

Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 48th Year



Dear Neighbors,

Summer is well underway in Elvehjem Neighborhood! We had another successful 4th of July Celebration at Elvehjem Park which featured awesome live music by the Oak Street Ramblers, ice cream, kids carnival games, face painting, a bounce house and more. A great time was had by everyone! If you have feedback regarding this event please send it to me as we are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve; it won't be long and we will be planning for next year! We are now looking ahead to our next neighborhood event which is Neighborhood Night Out coming up on Tuesday, August 2. This event was inspired by the National Night Out and it is a night when we encourage everyone to make an effort to get to know their neighbors better in order to build community and help reduce crime.

We are also looking ahead to our first ever Neighborhood 3x3 Basketball Tournament. This is sure to be a fun event for our neighborhood youth and there will be cash prizes for the winning teams! And don't miss our annual Taste of Elvehjem Pot Luck on September 10 at 11am at the Community Gardens. We will celebrate the fall harvest by sharing our favorite garden fresh recipes and there will be prizes for the recipe contest winners!



You can find full details about each of these events later in this newsletter. We also keep our website www.elvehjemneighborhood.org up to date and have a very active and responsive group on Facebook to keep you in the loop in between Echo Newsletters.

In addition to our association sponsored summer events, we have been very lucky to have several other great opportunities to get outside and enjoy the summer in or very near our neighborhood. MSCR's Fit2Go Van will continue to be stationed at Acewood Park every Tuesday of the summer through August 28; I highly recommend checking it out! Also the Capital View Farmer's Market located next to the Great Dane will continue to run Wednesdays

from 3-6:30 or 7 through October 12. Finally, the Let's Eat Out! Food Carts were back at City Church's lawn on Buckeye Road every Thursday evening of the summer from 5:30-7pm. Your last chance to dine with the food carts is coming up on Thursday, August 11! I hope you have had a great summer so far and I look forward to seeing you out and about as the summer wraps up. What a great time to live in the Elvehjem Neighborhood!

Sincerely,

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Treasurer's Report

By Stacy Wellford

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The association's finances are sound especially after the annual membership drive has now wrapped up. Four hundred forty households have signed up for an annual membership for a total of \$9,584, which is up \$2400 from last year. Thanks to all neighbors who have showed their support through their membership. Every dollar is appreciated as it is the organizations primary source of funding. Overall income is up this year by about \$1,000 as compared to last year at the same time. Expenses are up about \$1,000 as well. This increase in expenses is due to increased cost of mailing the Echo newsletters to more neighbors, as in the past it was not mailed to apartment complex residents. Elvehjem currently has a strong cash balance at \$24,000 which is up \$6,000 over the prior year. It is good to see the cash balance growing heading into the neighborhood association's 50th Anniversary year in 2018.

Secretary's Corner

By Justin Martin

Please join me in welcoming Nathan Kaszubski to the ENA Board of Directors! Nathan formally joined our ranks as a Director-at-Large at the June meeting of the ENA Board of Directors, which was held June 1 at the Great Dane Eastside. Activities at this meeting primarily consisted of planning for the annual Fourth of July event. This is by far our biggest and most labor-intensive event of the year, and board members were busy making final arrangements for the big day. As part of the preparations the board reviewed prize donations received from our many neighborhood supporters in preparation for the raffle drawing and silent auction. Please see page #3 for a complete list of event sponsors.

The June meeting also marked the end of our Annual Membership Drive. We drew the winner of our incentive drawing, and out of 410 households who submitted their membership dues by May 31, the winner was Daniel Huegel, our neighbor on Bonnie Ln. Congratulations, Daniel, and thank you to all who helped to make our membership drive a great success. For a summary of the Membership Drive results, please see page #8.

Our July meeting is traditionally held during the second week of July at the home of the current ENA president. This year we met for a potluck dinner on July 13 at the home of President Jamie Meise. We recapped the Fourth of July event and began making plans for next year, and also discussed plans for upcoming events. ENA has started two new programs this year as part of our effort to broaden our reach throughout the neighborhood. The Women's Health Talk series held its inaugural event on June 16 with a discussion on heart health. The next event is scheduled for August 20 at 10 AM and will involve a discussion of women's mental health issues. Also coming up in August is our inaugural 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament for middle- and high-school students, which will take place on August 13 at Droster Park. Further information about both of these events can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Dane County District 16 Supervisor Dave de Felice has published his 2016 Dane County Report on his website. You can view the report at the following web link: <https://board.countyofdane.com/Blog/Index/16>

The next ENA Board meeting will take place on August 3 at 7 PM in the meeting room at Great Dane Eastside. All neighbors are welcome to attend. For a copy of meeting minutes in full, visit our website or contact Justin Martin at secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 608-219-2060.

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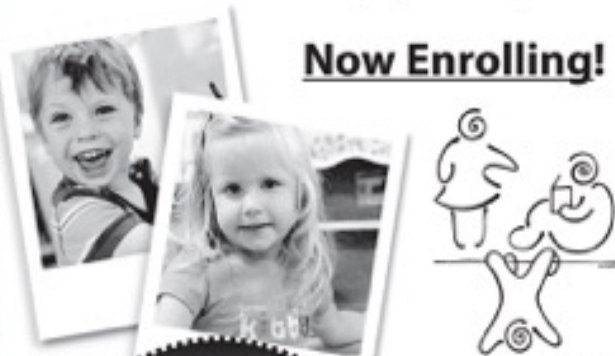
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A Note From Your Alder, Denise DeMarb

Madison summer means road construction and as you know Cottage Grove Road (CGR) is seriously impacted! Of course road construction brings inconvenience, but this project will be a big enhancement to our corridor and help all modes of transportation move safely. I have received many emails with concerns of safe passage on and across CGR. I am pleased to report pedestrian crossings will be installed at Flora, Meadowlark and Thompson and bumpered bike lanes will offer safe passage for those residents taking 2 wheels instead of four. Of course other important reasons for this work is to improve the road way for vehicles. The project will also replace the water main between Stoughton and Ellen and the sewer main and laterals between Stoughton and Flora. The project is on schedule and should be completed by

October.

I have engaged the City to perform a CGR corridor study. City plans show CGR as a shopping street, but it is not zoned accordingly. The work is scheduled to start this fall and there will be public meetings held to further explain the project and gain your input.

AND I'm proud of my tireless work to help ensure our neighborhoods stay strong. The City will be announcing a new housing program this fall. This program will help ensure our neighborhoods have a good balance of owner occupied homes and will serve future generations.

Please reach out to me with questions or ideas. Thank you for your trust!

Your Alder,

Denise DeMarb

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Member Corner

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Printer for Sale:

A Canon "3 in 1" printer for sale; Model No. MP470; for \$25.00. Works well, 2 fairly new ink cartridges (Black and Color) installed at the end of May this year. Selling because a new separate printer was purchased in order to be compatible with Windows 10 computer. Contact Jan Herold, 222-6569

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Another Successful Fourth of July Celebration!

Neighbors, volunteers, participants, and donors came out Monday, July 4th for the 48th Annual Fourth of July Celebration. The weather was warm and very pleasant – a bit cloudy, but that certainly didn't dim the festive mood of attendees or the fun of the events.

The planned events started early with the Kids Fun Run and Firecracker 5k. We had about 70 participants in the Firecracker 5k/2mile walk, and the overall winners were Nick Ofstun(18:26) and Janet Heinemann (25:15) who took home gift certificates generously donated by the Great Dane. Congratulations to them and all of this year's other runners!

The next event was the Bike Parade which was replete with streamers, strollers, card "motors", training wheels, wagons, and red, white, and blue apparel of every variety. Starting in front of Elvehjem Elementary, the Black Knights and Dayettes from our local VFW Day



Post 7591 led the procession with about 100 people parading behind. Neighbors waved from porches and driveways as the parade passed by.

A Fire Engine from Station 5 was also set to lead the parade, but unfortunately it was called away to an emergency before the parade started. However, the crew thoughtfully returned to the celebration and drove the truck down to the park shelter so the kids could visit and get a closer look.

The main celebration then started at the Elvehjem Park Shelter. The background music to this summer holiday was provided by

Madison's own

bluegrass six-piece the Oak Street Ramblers featuring vocal harmonies and instrumental breaks on banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle and upright bass.

People sat at picnic tables enjoying the music and food, conversing with others. Lots of kids of all ages enjoyed the awesome face painting by Stephanie Manthey. New this year was the selfie station created by Marilee, and if you haven't yet, post those pictures using the hashtag #ENAFourthofJuly to Facebook. About 50 kids enjoyed a series of carnival games and won all kinds of fun prizes.

There was a toddler tent and play area enjoyed by quite a

few little ones. There was also a big bounce house setup again this year where kids were jumping and laughing. And of course, there was free ice cream and refreshments provided. The fun wrapped up around 1pm when the raffle and silent auction winners were announced, and neighbors went home with fun prizes and in good spirits to enjoy the rest of the holiday with family and friends. We hope to see you all again next year!



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Free Health Talk Series

Mental Health: What Every Woman Needs to Know

Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 10:00-11:00am

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Community Room,
1201 Droster Road, Madison, WI 53716

Presented by a registered nurse, this one-hour session will cover the most common mental health disorders among women: depression and anxiety. Join us to learn about ways to improve your mental wellness, and how to help others who may be struggling.

The session will cover: What is Mental Health, who is affected, types of depression and anxiety, symptoms of depression and anxiety, how to advocate for yourself and others who may have depression or anxiety, screenings, treatments, strategies for good mental health wellness, and available resources .

Handouts on the topic and a small gift will be available for participants at the end of the session. Light refreshments will be served.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT TUESDAY AUGUST 2

Inspired by the National Night Out campaign, we are once again encouraging individual residents or businesses to do something to get outside and meet your neighbors. As Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Senator, puts it, "...the best way to prevent crime is to know your neighbors & your surroundings. National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities."

Getting involved is easy: attend an event, host an event, introduce yourself to a new neighbor, do something kind for a neighbor such as bake them cookies or help out with a home improvement project, go for a neighborhood walk, or simply spend time in your front yard. Examples of past events include ice cream socials, BBQs, backyard gatherings, driveway parties, toddler time at the park, stroller strolls, chicken coop tours, and more. Creativity is encouraged!

Any event hosted between Sunday, July 31- Saturday, August 6 can be entered to win a prize! Just email a photograph to Marilee at marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org or post a picture showing how you celebrated to the ENA Facebook page to be entered to win!

Our Membership Drive this year ended with 425 member households, or roughly a quarter of our neighborhood homes. A big thanks goes to our block captains who went door to door this spring. That is short of our ambitious goal of 500, but it was a success nonetheless, as we raised \$9,178 in dues and additional donations. Here are a few details about results of our 2016 Membership Drive:

Top Five Streets by Total Memberships

1. Painted Post Dr	35
2. Ellen Ave	34
3. Academy Dr	26
4. Woodvale Dr	24
5. Starker Ave	21

Top Five Streets by Percent of Member Households

1. Melinda Dr	80.0%
2. Jaarsma Ct	69.2%
3. Halo Ln	66.7%
4. Ironwood Dr	61.1%
5. Painted Post Dr	57.4%

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 107 households, amounting to \$2,775 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 & Painted Post Dr – **11 contributing households**

Starker Ave – **7 contributing households**

Bay Ridge Rd – **6 contributing households**

Academy Dr, Amsterdam Ave, E Buckeye Rd, and Dondee Rd – **5 contributing households**

Angel Crest Way & Woodvale Dr – **4 contributing households**

Acewood Blvd, Bay Ridge Rd, Deerwood Dr, Meadowlark Dr, Twilight Trl, Vondron Rd, Wendy Ln – **3 contributing households**

Eldorado Ln, Fleetwood Ave, Ironwood Cir, Jaarsma Ct, Steinhauer Trl, Tarragon Dr, Thompson Dr, Timothy Ave, Vinje Ct – **2 contributing households**

Bonnie Ln, Coffey Cir, Dinauer Ct, Grafton Rd, Homberg Ln, Ironwood Dr, Leo Dr, Montgomery Dr, National Ave, Stacy Ln,

Vernon Ave – **1 contributing household**

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

In addition to the hard working volunteers who make up the ENA board, we are also very grateful to all of our neighborhood volunteers who step up and make our events possible! Our Annual Fourth of July Celebration is one event in particular where we really appreciate extra help from the neighborhood.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following volunteers who helped out on the 4th:

Kids Fun Run: Bonnie Benson, Tristin Lucey, Kati Lucey, Jenn Drake and Dave Lovelace
Firecracker 5k: Tiffani Roltgen, Joel Stone, Jill Roehrl, Mona Everett, Rodney Benson, Heather Sokasits, Leah Sokasits, Bradley Sokasits, Cheryl Sandeen, Alan Hackbarth, Dawson Wilhite, Colton Wilhite, Georgine Price, Rachel Ott, Mike Ott, Jennifer Defren, Nancy Nilsen, Bonnie Benson

Event festivities: Phil Pulvermacher, Liz Pulvermacher, Jason Wellford, Kyle Meise, Kate Marker, Katie Christianson, Shelley Bouffiou, Norah Howell, Lauren Trowbridge, Brigette Howell, Periuza Wegner



Elvehjem Neighborhood 3×3 Basketball Tournament Saturday, August 13 at Droster Park from 9am-3pm

We are very excited for our first ever Elvehjem Neighborhood Youth and High School 3×3 Basketball Tournament! Teams will be placed in similar age groups for play, determined by the oldest player on the team. Age groups may be adjusted depending on number of teams registered in each age group. Teams will play at least 3 games. Teams can sign up by completing the registration form available at Elvehjemneighborhood.org by the deadline on August 6 at 5pm. The winning team from each age category will win a cash prize! Volunteers are needed to serve as scorekeepers, referees, and refreshment table attendants. Please contact Eric and Jolene at basketball@elvehjemneighborhood.org with questions or if you are able to volunteer.



As the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association's 50th Anniversary approaches, we wish to celebrate our legacy by telling the story of the first 50 years. We need your stories, photos and artifacts!

The ENA, along with A Generations Project, will be making a documentary of the neighborhood! Along with your stories and artifacts, we also need neighbors who are interested in supporting this project by joining the 50th Anniversary Committee or donating money to fund it. If you are interested in helping with this project or have stories or artifacts to contribute please contact Marilee Cronin at marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 608-239-0975.

4TH ANNUAL Taste of Elvehjem Potluck

Saturday, September 10 from 11am to 1pm
Elvehjem Community Garden 1202 Painted Post



Join us as we celebrate the fall harvest with a neighborhood potluck! All are welcome, not just those who have plots at the garden. There will be some outdoor games and a bike blender to pedal-power your own smoothie!

Bring a dish to pass and don't forget the recipe! We will need a variety of appetizers, main courses, desserts, and drinks. Vote for your favorite dish and win a fabulous prize if yours is chosen by the crowd or the surprise celebrity judge as the favorite!

Help make this a more environmentally friendly event by bringing your own non-disposable plates and utensils; however, disposable versions will be on hand in case you forget them at home. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with this event please contact jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER NATHAN

Nathan and his wife purchased their first home on National Ave. in 2006. They have two children and a cat living with them. Currently Nathan is staying home to raise the kids. Prior to staying home, he was a senior scientist at PPD. He enjoys running, history and technology. As a family they enjoy playing board games, adventures, and going to the movies.

Energy 2030: Building a Community Energy Company for the Future From: Madison Gas and Electric

Throughout this past year, MGE has asked our customers to think deeply about the issues surrounding providing electricity to our community. We asked for input, and many answered the call. Hundreds of our customers participated in what we call Community Energy Conversations. Hosted by an independent professional facilitator, Justice and Sustainability Associates, nearly 100 small-group discussions took place across our community at various locations and times for anyone who wanted to take part. The intimate and inclusive sessions, which were extended several weeks to accommodate all requests to participate, encouraged thoughtful, open-ended dialogue.

Those who participated in the Conversations rated them highly. Customers also had the opportunity to share comments with us online. In addition to the Community Energy Conversations, MGE enlisted the expertise of a Wisconsin-based professional market research firm to survey a statistically valid random sample of customers. The survey was undertaken to enhance MGE's understanding of customers' energy goals and priorities.

We also collaborated and continue to do so with representatives from numerous community stakeholder groups such as, for example, the Citizens Utility Board and Clean Wisconsin, both energy experts in Wisconsin.

On April 19, 2016, more than 200 community leaders and members, representing a diverse cross section of interests and perspectives, attended MGE's Community Energy Workshop at Monona Terrace for deliberative dialogue about our energy future. Participants discussed and generated input on three topics: how to advance MGE's Energy 2030 framework; how to address customer needs through new products and services; and, how to further MGE's ongoing community engagement efforts.

The guidance generated by workshop participants will inform how MGE implements its long-term framework. With 146,000 electric customers who have different needs, concerns and priorities, MGE will advance areas of common interest into the future through many different collaborations and partnerships. The summary of themes report and the three videos presented at the workshop are available online at mge.com/workshop. We encourage customers to review the full range of information and share their thoughts with us by email through our website. Under Energy 2030, MGE will continue to work with our community to reduce carbon dioxide emissions 40% from 2005 levels by 2030 and increase our use of renewable resources to 30% of electric sales by 2030. As a milestone goal, we've pledged to reach 25% renewables by 2025, which is consistent with the renewable energy goals of Madison, Middleton, Fitchburg, Monona and Dane County.

Broad and diverse community engagement is one of MGE's core principles as your community energy company. This relationship with our customers is more important than ever as we enter one of the most dynamic periods in the history of the energy industry. Safety, reliability, affordability—and sustainability—have been and continue to be MGE's top priorities. We know our customers share these goals and have reflected them in Energy 2030. What we, as a community energy company engaged with concerned customers, have been able to accomplish this past year is significant, but there is still work to do. Our Energy 2030 framework can only become a reality if we work together with our customers. As we develop specific initiatives, investments, programs, products and services for our future, we will look to customers for additional guidance and support. You are critical to helping us reach the Energy 2030 goals and to keeping our community a place we're all proud to call ours.



Elvehjem Neighborhood Association
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ENA Calendar of Events

August 2	Neighborhood Night Out	Throughout Elvehjem Neighborhood
August 3	Board Meeting 7-9:00pm	The Great Dane East Side Upstairs Meeting Room
August 13	3x3 Basketball Tournament	Droster Park
September 10	Taste of Elvehjem	Elvehjem Community Garden

Mark Your Summer Calendars!

October 23-30	Halloween Decorating Contest
October 31	Halloween Bonfire
November 24	Turkey Trot 5k/2 mile walk