



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

**Elvehjem Echo**  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



### Dear Neighbors,

We're sending you our winter issue slightly ahead of schedule for one reason: big events are coming down the pike!

If you're a runner or walker and will be home on Thanksgiving morning, be sure to join us for our annual **Turkey Trot** at 8:30am SHARP. Full details and registration on page 3.

On Saturday, December 3rd from 4-7pm, come on out to our big **Holiday in the Park** gathering and enjoy a huge bonfire, carriage rides, holiday music, sweet treats, and festive camaraderie! Full details and carriage ride pre-registration on page 4.

There are two other topics in this issue that are meaningful to me, and one is in the form of a gift from the City of Madison Streets Division. We have **four compost bins to give away** to four lucky Elvehjem residents. Go get 'em, gardeners! Details on page 5.

The other article to peek at is from **Big Brothers Big Sisters** on page 5. I've been a volunteer for BBBS since 2018 when I was matched with lil bro, 11-year-old Amareas. He's now a freshman at East and our time together is always special and memorable. Our outings were initially destination-focused: museums, events, sightseeing, etc. But now we really just enjoy each others' company and do a lot of cooking, walking, talking philosophy, and watching movies. I can't recommend the program enough to somebody looking to make a direct impact on a budding life.

And a final note on the season. I'm writing this letter on the day after daylight saving time, ushering in those first feelings of hibernation and preparation for darker, snowier days ahead. I'm reminded of the importance of being a caring neighbor during the winter months when shoveling snow or getting around can be a burden for some. Please make a plan to **communicate with your elderly or physically challenged neighbors** to lend a hand when the need arises - a small act of service can mean a great deal.

Sincerely,  
**Dan Collins**, ENA President  
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dan@theENA.org

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Thanks to all of you, our membership income has exceeded pre-COVID levels, and I can't thank you enough for that. I wanted to use this space to talk about some of the things we've been able to do as a result:

-- There were more face painters at the July 4th party, so we had shorter lines and

more kids bedazzled

-- We've added an hour of horse-drawn carriage time at our upcoming Holiday in the Park

-- We've invested in some new welcome-sign banners to get the word out about our events

-- Despite inflation-related expenses for printing and other expenses, we have not had to reduce the size of core services such as the quarterly Echo newsletter

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to the Turkey Trot (register here! [theENA.org/turkey-trot](http://theENA.org/turkey-trot)) and Holiday in the Park to finish this year strong. I can't wait to see you!

**Jacob Wright, Treasurer // [jacob@theENA.org](mailto:jacob@theENA.org)**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



The new year will be here before we know it. Are you planning to make resolutions you probably won't keep? How about starting with some simple tasks and goals to kick off 2023?

- A bad habit I'm going to break:
- A new skill I'm going to learn:
- A person I hope to be more like:
- A good deed I'm going to do:
- A place I'd like to visit:
- A book I'd like to read:
- A new food I want to try:
- I hope to do better at:

And of course there's nothing wrong with starting a resolution a month early!

**Kim Bolinder, Secretary // [kim@theENA.org](mailto:kim@theENA.org)**

## ALDER CURRIE'S COLUMN: BY JAEI CURRIE

Greetings friends & neighbors - I hope you and yours are staying as well as possible during the change of seasons and impending holiday months. I'd like to provide some information & updates about the Men's Homeless Shelter changes for this edition. As we enter seasons of caring (aka holidays), please keep an open mind and heart towards those who are experiencing homelessness. As a reminder, please feel free to reach out to me - [district16@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district16@cityofmadison.com) - if you'd like to discuss additional issues, solutions or get questions about city business answered.



- Shelter operations successfully moved to the current temporary site at 2002 Zeier Rd. on 10/13/22.
- Hundreds have already made use of this new site with daily numbers trending between 150-200 guests per night. This number is significantly higher than the pre-COVID average numbers of 60-70 guests. The Zeier site can accommodate up to 250 people!
- Shelter services including intake, case management, and meals are available between the hours of 5pm-8am daily. There are also accommodations for those who are ill & require isolation and/or need medical attention. Shuttle transportation is provided daily between the shelter and The Beacon (Day Resource Center).
- While the current shelter model is night-by-night, the city's plans to open a permanent, purpose built men's shelter on Bartillon Dr. by mid-2025, are on track. This permanent site will offer longer term support (ie: on site services for housing navigation, case management, community resources and treatment options, offer pay to stay housing options and more).
- Work has already begun to solicit feedback from various groups to help inform decisions about the future site. The first focus groups include:
  - Persons who have experienced homelessness
  - Service providers and other community stakeholders that work with unhoused populations
  - People who live, own or operate businesses near the area the shelter is planned to be built
- Funding proposals to support the efforts at Zeier Rd. and the future development at Bartillon Dr. have been collaboratively included in both the City and County's 2023 Capital & Operating Budgets, which I support.

# EVENT: Turkey Trot

**Thursday, November 24th at 8:30am**  
**Droster Park, 1429 Droster Rd.**

Get your 2022 Thanksgiving morning off to a healthy start with a little exercise! The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association is again bringing you our annual Turkey Trot.

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](mailto:turkey.trot@theENA.org)

**Registration is \$5, sign up at:**  
[theENA.org/turkey-trot](https://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](mailto:pete@theENA.org)**



## EVENT RECAP: Halloween Bonfires

The Elvehjem neighborhood was gifted with a lovely Halloween night this year as dozens of houses welcomed hundreds of families as they returned to the spooktacular streets for an evening of trick-or-treating.

More than 50 houses signed up for the Elvehjem map and greeted the young, costumed children with bounties of candy, spectacular decorations, witchy dancing performances, a variety of projected movie nights, and so much more. The accompanying adults were welcomed by warm fires and their own treats from a few houses.

The wonderful temperatures and general excitement after a couple of down years through the pandemic definitely drove one of the most entertaining and enjoyable Halloweens we've seen in quite some time.



# EVENT: Holiday in the Park

## Saturday, December 3rd, 4-7pm Elvehjem Park Shelter

Join us for one of the most memorable neighborhood events in our calendar, featuring the following attractions.

1. **Horse & carriage rides.** Small groups are carted around Elvehjem with horses leading the way—an enchanting experience for both young and old! You must **PRE-REGISTER** for a carriage ride this year, details at the bottom.
2. **Big bonfire!** We safely burn pallet wood and gather around 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.
5. **Holiday music.** The sound system will be playing Christmastime tunes throughout the evening.



To pre-register for a carriage ride and avoid waiting in line for an eternity, scan the QR code on the right or visit the link below to commit to a time slot. Limit 7 riders per spot.



*We reserve the right to move your reservation to optimize the schedule - any updates to your scheduled time will be communicated over email.*

Bring friends, bring family, but most importantly bring your holiday spirit! Any updates will be posted at [theENA.org/holiday-in-the-park](http://theENA.org/holiday-in-the-park). Questions or interested in volunteering? [holiday@theENA.org](mailto:holiday@theENA.org)

\*If you're a baker and would like to **bring a batch of baked goods** to share with the neighborhood, please email [holiday@theENA.org](mailto:holiday@theENA.org) with your anticipated contribution so we can plan for it!

# GIVEAWAY! 4 Free Compost Bins

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association has an exciting opportunity for its residents. The City of Madison Streets Division has gifted the ENA four new covered compost bins, each worth \$60. The bins are 3 feet by 3 feet, with a collapsed height of 4 inches. We are doing a random-draw giveaway for these bins, limit one per household.



To have a chance at winning a bin, simply **make a donation of any amount** to the Tenant Resource Center's "Elvehjem Housing Crisis Fund" at the following link (or scan the QR code on the left): <https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/enahousingcrisis#Donate>

To enter, **please donate above by December 4th**. Winners will be randomly selected and notified by December 11th.

Composting can reduce food and other organic waste. It is good for the environment and provides rich fertilizer for growing healthy produce or beautiful flowers. You can compost in as little as three square feet (the size of our bins) of outdoor space, on a flat site with good drainage. These closed compost bins control odor and are unobtrusive in a yard.

Act quickly so you will be ready for spring composting!

## Big Brothers Big Sisters

Statistics show that children with a mentor have higher success rates in school, have better relationships with peers and family, and are more likely to avoid risky behaviors.



Volunteers at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County develop and nurture a positive, supportive mentoring relationship with a child; you just have to meet at least two times a month for a minimum of a year. We invite you to join us as we make an impact on our community.

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We have a Little waiting for you!



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# Meet the new ENA board members!

## Kristy Bark



Kristy and her husband, Drew, moved to the neighborhood in late 2021. Originally from the east coast (DC / Boston / NYC), Kristy has lived in Madison since 2017. Drew grew up in Wisconsin, works for Johnson Controls on building automation systems, and is an avid golfer and guitar player. After previous stints in educational finance and non-profit program management, Kristy is currently staying busy at home with their two little boys, James & George.

She enjoys improv & stand-up comedy, loves to travel, and has surprisingly strong feelings about Olympic figure skating. Kristy looks forward to serving the neighborhood on the board - planning fun events and other opportunities to be neighborly!

## Dylan Crye



Dylan and his wife Alyson moved to their Deerwood home in 2018. This was a homecoming of sorts for Dylan who attended Elvehjem Elementary and delivered the Echo growing up on Woodvale.

Since moving home from college in Eau Claire, Dylan has earned his masters at UW and is now a program manager for Focus on Energy. Alyson has called Madison home ever since she arrived as a freshman at UW, and is now an administrator at UW-Madison.

Aly & Dyl can often be seen walking their foster pups around the neighborhood or cruisin' on their bikes down to Olbrich or Garver Feed Mill. Dylan is eager to give back to the neighborhood that helped raise him.

## Bob Washburn



Bob and Amanda moved into the LVM neighborhood in 2015. Bob runs his own business, Washburn Laserworks, and can often be seen working in his garage/shop or heard playing his drums. Amanda enjoys working from home for American Family Insurance. They have a 2-year-old son and a family dog named Murray. They are raising and training 2 service dogs that

will go to help veterans when they graduate.

The family enjoys traveling, camping and bonfires! Bob looks forward to serving the community and getting to know the neighbors.

## CJ Rouse



CJ Rouse, his wife Caley, and two kids Oliver and Elliott moved to Madison in 2022 for better access to the transplant clinic. Prior to moving CJ served as an alderman in the City of Racine, community outreach specialist, volunteer, coach, and event organizer.

While new to Madison and the Elvehjem neighborhood, CJ and family are excited to be a part of this strong community and continue to show our children how to find joy in playing an active role in positive efforts as well as working to uplift those around us.

Aside from the neighborhood association board, CJ serves on the LVM PTO, founded a walking school bus program at LVM, is working to become a legislative aide, and works with local and state government to enact policy changes and bring attention to the needs of Madison residents.

## Kim Richman



Kim is a life-long Madison resident growing up on the Eastside. He and his wife Patty moved into Elvehjem in 1982. They have 2 adult kids.

Retired from full-time, he's a crossing guard for the Monona Police Department and is a Madison election official.

Kim is the founder and coordinator of the Buckeye-Grove Good Neighbor Project and is the Secretary of the Board of Madison Area Crime Stoppers.

He volunteers with a variety of organizations related to neighborhood safety, and organizations that provide meals for the less fortunate.

As an advocate for safe neighborhoods, he encourages neighbors to connect, communicate, and come together. Safe caring neighborhoods start with good neighbors.

# Monona Grove Nursery School Open House Event!

February 11, 2023 • 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

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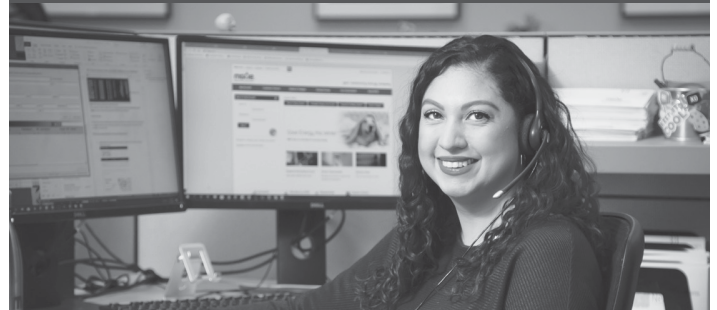


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## ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 24

### Turkey Trot

8:30am @ Droster Park

Details in this issue (and [website](#))

Wednesday, November 30

### ENA Board Meeting

6:30-8:30pm @ Pinney Library

Saturday, December 3

### Holiday in the Park

4:00-7:00pm @ Elvehjem Park

Details in this issue (and [website](#))

Tuesday, January 3

### ENA Board Meeting

6:30-8:30pm @ Pinney Library

Tuesday, February 7

### ENA Board Meeting

6:30-8:30pm @ Pinney Library

Tuesday, March 7

### ENA Board Meeting

6:30-8:30pm @ Pinney Library

... See all events at [theENA.org/events](http://theENA.org/events)