

# ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

## Greetings from your Neighborhood Association

Well neighbors, it's been a long (and short), crazy (and do-nothing) and memorial year in our lives. It's been over 18 months since the last ECCO event, but a new spring has arrived. Covid-19 vaccinations are on the rise and plans are in the works for some (socially distanced/properly masked) more traditional neighborhood activities in 2021. Get out into the yard & garden- they should be fabulous with all of last year's spare time. Introduce or re-introduce yourself to your neighbors. Be safe and have a great 2021.

## Annual Spring Clean-up Planned for May 1

The East Campus Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at American Lutheran Church at 42nd & Vine St, from 9am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

Drop off your yard clutter, brush, old bikes, old lumber, metal scraps, tires, and other unsightly items at the church parking lot. Do NOT bring: leaves, yard clippings, paint, pesticides, solvents, motor oil and other hazardous waste. There will be a fee charged for large appliances and tires. The fees will be waived up to \$50 for paid ECCO members! You can join ECCO on site. If arranged in advance, volunteers will be available to pick-up items curbside. Call the coordinator at the number below by April 23 to arrange for curbside pick-up.

Bring clothing, home goods, furniture and electronics to the Spring Clean-Up, for recycling by Goodwill through their Neighborhood Challenge program. Retail store drop-offs do not count toward the neighborhood total, only items dropped off at the

Neighborhood Clean-up site. The three Lincoln neighborhoods that collect the most donations from their collection drives will receive a cash prize for their neighborhood. So clean out your closets and bring that old computer and sofa from the basement to help ECCO and your community.

We will also be offering document shredding at this year's Clean-up. Paper Tiger shredding will have a truck at the event from 10-11 am and will provide free document shredding to neighborhood residents.

Volunteers are needed for sorting recycling items at the roll-offs. Volunteers with trucks are needed for curbside pick-ups. If you are willing to help out, contact Tom at 402-730-0261 before April 24, 2021.

When: **Saturday May 1, 9am-1pm**

Where: **American Lutheran Church (42nd & Vine)**

Who: **Everyone!** ■

## Neighborhood Security

The Lincoln Police Department recently recommended the Neighbors App, available to Apple and Google Store users. Get real-time alerts from your neighbors and public safety agencies. Know when and where things are happening. Owners of Ring camera systems can send videos through the app. LPD is monitoring the app and using it to focus on trends in the city.

If you are a victim or see anything suspicious, please contact the Lincoln Police Department. The non-emergency number is 402 441-6000. Remember, LPD cannot solve the crime, if they don't know about the crime. ■

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*East Campus Community Organization (ECCO) is an 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.*

info@eastcampus.org  
http://www.eastcampus.org  
https://www.facebook.com/ECCOLincoln

## Permit Parking Test Program (see [www.eastcampus.org](http://www.eastcampus.org) for more)

In December 2019, the ECCO Board held an informational meeting about a permit parking test program proposed for a portion of the East Campus neighborhood. This test program, initially planned for last year, was postponed due to the pandemic. For the same reason parking issues were alleviated as UNL staff and students worked and learned remotely. As UNL resumes normal operations, parking issues are anticipated to return to pre-pandemic levels.

The 90-120 day temporary program would test a method to relieve the increasing problems caused by non-resident commuters parking in the neighborhood. The program would restrict parking to permit-holding neighborhood residents and guests from 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday.

Additional questions about operation of the test program from that 2019 meeting were submitted to the City of Lincoln Parking department. Since this is a test program, the experience would be used to determine the feasibility of a possible future permit parking program for Lincoln, and so definitive answers were not available for all questions. The answers, received in January 2020, are posted along

with the original program application and an FAQ on the ECCO website ([www.eastcampus.org](http://www.eastcampus.org)).

To initiate the temporary program, 60% of property owners in the test district must sign a petition to the City of Lincoln requesting the test program. An electronic version of the petition is available at <https://forms.gle/ehty1nnWmH7kA1yK8>.

In the coming weeks, volunteers wearing masks and using proper social distancing, will be contacting property owners in the proposed district to obtain signatures for the application. While we will attempt to coordinate the electronic and paper petitions, please tell the volunteer if you have completed an electronic petition form.

We are seeking volunteers to check out petition forms and contact property owners to request their support for the test project. Residents of non-owner occupied properties are not eligible to sign the petition.

To volunteer, please contact organizers at [Parking@EastCampus.org](mailto:Parking@EastCampus.org). Here is a great way to get out to meet your neighbors and try to solve your neighborhood parking problems.▪

## Emergency Broadband Benefit Program available from Allo

As part of the COVID-19 relief legislation passed by Congress, the Federal Communications Commission has created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program to help lower the cost of high-speed internet for eligible households.

Allo is the Lincoln provider for the program. Eligible households will be eligible for 500/500 Mbps internet service with WI-FI at no cost for service, installation or equipment. The program also provides for one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

A household is eligible if one member of the household qualifies for the Lifeline program, is in free/reduced-price school meal program, recently received a Pell Grant, or experienced a substantial loss of income since 2/29/2020.

The FCC expects the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to be open to eligible households before the end of April 2021. Additional information may be found at [www.AlloFiber.com/EBB](http://www.AlloFiber.com/EBB), You can also call Allo at 402.480.6550 or visit the Allo store at 330 S. 21st St. ▪

### ECCO Membership Form

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	