

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

Mark Your Calendar

Wed. July 4, 2018

10am (line-up 9:45am)

Fourth of July Parade
Idylwild Park

Thu. July 12, 2018

7pm

Meeting with City of Lincoln Public Works
New Hope Church (45th and Orchard)

ECCO's Fourth of July Parade is coming!

Join your neighbors and friends at the annual **ECCO 4th of July Parade** event on **Wednesday, July 4**. Come walk in the parade or support the marchers, which will include a Lincoln Fire Department truck, along the route. Following the parade, stay at the park for games, treats, and more fun.

The parade starts at **Valentino's-Idylwild Park**. Line up at the park at 9:45 am; the parade will start at 10 am. The route will start headed east on Apple St. to 38th St., north to Dudley, east to 40th St., south to Orchard and back to Idylwild Park. Kids and adults are welcome to bring their bikes, wagons, shoes or any other means of transportation. Get out your patriotic colors and dress up your "vehicle" or yourself. Bring musical instruments or join our "Rock Band" – decorate empty milk jugs with rocks in them to shake while marching. Prizes contributed by area businesses will be awarded for these categories: Best Entry of the Parade, Best Bicycle, Best Tricycle, Best Costume, and Best Pet.

If you do not want to walk in the parade, join us as a parade watcher. No parade is complete without people along the route cheering the participants along. You too are invited to dress for the occasion.

- ★ Volunteers are needed to assist with the parade and post-parade fun. Please contact Paul Johnson at eccopres@eastcampus.org or 402-429-3710 or meet at
- ★ Valentino's-Idylwild Park at 9 am. ■



Neighborhood meeting with City of Lincoln Public Works

ECCO would like to invite East Campus residents to a neighborhood meeting with Miki Esposito, director of the City of Lincoln Department of Public Works and Utilities. Miki will be making the rounds to our neighborhood on **Thursday July 12, 2018 at 7:00pm** at **New Hope United Methodist Church** at 45th and Orchard Streets.

The meeting request from her office said, "We would love an opportunity to meet with you and members of your neighborhood association to discuss the exciting things happening in our city. We appreciate how much you care for your neighborhood and want to establish a connection, open lines of communication and develop a strong partnership for the bright future we all share".

Miki and her team would like to spend an hour talking about the following topics:

- What's important to you and your neighbors?
- What goals, objectives or aspirations do you have for your neighborhood?
- How can we help each other?

This meeting provides an opportunity to tell them about yourselves, learn a little bit about the Department of Public Works and Utilities, receive an update on projects in the East Campus area as well as share ideas about how we can continue to make Lincoln a great place to live, work and play! ■



Update from ECCO President

Neighborhood Tree Planting Project

Thanks to Richard Sutton for initiating the neighborhood tree planting project earlier this year. Neighbors who responded to the project invitation received free trees and tree care training. These trees have been planted and will soon help shade neighborhood yards and streets.

Spring Neighborhood Cleanup

Thanks to all the neighbors who volunteered and contributed to the Neighborhood Cleanup and the Goodwill Neighborhood Challenge in April.

Safe and Clean 4th of July

You and your neighbors enjoy the colorful display of fireworks through the holiday. Allow everyone to enjoy it even more by cleaning up your fireworks waste. Leftover debris makes your neighborhood look bad. Runoff chemicals and debris are pollutants that flow directly to area streams. Clean up is easy – have a broom and bucket of water handy. Let your spent fireworks cool a few minutes, toss them in the water bucket and, at the end of the night, sweep up the debris and put it in the trash.

Neighborhood Safety

Remember that warm weather can turn an open garage into an inviting target. Be sure to put away bicycles and to lock your home and cars. Communicate with your neighbors, watch each other's homes for suspicious persons or activities, and don't hesitate to call the police if you see something unusual. ■

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East Campus Community Organization (ECCO) is a organization of neighbors within the boundaries of 33rd and 48th St from Vine to Holdrege.

For further information, visit our website or contact a board member.

info@eastcampus.org

http://www.eastcampus.org

https://www.facebook.com/ECCOLincoln

New home for hazardous waste

What do you do with that old mercury thermostat, bottle of pesticide, or can of paint thinner you find while cleaning out the garage? For years we have had to store these hazardous waste materials until one of the seasonal weekend mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection events came around. Now Lincoln has a permanent Hazardous Materials Collection Center open year-round at 5101 N. 48th St.

The Center is regularly open by appointment on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of each month. Call 402 441-8021 to schedule an appointment or visit online. More information at <http://lincoln.ne.gov> (keyword: household). ■

Streets Alive! in Belmont

The 2018 *Streets Alive* Festival is set for Sunday Sept. 23rd. This event, which went through ECCO last year, will be in Belmont in 2018. *Streets Alive* is a FREE, family-friendly, outdoor movement event meant to get folks out and moving! There will be a 2-mile traffic-free loop to allow families to walk, skate, bike, roller blade and dance along a route lined with health & wellness exhibitors, fitness classes, sports demonstrations, music, dance, food vendors, kid-friendly interactive games and much more. More at <http://www.healthylincoln.org/streetsalive/> ■

ECCO Membership Form

It costs so little and helps so much!

To join, please provide the following information and send a check for \$25 (payable to ECCO) to Roy Maurer, ECCO Treasurer, P.O. Box 4193, Lincoln, NE 68504

Name

Address

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