

# ecco Newsletter

East Campus Community Organization

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Neighbors talking to neighbors

## Mark Your Calendar

**Fri. July 4, 2025**

**10am** (lineup at 9:45am)

*ECCO/Marceil Dreier Fourth of July Parade*

Idylwild Park and throughout neighborhood

**Sat. July 12, 2025, and**

**Sat. Aug 9, 2025**

**10am—2pm**

*East Campus Discovery Days and Farmer's Market*

East Campus Mall (north of Idylwild and Holdrege)

**Thu. October 9, 2025**

*ECCO Annual Membership Meeting*

New Hope Methodist Church

## Annual Fourth of July Parade is coming soon!

Come join your neighbors and friends at the annual **ECCO/Marceil Dreier Fourth of July Parade** on Friday, July 4th at 10:00 am.

Take part in the Parade by walking the route with your neighbors or join as a spectator. No parade is complete without people along the route cheering the participants. Everyone is welcome to bring their bikes, wagons, shoes or other means of transportation. Get your patriotic colors and decorate your 'vehicle', pet, and/or yourself.

ECCO will award prizes that have been contributed by area businesses for these categories: Best Parade Entry, Best Bicycle, Best Tricycle, Best Costume, and Best Pet.

The pre-parade line up at 9:45 am at Valentino's- Idylwild Park (at Idylwild Blvd and Apple St). The parade starts promptly at 10:00 am. The route will start headed east on Apple St. to 38th Street, north to Dudley, east to 40th Street, south to Orchard, and the back to Idylwild Park.

Following the parade, stay at the park for fun activities and conversation. You may even be able to tour the Lincoln Fire and Rescue truck and/or the Lincoln Police crusader.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the parade. If you are interested, contact Paul Johnson at [eccotreasurer@eastcampus.org](mailto:eccotreasurer@eastcampus.org) or 402-429-3710 or Mary Belka at 503-866-5704 or meet at the park at 9:00 am. ■

## Let's Talk (and plant) Trees!

When is the best time to plant a tree? As the saying goes ... last year, and the second best time is today.

As ECCO neighborhood's trees age and fall to other calamities, it is important to replant them in our yards, along city streets, and in our parks. ECCO residents should have as a goal to increase canopy coverage 10% in 10 years and 20% in 20 years. Those trees

shade and cool our homes and preserve its attractiveness and our property values.

Recently, using the Lincoln tree voucher program the ECCO Tree committee has worked with neighbors to get trees along part of Apple Street. The Committee's next project is along Idylwild Drive to remove dead and dying trees and fill in the gaps.

For more information from the ECCO Tree Committee, contact Richard Sutton at [rsutton131@gmail.com](mailto:rsutton131@gmail.com) or Don Macke at [don@e2mail.org](mailto:don@e2mail.org). ■



## Happy July 4<sup>th</sup> From Neighborhood Watch Newsletter | The Eye May 2024 Volume 45

Celebrations during the 4th of July are a common sight during the early part of July. Please keep in mind that Lincoln has different rules than that of the surrounding counties, including Lancaster County.

The ordinance is as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, explode, or use any permissible fireworks within the City of Lincoln except from 8:00am to 11:00pm on July 3 and from 8:00am to 11:59 pm on July 4 of each year. (Ord. 18608 §2; August 29, 2005; prior Ord. 17516 § 1; June 14, 1999: Ord."

Community members are expected to be considerate of others concerns as well while celebrating.

1. Fireworks may not be sold or purchased in the city limits except on July 3rd and 4th.
2. Fireworks may not be used in the City of Lincoln unless on July 3rd or 4th. There are specific hours in which they can be used. (See the ordinance above)
3. In Lincoln, bottle rockets, helicopter-type fireworks (where the entire item leaves the ground), and sky

lanterns are prohibited. At no time may these fireworks be used within the city limits.

4. Fireworks used in any other way than they are intended (to be shot into the sky or displayed on the ground) are prohibited. Any firework that is modified can be considered an improvised explosive. We want people to have fun during their celebrations, but we also want them to be safe! ■



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## UNL Discovery Days on East Campus

Come visit the ECCO table at the 2025 East Campus Discovery Days and Farmers Market on second Saturdays this summer. The events on July 12th and August 9th from 10:00am to 1:00pm will be held on the East Campus Mall, north of Idylwild and Holdrege Streets.

Discovery Days provides the East Campus community, neighbors, and friends access to science literacy opportunities, locally produced food, value-added artisans and access to on-campus family fun activities.

All activities are free. Food and vendor crafts are available for

purchase. Activities, market and food vendors change at each Discovery Day Saturday over the summer, so plan to attend each month.

For detailed information, see the event website at <https://discoverydays.unl.edu>. ■



### Thinking of selling your home?

ECCO is concerned about corporate homeownership. We are happy to connect you with prospective buyers. Email [eccopres@eastcampus.org](mailto:eccopres@eastcampus.org) and **Tell ECCO First!** ■

## ECCO Yard of the Month

If you have neighbors you would like to nominate for ECCO Yard of the Month, please contact us at <https://eastcampus.org/yard-of-the-month/>. Include the address of the yard and your contact information.

Great job to all awardees!!

### May and June 2025 Recipients

- Judy Gibson and Barbara DiBernard\* at **1045 N 41st**
- Jennifer Schellpepper, Terrance Savage and Tristan, **929 N 40th**
- Wanda and Randy Herel at **1024 N 40th**
- Melinda Eltiste at **911 N 39th** ■

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*East Campus Community Organization (ECCO) is an organization of neighbors within the boundaries of 33rd and 48th from Vine to Holdrege in Lincoln NE.*

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