you email info@eastrockcreekvillage.org we will send you a reminder email on Sunday evenings. If you call or text Judith McCullough at 202-255-2390 before 5pm Monday, she will wait for you to arrive before setting out.

Tuesdays, April 19, & 26: 8:00-9:00 am

ZOOM OTAGO FALL PREVENTION EXERCISE WITH ANTONIA

- Antonia, our yoga instructor, is leading an online Otago exercise practice designed for those who have Otago experience or experience with other Strength and Balance Classes.
- The program is tailored to those who attend -- we can help you get back in shape. Email info@eastrockcreekvillage.org or call 202-656-7322 for more information and the Zoom link.

Tuesdays, April 19, 26: 4:00-5:00 pm

STRONGER MEMORY BRAIN EXERCISE WEEKLY CHECK-IN

- The StrongerMemory Group participants will share their progress at weekly check-in meetings via Zoom. Group members will receive the link and directions on how to join by phone.

- This StrongerMemory group began in March and is closed to new participants. Email info@eastrockcreekvillage.org to be put on the list for a second brain exercise group to begin this summer.

Thursday, April 21: 1:00-2:30 pm

LUNCH BUNCH ON THE PATIO AT BUSBOYS AND POETS IN TAKOMA DC

Celebrate an early Earth Day while enjoying lunch outdoors with your neighbors & friends at Busboys & Poets, 235 Carroll Street NW



- Busboys and Poets is a restaurant, bar, bookstore, and community gathering place. Our seating will be outside on their covered patio in front of the restaurant.
- The menu is as delicious as it is extensive, serving soups, salads, hot & cold sandwiches, burgers, and even a Signature Brunch until 3pm daily. Gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options are abundant. Lunch items average \$12-\$16 and each person will purchase their own meal.
- Neighborhood street parking is free for Zone 4 vehicles. You can park for \$3 for 1-2 hours in the lot entered at the corner of Laurel and Carroll.
- All participants must be vaccinated and have had at least one booster shot.
- Please register by clicking [HERE](#) or RSVP by email to info@eastrockcreekvillage.org or call **202-656-7322** so we can reserve you a seat. And let us know if you need a ride or want help to get vaccinated or boosted.
- FYI -- The name Busboys and Poets refers to American poet Langston Hughes, who worked as a busboy at the Wardman Park Hotel in the 1920s, prior to gaining recognition as a poet.

Thursday, April 28: 3:00-4:30 pm

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES -- HUMANITY & THE ENVIRONMENT: AMERICAN ARTISTS & THE LANDSCAPE, DOCENT-LED ONLINE ART TOUR



- Each April we celebrate Earth Day and recognize our complicated relationship to our planet.
- On Thursday, April 28th at 3 pm, join Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) Docent Melissa Clark for a look at works of art from SAAM's collection that let us explore how Americans have engaged with the land in pursuit of power and profit, as well as for purposes of stewardship and conservation.
- Please join us for thoughtful conversation and a close look at works from the 1800s to the present.
- Register [HERE](#) or email info@eastrockcreekvillage.org.
- Photo credit: *Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone*, painted by Thomas Moran, from SAAM collection.

SNEAK PREVIEW OF SOME MAY ERCV ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 1: 2:00-4:00 pm

VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN PERSON, ERCV OFFICE, EMAIL BY APRIL 20TH FOR PRE-INTERVIEW



- Are you newly retired and ready to volunteer with a great organization?
- Our next Volunteer Training is on Sunday afternoon, May 1st.
- If you are interested in becoming an ERCV Volunteer, please **contact info@eastrockcreekvillage.org by April 20 to set up a preliminary conversation.**
- Do you have a couple of hours per month to drive an older neighbor to a weekday doctor's appointment? Willing to change a lightbulb, provide technical support, or make a friendly visit? Help write for our newsletter or do outreach in the community?
- All volunteers must be over age 18, pass a criminal background check, and attend a training session that focuses on best practices and ways to assist our members. All volunteers must submit proof that they are fully vaccinated and boosted.
- Visit our [website](#) to learn more about East Rock Creek Village.

We are neighbors helping neighbors and we need YOU!

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 15, VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY: 3:00-5:00 pm – Cookout on Gloria Sulton's beautiful backyard patio. All volunteers, new & long-time, are encouraged to attend.



. . . **AND SOME COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES** . . .

~ DC Emancipation Day, Sat, April 16th, Parade 2:00pm, Concert 3:00pm & Fireworks 8:30pm – Celebrate freedom with a parade from 10th to 14th St & Penn Ave. Enjoy a DC Statehood Food truck-palooza at Freedom Plaza, a concert featuring local and national artists, and fireworks display to end the night! For more information, Click [HERE](#)

NOTE: DC Libraries will be closed Friday, April 15 (observed Emancipation Day), Saturday, April 16 (actual Emancipation Day) and Sunday, April 17 for Easter.

~ The Shepherd Park Library Power Walking Club, Tuesday, April 12th and 26th at 10am – The Shepherd Park Power Walking Club will meet at the front door entrance of the Juanita E. Thornton/Shepherd Park Neighborhood Library at 7420 Georgia just north of Geranium. Come out and walk with us!

~ The Shepherd Park Library Poem in Your Pocket Day, Tuesday, April 19th – On Poem in Your Pocket Day, people celebrate by selecting a poem, carrying it with them, and sharing it with others throughout the day at schools, bookstores, libraries, parks, workplaces, and on social media using the hashtag #PocketPoem.

~ The Shepherd Park Library Board Games Night, Thursday, April 21st, 4-6:00pm –Come & play a wide variety of board games! We have Clue, Sorry!, Scrabble, Battleship, Rummikub, Pictureka! and Apples to Apples.

~ Spring Celebration: Saturday, April 23, 10:00 am-12:00 pm – The Parks at Walter Reed will host their grand Spring Celebration with activities for all ages, including relay races and an egg hunt.

~ Upper NW Ward 4 Virtual DC Mayor Candidate Forum: Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 pm – Hosted by the Shepherd Park Citizens Association (SPCA), Civic League of North Portal Estates, Chevy Chase Citizens Association, and ANC4A, residents will learn more about the candidates running for DC Mayor in the June 21 Democratic primary. **Register** in advance [HERE](#) for this webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Questions for the candidate forum can be submitted [at this link](#).

~ Upper NW DC Council Chair Race Virtual Candidate Forum, Wed, April 27th, 7:00pm– Hosted by the Shepherd Park Citizens Association, Civic League of North Portal Estates, Chevy Chase Citizens Association, and ANC4A , residents will learn more about the candidates running for DC Council Chair in the June 21 primary! Please click [here](#) for the registration link.

~ Rep. Norton's Office's Community Office Hours, Shepherd Park Library, Thurs, April 28th, 1:30pm-5:00pm– [Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's](#) district office team will be on-site to assist D.C. residents with federal issues and casework and share information on upcoming events and other community resources. The staff will assist

with issues related to Social Security, Passports, USPS, IRS, USCIS, OPM, Bureau of Prisons, and all other federal agencies. Information will be on hand regarding non-federal resources for any issues that fall outside of the congresswoman's jurisdiction. **Congresswoman Norton will not be present.**

~ **Ward 4 CARE Team Outreach Day – Takoma: Thursday, April 28, 4:00-7:00 pm** – At the Takoma Library, 416 Cedar St. NW. The Ward 4 CARE Team needs your help in reaching all Takoma residents! Councilmember Janeese Lewis George and her staff are inviting neighbors to come together for Community Outreach Days to check in on one another, engage with issues in our communities, and ensure that resources are in the hands of those who need them. Help distribute resources (including ERCV brochures) and information, check in with our neighbors, and learn what issues need to be addressed in our lovely Ward 4 communities. Sign up to help [HERE](#).



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