

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

Mark Your Calendar

Sat. June 15, 2019
9am—1pm (\$5 fee)
ECCO Garden Tour
Various locations

Thu. July 4, 2019
10am (lineup at 9:45am)
Fourth of July Parade
Idylwild Park



ECCO Garden Tour—Saturday June 15th

Invite your friends and join East Campus neighbors for the **2019 ECCO Garden Tour** on Saturday, June 15 from 9 am to 1 pm. Visit some of the beautiful gardens in our East Campus neighborhood. Proceeds from the \$5 event fee will benefit the ongoing ECCO Re-treeing Project to replace neighborhood street trees.

Tips and literature about rain gardens, rain barrels, lawn & landscape care and other water quality topics will be available at a rain garden included in the tour.

Mini-classes will be held at different tour sites through the day.

Neighborhood Master Gardeners and an educator from the City of Lincoln Watershed will conduct mini-classes on the following topics:

- Pots and Container Gardens
- Perennials for the Garden
- Soils and Fertilizers for Tropicals and Succulents
- Bees in the Garden
- Fun with Rain Barrels

Watch for signs for locations. You can start the tour at any neighborhood garden host location. Tour maps and mini-class schedules will be available at each site. ■

ECCO's Fourth of July Parade is coming!

Join your neighbors and friends at the annual **ECCO 4th of July Parade** event on **Thursday, 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 Mary Belka at 503-866-5704 or meet at the park at 9 am. ■

Update from ECCO President

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 & 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. 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.

Lincoln High School Class of 1974 Reunion
Lincoln High School alumni from the class of 1974 should mark their calendars for this 45th reunion:

- Fri Sept. 6 at 7pm—The Local (2755 Jamie Ln)
- Sat Sept. 7 at 6pm—Rosie's Bar and Grill (1501 Center Park Rd) ■

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East Campus Community Organization (ECCO) is an 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 (public)

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ECCO1 (private)

Aging Partners ready to assist

Maturing adults realize the importance of home and "aging in place." Over 90 percent of older adults plan to stay in their own homes. Remaining in your own home and living under your own rules is a reachable goal and Aging Partners can assist you.

Many people find the home maintenance responsibilities required to keep their home safe, in good repair, and energy efficient to be a challenge. Aging Partners' Home Handyman program services include minor home repairs, general home maintenance, yard mowing, spring and fall yard cleanup and snow removal (limited availability). Call Home Handyman at 402-441-7030 for more information.

If you have more questions, call Aging Partners at 402-441-7070 or visit <http://aging.lincoln.ne.gov>. ■

UNL Lend-a-Hand Project Day

The University of Nebraska Center for Civic Engagement will host the annual Lend-a-Hand community service event on Saturday, August 24, 2019. First year UNL students participate in an afternoon of hands-on service projects throughout the Lincoln Community. Students will work on projects including outdoor beautification, community cleanup and other projects from 2–4 pm. If you have a project that could use the help of some student volunteers, contact Cole at the UNL Center for Civic Engagement at 402 472-6150 before August 3, 2019. ■

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

Phone

E-Mail
