

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

President's Report from Mary Eisenhart

Another year – gone by in a blink! Our Board members have enjoyed a busy and rewarding year, working on your behalf. We are proud of the active involvement and help of so many neighbors for our neighborhood events and projects.

It's that time again – our ECCO Annual Meeting is just around the corner, to be held Thursday October 9, at New Hope Methodist Church (formerly Warren Methodist) at 45th and Orchard Streets, in Shepherd's Hall. Dinner starts at 5:30pm with Valentino's pizza, generously donated by Val's owner Tony Messineo. The business meeting will follow, with election of Board members, and updates on the many projects currently in progress in our neighborhood, including:

- Idylwild/Valentino's Park
- Flashing light at 33rd and MoPac Trail
- WRK/"Valentino's" Project – Phase II
- Re-tree Project – Phase II – Spring 2015
- Proposed structural and site changes at Farmhouse fraternity. An overview and conceptual drawings for introduction and ongoing consideration

Membership dues run October 1 – September 30, and our reminders have already gone out. If you are currently a member, we appreciate your continuing support; if you haven't been a member in the past, we encourage you to become an active supporter of ECCO. See you around the neighborhood – and at the Annual Meeting! ■

ECCO Annual Meeting

Thursday October 9th at 5:30pm

New Hope Methodist Church

(previously Warren Methodist Church) at 45th and Orchard St

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Business Meeting

Yard of the month nominees?

After having our sign stolen last year, we are again ready to recognize the most beautiful yards or holiday lights in the neighborhood. Please help us bring attention to and honor those home owners who have gone the extra mile to make our neighborhood beautiful. If you see a yard that deserves a special notice, please let us know where it is so ECCO can honor it with a *Yard of the Month* sign. ■

Family of 8 looking for a house to buy in East Campus area. Willing to make improvements. Contact 402-466-1380 or aschutz2@gmail.com



Photographs of the 2014 Garden Tour by ECCO member Hope Anderson were used to create note-cards that will be on sale at the meeting. A pack of 10 cards/envelopes will cost \$15. Hope donated her time to support our fund-raising tour in June, and allowed us to use the photos for the note-cards. All proceeds will benefit the Re-tree project. Thanks to ECCO member Claudia Lindley for coordinating and donating to this project! See more of Hope's photos at <http://www.hopeandersonphotography.com>.

Let's Grow — Get Out and Garden!

By Barbara DiBernard

The Lincoln Foodshed Working Group is a diverse group of farmers, gardeners, organizations, and individuals with one thing in common: we want to grow more of our own food! We believe that by creating a healthy local food system, we can improve people's health, invigorate the local economy, and continue to build community in the city we love.

The goal of the *Let's Grow—Get Out and Garden* Campaign, one of the initiatives of the Lincoln Foodshed Working Group, is to increase the amount of food grown within the city—in our backyards, Community Crops plots, schoolyards, parks, and other areas. We want to work with and help support any individuals and organizations with this same goal.

We applaud ECCO, which already has several gardening initiatives underway, and hope we can work together to get a sense of who is already growing some of their own food in the neighborhood, and how we can share information and resources for those who want to begin, continue, or enlarge their food gardening efforts.

When other cities across the country decided to improve their communities' access to local food, they

have often created a Food Assessment report as one of their first steps. Our group is currently working on such a Food Assessment for Lincoln. This report will include information about food grown in our area ranging from home gardens to local farmers who sell at the Farmers' Markets and at local grocery stores.

We are therefore asking for your help in participating in our gardener survey. The data we gather from gardeners in ECCO will only be used in the aggregate and will become part of the Food Assessment. Please consider filling out the survey at <http://bit.ly/ZIRpGd>.

The Lincoln Foodshed Working Group thanks you for your help in this early stage of our work and hopes to collaborate with ECCO in increasing the food grown within the neighborhood. If you have questions about the *Let's Grow* campaign or the survey, please contact: Barbara DiBernard, 1045 N. 41st Street, bdibernard@gmail.com.

To get on the mailing list or to get involved with the Lincoln Foodshed Working Group, please contact Anna Wishart, adwishart@gmail.com.

For more information about the *Let's Grow—Get Out and Garden* campaign see <http://www.facebook.com/letsgrowlincoln>. ■



Want a tree?

More trees are available from the Re-Tree Nebraska grant. If you would like a street tree in your yard, please contact info@eastcampus.org. ■

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

*For further information, visit our website or contact a board member.
board@eastcampus.org
<http://www.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 \$20 (payable to ECCO) to Roy Maurer, ECCO Treasurer, P.O. Box 4193, Lincoln, NE 68504

Name

Address

Phone

E-Mail
