

# Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 48th Year



## Dear Neighbors,

Signs of spring are all around us. The snow has melted, the robins have returned, and flowers are starting to sprout. Soon, we will see the surest sign that winter has passed, when our neighborhood block captains emerge from hibernation and begin circulating from door-to-door in the annual rite of spring known as the ENA

Membership Drive. Despite a down year in membership numbers last year I have high hopes that we can reach our goal of 500 member households. Membership dues are \$15 per household, though we do accept (and very much appreciate) donations exceeding the base dues amount. This year we are happy to announce that Elvehjem Neighborhood Association was approved last year as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and so all contributions to ENA (including dues) are now tax deductible. Block captains will provide a membership packet and can accept membership dues at your door, or you can return your membership form by mail. Dues payments are also accepted online at <http://elvehjemneighborhood.org/join>.

Without the continuous financial support we receive from dues-paying households we would not be able to publish this newsletter (our single largest expense), nor would we be able to host so many free neighborhood events throughout the year. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the block captains who have volunteered this year. Please welcome them to your door and thank them for their dedication to making our neighborhood a great place to live. Thanks also go out to my eight fellow District Coordinators (current and past Board members) who are leading this effort by organizing their teams of block captains.

Recently I posted an appeal to our Facebook page regarding vacant seats on the ENA Board of Directors. During my four-plus years of involvement with ENA as both Treasurer and President I can recall a brief spell where we had all eleven positions filled, but that has not been the norm. At the moment, we

have our vacant positions on the Board of Directors. A full one-third of the Board sits empty, during what is the most busy three-month period of ENA's year. In the near term that means more is demanded of our current members. In the long term we would need to begin scaling back the number of activities and events we organize, instead of organizing more. Please consider giving some of your time in service to this strong and vibrant community as a member of our Board of Directors.



If you would like to know more about what ENA does, there is a great opportunity to do so coming up on April 9 at our Annual Meeting. We invite all of our neighbors to attend this important event to officially confirm our board members for another year and to approve the 2016 operating budget. At this event we also plan to unveil a preview of a very exciting project we are undertaking in anticipation of our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2018. The meeting takes place from 10-11 AM in the Community Room of Messiah Lutheran Church. It is highly recommended that you come early, however, for our neighborhood social at 9:30 AM where you will have the opportunity to meet and greet fellow neighbors as well as your elected officials including Alder Denise DeMarb, County Board Supervisor Dave de Felice, Assembly Representative Melissa Sargent, and Senator Mark Miller. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,  
Justin Martin ENA President  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Stacy Welford

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At the last meeting of the ENA Board of Directors, the 2016 budget was submitted and approved by the Board for presentation at this year's annual meeting on April 9th. The 2016 budget was primarily based on historical averages of the prior two years actual financial results. We optimistically budgeted for getting 400 household signed up for membership, which is up from 387 households in 2015.

That level of membership will allow us to continue all our great annual events plus give more back to the community through donations/sponsorships as well as grow our resources for long-term initiatives such as the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Remember to renew your membership for 2016, Block Captains will soon be out canvassing the neighborhood during the membership drive April 10-May 15 or you can renew online anytime at <http://elvehjemneighborhood.org/join>.

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## SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Jamie Meise



Below are a few highlights from recent ENA Board meetings, not covered elsewhere in the newsletter:

•If you have been considering getting more involved in the neighborhood now is the time! We currently have 3 open seats on our board of directors as well as an abundance of nonboard volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are needed to help deliver membership packets during our Spring Membership Drive. We have also begun planning for our Annual Fourth of July celebration and need help with setup, running the event, and cleanup. Contact the board for more information or attend one of our monthly meetings, held the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Email [president@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:president@elvehjemneighborhood.org) to confirm the location if you would like to join us!

- Board members have been approaching local businesses as part of our 2016 Donation Drive asking for donations to be used in our Fourth of July Raffle and Silent Auction as well as to be used as prizes for various other events throughout the year.
- The board is continuing to search for ways we can meet the needs of all our residents of varying demographics. A survey will soon be mailed to residents asking for feedback. We are also looking for ways to connect with neighborhood teens and plan to offer volunteer opportunities where students can fulfill community service hours beginning with the Earth Day Cleanup.

For a copy of the minutes in full, visit our website or contact Jamie Meise at [secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

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## Volunteers Needed to Serve on the ENA Board of Directors!

Board service is a valuable and, yes, fun experience. We currently have four vacancies, out of eleven and are in dire need of additional volunteers. Typical board terms are for two years. No previous board experience is necessary, and all backgrounds and perspectives are welcomed!

## Block Captains Needed for the 2016 ENA Membership Drive!

The ENA Annual Membership Drive will take place in April and May this year. Block Captains are needed by nearly every District Coordinator. Please volunteer to help!

Please consider joining the team by becoming a Board Member, or Block Captain, or BOTH!

**Get to know your neighbors better and support the ENA!**

Contact  
 Justin Martin at 219-2060  
 or email him at  
[justin@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:justin@elvehjemneighborhood.org)  
 for info!

## WisDOT I-39/90/94 Study team seeks your input Through an interactive online survey

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is studying a 34-mile stretch of Interstate 39/90/94, from Madison to Portage.

The goal of the study is to create a long-range plan to improve safety and mobility on and near the Interstate, including intersecting roads that carry traffic to and from the Interstate and we are seeking your input.

Please take a few minutes to provide your thoughts using the new, interactive MetroQuest survey located on the study's website. The web address for the survey is <https://i399094.metroquest.com>.

The survey will allow you to provide feedback on a variety of improvement concepts and strategies being developed by the study team as well as any other ideas you care to share.

The survey will be available on the [www.i399094.dot.wi.gov](http://www.i399094.dot.wi.gov) website from February 15 through May 15, 2016; at which time it will be taken offline and the feedback collected for review. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rob Knorr, P.E. WisDOT Project Manager [robert.knorr@dot.wi.gov](mailto:robert.knorr@dot.wi.gov) (608) 246-5444



# Join us at the ENA Earth Day Clean Up!

**When: Saturday, April 23rd starting at 9:00 AM**

**Litter Pick Up-Meet at Cottage Grove Road Entrance to the  
Elvehjem Sanctuary (across from  
Messiah Lutheran Church)  
UNTIL 11:00AM**

**Invasive Species Pull-Meet at the Elvehjem Park Shelter  
9AM-12PM**

**We hope to see you there!**

**\*\*\*STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE  
HOURS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION\*\*\***

Neighbors,

Welcome to Wisconsin Spring!

I spent the weekend planning, sorting, planting and cleaning. Spring is the time many of us set aside time to work on annual and sometimes overdue projects. I thought it might be helpful to provide you with links to some websites that I use and that you may also find useful.

If you are cleaning and sorting, these websites may be helpful:

- Large item pickup  
[www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/largeitems.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/largeitems.cfm)
- Disposal of chemicals/hazardous materials  
[www.cityofmadison.com/streets/hazardous](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/hazardous)
- Garden and/or brush collection  
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Are you planning a garden? I use this website over and over again:

<http://wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener/Topics>

Or if you simply want to get outside and have some fun, check out City Parks' calendar!

[www.cityofmadison.com/parks/calendar/index.cfm?mode=All](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/calendar/index.cfm?mode=All)

Whatever you find yourself doing this spring, I hope it is lovely and you are able to reconnect with your friends and neighbors!

As always, never hesitate to reach out to me. Happy Spring!

Your Alder,

*Denise*

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## Help us Celebrate Elvehjem's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

As the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary approaches, we wish to celebrate our legacy by telling the story of the first 50 years. We need your stories, photos and artifacts!

The ENA, along with A Generations Project, will be making a documentary of the neighborhood! Along with your stories and artifacts, we also need neighbors who are interested in supporting this project by joining the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee or donating money to fund it. If you are interested in helping with this project or have stories or artifacts to contribute please contact Marilee Cronin at [marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-239-0975.

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## Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

Messiah Lutheran Church Upper Level Community Room  
5202 Cottage Grove Road (across from Elvehjem Sanctuary)  
ALL NEIGHBORS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

### Block Captain Training

9:00-9:30 a.m. Participate in important training for new and returning block captains for the 2016 ENA Membership Drive.

### Neighborhood Social

9:30-10:00 a.m. Enjoy coffee and snacks with your neighbors and share concerns with city, county, and state elected officials including:

- Alder Denise DeMarb
- County Supervisor Dave de Felice
- Representative Melissa Sargent
- Senator Mark Miller

### Annual

10:00a.m.-11:00 a.m. Meet the board, learn about neighborhood events and initiatives, vote on the 2016 budget, voice ideas, see a preview of our 50th Anniversary Project!

**SPECIAL INCENTIVE:** Attendees can renew their ENA membership dues for only \$12 (save \$3).

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### **ENA Calendar of Events**

April 6	Board Meeting	7:00 -9:00 p.m.	Great Dane East Meeting Room
April 9	Block Captain Training Neighborhood Social Annual Meeting	9:00-9:30 a.m. 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Messiah Lutheran Church 5202 Cottage Grove Road
April 10-May 15	2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE		
April 23	Earth Day Clean Up	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Elvehjem Sanctuary
May 4	Board Meeting	7:00 -9:00 p.m.	East District Police Station 809 S. Thompson Drive
June 1	Board Meeting	7:00 -9:00 p.m.	East District Police Station 809 S. Thompson Drive
June 17-18	Neighborhood Garage Sales		

#### **Mark Your Summer Calendars!**

July 4	Annual Neighborhood Fourth of July Celebration
August 2	Neighborhood Night Out
September 10	Taste of Elvehjem Neighborhood