

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

2015 Annual Meeting on October 8 at New Hope Methodist Church

We welcome our neighbors to attend our upcoming Annual Meeting. It's been a very busy year for your ECCO Board. We will provide an overview of what has been accomplished on your behalf during 2014-15 and the opportunity to discuss what is coming in 2015-16.

The primary agenda item will be about parking.

We will provide a detailed update about our progress toward alleviating the parking issues that are so prevalent in our neighborhood. Please join us for Valentino's pizza, camaraderie, and news and planning for maintaining our wonderful community.

Current and recent members will receive renewal letters very soon. Please join again for 2015-2016, it's only \$25! Those who have not yet joined can become ECCO members by sending in the form at the back of this newsletter along with a check for \$25. All of the proceeds go toward helping our ECCO neighborhood! ■

Streets Alive! coming to ECCO on Sept 20

Streets Alive! is a free family-friendly outdoor movement festival with interactive exhibits promoting healthy eating and active living along a two-mile route.

The basic route will go through the ECCO, Hartley and Clinton neighborhoods and include Idylwild Dr, Starr St, 30th St, and the MoPac Trail as well as an extension to Clinton Elementary School. The event will include:

- Free health and wellness resources
- Farmer's Market and food trucks
- Kids and fitness activities
- Live entertainment (including at Idylwild Park)
- Wheelchair and pet friendly.

The streets along the route will be closed during the event. If you are within the interior of the route, you will be able to exit toward 33rd Street. All details available at <http://www.healthylincoln.org/initiatives/streetsalive>. ■

ECCO Annual Meeting

Thurs October 8th at 5:30pm

*New Hope Methodist Church
at 45th and Orchard St*

Streets Alive! Festival

Sun Sept 20th from 1-5pm

*Idylwild Park (Idylwild Dr and
Apple St) and other nearby
locations*

West Nile Virus Alert

This has been a year of unprecedented amounts of rain – and yes – mosquitoes! An ECCO resident recently was stricken with the West Nile virus, and remains very ill. We urge everyone to take special precautions to prevent this devastating disease from spreading. Avoid being outdoors without mosquito repellent protection and proper clothing in the early morning and twilight hours, when mosquitoes are most actively feeding. Be sure to eliminate any standing water on your property, where mosquitoes are most likely to breed. Above all, if you exhibit symptoms, be sure to seek medical help immediately – this can be a difficult disease to diagnose. The Mayo Clinic website at <http://www.mayoclinic.org> is a good resource for information about symptoms. ■

LPD Update: ECCO residents help catch drug dealer

Prepared by Captain Jon Sundermeier, Northeast Team, Lincoln Police Department

Reporting suspicious behavior is an important part of being a good citizen and a good neighbor. Some ECCO residents recently noticed the same car, not familiar to them, showing up and meeting people arriving in different cars. After a brief interaction, sometimes involving a trip around the block in one of the cars, they would part ways.

This is a familiar pattern to a narcotics investigator. Drug dealers sometimes try to avoid drawing attention to their own residence by meeting their customers at a neutral location. Unfortunately for one drug dealer, he chose to meet regularly near the home of observant ECCO residents who reported the behavior to Lincoln police. This started a regular exchange of information via e-mail that built up information that contributed to the arrest of a 22 year old Lincoln man on July 29, 2015, for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. The man had about a half pound of marijuana and \$870 on him when he was stopped by University Police on July 29th.

Sometimes reporting suspicious behavior results in an immediate resolution of the situation, such as a

quick contact and arrest of a suspect for a crime. Sometimes, however, reporting this behavior contributes to the ability to articulate probable cause at a later time. And of course, sometimes there isn't enough information to act on or identify a suspect.

My point is this—citizens can be an extension of the police—our eyes and ears in the community. At any given time, there are about six police officers on duty in northeast Lincoln, so of course a lot goes on that we don't see. By reporting suspicious behavior, citizens become a force multiplier for police. If you are uncertain if what you are seeing is, in fact, criminal behavior, call anyway and let us sort it out. We're good at that—we know what we can act on and what we can't. You didn't waste our time if it turns out to be nothing—we know that it often is—and a significant number of calls on suspicious behavior lead to arrests and the clearance of crime.

This is just one of many examples of citizens taking ownership and responsibility for the safety of their neighborhood and community. Safe neighborhoods are not a happy accident, they are the product of people and organizations that work together to create safety.

You may contact me at lpd717@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov.

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 Roy Maurer, ECCO Treasurer, P.O. Box 4193, Lincoln, NE 68504

Name

Address

Phone

E-Mail

Piano lessons available

Piano Lessons offered by ECCO neighbor for children to adults. Reasonable rates. For information, call Olivia at 310-774-1064. ■



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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.
eccoboard@eastcampus.org
<http://www.eastcampus.org>*