

# Elvehjem Echo

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*Our Association's 45th Year*



## Words from the Wooden Steps

Dear neighbors,

It has been a summer to remember in Elvehjem Neighborhood as we've relaxed to the sounds of the first ever Sol-skinn Make Music Madison event,

watched runners race to victory at the Firecracker 5K, celebrated our nation's birth at our annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic, gardened with friends and neighbors at our new Community Garden, and enjoyed the fruits of the harvest at the inaugural Taste of Elvehjem potluck! Thank you to all the generous volunteers, Board members, neighbors, and businesses who have contributed to make these events possible. We couldn't do it without you!

As the fall colors begin to emerge, we shift our attention to a concern voiced by many of you—neighborhood safety. In my first president's column, I asked the following question: *What can we do to make our neighborhood more welcoming, more inclusive, and more crime-resistant?* And I'll repeat what I firmly believe: *The more we reach out, get to know one another, and build relationships, the smaller and safer our neighborhood becomes.* What can we ALL do to make this happen? I encourage you to be A-W-E-SOME!

**Aware:** Read the Echo Newsletter. Check the ENA website at [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org). Watch the local news. Read the newspaper. Follow the police incident reports online at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/newsroom/incidentreports/>. Be aware of what is going on around you in our neighborhood and the City of Madison.

**Welcoming:** Introduce yourself to new- or long-time neighbors. The newly formed Elvehjem Neighborhood Welcome Committee is on a mission to personally greet all new Elvehjem residents. See additional details inside, including the call for volunteer bakers.

**Engaged:** Attend the city-wide neighborhood watch informational meeting on Tuesday, September 10. Mark your calendar for the Elvehjem Neighborhood Watch meeting on Saturday, October 12. Join the ENA Wooden Steps Running Club, the eyes and ears of the neighborhood—a neighborhood watch on legs! Our goals are to build community, increase safety, and inspire wellness. After all, one of the best ways to get to know the place you live is on foot.

## CALENDAR

- ◆ **September 2** 3 to 4 PM **Slow Down Sign Posting**  
1606 Vondron Rd
- ◆ **September 2** 7/8 AM **Wooden Steps Marathon**  
5306 East Buckeye Rd
- ◆ **September 3-13** **Fall Slow Down Campaign**
- ◆ **September 4** 7 to 9 PM **ENA Board Meeting**  
East District Police Station
- ◆ **September 14** 9 AM to 1 PM **CAC Garden Days**  
Community Garden
- ◆ **September 28** **National Good Neighbor Day**
- ◆ **October 2** 7 to 9 PM **ENA Board Meeting**  
East District Police Station
- ◆ **October 12** 10 AM to Noon **Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
Messiah Lutheran Church
- ◆ **October 24-31** **Halloween Decorating Contest**
- ◆ **October 31** 6:30 to 8:30 PM **Halloween Bonfire**  
Elvehjem Park
- ◆ **November 6** 7 to 9 PM **ENA Board Meeting**  
East District Police Station
- ◆ **November 28** 8:30 AM Sharp **ENA 5K Turkey Trot**  
Droster Park

**SOMEone who inspires others:** Community and parent involvement make not only good schools, but also good neighborhoods. Every conversation, every connection, every person who knows their neighbors who knows their neighbors and so on is one more layer to that safety net surrounding our neighborhood. Be the good neighbor you'd like to have next door.

Let's work together to make Elvehjem Neighborhood just a little more A-W-E-SOME this fall!

Sincerely,  
Tiffani Roltgen  
ENA President  
608-513-9433  
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**ENA Board Meeting Minutes– June 5, 2013**

**Present:** Mike Digman, Lynn Munsinger Brown, Justin Martin, Ted Perttunen, Tiffani Roltgen, Jamie Meise, Steve Johnson, Scot Whitney, and Betsy Winterhack, Guests: Gail Good (safety coordinator), Kim Fenne, Fred Arnold. **Eastside Progressives Presentation-** Neighbor Fred Arnold introduced the board to the Eastside Progressives, a group about furthering the idea of community, connectiveness, and exercising voice within the entire east side of Madison including the ENA area. **Make Music Madison Report-** Music Coordinator Chris Winterhack reported that everything is all set. The day will start out with children performances followed by local bands. **Call to Order:** Tiff called to order at 7:43pm. **Secretary's Minutes:** The May minutes were approved electronically prior to the meeting. June events are now entered into the ENA Facebook group. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was placed on file for audit. Overall we have about \$700 more than last year at this time due to decreasing Echo newsletter frequency. **Old Business:** 1. To complete phase III of the Membership Drive, Cub scouts and boy scouts will deliver a Fourth of July flyer with a last-chance membership application to every house in the neighborhood. 2. Gail and Steve are still in the preliminary research stage learning about what it takes to start a neighborhood watch. **New Business: 1**

. If board members are attending meetings on behalf of ENA, they will report back to the group with a summary. 2.–Tiff is in contact with City of Madison officials and neighbors who have expressed concerns about brush pick-up, parks and sign mowing, sign tagging, solicitation, speed, home value, and emerald ash borer. She will continue to follow up on the items and report to the Board at the next meeting. 3. Team leads reported on their area of responsibility for the Fourth of July Celebration. The board will be wearing gold shirts to help neighbors recognize us as volunteers who can answer questions. Volunteers are needed for the Firecracker 5K/2 Mile Walk/Kids Fun Run. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Ted to spend \$50 on decorations. Mike discussed increasing to \$80. Justin accepted a friendly amendment to the original motion. Motion carried. Raffle tickets will be \$3 each or 4 for \$10; must be present to win. Clean-up-Extra food will stay in food area until the very end, volunteers can then take some of the extra food home and the rest will go to the food pantry. **Reports:** 1. Mike is no longer able to lead the Day at the Zoo, Lynn and Justin will take over. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be at 5306 East Buckeye Road on Wednesday, July 10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm. Due to time constraints, the following agenda items were “tabled” until the next meeting: **New Business:** d. August promotional flyer [Tiff], e. 504 to 501(c)3 [Betsy]. **Reports:** President Tiff (Joint Association Leadership Meeting, Elvehjem PTO, Madison Neighborhoods website), Secretary Jamie (Neighborhood Night Out), Director at Large

Lynn (Community Garden, Taste of Elvehjem Neighborhood), Committees: WELL-V-M Report [Tiff], Bylaws Committee Meeting Date

**ENA Board Meeting Minutes- July 10, 2013**

**Present:** Mike Digman, Lynn Munsinger Brown, Justin Martin, Tiffani Roltgen, Jamie Meise, Scot Whitney, and Betsy Winterhack, Guests: Rod and Jamie Gennrich, Isaac Semrow **Absent:** Steve Johnson, Ted Perttunen. **Call to Order:** Tiff called to order at 7:34. **Secretary's Report:** The June minutes were approved electronically prior to the meeting. Thank you letters are being sent to the businesses that donated raffle prizes for the Fourth of July Celebration. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was placed on file for audit. Membership income is down from last year; however, echo advertising revenue is up and the Fourth of July event was very successful. **Quarterly Audit:** Scot will start the audit and pass it on to Mike Roltgen for review. **Reports: 1.** Tiff attended the Elvehjem PTO meeting and recommends we have a school rep attend regularly to improve communication between ENA and the school, Lynn volunteered to attend the LVM PTO monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. 2. Tiff updated ENA's info on the Madison Neighborhoods website. 3. Tiff attended the Heritage Heights Community Association Board Meeting, this association tracks membership very closely and requires membership to attend events; otherwise they are working on similar topics and issues as ENA. 4. The Joint Association Leadership Meeting will be held in September for east side association leaders to network. 5. Heritage Heights Community Association President Heather Sokasits completed the Eastside Association Study which surveyed 7 neighborhoods, results are saved to dropbox. 6. Neighborhood Night Out is on August 6; we are encouraging everyone to make an effort to get to know their neighbors better. 7. The community garden looks great; there is a children's plot and a plot dedicated for the hungry which is free for anyone to pick and eat from. Also, the transition piece covering the hose was run over by a city lawn mower; Justin volunteered to get a replacement. Taste of Elvehjem Neighborhood will be on August 17 from 4-7pm. It will be a potluck style meal at the community garden, open to everyone; attendees are asked to bring a garden fresh dish to pass and their recipe. **Committees: 1.** The next WELL-V-M walk is on July 17 from 5-7, all are welcome. 2. The Bylaws Committee will plan an August meeting. 3. A volunteer is needed to lead the Welcome Committee and deliver packets to new neighbors which currently are mailed. 4. The board will soon start planning for ENA's 50 year anniversary celebration (continued on page 3) .. (continued from page 2) ...which is coming up in 5 years, including tackling some larger projects on the neighbor-

hood wish list. **Old Business:** 1. Lynn and Justin reported that attendance for Day at the Zoo was very low this year; Mike suggests we eliminate Day at the Zoo and focus our efforts on other growing events. 2. Chris reported on Make Music Madison and talked about continuing the event separate from Make Music Madison as an Annual Elvehjem Sol-skinn Music Festival. 3. ENA received 30% (\$96.30) of the proceeds of sales from the Fired Up Pottery Painting Party. Justin will put together a draft policy document regarding future fundraising with local businesses for the next meeting. 4. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Mike to donate \$50 to pack 39 in appreciation for their door to door invitation delivery and participation with the Fourth of July celebration; motion carried. Overall the Fourth of July Celebration went very well; we have some minor tweaks to improve for next year. Having team leads for specific areas really helps, especially volunteers from outside the board. 5. The board discussed purchasing a used microphone for \$500 from A to Z but decided against it. **New Business:** 1. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Justin to add Isaac Semrow and Rod Gennrich to the board as directors at large; motion carried. 2. The board discussed a neighbor's concern regarding a sex offender potentially moving in to the neighborhood and decided to defer to local law enforcement. **Next Meeting:** The next ENA meeting will be on Wednesday, August 7 at 7pm. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm. Due to time constraints, the following agenda items were "tabled" until the next meeting: **Old Business** Neighborhood watch and safety **New Business:** Garage Sale Volunteers, Thank you certificates for outgoing Board members Greg Goke and Christina McKee, Role of ENA Board, Banners, 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3)

### ENA Board Meeting Minutes-August 7, 2013

**Present:** Mike Digman, Justin Martin, Jamie Meise, Scot Whitney, Betsy Winterhack, Rod Gennrich, Isaac Semrow, Steve Johnson, Ted Perttunen, Lynn Munsinger-Brown.

**Absent:** Tiffani Roltgen. **Call to Order:** Mike called to order at 7:03. **Secretary's Report:** The July minutes were approved electronically prior to the meeting. Thank you notes have been sent to all businesses that donated to the Fourth of July Event. Going forward meeting minutes will be posted on Facebook as well as printed in the Echo. **Treasurer's Report:** We are in a very sound position financially. Mike Roltgen and Scot have plans to review the books for the annual audit. We will proceed with a moderate audit this year, but going forward VP Mike recommends we implement a more formal annual process. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Lynn to adopt a policy that ENA won't consider fundraising opportunities involving the Board or Board representatives directly selling a third party's product or service in exchange for a portion of the profits. Motion carried. **Reports:** Jamie and Tiff attended the East Buckeye Neighborhood Association meeting in July. We discussed a

joint Christmas event, see below. **Committees:** 1. The Bylaws Committee is meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> to review the bylaws and make updates. 2. Isaac discussed the welcome committee's plan to revamp the welcome packet process including a more personalized approach with in person delivery and baked goods; he hopes this new process will lead to increased members and volunteers. 3. Board members are to start brainstorming ideas for the 50 Year Anniversary. **Old Business:** 1. Based on Facebook posts and neighbor feedback, our second annual Neighborhood Night Out was a success and everyone had a great time. 2. Taste of Elvehjem will begin at 4pm on August 17. There will be a potluck meal, healthy recipe contest, lawn games, and scavenger hunt. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome to attend and bring a garden fresh dish and their own beverage. 3. An exploratory meeting regarding starting a neighborhood watch will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm at Messiah Church. 4. Volunteers are needed to help put up signs for the Fall Slow Down Campaign. 5. There are 31 registered sales for the Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale; we received notification from Alder Denise DeMarb that the chip sealing will be on hold for the sales. **New Business** 1. Lynn will take care of thank you gift certificates for outgoing board members Greg and Christina. 2. The Wooden Steps Running Club is hosting a Labor Day Quarter, Half, and Full Barrel Marathon; see flyer on the website for full details, everyone is welcome! 3. Volunteers to mulch-This item is tabled until next meeting. 4. Betsy is leading the Halloween Bonfire event; she has started to review documents and will continue to brainstorm ideas. Mike will obtain required permits and look into placement of the fire. 5. Mike will ask Mona Everett to lead the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Decorating Contest 6. Betsy is looking into requirements of converting ENA's tax designation from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3) so ENA would not have to pay tax on purchases and donations to ENA would be tax deductible. 7. East Buckeye Neighborhood Association is holding a Christmas bonfire and invited Elvehjem Neighborhood to join. 8. The next ENA meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4 at 7pm. 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.



Neighborhood Night Out 2013





Save the Date!  
ENA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

## 5K Turkey Trot Run & 2 Mile Walk

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012**  
**8:30 a.m. SHARP @ Droster Park**

**Online registration for this FREE event  
will be available soon!**

**Check [elvehjemneighborhood.org](http://elvehjemneighborhood.org) or  
our Facebook page for more details.**

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**Neighborhood Night Out 2013**

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### Good Neighbors “Caught” on East Buckeye Road!

Have you enjoyed the flowers and caretaking of our neighborhood sign on East Buckeye Road near the railroad tracks and PDQ? We'd like to extend a big thank you to good neighbors John and Fran Heinowski for their attention to detail and care at that location. Former ENA Board Director at Large Valerie Clemen recently “caught” John mowing the grass around the sign, and Fran is known for her beautiful plantings and artful weeding. Of course, Valerie is no stranger to landscaping in the neighborhood, as she has assisted with planting and maintenance at several of our neighborhood and park signs over the years. Additional help is needed, as we have three neighborhood signs and three Park signs that could use some additional TLC. Limited funds are available for mulch and plants if you and your family or neighbors would like to take responsibility for one of the signs.

Please contact ENA President Tiff Roltgen at [tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-513-9433 if interested.

### Thank you to the following local businesses who supported the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Fourth of July Celebration at Elvehjem Park!

**Signature Sponsors:**    **Anchor Bank**                      **Associated Bank**                      **Fired Up Pottery**

**Donors:**

Ace Hardware Lakeside \* America's Best \* Aramark \* A to Z Rental \* Blain's Farm & Fleet \* Brava \* Buffalo Wild Wings \* Catalyst \* Columbia Bicycle Group \* Comedy Club on State \* Cottage Café \* Culver's \* Dairy Queen \* Domino's \* Echotap \* Event Essentials \* Fazoli's \* Fresco Opera Theatre \* Frito Lay \* Get Fit Staying Fit \* Great Clips \* Great Dane Brew Pub \* Green Bay Packers \* Green Valley Campground \* Heritage Bakery and Café \* Jacket Racket Screen Printing, Inc. \* JavaCat \* Madison Mallards \* Majestic Theater \* Milwaukee Brewers \* Monkey Business Institute \* National Mutual Benefit \* One Barrel Brewing \* Papa Bear's BBQ \* PDQ \* Pizza Hut \* Sentry \* Spot Liquor \* Smart Motors, Inc. \* Tupperware \* Walgreen's \* Wisconsin Distributors \* Woodman's

**Neighbor-to-Nighbor Certificates and Other Donations:**

Anonymous, Kids Fun Run Medals \* Craig Brown, Curling Lesson \* Carrie Cusick, Massage \* Justin Martin, Great Taste of the Midwest Ticket \* Jamie Meise, Date Night Babysitting \* Jessica Murphy, Made-to-Order Cake \* Tiff Roltgen, Homemade Dinner \* Denise Stace-Naughton, Fourth of July Baskets

## Initial Meeting for Possible ENA Neighborhood Watch Group Scheduled

There will be an initial meeting on Saturday, October 12, at 10 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church (5202 Cottage Grove Road) to discuss the possible formation of a neighborhood watch group here in Elvehjem. Establishment of a watch has been requested time and time again on neighborhood surveys. Though many neighbors have expressed interest, a group has not been officially formed. This meeting will give everyone a chance to understand the scope of what a neighborhood watch would entail and determine whether we have the volunteer power available to start and maintain the effort.

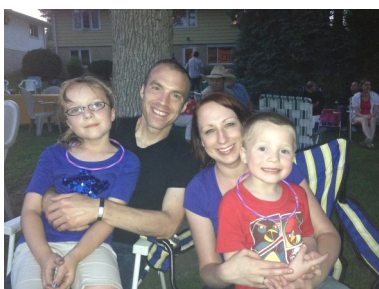
ENA Board member, Steve Johnson, with assistance from the Madison Police Department and input from other watch groups in the city, will present issues for discussion. A positive response would lead to further meetings and a possible neighborhood watch group formed under the oversight of ENA.

If you are interested, please come to Messiah Lutheran Church on October 12, and share your views and ideas surrounding this topic. Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the agenda starting at 10 a.m.

If any questions, contact Steve Johnson at [steve@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:steve@elvehjemneighborhood.org). Those without e-mail access can call ENA President Tiff Roltgen at 608-513-9433.

### Congratulations “Running Family of the Quarter!”

ENA Wooden Steps Running Club member Rob Chandanais and family were recently named the July-September 2013 “Runners of the Quarter.” Rob is a consistent, high-mileage club member who will compete in The North Face Endurance Challenge 50K in September, but has his sights set on the 50-mile race in 2014. In fact, plans are already in the works for members of the club to pace and support one of our first ultra-marathoners at that event! Rob’s daughter Laina, 8, recently completed a 4.4-mile run with the club, and his son, Carter, 4, is taking an interest in running as well. Rob’s wife Jill prefers dancing over running, but loves attending races and cheering on her family of runners. On weekdays, Rob can often be spotted on the road, as he is an avid run commuter to his job at Sonic Foundry. Congratulations Chandanais family! You have been a wonderful addition to our club, and we look forward to many more miles with all of you.



### ENA Wooden Steps Running Club Kicks Off Epic Fall Schedule

The ENA Wooden Steps Running Club is kicking off fall and celebrating the start of the EL-VEH-JEM to WELL-VEH-JEM neighborhood wellness campaign in a big way by hosting a Quarter, Half, and Full Barrel Marathon on Monday, September 2. Registration is on-site 15 minutes prior to race time. The Full Barrel Marathon (open to both individuals and relay teams) gets underway at 7 a.m., followed by the Half and Quarter Barrel Marathons at 8 a.m. You won’t want to miss this fun, free, and family-friendly event!

Our September/October fall running schedule is available at [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org) and includes several “epic run” opportunities. In other words, a run whose awesomeness can be described in a few words such as “To the Capitol and back” or “Around the lake.” Contact co-leaders Tom Berg (221-1892) and Tiff Roltgen (513-9433) at [run@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:run@elvehjemneighborhood.org) with questions or requests to be added to the weekly reminder e-mail. All runs leave from 5306 East Buckeye Road at the Wooden Steps. In the first half of 2013, we’ve logged 1366 miles. Our goal is 3000 miles by the end of 2013, so new members are always welcome. See you on the road!

**Join us on our yearlong quest to improve health and wellness in Elvehjem Neighborhood!**

**Get Involved in 3 Simple Steps:**

1. Sign up as an individual/family and commit to a personal or group goal/mission.
2. Provide starting and ending baseline data to allow progress to be tracked.
3. Attend WELL-VEH-JEM monthly events as your schedule allows.



*A Neighborhood of Health and Wellness*

Contact WELL-VEH-JEM Committee Member Julie Turner at [julieturner22@gmail.com](mailto:julieturner22@gmail.com) or 332-7548 to sign up and receive your appreciation gift!



### Neighborhood Night Out

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neighborhood Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, was a success! Whether it was an ice cream social, s’mores roasting, cookout, or driveway gathering, everyone had a great time getting to know their neighbors while at the same time making Elvehjem Neighborhood a safer place to live.



The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association invites you to its 7th annual...

### Halloween Bonfire

Thursday, October 31, 2013  
6:30-8:30p.m. at Elvehjem Park

End a fun night of tricks and treats with a neighborhood bonfire, hot chocolate, and socialization.

**NEW IN 2013:** Bring your own pre-carved jack-o'-lantern from home! We'll have a prize for the scariest, the most creative, and the best all-around.



### And don't forget the 2nd annual... Halloween Decorating Contest!!

Judges will be circulating the neighborhood throughout the week of **October 24-31.**

Prizes will be awarded and winners announced on our Facebook page and in next issue of the Echo Newsletter.

### FALL SLOW DOWN CAMPAIGN September 3-13

It's that time of year again – the kids are headed back to school and the Elvehjem Neighborhood is hosting the Fall Slow Down Campaign beginning September 3! The neighborhood will soon be covered in over 200 red signs to remind us all to be attentive drivers and slow down.

If you would like to help with the fall effort, there are still opportunities to get involved. Volunteers are still needed to post signs on September 2. If you would like to volunteer or have suggestions for making this campaign the best it can be, please contact Gail Good at (608) 345-3899 or [safety@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:safety@elvehjemneighborhood.org). If you can't help out with this campaign, but want to volunteer for the next one, the spring campaign is scheduled for May 5-16, with sign posting on May 4.



## Volunteer Spotlight— Meet Mona Everett

You may recognize Mona Everett's name from our active Facebook page, or perhaps you've seen her at the Elvehjem Community Garden tending a half plot with her husband Len. You might even remember her from previous service to the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) Board in the late 1980s. Since October 2012, Mona has served as the ENA Publicity Coordinator, a work-from-home-on-your-own time position that involves sharing information on Facebook about upcoming Madison-area events, meetings, and activities. She also compiles helpful files with neighbor recommendations for various services such as cleaning services, car repairs, and dental work. Mona, Len, and their dogs, cats, and fish have lived in the neighborhood since 1985. They have two adult children as well as a grandson. Mona is a retired remedial reading teacher who currently serves on two non-profit Boards and one not-for-profit Board. She enjoys freelance writing for the Welsh American newspaper *Ninnau*, volunteering, and learning Welsh. Her hobbies include genealogy research, travel, reading, and photography. Thank you, Mona, for your service to the neighborhood!

### ENA Board WELCOMES New Member Isaac Semrow

**Isaac Semrow** and his wife Julie bought their first house on Woodvale Drive in 2008 and have enjoyed living in the neighborhood ever since. Isaac is an engineering technician at Weir Minerals and Julie is a cardiovascular nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. They enjoy travel and outdoor activities, especially camping and volleyball leagues. Their retriever Copper goes almost everywhere with them, usually with his head hanging out of the window. Isaac brings enthusiasm and a "can-do" attitude to the board. He can be contacted via phone at 920-420-5677(cell) or email at [isaac@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:isaac@elvehjemneighborhood.org).



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## Calling All Past ENA Presidents & Board Members!

In 2018, the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In addition to honoring our past, we would like to officially call all former ENA Presidents and Board Members into action to help us lift several significant neighborhood projects off the ground. The brainstorming has just begun, but neighborhood leaders and residents are encouraged to "think big" as we continue to improve Elvehjem Neighborhood. Examples of ideas that may be considered include a neighborhood dog park, beautified community gathering space and little free library at the garden, neighborhood benches, and more. We have five years to get the ball rolling on these projects and make our way through the city permitting and grant processes. If you are willing to assist Elvehjem Neighborhood and assume leadership for one of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary projects, please contact ENA President Tiff Roltgen at [tiff-fani@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:tiff-fani@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-513-9433. Neighbors who have not served on the ENA Board are also welcome to join the fun. Get involved in YOUR neighborhood, and help us commemorate 50 years in a big way!



## Member Corner

Notices are limited to 40 words and run on a first come, first-served, space-available basis. Youth ads are good for 3 months; all others are 1 month per request. ENA member notices have priority. Notices may be edited. Send requests to ENA, PO Box 14625, Madison, 53708-0625; or deposit in Echo mailbox at 4503 Deerwood Drive; or email to [newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org).

**HELP WANTED** -- occasional companion for disabled female adult. Usually 3:00-5:00 pm. \$10/hr. No lifting or personal cares. call Terry Anne at 223-9807.

**PIANO LESSONS** -- Lesson taught in your home! Experienced neighborhood teacher with agendas customized to a student's level and ambitions. Member of Madison Area Piano Teacher's Association since 2003. Friendly approach, and recitals included. Contact Me. Brian Hagen at (608) 223-1677 and/or [bdhagen@jvlnet.com](mailto:bdhagen@jvlnet.com).

### Garden Days at Elvehjem Community Garden 1202 Painted Post Drive Saturday, September 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



Come to the Elvehjem Community Garden on September 14 for an open house to celebrate the inaugural year of the garden. The Community Action Coalition (CAC) of Southwest Wisconsin hosts Garden Days throughout the city to increase awareness about community gardens in the neighborhood, give gardeners a tip or two, and have a little fun! Our community garden will be featuring garden tours, Q&A with a Master Gardener, and a veggie swap (bring your extra squash and swap for some tomatoes!). We'll also have fun activities for the kids including building a scarecrow, making seed balls, composing garden art, and more. All are welcome, gardeners and non-gardeners alike, so walk, ride, or drive up to the garden on September 14!

### FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN PICTURES



Many thanks to our outstanding team of Fourth of July volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this a special event for Elvehjem Neighborhood! At left, neighbor David Crary volunteers his vocal talent by performing the national anthem at the Firecracker 5K while Cub Scout Pack 39 Leader Mark Wendricks salutes the flag. The VFW Day Post 7591's award-winning Black Knights participated in this year's Fourth of July Bike Parade (see photo at right), along with Fire Engine 5, Cub Scout Pack 39, and many neighborhood children and families who spent hours decorating bikes, wagons, and strollers.



### Congratulations Firecracker 5K Overall and Division Winners!

(pictured at left)  
Masters Division Winners Steve Reusser (21:41) and Bonnie Benson (31:00)  
Youth Division Winners (and siblings!) Lucy Murphy (34:20) & Gabe Murphy (23:22)  
Overall Winners Ricky Reusser (15:56) and Cassie Peterson (19:44)  
Adult Division Winners Derrick Fameree (16:43) and Nora Morrey (21:48)



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### CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK

Elvehjem Community Garden—*Stop by to see what's growing.*

Elvehjem Neighborhood—*Connect with neighbors and share concerns.*

Elvehjem to Wellvehjem—*Join us as we improve neighborhood wellness.*

Wooden Steps Running Club—*Come talk all things running with us.*

If you are interested in helping with Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) social media, please contact President Tiff Roltgen at [tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-513-9433. This would be a work-from-home, on-your-own-time volunteer role based on your availability!

**Healthy(er) Recipe Contest Judge and Senator Mark Miller presents an America's Best Flowers gift card to winner Julie Semrow.**

#### **Taste of Elvehjem Neighborhood Healthy(er) Recipe Contest Award-Winning Carrot Salad**

Prepared by Julie Semrow



- 2 lb. bag of carrots, peeled & shredded
- ¼ cup finely shredded green or red cabbage
- ½ small red onion, finely chopped
- 2 cups raisins or raisins
- 2 medium granny smith apples peeled & chopped

#### Dressing:

- 1 (8 oz.) pkg cream cheese
- 1 cup mayo
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup cinnamon

Mix dressing separately, and pour over other ingredients, adding apples last.



### VOLUNTEER BAKERS NEEDED!

The Neighborhood Welcome Committee is seeking bakers. If you would be willing to bake and donate 2-3 dozen cookies or other baked goodies from time to time, we would love to include your sweet treats as part of our welcome package to new residents of the neighborhood. Please express your interest to Isaac Semrow via email: [isaac@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:isaac@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or phone: (920) 420-5677.

**Thank You!**

