

ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

2016 Annual Meeting on October 12 at New Hope Methodist Church

We welcome our neighbors to attend our upcoming Annual Meeting. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm, which will be followed by a short business meeting and an overview of the previous year and upcoming neighborhood projects and events. The main activities of the evening will be presentations on the Emerald Ash Borer by the UNL Extension office and the bond proposed by Southeast Community College that will be on the November ballot. Please join us for Valentino's pizza, camaraderie, and news about maintaining our wonderful community.

Current and recent members will receive renewal letters very soon. Please join again for 2016-2017, 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! ▪

Neighborhood Parking and Traffic

Another fall season has arrived and with it an influx of vehicles on neighborhood streets. This newsletter includes an informational flyer that lists street and parking regulations. It is intended to be divided into four notices and stuck under windshields. Generally, there are fewer repeat offenders after receiving a notice. Non-emergency parking, traffic and other issues may be reported to the Police Department at 402-441-6000. If you need more, the flyer may be downloaded from the ECCO website; so hand them out freely and share them.

Fall also brings additional pedestrians and activity in neighborhood crosswalks. When you are driving, set an example for other drivers by stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks. The ECCO Board has recently learned that two flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights will be installed on Holdrege Street, thanks to the hard work of Adam Morfeld, who is our neighbor and State Senator. ▪

ECCO Annual Meeting

Wed October 12th at 5:30pm

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

Friends of Maxwell

Arboretum Fall Festival

Thurs October 13th at 4:30pm

*Maxwell Arboretum on the East
Campus Loop Road. Enjoy
activities, demonstrations, and
treats.*

Bus routes changing

StarTran has restructured their route system. New routes will start November 1, 2016. Around the ECCO neighborhood:

- #42 will travel along Holdrege St towards downtown and Southeast Community College,
- #49 will travel 33rd St between downtown, Nebraska Wesleyan, and Walmart on 84th St,
- #48 will travel 48th St on its way between Walmart on 27th St and St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

StarTran is offering **free fares during the months of October and November**. Take advantage and leave your car at home! ▪

Bad Things Can Happen in Good Places | Lincoln Police Department

Prepared by Captain Jon Sundermeier, Lincoln Police Dept.

There is no doubt that Lincoln is an extraordinarily safe city in which to live and raise a family. The East Campus area is a wonderful neighborhood in a very safe city, but it is a mistake to fail to take steps to enhance your personal safety and to protect your belongings and your loved ones. Every city the size of Lincoln experiences crime, and people that live in the East Campus area do occasionally fall victim to crime.

Recently, a woman was sexually assaulted in her home near 43rd and Baldwin by a suspect that entered through a window. This is a rare occurrence in Lincoln, but a sobering reminder that there are things we all must consistently do to help prevent becoming a victim of crime.

- Lock doors and windows of cars and your home. Make sure the garage door is shut and secured after dark, unless you are working in it.
- Don't leave any valuables or keys in your car. A thief will window shop and check door handles. Unless you always park in a garage, I guarantee that someone has checked your car out at some point. Many of you have probably experienced the uneasy feeling that someone was in your car rummaging through it, looking for something worth stealing.
- Be aware of your surroundings. This means if someone you don't know is in your surroundings, pay attention to their behavior and act in ways that increase safety. Undoubtedly, the vast

majority of people are just like you and pose no threat whatsoever, but there are enough criminals that you don't want to play the odds and assume you are always safe. Pay attention to your instincts and act in ways that put safety first when your instincts are telling you something. That being said, threats to your safety come in all sizes, shapes, and colors and it is wrong to assume someone of a particular race or demographic is more, or less, of a potential threat to your safety.

- People that spend a little time thinking about what to do if a bad situation develops, or better yet practicing what they would do, are far more likely to act effectively if that bad situation happens.
- Doing simple things like this needs to be a habit. If it is a habit, it always gets done and you don't have to think about it. If you don't think about it, you're not living in fear, you're just taking reasonable steps to ensure safety. With that, I'll leave you with the words that we often use to send officers out on patrol—*Stay safe!*

Captain Jon Sundermeier, Northeast Team, 402-441-3002, lpd717@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov



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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>

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
