



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
-Helen Keller

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays. I hope you all travel safe and enjoy this wonderful time of year with your loved ones and families.

This time of year is also the time of giving. Those in need, the young, the elderly, and those that have less need more help during this time of year. While some of us may have full plates and warm homes, there are those out there that need help with a Thanksgiving meal, warm clothes for these winter months, or gifts for the Holiday celebrations.

There are also numerous ways to give through the neighborhood. ENA will again be helping with the Elvehjem Elementary Hat and Mittens drive. If you have extra warm clothes for elementary aged kids, feel free to drop off donations at the Elementary school.

A change this year—Holiday in the Park moves to the Elvehjem Neighborhood! It will occur on Saturday, Dec. 7th, from 4 to 7 PM at Elvehjem Park. There will be donation drop offs for the Hat and Mittens drive, hot cocoa, treats, horse drawn sleigh rides, a bonfire, and Santa! Please come join us at this FREE event that helps celebrate the Elvehjem Neighborhood and our holiday spirit.

Happy Holidays to everyone in our neighborhood, let's continue this time of giving by showing our best as a neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Charles Donaldson
ENA President,
(651) 353-8523
charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org

MEMBER CORNER



Heads up, the 2020 Census is coming!

Every decade we count the citizenry as mandated by the U.S. constitution, and the next count will happen between January and March next year. We were asked by the city to inform our readership of this upcoming event as it affects political district boundaries as well as state & federal funding. You will be able to fill out the census form online, over the phone, by paper, or in person. Stay tuned for more details in December! -The Board

If you would like to put something in the Echo newsletter, write 40 words or less and email the notice to Jared Marker jared@elvehjemneighborhood.org

LEND YOUR VOICE: JOIN THE BOARD

We can feel the momentum building!

Last issue we used this space to advertise specific positions that would assist the association: social media coordinator, event coordinator, parks liaison, and group coordinator.

We were excited to hear from a few of you and even saw two new faces at our most recent board meeting- thanks for joining us, Brian and Liz!

We would love to see a few more of you - think about the issues that you care about most deeply and how we might address them at a super-local level.

If you're inspired to lend a hand or your voice, please reach out to ENA President at charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org, or call at (651) 353-8523.

Or, come to an upcoming meeting, Wednesday 12/4 or 1/8, at the East Side Great Dane.

SECRETARY'S WORD

By Kim Bolinder



Dear Neighbors,

As you may or may not know I'm an organ transplant recipient. I received a kidney and pancreas in Dec. 2003 from a deceased donor. Her name was Sydney and she was 10 when she died of acute liver failure. Her parents made the difficult decision to donate her organs. Forward to 2012 and the pancreas is still functioning, but the kidney is not. I started hemodialysis and began the search for another kidney from a live donor. My son was not acceptable, and my daughter was willing to donate but our blood types are not the same. Through the UW Hospital Transplant Center, our information was entered in the National Kidney Registry to search for matches to others in the same situation using

"Paired Donation" among transplant centers across the US. We were "paired" a couple times, but nothing worked out until June 2015. I was matched with a kidney donor at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. My daughter was matched with a recipient in Tampa. Through the incredible logistical complexity of timing the surgeries, to flight times getting the organs to their center the four donors and four recipients successfully completed the chain. As many as 100,000 people are waiting for a transplant every day. You can live a healthy life with only 1 kidney. Organ donation is an amazing gift you can give. Consider signing up to be an organ donor at YesIWillWisconsin.com. Or learn more about a live donation at NKR.org. I'm asking everyone to spread the word about Paired Donation. No one should die waiting for a transplant when there are plenty of live donors.

You may contact me at:
kim@elvehjemneighborhood.org

UPCOMING EVENT

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Saturday, December 7th

Elvehjem Park 4:00-7:00pm

Believe it or not, Christmastime is here! Historically we've done our annual 'Holiday in the Park' event with the East Buckeye Neighborhood Association at Orlando Bell Park, but due to their limited capacity they have regretfully encouraged us to carry on the tradition this year without their usual involvement. **We're now hosting at ELVEHJEM PARK on December 7th from 4-7pm.**

There will be horse & carriage rides with Santa, hot chocolate with scrumptious treats, holiday music in the air, and a giant bonfire to keep us all warm.

This is a great opportunity to bring out your family and friends to share in local holiday merriment with your neighbors.

If you're interested in lending a hand as a volunteer, email: dan@elvehjemneighborhood.org.



Like all of our neighborhood events, this is totally FREE, but if you'd like to give back **we'll be collecting donations for Elvehjem Elementary's Warm Clothing Drive** - they're specifically in need of waterproof gloves & mittens and hats. More details on the following page.

Email dan@elvehjemneighborhood.org with any questions or comments. We're looking forward!

EVENT RECAP

HALLOWEEN BONFIRES

Halloween was much colder and snowier than last year, but we had about a dozen neighbors host bonfire stops helping to keep folks warm as they walked through the neighborhood trick-or-treating. We've heard positive feedback on the new format; people liked the Google Map, and that the format made it easier to participate in sharing a hot drink and a quick chat with a neighbor while out with the kids, and we will likely do something similar next year.

If you have any thoughts or feedback please send an email to:
halloween@elvehjemneighborhood.org



DONATIONS NEEDED

Elvehjem Elementary Hats and Mittens Drive

The ENA is helping with the Hats and Mittens Drive: November 1-December 15. There is always a need for winter weather gear at LVM.

Please consider donating new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves, coats, snow pants, or boots to help keep our neighborhood kids warm while they play out in the snow during recess. (Please no scarves for safety reasons.)



Donations can be dropped off in the front office at Elvehjem Elementary or brought to the Holiday in the Park Celebration on Saturday, December 7 from 4-7pm. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Save the Date!

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GIVEAWAY!

Join the neighborhood association before the end of the year and be entered to win a ticket to the Pinney Library Gala (\$250 value).

As detailed on the previous page, Pinney Library is hosting a gala on Saturday 2/29 to celebrate the grand opening of their new building.

If you haven't yet joined the ENA this year and would like to be eligible for this wonderful prize, please do so at the following link before 12/31: theENA.org/join

If you would like to join through the mail, please contact our president at charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org, and we will happily send you a sign-up form.

One winner (+1) will be drawn at our board meeting on 1/8.

Your donation goes toward local free events like Holiday in the Park, supporting LVM PTO, and running this newsletter 6 times a year.

Thanks for making 2019 another wonderful year in the neighborhood. We are looking forward to 2020!

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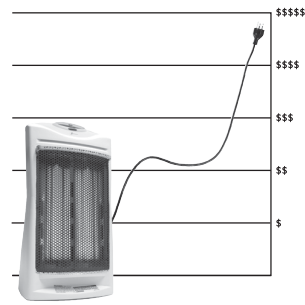
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ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, December 4
ENA Board Meeting
7 - 9 pm at Great Dane Eastside

Saturday, December 7
Holiday in the Park
4 - 7 pm at Elvehjem Park

Wednesday, January 8
ENA Board Meeting
7 - 9 pm at Great Dane Eastside