



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

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

At the time of my writing this we're enjoying an early summer with temperatures in the 80's along with Wisconsin's incomparable humidity. Seeing all of you walkers, bikers, and joggers out on Elvehjem's trails brings a smile to my face as I think about our shared surroundings.

Speaking of sharing, I was delighted to meet State Representative Samba Baldeh at our Annual Meeting on May 15th and was inspired by the words he put forth (*paraphrasing*): Elvehjem's problems are Madison's problems are Wisconsin's problems are the United States' problems are the World's problems. This is to say that **we're all connected, despite our distance or differences.**

In this spirit, I'd like to encourage each of us to reflect on how our actions impact others, no matter how small or inconsequential they may seem. The more we recognize our shared humanity with a sense of empathy and compassion, the better off we'll be. This goes for social media *and* the physical world by the way...

Now some housekeeping for June & July! A reminder that we're only taking 2021 memberships [online](#) or via the form in this Echo, so if you'd like to join and contribute a donation to the many events and efforts that the ENA manages, we'd be ever grateful.

We're very excited to be putting on our Fourth of July Celebration (on July 3rd) for the first time since 2019. With the CDC and Dane County's recent relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions, it's looking like we'll be able to host a safe, vibrant event without compromising many of the things that make gathering fun. Please see page 3 for details; come one come all!

Consider perusing the many neighborhood garage sales that will be popping up between June 10-12; I have a feeling that we might be looking at double the usual number of goods for sale given our year off. Thanks to our neighbor Diana Winter for coordinating the map!

Let's make this summer one to remember!

Sincerely,
Dan Collins, ENA President
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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.

Fourth of July Celebration (on July 3rd!)

Saturday, July 3 at 11AM

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Rd

8:30AM - FIRECRACKER 5K & 2-MILE WALK

Join us in front of Elvehjem Elementary at 8:30am for the Firecracker 5k Run/2-Mile Walk. Pre-registration is not required; simply show up at the starting line on race day! Route will be posted in advance at the website below.

11:00AM - BIKE PARADE - (10:45AM LINEUP, 11:00AM START)

Decorate your bike, trike, stroller, wagon, or scooter in Red, White, & Blue and line up for the Bike Parade in front of Elvehjem Elementary at 10:45AM. Parade Route: Elvehjem Elementary facing Ellen Ave; left on Ellen; right on Painted Post; left on Droster to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

11:00AM - CELEBRATION

Food & drink, raffle, outdoor games, face painters, live music... and of course the company of your fellow neighbors!

8:30AM-12:45PM - SILENT AUCTION

Various donated items will be on display for you to bid on. Winners will be announced at 12:45pm, however you won't need to be present to claim your prize.

1:00PM - RAFFLE DRAW

Full details and updates at theENA.org/fourth-of-july.



ELVEHJEM GARAGE SALES

June 10-12, 8am-4pm
Neighborhood-wide

After a year off, the Elvehjem Neighborhood Garage Sales are back, and participation is FREE (donations accepted)! The Neighborhood Garage Sales will be Thursday, June 10th - Saturday, June 12th.

Sign up and/or donate at the following website by Friday, June 4th to have your sale included on the map that will be advertised in the Wisconsin State Journal, Craigslist, and more! theENA.org/garage-sales

Please note that this year the map will be available online only - there will be no delivery of paper maps. Let go of your treasures and make some cash! Sign up today!



ALDER COLUMN: JAEEL CURRIE



My name is Jael (pronounced Jay-el) Currie and I'm honored to introduce myself as your Alder. I am a lifelong Madisonian and eastsider. For the past 10 years I've lived in the East Buckeye neighborhood with my family.

I bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to the council. I am a social worker by education and started my career working in Child Protective Services. I currently serve as the Housing Director at YWCA Madison, chair of the Homeless Services Consortium of Dane County (HSC) and Vice President of the HSC Board of Directors.

As Alder, I have been appointed to the city's Finance, Housing Strategy, Early Childhood Care and Education committees, as well as the Committee on Employee Relations and the Madison Guaranteed Income Program

Advisory Task Force. While all of my roles keep me very busy, I am striving to be as accessible as possible and keep District 16 residents updated on pertinent news as it relates to our district, communities within it and the overall city.

Please subscribe to my city blog and follow me on Facebook ([Alder Jael Currie, District 16](#)). I will also be writing a recurring column in the Echo which I'm really excited about! If you need to reach me, email is preferred district16@cityofmadison.com followed by text or phone call (608-561-7151).

A New Future For The Elvehjem Park Tennis Courts



Hello, my name is Patrick Hasburgh and I am a founding member of the Madison Skatepark Fund (MSF). Our group worked for 15 years to bring Madison its first public skatepark in The Goodman Skatepark in McPike Park, downtown.

The tennis courts at Elvehjem Park are almost un-useable despite being repaired just 5 years ago. The Madison Parks Division is not planning to repair the courts again and hopes to partner with MSF to create Madison's first DIY "all-wheel park" at the location... DIY is short for "Do It

Yourself" and "all-wheel park" is a more inclusive term for all things wheeled.

MSF will provide materials and labor for construction through fundraising and volunteer workdays where interested users and community members (under the guidance of volunteer skatepark construction industry professionals) build obstacles in the park. Involving volunteers from the community in the construction process instills a sense of ownership in future users. Parks staff will periodically evaluate the park and address any design concerns.

MSF and Madison Parks hope to complete a smaller pilot project in Warner Park this summer and if all goes well we may be able to start construction at the Elvehjem tennis courts this fall!

Questions or comments: patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

Independence Day: Like many of you, I am looking forward to our Independence Day celebration on July 3! As I reported at the Annual Meeting, our budget for this year includes a modest amount for in-person celebrations, which we're all excited about after 2020. At our July 3 event, there will be outdoor games, face-painting, and more—along with a Silent Auction fundraiser, as we've done in previous years. We appreciate your support of this fundraiser.

Join in 2021: On a similar note, we're very appreciative of all who have joined in 2021—over 70 households so far! There's a membership form in this newsletter and I hope you'll consider joining if you're able and you've not done so already. You can also join online at theENA.org/join. The money we raise through memberships and events goes a long way to support our community-building and service work.

Recap of 2020: Our work in 2020 would not have been possible without our members. As I noted at the Annual Meeting, while we spent some of our reserve funds to support groups who are providing essential support to our neighbors in need—including matching donations to both the River Food Pantry and Second Harvest Food Bank—we also relied on membership fees as we did so. Our revenues were reduced by the absence of events as well as our suspension of fees to advertise in the Echo. But, we felt the need to support our neighbors in any way we can. We also took the opportunity to hone in our ability to do virtual events well, which is something we hope to keep doing for events such as the virtual candidates' forum we held ahead of the April 2021 elections.

So, we sincerely thank those of you who were able to join last year. We couldn't have gotten through without you!

Housing Fund: Finally, a huge Thank You to all who have supported our Housing Crisis fund, and our goal of raising \$10,000 in 2021! We're about 1/3 of the way there.

The Tenant Resource Center uses these funds to help individuals and families in the Elvehjem neighborhood who need help to stay housed. This is essential work to prevent homelessness as the pandemic continues to impact so many of us. Though things are looking up for this summer, there are many who still need help. If you're able to contribute to this fund, you can learn more and donate here: theENA.org/housing. You can also mail donations to us—just specify in the Memo field of your check that the funds are to go to the housing fund.

The Last Word: A sincere Thank You for reading this update. If you ever have any questions, you can reach me at: treasurer@theENA.org - *Jacob Wright, Treasurer*



EARTH DAY RECAP

by Ashley Bleecker

I just wanted to give a mini recap on the Earth Day and Garlic Mustard Cleanup. We had a very good turnout for the event, a couple dozen folks showed up. The majority of the volunteers were eager to pull garlic mustard.



I was unaware how much garlic mustard was at Elvehjem Sanctuary, and many of the volunteers brought to my attention that in future years, we should organize garlic mustard pulls earlier than Earth Day to pre-empt their seeds dropping in April. We plan to reflect this change in timing in future years. Any advice or ideas are welcome!

In addition, for anyone willing to continue to pull garlic mustard, there are now signs in designated spots along the trails in Acewood Conservation Park and Elvehjem Sanctuary where pulled plants can be dropped for pick-up by Parks.

Send feedback or questions to:
ashley@theENA.org

EGG HUNT RECAP

by Kim Bolinder

Thanks to everyone who came out for our first in-person event since the start of the pandemic. Nice weather and very few egg hunt events being held in Madison really boosted attendance to an estimated 125 children.

Really great to see the kids and adults enjoying the fun! The Easter Bunny was a popular attraction and posed for lots of pictures. Just the kick we needed to get Spring started!

Feedback, improvements, etc. can be sent to:
kim@theENA.org



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\$40 per eighth-page per issue; \$100 if you pay for three in advance
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\$100 per half-page per issue; \$250 if you pay for three in advance
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Summer Recipe: Fresh Corn Salad

submitted by Claire Koenig from Food Network

The perfect side for almost any summer meal, this tasty recipe is simple enough for a quick dinner at home and colorful enough to bring to a gathering. It can also be made with frozen corn!

Ingredients:

5 ears of corn, shucked
½ cup small-diced red onion (1 small onion)
3 tablespoons cider vinegar
3 tablespoons olive oil
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½ cup chopped fresh basil leaves



Directions:

- 1.) In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the corn for 3 minutes until the starchiness is just gone. Drain and immerse it in ice water to stop the cooking and to set the color. When the corn is cool, cut the kernels off the cob, cutting close to the cob.
- 2.) Toss the kernels in a large bowl with the red onions, vinegar, olive oil, salt, and pepper. Just before serving, toss in the fresh basil. Taste for seasonings and serve cold or at room temperature.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

by Dan Collins

Thanks to all that attended! We had at least 21 in-person attendees in addition to a handful of virtual viewers. It was so refreshing to see so many neighbors in one place enjoying dialogue, coffee, and doughnuts.

We heard from our Neighborhood Liaison, Officer Howard Payne; our District 16 Alder Jael Currie; our State Representative Samba Baldeh; Aaron Collins, Chief of Staff for Senator Melissa Agard; and Pat Hasburgh with Ann Friewald of the Madison Skatepark Fund & Madison Parks respectively.

During the meeting the 2021 Elvehjem Neighborhood Association [Board of Directors](#) and [budget](#) were approved.

You can review the slideshow from the event here: theENA.org/annual-meeting



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ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ongoing through 2021
Membership Drive
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Ongoing through 2021
Tenant Resource Fundraiser
Details at theENA.org/housing

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

June 10-12
Neighborhood Garage Sales
Details in this issue and at
theENA.org/garage-sales

Wednesday, June 30
ENA Board Meeting
7-9pm, details at theENA.org/meeting

Saturday, July 3
Firecracker 5k/2-Mile Run
8:30am, details in this issue and at
theENA.org/fourth-of-july

Saturday, July 3
Fourth of July Celebration
11am, details in this issue and at
theENA.org/fourth-of-july

Wednesday, August 4
ENA Board Meeting