



# East Campus Neighborhood News

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*The East Campus Community Organization includes the area bounded by 33rd to 48th and Vine to Holdrege Streets.*

## Dates and Items of Interest

- Oct 13, 2011 7:00 pm  
ECCO Board meeting at  
Warren United Methodist
- Oct. 20, 2011 6:00 pm  
ECCO Annual Meeting at  
Warren United Methodist
- Oct 31, 2011 Halloween
- Nov 6, 2011 Fall back,  
Daylight Savings Time  
Ends at 2 am
- Membership information  
on page 4.
- All Meetings are open to  
the Public

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## ECCO Annual Meeting October 20, 2011 6:00 pm

Please join your neighbors on Thursday, October 20th at the Warren United Methodist Church located at 45th and Y Streets for our ECCO Annual Meeting.

### 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Information booths and food

Neighborhood businesses have donated or discounted food items, so please come early to the meet, greet and **EAT!**  
Several organizations will be available to provide information about winterization program, AGR fraternity building replacement and other topics.  
Pay your annual dues, sign-up for electronic notification.



### 7:00 pm ECCO business meeting

Neighbors who are paid members will have the opportunity to vote on next year's dues, by-laws change, board member nominations.

We will also be discussing a vision for the organization to get more neighbors involved in new ways. The creation of three committees focusing in the following areas: Communication, Membership & Preservation/City Relations.  
Come to hear about the idea and give your input. Get involved.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

The proposed by-law changes will be available for review on our website  
**www.EastCampus.org**  
no later than Tuesday, Oct 11.

## Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Next Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

**Sat. Oct. 15th, Woods Park**

Parking Lot—31st and J St. 9 am to 1 pm

Nov 18 by appt Call 402-441-8084



Items accepted include: Common household products, lawn and garden chemicals and others, found in the garage or workshop. Call 441-8021 or go to [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) keyword: household for info.



## ECCO Board Nominations: Will You Serve?

By Elizabeth Katt, ECCO Board President

Volunteer organizations have a tendency to ebb and flow. A group of enthusiastic people comes together with lots of ideas and energy and things get done. With time, this group moves on to other things and the organization may falter for a while waiting for the next group to rebuild and reinvigorate. This year's ECCO board has discussed this issue and has decided to try to institutionalize the board's stability and sustainability with some changes to the by-laws.

The board believes there needs to be a plan for ECCO board terms of service and turnover. People will be elected to the board for a term of 3 years. Each year a third of the board will be leaving to let others serve and two thirds will remain on the board for continuity. The board will be comprised of nine to twelve people. Board members whose terms of service are up may be elected again if they are nominated and chose to serve.

We would also like the ECCO board to have representation from the entire neighborhood. It would be great to have board members from each of our quadrants, if you think of 40<sup>th</sup> St and the MoPac Trail as the lines creating quadrants. This will take the next few years to accomplish as the current board membership cycles through our three year terms. As people are nominated for the board and the membership elects the next group, I would like this idea to be kept in mind.

So, ECCO needs you to serve. Please think about serving your neighborhood as a board member of ECCO, if not this year, sometime in the future. What does your service require?

- Term of service is three years
- Meetings are held monthly for one-two hours on the second Thursday of the month except July
- Depending on your role on the board, time outside meetings may be required
- Sense of community, desire to positively influence the place you live

What do you get? I have gained a better understanding of the neighborhood I live in. I have made new friends. I am honored to serve with a group of talented, committed, knowledgeable people who are also great to know. We have amazing people who live here and by being on the board I have had the opportunity to meet them. I can have an impact.

Interested? Nominations are currently being taken for the four positions that will open this year. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting and terms start in November. Our nominations committee is Lisa Sutton, Rebecca Carr and Matt Fuller. If you want to serve or learn more, please contact Matt Fuller at 402-202-7776 or email [alpine360@me.com](mailto:alpine360@me.com).

(Pssst....and if you can't serve on the board, come to the Annual Meeting to find out how you can get involved in other ways!)

## Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity: A change at the corner of Holdrege & Idylwild

The AGR fraternity has an aging building with infrastructure issues. They plan on replacing their building with one that reflects the architectural details of East Campus and neighborhood homes. The Kappa Foundation of AGR reached out to ECCO and the neighbors of the project and worked with us to address concerns of parking, zoning and impact on the abutting properties. In the end, it is a project that we can support and believe it will set a high standard for other projects that may come to the neighborhood.

The involvement of the neighbors impacted by this project was organized and effective. The neighbors gave a little, Kappa Foundation gave a little and this resulted in improved parking area with solid barrier and lowered profile, zoning change agreement that requires the fraternity to ask city for any further building on Holdrege lot to their east and lowering building by regarding lot. Thank you to all who were involved!



**Details of project:** <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/hpc/reports/2011/septitem3.pdf>

**Update & ECCO position:** <http://www.eastcampus.org/current-events.html>

## Free Weatherization Saves Money and Increases Comfort



Weatherization keeps hot and cold air from leaking through a house, helping your home stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It prevents both your furnace AND air conditioner from working overtime... which saves you money year-round.

Community Action's Weatherization Program provides free weatherization services to income-eligible Lancaster and Saunders county residents. Priority target populations include seniors, people with disabilities, and families with small children. Both homeowners and renters can benefit from the program but in the case of rental units, landlords must be willing to follow additional requirements.

Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties is one of nine programs across the state working in partnership with the Nebraska State Energy Office to save energy through weatherization.

In order to be eligible for Community Action's free Weatherization Program, applicants must meet income guidelines, but they aren't as stringent as for many other assistance programs. For example, a four-person household can earn up to \$44,700 and still qualify for free weatherization. "If home energy improvements won't fit into your budget, this program can provide the investment for you," said Lori Vidlak, Community Action's Weatherization Director. "This investment leads to cost-saving and energy-saving benefits for the home's residents and the local community for years to come. Some homeowners have reported cutting their energy costs almost in half."

Community Action sends trained weatherization inspectors into homes to identify where the biggest energy-savings can be made. "Our inspectors diagnose the causes of energy loss and then prescribe the best treatment option individualized for each home," Vidlak said.

The types of free energy-saving improvements provided will vary with each home but can include furnace cleaning/tune-ups/repairs/replacement, insulation and weather-stripping, door and window repair/replacement, and installation of exhaust fans, low-flow showerheads and CFL bulbs.

Once energy-saving improvements are identified, local weatherization contractors are hired by Community Action to complete the work, helping community businesses thrive while partnering in the weatherization effort. "It's really a win-win for the community," Vidlak said. "The weatherization program saves energy, improves housing stock, reduces utility bills for people on limited incomes, and pumps dollars back into the local economy."

For more information and applications, contact Ervin Salkanovic, 402-875-9365, [esalkanovic@communityactionatwork.org](mailto:esalkanovic@communityactionatwork.org).

To download an application, visit <http://www.communityactionatwork.org/programs/housing/weatherization.html>

### Yard of the Month

Is there a yard that is looking its very best this fall? Please take the time to write down the address and give your neighbor the pat on the back all their hard work deserves.



Please refer any nominations to:

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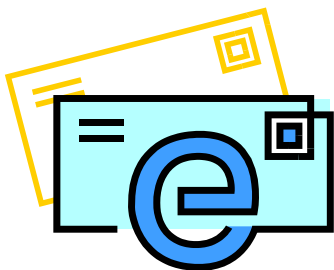
**Our Street** is a new talk show program on KZUM (FM 89.3) that focuses on issues impacting Lincoln's neighborhoods. Listeners on Mondays, from 6 to 7 pm, will hear co-hosts, Shawn Ryba (Neighbor-Works®Lincoln) and Lynn Fisher (Great Place Properties), interview community leaders and experts about the opportunities and challenges facing Lincoln's neighborhoods. Shawn and Lynn hope to both inform listeners and inspire them to get involved. In fact, listeners with questions or comments pertinent to the current topic of discussion are encouraged to call-in during the show; that's 402-474-5086.

Interviews and topics will include: City Council members, mural & street art, community leaders & experts, City budget issues, crime trends, UDD programs, voter registration, featured neighborhoods, youth programs, renter & landlord issues, Mayor's Initiatives, resident leadership opportunities & training, Mayoral candidates, and the Haymarket Arena. Programmer/board operators are Pat Anderson-Sifuentez and Kurt Elder. Check out "Our Street KZUM" on Facebook for a listing of future guests. Email thoughts, questions or ideas to [ourstreet@kzum.org](mailto:ourstreet@kzum.org).

Article from The Urban Page, Spring 2011

The ECCO Board meets the second Thursday of the month (except for July and December) at 7 pm at the Warren United Methodist Church, 45th and Orchard Streets. If you want updates and the newsletter by e-mail, you can register at our neighborhood website. Be "in the know" sign up today for this free service.

[www.EastCampus.org](http://www.EastCampus.org)



*East Campus Community Organization is our neighborhood association promoting community, sustainability, preservation. The more neighbors who get involved the stronger the organization will be. It only exists and continues with volunteers. Please consider volunteering to serve on the board or a committee, help with a special project, work on a grant project, organize a social gathering, write an article for the newsletter. Just participate in opportunities offered: spring clean-up, Fourth of July parade and talent show, annual meeting. There are many ways to build our neighborhood and make it stronger. All of that starts with you. Thank you to all the people who make ECCO possible through all the hours they donate.*

*Elizabeth Katt, ECCO President*



Please note on your calendar the ECCO Annual Meeting will be in October 20, 2011.

Membership dues are due in October and your membership continues until the next annual meeting. Membership dues are accepted throughout the year and now can be paid on-line at [www.EastCampus.org](http://www.EastCampus.org). All memberships end in October no matter when paid.

Support your neighborhood programs, pay your dues.

A thank you to Robert Hillestad of Apple St for his suggestion to improve the newsletter.  
Noted and done.



Thanks, Robert!

Cindy Stuefer-Powell, editor

#### ECCO Membership Form

Please join the East Campus Community Organization, it costs so little and helps so much!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### Annual Dues:

- Member—\$20
- Business Member—\$25

I want to help ECCO! Please call me to help with the following volunteer activities:

Newsletter Delivery

Grant Writing

Article writing

Spring Clean-up

Independence Day Parade

I'll help with anything!

Please make check payable to ECCO and send to:

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or pay on-line at [www.EastCampus.org](http://www.EastCampus.org)