

# eccco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

## Mark Your Calendar

**Sun. July 4, 2021**

**10am** (lineup at 9:45am)  
*Fourth of July Parade*  
Idylwild Park

**Second Saturdays in  
June, July and August  
10am—2pm**

*Discovery Days and  
Farmer's Market*  
East Campus Mall (35th  
and Holdrege)

**Sun. Sept 26, 2021**

**1:00-4:30pm**  
*Streets Alive!*  
Cooper Park (and beyond)

## Greetings from your Neighborhood Association!

Well neighbors, it's been a long (and short), crazy (and do-nothing) and memorial year in our lives, 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. ■

## Streets Alive! 2021

Streets Alive! 2021 will be Sunday, September 26 from 1:00-4:30pm in the South Salt Creek Neighborhood near Cooper Park at 8th & F Streets.

Streets Alive! is a free outdoor movement festival. It is open to all Lincoln residents of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, promoting physical activity and healthy eating, and providing free health and wellness resources. A 1.5 mile stretch of neighborhood streets will be closed to motorized vehicles. Visitors can bike, skate, walk, stroll, wheel, or even dance down a route filled with exhibitors and entertainers.

For detailed information, please visit [www.HealthyLincoln.org/StreetsAlive](http://www.HealthyLincoln.org/StreetsAlive). ■

## ECCO's Fourth of July Parade is coming!

Join your neighbors and friends at the annual **ECCO 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** event on **Sunday, July 4**. Come walk in the parade or support the marchers, which will include a Lincoln Fire Department truck, along the route. Following the parade, stay at the park for conversation and fun. (No games this year.)

The parade starts at **Valentino's-Idylwild Park** (at Idylwild Blvd and Apple St). Line up at 9:45 am; the parade will start at 10 am. The route will start headed east on Apple St. to 38<sup>th</sup> St., north to Dudley, east to 40<sup>th</sup> St., south to Orchard and the back to Idylwild Park.

Everyone, young and old, is 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 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. If you are interested, please contact Paul Johnson at [eccopres@eastcampus.org](mailto:eccopres@eastcampus.org) or 402-429-3710 or Mary Belka at 503-866-5704 or meet at the park at 9 am. ■

## Summer Discovery Days and Farmers Market | New to East Campus!

Plan on joining the new East Campus Discovery Days and Farmers Market, a fun, family-friendly event on UNL's East Campus this summer. It is more than a farmer's market. It's more than a science day. Come for the hands-on, science focused fun. Stay to enjoy live music and food trucks. Shop at our farmers market and vendor fair. Enjoy a scoop of ice cream at the newly renovated UNL Dairy Store. Take in the beauty of the Backyard Farmer garden.

The event will be held 10am to 2pm on the East Campus Mall (north of 35th and Holdrege St) on the second Saturdays in June, July and August. Activities and parking will be free. Locally produced food and crafts will be available for purchase.

The East Campus Discovery Days and Farmers Market was conceptualized by the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. The events will offer the East Campus community, neighbors, and friends access to science literacy opportunities, locally produced fresh food, value-added artisans and access to on-campus family fun activities.

For detailed information about Vendors, Activities, Entertainment and more, see the event website at <https://discoverydays.unl.edu>. ▀

## Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

As part of the COVID-19 relief legislation passed by Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program to reduce the cost of high-speed internet for eligible households. ALLO is the Lincoln provider for the program. Eligible households can receive 500/500 Mbps internet service with WI-FI

at no cost for service, installation or equipment.

Additionally the program provides for one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider. Program information may be found on the at <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>.

A household is eligible if one member qualifies for the Lifeline program, is in free/reduced school meal program, recently received a Pell Grant, or experienced a substantial loss of income since 2/29/2020. Additional information from ALLO at <http://www.AlloFiber.com/EBB>, by phone at 402.480.6550, or in person at 330 South 21st St. ▀

## Neighborhood Security Reminder

As the weather warms, crimes of opportunity are starting to increase. Other neighbors have noticed signs of people searching for easy targets, in the form of open doors on sheds and garage or open gates.

Please remember to close and lock your garage doors. Lock your vehicles. Bring in and lock bicycles. Have packages delivered to a safe drop-off point so that they don't sit openly on the porch during the day.

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

Help to prevent YOU being the next victim of a residential burglary. Call the Lincoln Police Department at the non-emergency number (402-441-6000) if you see something that doesn't look right. LPD will investigate. If it is nothing, that is OK. It is better to be safe than sorry. If a crime is in progress, call 911. ▀

### Yard of the month nominees?

Send suggestions to [info@eastcampus.org](mailto:info@eastcampus.org)

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

The ECCO Board held an informational meeting in December 2019 about the Permit Parking test program proposed for a portion of the East Campus neighborhood. This effort was temporarily halted due to the pandemic since parking issues were alleviated as UNL staff and students worked remotely. However, as UNL resumes normal operations, including in-person classes and employees returning to campus, 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 only to permit holding neighborhood residents and guests from 8am to 6pm, Monday to 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, it will 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 were received in January 2020 and are posted, along with the original program application and FAQ, on the ECCO website, <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://bit.ly/3iLCgzQ>.

In the coming weeks, volunteers (who will wear masks and use proper social distancing) will be contacting property owners within 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 someone from your household has completed the electronic 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 cannot sign the petition and do not have to be contacted. Petition forms have been created by individual street and properties for the test district. Properties on the petition are marked as owner and non-owner occupied.

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 our neighborhood parking problems. ■



*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> (public)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ECCO1> (private)

### 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	