



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:

- April 14th—ECCO Board Meeting—7 pm Warren Methodist Church
- April 23rd-Easter Egg Hunt
- April 24th—Easter.
- May 12th - ECCO Board Meeting 7pm Warren Methodist Church
- May 21st—ECCO Spring Clean-up 8 to Noon at American Lutheran church.
- All Meetings are open to the Public!



2010 Easter Egg Hunt Photo
Sophia and Carlos Olsen with Denny Macomber AKA the Easter Bunny.

Easter Egg Hunt is supported by ECCO

East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 23rd.

The East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt will be at McAdams Park, Saturday April 23rd. at 11 am.

It's BYOC—Bring Your Own Container, (paper or plastic bag or basket). Watch for the Easter Bunny. It may be possible to see him as he makes his way along the Bunny Trail (along Apple St., down the MoPac Trail) on his way to McAdams Park.

There will be two hunting areas: one for children 3 and under and another for children 4 thru 8 years old.

Please come early, our egg hunters are known for their speed!

Spring Clean-up—May 21st

The annual ECCO neighborhood Spring Clean-up will be on May 21st, at the American Lutheran Church from 8am to Noon.

We will have roll offs for yard waste, metal recycling and trash.

We will need volunteers to help make sure that the items are sorted appropriately. The American Lutheran Church is located at 42nd and Vine St.

For more information please see page 3.

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Meadowlark Music Festival June 11th concert

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



Tamara Cass has invited ECCO to participate in their June 11th concert event. We could sponsor a booth, with volunteers to staff and assist in event. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome to volunteer.

The Meadowlark Music Festival is collaborating with East Campus. Participants include: Tractor museum, the quilt museum, dental college, law college and dairy store. The dairy store may grill hamburgers and serve a special meadowlark ice cream. The theme will be cartooning.

It would be a Family friendly event with the concert at 7:00 in the arboretum. There will be music spaced throughout East Campus and shuttles will be provided. Incentives may be offered to encourage people to move through campus

Lincoln-Lancaster County
Health Department Next
Household Hazardous
Waste Collection:

Items not accepted include:

- Electronics/TVs
- Propane Cylinders
- Tires or used oil
- Fertilizers or Antifreeze
- Medicines or Batteries
- Ammunition
- Latex Paint

See website:
www.lincoln.ne.gov
Keyword: household

Please we need your continued input for Yard of the Month :

Please refer any nominations to our website:

www.eastcampus.org

Community CROPS

submitted by Matt Gunther

Community CROPS is a non-profit organization that helps Lincolniters work together to grow healthy food and live sustainably. We provide land space, tools, water, and seeds to over 200 gardeners at sixteen gardens citywide. In return, these families help to create ecologically and culturally vibrant green spaces for the whole community to enjoy. Our hope is for each of our gardens to become a gathering place for neighbors to share knowledge, educate, grow, and experience the physical and mental benefits of working together to better their environment.

This year, CROPS served ten families in the East Campus neighborhood through our garden at 30th and Dudley Street. Of these ten, four are immigrant families from Sudan, Mexico, and China, and six gardeners report incomes below the poverty line. In addition, a smaller garden located behind the nearby Salvation Army building at 27th and Holdrege supports four gardeners who live and work in the same area.

By next season, we are hoping to expand compost capacity and to add more perennials at both sites. We also have plans to incorporate more community art and leisure space to each garden in order to encourage more non-gardeners to enjoy the area. In the meantime, CROPS is always looking for volunteers to help design, maintain, and expand community involvement in all of our gardens and to help grow and sell produce at our farm. Community CROPS provides the infrastructure, but these spaces are fundamentally yours to shape, so if you would like to get involved with a project, please visit our website www.communitycrops.org, or call our office at 474-9802.

Mini-Golf Proposal Update

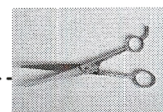
At our last board meeting we had neighbors and visitors, Doug Emery, Mary Eisenhart, Roy Mauer, and Don Tilley join us for the mini-golf discussion.

One of the questions asked was, "Why was the ECCO Park playground equipment removed?" The equipment was moved to McAdams Park and because the city only has to maintain one park in a designated area. ECCO Park became designated as a low level maintenance area.

Other questions included;

- *How would this effect the value of the homes nearby?
- *Are there other sites that could be used instead?
- *Could there be changes to the proposed mini-golf plan in order to keep all of the trees?,
- *Also could there be more landscaping to make it more attractive all year round?
- *The monies that Mr. Madsen would pay on the lease, could it go into an escrow fund to restore the park, if the enterprise fails?
- *What is the perpetuation plan for the Madsen family?
- *What is the feasibility of a community plan, which may result in fewer parking spots and save the pine trees.

Doug Emery, our representative from the city council, said that he wants to work out a win-win situation for our neighborhood. Ann Bleed volunteered to set up a meeting to address some of these concerns. The meeting will include Mr. Madsen, Lynn Johnson (from Parks and Rec), Lisa and Richard Sutton (neighbors—Landscaping), and Richie Graham and Tracy, (neighbors who live near ECCO park).



Spring Clean-Up Info

Neighborhood residents can haul items to the site. If you need assistance getting items to the American Lutheran Church please contact Cindy Stuefer-Powell @ 402-467-3088 in advance to make pick-up arrangements. Please leave your name, home address, phone number and an item description if you need a pick-up.

Items Not to Bring:

Leaves or grass clippings
Computers and Monitors
Paint
Pesticides, Solvents, Motor Oil and other
Hazardous waste.

Fees:

Appliances with Feon—\$7.00 ea
Large Appliances—\$5.00 ea.
Tires—\$3.00 ea.
(If you are a paid ECCO member the fees
will be waived up to \$50.)

For more information on where to take paint and other hazardous items you can visit the city's website: www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household) or call 402-441-8021.

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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



Thank you ECCO Volunteers!

ECCO would not be the successful organization it is without the continued support of our members and neighborhood residents. We want to thank the following individuals for their continuing help. Ann Bleed, Richard Voeltz, Richard Schroeder, Bob Peterson, Vera Mae Lutz, Janet Buck, Jan Gauger, Paul Smith, Richard Graham, Judy Gibson, Gary Gerkin, Roy Mauer, Leann Mulligan, Cindy Loope, Richard Sutton, Lisa Sutton, Dave Steward, Dennis Deisler, Dan Lutz, Roy Powell, Cindy Stuefer-Powell, Dylan Powell, Marcel Dreier, Marie Rustermeir, Don Tilley, Wes Trout, Nancy Armstrong-Johnson, Mary Eisenhart and Dean Phelps.

Elizabeth Katt
ECCO President

FYI: Because we get most of our members paying at the Annual Meeting, our memberships run from Oct. to the next Oct., whenever the payment is received.

The membership for everyone is a straight \$20 a year, business members \$25 a year. But the Board has voted in a new membership bonus.

If you are a paid member of ECCO, then your fees for the Neighborhood Clean-up are waived, up to \$50.

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:

ECCO Member—\$20

ECCO Business Member—\$25

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

Newsletter Delivery

Grant Writing

Spring Clean-up

Independence Day Parade

I'll help with anything!

Please make check payable to ECCO and send to:
Richard Leiter