

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

Mark Your Calendar

Thu. July 4, 2013
Fourth of July Parade
Idylwild Park



Get Ready for ECCO's Fourth of July Parade!

The annual Fourth of July Parade will start at 9:45am on Thursday July 4th at Idylwild Park. The route will start down Apple St to 38th St, down 38th St to Holdrege, down Holdrege to 37th Street and back to the park.

The parade is more fun when a lot of folks cheer the marchers on along the route. If you are not in the parade, please join in the celebration by watching or attending the party afterwards. Music or other noise making is welcome.

There will be awards for Parade entries in the following categories: Best Entry of Parade, Best Bicycle, Best Tricycle, Best Costume and Best Pet.

After the parade, there will be games, watermelon and popsicles at Idylwild Park. We will have old-time competitions including a sack race, potato-on-the spoon race, three-legged race, water-balloon-throwing contest and a tug-of-war contest. There will be prizes for the winners. Please be warned contestants could get wet. ☺

Finally, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, "Abraham Lincoln" will deliver his famous speech and we will have real cannons at the park, which you can help fire off! ■

Wrap-up: ECCO Garden Tour

This year ECCO invited the city to discover ECCO in a whole new way; we showcased our neighborhood on June 1st with an *ECCO Garden Tour*. The day, which included a walking tour of six gorgeous gardens, was a great success thanks to our gracious garden hosts and 22 additional volunteers.

Despite cool weather, more than 200 people came through from all around Lincoln as well as from outside town. With a few additional donations, the tour raised \$1390 toward our matching grant from *Trees for Nebraska Towns*. With the additional funds set aside from *NeighborWorks Lincoln* grant, and a little more from our fundraising partnership with Yogurtini. We are well on our way to the \$2700 available in matching funds. If you want to contribute, please send a check to the ECCO Treasurer with *ECCO Re-tree Fund* in the memo line (see reverse side for address).

We may have started a new tradition of alternating between a Garden Tour and the *Discover ECCO* hobby fair, held for the first time last year. Both events were great opportunities to visit and showcase the handiwork of our neighbors. ■

New mailing address

P.O. Box 4193
Lincoln NE, 68504

ECCO Re-Tree Project

The ECCO Board, in conjunction with some highly passionate neighbors, has begun raising funds to re-plant street trees and restore the tree canopy in the neighborhood. Street trees are those trees that reside on the public right-of-way in front of our homes. Over the next several decades, many more trees will mature and die or be lost to disease. It is important for the appearance of a mature neighborhood and to maintain property values that we start the replanting process. It will be decades before the trees we plant now will have grandeur of the oldest trees in the neighborhood. We want to start planting now.

Last year ECCO applied for and received a grant from *Trees for Nebraska Towns* (TNT). Later this year, the Board will use \$5,400 to begin what will be a multi-year master project for replanting. ECCO is responsible for raising \$2,700 to start the project this year. For each dollar we raise TNT will match our contributions towards our project. If we exceed our goal for this year, additional funding has been found. The June 1 garden tour was a major fundraising source.

Planting will begin this fall once the master plan has been finished. Watch the ECCO website for more information. Donations for this project may be sent to ECCO (P.O. Box 4193, Lincoln NE, 68504); please specify *ECCO Re-tree Fund* in the memo line.



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

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ECCO Membership Form

It costs so little and helps so much!

To join, please provide the following information and send a check payable to ECCO.

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

Annual dues

\$20 Household membership

\$25 Business membership

Send payment or donations to:

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Feel free to call me to help with the following volunteer activities:

Newsletter Delivery

Grant Writing

Article writing

Spring Clean-up

Independence Day Parade

Anything!