

Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 48th Year



Dear Neighbors,

A couple of years ago the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) was struggling to make ends meet. Facing annual shortfalls and a declining bank balance, we made a number of changes including cutting back the number of households who received a copy of the Echo by mail. Now, we find ourselves in a much stronger financial position and are able to resume mailing to the many multi-family dwellings throughout the neighborhood: on Leo Dr, Cottage Grove Rd, Acewood Blvd, and elsewhere. I am very happy for the opportunity for ENA to reconnect with our neighbors, and if this is your first time having received this newsletter please consider this your invitation to become more involved with your neighborhood. We host many family-friendly events throughout the year which are free to all in the Elvehjem Neighborhood, and also have many volunteer opportunities available.

Preparations are underway for the 2016 Annual Meeting, your opportunity to meet the ENA Board of Directors, fellow neighbors, and elected officials, and learn about

neighborhood events and initiatives. At this meeting we will present and seek approval for our 2016 operating budget, introduce our Board of Directors, and share information about ENA events and initiatives. We will be inviting our city, county, and state level elected officials and we expect a lively and productive event. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



The Annual Meeting will also mark the beginning of our 2016 Membership Drive, which runs from April 10 through May 15. We will be asking for block captains once again this year in our effort to knock on every door in the neighborhood. Please call or email me if you would be willing to help us out this year.

Sincerely,
Justin Martin
ENA President
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P.S. Parents, please also take note that our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, at Droster Park. Kids under 4 years of age will have their own area once again.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Stacy Welford

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ENA is excited to start 2016 in a strong financial position. This has allowed us to bring back all our regular events in 2016 plus add back some old favorites such as the Earth Day Clean-up. Check out the full list of events at elvehjemneighborhood.org/events. We are currently in the budgeting process, which will be submitted for approval at the annual meeting in April. One item new to the

budget is an annual appropriation to the Madison Library Foundation earmarked for the new Pinney Branch. ENA's primary source of revenue is from membership dues so in order to keep the positive financial trend going in 2016 remember to renew your membership during the membership drive, April 10-May 15. Block Captains will be out canvassing the neighborhood at that time with membership packets, dues will remain at \$15 per household. As always our goal is to be a zero-profit, zero-loss organization that continues sponsoring great neighborhood events throughout the year without risking the long-term sustainability of the association.

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 Katherine DuVernois as a new director at large. We still have an open seat on the board and other volunteer opportunities available, contact the board for more information or stop by our next meeting!
- The 2nd Annual Elvehjem Cookie Exchange was a success with nearly a dozen swappers. Cookie platters were delivered to our local police and fire stations to thank them for their work in keeping our neighborhood safe.
- Plans are underway to begin trapping and tagging coyotes in the neighborhood; we will pass along more information when it is available.
- The board has been working hard planning for 2016, a full calendar of events will be posted soon on our website: <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.



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK 2015

Saturday December 5th was truly a magical evening as neighbors from Elvehjem and East Buckeye Neighborhood Associations gathered together to celebrate the holiday season at our Annual Holiday in the Park Celebration at Orlando Bell Park. Fire fighters from our very own Station 5 brought Santa and even stayed a while to let the delighted children check out the fire truck. Santa visited with children and handed out toys while other families went on sleigh rides pulled by beautiful horses from Rockin L Acres. Everyone enjoyed a homemade treat and hot cocoa around the bonfire which roared impressively all night long. Thank you to the Great Dane for generously donating the gift certificates for our donation drawing and everyone else who made the event possible!

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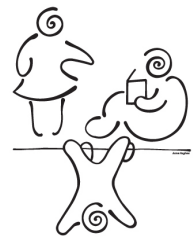
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Madison 4K, Preschool (ages 3-5)

Lunch Bunch

Toddler Time (ages 0-3)

Now Enrolling!



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Join us at the Elvehjem Neighborhood

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 26, 2016

9:30 AM SHARP

DROSTER PARK

Children of all ages and their parents/guardians are welcome. Treats will be provided for all participants.

A separate area will be designated for kids 4 and under.

We hope to see you there!

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Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

Messiah Lutheran Church Upper Level
Community Room

5202 Cottage Grove Road (across from Elvehjem Sanctuary)

Block Captain Training	9:00-9:30 a.m. Participate in important training for new and returning block captains for the 2016 ENA Membership Drive.
Neighborhood Social	9:30-10:00 a.m. 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 a.m. Meet the board, learn about neighborhood events and initiatives, vote on the 2016 budget, and voice ideas.

SPECIAL INCENTIVE: Attendees can renew their ENA membership dues for only \$12 (save \$3).
Come to the meeting for a chance to win door prizes!

It may be **cold** outside, but the real estate market is still **hot!**

Contact your local **LVM Experts** to find out
what your home is worth!

Joe Voell (LVM Resident) & the Pure Integrity Homes Team

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A white van with RE/MAX and Pure Integrity Homes branding is parked in front of a hot air balloon launch site. The van has a RE/MAX logo on the side, a banner that says "Go Panthers!" with a panther head logo, and a Pure Integrity Homes logo. The background shows a hot air balloon being inflated with a large flame, and a crowd of people watching. The van also has text for "TEAM RE/MAX WISCONSIN HOT AIR BALLOON" and "Hot Air Balloon Adventure Flights • Corporate Marketing & Advertising • Event Promotions".

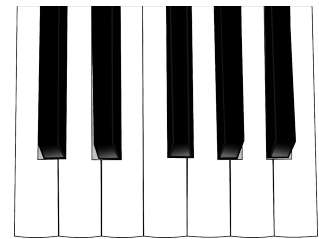
(608) 588-6692 info@pureintegrityhomes.com

MEMBER'S CORNER



The Elvehjem Book Club meets once monthly on Monday evenings and we would love for you to join us! Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 8 at 7pm to discuss "The Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan. Please email Jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org for details or to pick up a copy of our current book.

Piano Lessons: Lessons taught in your home! Experienced neighborhood-resident teacher with agendas customized to a student's level and ambitions. Member of Madison Area Piano Teacher Association since 2003. Friendly approach, and recitals included. Contact Mr. Brian Hagen at [\(608\)223-1677](tel:6082231677) and bdhagen@jvlnet.com



Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I wish you the best in 2016. There are a few things that I want to bring to your attention. Two potentially exciting developments are happening on Cottage Grove Road. Kwik Trip has interest in locating at the old Sentry site. I have received a number of communications from neighbors regarding this possibility. As with most developments, there are people who line up on both sides of the equation. If this development moves forward, there will be many opportunities to learn more and to influence the outcome. I will keep in touch. There have also been a couple of meetings on the Grandview Commons Town Center. The Town Center proposal will be at Urban Design Commission on January 13 at 4:30 p.m. It is currently the eighth item on the agenda. The current next step will be Plan Commission, on January 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the City County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Please check the City website before heading down for either of these meetings to make sure nothing has changed: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/cityHall/WeeklySchedule/>

I have heard only positive feedback from constituents on this proposal. People are really looking forward to the next steps on this development and to the gathering opportunities it may provide. Cottage Grove Road, resurfacing 2016, mid-April -August The road will be resurfaced from near Stoughton Road to the Interstate. This means the surface will be replaced for the entire stretch. Water and Sanitary will also be replaced on much of this stretch of road. Curb is not going to be replaced until it is broken. I am told by Engineering there is a drainage problem at Meadowlark Drive -a concrete special waterway will be installed to help stop this problem, it will look like a V-shaped gutter. Pedestrian flashers will be installed at Flora Lane and S. Thompson Drive, and conduit will be installed at the intersection of S. Thompson Drive and Meadowlark Drive to allow for possible future traffic signals. For questions on this project, please contact Scott Langer in Traffic Engineering at slanger@cityofmadison.com or LeAnne Hannan in City Engineering at lhannan@cityofmadison.com. My husband, Scott, and I are currently out of town, celebrating our 25th anniversary, so I won't be available to answer email until January 25. I feel so blessed to be doing this work. Thank you for your support! And again, my very best wishes to you and those you love in 2016.

Your Alder,

Denise

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**Are you ready to vote in 2016?
Voter ID is now required.**

If your address has changed since you last voted, you will need to register to vote at your new address. You can register at your municipal clerk's office, with a Special Registration Deputy, or, if a Madison resident, at any Madison Public Library. Beginning twenty days prior to an election you can only register at the clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. Registering early will save time on Election Day. You will need to show proof of residence whenever you register.

Voters are now required to show a photo ID when voting. You can use a US Passport, a Wisconsin driver license (DL), or a Wisconsin state ID card with expiration dates of November 4, 2014 or later. The address on your photo ID does not have to be current. Out-of-state IDs are not acceptable.

If you don't have a Wisconsin DL or ID you can get a free ID at the Division of Motor Vehicle offices
(4802 Sheboygan Avenue or 2001 Bartillon Drive in Madison). If you are sixty or older and need a ride, contact RSVP (in Madison call 608-441-7898).

You will need to bring:

- Proof of citizenship, name and date of birth

(If your name does not match your birth certificate bring proof of name change.)

If you don't have all the proof you need, DMV will help verify your information.

- Proof of Wisconsin residency
- Proof of identity
- Your Social Security number

For full details go to <http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>.

Note: If you have a driver's license or ID from another state you will have to give it up to obtain a Wisconsin ID.

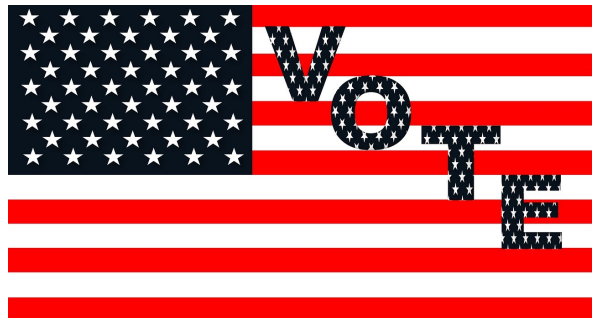
UW-Madison students can get a special free ID for voting at the WisCard office at Union South. UW-Madison students will also need to show proof of enrollment at the polls. Seniors and people with disabilities who vote by *permanent* absentee ballot are exempt from the voter photo ID requirement.

For more information see <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/are-there-exceptions-new-law>. Nursing home residents can be visited by a representative of their local clerk's office. Check with care facility staff or your municipal clerk. Nursing home residents do not need a voter photo ID, as staff will vouch for their identity.

Spring elections (County Board, Supreme Court Justice, Presidential primary, etc.) are February 16 and April 5, 2016. Talk to your friends and neighbors. Make sure every eligible Wisconsin voter has the documentation needed to vote!

For more information about voting in Madison, go to the clerk's office web site at www.cityofmadison.com/election.

League of Women Voters of Dane County www.lwvdanecounty.org



Bringing Wisconsin Values to DC:

By Congressman Mark Pocan

Congress has a well-deserved reputation for gridlock and inaction. It is my Wisconsin roots that have shown me how to make things work in this unworkable Congress so I can accomplish things that matter to our district. For example, late last year a bill I authored with Rep. Mike Bishop (R-MI) to save the Perkins Loan program, at the request of UW students and staff. With bipartisan cooperation this bill finally passed the Senate in December allowing this lifeline to low and middle-income students trying to finance their education to continue to be available.

Recently I announced the creation of a bipartisan Congressional Cooperative Business Caucus to promote greater awareness of the business model and help policymakers enact co-op friendly legislation. Dane County is home to 80 cooperatives -- the highest number of co-ops per capita of any county in the country.

While heated rhetoric in Washington continues, public opinion has shifted on some key issues. For the first time, Congressional Republicans supported a bill I introduced to ensure veterans who received less than honorable discharges because of who they love have their records cleared and their honor restored.

As many in our community celebrated the landmark Supreme Court decision affirming marriage equality, I was proud to introduce a bill to ensure that veterans who receive anything less than honorable discharges because of who they love have their honor restored and records cleared.

Toxic partisanship and political games often make progress difficult in Washington. There is a lot more work to be done. As we begin 2016, I will continue to fight for the priorities important to Wisconsinites, including raising the wages for hard working Americans, responsible investments in research and infrastructure, affordable and accessible education, a solid foundation for retirement security and a constitutionally guaranteed right to vote. While some successes have not been as far-reaching as I've wanted, I am working with my colleagues and making progress bit by bit, day by day. It is the best way I've found to bring Wisconsin values to the Beltway.

50th Anniversary

- Have you lived in the Elvehjem Neighborhood since 1968 or before?
- Do you know someone who has lived in Elvehjem Neighborhood for at least 40 years?
- Do you have pictures of the neighborhood from the 1960's or 1970's or 1980's?

The Elvehjem Neighborhood board would like to hear from you! Please contact Marilee Cronin by email
marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org

We're working on a fun project to celebrate our neighborhood's anniversary but we need your help! Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Meet ENA Director at Large Katherine DuVernois



Katherine has been a homeowner in the Elvehjem neighborhood since 2011. She enjoys being the mother of a middle school girl and a small dog. Katherine is the owner of a small business, DuVernois Designs, LLC, as well as a sales rep for Dombeck Custom Cabinets and Creative Solutions 4 Flooring. She brings with her many years of sales experience and a wealth of creativity. In her spare time Katherine enjoys dancing, any outdoor activity and being helpful in her community. She can be reached at katherine@elvehjemneighborhood.org



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ENA Calendar of Events

February 3	Board Meeting	East District Police Station 809 S. Thompson Dr., Madison	7:00 -9:00 p.m.
March 2	Board Meeting	East District Police Station 809 S. Thompson Dr., Madison	7:00-9:00 p.m.
March 26	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Droster Park 1429 Droster Road, Madison	9:30 a.m. SHARP
April 9	Block Captain Training Neighborhood Social Annual Meeting	Messiah Lutheran Church 5202 Cottage Grove Road	9:00-9:30 a.m. 9:30-10:00 a.m. 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Mark Your Summer Calendars!

April 10-May 15	2016 Membership Drive
June 17-18	Neighborhood Garage Sales
July 4	Annual Neighborhood Fourth of July Celebration
August 2	Neighborhood Night Out
September 10	Taste of Elvehjem Neighborhood