



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

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

Last month I wrote about the Black Lives Matter movement and how it affects our neighborhood, and our role as an association. The response was very positive, with notes coming through our Facebook group, email, and in person. I appreciate the neighborhood's support as we take on this long path of anti-racism and social justice.

Moving forward, the first step is self-education and introspection. I will be starting a book club with local ENA volunteers to start this process. From there, we hope to expand the book club to include more neighbors, having difficult but necessary discussions about our neighborhood's future and anti-racism. If you are interested, please email me or call using the email or phone number in my signature and I can add you to the waiting list.

Looking ahead to this fall as a neighborhood, I wanted to touch on our fall events. With the presence of COVID-19 and Dane County orders, many of our fall events—like our summer events—will need to be cancelled or changed drastically. Regarding Halloween, we're deferring to the city's recommendation and would advise erring on the side of caution - sadly we won't be curating a map of neighborhood bonfires like last year.

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone who has joined the neighborhood this year and paid their membership dues. We have over 150 memberships this year thanks to the generous and kind people in our neighborhood. Although we were only able to advertise online and through our printed Echo, we were still able to reach much higher numbers than we expected. We hope to expand next year with door-to-door canvassing as we attempt to reach our previous year's goals of 400 or 500 households.

I wish everyone a happy fall, with cooler weather, leaves changing, and enjoying Halloween and Thanksgiving with family and loved ones.

Sincerely,
Charles Donaldson, ENA President
(651) 353-8523
charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org

MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP FORM

SIGN UP & PAY ONLINE IN 60 SECONDS!

➔ ➔ **theENA.org/join**



... or complete & return the form below

How would you like to receive your bimonthly *Echo* Newsletter: Email // Postal // Both

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** (_____) _____ - _____

FIRST/LAST NAME: _____

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 2020?

- 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.

Why join the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association?

Keep our tradition strong!

Elvehjem has the longest-running neighborhood association in Madison.

ENA is a 100% volunteer based organization that depends on the financial support of our neighborhood! Your \$15 annual membership dues support a wide range of valuable activities and services such as:

>> **Events for all ages:** Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sales, Kindness Rock Painting, Fourth of July Celebration & Firecracker Races, Make Music Madison concerts, Park play-dates, Halloween Bonfires, 5K Turkey Trot & Walk, Holiday in the Park

>> **Neighborhood improvement:** Adopt-a-school, Annual Neighborhood Meeting & Membership Drive, Earth Day Clean-up, Neighborhood Night Out, Decorating Contests, ENA Welcome Sign and Garden Maintenance

>> **Community building:** Foster relationships with local leadership & representatives, nearby neighborhood associations

>> **Communication:** Bimonthly Echo Newsletter, Website: theENA.org, Elvehjem Neighborhood Facebook Group: [theENA.org/fb](https://www.facebook.com/theENA.org/fb), Instagram, E-mail Updates

ENA DONATION to the RIVER FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to all of you...

As part of our 2020 Membership Donation Matching Challenge, in September the ENA delivered a **\$1,500 donation to the River Food Pantry** in support of their work to ending hunger in our community, helping our neighbors in times of need, and building a stronger community. The River Food Pantry have helped many of our members over the years and we are grateful to have them as neighbors. I am also grateful to Deb Crist, Tim & Sue Eberle, and all of our other neighbors who have supported RFP with their time and energy over the years.

As a reminder, we're still accepting memberships for the 2020 year. If you're able to join, every membership goes a long way! I am grateful to everyone who has been able to support us through this challenging year. We're happy to help our neighbors in need AND to gear up to make 2021 one for the books!

As always, be in touch with any questions. -Jacob, treasurer@elvehjemneighborhood.org



NEW BOARD MEMBER!

Welcome Quincy Blackwell!

Myself, my son, and my girlfriend Taylor have lived on Enda Ct since August of 2018. We love our townhouse and the garden we have in back, where the tomatoes are aplenty. We love cooking with fresh ingredients grown or foraged in the area, and our weekends are often spent exploring state parks across Wisconsin. We are huge sports fans in our house, Xavier just turned 3 and he plays every sport you could, and under normal circumstances would be enjoying a lot of Badger football games at Camp Randall this fall. I currently work in Patient Support at Exact Sciences. We are really looking forward to meeting more neighbors and bettering our community!



Contact at quincy@elvehjemneighborhood.org

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS!

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association is always looking for new voices on our Board of Directors. Join us! There are openings **right now**. Bring your ideas and leave your mark on our wonderful neighborhood events, communications, and charitable activities- and help to drive the social justice activities outlined in the President's Letter.



Relatedly, the ENA Board is forming a Social Justice workgroup to share ongoing ideas and put them into action. We need more voices in this workgroup.

Contact Charles Donaldson to get the ball rolling: charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org

GOATS: A REVIEW

In a time of universal uncertainty, one thing has remained constant: goats at Acewood Park.

Board member Dan Collins here. I reached out to Paul Quinlan of Madison Parks and asked him a few questions about this unique prescribed grazing and here's what he said:

Q: Did it work? Did the goats do a good job?

A: They were certainly effective at defoliating the targeted invasive woody species; picked the area clean! They also consumed nearly all of the garlic mustard and dame's rocket seed pods that they encountered. Grazing is a multi-year process, so we expect the undesirable woody species to decline over time, making room for native plants that we will establish from seed.

Q: Will this be a recurring effort? Can we expect more goats in future seasons?

A: We do plan to have the goats return to Acewood next year.

Q: Anything noteworthy or exciting to report?

A: Just the great attraction it was for people from the neighborhood and beyond! I had several calls all summer from people asking when and where they could see the goats. It certainly drew people out into the park, and gave them some relief from the pandemic-induced cabin fever we had all been feeling.



HOST A GATHERING!

The association will reimburse you for expenses related to socially distant block-party gatherings, and there is a template safety plan for these gatherings available on our website. If you're interested in taking advantage of this, please let me know. Sherven Drive did one for the 4th of July and it was very successful.



Contact Jacob at treasurer@elvehjemneighborhood.org

Are you a renter?

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association likes to reserve space on our board for people who rent so that renters' interests are represented. Currently, there is only one occupying this space. So, if you are a renter, we would love to have your voice on the Board of Directors!



Contact Charles Donaldson for more information: charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org

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Make your safe voting plan!

1. Check your registration on myvote.wi.gov.
2. Review your voting options (see theENA.org/vote for details!)
3. Cast your ballot.
4. Encourage others to make a safe voting plan!



The Madison City Clerk's Office has released an [elections podcast series](#) on iTunes to provide voters behind the scenes information about election processes, security procedures, serving as a poll worker, voter outreach efforts, and more including The Life of a Ballot. Search on your podcast app for Madison Votes.



FEATURED RECIPE: DOWNEAST MAINE PUMPKIN BREAD

Submitted by Claire Koenig, adapted from allrecipes.com

If you're looking for a perfect pumpkin bread recipe, this is it. This recipe makes a double batch of spicy, moist, fall-scented bread.

Keep one loaf for yourself and give one to your neighbor!

Ingredients

1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree (or 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups fresh pumpkin, roasted and pureed)
4 large eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup water
3 cups white sugar
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cloves
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground ginger

Directions

- 1.) Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour two 8x4 inch loaf pans.
- 2.) In a large bowl, mix together pumpkin puree, eggs, oil, water and sugar until well blended. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and ginger. Stir the dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture until just blended. Pour into the prepared pans.
- 3.) Bake for about 60 minutes in the preheated oven. Loaves are done when toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.



Support Local

Area businesses that will soon need your support as we slowly re-open.

Monona Grove Nursery School
Good Food Low Carb Café
Harley's Wine and Spirits
Slow Roll Cycles
A New Leaf
Anointed One
Badger Fitness
Buraka
Cost Cutters
Cottage Café
Crema Café
Cuco's
Culvers
Dairyland Family Restaurant
Dane County Farmers Market
David's Jamaican Cuisine
Eastside Veterinary Clinic
El Rancho Mexican Grill
Falbo Bros Pizzeria

Great Dane East
Heritage Bakery & Café
Inspire Barber and Beauty
I'm Board!
Kingdom Restaurant
Lake Edge Seafood
MSCR
Mcgee's Chicken
Misty Mountain Games
Monona Farmers Market
Pinney Library
Red Lion Singapore Grill
ReStore East
Sal's Tomato Pies
Savi Cafe & Catering
The Cozy Home
Twisted Grounds
VFW Post 7591
The Realty Medics
Waters Edge Photography



Do you own or manage a local business?

The ENA Board is taking some time in this pause from usual activities to examine our yearly event & other expenditures and find opportunities to localize and diversify our spending. If you own or manage a business in or around Elvehjem, how can we help you? How could we involve you in future events, communications, or other activities? Let's talk!

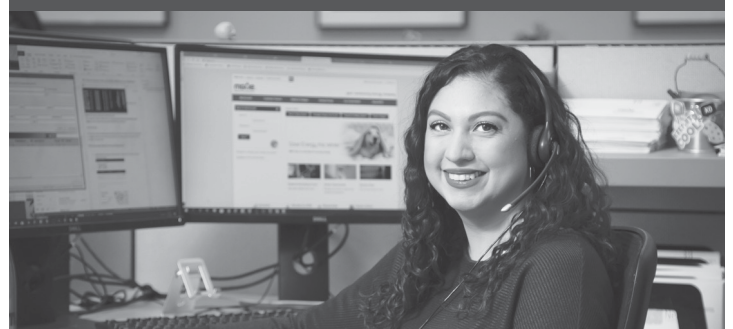
Contact Jacob, our treasurer, with your ideas, or to be added to the list:
treasurer@elvehjemneighborhood.org

A NOTE ON HALLOWEEN 2020



Halloween is a festive and exciting time of year in our neighborhood, but the ENA Board has decided it would be unwise to actively promote public large-scale social gathering on Facebook at this time. We still encourage neighbors to do whatever they feel is a safe way to celebrate with family and nearby neighbors (following social distancing and health guidelines of course), but we will not be hosting a big bonfire or putting together a community Google Map of bonfires. Whatever you do we hope you have fun and stay safe!

Your community energy company is here to help.



We're here to work with you.

MGE representatives are here to help Northside households and businesses that may need help during challenging times. If you need assistance, want to discuss payment options or have questions about your account, please visit the Customer Service section of mge.com or call us at (608) 252-7222.

Scams are on the rise. Make sure it's us.

If you receive a call, email or visit that you suspect is fraudulent, please call MGE at (608) 252-7222.

Get free energy-saving advice.

MGE can provide expert advice for how to assess and manage your energy use. Email our Energy Experts at AskExperts@mge.com.

MGE is committed to safe and reliable service.

Lights out, power line down or other emergency? Call us at (608) 252-7111.
Smell gas? Leave immediately and call us at (608) 252-1111.



Your community energy company



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ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 7

ENA Board Meeting

Driveway 22 Jaarsma Ct
6-8pm

Ongoing through 2020

Membership Drive

Neighborhood-Wide ONLINE and in this *Echo*

Wednesday, November 4

ENA Board Meeting

Location TBA

Wednesday, December 2

ENA Board Meeting

Location TBA

Saturday, December 5

Holiday in the Park

Details pending, more in the following newsletter

Membership Form Inside – Join the Association Today!