



**Elvehjem Neighborhood Association**

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

**Elvehjem Echo**  
Elvehjem Neighborhood Association  
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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



## Dear Neighbors,

As I look back at 2021, it's hard to believe that there have actually been 12 months. Time has never flown by so fast!

The ENA was grateful to restore some of our traditions this year after a tough year away in 2020. We had our Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Meeting, Garage Sales, Fourth of July Celebration, National Night Out, Halloween Neighborhood Bonfires, Turkey Trot, and Holiday in the Park - all while complying with public health orders and keeping everyone safe.

One big highlight from this year is that we fundraised \$3,045 for the Tenant Resource Center which went to assist Elvehjem renters and homeowners in need. This was a very meaningful gesture and I'm

thankful for those of you who were able to donate.

2022 will bring us many of the same great events, so please mark your calendars: Annual Meeting (4/9), Membership Drive Door-to-Door (4/9-5/9), Easter Egg Hunt (4/16), Earth Day Cleanup (4/24), Garage Sales (6/16-19), Fourth of July Celebration (7/2), National Night Out (8/2), Halloween Bonfires (10/31), Turkey Trot (11/24), and Holiday in the Park (12/3).

**Downloadable calendar and full event details at: [theENA.org/events](https://theENA.org/events)**

As you'll read on the next page, we're bringing some exciting updates to our communication strategy. In short: the Echo will publish quarterly instead of bimonthly, and we're introducing a monthly e-newsletter called the Extra that you can sign up to receive at [theENA.org/extra](https://theENA.org/extra) (or by scanning the following QR code).

Wishing you a fantastic start to the new year. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me about anything!

Sincerely,  
**Dan Collins**, ENA President  
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# The Echo: History and Future

The Elvehjem Echo first published in 1968 with Harold Smith presiding as Board President. Its early issues feature articles on bridge & euchre gatherings, spraying for mosquitoes, advocating for street lights & traffic control, parent/child events, and much much more. Remember, until a couple decades ago the primary modes of communication were snail mail and landlines—technology has come a long way!

We recently asked for firsthand accounts about earlier days of the Echo, here are a few highlights:

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"I remember Maxine Clevon as being very active in the early years of the ENA and writing for the Echo. She always included a favorite recipe." - **Robert J.**

"I remember delivering Echos on foot in the mid-70s. My route would have been in the Academy and Starker area. I want to say I made \$4/mo." - **Gary G.**

"Jan Herold was the editor/typist for the Echo from '73-83. Jan, my wife, and I (Larry D.) handled printing, collating, and stapling during those years. Jan Fumoso designed the ENA logo pictured below.

Layout in those days (before word processing) was done on an electric typewriter. Each article was first typed into columns then cut and pasted into a page layout to fit on an 8 1/2 X 11 pages. Once the layout was finalized, it was then typed onto the mimeograph stencils. The mimeograph stencils were fitted onto the mimeograph machine and cranked for each page. Pages were printed front and back so each sheet had to be run through the machine twice. Multiple pages were printed for each edition so pages had to be manually collated then stapled.

Distribution was handled by Wendy Tennyson and Trudy Baumgartner. They were in charge of the delivery kids. Kids were paid with gift certificates not money. The kids were forced to quit when child labor laws were applied.

The Echo staff also included a sunshine person, Marsha Briggs. Sunshine would send out greetings for special events like births and anniversaries as well as condolences for neighbors who have passed.

The ENA included the homes on the south side of Buckeye Rd. The area would later split from the ENA when they formed the East Buckeye NA." - **Larry D.**



"I delivered Echos for a few years when I was a preteen in '94-96. Someone would drop off a stack of papers with rubber bands. I would either walk or ride a bike—weather depending—and put one on everyone's door handle with the rubber band once per month... They paid me with an \$8 gift certificate to East Towne Mall each time." - **Doug T.**

"In 1996 the Echo was still hand-cranked from a mimeograph machine. I think I was LVM President when we started to use a print shop... I took pride in writing the President's column. It was a great way to pass on information you could not get easily elsewhere. With the [eventual] help of email lists, we could get information out timely. That was a thrill." - **Karl K.**

"Deliveries were by neighborhood kids... Every month no matter the weather." - **Mary B.**

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2022 will mark the 54th year of the Echo's publishing—the longest continuous of all of Madison's neighborhood associations. It also marks our shift to quarterly publishing along with the debut of our first monthly recurring e-newsletter, the Elvehjem Extra.

We're very excited to be making these updates both for sake of our environment (17,600 fewer sheets of paper being printed) and the ever-evolving technological landscape. In a time where more and more people are leaving social media, we're glad to be introducing an option that will keep Elvehjem residents in the know for many years to come.

Please visit [theENA.org/extra](http://theENA.org/extra) or scan the QR code on the previous page to subscribe to our new e-newsletter. The first issue will be sent in early January!

## TREASURER'S REPORT



We're ending our second pandemic year in good shape overall—we have about 150 active members, and our holiday events (Turkey Trot and Holiday in the Park) proved to be great fundraisers for the Association. I want to thank everyone who participated and contributed, and everyone who has kept their memberships active at this time.

We would not be here without you!

Looking ahead, we plan to resume our typical practice of conducting a door-to-door membership drive in 2022, which will improve our membership numbers and ultimately support our ongoing work. I'm confident we will come back in 2022 even stronger than ever. We will need your help—we'll need Block Captains to help us in this effort, so let us know if you can give some of your time next spring to talking to your neighbors about the importance of joining our Neighborhood Association.

Until then, I wish everyone a great holiday season and New Year!

Jacob Wright, Treasurer // [jacob@theENA.org](mailto:jacob@theENA.org)

## SECRETARY'S NOTE



The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association is always looking for new voices on our Board of Directors. Come join us!

There are openings right now for director-at-large. Bring your ideas and leave your mark on our wonderful neighborhood events, communications and charitable

activities. No prior experience required. All you need is an appetite to organize around our amazing neighborhood.

Contact the board at [board@theENA.org](mailto:board@theENA.org), if interested.

Thank you,  
Kim Bolinder, Secretary // [kim@theENA.org](mailto:kim@theENA.org)

## ALDER CURRIE'S COLUMN: BY JAELE CURRIE

Season's greetings friends and neighbors! I hope this message finds you in good health and spirit.

New alder districts and wards will go into effect January 1, 2022. Changes to District 16 include:

- Additions of the Reston Heights, Sprecher East, Door Creek and Meadowlands neighborhoods. District 16 will now have 13,863 residents, based on 2020 Census data
- The Glendale Neighborhood (which is currently split between Districts 15 and 16), will become entirely within District 16

Due to gaining new constituents and the wide ranging topics I have been contacted about, I have decided to begin hosting virtual office hours in 2022! The intent of office hours will be to provide you with varying, yet consistent times to be able to connect with me. I intend to start these meetings by the end of the 1st quarter and offer at least one opportunity to meet/month.

Some of you were able to join a public information meeting regarding the proposal for a new Sustainability Campus (aka landfill) in the Yahara Hills neighborhood. If you missed it and are interested in the topic, the meeting recording, FAQs and information about upcoming events can be found on the project page: <https://landfill.countyofdane.com/projects/WasteandRenewableProjects/Sustainability-Campus>. One of the resources offered are public tours of the current landfill. I was able to take a tour last week and would encourage you to as well. Please contact Sujata at [gautam.sujata@countyofdane.com](mailto:gautam.sujata@countyofdane.com) to inquire about tour dates. Many of have asked, why did this site get chosen and why aren't other options being explored? After the holiday season I plan to organize a meeting where residents can provide feedback to staff and also get specific questions (like the 2 previously mentioned) answered in greater detail.

Happy holidays and happy new year!





## EVENT RECAP: HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

On Saturday, December 4th the ENA hosted our second Holiday in the Park event at Elvehjem Park from 4-7pm.

We estimate around 350 people attended (!!) to gather 'round the bonfire, enjoy hot cocoa, and (if they were lucky) get a ride on the horse & carriage. Next year we will pre-register carriage rides to set better expectations and do away with unnecessary waiting.

Thanks to Eclectic Shire Farms for bringing the horse & carriage; Yahara River Chorus for volunteering their voices in song at the start of the event; and Gaylord Catering for providing hot water dispensers.

Also, thank you to the handful of versatile volunteers that showed up to tend the fire, help with carriage rides, monitor snacks, and so on. It's really a great feeling to see everybody come together to share in the merriment of the season.

Photos by  
Marc DeCarli



## EVENT RECAP: TURKEY TROT

Conditions seemed ill-suited for a race Thanksgiving morning, but the residents of the Elvehjem neighborhood would not be dissuaded from the in-person return of the Turkey Trot.

Over 100 people arrived at Droster Park in 30 degrees and an unexpected Turkey Day snowstorm to participate in either the 5k or the 2-mile run/walk. Neighbors lined up along the bike path to cheer on the returning runners as they turned the corner for the final spring through the park to the finish line.



Many hung around the park to enjoy the company of their fellow runners and families and enjoy a cookie or two. The generosity of the Elvehjem neighborhood also shown through at the donation table: participants brought over 150 pounds of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank, and several bags of hats and mittens were donated to Elvehjem Elementary for any Bobcats in need of winter wear. Thanks to all who participated, and we're looking forward to an even better 2022 Turkey Trot!

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: LIN HAYNES

We're introducing a new segment that we hope to continue in coming issues called "meet your neighbor." Featured in this issue is poet Lin Haynes.

Lin is a retired nurse and Army Veteran. She was born in the Midwest and bought a house in Elvehjem last year. She loves the neighborhood and the community. A nature lover and birder, being surrounded by nature inspires her to write poetry—something that has been doing since she was a child.

Accolades: WI Academy of Poets, Generac Power Systems Veteran's Art Exhibit, UW Hospital and Clinics, Madison's Poet Laureate Arts For All's 2021 Creative Power Poetry Award, National Library of Poetry Editor's Choice.

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*Lin Haynes 2021*

It's a HOLD ON!  
Heart in palm  
Into the arc of Up  
Into the sloop of Down  
Into WHAT IF?

It's a LET'S GO!  
Arms in the air  
Into the blue of Hope  
Into the pink of Joy  
Into YES!



## RECIPE: CHEESY WILD RICE SOUP

*Adapted from Taste of Home*

"We often eat easy-to-make soups when there's not a lot of time to cook. I replaced the wild rice in the original recipe with a boxed rice mix. This creamy concoction is now a favorite."

Ingredients (8 servings):

- 1 package (6.2 ounces) fast-cooking long grain and wild rice mix
- 4 cups 2% milk
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of potato soup, undiluted
- 8 ounces Velveeta, cubed
- 1/2 pound bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- Optional: Minced chives and oyster crackers

Directions (30min to make):

1. In a large saucepan, prepare rice mix according to package directions.
2. Add the milk, soup and cheese. Cook and stir until cheese is melted.
3. Garnish with bacon and, if desired, minced fresh chives and oyster crackers.



## EVENT RECAP: HALLOWEEN BONFIRES

We would like to thank all of the eager participants in this year's Halloween Bonfire event. Over 25 spooky-spirited households in the Elvehjem neighborhood signed up!



The weather was fair for late October and cooled down quickly after sundown. There were many trick-or-treaters out and about to enjoy the outdoor candy collecting camaraderie, and we've heard several accounts of neighbors getting together for safe and fun bonfire-side festivities. Hope you had a happy Halloween!

If you like what we're doing or have suggestions for future Halloween-related neighborhood events don't hesitate to reach out at: [halloween@theENA.org](mailto:halloween@theENA.org). Thank you!

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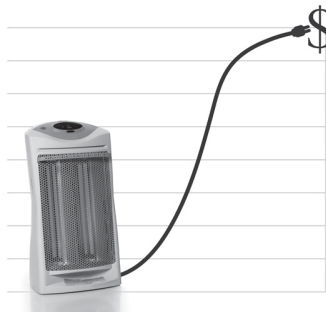
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## ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 4

### **ENA Board Meeting**

6:00-8:30pm @ 3201 Dairy Dr (Fire Station14)

Tuesday, February 1

### **ENA Board Meeting**

6:00-8:30pm @ 3201 Dairy Dr (Fire Station14)

Saturday, April 9

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

10:00am @ Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

April 9 - May 9

### **Membership Drive**

Greeters will go door-to-door

Saturday, April 16

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

9:30am @ Droster Park

Sunday, April 24

### **Earth Day Cleanup**

Details at [theENA.org](http://theENA.org)

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