



Elvehjem Echo
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

Summer is basically HERE and you can sure tell! Lawn mowers are humming from dawn to dusk; bikers and walkers are out in droves; and most obviously... Madison's streets are lined with orange barrels. :)

But really, the warm weather always seems to bring out the charm of our great neighborhood. It's one thing to have awesome neighbors, but another to see them outside every day while working on the yard or playing with pets / children.

My wife and I experienced a very memorable gathering in our cul-de-sac last month and I feel moved to publicly spotlight it. The generous residents of Jaarsma Ct threw us a baby shower as we're expecting twin girls in late June. The outpouring of gifts, advice, well-wishes, and, most importantly, unconditional support, have us beaming with love.

This is neighborliness at its peak. A sense of protection, support, and guidance right next door, and for nothing in return. I'm honored to soon be welcoming our daughters into this neighborhood.

I also very much look forward to bringing my daughters to the many events that the ENA puts on! This June 15-17 make sure to register your **Garage Sale** and scope out the area map. Catch some live tunes at **Make Music Madison** on June 21st at Elvehjem Park and Kickbutt Ranch. Come enjoy a bike parade, free ice cream, craft fair, face painting, food trucks, and much more on July 1st for our yearly **Fourth of July Celebration**. Attend our inaugural **Summer Bash** on August 19th at Acewood Park! **All event details in this issue!**

Summer is where we shine, Elvehjem! Take that extra day off work and plan a barbecue with your neighbors.

Sincerely,
Dan Collins, ENA President
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TREASURER'S REPORT



At our Annual Meeting in April, I presented a series of graphs that charted our Association's financial journey through the COVID-19 era. The short story is that decades of saving for a rainy day kept us going—but that it's time for us to start saving again. The way we do that is by boosting our memberships—in other words,

by more of you joining. :)

So far, our outlook is great. As I write this, we have 180 online memberships. That's just counting those of you who joined at the [theENA.org/join](https://theena.org/join). As this went to print, we were still tabulating & processing for those of you who joined on paper. But even from where I sit now, it's looking like a fantastic year, and it's all thanks to you.

As always, be in touch with questions. We always get a number of requests to check membership status, and we'd love to have a way to do that online at some point in the future—but for now, the old-fashioned "write us a note" is the way to do it. We don't mind—in fact, we'd love to hear from you!

Jacob Wright, Treasurer // jacob@theENA.org

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Hi neighbors! I'm Kristy Bark, your new ENA Board Secretary. My husband and I moved to LVM in the fall of 2021, just before the birth of our second son.

This spring, I've been considering the tulips growing in my yard.

They're my favorite flower (I spent a year in the Netherlands after college and still love all things Dutch!) but I can take no credit for them. I'm not a gardener and have no landscaping know-how. The bulbs were planted by a previous owner, and now I get to enjoy them. If you'll forgive the hokey analogy, that's partly why I joined the ENA Board - to sow seeds of community that others can enjoy.

What would help you enjoy our neighborhood? What would help you feel more rooted here? Email me at secretary@theena.org or complete the survey linked later in this newsletter.

Kristy Bark, Secretary // kristy@theENA.org

ALDER CURRIE'S COLUMN: BY Jael Currie

Greetings friends & neighbors,

Happy summer! While it's so good to have the warmth back, summer also brings the start of another season...construction. Here's what's going on in/near our neighborhood:

- Road & sewer/storm construction on Halo Ln/Twilight Trl and Felland Rd
- Bike & road construction on Atwood Ave
- Bike, road & sewer/storm construction on Davies St & Dempsey Rd
- Road construction on Omehda Dr
- Road construction & study on I-39/90/94 and The Beltline

You can follow these projects and others across the city online via the City's Engineering team. Their webpage link is: cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/road-construction

Transportation changes coming from the DOT are also on the horizon and include: an Interstate corridor study and potential Interchange connections at Milwaukee St. and the Madison Beltline Planning & Environment Linkages (PEL) study. The PEL study will focus on safety & mobility for all modes of travel while reducing congestion & limiting impacts of social, cultural & environmental effects.

The Interstate alternative connections information & progress can be found online: <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/399094/public.aspx>

The PEL study information & progress can be found online: www.bit.ly/BeltlinePEL

As many of you are aware, Metro created new routes as a part of its Network Redesign. The new routes begin Sunday, June 11, 2023. In preparation, the City recently hired "Ride Guide" staff that will help residents navigate the route & scheduling changes. Ride Guides will wear yellow vests, ride buses and be stationed at various stop locations throughout the City. In addition, three of our public libraries will be offering drop-in sessions where you can get personalized help from Metro staff, in planning your future trips. As the new routes and BRT get established, please reach out to me about your experiences.

As always, please contact me at district16@cityofmadison.com with additional questions, concerns or needs.

All the best,
Jael



EVENT: FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 1st 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, craft fair (new addition!), 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: SUMMER BASH

Saturday, August 19th from 11AM-1PM
Acewood Park, 1402 Acewood Blvd

Join us for the inaugural Elvehjem Summer Bash as we gather to celebrate the end of summer break!

This event is for people and families of all ages, and includes:

- Field games (put on by the Elvehjem Elementary PTO)
- Food Truck(s)
- Ice cream and cold drinks (provided by the ENA)
- Visits from the Madison Fire Department, Madison Police Department, and elected officials.
- Booths offering helpful information on community resources.
- Exciting stations and activities for all ages.



For more information or to volunteer for this event, contact CJ Rouse at cj@theENA.org.

GARAGE SALES

June 15th-17th

Elvehjem's Neighborhood Garage Sales will start on Thursday, June 15th and end Saturday, June 17th.



Register your sale and/or donate at the website below:

theENA.org/garage-sales

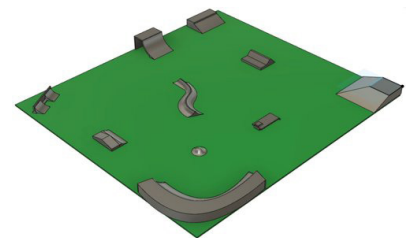
Please note that, like last year, the published map will be available online only at the link above - there will be no delivery of paper maps. Let go of your treasures and make some cash!

ALL-WHEEL SPOT UPDATE

We recently received an email from Madison Skate Fund (MSF) Spokesperson Patrick Hasburgh informing us that the Elvehjem Park All-Wheel Spot is a GO for 2023!

After delays in 2022 sidelined the project, MSF got approval from Parks to build a revised design (render pictured).

They also received donations of large metal benches from East High School (as a part of their reconstruction) that will be incorporated into the build.



As far as a build timeline, MSF is ambitiously targeting end-of-summer this year but weather will be the ultimate determinant.

Volunteers needed for the build! If interested, Email: madisonskateparkfund@gmail.com Full details and updates here: theena.org/all-wheel-spot

EVENT: MAKE MUSIC MADISON

Wednesday, June 21st
Live Music @ TWO Venues in Elvehjem!
Hosted by your very own neighbors!

Elvehjem Park | 1202 Painted Post

5:15-6:00pm: Benjamin Rose | *Pop, Singer / Songwriter*
6:00-6:45pm: Candace Griffin | *Singer / Songwriter, Indie-Folk*
6:45-7:30pm: Alise Mosley | *R&B, Pop, Singer / Songwriter*
7:30-8:45: Nick Matthews | *Songwriter / Indie-rock*

- Bring your own chairs, blankets, picnic dinners, tents, umbrellas
- \$5 per performer suggested donation
- Human family friendly event. No pets, please.

Kickbutt Ranch | 5118 E Buckeye

3:00-4:00pm: Polkalamity Pleasure Society | *Polka*
4:00-4:30pm: MELVIS | *Elvis Impersonator*
6:00-6:30pm: The Devil May Roam | *Folk / Americana*
6:30-7:30: OPE! | *Punk/Indie Rock*
7:45-9:00pm: Mother Material | *Indie-Rock, Punk, Rock*

- Potluck-style if you'd like to bring a dish! Sign up here: shorturl.at/dknQR



ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting on April 15th at City Church on Buckeye Road. It was great to connect with neighbors and local leadership over coffee, donuts and pizza!



The 2023 ENA Board of Directors and budget were approved by those in attendance. We also heard updates from neighborhood resource officer Alexa Graham; District 16 Alder Jael Currie; Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway; Dane County Executive Joe Parisi; Joe Splinter, District Director for State Senator Melissa Agard; State Representative Samba Baldeh; and Dane County Board Supervisor for District 17, Jacob Wright.

Huge thanks to City Church for stepping in on short notice to host us, and for providing such wonderful hospitality. Thanks also to Hy-Vee and Domino's Pizza for their donations.

EGG HUNT RECAP

On a sunny spring morning—Saturday, April 8, after a long winter—the ENA hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Droster Park.

Over 200 children, ages baby to 12, gathered colorful plastic eggs that they then exchanged for treat bags.

After the hunt, families played at the park with Maynard from the Madison Mallards, and of course lined up for photo ops with the Easter Bunny.

This year, we unfortunately ran out of treat bags. We are finding this event attracts more and more families each year, so next year we will be ready with enough treats. Also, we are brainstorming solutions, such as a physical barrier, that will keep the hunt from starting too soon.

Thanks to all who attended!



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RECAP

This year, 28 volunteers went a-knockin' on 1,500 households in Elvehjem's boundaries to fundraise for the many initiatives that the ENA takes on every year (e.g. printing and mailing you this newsletter!).

A massive thank-you to those who volunteered and donated. We literally couldn't do it without you.



We will follow up in a future issue with final numbers, but at the time of my writing this it appears we've collected more than 200 donations totaling over \$5,000 dollars. You all are amazing!

If this year's fundraiser slipped your mind, no worries, you can pay your \$20 dues quickly and easily at theENA.org/join

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

This spring, the ENA is conducting an anonymous neighborhood survey and we'd like YOU to be a part of it.

The goal of this survey is to help us take the pulse of the neighborhood and better understand how the neighborhood association can best meet the needs of our residents. We'll be asking about what you know about the ENA, which events you've attended, and what you might like to see from us in the future.

Participating in this survey makes you a vital part of our ability to continue to be the best neighborhood association around. The survey takes just five minutes; a brief moment of your day to make your voice heard.

You can find the survey at: theena.org/survey-2023

Or scan the QR code >>>



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EARTH DAY RECAP

There were two clean-up events in neighborhood parks this spring to commemorate Earth Day. The first, at Acewood Park, was a great success and saw the local fire crew from Station Five come out and lend a hand. Our second event, at Elvehjem Conservation Park, was more sparsely attended, with cold weather and bouts of sleet to contend with. We made some progress this time around, but there's plenty left to tackle, and are calling all volunteers for next year's clean-up!



To further pique your interest for next year and get better acquainted with Elvehjem Conservation Park, Paul Quinlan of the Madison Parks Department has offered the neighborhood a guided tour of the woods on Tuesday, June 20th. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn about our fantastic neighborhood park! We'll meet at the park shelter at 1202 Painted Post Dr. at 6:00pm.

Email dylan@theENA.org with questions or ideas!

Monona Grove Nursery School

Now Enrolling for Toddler Time!

Toddler Time is a fantastic way to gently introduce young children (0-3 years) to the preschool environment, without having to separate from a parent/caregiver.

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ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 15-17

Neighborhood Garage Sales

Neighborhood-wide map & registration [here](#)

Wednesday, June 21

Make Music Madison

Details in this issue

Saturday, July 1

Fourth of July Celebration

11:00am-1:00pm @ Our Saviour's Lutheran

Details in this issue

Saturday, August 19

Summer Bash

11:00am-1:00pm @ Acewood Park

Tuesday, October 31

Halloween Bonfires

Details at: theena.org/halloween-bonfires

Thursday, November 23

Turkey Trot

Details at: theena.org/turkey-trot

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