

Elvehjem Echo

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VIEWS FROM THE TREEHOUSE

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. It seems like just a week ago when I was digging out the lawnmower and the kids outdoor toys. Yet here we are, staring down another Wisconsin winter. Before the winter's chill sets in, come warm your bones by the fire at Orlando Bell Park (2274 S. Thompson Dr), where the Elvehjem and East Buckeye Neighborhood Associations are hosting the 3rd Annual Holiday In The Park from 4-7 PM on Saturday, December 5. More information can be found inside.



In our neck of the woods, things are looking up for the new Pinney Library, thanks to a resolution by the Madison Common Council which restored funding in the 2016 Capital Budget for a new location at the site of the Royster Clark redevelopment.

Also, starting in January a new east side Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) site will begin operation in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center. This site will hold a variety of classes for all ages and will be a great resource for all of the surrounding neighborhoods. This time of year tends to be one of reflection, as the sunny days of summer fade into long, cold nights.

Looking back over the past year and beyond, I am tremendously thankful for the tireless efforts of the many ENA Board Members and volunteers, past and present, that have made the Elvehjem neighborhood such a great place to live. I am hopeful that the year to come will bring more good things our way.

With best wishes for an enjoyable holiday season and a healthy and happy new year,
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TREASURER'S REPORT

by Stacy Welford

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As 2015 is coming to a close so is another great year for ENA's finances. Once again we have received great support from lots of our neighbors with 387 members signing up to be part of the association, totaling \$7,842. The Echo has been a big hit this year with overall advertising dollars totaling \$2,452, which is up 117% from last year! Overall expenses are down due to changes to the 4th of July event, continued cost-cutting efforts made by the board and neighbor's going green by getting the Echo delivered electronically. Our cash balance remains strong and the board is continuing to budget and plan for next year's events and local sponsorships. We're also looking for volunteers with great new neighborhood event ideas that will help us continue to have a positive impact on our neighborhood into the future!



SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Jamie Meise

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



- The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Board recently welcomed Marilee Cronin as a new director at large. We still have an open seat on the board and other volunteer opportunities available.
- Board members Justin and Jamie attended the Mayors Roundtable event in October which included networking with other neighborhoods as well as informational discussions and workshops.
- The board sent a letter of support to the Madison City Council on behalf of Pinney Library asking that the funding for Pinney Library to be put back in the budget for 2016.
- Find us online! The Elvehjem neighborhood has a very active Facebook group, and a recently revamped and regularly updated website, visit us at <http://elvehjemneighborhood.org/>

For a copy of the minutes in full, visit our website or contact Jamie Meise at secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 608-477-3955

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Please bring 5 dozen of your favorite homemade holiday cookies packaged together in sets of 6 for easy trading and a copy of your recipe.

A portion of the cookies will be used to create platters for our local police and fire stations. Refreshments and snacks will be provided and children are welcome!

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Home Heating Fiction and Facts

From: Madison Gas and Electric

Fiction: It costs as much or more to heat a home back up after a setback.

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Fiction: The house will warm up faster the higher the thermostat is raised.

Fact: The thermostat isn't like the gas pedal on a car. It's either calling for heat or not, so setting the thermostat too high may cause you to overshoot the desired temperature.

Fiction: The kids will kick off the covers and get cold.

Fact: Children older than about two weeks can regulate their body temperature just like adults, so they don't need any different temperature than adults. If they kick off the covers, try dressing them in two sets of pajamas with feet or using a sleeping bag.

Energy-saving benefits

For your heating bills: By setting back just 3°F, you could save \$74 per heating season. Bigger setbacks save even more.

For our community: If we all set back our thermostats by 1°F this winter, we could save enough gas for 3,100 homes.

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Choral Concert!

The renowned Monona Senior Chorus will perform Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 PM in the Community Room at Messiah Church, 5202 Cottage Grove Rd. Admission is FREE but free-will offerings will be accepted for charities! (All are Welcome as the building is fully accessible.)

ENA HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS!

1st - Joan Jackson

4810 Steinhauer Trail

2nd - Mona Everett

1314 Woodvale Drive

3rd - Melody Chavez

1209 Painted Post Road



Holiday Lights Decorating Contest

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audra@elvehjemneighborhood.org 12/2-12/13

or

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ANNOUNCING MSCR EAST! 4620 Cottage Grove Rd.

We have a new program site on Madison's east side! Please share this information with your neighborhood association members. Madison School & Community Recreation is excited to open MSCR East, located at 4620 Cottage Grove Rd. in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center!

This new facility has several activity rooms to hold a variety of MSCR classes for all ages.

Programs include:

Family Fitness, Youth Fitness, Adult Fitness Goodman-Rotary 50+ Fitness, Youth Arts & Enrichment, Adult Arts & Enrichment Please check out the activities at this convenient location which opens late January.

View complete MSCR Winter & Spring 2016 Program Guide.

Registration Reminder! Create your account today!

MSCR has a new registration system. All (new and returning) customers need to create a new account to register online for MSCR Programs.

Please create an account now to avoid delays in the registration process.

Go to www.msqr.org/registration/register-online click

CREATE AN ACCOUNT located under the Sign In button. Follow the step-by-step instructions to create a new account. Set up - Add the primary or head of household account first, and then add family members if applicable. When finished click

CREATE ACCOUNT. Your request is sent to MSCR staff for approval. You should receive a confirmation within two business days. Due to the large number of requests for new accounts, your patience is appreciated. Registration for MSCR Winter & Spring 2016 classes begins November 30 for Residents of the Madison Metropolitan School District, and December 14 for Non-Residents. For more information, go to www.msqr.org or call 204-3000.



Saturday, December 5, 2015

Bonfire 4-7pm, Visit with Santa 4-6pm,

Sleigh Rides 4:30-6:30pm

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 sleigh ride through the neighborhood, and visit with Santa. Remember to bring your camera; this is sure to be a memory filled evening!

All activities are free of charge.

**Please bring a non-perishable donation for
Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin.**

Remember to check the expiration date!

Neighbors,

As I write this, we are nearing Thanksgiving, and I'm reminded of all the things I'm thankful for. I am thankful for the work I'm able to do on Council, representing District 16. I hope your celebrations this season are joyous.

This newsletter falls near the end of the Council year and soon after the City budget was approved by Council. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the 2016 City budget. A large part of the fall is taken up with the City budget. Because I sit on the Board of Estimates (BOE/finance committee) and as the Council's President, more of my time is devoted to the budget than most alders. I led several meetings of BOE this summer to ensure a deep understanding of the capital budget. The capital budget is the place where projects are budgeted. Projects like roads, police stations, and public markets. It is complex, and we knew it needed to be trimmed back. Over the years, it had become a parking lot for projects, not a plan forward. I was able to bring my previous finance experience to the City and assist the BOE in understanding the capital budget and to help align it with Madison's priorities. The capital budget covers five years, 2016-2020.

Below are some highlights in the capital budget for directly impacting SE Madison:

Library

A new Pinney Library will be constructed in Royster Corners. Construction 2016-2017.

Fire: A building will be constructed at Dairy and Femrite to house EMS services for SE Madison.

This building will ultimately be used as a fire training center, but until Firestation 14 can be sited and constructed (probably 2021 or later), residents living south of the beltline will receive improved EMS service.

Construction 2017-2018

Bike paths: The Capital City Trail will be extended from Buckeye to the Interstate 90/94. Construction 2016-2018. Major Roads Cottage Grove Rd. - Monona Dr. - Stoughton Rd. reconstruction 2016; Interstate 90/94 - Sprecher Rd. will be widened to four lanes w/bike lanes in 2017. Buckeye Rd. between Monona Dr. and Stoughton Rd. will be reconstructed in 2018.

Police

Midtown Station will be built on the Westside. I highlight it here because this means there will be no shift in service, and the East District will not be asked to take on a larger service area.



Operating Budget

City governments' primary purpose is to provide core services to its residents trash and snow removal, street repair, and public safety (police and fire). The Council was able to approve a budget that will maintain core city services. We were also able to increase the investment in youth employment and shelter and services for the homeless.

There are many other items in the 2016 budget. I wanted to highlight a few major items that directly impact SE Madison. Thank you for your support. It is an honor to represent you. Please contact me with questions or comments.

Happy Holidays!

Your Alder,

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Agrace to Offer Orientation for Prospective Volunteers in December

Volunteering for Agrace can be a very rewarding experience in a person's life. In December, Agrace will offer volunteer orientation for those interested in making a difference in the lives of patients with advanced illnesses.

Agrace has opportunities for volunteers who would like to work directly with Agrace patients, as well as organizational support roles that do not involve patient care. Areas of most immediate need are for customer service volunteers at the Agrace Thrift Store-East, 2402 East Springs Drive, Madison as well as café and kitchen help at Agrace's Madison campus, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway.

Agrace's next volunteer orientation opportunities will be held Tuesday, December 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Agrace's Madison campus, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway. Prior to attending orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff to identify the volunteer's skills and interests. Call (608) 327-7163 to begin the pre-orientation process.

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Meet ENA Director at Large



Marilee Cronin

Marilee, her husband Keith, two sons Oliver and Timothy along with their dog Gus have lived in the Elvehjem Neighborhood since 2012. Marilee is a reading specialist for the Stoughton Area School District. In her free time Marilee enjoys gardening, spending time outside, reading and living room family dance parties. Marilee brings organizational skills and an enthusiasm for a strong community to the board. Marilee can be reached at marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org



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ENA Calendar of Events

December 2	Board Meeting	East District Police Station 809 South Thompson Drive	7:00-9:00 p.m.
December 5	Holiday in the Park	Orlando Bell Park 2274 South Thompson Drive	4:00-7:00 p.m.
December 13	Holiday Cookie Swap	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 1201 Droster Road	4:00 p.m.
December 13	Holiday Lights Contest	Deadline for entries	5:00 p.m.
December 16-20	Vote for Holiday Lights Winner	Facebook page	
January 6	Board Meeting	East District Police Station 809 South Thompson Drive	7:00-9:00 p.m.