



Elvehjem Echo
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

I'm honored to be introducing myself as the president-elect of the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association. It was just a few years ago that I met our president Charles at the ENA's 50th Anniversary Celebration—his invitation to join the board was one that I'm grateful to have accepted.

During our first four years in the area, my wife Cara and I have witnessed the excellence here and are proud to call it our home. Just today we walked three miles (roundtrip to Culver's, naturally) and caught many passing smiles and friendly how-do-you-do's. It's so easy to feel welcomed here.

I'm somewhat ashamed to admit that I didn't have a strong "neighborhood" connection in the places that I lived after high school. **Elvehjem has reminded me what it's like to be a good neighbor.**

To me, the word "neighbor" means: spending time together around a grill, shoveling a driveway that isn't yours, sharing advice, lending a tool, bonding over a hobby, attending a local event, bantering across the street, meeting up at the park, house-sitting, donating surplus garden yields, solving problems as a community, etc. There aren't enough fingers and toes in our house to count the number of you that have shown us these kinds of neighborliness (and we have a dog so that's quite a few fingers and toes).

As we enter what feels like a rebirth of some kind with COVID-19 cases plummeting and vaccinations soaring, I would love to see us emerge this spring & summer as even better neighbors than before—and because the bar was already set pretty high, a challenge awaits.

We can start by voting in the April 6th spring election where we'll select our District Alder among other races and referenda. Then join us on April 18th for an Earth Day Cleanup at Elvehjem Park; details herein. Our ENA Annual Meeting is May 15th and it would be fantastic to see your smiling eyes there and—fingers crossed—possibly even enjoy some social time outside at Our Saviour's; details herein.

I look forward to continuing Elvehjem's long tradition of goodness and generosity in my new post as President and can be contacted below if you ever have any questions or concerns about the neighborhood and/or the Association.

Sincerely,
Dan Collins, ENA President
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dan@elvehjemneighborhood.org

E.N.A. MEMBERSHIP FORM 2021

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FIRST/LAST NAME: _____

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(RESIDENT 2, OPTIONAL): EMAIL _____

Dues are \$15 per year

Checks can be made payable to ENA.
Please return with membership form to:

ENA Membership
PO Box 14625
Madison, WI 53708-0625

YES, I'd like to support the Elvehjem
Neighborhood with an additional
donation! All sponsorship levels include
your \$15 annual dues.

*Amount \$ _____ Cash Check # _____

- PLATINUM Level Sponsorship \$100
- GOLD Level Sponsorship \$75
- SILVER Level Sponsorship \$50
- BRONZE Level Sponsorship \$25

Are you interested in volunteering for the neighborhood in 2021?

- YES, I will volunteer my time at one or more neighborhood events.
- YES, I am interested in serving as an ENA Board Member.

* Elvehjem Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit org. All membership dues & additional donations are tax deductible. All contact information will be used for bimonthly *Echo* Newsletter delivery, occasional email updates, and if applicable, volunteer correspondence. Joining ENA promotes a stronger, safer, and more connected community. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

E.N.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021



2021 Calendar of Events

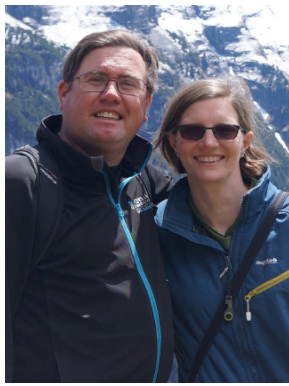
The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) Board meets the **first Wednesday** of the month from 7-9pm at Great Dane Eastside or virtually via Zoom when necessary (see theENA.org/meeting for updates). All neighbors are welcome to attend!

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
February 8	Classroom Restock Drive for LVM Elementary	Deliver donations to collection box out front of school	
Feb 1-March 15	Tenant Resource Center Fundraiser	ENA will match donations through March 15 th . See ECHO and online (theENA.org/housing) for details	
March 13-17	Elvehjem Jig-Jog	Anytime over the 5 days. Throughout the neighborhood, see ECHO and online (theENA.org/jig-jog) for map and details	
Sat, April 3	Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 am SHARP	Droster Park, 1429 Droster Rd
Sun, April 18	Earth Day Clean-up & Garlic Mustard Pull	1-3pm	Elvehjem Park, 1202 Painted Post Dr
Sat, May 15	Annual Neighborhood Meeting	10-11am	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and virtual option via Zoom
May 16 - July 4	Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Spring Membership Drive		
June 10-12	Neighborhood Garage Sales	8am-4pm	See online for registration and map for locations
Sun, July 4	Kids Fun Run and Firecracker 5K Bike Parade	8:00/8:30 am 11:00am	Elvehjem Elementary, 5106 Academy Dr
	Fourth of July Celebration	11:00am-1pm	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Rd.
Tues, August 3	Neighborhood Night Out	Various activities throughout the day	Elvehjem Neighborhood *Will include online map
Sun, October 31	Neighborhood Halloween Bonfire	6-8pm	Elvehjem Neighborhood See online map for bonfire locations
Thurs, November 25	5K Turkey Trot & 2-Mile Walk - TBD	8:30am SHARP	Droster Park, 1429 Droster Rd
November-December	LVM Elementary Hats and Mittens Drive and Negative Lunch Accounts Fundraiser	Deliver donations to collection box inside LVM front entrance	
Sat, December 4	Holiday in the Park	4-7pm	Elvehjem Park, 1202 Painted Post Dr

*Additional events may be added throughout the year. Check theENA.org for full event details.

*Note, any events are subject to modification or rescheduling due to COVID-19 protocols.

New Board Member: Pete Schramm



Pete and his wife Lindsay bought their house on Brynwood Drive in 2019. They live with their two cats, Scoober and Schlade. Pete is a lifelong Madisionian growing up just across Cottage Grove Road in Heritage Heights, graduating from LaFollette and attending UW-Madison.

He currently works for the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services as a licensing exam specialist, and he also acts as President of the Madison Ultimate Frisbee Association. He enjoys traveling, reading, and being out and about on his bike. He also fosters a borderline unhealthy obsession with Badger sports and the Eurovision Song Contest. Pete is excited to help keep the Elvehjem Neighborhood a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

Contact Pete via email: pete@elvehjemneighborhood.org

Event Recap: First Annual Jig-Jog

The 2021 LVM Jig Jog came to a completion on St Patrick's Day. While it may have been hindered by some colder days around St Patrick's Day, some of our neighbors were still able to enjoy the warmer weather over the weekend!



The ENA would like to congratulate Joel Stone (pictured) as the winner of the \$25 gift card to a local business of his choice for his spirited participation! Joel has generously returned his donation to the ENA's treasury.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the event.

Earth Day Cleanup 2021

Sunday, April 18th from 1-3pm
Elvehjem Park Shelter

Join us in our efforts to clear the Elvehjem Sanctuary of litter that has accumulated over the past year. Meet up with Ashley at the Elvehjem Shelter at 1pm. Garbage bags and latex-free gloves will be provided.

* All volunteers will receive a variety of seed packs as a thank-you.

Earth Day Fun: Plastic Bottle Greenhouse

Things you'll need:

- Empty, clear, 2-liter bottle with cap
- Scissors
- Soil & Seed(s)

1. Remove the label and wash the bottle.
2. Cut the bottle in half.
3. Cut a straight slit in the bottom half of the bottle. The slit should start at the top, cut edge and extend about 1 inch straight down towards the base. Poke a small drainage hole at the bottom.

4. Place soil and one or 2 seeds in the bottom half of the bottle. Seeds should be planted below the surface of the soil. Water until soil is moist. (Do not over water.)
5. Place the top half of the bottle back on the bottom half of the bottle.

Your greenhouse is complete! Set in the sun and watch your seeds grow.



Elvehjem Neighborhood Housing Crisis Fund: UPDATE



Elvehjem Neighborhood Housing Crisis Fund

*A partnership between the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association and the Tenant Resource Center
Learn more and donate: theENA.org/housing*

Earlier this year, we launched the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Housing Crisis Fund in cooperation with the Tenant Resource Center. This fund provides support to individuals and families in Elvehjem who are at risk of losing their housing.

We are happy to report that, as of this newsletter going to print, this fund has received donations totaling \$2,295! These donations will directly help our neighbors remain in their homes. In addition, the first \$1,000 will be matched by the ENA.

The ENA thanks you deeply for your support of this important initiative. Once again, the people of Elvehjem have shown our deep commitment to helping one another out.

You can learn more, and donate, at theENA.org/housing.

ANNUAL MEETING 2021

Saturday, May 15 at 10am
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Rd

All residents of Elvehjem Neighborhood are invited and encouraged to attend in-person or online! Meet the ENA Board of Directors, vote on the 2021 budget, learn about neighborhood events and initiatives, and have the opportunity to join or renew your annual membership dues!



At the time of our writing this update, COVID-19 numbers continue to fall as vaccination numbers rise. We're optimistic that this in-person event may be the first in over a year that the ENA has hosted. That said, we will be heeding city/state public health guidelines (masks, distancing) and reserve the right to move this event to virtual-only if the trend turns for the worse.

Pending the latest advice of health experts, there may or may not be an outdoor element to our event (a social hour after, for example) and there may or may not be refreshments of some variety. Again, the two months between our writing this update and hosting the event will tell us what we need to make these decisions.

Stay tuned for final updates on Facebook and at theENA.org/annual-meeting

30 Years Ago: The Great Butter Fire of Elvehjem

Story by Jim Stellner, photo by David Sandell (yes, that's melted butter and cheese)

On the afternoon of May 3, 1991, fire broke out at Central Storage Warehouse on Cottage Grove Road. By the time the fire was declared out on May 11th it had become the largest fire and environmental hazard in the history of the City of Madison and had made the national news.

It came to be known as the "Butter Fire" because the refrigerated warehouse contained millions of pounds of butter, cheese, hot dogs, sausages and other food products. The fire spread quickly and eventually caused the building to collapse and it sent a river of melted butter, cheese and meat into the street where it pooled under the Stoughton Road overpass.

The Madison Fire Department called in all off-duty personnel and requested mutual aid from surrounding fire departments. In the early morning hours of May 4th, approximately 3,000 people living within a half-mile radius of the fire were evacuated as the fire was threatening to breach the facility's anhydrous ammonia tanks. Thankfully, the flames were stopped short of the tanks averting an environmental catastrophe.

Neighbors brought food & beverages to Fire Station 5—just across the street from the fire—to help feed the firefighters and police officers at the scene. No lives were lost, a tribute to the nearby departments called in to help.

The aroma of rancid food wafted over the neighborhood until late June when the last of the debris had been cleaned up. Central Storage was back in operation by the Fall of 1991.



FEATURED RECIPE: LENTIL SOUP

Submitted by Claire Koenig, from *From: Deb Perelman's Smitten Kitchen Every Day Cookbook* – calls for 2 tbsp's of melted butter, but don't get carried away.

Ingredients

- ½ pound pasta of your choice (cavatappi or something twisty works well)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 10 ounces (4 cups) thinly sliced or shredded brussels sprouts
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Finely grated zest of ½ lemon
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 ¾ cups vegetable or chicken broth
- Juice of ½ lemon
- ½ cup grated Parmesan
- 1 cup grated Gruyere
- 1 cup grated fontina

Directions

1. Bring a pot of salted water to boil. Add the pasta and cook until very al dente, a full 2 minutes before perfect doneness. Drain & set aside.
2. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Butter or spray a 2-quart or 9-inch baking dish (note: 9x13 works just fine).
3. Heat the olive oil in a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat. Once it's hot, add the garlic and let it sizzle for 10 to 20 seconds, then add the brussels sprouts. Season well with salt and pepper and saute for 2 to 3 minutes, until brighter green but barely wilted.
4. Add the lemon zest and stir to mix.
5. Add 2 tablespoons butter and stir until melted.
6. Sprinkle the flour in and stir until you no longer see it.
7. Add the broth one glug at a time, stirring constantly. Once all the broth is added, simmer the sauce for 2 to 3 minutes.
8. Remove from heat and stir in the lemon juice, then the cooked pasta; stir to evenly coat.
9. Combine the cheeses in a bowl and stir all but ¼ cup of them into the pasta and sauce.
10. Scrape the pasta mixture into the prepared baking dish and sprinkle with reserved cheese.
11. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until browned on top.



Community Garden Announcement

Elvehjem Community Garden has opened for the 2021 season and optimism is high! Gardening has proven to be a safe, relaxing and (sometimes) productive outdoor activity during the pandemic.



Safety protocols in place during the 2020 season will remain as we kick off this year. As part of the Elvehjem Park Master Plan, the garden will be expanding this spring and adding 3 full plots and 3 half plots. A waterline extension will be a part of the expansion. Gardeners appreciate the neighborhood viewing the garden as an integral part of the parks' activities and you are always welcome to come visit to take in the variety of gardening styles and crops on display.

For more information email: garden@elvehjemneighborhood.org

EVENT RECAP: D16 ALDER FORUM

On March 10, we had a great discussion with Jael Currie and Matthew Tramel, the two candidates to be our next Alder. They outlined their visions for our neighborhood and city, and they set forth their priorities for their time on Madison's common council if elected. They also answered specific questions from attendees. The wide-ranging discussion covered topics such as transportation, parks, public safety, structural changes to the council, housing affordability, and much more.

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association thanks Jael and Matt for participating. We also extend our thanks to Pete Schramm and Jacob Wright (moderators), Dan Collins (timer), and Board members Kim Bolinder and Jared Marker, who helped with organizing the event. We also thank all attendees. If you have any feedback, please let us know—we want to hold more events like this, and we want to keep getting better at it!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: watch it online at theENA.org/townhall2021

And don't forget to vote on April 6! You can learn more about Jael Currie at currieforcitycouncil.com and Mathew Tramel at tramelfor16.com.

COVID-19 VACCINES UPDATE

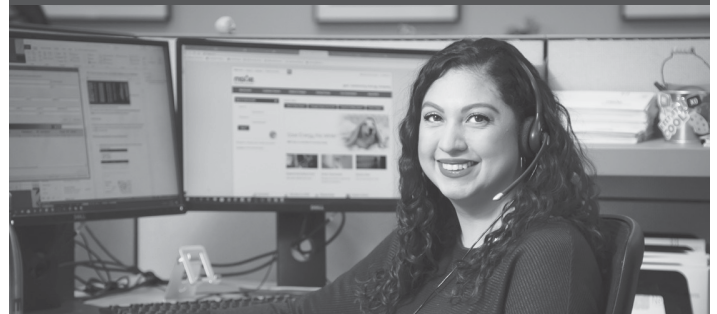
As of 3/22/21, individuals age 16 & older with certain medical conditions that have a greater risk of severe infection from COVID-19 are eligible for vaccination. The decision is based on recommendations from the CDC and supported by Wisconsin's medical experts.

Wisconsin DHS anticipates that Wisconsin will be able to open eligibility on **May 1, 2021** to include **ANYONE age 16 and older**. Please continue to monitor the amount of vaccine available with these resources below for the more up to date information.

- **Wisconsin Department of Health Services:** dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm
- **UW Health:** (coronavirus.uwhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/) or call (608) 720-5295
- **Walgreens:** Visit the Walgreens website (walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19) to create an account or call (1-800-Walgreens)
- **Vaccine Finder:** Search by zip code to find appointments (vaccinefinder.org/search/)
- **Metro Market and Pick-n-Save:** visit website (kroger.com/rx/covid-eligibility) or call (866) 211-5320 to schedule an appointment or check availability.

Visit CDC Website for more information regarding COVID-19 vaccines: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html

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ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ongoing through 2021
Membership Drive
theENA.org/join

Tuesday, April 6
Spring Election

Wednesday, April 7
ENA Board Meeting
7-9pm, link at theENA.org/meeting

Sunday, April 18
Earth Day Cleanup
Details in this issue

Wednesday, May 5
ENA Board Meeting
7-9pm, link at theENA.org/meeting

Saturday, May 15
Annual Meeting
10am, link at theENA.org/annual-meeting

Wednesday, June 2
ENA Board Meeting
7-9pm, link at theENA.org/meeting

June 10-12
Neighborhood Garage Sales
Details TBA

Tenant Resource Fundraiser
Details at theENA.org/housing