

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

Well neighbors, a new spring has arrived. Plans are in the works for both traditional and new neighborhood activities in 2022. The winter was pretty warm, so we're not suffering from cabin fever too much, but get out into the yard and garden; those plants need some water and attention. Introduce (or re-introduce) yourself to your neighbors. Be safe and have a great 2022.

Annual Spring Clean-up will be held on April 23rd

The **East Campus Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up** will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at American Lutheran Church at 42nd & Vine St, from 9am to 1pm, rain or shine.

Drop off your yard clutter, old bikes, old lumber, metal scraps, tires, and other unsightly items at the church parking lot. Do NOT bring: leaves, yard clippings, paint, pesticides, solvents, motor oil and other hazardous waste. There will be a fee for large appliances and tires. *The fees will be waived up to \$50 for paid ECCO members!* You can join ECCO on site. If arranged in advance, volunteers will be available to pick up items curbside. Call the coordinator at 402-730-0261 by April 16 to arrange for curbside pick-up.

Bring clothing, home goods, furniture and electronics to the Spring Clean-

Up, for recycling by Goodwill through their *Neighborhood Challenge* program. Retail store drop-offs do not count toward the neighborhood total, only items dropped off at the Neighborhood Clean-up site. The top Lincoln neighborhoods that collect the most donations from their collection drives will receive a cash prize for their neighborhood. So clean out your closets and bring that old computer and sofa from the basement to help ECCO and your community.

Volunteers are needed for sorting recycling items at the roll-offs. Volunteers with trucks are needed for curbside pick-ups. If you are willing to help out, contact Tom at 402-730-0261 before April 16, 2022.

When: **Saturday April 27, 9am-1pm**
Where: **American Lutheran Church @ 42nd and Vine St**
Who: **Everyone!** ■

East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt, April 16

After a two year delay – the Easter Bunny has stocked up on carrots and candy-filled eggs, and will be visiting for the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, organized by the East Campus Starrs, a neighborhood women's group, and supported by ECCO.

Children 8 and under are invited to take part. A special area will be reserved for children 3 and under. Parents are welcome to watch from the sidelines.

Don't be late! Over 100 children typically attend this annual event, once the Easter Egg hunters take off, it's over pretty quickly. The Easter Bunny will be waiting!

Where: **McAdams Park @ 44th & Y**

When: **Saturday Apr 16 @ 11:00 AM**

Who: **Children 8 and under**

What to bring: **A basket or bag for your goodies** ■



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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.

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Mark Your Calendar**Sat. April 16, 2022***Easter Egg Hunt*
McAdams Park**Sat. April 23, 2022***Spring Clean-up*
American Lutheran**Tue. May 10, 2022***Primary Election Day***Sat. May 21, 2022***Robert Bienhoff Memorial Dedication*
Valentino's-Idylwild Park**Sat. June 11, 2022***East Campus Discovery Days & Farmers Market*
East Campus Mall*Cool, Kitsch and Collectible Sale*1444 and 1420 N 37th*Garden Club of Lincoln's garden tour*

Variety of locations in the neighborhood

Robert Bienhoff Memorial Fund established

Many of you know about the recent death of Robert Bienhoff, an East Campus neighborhood resident and long-time ECCO Board member. He was familiar throughout the East Campus community with his blue pickup truck, taking care of many neighborhood yards and sidewalks. He was always ready to step up to help neighbors and the neighborhood with projects and he will be missed.

Some neighbors have organized a memorial fund to honor Robert through the *Lincoln Parks Foundation* and *Lincoln Parks & Recreation Dept.*

Donations will fund a memorial bench near the trolley in Valentino's-Idylwild Park, a plaque for the bench, and nearby plantings of butterfly bushes, which Robert loved. Extra funds will go to the *Valentino's-Idylwild Endowment Fund* for on-going park care.

Fundraising and installation is planned for completion by the memorial and dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 21, shortly after what would have been Robert's 60th birthday.

To make a tax deductible donation:

- By check: Mail checks payable to the **Lincoln Parks Foundation** to 3131 O Street, Suite 301, Lincoln, NE 68510, make note of *Robert Bienhoff Memorial*.
- Online at ***www.LincolnParks.org***. Choose 'Donate Now' at the top. Under 'Direct my Donation', choose 'OTHER' then type *Robert Bienhoff Memorial*.

You may direct any questions to Aimee Hollon at the Lincoln Parks Foundation at 402 441-8258. ■

Help wanted .. We need you!

We have vacancies on the ECCO Board of Directors and are seeking community-minded neighbors to fill those spots. The Board plans and directs some annual neighborhood events (Neighborhood Clean Up; July 4th Parade) and other occasional events.

The Board meets on the second Thursday of most months at 6:30 pm. Meetings include updates on activities, problems and projects in and around the neighborhood; discussion of improvement projects; and event planning. A full Board makes the work easier for all.

Candidates who are selected will be appointed to serve until the annual meeting in October, when elections will be held. Board members must be residents of the ECCO neighborhood (Vine to Holdrege; 33rd to 48th).

We currently have a mix of new and veteran members who work together and share a vision of involving all residents to create a better community in our neighborhood.

Contact Paul Johnson at ECCOPres@EastCampus.org or 402-429-3710. Your ideas and skills can help enhance our community. ■

Yard of the month nominees?

Send suggestions to info@eastcampus.org



Save the date: Many neighborhood events will be held June 11, 2022

Garden Tour: Garden Club of Lincoln

The *Garden Club of Lincoln's* annual garden tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 9am to Noon. This year's tour will highlight a number of gardens in our historic East Campus neighborhood, as well as Varner Hall's planting beds with herbaceous perennials and the Backyard Farmer Garden on East Campus.

Please plan to join us, meandering throughout our East Campus neighborhood exploring an array of delightful gardens and landscapes. ■

UNL Discovery Days and Farmer's Market

In its second year, the East Campus Discovery Days and Farmers Market provides a fun, family-friendly event on UNL's East Campus. It is more than a farmer's market. It's more than a science day. Come on June 11th for the hands-on, science focused fun. Stay to enjoy live music and food trucks. Shop at our farmers market and vendor fair. Enjoy a scoop of ice cream at the UNL Dairy Store. Activities and parking will be free. For more, visit <https://discoverydays.unl.edu>. ■

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	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
E-Mail	<input type="text"/>

Cool, Kitsch, and Collectible Sale

We all have items we no longer want or use but are "too nice" for garage sales or traditional donation outlets, including barely used furniture, antiques, jewelry, and other collectibles. We are providing an opportunity to give these items new life, by including them in our *Cool, Kitsch, and Collectible* sale on Saturday, June 11 from 8am to 4pm at 1444 and 1420 N 37th Street.

The proceeds of the sale will benefit ECCO. Local artisans and vendors are also welcome to participate, by providing items for sale, for which a percentage of the proceeds would also benefit ECCO. Donations are tax-deductible.

If you have items to be considered for the sale, please contact Mary Belka at 503-866-5704 or mmeisen@eisenhartconsulting.com to make arrangements. ■

Neighborhood Security Reminder

As the weather warms, crimes of opportunity in the neighborhood are starting to increase. Neighbors have noted signs of people searching for easy targets, in the form of open shed and garage doors or open gates. Close and lock your garage doors. Lock your vehicles. Bring in and lock bicycles. Have packages delivered to a safe drop-off point so that they don't sit openly on the porch during the day. Help to prevent you from being the next victim of a residential burglary.

The Lincoln Police Department (LPD) has recommended the ***Neighbors App***, available to Apple and Google Store

users. Get real-time crime and safety alerts from your neighbors and public safety agencies. Know when and where things are happening in your area. Owners of Ring camera systems can send videos through the Neighbors App. LPD monitors the app and will use it to focus on crime trends in the city.

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 it. ■