ECCO *Newsletter*

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

Get Ready for ECCO's Fourth of July Parade!

Join your neighbors and meet your friends at the annual **ECCO 4th of July Parade** event on **Tuesday, July 4.** Come walk in the parade or support the marchers along the route by watching them go by. Following the Parade, stay for more fun at the park. There will be games, treats for the kids and the Lincoln Fire Department will bring a truck.

This year's Parade starts at **Valentino's-Idylwild Park**. Line up at the Park at 9:45 am; the parade will start at 10 am. The route will start headed east on Apple St. to 38th St., north to Dudley, east to 40th St., south to Orchard St. and back to Idylwild Park. Kids and adults are welcome to bring their bikes, wagons, shoes or any other means of transportation. Get out your patriotic colors and dress up your "vehicle" or yourself. Bring musical instruments or join our "Rock Band" – decorate empty milk jugs with rocks in them to shake while marching. Prizes contributed by area businesses will be awarded for these Parade categories: Best Entry of the Parade, Best Bicycle, Best Tricycle, Best Costume, and Best Pet.

If you do not want to walk in the Parade, join us as a Parade Watcher. No parade is complete without people along the route cheering the participants along. You too are invited to dress for the occasion.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the parade and post-parade fun. Please meet at the Valentino's-Idylwild Park at 9 am. ▪

Goodwill Neighborhood Challenge

ECCO is participating in Goodwill's Neighborhood Challenge. Neighborhood organizations will be competing to collect the most donations from April 1 through the summer to win cash prizes up to $500 for their neighborhood. The neighborhood that donates the most (by weight) will win.

Goodwill can take clothing, housewares, small appliances, and electronics for recycling or resale. So dig out that old computer and TV that has been aging in your basement, clean out your closets. Take the things you don't need to the Goodwill on 46th and Vine and tell them that you would like your donation to be counted toward the East Campus neighborhood total. ▪

Safe, clean & healthy 4th of July!

You and your neighbors enjoy the colorful display of fireworks through the holiday weekend. Allow everyone to enjoy it even more by cleaning up your debris. Leftover debris makes your neighborhood look bad. Runoff chemicals and debris are pollutants that flow directly to area streams.

Clean up is easy – have a broom & bucket of water handy. Let your spent fireworks cool a few minutes, toss them in the water bucket and, at the end of the night, sweep up the debris and put it in the trash. ▪

Update from the President

East Campus Neighborhood Honors

Congratulations to neighbor Tom Madsen on being inducted into the Midwest Pool Association Hall of Fame. As owner of Madsen's Bowling and Billiards, he was recognized for his outstanding promotion and support of league and tournament pool in Lincoln for over 50 years. As a player, he participated in Lincoln's first organized pool league in 1978. He has been a long-time promoter of junior, adult and senior leagues and teams. He started the first women's league in Lincoln in 1977 and a father-son league in 1981.

Madsen's partners with VVS to promote the VVS Junior Program to enable younger players to develop their pool skills. They also sponsor over 50 adult VVS league teams during the fall and winter.

In other award news, Farmhouse Fraternity chose ECCO to receive the 2017 *Friends of Farmhouse* award after working together on plans and permits for the new Farmhouse Fraternity building.

Construction Projects

Farmhouse Fraternity held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new building on April 22. The new building is scheduled for completion in time for the start of fall semester 2018. The fraternity was very kind to allow East Campus neighbors to salvage plants before construction. A lot of hosta plants have new homes as a result.

The North 33rd Street road resurfacing, storm drainage and sidewalk ramp project from Holdrege to Madison Street is scheduled to start after completion of the work on North 27th Street. After the project starts, North 33rd Street will be closed to through traffic until mid-October.

Spring Neighborhood Cleanup

Thanks to all the neighbors who volunteered and contributed to the Neighborhood Cleanup and the Goodwill Neighborhood Challenge in April. A special thanks go out to the members of Farmhouse Fraternity that found time to help to pick up items from the neighborhood early in the day before their Parents Day and new building Groundbreaking Ceremony. The neighborhood donated 1277 pounds of goods to be recycled to the Goodwill.

Odd & Ends

Neighborhood Safety – Remember that warm weather can turn an open garage into an inviting target. Be sure to put away bicycles and to lock your home and cars. Communicate with your neighbors, watch each other's homes for suspicious persons or activities, and don't hesitate to call the police if you see something unusual.

Proposed Neighborhood Perimeter Signs – A suggestion has been made to develop permanent signs to promote the East Campus neighborhood. The signs would be permanently placed on the perimeter of the neighborhood. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact the ECCO Board President at *eccopres@eastcampus.org* or any ECCO Board member. ▪

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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.
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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

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Address	
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