



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

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

The ENA recently finished our annual Membership Drive, and while we're still tallying the final numbers, it's looking like we enjoyed a healthy response to our door-knocking efforts.

I want to thank our 25 block captains who knocked on over 1,300 of your doors this April and May; a big thanks to those of you who stepped up and donated as a result. Our Association is nothing without you. By the way, we're taking donations all year, so feel free to [join online today](#) if you haven't yet!

Our annual Fourth of July Celebration takes place on July 2nd this year at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Droster. Come on out for a big silent auction, MELTED food truck, face painters, ice cream, music, 50/50 raffle, and good times! Details in this issue and on [our website](#).

Elvehjem Garage Sales take place between June 16-18 this year, so make sure to [peruse the map](#) and stroll the neighborhood for treasures! You never know what you might find... details herein.

This summer in Elvehjem is shaping up to be a really great one, and I was reminded at our Annual Meeting in April just how special this community is. If you didn't know, the ENA is the longest active-running neighborhood association in Madison, and not by chance. Our boundaries are packed with good-hearted, well-organized individuals who put others first and are routinely looking for ways to improve their community.

For every negative thing that may pop up in the news or on Facebook, I promise you there are dozens—if not hundreds—of noteworthy, heartwarming things happening right in our area. Look no further than up and down your own street.

May this summer be the one that you finally introduce yourself to "that one neighbor" or that you volunteer your time and energy toward a meaningful cause. Throw a block party, get the fire pit out, ride your bike, and let's enjoy the season!

Sincerely,
Dan Collins, ENA President
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TREASURER'S REPORT



With the membership drive wrapping up, as of this writing we are still tabulating paper/check joins. However, at this point we are up to over 160 online joins, so we are optimistic that our membership dues intake is bouncing back from 2020 and 2021. This is great news because membership dues are our primary

source of income. And that means that if you've yet to join for 2022, you can help us out tremendously by doing so today!

When you join the ENA, you're supporting our work in fostering communication—through this newsletter and other means—and in holding great events that bring the neighborhood together.

At our Annual Meeting in April, our 2022 budget was approved. We have a lot of great things planned, and you can see the budget at theENA.org/budget.

Be well!

Jacob Wright, Treasurer // jacob@theENA.org

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Did you know ENA maintains a babysitter list? We're doing a review and now is the time to get added or update your information.

Please send the below information to babysitter@theena.org

- Sitter's name
- Age
- Preferred pronouns
- Parent's name (if sitter is a minor)
- Phone number and/or email
- Any certification or special skills and experience

Responses are due by Monday June 20, 2022. You'll find the latest list at theENA.org/related-links

Thank you!

Kim Bolinder, Secretary // kim@theENA.org

ALDER CURRIE'S COLUMN: BY JAEI CURRIE

I'd like to take some time to acknowledge that our nation and community has witnessed several violently dark and devastating days recently, particularly the mass shooting at a Buffalo (NY) grocery store and the shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, TX. *"When hatred becomes more resolute in pushing its agenda than love, something is wrong. If we are not consistent with addressing racial issues of white supremacy, fear and nationalism, then this is the new wave of the future. This is our new reality."* - Dr. Alex Gee

This shouldn't and doesn't have to be our future. Sign the petition to call on our legislative leaders to take the first steps toward a safer WI and county by passing bills that are overwhelmingly supported by the public (ie: Universal Background Checks and Extreme Risk Protection Orders).

Transit Redesign

This [map](#) shows an amendment being proposed for redesigned (Metro) bus service – planned to be implemented in 2023 - within D16. Many have noted concerns about elimination of route 32 in entirety. The proposed amendment will continue this service along Buckeye Rd but not North/South (ie: Vondron/Acewood). Also included (as opposed to the original plan) is direct service between LaFollette & Owl Creek as well as service to Kings Mill Way. Service lost is direct service between downtown & several neighborhoods as well as the Dutch Mill Park and Ride. The Council will be voting on the redesign plan at its 6/7/22 meeting. Please contact me with any questions/concerns about this.

Summer Food Scraps Recycling

This summer from June 14, 2022 until September 27, 2022 you will be able to drop off certain food scraps at two neighborhood farmers markets. More details about food scraps recycling this summer can be found at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/food-scraps/Scrap.cfm>

Annual Water Quality Report

The 2021 report summarizing our water quality testing results is now available: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/water/water-quality/annual-drinking-water-quality-report>. In addition to formal report, 22 reports for each Madison well have been updated: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/water/water-quality/water-quality-reports-for-madison-municipal-wells>. Feel free to contact Joseph Grande (JGrande@madisonwater.org) if you would like a paper copy of the reports, want to learn more about what is done to ensure the safety of our water and/or have suggestions to improve these documents for next year's reporting.

Personal Finance & College Readiness Day Camp

Offered June 13-17 and June 20-24, 9am-12pm
Learn how the financial choices you make today can mean success tomorrow, how to get into and pay for college! Visit <https://www.assetbuilders.org/calendar/2022-personal-finance-and-college-readiness-day-camp/> for details (flyer [here](#)).



EVENT: FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 2nd 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.

Photos from last year's event.



EVENT: ELVEHJEM GARAGE SALES



June 16-18, 8am-4pm
Neighborhood-wide

After a fantastic bounce-back year last year, the Elvehjem Neighborhood Garage Sales are on again, and participation is FREE (donations accepted)!

The Neighborhood Garage Sales will start on Thursday, June 16th and end Saturday, June 18th.

Sign up and/or donate at the website below:

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!

NEW BOARD MEMBER!

**Welcome,
Alice Frohna!**

A native Wisconsinite, I lived in another Big 10 town for many years.



My family and I returned to Wisconsin in 2007 so the kids could grow up with their cousins and be closer to their grandparents.

We have lived in Elvehjem since the summer of 2020. I enjoy exploring the East side, and being able to visit my mom easily in Milwaukee.

Alice can be reached at alice@theENA.org

EVENT RECAP: ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting, April 9th 2022

Our annual meeting on April 9 was a huge success! Around 50 people attended at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, and others viewed the meeting via our Facebook livestream.

Over coffee and donuts, we heard from our new neighborhood resource officer Alexa Graham; District 16 Alder Jael Currie; Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway; State Senator Melissa Agard; Jason Glomp, legislative aide to State Representative Samba Baldeh; and Dane County Board Supervisor-Elect for District 17, Jacob Wright.

The 2022 ENA Board of Directors and budget were approved by those in attendance. We also discussed neighborhood updates such as the upcoming construction of the All-Wheel Spot at Elvehjem Park. Thank you to all of our neighbors who attended and contributed to the engaging discussion. You can review the slideshow from the event here: theENA.org/annual-meeting.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

We all know we live in the best neighborhood with amazing neighbors who never hesitate to reach out and help where needed. We have been on the giving and receiving end of this many times during the 36+ years we've lived in our house.

How about sharing some of these unsung heroes with others? **If you have a story to share, send to newsletter@theENA.org.** It is not necessary to include names, if you are not comfortable with that.

I'll start with something I recently posted on our Facebook page:

I have to give a shout out to a neighbor on the far side of the 'hood, who volunteered to come plant tomatoes and pull stinging nettles (ouch!) recently. This is a young woman I did not know, (altho' she knows my husband from working the polls), and a busy mom. She did not want the payment offered, but accepted a donation to the food pantry. I enjoyed chatting with her. I just keep loving our neighborhood more and more! **-Mona Everett**



EVENT RECAP: EARTH DAY

This year's Earth Day and Garlic Mustard Cleanup had a good turnout. Dozens of eager folks showed up to clean up Elvehjem Park. The majority of the volunteers were children and youth- it's a real delight to see the younger generation getting involved.



Due to the colder weather early in the season we were able to pick the garlic mustard before it bloomed this year; it is essential to pick the garlic mustard before it drops seeds.

Garlic Mustard is an invasive plant that continues to spread through Elvehjem Sanctuary and Acewood Conservation. We want to thank everyone who has been pulling garlic mustard in their free time.

We also collected a variety of discarded items and trash at Elvehjem. Thanks to again to all those who helped! - **Ashley Blecker // ashley@theENA.org**

EVENT: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 2, 2022 - Neighborhood Wide

National Night Out (formerly Neighborhood Night Out) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in NNO across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

- Want to host a block party? The ENA will pay for your permit!
- Want to invite our NRO, Alexa Graham to stop by your gathering? Reach her at agraham@cityofmadison.com.

EVENT RECAP: EGG HUNT

We had a great turnout at the Elvehjem Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16.

As always, the Easter Bunny was the main attraction, chatting up the kiddies and posing for family photos. Madison Fire Department Station 5's awesome crew answered questions about the fire engine, explained what some their cool tools do, and gave attendees of all ages a turn to spray a real fire hose.

Special guest Maynard Mallard mingled through the crowd hamming it up with kids, adults and firefighters, then graciously posing for photos.

We estimate over 250 people attended and gave over 200 goody bags. ENA is thrilled to keep this fun event going every year!



A word from County Executive Joe Parisi

Turning Trash & Cow Manure into Cost Effective Renewable Fuel to Combat Climate Change

Thanks to our renewable natural gas (RNG) facility at the landfill, we're able to convert landfill biogas, which contains harmful greenhouse gases, into nearly pure methane gas. This methane gas can then be injected into the interstate transmission pipeline that runs underneath the landfill so it can be bought and used as renewable vehicle fuel. Our RNG facility is projected to displace 3,250,000 gallons of gasoline in 2022, reducing emissions equivalent to traveling 72,000,000 miles less on the road.

This technology has allowed our Highway Department to systematically replace inefficient diesel snowplows with plows that operate on RNG from the landfill. Dane County currently own 100 RNG and RNG/gas hybrid vehicles. We saved \$139,288 in 2021 by using compressed natural gas (CNG) and RNG instead of diesel in our vehicles. If diesel prices remain in the \$4.50 range, we'll save more than \$350,000 this year.

Dane County's RNG facility also has an offload station, which provides area digesters with the ability to get their gas into the RNG market. These digesters capture methane and phosphorus from manure, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and harmful runoff to lakes and streams. The digester's biogas is then hauled to our offload station and injected into the pipeline, powering RNG vehicles locally and across the United States.

This first-in-the-nation station has allowed local digesters to continue to operate and expand, resulting in better manure management, local jobs, clean fuel production, and cleaner lakes. Total digester gas delivered is projected to displace 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline this year – enough fuel for a passenger vehicle to drive around the equator 2,500 times.

Dane County's RNG facility and offload station are turning trash and cow manure into renewable fuel, while preserving our local environment and natural resources. Our 100-vehicle RNG fleet is also saving taxpayer dollars and reducing carbon emissions during a time when gas and diesel prices have soared. By investing in clean fuel infrastructure, Dane County is leading the way on what is possible to help combat climate change and be part of the solution.



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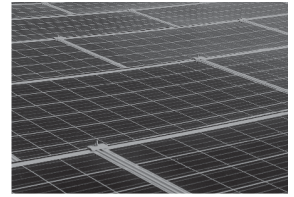
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ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 6

ENA Board Meeting

6:30-8:30pm @ Pinney Library

Thursday, June 16-18

Neighborhood Garage Sales

theENA.org/garage-sales

June 27, 28, or 29 (TBA)

ENA Board Meeting

6:30-8:30pm @ Our Saviour's Lutheran

Saturday, July 2

Fourth of July Celebration

theENA.org/fourth-of-july

Tuesday, August 2

National Night Out

Details in this issue

Wednesday, August 3

ENA Board Meeting

6:30-8:30pm @ TBA

Tuesday, September 6

ENA Board Meeting

6:30-8:30pm @ TBA

Monday, October 31

Halloween Bonfires

theENA.org/halloween-bonfires

... See all event at theENA.org/events