

# Elvehjem Echo

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*Our Association's 45th Year*



## Words from the Wooden Steps

### The State of the Association

Dear neighbors,  
As we build our 2014 budget, we'd like to engage you, our friends and neighbors, in a discussion about the future of Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA). I am so grateful to 333 of you who have paid your annual membership

dues (\$12/year via paper form and check and \$13/year via [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/join](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/join) and PayPal). We can certainly continue to extend a warm invitation to neighbors who have not yet had an opportunity to join the association, as we have 1749 potential member households. I am also thankful for all the generous volunteers and Board members, who so often help cover budget shortfalls out of their own pockets. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated!

Our Audit Committee has expressed concerns about the long-term sustainability of the association. In response, I will be appointing a committee to review our finances and make suggestions for improvements. While I am certainly optimistic about our ability to increase membership and solicit additional donations and advertising, we also need to discuss our expenditures, the largest of which are Echo printing/ mailing (please consider our **GO GREEN** request below!) and the annual rent payment for the storage shed. At the same time, we are very proud of our full slate of annual neighborhood events, which are actually a very small portion of our budget, due to generous donations from local businesses and our fiscally conservative event leaders.

In keeping with the ENA Mission Statement to "provide a conduit for a flow of information to the neighborhood," we deliver a physical or electronic copy of the newsletter to every household, regardless of membership status. If you are able, will you help us "**GO GREEN**" and reduce our printing and mailing costs? You can switch to e-mail delivery (regardless of association membership status) right now by taking 1 minute (or less!) to sign up at [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/gogreen](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/gogreen)

We are looking for additional "neighbors at large" to help build the 2014 budget and carefully consider revenue v. expenditures. The time commitment is one committee meeting between now and the end of the year. Please call or e-mail me if you are willing to help or if you have any other thoughts related to the financial future of the association.

**Yours in green,**  
**Tiffani Roltgen**  
**ENA President**  
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## ENA WINTER CALENDAR

- ◆ **November 6** 7 to 9 PM **ENA Board Meeting**  
East District Police Station
- ◆ **November 28** 8:30 AM SHARP **5K Turkey Trot & 2 Mile Walk**  
Droster Park
- ◆ **November 28-December 7** **Holiday Food Drive**
- ◆ **December 4** 7 to 9 PM **ENA Board Meeting**  
East District Police Station
- ◆ **December 6** 4 to 9 PM **Holiday in the Park**  
Orlando Bell Park
- ◆ **December 16-20** **Holiday Lights Contest**
- ◆ **January 8** 7 to 9 PM **ENA Board Meeting**  
East District Police Station

## *Holiday Choral Concert*

The renowned *Monona Senior Chorus* will perform on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM** in the Community Room at Messiah Church, 5202 Cottage Grove Road. (The building is fully accessible.)

Admission is FREE!





# Save the Date! ENA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Turkey Trot Run & 2 Mile Walk

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2013

8:30 a.m. SHARP @ Droster Park

Register online for this FREE event at [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/turkeytrot](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/turkeytrot)

## New in 2013!

- ◆ Online registration will close November 27 @ 12 noon.
- ◆ On-site registration tables on November 28 will close at 8:15 a.m. Don't be late!
- ◆ An additional age group division will allow for two more winners.
- ◆ A prize will be awarded for the "Best Thanksgiving Spirit" so bust out those turkey or pilgrim costumes, and join the fun!

Check [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org) or the Elvehjem Neighborhood Facebook page for more details.



In lieu of a registration fee, please bring a shelf-stable food item or non-food consumable for donation to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. The Elvehjem to Wellvehjem Committee encourages participants to consider contributing healthier options such as whole grain products, no salt canned beans, no salt canned vegetables, canned fruit in water, natural peanut butter, etc.

## ENA Wooden Steps Running Club Gears Up for Winter Running Season

The ENA Wooden Steps Running Club is preparing for an awesome winter running season! After all, we agree with Sir Ranulph Fiennes who notes, "There's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing." Check out our Nov/Dec running schedule at [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org), and come talk winter running gear with us!

The winter schedule contains a mix of regular Sunday morning group runs, longer and more challenging epic runs, and family- and pet-friendly Sunday night social runs. On New Year's Eve, we'll host a "Last Chance Epic Walk/Run-a-Thon" to close out 2013 in the true spirit of "Elvehjem to Wellvehjem" and our continued quest for improved neighborhood wellness.

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## Replacing windows? Get energy-saving tips from MGE.



**252-7117.** It's the number to call before you replace windows.

Our MGE Home Energy Line experts help estimate energy savings and suggest important features to look for. And we don't just know windows. We answer all kinds of home energy questions.

Our experts have more than 200 combined years of energy-saving experience. Unclear about a home energy question? We have a line for you. **252-7117.**



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Contact Club Leader Tiff Roltgen @ 608-513-9433 or [run@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:run@elvehjemneighborhood.org) with questions or to join the weekly reminder e-mail. All runs leave from 5306 East Buckeye Road at the Wooden Steps. New members are always welcome. Come help us reach our goal of 3000 miles by the end of the year. See you on the road!

# 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 email to [newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org).

My niece and I are looking for two people who are interested in playing bridge with us. We would like to get together once a month, in the evening, at my house. Please call me if you are interested. Sue 221-2127

## Nine Things to Do to Get Ready for Winter

By: Laurie Irwin, Madison Gas and Electric

Here's a checklist of things to do to get your home ready for the change of season.

### Inside

- Check the batteries in your programmable thermostat. Check smoke detectors.
- Install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector.
- Change your furnace filter.
- Clean and inspect the fireplace.

### Outside

- Check weatherstripping.
- Check and clean gutters.
- Check and clean dryer venting system.
- Turn off outdoor faucets.



Grace Bible Church  
1309 Painted Post Drive  
Madison  
608-222-2205

[www.gracebiblechurchmadison.org](http://www.gracebiblechurchmadison.org)

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

*Bring the family to learn more about  
God's grace*

## Many hands make light work!

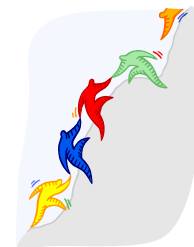
Are you interested in volunteering right here in YOUR neighborhood?

Check out the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association website "Get Involved" page at [http://](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/involved.html)

[www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/involved.html](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/involved.html) for a complete list of open positions, or create a job to fit your skill set. Many of the positions can be tailored to your schedule.

Contact ENA President Tiff Roltgen at 608-513-9433 or

[tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org) with questions or for sign-up information.



## Get to Know Your Neighbors One Block at a Time!

If you're looking for the **best** way to get to know your neighbors, **THIS IS IT!** Next spring we'll welcome back our Block Captain System for the 2014 Membership Drive. We'll prepare the membership packets for you, so all you need to do is commit one hour of your time to stroll around your block and deliver the information to your new found friends. If you've helped out before, please do so again. If you're a new volunteer, welcome aboard.

Please contact ENA Vice President Mike Digman at [mike@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:mike@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 469-8182. Join us for a good cause!

## Elvehjem to Wellvehjem Updates



*A Neighborhood of Health and Wellness*

The Elvehjem to Wellvehjem Neighborhood Committee has been hard at work bringing health and wellness to established neighborhood events, as well as offering new activities. If you'd like to join the effort, contact Julie Turner at [julieturner22@gmail.com](mailto:julieturner22@gmail.com) or 332-7548 to sign up and receive your appreciation gift!

Here's a peek at what we've offered so far, as well as our tentative plans going forward.

- August 2013** ~ Taste of LVM Neighborhood
- September 2013** ~ Labor Day Quarter, Half, & Full Marathon
- October 2013** ~ No Sugar Week Halloween Challenge & Food Day Potluck
- November 2013** ~ 5K Turkey Trot/2 Mile Walk & Healthy Food Drive
- December 2013** ~ New Year's Eve Last Chance Run/Walk Event
- January 2014** ~ Woodman's Nutrition Tour & Ski Trip
- February 2014** ~ Gardening Workshop
- March 2014** ~ Pi Day Run/Walk Event
- April 2014** ~ Earth Day Clean-Up

Elvehjem & East Buckeye Neighborhood Associations present...



**Saturday, December 7, 2013**

**Orlando Bell Park  
2274 S. Thompson Drive**

Bring the family and join your neighbors in celebrating the holiday season in the park! Gather 'round the fire and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate, take a horse drawn hayride through the neighborhood, and visit with Santa. Remember to bring your camera; this is sure to be a memory filled evening!

**4-9 PM Bonfire**

**4-6 PM Horse Drawn Sleigh/Hay Rides**

**5-7 PM Visit with Santa**

All activities are free of charge. Please bring a nonperishable donation to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin.



## Volunteer Spotlight— Meet Diana Winter



Diana Winter has been coordinating the Elvehjem Neighborhood garage sale since 2005. When she's not dropping off maps at neighbors' houses, she is the school secretary at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Monona.

She has lived in the Elvehjem Neighborhood for 14 years, with her husband Bryan, owner of I'm Board Games & Family Fun in Middleton, and their sons Casey (14) and Jack (12), who both attend IHM.

The Winter family loves Elvehjem Neighborhood, especially the bike path. Thank you so much, Diana, for your service to the neighborhood, and we also thank I'm Board Games & Family Fun for their generous sponsorship of a portion of this year's neighborhood garage sale expenses!

## Secretary's Corner By Jamie Meise

Welcome to the Secretary's Corner! The ENA Board has had a full agenda over the course of the past year, and in order to honor precious Echo Newsletter space, make wise use of your membership dollars, and provide the most up-to-date information, we've decided to begin posting ENA Board meeting minutes on the ENA website rather than printing them in full in the Echo. The Secretary's Corner will provide a few highlights from recent ENA Board meetings, not covered elsewhere in the newsletter:



- The Bylaws Committee is in the process of reviewing the current bylaws and presenting recommendations for changes including clarifications for consistency throughout the document and updates to outdated processes. After approval by the Board, the proposed bylaw changes will be shared with the neighborhood and later voted on at the annual meeting.
- The Welcome Committee is working on a new process for hand delivering the neighborhood welcome package to new neighbors along with baked goods. Volunteer bakers are still needed! Contact [isaac@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:isaac@elvehjemneighborhood.org) to volunteer.
- Our neighborhood facilitated the first Eastside Neighborhood Association Coalition meeting in September where neighborhood leaders and alders gathered to share ideas, ask questions, and discuss common issues. Two main points of discussion were fundraising for the new Eastside Library (replacement for Pinney) and the possibility of having an eastside 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Olbrich Park coinciding with the city fireworks display. The ENA board does not plan to make any changes to our Annual Fourth of July Celebration but would consider helping out and supporting the eastside event.

To access the minutes in full, please visit <http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/minutes.html>.

If you would prefer to have a printed copy mailed to your home, contact ENA Secretary Jamie Meise at [secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-477-3955.

## Congratulations “Runner of the Quarter” Joel Stone!

ENA Wooden Steps Running Club member Joel Stone was recently named the October-December 2013 “Runner of the Quarter.” Joel’s consistent attendance, positive attitude, and mantra “faster with age” encourages club members to pick up the pace. Joel has hosted several club events at his house, and he has been a volunteer at every neighborhood race since joining the group at age 64. Joel and his wife Georgine have lived in the neighborhood for 16 years. You may recognize him from the Elvehjem Community Garden, where he spends time tending his successful plot, or from the Annual Earth Day Clean-Up Event, as Joel is our invasive species removal leader in the Elvehjem Sanctuary. Words used to describe Joel in his nomination for this award include: Mr. Reliable, The Rock of Our Club, and A Servant Leader. As 2013 comes to a close, we will celebrate with Joel, as he completed all four of his goals for the year: run one race a month, break 24:00 minutes in a 5K, complete a 20K under two hours, and an age group victory at the Rock and Sole Quarter Marathon in Milwaukee. Congratulations, Joel! We look forward to many more miles with you.



The ENA Pancake Club, aka Wooden Steps Running Club, recently met in Cottage Grove to run the Glacial Drumlin Trail and gather for breakfast at Old Towne Coffee House.

Pictured in row 1 (L to R): Paul & Carrie Cusick and Joel & Georgine Stone.  
Row 2 (L to R): Darin Kalisak, Rob Chandanais, Tiff Roltgen, & Jaren Christianson.



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## **Elvehjem Neighborhood is Going Downtown!**

Ready for a fun morning out via city bus? Want to meet other cool families in the neighborhood? Join us on an **Elvehjem Neighborhood Downtown Adventure** on **Saturday, November 2**. Plans include walking around the Dane County Farmers' Market for a bit before heading to the Overture Center for the free 11 a.m. "Davey Doodle and the Red Hots" Kids in the Rotunda show. For more info on the show, visit: <http://overturecenter.com/community/kids-in-the-rotunda/performance-schedule>. After the show, there will be a little time for final purchases at the market, a quick bite to eat (pack a lunch or visit a food cart), and then we'll check out the new Central Library before catching the bus back to our neighborhood.

### **Elvehjem Neighborhood to East Transfer Point to Downtown:**

1. Board Bus 32 at the stop that is most convenient for you along South Thompson, East Buckeye, Vondron, and Starker.
2. The published pick-up times for our neighborhood area are: Cottage Grove and Inwood 9:23 a.m. AND Acewood and Cottage Grove 9:32 a.m.
3. Bus 32 becomes Bus 5 at the East Transfer Point and takes us directly Downtown

See complete route for Bus 32 at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/schedules/Route32/index.cfm>

### **Downtown to East Transfer Point to Elvehjem Neighborhood:**

1. Board Bus 5 (12:49 p.m.) or Bus 7 (12:53 p.m.) at temporary stop (due to Farmers' Market) on Dayton and Fairchild in front of the Central Library.
2. If on Bus 7, ask for transfer ticket upon boarding.
3. At East Transfer Point, move to Bus 32 (Bus 5 becomes Bus 32 so no need to transfer).
4. The published drop-off times for our neighborhood area are: Cottage Grove and Inwood 1:23 p.m. AND Acewood and Cottage Grove 1:32 p.m.

See complete route for Bus 5 at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/schedules/Route05/index.cfm>

See complete route for Bus 7 at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/schedules/Route07/>

### **Cost (One Way)**

Base Fare (includes a transfer if necessary): \$2 \* Youth Fare (5-17 or still in high school): \$1.25

Disabled/Senior Citizen Fare (65+): \$1 \* Children (4 and under with chaperone): FREE

**Strollers welcome. Fold them up prior to boarding the bus. Please bring exact change. Questions? Contact Tiff Roltgen at [tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-513-9433. Hope to see you on the bus!**