

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

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Idylwild and Apple St

Greetings from your Neighborhood Association!

The East Campus Community Organization, ECCO, is an active neighborhood association. For years, we have joined together to make our neighborhood a special place to live. With your support, we will help keep our neighborhood the best place in Lincoln to call home.

We sponsor or support the July 4th parade, an annual neighborhood spring clean-up, the Starrs' Easter Egg Hunt, garden tours, valuable communication through this newsletter, as well as work with Lincoln Police Department on crime and safety issues. We work with homeowners and contribute funds for planting trees to sustain the canopy that makes ECCO one of the most attractive in Lincoln. Collectively, we make your voice heard on neighborhood issues before the City Council. We would like to do more ... we value your participation and input. ■

East Campus Starrs' Easter Egg Hunt, March 30

Neighborhood children should watch for the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 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, so when the Easter Egg hunters take off, the event is over pretty quickly.

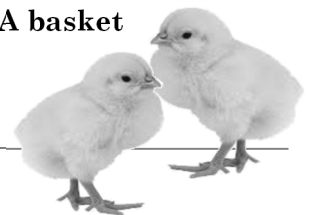
The Easter Bunny will be waiting!

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

When: **Sat. March 30 @ 11am**

Who: **Children 8 and under**

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



UNL's Big Event will be held Saturday May 4, 2024

The Big Event is a community service organization within the UNL ASUN Student Government and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Big Event has been serving the Lincoln community since 2006! Students volunteer in the local community by helping community organizations and private residences do acts of service, like painting walls,

cleaning garages, raking leaves, planting trees, weeding, etc.

They invite nonprofit organizations and private residences to submit a project that University of Nebraska - Lincoln students can assist with during the annual Big Event held on May 4th from 12:30 to 3:30 PM.

The Big Event has become the largest, one-day, student-run

service project in the state of Nebraska. Each spring, thousands of UNL students come together to say "Thank You" to the residents and nonprofits of Lincoln and Lancaster County.

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

Neighborhood Clean-up will be held April 13, 2024

The East Campus Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the American Lutheran Church parking lot at 42nd & Vine St, from 10am to 1pm, rain or shine. A *Goodwill Challenge* ends at 11am and shredding service will be available at noon.

The following items are accepted: 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.

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 save \$25 by joining ECCO on site! If arranged in advance, volunteers will be available to pick up items curbside. Call the coordinator (Eric Hunt) at the number below by April 5th to arrange for curbside pick-up. Volunteers are also needed for sorting recycling items at the roll-offs. Volunteers with trucks are needed for curbside pick-ups. If you are willing to help, contact Eric Hunt at 402-617-4190 before April 5th.

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 total. The

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, ECCO will offer a shredding service for old paper documents from noon to 1pm.

When: **Sat. April 27, 10am-1pm** with *Goodwill challenge 10am-11am and shredding service noon-1pm*

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

Who: **Everyone!** ■

Discovery Days and Farmers Market on East Campus

Plan on joining the East Campus Discovery Days and Farmers Market, a fun, family-friendly event on UNL's East Campus this summer. It is more than a farmer's market. It's more than a science day. Come 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 newly renovated UNL Dairy Store. Take in the beauty of the Backyard Farmer garden.

The event will be held 10am to 2pm on the East Campus Mall (north of Idylwild and Holdrege St) on the second Saturdays in June, July, and August. ■



Neighborhood Security Reminder

Neighbors have noted signs of people searching for easy targets, such as open gates or open doors on sheds or garages. Close and lock your garage doors. Lock your vehicles. Bring in and lock your 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.

Owners of Ring camera systems can send videos through the Neighbors App. LPD monitors the app and uses it to identify trends in the city.

To access police activity such as a daily call summary, city-wide data and statistics, and crime alert/crime mapping for crime activity in the neighborhood at [https:// www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Police](https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Police).

If you are a victim or see anything suspicious, please immediately contact the Lincoln Police Department. For emergencies, call 911. The non-emergency number is 402 - 441-6000. Remember, LPD cannot solve the crime, if they don't know about it. ■



New Leadership at LPD Northeast Team

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

northeast Lincoln community.

Captain Hubka has served in law enforcement for the past 15 years. His work experience includes time as a Drug Recognition Expert, SWAT Operator, Gang Unit Investigator, as well as served as a certified instructor in DUI investigations, firearms, less lethal weapons, chemical munitions, and active shooter response.

For the past three years, Captain Hubka has worked as a Duty Captain, overseeing high level incidents across the city. In addition, Captain Hubka leads the department's Peer Support team, Wellness Committee, Chaplain's Program, and is a founding member of the Lincoln First Responders Foundation.

Throughout his career, Captain Hubka has placed a priority on community policing, engaging community members in positive interactions and working together to solve problems with the ultimate focus being on enhancing the quality of life for everyone. Captain Hubka strives to combine innovative solutions with proactive policing methods to maximize the positive impact of the police department.

He is excited to take on the new role of the Northeast Team Captain and looks forward to working with the ECCO neighborhood. Captain Hubka can be reached at 402-441-3002 or MHubka@Lincoln.NE.gov.

Please 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. ■



Thinking of selling your home?

ECCO is concerned about corporate homeownership. We are happy to connect you with prospective buyers

who want to live in our neighborhood. Email eccopres@eastcampus.org and **Tell ECCO First!**



Yard of the month nominees?
Send suggestions to ECCOpres@eastcampus.org

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

Interest in Volunteering? *Please circle your interests.*

- Spring clean-up
- July 4th Parade
- Deliver Newsletters
- Garden Tour
- Board Member



East Campus Community Organization (ECCO) is an organization of neighbors within the boundaries of 33rd and 48th from Vine to Holdrege in Lincoln NE.

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