

# ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

## Mark Your Calendar

**Tue. April 4, 2023**

*Primary Election Day*

**Sat. April 8, 2023**

*Easter Egg Hunt*

McAdams Park

**Sat. April 15, 2023**

*UNL Big Event*

**Sat. April 29, 2023**

*Spring Clean-up*

American Lutheran Church

**Tue. May 2, 2023**

*General Election Day*

**Sat. June 10, 2023**

*Discovery Day*

East Campus Mall

North of 36 and Holdrege

*Cool, Kitsch and Collectible*

1444 N 37th and 3637

Holdrege

*Garden Club of Lincoln's*

*garden tour*

Variety of locations

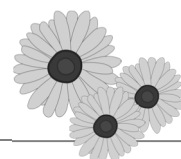
**Sat. July 4, 2023**

*Fourth of July Parade*

Valentino's Idylwild Park

## Greetings from your Neighborhood Association!

The East Campus Community Organization, ECCO, is an active neighborhood association that sponsors an annual neighborhood clean-up, a Fourth of July Parade and games, as well as garden tours and other community activities. The organization also raises money and works with homeowners to plant trees to maintain the shade canopy that is a prominent characteristic of the neighborhood.



## Neighborhood Clean-up will be held April 29th

The **East Campus Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up** will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at American Lutheran Church at 42nd & Vine from 9am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

The following items are accepted at the church parking lot: Yard clutter, brush, old bikes, old lumber, metal scraps, tires (\$50 fee for non-ECCO members), and other unsightly items.

The following items are NOT accepted: leaves, yard clippings, paint, pesticides, solvents, motor oil, and other hazardous waste.

ECCO will charge a fee for large appliances and tires. *Fees up to \$50 will be waived for paid ECCO members. Save by joining ECCO on site!*

If arranged in advance, volunteers will be available to pick up items curbside. Call the coordinator at the number below by **April 22** to arrange for a pick-up.

Bring clothing, home goods, furniture, and electronics for recycling by Goodwill through their

*Neighborhood Challenge* program **between 9am and 11am**. Retail store drop-offs do not count toward the neighborhood total. 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.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we will offer a shredding service for old paper documents and such **between 12pm and 1pm** on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers with trucks are needed for curbside pick-ups and for sorting recycling items. If you are willing to help, contact coordinator Eric Hunt at 402-617-4190 before April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**When: Sat. April 27, 9am-1pm**  
*with Goodwill challenge 9-11am*  
*and shredding service 12-1pm*

**Where: American Lutheran Church @ 42nd and Vine St**

**Who: Everyone! ▪**

# 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.

info@eastcampus.org  
http://www.eastcampus.org  
https://www.facebook.com/ECCOLincoln

<http://www.eastcampus.org>

## East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt, April 8

Neighborhood children should watch for the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at McAdams Park. The annual search for candy-filled eggs is 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 @ 44<sup>th</sup> & Y**

**When: Saturday Apr 8 @ 11am**

**Who: Children 8 and under**

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

**Yard of the month nominees?**

Send suggestions to  
[ECCOpres@eastcampus.org](mailto:ECCOpres@eastcampus.org)



## UNL's Big Event will be held Saturday April 15 from 12:30 to 3:30pm

The Big Event is a community service organization for the ASUN Student Government and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Big Event has become the largest, one-day, student-run service project in the state of Nebraska when thousands of students volunteer to say *thank you* to Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Students volunteer in the surrounding community to serve nonprofit organizations and private residences by completing tasks such as painting, cleaning garages, raking leaves, planting trees, weeding, and more.

The Big Event has been serving Lincoln and Lancaster County since

2006. This year the Big Event will be held on April 15th from 12:30 to 3:30pm. They invite organizations and individuals to submit a project on which students can assist.

For more information, or to request volunteers for your project, visit <https://bigevent.unl.edu/> ▪



### Captain's Corner

Captain Jeff Bucher and the Northeast

Team of the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) have moved to 5201 'R' St. The Northeast Team looks forward to the opportunity to provide a positive work environment and increase communication between LPD and our community, as well as working with all community members, assisting in any way to provide a safe and secure community.

Captain Bucher will provide updates in future newsletters. In the meantime, you may contact him at [LPD833@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:LPD833@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov) or by phone at 402-441-3002. ▪



### Eric's Weather Update

*New column from ECCO Vice President Eric Hunt, Climate Extension Educator at UNL*

As of March 17<sup>th</sup>, we have received 5.86" (149 mm) of precipitation in the water year (since October 1<sup>st</sup>) in our area according to my CoCoRAHS gauge. This amount is near average for the period and, since the first of the calendar year, we are running a small surplus. This does not mean the drought is over or has even improved in any significant way. It is possible we could end the drought by June.

In the meantime, please be mindful of younger trees and shrubs that may need an extra drink this spring and practice common sense and conservation with lawn watering.

If you would like to be added to my occasional email list for severe weather and winter storm updates, email me at [ehunt2@unl.edu](mailto:ehunt2@unl.edu). ▪

**Remember to Pick Up After Your Pet** Our neighborhood loves dogs, but not their waste. Prevent parasites, bacteria, and viruses from infecting people or other pets by picking up your dog's poop immediately. Many parasites require days to weeks to reach the infective stage, so feces become more hazardous to your health the longer it sits. ▪

## Save the date: Many neighborhood events will be held June 10, 2023

### Garden Tour: Garden Club of Lincoln

The *Garden Club of Lincoln's* annual garden tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. This year's tour will highlight a number of gardens in our East Campus neighborhood. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/lincolnNEGardenclub/> ■

### UNL Discovery Days on East Campus

In its third year, East Campus Discovery Days provide a fun, family-friendly event on UNL's East Campus. Their first event of 2023 will be June 10th. The event will feature local vendors and games for the entire family. Activities and parking are free. Details at <https://discoverydays.unl.edu>. ■

### Cool, Kitsch, and Collectible Sale

We all have items we no longer want or use but are "too nice" for 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 10 from 8am to 4pm in the driveways of 1444 N 37<sup>th</sup> St and 3637 Holdrege St. The proceeds will benefit ECCO.

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

If you have items to include, contact Mary at 503-866-5704 or [mmeisen@eisenhartconsulting.com](mailto:mmeisen@eisenhartconsulting.com). ■

### 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 Paul Johnson, ECCO Treasurer, P.O. Box 4193, Lincoln, NE 68504

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- Please check any volunteer interests
- ☐ Spring Clean-up
  - ☐ ECCO Garden Tour
  - ☐ Fourth of July Parade
  - ☐ Deliver Newsletter
  - ☐ Serve as a Board Member

### Neighborhood Security Reminder

As the weather warms, crimes of opportunity in the neighborhood may increase. Remember to close and lock your garage doors. Lock your vehicles. Bring in or 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 uses it to focus on crime trends in the city. They may follow up with Ring camera owners

If you are a victim or see anything suspicious, please immediately contact LPD. The non-emergency number is 402-441-6000. Remember, LPD cannot solve the crime if they don't know about it. ■

