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Words from the Wooden Steps Neighborhood Night Out

Our 2014 Neighborhood Night Out was a huge success! It's been fun watching this event grow over the past three years. This year featured a wide variety of gatherings including pretzels in the park, a stroller stroll, trunk treats, free plants, bonfires, toddler romps, and ice cream socials. Thank you to all the neighbors who hosted a gathering or participated in this event promoting community and meeting your neighbors. Our neighborhood continues to grow stronger and safer as we work to make connections and get to know one another better. And now, since a picture is worth 1000 words, enjoy some of our favorites!

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Free Plants
Provided by Yvonne Sorge



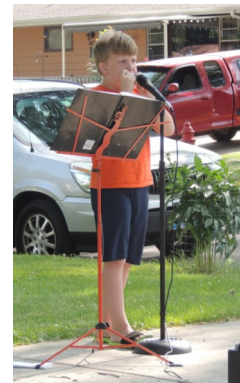
Stroller Stroll
Abby Abernathy(L) and Betsy Winterhack (R)



Tarragon Drive Backyard Campfire
Hosted by Marilee and Keith Cronin



Trunk Treats
Provided by Our Saviors Church



Harmonica Concert By Sean McCormick

Treasurer's Corner

By Justin Martin

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The fall and winter seasons are relatively quiet ones, financially speaking, and this year looks to be no different. While we will need to cover the cost of printing and mailing two more Echo issues, as well as some expenses for upcoming neighborhood events, I do not expect much change in our account balance in the upcoming months. We finished up August with a balance of \$14,226.

Secretary's Corner

By Jamie Meise

It has been a busy summer in Elvehjem Neighborhood! Below are a few highlights from recent ENA Board meetings, not covered elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Board has three openings for Directors at Large. We are especially in need of someone interested in taking over as treasurer and someone with technology expertise.

The Annual Fourth of July celebration was very successful this year with great attendance and beautiful weather. Still the board discussed the long term sustainability of the event given the large financial risk associated with the BBQ lunch. The success of the event is very dependent on uncontrollable factors such as weather and day of the week and requires substantial volunteer work both prior to and during the event. No decision was made at this time, but the board is considering other options for the future including having an ice cream social where neighbors are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch.

The board is currently in the process of applying for 501(c)(3) tax status which would allow donations made to the association to be tax deductible. More information to come.

Board members Tiff Roltgen, Isaac Semrow, Mike Digman, and Faye Reber attended the Mayor's Conference in September for neighborhood leadership training. They will report back to the neighborhood with ideas and lessons learned.

Contact Jamie Meise at secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 608-477-3955 to receive a copy of the minutes in full.

Member Corner

Notices are limited to 40 words and run on a first come, first-served, space-available basis. Youth ads are good for 3 months; all others are 1 month per request. ENA member notices have priority. Notices may be edited. Send requests to ENA, PO Box 14625, Madison, 53708-0625 or email newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

Christmas is Coming! Give the little ones in your life the memory of a lifetime by booking a visit from our friendly and experienced neighborhood Santa throughout the months of November and December.

Spots will fill quickly, so call 222-4113 early to book your preferred day and time. Reasonable rates, member of Elvehjem Neighborhood Association, and generous donor to Elvehjem events.



New Neighbor Spotlight

By Isaac Semrow, Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Vice President and Welcome Committee Chair

Steve and Julie Salt have been living in Madison for years. Julie is a life-long Wisconsinite; Steve a transplant from Pennsylvania. Two growing children meant it was time to move out of their starter home earlier this year. Initially targeting the Eastside's outlying suburbs, they wanted a home near Door Creek Church and in an area with a neighborly feel. Steve is a Corporate Photographer & Graphic Designer for MG&E, while Julie is an Educational Assistant at Mendota Elementary. This nature-loving family enjoys camping and cookouts, and as the kids get older, they are doing more biking and swimming! The children love playing tag and hide-and-seek. They also have fun just playing and socializing with other kids. The Salts' love Madison's richness of ideas, cultures, and people, as well the ever expanding list of things to do. Naturally, some of their favorite things about Madison are the Arboretum, Olbrich Gardens, the parks and lakes, and the overall concern for the environment. On behalf of the ENA Board and the entire neighborhood, WELCOME TO ELVEHJEM!

THANK YOU!

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association board would like to thank outgoing board members Lynn Munsinger-Brown, Scot Whitney, and Steve Johnson for all of their hard work and service to the Elvehjem neighborhood. All of the efforts you put forth on behalf of the neighborhood are greatly appreciated and are an important part of what makes the Elvehjem Neighborhood a great place to live.



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**Taste of Elvehjem Enjoyed
by Mayor Soglin and Neighbors Alike**
By ENA Board Director at Large Faye Reber

On Sunday, September 14, many neighbors and friends gathered on what turned out to be a beautiful day for fun, friendship, and great food at the Second Annual "Taste of Elvehjem" event at the Elvehjem Community Garden! With plenty of activities for young and old, all could participate as they chose. Children enjoyed story time in the garden with guest readers Elvehjem Elementary Principal Sarah Larson and Mayor Paul Soglin, while others strolled through the garden and appreciated what neighbors have been up to over the last several months.

Several neighbors brought farm/garden fresh dishes and healthier recipes for all to enjoy. From salads to savory muffins and fruit kabobs to cowboy caviar, there were many options to choose from! In what turned out to be a tough competition, Mayor Paul Soglin selected neighbor Katie Christianson's Cowboy Caviar dish as the Mayor's Choice! Attendees cast votes to determine two Neighbors' Choice awards, presented by District 16 Alder

Denise DeMarb. The winning entries were Maple-Walnut Apple Crisp by Leonard Everett and White Turkey Chili by Lane Frasier. Elvehjem Community Garden Organizer and Champion Lynn Munsinger Brown was also honored for all her efforts in getting the garden up and running.

After a delicious meal, kids and adults participated in stepping stone painting, relay races, a scavenger hunt, and the popular bicycle blender smoothie station! Many



Storytime in the Garden with Mayor Paul Soglin reading "Little Blue Truck Leads the Way."

thanks to UW-Extension Horticulture Educator Lisa Johnson for bringing several pieces of gardening literature and helping to educate the neighborhood on the emerald ash borer and Diane Amundson for adding to the fun by dressing as the emerald ash borer mascot. Finally, our sincere thanks to volunteers Diane Amundson, Paul Cusick, Leonard Everett, Rod Gennrich, Kate Strom Hiorns, Lisa Johnson, Jessica

Wise Kennedy, Tiff Roltgen, Isaac Semrow, and Betsy Winterhack who assisted with set up, clean up, and activities throughout the event.

Agrace to Offer Orientation for Prospective Volunteers in October

Volunteering for Agrace can be a very rewarding experience in a person's life. In October, Agrace will offer volunteer orientation for those interested in making a difference in the lives of patients with advanced illnesses. Agrace has opportunities for volunteers who would like to work directly with Agrace patients, as well as organizational support roles that do not involve patient care. Agrace's next two volunteer orientation opportunities will be held Monday, October 13, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, October 28, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Agrace's Madison campus, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway. Prior to attending orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff to identify the volunteer's skills and interests.

Call (608) 327-7163 or (608) 327-7163 to begin the pre-orientation process.

VOLUNTEER BAKERS NEEDED!

The Neighborhood Welcome Committee is seeking bakers. If you would be willing to bake and donate 2-3 dozen cookies or other baked goodies from time to time, we would love to include your sweet treats as part of our welcome package to new residents of the neighborhood. Please express your interest to Isaac Semrow via email: isaac@elvehjemneighborhood.org or phone: (920) 420-5677

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Droster Park is Open for Play

The new playground equipment and ground cover have been installed at Droster Park. Excavating work was also done to create hills and valleys to encourage natural play. Boulders for a seating area are still to come. Thank you to neighbors who served on the advisory group for the project, lead landscape architect Mike Sturm of the Parks Department, all the contracted and City employees who worked on the project, and you, the taxpayers, for providing important updates to our park. Please stop by 1429 Droster Road and enjoy the rock climbing wall, scavenger hunt, and new park bench!



Fall Slow Down Campaign Wrap-Up

By Gail Good, Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Safety Coordinator

The Fall Slow Down Campaign ran from September 2 to September 12. Thanks to Elvehjem neighbors for being supportive of the campaign and for hosting signs near your yards. Sincere thanks to the many volunteers who made this event possible by setting up and taking down signs. This year's volunteers include Lis Olson, Kandra Barb, Jenny Gotcher, Janet McCormick, Jason Kennedy, Heather Hengst, Tiff Roltgen, Mona and Len Everett, Rod Gennrich, Brian Good, Betsy Winterhack, Mike Digman, Andrea Kay Nichols, and Justin Martin. Thanks to the volunteers and their families! Please remember we can all "pace" traffic by driving the speed limit EVERY time we are on our neighborhood streets. Thanks for keeping Elvehjem Neighborhood safe!

ENA 5th Annual 5K Turkey Trot & 2 Mile Walk THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014

5K begins at 8:30 a.m. SHARP @ Droster Park (1429 Droster Road), followed by the 2 Mile Walk at 8:35 a.m. SHARP Save time on race day by registering online at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/turkeytrot Check www.elvehjemneighborhood.org or the ENA Facebook page for course maps and more details. *Due to rising insurance and operation costs, please consider donating \$5 to ENA during online registration or on race day. And as always, we'll partner with Second Harvest Foodbank to help those in need. Please bring a shelf-stable food item or non-food consumable for donation on race day.*

Interested in getting your Thanksgiving Day off to a great start and volunteering just one hour of your time? Check out this link for all available positions:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E45ADA72C7-elvehjem

Questions? Email run@elvehjemneighborhood.org



The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association invites you to its 8th annual...

Halloween Bonfire

Friday, October 31, 2014

6:30-8:30 p.m. at Elvehjem Park

End a fun night of tricks and treats with a neighborhood bonfire, hot cocoa, and socialization.

GET CREATIVE! Bring your own pre-carved jack-o'-lantern from home.

We'll have prizes for the scariest, the most creative, and the best all-around.



The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association presents its third annual...

Halloween Decorating Contest



OCTOBER 24-30, 2014

Celebrate the season by decorating your home and yard in Halloween splendor.

Judges will be circulating the neighborhood throughout the week of October 24-30.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three homes and winners will also be featured on Facebook and in the December/January issue of the Echo Newsletter.

We also need volunteer judges. Anyone willing to take a walk around our lovely neighborhood and judge the decorations or if you have any questions, please contact Rod at

rod@elvehjemneighborhood.org





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ENA Calendar of Events

October 1	Board Meeting	East District Police Station 809 South Thompson Drive	7:00-9:00 p.m.
October 26-30	Halloween Decorating Contest	Show your Halloween Spirit. Prizes to be awarded!	
October 31	Halloween Bonfire	Elvehjem Park 1202 Painted Post Drive	6:30-8:30 p.m.
November 5	Board Meeting	East District Police Station 809 South Thompson Drive	7:00-9:00 p.m.
November 27	5K Turkey Trot & 2 Mile Walk	Droster Park 1429 Droster Road	8:30 a.m. SHARP

CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Elvehjem Community Garden—Come garden with us in 2015.

Elvehjem Neighborhood—Connect with neighbors and share concerns.

Elvehjem to Wellvehjem—Join us as we improve neighborhood wellness.

Wooden Steps Running Club—Come talk all things running with us.