

Elvehjem Echo

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

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Our Association's 46th Year



Words from the Wooden Steps

You Are Elvehjem Neighborhood

Dear Elvehjem Neighbors,
Summer is finally here, and it's my pleasure to invite you to our 46th Annual Fourth of July Celebration on Friday, July 4, at Elvehjem Park. See

this newsletter for a complete schedule of events, and remember that family and friends are welcome. We'll have fun activities for all ages throughout the day, and if you've been on the edge of your seat waiting for a chance to volunteer for an hour or two that day, let me know!

I am extremely humbled by the hard work of our 50 Block Captains who covered the entire neighborhood on foot to deliver nearly 1400 membership packets this spring. Their efforts resulted in 407 household memberships, surpassing our 2014 goal of 400! If you misplaced your membership materials, it's not too late to be one of the 43 Elvehjem Neighborhood heroes who help us reach our new goal of 450 household members by our Fourth of July Celebration. Simply complete and mail the form found in this newsletter, or join online right now at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/join.

Finally, my sincere thanks to those who donated above and beyond dues at the bronze, silver, gold, and platinum levels and all our association members. You are Elvehjem Neighborhood! We appreciate your financial support and belief in community building, safety, communication, and quality of life. Here's to an amazing and memorable 2014 in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Tiff Roltgen
Elvehjem Neighborhood Association President
608-513-9433
tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org

Elvehjem Community Garden

By Lynn Munsinger Brown, ENA Board Director-at-Large and Community Garden Coordinator

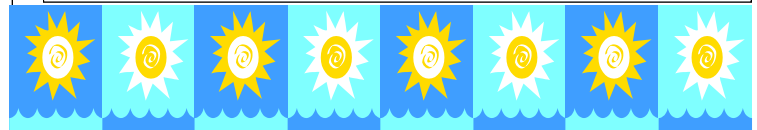
The neighborhood community garden is officially in its 2nd year – now with 31 households participating! ALL Elvehjem residents are welcome to walk through the wood-chipped paths and enjoy the gardens on the top of Elvehjem Park at 1202 Painted Post. Please be mindful that the plots are tended by individuals who have paid for them - do not pick anything from the plots, and please make sure dogs stay well outside the garden perimeter. Also be aware that we will be burying the hose running across the sidewalk to the hydrant but in the short term, that hose is a tripping hazard, so please be careful! Contact lynn@elvehjemneighborhood.org if you have any questions or want to join - there are still some plots available.



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Would you rather receive your Elvehjem Neighborhood Newsletter delivered to you electronically? We can do that.

You'll be able to keep up with neighborhood news wherever you may be just by signing on; and it will save the Association mailing costs at the same time. To go green and save a tree today go to www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/gogreen



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

Pick Up Pet Waste and Bring Pets Inside Promptly

As we all look forward to a great summer, please be courteous, and remember to pick up pet waste while adventuring on our neighborhood streets with your furry friends. Also be cognizant of bringing animals inside promptly to avoid long periods of barking. There are neighbors with varying schedules and circumstances such as new babies, small children napping, shift workers, and physical ailments who may require rest at times throughout the day, as well as the evening. Thank you in advance for your help with this very frustrating and disruptive issue!

Children's Glasses Found

I'd like to find the owner of a pair of children's prescription glasses, which were found in front of our home on Amsterdam Avenue, behind Elvehjem School, on Tuesday, May 20. The frame has a tortoise design, and the glasses appear to be fairly new. Please contact Maureen at 222-9307 and leave a message if not available.

Secretary's Corner

By Jamie Meise

Below are the highlights from recent ENA Board meetings, not covered elsewhere in the newsletter.

The following officers were elected for the 2014-2015 year: President: Tiff Roltgen, Vice President: Isaac Semrow, Treasurer: Justin Martin, Secretary: Jamie Meise, Directors at Large: Betsy Winterhack, Mike Digman, Rod Gennrich, and Lynn Munsinger Brown. We now have three open positions on the board and are seeking neighbors with financial, leadership, and/or technological experience. Contact enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org if interested.

With Olbrich Park being a prime viewing location for the Rhythm and Booms firework display on Saturday, June 28, the Eastside Neighborhood Association Coalition (ENAC) will set up a thirst-quenching beverage booth with part of the proceeds from soda and water sales benefiting ENA.

A meeting is set for May 19 with alders and county supervisors of affected districts, concerned neighbors, quarry owners, and state assembly representative Melissa Sargent to discuss quarry blasting issues in our area. Vice President Isaac will be representing ENA at the meeting.

District 16 Alder Denise DeMarb is working on securing funding for a Cottage Grove Road Corridor Study to address safety, access, planning, and transportation concerns for this area, especially as the Grandview Commons and Royster Developments are constructed. Advisory committee members will be requested if funding is approved.

To access the minutes in full, please visit <http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/minutes.html> or if you would prefer to have a printed copy mailed to your home, contact Jamie Meise at secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 608-477-3955.

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 or phone: (920) 420-5677

**Messiah Church Preschool
Accepting Registrations**

Messiah Church Preschool is a community outreach of Messiah Lutheran Church. Since 1966, our pre-school has touched the lives of hundreds of children. We feel that every child is gift from God and that a quality Pre-K experience provides a firm foundation for a successful academic life firmly rooted in Christian values. Programs for 3, 4 & 5 year olds (must be 3 by September 1st):

* Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am to 11:30 am
* Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Please call 222-3833 or visit www.messiahchurch.com and click on the preschool tab for more information.

Treasurer's Corner

By Justin Martin

treasurer@elvehjemneighborhood.org

Our spring membership drive was a great success this year, thanks in part to the hard work of our district coordinators and block captains. As of May 20, we have received membership dues from 407 neighborhood households, which exceeds our goal, which I once thought to be overly optimistic, of 400 members. This is a 49 percent increase over last year's membership drive. In addition, we received donations above and beyond the \$15 dues amount from 74 of our neighbors, bringing the total raised by our membership drive to date to \$7,445 – a 28.3 percent improvement over last year's membership income. This is great news for our organization after seeing our resources dwindle over the past couple of years. This year's membership was truly an unqualified success.

I would also like to congratulate James Wilk, our neighbor on Painted Post Drive, who was the winner of our "Madison Night Out" drawing. All households who submitted their membership materials, postmarked or in hand, by April 30 were included in the prize drawing which includes a gift card to the Great Dane and a "Paint and Sip" package for two to Artful Escapes in Fitchburg. Both of these prizes were generously donated by the respective establishments in support of our membership.

Many thanks again to our district coordinators, block captains, and of course all of our neighbors, for making our neighborhood the great place that it is!

Here are a few details about the membership drive results:

Top Five Streets by Total Memberships

1. Ellen Ave	33
2. Academy Dr	31
3. Painted Post Dr	28
4. Starker Ave	22
5. Droster Rd	18

Top Five Streets by Percent of Member Households

T-1. Melinda Dr	100%
T-1. Cornwall Pl	100%
3. Marg St	75%
4. Ironwood Dr	72.2%
5. Montgomery Dr	66.7%

We would also like to thank those members who chose to make a financial contribution to ENA in addition to their annual dues. We have received these donations from 74 households, amounting to \$1,720 which will serve to directly support community activities and events hosted by the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association. Thank you to our friends and neighbors for your support!

Ellen Ave – **8 households**

Academy Dr – **7 households**

Bay Ridge Rd – **6 households**

Starker Ave & Painted Post Dr – **5 households**

Steinhauer Trl – **4 households**

Buckeye Rd, Eldorado Ln, Twilight Trl, Woodvale Dr – **3 households**

Amsterdam Ave, Deerwood Dr, Dondee Rd, Droster Rd, Ironwood Dr, Jaarsma Ct, Vinje Ct – **2 households**

Ammerman Cir, Angel Crest Way, Bonnie Ln, Brynwood Dr, Dinauer Ct, Fleetwood Ave, Grafton Rd, Ironwood Cir, Leo Dr, National Ave, Thompson Dr, Vernon Ave, Wendy Ln – **1 household**

Start training today for...

ENA's 4th Annual Firecracker 5K Run, 2 Mile Walk, & Kids Fun Run!

Friday, July 4, 2014 @ Elvehjem Elementary School

Kids Fun Run starts at 8:00 a.m.

5K Run & 2 Mile Walk start at 8:30 a.m.



Registration now open at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/firecracker. Sign up today!

Are you interested in planning or helping? Do you have a business that would like to donate a door prize?

Please contact Race Director Emily Leas at 287-4224 or run@elvehjemneighborhood.org

#enagoodneighbor

We need you (yes, you!) to keep Elvehjem Neighborhood a safe, friendly, and fun place to live and play. If you have 10 minutes a week (yes, 10!) to give, we could use your help. Opportunities include volunteering at our monthly events, organizing projects/

events, serving on committees, getting involved as a work-from-home volunteer on special or short-term projects, and serving as a member of the ENA Board. Contact President Tiff Roltgen at tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 608-513-9433. Let us know your passion, and we'll find the right role for you! Thank you to our 2014 neighborhood volunteer coordinators: **Mona Everett**-Publicity, **Valerie Clemen** and **Fran and John Heinowski**-Signs/Plantings, **Diana Winter-Garage Sale**, **Gail Good**-Safety, **Emily Leas**-Race Director, **Joel Stone**-Parks, **Chris Winterhack**-Solskinn, **Paul Cusick & Tiff Roltgen**-Running Club, **Lynn Munsinger Brown**-Community Garden, **Scot Whitney**, **Sue Richgels**, and **Kate Strom Hiorns**-Membership Drive District Coordinators, **Tom Murray**-Webmaster, and **Rod Gennrich**-Echo Editor.

We'd also like to recognize "good neighbors" in our community in 2014. You may see people like **Mark Hinrichs** keeping Elvehjem Sanctuary free of trash or **Carol Johnson** on her quest to rid the Acewood Park Bike Path of garlic mustard. If you witness a good neighbor in action, please post an account of what you saw or a photo (with permission) on our Elvehjem Neighborhood Facebook page at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/facebook using the hashtag [#enagoodneighbor](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/enagoodneighbor). Let's see if we can start a chain of neighborly acts of kindness and goodwill that will carry us through 2014 and beyond!



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

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*

Here's to good deals, successful sales, and great neighbors!

GET YOUR THRIFT ON!

*Mark your calendars for neighborhood-wide
summer garage sales on Madison's Eastside...*

Heritage Heights	May 16-17
Lake Edge & City of Monona	May 16-17
Richmond Hill	June 6-7
Rolling Meadows	June 19-21
<i>(including Brat Sale Fundraiser at Sentry)</i>	
Elvehjem	June 20-21
Eastmorland	August 1-2



Brought to you by the Eastside Neighborhood Association Coalition.

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association presents its third annual...

Neighborhood Night Out

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

What is National Night Out?

National Night Out (<http://www.natw.org>) is an annual event designed to strengthen communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The goal is to heighten crime-prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better.

How Can I Get Involved?

We are encouraging all residents of Elvehjem Neighborhood to do something to improve relationships with their neighbors on August 6 or any day that works best for you! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Sit outside on your porch or lawn.*
- Go for a walk or run.*
- Introduce yourself to a new neighbor or one you have not met.*
- Host a cookout, ice cream social, or bonfire.*
- Create a directory of your immediate neighbors.*
- Pick up litter.*
- Organize a block party.*
- Talk about starting a neighborhood watch.*
- Work together on a landscaping or home improvement project.*
- Set up a childcare or meal exchange.*
- Bake cookies for your neighbors.*

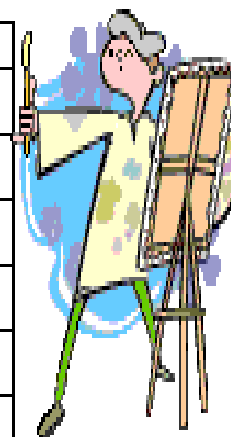


Please consider submitting a picture and/or description of how you celebrated National Night Out in your immediate neighborhood to the ECHO Newsletter Editor at newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org by Sept. 15 for publication in the Echo

Art Cart is Back for Its 39th Year!

The Art Cart is a free, drop-in traveling art program that provides creative, outdoor art-making experiences to children ages 3+ and their families. Activities include both group and individual projects with a variety of materials lasting 15 to 45 minutes. Children ages 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The Art Cart is sponsored by the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art and Madison School & Community Recreation. We hope to see you at a park in our greater neighborhood area this summer!

Date:	Time:	Park:	Address:
Friday, June 20	9 a.m. – 12 noon	Elvehjem Park	1202 Painted Post Dr
Monday, June 23	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Acewood Park	1402 Acewood Blvd
Thursday, July 10	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Kennedy Park	5202 Retana Dr
Monday, July 14	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Elvehjem Park	1202 Painted Post Dr
Friday, July 18	9 a.m. – 12 noon	Acewood Park	1402 Acewood Blvd
Friday, August 1	9 a.m. – 12 noon	Richmond Hill Park	6117 Cottontail Trail
Tuesday, August 5	9 a.m. – 12 noon	Elvehjem Park	1202 Painted Post Dr
Friday, August 8	9 a.m. – 12 noon	Kennedy Park	5202 Retana Dr
Thursday, August 14	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Acewood Park	1402 Acewood Blvd



The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association presents its...

46th Annual Fourth of July Celebration



FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014

**Spend the day with neighbors and friends.
There's something for everyone!**

Time:

8:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:45 a.m.
12:00 noon
12:00 noon

Event:

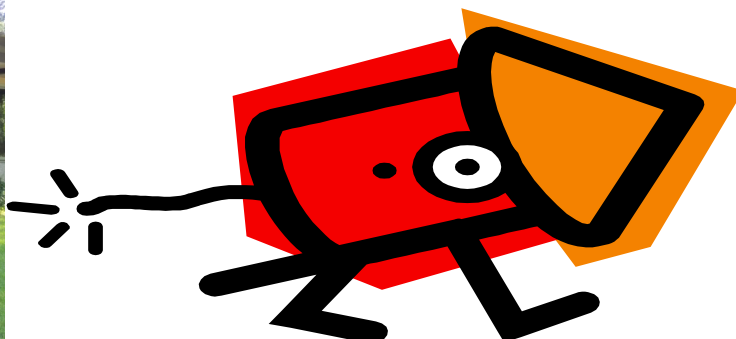
Kids Fun Run
Firecracker 5K/2 Mile Walk
Set-Up Crew Reports
Kids Bike Parade Line-up
Kids Bike Parade
Picnic Lunch, Activities,
Silent Auction, Raffle,
Bounce House
Silent Auction Closes
Raffle Drawing
Clean-Up Crew Reports

Location:

Elvehjem Elementary School
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Elvehjem Park
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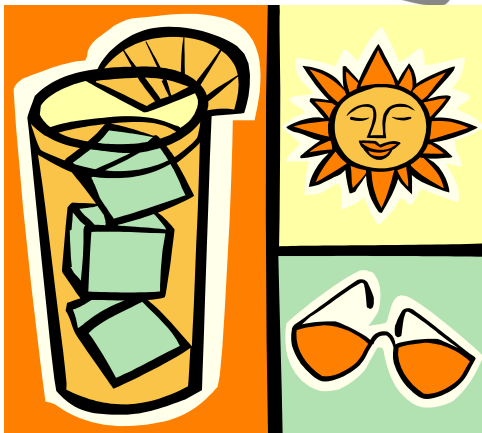
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The Kids Fun Run, Firecracker 5K/2 Mile Walk (please pre-register at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/firecracker), Bike Parade, and Activities are all FREE OF CHARGE! A delicious Picnic Lunch (vegetarian options available), Bounce House and Raffle tickets, and Silent Auction bids are available for purchase.



Who Knew Running Could Be This Much Fun?

New to the neighborhood? Be sure to check out our friendly neighborhood Wooden Steps Running Club. We've already reached the halfway point at 2000 miles this year, but we need your help to achieve our goal of crossing Africa from north to south by logging 4000 miles. To find out more information about weekly group runs, contact Running Club Co-Leaders Tiff Roltgen (513-9433) and Paul Cusick (334-5424) at run@elvehjemneighborhood.org or visit www.elvehjemneighborhood.org to access our summer running schedule. You won't want to miss coffee on the steps, waffle club, trail run and breakfast, and our annual ice cream run. Who knew running could be this much fun? Hope to see you at the wooden steps and on the road!



THE SUNSET

Lakeside Summer Music Series

LIVE MUSIC THURSDAYS!

6-9pm • June-August

East Side Club • 3735 Monona Drive • Tiki Bar

June 12	The Giving Tree Band with Derek Pritzl
June 18	Joe Firstman & The Cordovas with Anna Laube
July 17	John Statz with Todd Kessler and the New Folk
July 24	Foreign Fields with TBA
August 14	Count This Penny & Cereus Bright
August 28	TBA

WEDNESDAY SHOW!

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Elvehjem Community Garden—*Join us as we grow!*
 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 or 608-513-9433. This would be a work-from-home, on-your-own-time volunteer role based on your availability!

Elvehjem Neighborhood Garage Sale Sign-Up Form June 20-21, 2014

For only \$5 you benefit from:

- * Your sale on the neighborhood map and a listing of your address with any special items.
- * Advertising in the Wisconsin State Journal, Craig's List, and Madison Stuff Exchange.
- * Map and sale lists to hand out to your customers with the other sales in the neighborhood.
- * Map and sale list posted on the Elvehjem Neighborhood website.
- * A coordinated effort that attracts more customers and supports your neighborhood!

Complete this form and return it with \$5.00 to Diana Winter, 4617 Steinhauer Trail, Madison, WI 53716.
Phone: 223-1994. Make checks payable to Elvehjem Neighborhood Association. **Sign-up deadline is June 16.**

Advertised times are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday, June 20 & Saturday, June 22. Please feel free to set your own hours and note them below.

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Your Address: _____
 Your Email: _____

If you'd like specific items mentioned on the garage sale map and list, such as "baby clothes," "gas grill," etc., please list them here:



Spring Slow Down Campaign Wrap-Up

The Spring Slow Down Campaign ran from May 5 to May 16. Thanks to all Elvehjem neighbors for being supportive of the campaign and for hosting signs near your yards. Sincere thanks to the many volunteers who made this event possible by setting up and taking down 225 signs. This year's volunteers include Jenny Gotcher, Janet McCormick, Jason Kennedy, Heather Hengst, Tiff Roltgen, Dave Bernhard, Aidan Schmidt, Mona Everett, Nicole White, Lis Olson, The Cheadles (Sonja, Jeff, Annika, and Maren), and Brian and Caleb Good. Thanks to the volunteers and their families!

Volunteers reported neighbors driving by honking and waving as they were setting up their signs. If your street wasn't covered in red signs and you would like it to be for the fall campaign, please consider nominating your street and volunteering to post signs.

This campaign saw the first ever Slow Down Selfie contest, hosted by Safe Communities of Madison-Dane County. Many neighbors got involved in the contest. If you have suggestions for the fall campaign or would like to volunteer, please contact ENA Safety Coordinator Gail Good at safety@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 608-345-3899. The fall campaign will run from September 2 to September 12. If you are interested in taking on an organizational role in the fall campaign, please message Gail soon, as she will not be able to organize the fall campaign this year.

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ENA!**

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Keep ENA Going
for Another 46!!**

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2014 ENA MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

New to the neighborhood? Yes No

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Send monthly Echo newsletter to this postal Address

Dues are only

\$15.00 per year

Per household - Jan 1 – Dec 31
(That's just \$1.25 per month!)

Please make checks payable to ENA and return with your form to:

ENA Membership Committee

PO Box 14625

Madison, WI 53706-0265

For more information, please visit
www.elvehjemneighborhood.org

If you would prefer to receive The Echo electronically, please check the box(es), indicating which email address(es) to send it to.

Contact information is only intended for ENA business and The Echo newsletters.

Name (First, Last) _____ I am interested in **volunteering** with ENA

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