

# eccco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

## East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt, March 31

It's that time again – the Easter Bunny has stocked up on carrots, and will be visiting our neighborhood to launch the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, organized by the East Campus Starrs, a neighborhood women's group, and supported by ECCO. The annual hunt for candy-filled eggs traditionally includes 100 or more neighborhood children, and we hope to see you there.

As always, children 8 and under are welcome to participate (there will be a special area for children 3

and under), and you'll want to be right on time, because once the Easter Egg hunters are unleashed, it's over pretty quickly. Parents, please let children hunt without your help! The Easter Bunny will be expecting you.

Where: **McAdams Park @ 44<sup>th</sup> and Y**

When: **Saturday March 31 @ 11:00 AM**

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

Who: **Children 8 and under** ■

### Mark Your Calendar

**Sat. March 31, 2018**

11am  
Easter Egg Hunt

**Sat. April 7, 2018**

9am-1pm  
UNL's Big Event

**Thu. April 19, 2018**

AGR Hog Roast

**Sat. April 21, 2018**

9am-1pm  
Spring Clean-up

**Sat. June 2, 2018**

*tentative*  
ECCO Garden Tour

## Annual Spring Clean-up, April 21

The East Campus Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up will be held on Sat. April 21 at American Lutheran Church on 42<sup>nd</sup> & Vine St, from 9am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

Drop off at the church parking lot your yard clutter, brush, old bikes, old lumber, metal scraps, tires, and other unsightly items. Do NOT bring: leaves, yard clippings, paint, pesticides, solvents, motor oil and other hazardous waste. There will be a fee charged 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.

Spring Clean-Up is participating in Goodwill's *Neighborhood Challenge*. Drop off clothing, housewares, small appliances, and electronics at the Spring Clean-Up site for recycling by Goodwill. The three neighborhood associations/organizations who collect the most donations will win cash prizes up to \$500 for their neighborhood. So dig out that old computer and TV that has been aging in your basement, clean out your closets and 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 Patti at 402-440-8016 before April 18.

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

When: **Saturday April 21, 9am-1pm**

Who: **Everyone!** ■



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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

**Garden Tour** | An **ECCO Garden Tour** is being planned for June 2nd. We are looking for neighbors to showcase their yards and for volunteers to help organize this important fundraising event. Proceeds will support projects such as the replanting of street trees throughout the neighborhood. To volunteer or nominate a neighbor, please send an email to [info@eastcampus.org](mailto:info@eastcampus.org). ■

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## Have you completed your #9pmroutine? | Lincoln Police Department

*Prepared by Capt. Martin Fehringer, Northeast Team, Lincoln Police Department, 402-441-3002*

The Lincoln Police Department has begun a project that we hope will change the frequency and monetary loss associated with certain property crimes that plague our communities. It is called the **#9pmroutine**.

Crimes of opportunity — residential burglary and larceny from auto — continually surface in our neighborhoods. Much of the time, these crime types involve vehicles and homes being left unlocked and garage doors being left open.

Jeff Peterson, manager of our crime analysis unit, determined that 60% of the 2083 larcenies from automobiles in 2017 involved unlocked vehicles and 36% of the 921 residential burglaries involved unlocked homes.

My research into what other commu-

nities are doing to combat these types of crimes led me to a creation of the Pasco County (FL) Sheriff's Department called #9pmroutine. Pasco County, about the same size as Lincoln, is plagued with the crimes of opportunity that we experience.

In August 2016, Pasco County began sending a nightly reminder to their followers on Facebook and Twitter. The reminder asked folks to lock their cars, bring in items of value, and shut and lock their garage doors, and doors and windows of their homes. After a year of the nightly reminders, they experienced a 36% reduction in larceny from auto.

The Lincoln Police Department is replicating this project. We started tweeting out about the project in January 2018.

The nightly tweets usually involve a photo or a catchy GIF to draw peoples attention. The message is con-

sistent: lock your cars, bring all valuables inside, shut your garage, and lock your house.

Our goal is to limit crimes of opportunity. The Northeast Team is starting another prong of the project by proactively looking for open garage doors and contacting homeowners to shut them in order to prevent the next residential burglary.

As the weather warms up, we will add in other chronic issues like bringing in bicycles, locking up vehicles at trailheads and parks, and package thefts from porches.

While it is too early to know the exact impact the project will have in Lincoln, I am encouraged by the early numbers.

To join the #9pmroutine, follow us on Twitter @Lincoln\_Police or like our Facebook page, *lincolnpolicedepartment*. ■

Yard of the month nominees? | send suggestions to [info@eastcampus.org](mailto:info@eastcampus.org)

### “Take It To The Bin” Takes Effect April 1

Lincoln will soon lead the state of Nebraska with its drive to divert 9.5% of material per year from the landfill to recyclers. Starting April 1 corrugated cardboard will not be accepted at the landfill. Instead of paying to bury 19,000 tons of cardboard at the landfill, that material will be recycled and sold to regional paper mills. Banned cardboard joins other landfill banned material such as yard waste, tires, vehicle batteries and appliances. Eventually Lincoln’s recycling rate is expected to increase from 21% to 31%.

Free cardboard and other material recycling is available to city and county residents at the 28 convenient public drop-off sites. Alternately, subscribe to convenient curbside recycling of the materials with any local garbage or recycling company. More information at <http://recycle.lincoln.ne.gov>. ■

### 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"/>

## 2018 ECCO Neighborhood Tree Project

Neighbors,

ECCO is looking for some neighbors who would like a new tree on their property at no cost. The available size and species of the trees has not yet been decided. We have limited funds to plant trees in the neighborhood to improve canopy cover and biodiversity. Trees also improve property values. Unfortunately in the next decade, our ash trees will be hard hit by the emerald ash borer and now is the time to begin planting replacements.

Do you have a location on your home grounds that could support a tree and are you willing to attend a short presentation on planting and caring for a tree? If you are interested in participating, please complete this form and return it to Richard Sutton at 1326 N. 38<sup>th</sup> Street or [rsutton131@gmail.com](mailto:rsutton131@gmail.com) by **April 6, 2018**.

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

