

# Elvehjem Echo

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

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## Words from the Wooden Steps *We Left Our Hearts in Elvehjem*

Dear Elvehjem Neighbors,

It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past two years and as a member of the board since 2009. It is with both sadness and excitement that my family is relocating to Fitchburg; many thanks to Elvehjem realtor Joe Voell for a quick and painless home sale, even though our hearts are quite literally breaking! It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of you, listening to your concerns and dreams for our neighborhood, and working to make this a better place to live and play.

As I reflect back on the past six years since I joined the Board, I am amazed by the things we have accomplished together from the establishment of the Elvehjem Community Garden and Wooden Steps Running Club to new and growing events like our Firecracker 5K, Turkey Trot, and Neighborhood Week Out. We have been successful in voicing our issues with elected officials and the City of Madison, and we led the way in forming the Eastside Neighborhood Association Coalition (ENAC), which brings together eastside neighborhood leaders, elected officials, and police for quarterly updates and planning across associations. Elvehjem is known and respected as an engaged and vibrant eastside neighborhood, and we should all be very proud of that!

There are so many people I would like to thank that I'm not even certain where to begin. To the Board, past and present, you have been a top-notch, compassionate group of leaders. I am continually inspired by your generosity, ideas, and commitment. To Alder Denise DeMarb, you have been our voice and advocate. We greatly appreciate your time and efforts to advance the eastside. To our neighborhood volunteer team, you leave me speechless with your can-do attitudes and dedication year in and year out. To our sponsors and business partners, thank you for making the important work of community building possible. To the Wooden Steps Running Club, you have been my sanity. I cannot believe we have logged over 13,000 miles together, not to mention the love you've shown my girls and family. To my husband Mike, a man of great patience and support. I have pledged to go at least a few "meeting-free" months in thanks for the many nights you have been on dad duty in the name of neighborhood improvement. And finally, to my girls, Adelline and Stella, my hope for you is to see that civic engagement is not a spectator sport.

The Board will be in great hands, as our current treasurer, Justin Martin, becomes your next president. Justin has deep roots in Elvehjem Neighborhood and will lead the charge toward our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Elvehjem Neighborhood Association in 2018. He will be supported

by an outstanding team, and if you'd like to join the fun, there are still two seats available on the Board (you know I couldn't write a column without a little bit of recruiting!).

And with that, I wish you all the best. We will not be strangers, as we plan to take advantage of the new "Let's Eat Out!" Food Carts and Fun coming to Buckeye Road on Thursday nights (5:30-7:30 p.m.) this summer, and we will continue to support the place where our family began. You can count on the Roltgen family as lifelong association members. With the 2015 Membership Drive just around the corner May 1-31, we now only need 499 more households to join the association to meet our goal. Will you commit \$15 to supporting this fantastic neighborhood and our hard working volunteers? I sincerely hope you'll say YES. Thank you again for the trust you placed in me to lead this wonderful neighborhood. We are truly leaving our hearts in Elvehjem!

In appreciation,  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

BY JUSTIN MARTIN

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At our last board meeting I submitted a budget for 2015 that I would best describe as cautiously optimistic. It includes some additional expenditures on some of our regular events throughout the year, but it is too early for us to be certain that last year's success was an indicator of the future or just a temporary, but welcome, improvement. The budget includes membership drive income based on a goal of 500 member households (up from 440 in 2014), but refrains from spending at that level. Whether we meet that goal and have more resources to put into community events, projects and programs, or we find our ceiling in the membership drive, I feel that this year will tell us a lot about what we can do in the next few years.

### Secretary's Corner

By Jamie Meise

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

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Has a NEW website! The next time you visit [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org), you are going to notice some big changes. We hope you like the new format and find it easy to use on a variety of electronic devices.

Check it out today! If you have any feedback or concerns, please contact the ENA Board at [enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org).


Due to the Emerald Ash Borer, the Madison Parks Department is going to start cutting down ash trees in the city later this year. Through the Adopt-a-Tree program, residents have the ability to save important and long-standing trees in city parks, such as those providing shade in playground areas, by paying for them to be treated and retreated every two years. All ash trees in city parks that are not adopted and treated will eventually be cut down. The city agreed to identify playground ash trees in our neighborhood parks in May, which the board will then mark with a green ribbon. The cost to adopt an average tree is about \$300 per treatment. For more information, visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/EAB/AdoptaParkTree.cfm>.

The board is continuing to work through the application process to achieve 501(c)(3) tax status. An application has been submitted to the WI Department of Financial Institutions to officially change our Articles of Incorporation as approved by the membership this past De-

ember. If/when that is approved, we will work on an application with the IRS to change our tax status. If our application is approved, donations to our organization will become tax deductible.

Contact Jamie Meise at [secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-477-3955 to receive a copy of the minutes in full.

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**Member Corner**

Come support the **BE THE HERO Benefit for CampHero** at the East Side Club, 3735 Monona Drive, Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-11 PM. **V05**, the Best Live Disco Band is back! Includes a Kids Zone, food, drink, celebrity bartenders, and largest silent auction in the area. Checkout the website at [www.camphero4girls.org](http://www.camphero4girls.org) or contact Lori Karst for any donations or volunteer shifts at 608-213-5441 or [likarst@hotmail.com](mailto:likarst@hotmail.com).

In conjunction with National Pet ID Week, the **Dane County Humane Society (DCHS)** will be hosting a steeply discounted ID tag (\$5) and microchip (\$15) event for both dogs and cats, during normal hours of operation from April 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at the shelter on 5132 Voges Rd, Madison, WI 53718. For hours or questions, call DCHS at (608) 838-0413.

**FREE home value consultation** for residents of the Elvehjem neighborhood by Iris Loomans of Keller Williams. Thinking about selling? List with Iris, and she will put in a FREE Standard Home Warranty at closing. Contact Iris Loomans at [608-572-1736](tel:608-572-1736) or by email at [irisloomans@kw.com](mailto:irisloomans@kw.com), [www.buyandselleastmadisonhomes.com](http://www.buyandselleastmadisonhomes.com)



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For two years, I've been providing service to my constituents in the 16th district. Here are just a few examples:

- Planning for businesses on Cottage Grove Road and Dutch Mill Triangle
- Secured digital speed board and lights to slow traffic on Buckeye
- Supported planning and new playground in Droster Park
- Working closely with police on neighborhood issues

I'm happy to be endorsed by our Eastside Alders, Supervisors Schmidt and DeFelice, Representative Sargent, Senator Miller, Madison Professional Police Officers Association, AFSCME PEOPLE, Firefighters Local 311, Madison Teachers, Inc., and the Democratic Party of Dane County. I'm most proud to be endorsed by leaders and neighbors in Elvehjem and every neighborhood in the District!

We've accomplished a lot, and we have so much more to do. I hope I've earned your vote.

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Vote April 7th!

## ENA Bowling Party

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Elvehjem bowling event in early February! It was a small event, but a good time was had by all. We had some delicious treats donated from Rosie's Café.

Awards were as follows:

- Krista**-Most Gutterballs
- Jon**-Adult High Score
- Faye**-Most Strikes
- Tiff**- Best Bowling Shirt
- Addy** -Youth High Score.



## Let's Eat Out! Food Carts & Fun Thursday evenings 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. May 7 – August 27, 2015



We are excited to share the awesome news that Let's Eat Out! is coming to Elvehjem and East Buckeye Neighborhoods. The group is the brainchild of Christine Ameigh who decided to assemble a coalition of inde-

pendently own food carts dedicated to, "promote[ing] and advocate[ing] for the success of local mobile food entrepreneurs while bringing neighborhoods together and expanding access to local food." And Let's Eat Out! will be doing just that on Thursday evenings throughout the summer at 4909 East Buckeye Road (at City Church).

In the spirit of the words of the keynote speaker from the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference last fall—"If you aren't looking to partner, you aren't thinking big enough"—Elvehjem Neighbor Sarah O'Callaghan and ENA Board President Tiff Roltgen are heading up the effort to partner with individuals and community groups who would like to share their time and talents on various Thursday nights throughout the summer. In the works are local musician Jason Moon providing musical entertainment to diners, "Bike Night" encouraging attendees to bike to the food carts and featuring bike-related activities, and a home-based business bazaar. If you have ideas or contacts for additional activities or you'd like to help with promotion of this event, please contact [tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-513-9433.

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## ENA Calendar of Events

April 1	Board Meeting <i>2 open seats</i>	East District Police Station 809 S. Thompson Dr., Madison Community Meeting Room	7:00-9:00 p.m.
April 4	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Droster Park 1429 Droster Road, Madison	9:30 a.m. SHARP
April 11	Block Captain Training Neighborhood Social Annual Meeting	Messiah Lutheran Church 5202 Cottage Grove Road Upper Community Room	9:00-9:30 a.m. 9:30-10:00 a.m. 10:00-11:00 a.m.
May 1-31	May Membership Drive	<i>Please complete your 2015 association membership!</i>	
May 3	Neighborhood Pottery Painting Day	Fired Up Pottery Lake Edge Shopping Center 4112 Monona Drive, Madison	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
May 6	Board Meeting <i>2 open seats</i>	East District Police Station 809 S. Thompson Dr., Madison Community Meeting Room	7:00-9:00 p.m.
May 7-August 27	<i>Let's Eat Out!</i> Food Carts & Fun	Every Thursday night 4909 East Buckeye Road	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### Mark Your Summer Calendars!

June 19-20	Neighborhood Garage Sales
July 4	Annual Neighborhood Fourth of July Celebration
August 3-7	Neighborhood Week Out
September 13	Taste of Elvehjem Neighborhood

## Neighborhood Running/Walking Club Logs 7083.38 Team Miles in 2014

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Wooden Steps Running /Walking Club has been meeting since December 2010, and during our first year, we logged **1094.99 miles**, which kept us stateside, as we ran the equivalent of the distance from Madison to just past Dallas, Texas. In 2012, we headed to the land down under and logged **2,568 miles**, equivalent to crossing the continent of Australia from east to west. In 2013, we ventured to South America and ran **3076.58 miles**, just over the distance from Caracas, Venezuela, to Santiago, Chile. In 2014, we had our sights set on an African safari, as we hoped to log 4000 miles and cross the continent from north to south, running from Libya to South Africa. As it turns out, we kept reaching and subsequently raising our goal, until we ended the year with **7083.38 miles**, equivalent to flying from Madison, Wisconsin, to China! We also honored four "Runners of the Quarter" this year: **Dana Gundlach, Beth Robertson, Peggy Hoffmann, and Jaren Christianson**, as well as one "Walker of the Quarter," **Mona Everett**. We are looking to build the walking side of our club in 2015. If you are interested in joining Mona and others to log miles for the cause, please contact her at [walk@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:walk@elvehjemneighborhood.org)



We plan to raise the bar again in 2015 and log **8000 miles** or more as a team, but in order to do so, we need to increase the number of participants in our organized runs/walks. Please consider connecting with the club on our [Facebook page](#) (search "Wooden Steps Running Club"). Our current weekly runs/walks leave from 5306 East Buckeye Road on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5 a.m. and Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m., as well as other times/places that vary from week to week. Questions? Contact club leaders Paul Cusick (334-5424) or Tiff Roltgen (513-9433) at [run@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:run@elvehjemneighborhood.org). Hope to see you on the road soon!

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**Annual Meeting**  
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**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**Upper Level Community Room**  
**5202 Cottage Grove Road (across**  
**from Elvehjem Sanctuary)**



**Block Captain Training**  
 9:00-9:30 AM Participate in important training for new and returning block captains for the 2015 ENA Membership Drive.

**Neighborhood Social**  
 9:30-10:00 AM

Enjoy coffee and snacks with your neighbors and share concerns with city, county, and state elected officials.

**Annual Meeting** 10:00 a.m.-11:00 AM  
 Meet the board, learn about neighborhood events and initiatives, vote on the 2015 budget, and voice ideas.

**SPECIAL INCENTIVE:** Attendees can renew their ENA membership dues for only \$12 (save \$3). Hope to see you there!

**VOTE YES for OUR SCHOOLS - April 7**

Submitted by Nan Brien, Former Board of Education Member and Elvehjem Resident

The Madison School District has not built many new schools, rather we have renovated and maintained existing schools. This \$41M referendum, costing the owner of an average home (assessed at \$237,000) about \$63 each year for ten years, continues that tradition. Neighboring districts have constructed expensive new schools and asked for considerably more taxpayer dollars: Sun Prairie - \$101M, Middleton - \$60M, Oregon - \$54.6M. All have much smaller enrollments. Some Madison schools need major renovations to make them accessible to all students, staff, families, and community. Others need modifications to make building entrances secure. A small number need classroom additions. This referendum will guarantee a 21<sup>st</sup> century education for our 21<sup>st</sup> century students. Old infrastructures will be updated in all buildings to facilitate use of the latest education technology. Please consider supporting this referendum on the April 7<sup>th</sup> ballot and vote **YES** for these important updates at east side schools Frank Allis Elementary, East High School, and Kennedy Elementary and others across the City.



**RECENT AREA REFERENDA** (the numbers below are available from DPI and are used for purpose of comparison; the actual value of the average Madison home is \$237,000, so the average property tax payer in Madison will pay \$63, if the referendum passes).

Sun Prairie	Nov. 2007	\$96M	est. cost:	\$246	\$200,000 house
Middleton	Nov. 2012	\$59.8M	est. cost:	\$140	\$200,000 house
Oregon	Nov. 2014	\$54.6M	est. cost:	\$72	\$200,000 house
Madison	April 2015	\$41M	est. cost:	\$53	\$200,000 house

## Elvehjem Neighborhood Garage Sale Sign-Up Form June 19-20, 2015

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 15.**

Advertised times are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20. 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:

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### Support Elvehjem Neighborhood at Our Third Annual Fun & Family-Friendly Pottery Painting Day on Sunday, May 3

Join us for our third annual pottery painting fundraiser! Fired Up Pottery (4112 Monona Drive) in the Lake Edge Shopping Center is a "Walk In Make Art" studio that is fun for all ages. Stop in on Sunday, May 3, anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (they are open until 5 p.m. if you have other obligations during the official party time frame or if your project takes a little longer), pick out a piece of pottery from the extensive collection ranging in price from \$5 to \$50+, and then get creative painting it however you like and leave the mess behind! They also offer walk-in



canvas painting and glass fusing if you'd like to try a different type of art. Already busy that day? Gift certificates can be purchased over the phone; just call 608-442-

9900. Either way, make sure to say, "I'm here with Elvehjem Neighborhood," at checkout in person or over the phone, and 30% of all product and gift certificate sales will be donated directly to our neighborhood association. Come make a beautiful gift for mom, grandma, or another important woman in your life just in time for Mother's Day!

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## **Local Business Spotlight: Monona Grove Nursery School**

Monona Grove Nursery School (MGNS) at 4200 Buckeye Road is, "a perfect place to learn and play." Since its founding in 1958, MGNS has been in continuous operation providing young children a relaxed atmosphere where they can grow socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually. The school is state licensed and accredited.

MGNS functions as a parent cooperative. An all-volunteer parent board guides the decision-making process. As a member of a parent co-op, each parent spends 2 or 3 days each semester helping in their child's classroom. That precious time in the classroom is such a positive experience for both parents and children; many parents request to spend additional time in the classroom! Please visit [www.mgns.org](http://www.mgns.org) for more information and to download an application for the 2015-2016 school year, or call (608) 222-4633.

### **Program Overview**

- 4K (Ages 4-5):** MGNS is part of Madison Metropolitan School District's 4K program.
- Preschool (Ages 3-5):** MGNS offers 2- and 3-day preschool programs.
- Toddler Time (Ages 0-3):** Toddler Time is a way to gently introduce young children to the preschool environment, without having to separate from a parent/caregiver. Toddler Time also gives parents/caregivers an opportunity to meet and socialize with one another.
- Lunch Bunch (Ages 3-5):** Allows preschool children the opportunity to bring their lunch to school and have additional time for socialization while eating.

