

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

New Name, Same Parade: Fourth of July Parade is coming soon!

We are excited to announce the Fourth of July Parade has been renamed the **ECCO / Marceil Dreier Fourth of July Parade** in honor of our longtime neighbor, Marceil Dreier.

Mark Your Calendar

Tue. July 4, 2024

10am (lineup at 9:45am)

ECCO/Marceil Dreier Fourth of July Parade

Idylwild Park and throughout neighborhood

Sat. July 13, 2024, and

Sat. Aug 10, 2024

10am—2pm

East Campus Discovery Days and Farmer's Market

East Campus Mall (north of Idylwild and Holdrege)

Thu. October 10, 2024

ECCO Annual Membership Meeting

New Hope Methodist Church

Join your neighbors and friends at the annual Parade on Thursday, July 4th.

Come walk in the parade or join as a spectator. No parade is complete without people along the route cheering the participants along. Following the parade, stay at the park for conversation and fun activities.

The parade starts at Valentino's-Idylwild Park (at Idylwild Blvd and Apple St). Line up at 9:45 am; the parade will start at 10 am. The route will start headed east on Apple to 38th, then north to Dudley, east to 40th, south to Orchard and then back to Idylwild Park.

UNL Discovery Days on East Campus

East Campus Discovery Days provides a fun, family-friendly event on UNL's East Campus. There will be hands-on science focused fun, live music and food trucks, as well as a farmer's market and vendor fair. Stop by for a scoop of ice cream at UNL Dairy Store. Stroll through the beautiful Backyard Farmer's Display Garden.

The East Campus Discovery Days and Farmers Market offers the East Campus community, neighbors, and friends access to science literacy opportunities, locally produced fresh food, value-

Everyone is welcome to bring their bikes, wagons, shoes, or other means of transportation. Get out your patriotic colors and decorate your "vehicle" and/or yourself. Prizes contributed by area businesses will be awarded for these categories: Best Entry of the Parade, Best Bicycle, Best Tricycle, Best Costume, and Best Pet.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the parade. If you are interested, please contact Paul Johnson at eccotreasurer@eastcampus.org or 402-429-3710 or Mary Belka at 503-866-5704 or meet at the park at 9 am. ■

added artisans and access to on-campus family fun activities.

The event will be held 10am to 2pm on the East Campus Mall on July 13, and August 10. Activities and parking are free. Food and crafts are available for purchase.

ECCO will be there to connect with neighbors and promote the organization. If you can assist that day, email eccopres@eastcampus.org or contact any Board member.

For detailed information, see the event website at <https://discoverydays.unl.edu>. ■



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!** ■

ECCO Yard of the Month Program

The ECCO Yard of the Month Program recognizes neighbors who demonstrate notable efforts in maintaining their property on a consistent basis, thus contributing to the overall appearance of our neighborhood. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and we would like to know which yards catch your eye.

The Yard of the Month season is usually from May through September with two winners each month. The owner of a

selected yard will be asked if we can place a sign in their yard for the month. If they agree, a sign will be displayed for that month.

Not every yard can be chosen as Yard of the Month, but you can help us find those that you think should be considered and brought to the attention of the neighborhood. Be sure to include the address of the yard and your contact information in case we have questions.

Yard of the month nominees?

Send suggestions to
ECCOpres@eastcampus.org

May and June 2024 Recipients

- Dean Feiler and Cheryl Caples at 1100 N. 40th
- Stephanie and Doug Keitges at 1141 N. 45th
- Tom and Patti Pierson at 4220 W St
- Kate Borchman and Chuck Hassebrook at 1308 N. 38th ■

Let's Talk Trees!

One of the hallmarks of the East Campus neighborhood is its community forest, which provides beauty throughout the year. Neighborhood trees are an important resource for the health and well-being of our environment and society.

Trees can lower heating and air conditioning costs, prevent erosion, provide wildlife habitats, reduce storm water runoff, increase property values, and make our neighborhood more

livable. Lincoln Parks and Recreation's Community Forestry section has several programs available to homeowners for tree maintenance, removal and replacement.

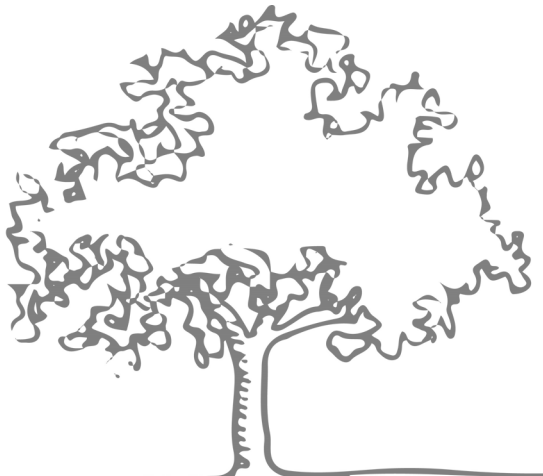
For more information about these and other programs, use your web browser to search for City of Lincoln Community Forestry or contact the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Forestry division at forestry@lincoln.ne.gov or call 402-441-7847.

The city controls planting in rights-of-way and public parks. Private property, however, makes up the vast bulk of the neighborhood; and many opportunities exist to supplement our tree canopy. Carefully placed shade trees can reduce heat loads from hard

surfaces like roofs and driveways. Private owners don't need to follow the strict requirements imposed on public plantings like size and species. Think and plan ahead; look for overhead obstructions and below ground hazards. Provide ample root space and irrigate newly planted trees for at least two years, supplying additional water in dry periods.

Many parts of the ECCO neighborhood are over 100 years-old with similarly large, old trees. Did you know The ECCO neighborhood hosts two state champion trees? Think twice (and maybe get a second opinion) before removing a sound old tree.

Are you interested in ECCO's trees or would you like to help further improve the neighborhood tree canopy? Contact Richard Sutton at rsutton131@gmail.com. ■



More about Marceil Dreier (1925 - 2024)

Without Marceil Dreier, there would be no neighborhood Fourth of July Parade.

Marceil (pronounced mar-SEE-ill) and her husband August (Gus) Dreier moved to 1330 N. 37th Street after their marriage in 1961. She was a longtime community activist and PTA leader. Among other things, she organized an ethnic fair at Hartley School (1979) and led the safety committee that worked to slow traffic near schools (1980). She later was elected to three terms of the LPS School Board, serving from 1983 to 1991.

In the 1960s and 1970s, she and Gus were active at the Lincoln Community Playhouse and Theater Inc, which produced a summer melodrama series. According to the Lincoln Star (10/19/1963), her performance as Big Mama in *A Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* was “very emotional” and “added spice” to the

production. Her theater experience served her well. After her young son Frank said it would be fun to have a circus of his own after seeing the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, she organized *The World's Greatest Neighborhood Circus* in their front yard from 1971 to 1978. Funds raised were donated to the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

A few years in, Marceil organized a parade that started at their home and went around the block on the sidewalk to Holdrege, 38th, and Apple. The circus ended, but the parade continued. Eventually East Campus Community Organization took over its planning.

Marceil Dreier spent decades helping make Lincoln and our neighborhood great. ECCO has named the parade in her honor following her death at age 98 in February 2024. She will be missed. ■



Did you know that part of ECCO is a Local Historic District?

“Historic Preservation efforts add to the quality of life and livability of Lincoln for its residents by preserving and celebrating its history.” In 1980, Lincoln residents conveyed that preserving the history and neighborhood character while supporting quality maintenance of historic homes was a priority.

Lincoln has 104 individual local landmarks and 13 local landmark districts, including the part of ECCO between Idylwild to 40th and Apple to Holdrege.

The City of Lincoln started a project in Summer 2023 to consolidate the 114 existing sets of historic design guidelines into a single, more modern set of design standards. The guidelines provide guidance for preservation of local landmarks

and landmark districts with easy-to-understand graphics and illustrations related to maintenance, preservation, and rehabilitation of historic buildings. They are intended to be a tool for both owners when starting projects and the Historic Preservation Commission to use when reviewing projects for approval.

The PDF file at <https://bit.ly/lmk-historic-guidelines> provides information about the review process and specific details related to:

- Accessibility
- Additions
- Architectural Details
- Awnings
- Doors
- Fences

- Foundations
- Garage and Accessory Buildings
- Site and Landscape Design
- Materials
- Mechanical, Utility, Energy Generation
- New and Noncontributing Buildings
- Porches, Decks, Balconies, Patios, Docks
- Roofs
- Signs
- Solar
- Storefront
- Windows
- Weatherization and Insulation

The final guidelines are scheduled to be formally adopted in Summer 2024. ■



Captain's Corner: Captain Max Hubka' Security Tips

Secure your home ... Keep the exterior lights on, install a security system, keep your curtains and windows closed at night. If you are traveling, stop your mail and

newspaper service, ask a friend/neighbor to watch over your home.

Make sure to lock your vehicles and never leave valuables inside your vehicles. Call LPD to report any suspicious activity. Lincoln has had a significant increase in auto thefts, attempted auto thefts, and thefts from vehicles. Most of the crimes occur overnight and they take a very short length of time to be perpetrated, so they are very difficult for us to stop. Education and awareness are our best tools in limiting the number of victims of these crimes.

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

Captain Max Hubka can be reached at 402-441-3002 or via email at 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. ■

Lincoln Police Department (LPD) Crime Links

Lincoln Police Crime Stoppers:
<https://lincolncrimestoppers.com> OR 402-475-3600

LPD Website:
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Police>

LPD Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/lincolnpolicedepartment>

LPD Neighborhood Watch:
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Police/Documents-Publications/Neighborhood-Watch>

LPD Crime Mapping Alerts:
<https://www.crimemapping.com/Alert> ■

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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<http://www.eastcampus.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ECCO1>