



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

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! 2020 is shaping up to be another great year for the neighborhood. But first, I would like to look back at 2019 and some of the highlights we had with our events.

We started our year with our usual trifecta: the Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Meeting, and Membership Drive. They were all successes, with a well-attended egg hunt and annual meeting, and block captains again hitting the streets for our membership drive. We have seen our membership go down over the past years, but the amount of money given remains relatively the same. In the years to come, we are looking to make improvements to help these numbers and reach new neighbors who recently moved into the neighborhood.

Our biggest change this year was the move of the Annual 4th of July celebration from Elvehjem Park to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. It was a resounding success. The new parade route went off without a hitch, there was plenty green space and shade for attendees to relax in the nice weather, and even indoor space with air conditioning to beat the heat! A big thank you to Linda Fonger and Pastor Cory for all of their help and hosting the event. We will be back at the same location for 2020, with some improvements to make it even better this year.

The central Halloween bonfire moved to a Neighborhood Halloween Bonfire with a map and neighbors hosting small get-togethers in their driveways. Taking advantage of the good weather, the 2019 Turkey Trot was one of our most successful in recent years. Finally, we ended the year on a high note by hosting Holiday in the Park at Elvehjem Park. Complete with a bonfire and sleigh rides, it went off without a hitch.

2020 will feature many of the same events, with improvements to make them even better than 2019. We look forward to seeing you at these events to help celebration 2020 together.

Sincerely,

Charles Donaldson

ENA President,

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ELVEHJEM COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Elvehjem Community Garden is preparing for its seventh season of operation. With both full (20'x20') and half (10'x20') plots there is space in the garden for about 30 families to raise vegetables and flowers. The garden also has four accessible raised beds. Plots at the garden rent on a sliding fee scale from \$12 to \$75. These plot fees pay for water, tools, and other amenities. Only organic gardening practices are allowed.

If you are interested in the garden you can contact us at garden@elvehjemneighborhood.org. If you aren't interested in gardening, you are always welcome to visit.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jacob Wright

Hope everyone is staying warm! I'm closing out 2019 and preparing the budget for 2020, which I will present for your approval at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 18th. I hope to see many of you there.



One of the best things you can do to support your neighborhood is to join the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association. With your dues, we are able to fund great events like the Holiday in the Park, Fourth of July, and much more. We also support our neighborhood schools through donations and sponsorships for various programs.

We find out about opportunities to help from our members, so if you have an idea or see a need, please do not hesitate to let us know—whether it's a school program in need of help, an idea for an event with neighbors, or something else!

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns! -- jacob@elvehjemneighborhood.org

SECRETARY'S CORNER



By Kim Bolinder

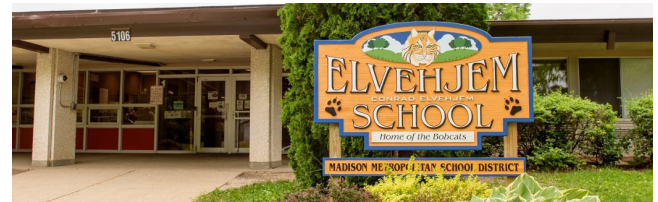
Dear Neighbors,

The new year has arrived! We have many great events planned for 2020 beginning with our Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11.

If you're new to the neighborhood, welcome! The ENA Board would love to get to know you at one of our events or board meetings which are always open to the public. You can also stay connected by joining our Facebook page titled "Elvehjem Neighborhood." Our next board meeting is on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Mark your calendars now for the ENA Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 18. Hope to see you soon!

You may contact me at:
kim@elvehjemneighborhood.org

LVM ELEMENTARY



The ENA works with our local elementary school to provide assistance when needed. Below are some ways that you can help, per the PTO:

- Volunteer in a classroom or at recess.
- Help with the school garden.
- Donate your time to a cause that interests you.
- Participate in school events: Fun Fair (April), Yearbook (April/May), Bobcat Boogie (May)
- Attend our largest fundraiser, Trivia Night. Saturday 2/8, 6:30-10:30 at the VFW on Cottage Grove Rd. Teams up to 10 people, \$20/person incl. meal and desert.
- Donation from your workplace for our silent auction at trivia night.
- Donation to Foundation for Madison public school endowment fund.

The PTO can be reached at lvmppto@gmail.com.

EVENT RECAP

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

On Saturday, December 7th the ENA endeavored to host our first Holiday in the Park event at Elvehjem Park. Despite the limited number of days we were afforded to plan and put on this gathering, we think it went swimmingly!

Big thanks to the handful of versatile volunteers that showed up to tend 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.



We're planning to welcome the East Buckeye Neighborhood Association into this event next December, so stay tuned for updates around Christmastime!

Santa photo by Marc DeCarli.



EVENT RECAP

Turkey Trot

The Tenth Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving was a big success. Though cloudy, the wind was light and the temperature was perfect for a 5K run and 2-mile walk. Around 150 runners, walkers and volunteers participated.

The 5K winners were, pictured left-to-right: Adult (13 & over) - Chris Wolf and Jennifer Meudt; Youth (12 & under) - Carter Schroepefer and Maelee Berkel.

Check out the Elvehjem Neighborhood Facebook page for other pictures from the event posted by Mona Everett.

The Neighborhood Association is looking for race coordinators for next year. Please contact LVM board members if you are interested: enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org



UPCOMING EVENT

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11 at 9:30am
Droster Park, 1429 Droster Rd

Join us at the Elvehjem Neighborhood Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11 at Droster Park, 1429 Droster Rd. Be sure to bring your own basket and get there early - we start at 9:30 AM SHARP.

Children of all ages and their parents/guardians are welcome. We'll have a separate area for kids age 4 and under.



Change from last year: there are no special eggs this year. Treat bags will be given to all participants. Afterward, line up for a photo with the Easter Bunny or meet some firefighters and explore the fire engine. Or take a funny photo in our Selfie Booth! Volunteers are needed to scatter eggs and pass out treat bags. Also, we'd like someone to take pictures of the event for posting on Facebook and in the Echo. Contact Kim Bolinder at (608) 345-7258 or kim@elvehjemneighborhood.org if interested. Your help is needed to make this event successful. We look forward to seeing you there.

ELVEHJEM GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT

For those unfamiliar, the Good Neighbor Project (GNP) is the Madison Police Department's community safety program, and Elvehjem has recently established a local "chapter" lead by resident Kim Richman. Below are some tips that the GNP is offering up to keep you and your stuff safe:

- Get to know our neighbors and police officers to form an even larger social network.
- The 9 House Model: connect with your IMMEDIATE neighbors (who are our first responders). 3 across the street, 3 in back, and 1 on either side. Exchange email addresses, phone numbers, and emergency contacts. Great to know we have neighbors looking out for each other.
- "9pm Routine" and "Nightly Lockup": Lock up your outside vehicles and BRING IN THE GARAGE DOOR OPENER.
- Lock your vehicles—even inside the garage—and keep your smart FOB a good distance from the garage.
- Use LED dusk-to-dawn, timed, or motion-detecting interior AND exterior lighting all around your house.
- Consider a video doorbell, interior and exterior cameras, or a complete security system.
- If you're on vacation, have somebody tend to your property. Use indoor lighting timers for the perception that you're home, and don't post pictures of yourself on the beach UNTIL you're home!

If you are not a member of the [Elvehjem Area Good Neighbor Project Facebook page](#) search us on Facebook and request to join. A great place for regular updates, announcements & tips on this topic.

Don't forget the Eastside "Coffee with a Cop" with Officer Howard Payne. Second Tuesday of each month at 10am at the MPD East District Office.

MSCR Fall Programs



Check out our classes at MSCR East, 4620 Cottage Grove Rd Dance • Fitness Arts & Enrichment Family Workshops Recreation for all ages.



For a complete list of activities see the Fall 2019 Program Guide or go to mscr.org for more information.



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Monona Grove Nursery School

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ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 5
ENA Board Meeting
7 - 9 pm at Great Dane Eastside

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

Wednesday, April 1
ENA Board Meeting
7 - 9 pm at Great Dane Eastside

Saturday, April 11
Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 - 10:30 am at Droster Park

Saturday, April 18
Annual Meeting & Social/Lunch
10 am - 12 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 18 - Sunday, May 18
Membership Drive
Neighborhood Wide

Sunday, April 19
Earth Day Cleanup & Garlic Mustard Pull
1 pm at Elvehjem Park