

# ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

## 2022 Annual Meeting on October 20 at New Hope Methodist Church

**Will you do your part to strengthen the neighborhood that we share and call home?** Good neighbors doing their part make our neighborhood a special place to live. For many years, we have joined together through our neighborhood association, East Campus Community Organization (ECCO).

Together, we sponsor the 4th of July Parade and games for kids, an annual Neighborhood Cleanup, garden tours and workshops, as well as collaborative efforts with local agencies. We work with homeowners and contribute funding for tree planting to sustain the natural canopy that makes this neighborhood one of the most attractive in Lincoln. We provide funding for meals for teachers prior to parent-teacher conferences at Hartley and Riley Schools. And together, we make your voice heard on neighborhood issues before the City Council.

Please attend our upcoming **Annual Membership Meeting on October 20, 2022** at the New Hope United Methodist Church (45th and Orchard). Pizza, salad, and drinks will be provided at dinner starting at 5:30pm. The membership Annual Meeting will follow shortly thereafter. Ed Zimmer, former City of Lincoln historic preservation planner, is this

year's featured speaker. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about our neighborhood.

**Will you join with us by becoming a member or renewing your membership in ECCO?** Your \$25 is your investment in your neighborhood. The annual membership runs from October to the following September. Complete and mail the Membership Form found at the end of the newsletter with your \$25 check made payable to ECCO to the address on the form or join online at <http://eastcampus.org/membership>.

To stay abreast of developments affecting your neighborhood, please share your email address to receive any neighborhood alerts and information. We also value your involvement. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know on the membership form, via email, or online. We will also collect memberships at the ECCO Annual Membership Meeting for the 2022-2023 season.

With your support, we can keep our neighborhood the best place in Lincoln to call home.

*Paul Johnson* ECCO President ■



### Thinking of selling your East Campus home?

We are concerned about the rise of corporate homeownership and are happy to connect you with prospective buyers who want to live in our neighborhood.

Email [eccopres@eastcampus.org](mailto:eccopres@eastcampus.org) and **Tell ECCO First!** ■

### Mark Your Calendar

**Thu. October 20, 2022**

*ECCO Annual Meeting*

Dinner at 5:30pm

New Hope Methodist Church

**Tue. November 8, 2022**

*Election Day!*

*Other neighborhood events*

**American Lutheran Church  
42nd & Vine**

Oct 30 - *Trunk or Treat*

6:30-8:00pm

Dec 21 - *Caroling in the  
Neighborhood*, 6:30pm

**New Hope Methodist Church  
45th & Orchard**

Oct 29 - *Trunk or Treat*

10am to Noon

### Volunteers needed

Board Members - The Board meets for 60 to 90 minutes on the second Thursday of most months to discuss issues and plan activities. Three new members are needed for a full complement of 15 board members. A term is 3 years.

Newsletter Delivery - We need additional help to deliver three newsletters per year. Each route takes about an hour to complete. Regular and substitute volunteers are needed.

If interested, contact any board member or [eccopres@eastcampus.org](mailto:eccopres@eastcampus.org).

**Yard of the month nominees?**

[info@eastcampus.org](mailto:info@eastcampus.org)



### Smart Lawn and Landscaping Care

This year's exceptional dry and hot weather brings this reminder about how to most effectively use the water used for irrigating neighborhood lawns. Information about proper home lawn irrigation may be found by in the University of Nebraska NebGuide, Irrigating Home Lawns, Pub.Turf 2011a (search for *Pub Turf 2011a* from your browser).

Proper knowledge of your lawn and irrigation system can be used to apply the correct amount of water, which not only keeps lawns healthy, but also saves money and water in the long run. Over-watering of lawns is unnecessary and

expensive, plus it leads to unhealthy turf. Overwatering is a widespread problem with automatic irrigation systems. In summary:

- Lawns perform best when slightly dry.
- Deep, infrequent irrigation (1-2 times/week) at first sign of drought stress is best.
- Early morning is the best time to irrigate.
- Applying water directly to the soil is better than using an above-ground sprinkler.
- Water that goes onto the street or pavement is wasted.
- Soil type, slope, and turfgrass species and cultivars can affect water use and irrigation needs. ▀

### ECCO Yard of the Month Recipients 2022

Congratulations to this year's ECCO Yard of the Month recipients!! The ECCO Yard of the Month Program recognizes neighbors that demonstrate notable efforts in maintaining their property on a consistent basis, thus contributing to the overall appearance of our neighborhood. The season is usually from May through September with two winners each month. A Yard of the Month sign is placed in the recipient's yard for that month.

The following ECCO residents / yards have received *Yard of the Month* recognition this season ▀

Larry & Sue Dawson	3750 W St.
Lonnie & Jane Eltiste	1016 N 42nd
Bryan & Holly Barrett	1000 N 40th
Jim & Mary King	3900 Orchard
John & Karma Larsen	1300 N 41st
Larry & Donna Champoux	3832 Apple
Dan & Beth Alberts	3850 Orchard
James & Beverly Ellis	800 N 35th

## New Leadership at LPD's Northeast Team

Please join us in welcoming Captain Jeff Bucher to the Lincoln Police Department's Northeast Team Station. We are excited to have Captain Bucher as a member of ECCO, as well as the northeast community.

Captain Bucher has served in various capacities with LPD for the past 32 years. His past experience includes over 20 years on the SWAT team, as team leader for the majority of those years, as well as a criminal investigator. He embraces his new opportunity to provide a positive work environment and increase communication between LPD and our community. Captain

Bucher is committed to addressing the public safety concerns and crime issues through quality investigations and proactive strategies while working in a cooperative spirit with residents on concerns.

Captain Bucher is outgoing and eager to work with all community members, assisting in any way to provide a safe and secure community. ECCO and neighborhood residents look forward to working with Captain Bucher and the officers on the Northeast Team. He can be reached at 402-441-3002 or [Lpd833@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:Lpd833@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov). ■

## Neighborhood Safety



With fall's arrival comes an influx of vehicles on neighborhood streets. Nonemergency parking, traffic and other issues may be reported to the Police Department. Fall also brings additional pedestrians and activity in neighborhood crosswalks. When you are driving, set an example for other drivers by stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks.

The most common crimes in Lincoln and the East Campus neighborhood are car thefts

and burglaries. Some easy steps -- lock your car, don't leave valuables inside the car, don't leave keys in your car, don't leave your unlocked car running -- will help to reduce these problems. If you are a victim or see anything suspicious, please immediately contact the Lincoln Police Department. The non-emergency number is 402 441-6000. Remember, LPD cannot solve the crime, if they don't know about the crime. ■

## 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 ECCO Membership, P.O. Box 4193, Lincoln, NE 68504

Name

Address

Phone

E-Mail

# ecco

*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.*

[eccoboard@eastcampus.org](mailto:eccoboard@eastcampus.org)

<http://www.eastcampus.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/ECCOLincoln>