



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

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

I wanted to take this opportunity to talk about a cause that means a lot to me: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County.

Three years ago, in October 2018, I applied to become a 'big' after hearing good things about the program from a friend of mine. My free time was plentiful and I thought it would be a decent thing to volunteer in this capacity. Moreover, I was encouraged by the idea of direct volunteering and the immediate impact that it might have--this is the same reason that I serve on our neighborhood board.

I was matched with my 'little brother' Amareas in November of 2018. He was 11 at the time, now 14 and a freshman in high school. In a few words, this kid is considerate, creative, wise, dramatic, funny, and inspirational. I enjoy my time with him and this feeling appears mutual.

Since being matched, we've gotten together for nearly 100 outings and done so many cool things in the Madison area: museums, parades, boating, movies, state parks, arcades, cooking, sledding, exercising, Badger games, concerts, new sports, and a lot more. Providing these experiences to such a sweet, budding young man has been incredibly meaningful.

I'm not writing this as a formal ambassador for BBBS, but merely as your neighbor in a city with needs. If you find yourself wanting to get involved in this way, please reach out to me with any questions and I would be delighted to tell you more.

Now, how might I tie the above into Elvehjem? Well, BBBS isn't the only program that needs volunteers! **The ENA is seeking board members to step in and get active with things like event planning, graphic design, technology/web, newsletter help, and plenty of other areas.** This association doesn't exist without folks like you, so if your interest is the slightest bit piqued, let me help you make the next step.

Email, text, or call with a brief introduction and I'll tell you more about what we're doing and how you can help.

Sincerely,
Dan Collins, ENA President
(608) 218-4515
dan@theENA.org

E.N.A. MEMBERSHIP FORM 2021 (3 months left!!)

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EMAIL: _____

(RESIDENT 2, OPTIONAL): FIRST/LAST NAME _____

(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.

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

*Amount \$ _____ Cash Check # _____

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT



I want to start by thanking everyone who has joined the ENA this year! While COVID has been difficult for us—and everyone!—we've managed to stay solvent and support local events and causes. This is thanks to everyone who has joined, from long-standing members to newcomers.

I thank you all. Without you, it

wouldn't be possible to hold events like our Fourth of July party and upcoming Holiday in the Park, and we wouldn't be able to support great local causes like the neighborhood Housing Crisis Fund and the LVM School Bobcat Boogie!

So this is a reminder to those who haven't joined yet in 2021 to please do so if you're able! Memberships are our main source of income, and at just over 100- members in 2021, we're down a bit from previous years. With the pandemic, we've not gone door-to-door (though we hope to resume that next year!) so we're really counting on these newsletters so serve as a reminder.

Looking forward to seeing many of you for Halloween Bonfires!

Jacob Wright, Treasurer // jacob@theENA.org

SECRETARY'S NOTE



Drive with Caution, Kids in Motion

It's been a while since we've seen school children walking or rolling through the neighborhood or had to stop behind the flashing red lights of a school bus. With social distancing, you may see groups of walkers spread out more than usual. Slowing down and avoiding distractions –

cell phones, loud music, even conversations – will help you react more quickly. That's important because students are going back to school and the days are getting shorter. Bear in mind kids aren't the best at gauging distance and speed or knowing when it's safe to cross a street. Kids may dart into the street to catch a bus without checking for traffic. Let's make it a priority to ensure children and all pedestrians are safe in LVM. Please slow down.

If you have any suggestions for Echo content, or want to provide general feedback, feel free to contact me at kim@theENA.org.

Thank you,
Kim Bolinder, ENA Secretary

ALDER CURRIE'S COLUMN: BY JAELE CURRIE

The past and impending months have/will be extremely busy for District 16! Here are some updates about my involvement in 3 top issues I have been working on. I can be reached at district16@cityofmadison.com or (608) 561-7151.

Dairy Drive Encampment

I have been diligently working with city staff representing multiple departments regarding the planning and development of this site. This has included outreach and communication with several businesses that neighbor the site to receive their feedback, yield and answer questions and make them aware of plans. I have prioritized these businesses due to frustrations that they weren't aware this was being planned by the city. Please save the date for a (virtual) public meeting that will be held to share information with the entire district and others interested in learning more - 10/6 from 6-7:30pm. There is a chance this date will be moved due to delays with site development but either way, I will share updates about the meeting (when finalized) on my [city blog page](#) and aldermanic [Facebook account](#).

Neighborhood Safety, Violence Prevention and MPD Presence

I am extremely concerned about the recent incidents of shots fired/gun violence and increased police presence in D16 neighborhoods and the east side. While crime rates are trending downward in comparison to other years, the frequency of shots fired and gun violence are serious issues citywide that need immediate solutions. I look forward to continuing to work with city staff, my peers on the council, as well as MPD and others invested in the issue.

2022 Budget Preparation

The 2022 Capital Executive Budget is now available at [cityofmadison.com/finance/budget](https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget) and capital budget hearings took place Monday 9/13 and Tuesday 9/14. Soon to follow will be the Operating Budget and hearings. The previously mentioned webpage contains a lot of information about the process. If you have questions, please free to contact me and I will try my best to answer them - I am still learning as well! To the right is an image I have found helpful for reminding me about the difference between the two.

CAPITAL VERSUS OPERATING COMPARING MADISON'S BUDGETS	
<p>The capital budget funds physical infrastructure.</p>	<p>The operating budget funds the City's daily business.</p>
<p>This funding covers long-term projects, such as major infrastructure replacements.</p>	<p>This funding covers City programs and services, as well as staff and supplies.</p>
<p>Capital funds cover projects like library construction, housing, roads, and water system improvements.</p>	<p>Operating funds cover services like trash collection, snow removal, operation of parks, and metro transit.</p>
<p>The capital budget is funded by borrowing, assessments, and federal and state grants.</p>	<p>The operating budget is funded by property taxes, charges for service, and federal and state aid.</p>
<p>Learn more at https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget.</p>	

EVENT: HALLOWEEN BONFIRES

Sunday, October 31st
Neighborhood wide, 4-8pm

Once again in 2021, instead of one large bonfire down at the Elvehjem Shelter, several members of the ENA Board are hosting "stops" within the neighborhood, and we are encouraging other neighbors to host their own stops!

We're currently compiling a list of "stops" so that neighbors can plan routes to hit the stops and socialize with neighbors. Questions, comments? Already know you'll be hosting? Mail in the signup form below or submit info via email. You can view the current map at theENA.org/halloween-bonfires.

The ENA is encouraging everyone to have fun and stay safe by following current Covid guidelines from health officials. Happy Halloween!



🎃 🎃 SIGN UP: ADD YOUR HOUSE TO THE MAP 🎃 🎃

If you would like to host a stop on the ENA Halloween bonfire map, please fill out the following and mail to Jared Marker at 1033 Painted Post or email to halloween@theENA.org.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Contact info will be used only to confirm event; will not be publicly displayed.

EVENT: TURKEY TROT



Get your 2021 Thanksgiving morning off to a healthy start with a little exercise! The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association is **bringing back the Turkey Trot this year with both in-person and virtual options.**

Join us for a 5k run or 1.5-mile walk on Thanksgiving morning, or choose any time that weekend to run the route and share your time over email: turkey.trot@theENA.org

Registration is \$5, sign up at: theENA.org/turkey-trot

Consider bringing a nonperishable donation for the Second Harvest Foodbank to help out families in need and/or a donation to the LVM Elementary School Hats and Mittens Drive! Drop items off the morning of the race or any time that weekend at 1614 Brynwood.

Interested in helping make the event a success? We are in need of volunteers to help with providing snacks at the finish line, setting up, directing participants along the course, and cleaning up. **If you are able to help please email Pete: pete@theENA.org**

EVENT: HOLIDAY IN THE PARK!

Saturday December 4th from 4-7pm @ Elvehjem Park

Please save the date for our annual Holiday in the Park!

We're so excited to be returning to in-person for one of the most memorable events in our calendar. The holidays may seem far off but we're looking at just two months before we kick things off with our celebration!

Like years past there will be several attractions:

- 1. Horse & carriage rides.** Small groups are carted around Elvehjem with horses leading the way—an enchanting experience for both young and old!
- 2. Big bonfire!** We safely burn pallet wood and gather around in what becomes a magical circle of entrancement. This is a great place for conversation with familiar faces or new neighbors.
- 3. Food & drink.** We provide sweet snacking and piping hot chocolate for you to enjoy as you socialize in the park.
- 4. Santa** will be there! Your kiddos will get their first glimpse of Santa this year in his festive getup. Pictures encouraged.

Bring friends, bring family, but most importantly bring your holiday spirit! Full details and updates will be posted at: theENA.org/holiday-in-the-park



ADVERTISE IN THE ECHO!

The Elvehjem Echo reaches about 2,000 local households, six times per year, in print form. It reaches even farther online, where it's circulated from our website and in social media channels. We would love to help you spread the word about your business! Space is limited, so contact us TODAY to reserve your spot!

Prices for 2021-2022 issues are as follows—with all proceeds covering the cost of the Echo and the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association's community service work:

\$40 per eighth-page per issue; \$100 if you pay for three in advance
\$60 per quarter-page per issue; \$150 if you pay for three in advance
\$100 per half-page per issue; \$250 if you pay for three in advance
\$200 per full-page per issue; \$500 if you pay for three in advance

The electronic version of our newsletter is in color, so your ad can be, too! The paper version, however, is mailed in black & white, so please verify that your ad looks good in that format as well.

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CALL FOR GARDENERS

Do you enjoy gardening? We are looking for a group of volunteers who are willing to collaboratively **improve and maintain the flower beds around our three neighborhood signs**, as well as any other green spaces that might need a gardener's touch.



These green spaces are often the first things people notice when entering our neighborhood, and we hope to harness the talents of our neighbors to keep these spaces beautiful and inviting.

Responsibilities of group members would include fall flower bed cleanup, planting, weeding, and generally keeping these areas looking alive and tidy. Reimbursement will be available for materials (flowers, compost, mulch, etc.).

If you are interested in being a part of this initiative, please contact claire@theena.org.

UPDATE ON LVM PARK

Our neighborhood park is set to undergo updates over the next year! A nature play area will be installed next to the park shelter, which will give kids of all ages an area for imaginative play. The circular play area will include boulders and pretend fossils buried under pea gravel, as well as a play storefront. The area will be encircled by an asphalt path which will make the area accessible for bikes, scooters, strollers, and wheelchairs. Construction on this creative addition to our park is still planned for 2021.



As previously mentioned in the Echo, Madison Skatepark Fund (MSF) plans to build a DIY all-wheel park on the crumbling tennis courts at Elvehjem Park. The all-wheel park will be an inclusive place for people of all ages to ride all things wheeled (skateboards, scooters, bikes, etc.). City Parks staff has been involved in the planning process and will continue to evaluate the park for safety and design concerns. MSF has begun construction of another all-wheel park at Warner Park this summer, and things are off to a successful start. Since MSF and its community volunteers have their hands full at Warner Park, construction of LVM's all-wheel park has been pushed back to 2022.

COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL SALE

Saturday, October 23rd from 8am-12pm @ Garver Feed Mill

The 28th annual Madison compost and rain barrel sale will be held on Oct. 23, 2021 at the Garver Feed Mill, 3241 Garver Green and pre-orders are now being taken.

The sale is being conducted in support of the City of Madison's various goals and action items related to food waste and source reduction measures that save the City and individual households water, fuel and money as reinforced by a recent resolution addressing food waste passed by City Council.

According to Brian Johnson, the City of Madison's Street Division Public Information Officer "The Dane County landfill has approximately 10 years of space left before it is full and needs to close. Food waste makes up nearly 20% of everything the City sends to the landfill each year. So every bit we can prevent from entering our trash and filling the landfill will help. Home composting appropriate food scraps is one way that residents can help."

Composting leaves and grass clippings along with food scrapes have the added benefit of reducing phosphorus in our local waterways which fueled many of the beach closures this past summer.

Thanks in part to the City's sponsorship of the annual Compost Bin and Rain Barrel sale, buying on a budget is possible. A limited supply is available so pre-ordering is strongly encouraged.

Compost bins and rain barrels diverters are available at discounted prices. Due to limited supplies, only composters and rain barrel diverters kits for converting repurposed barrels will be available. For more information and to pre-order visit cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm



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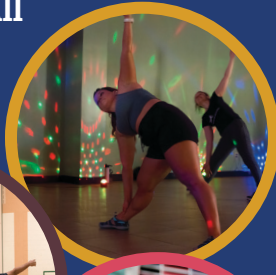
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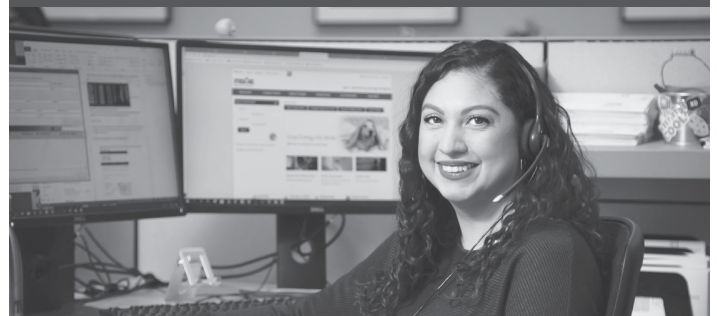
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ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ongoing through 2021
Membership Drive
theENA.org/join

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Tenant Resource Fundraiser
Details at theENA.org/housing

Wednesday, October 6
ENA Board Meeting
6:00-8:30pm @ 3201 Dairy Dr (Fire Station14)

Sunday, October 31
Halloween Bonfires

Wednesday, November 3
ENA Board Meeting
6:30-8:30pm, location [TBA](#)

Thursday, November 25
Turkey Trot
theENA.org/turkey-trot

Wednesday, December 1
ENA Board Meeting
6:30-8:30pm, location [TBA](#)

Saturday, December 4
Holiday in the Park
Elvehjem Park