

Elvehjem Echo

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Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you staying warm and enjoying the start of winter!

It is with the new addition of a fourth baby to my family that I announce my plans to retire from the ENA Board at the end of my term this spring. It has been such a pleasure to serve the neighborhood over these past six years. I have really enjoyed being a part of planning events and initiatives that have strengthened our neighborhood and offered opportunities for families to have fun, make memories, and build friendships. I am forever grateful for all the opportunities I have had to meet and connect with so many neighbors and for all the friendships I have made; we have such a friendly, supportive, and involved group of people here in Elvehjem!

With two other board members also stepping down this spring we are in dire need of several new faces to join the board! If you would like to meet neighbors, become more involved in the community, and help plan events, I urge you to check out a monthly board meeting and consider serving on the ENA Board. If new volunteers do not step up to fill in the gaps we may have no choice but to cut down on the number of events we offer as well as forgo other initiatives. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

On behalf of the entire ENA Board, I wish you a very happy holiday season! We hope to see you at the Holiday in the Park on December 2nd and encourage you to participate in the Holiday Lights Decorating Contest either by entering or voting later in December.

Sincerely,

Jamie Meise ENA President 608-477-3955 jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org

SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Audra Johnson



Since the last newsletter, Jared Marker has performed some updates to elvehjemneighborhood.org that optimizes the performance of the website. Please check the website often, we update event information and post monthly meeting notes. Each of the three new board members now have their own email addresses Jim Ramsey james@elvehjemneighborhood.org, Kim Bolinder kim@elvehjemneighborhood.org, and Jacob Wright jacob@elvehjemneighborhood.org. Jim Ramsey will be coordinating ads for the Echo from now on, he will be receiving ads through advertising@elvehjemneighborhood.org. The Echo is always looking for local businesses to advertise and the funds earned go to ENA, so we can organize events that facilitate a friendly and safe environment for everyone to enjoy.

New ENA Board Member: Kim Bolinder



Kim and her significant other, Scott Melillo purchased their home on Vernon Avenue, just around the corner from the apartments where they lived for 8 years. Scott and Kim met as kids when their uncles owned adjacent cottages on Lake Wisconsin, reconnecting in 2007. Kim

works for National Guardian Life Insurance Company as a compliance analyst. Scott works in commercial construction having been a part of many local building projects. Kim has two grown kids and one grandson. Kim enjoys movies, history, reading, cards, board games and playing trivia. Scott loves the outdoors, especially fishing. Both enjoy dining out and gardening. Kim's volunteer experience includes past treasurer of the Transplant Support Group of Northern Illinois, Feline Friend at Dane County Humane Society and Band Booster vice-president. Scott and Kim have two cats, Spencer and Izzy.

Member Corner

Come enjoy "An Eastside Christmas Play" scheduled to be performed on Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 4011 Major Avenue, Madison.

A reception will follow the performance. For additional information or if you would like to be involved please contact st.lukes.vicar@sbcglobal.net or call Nancy at **608-206-1040**.

Member Corner notices are limited to 40 words and run on a first come, first-served, space-available basis. Ads are good for 1 month. ENA member notices have priority. Notices may be edited. Send requests to ENA, PO Box 14625, Madison, WI 53708-0625 or email newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

TREASURER REPORT

by Crystal DeGrote Heppe & Jacob Wright

Greetings neighbors, It has been a pleasure to serve as ENA treasurer these past six months, but unfortunately I just don't have the time needed to perform in this role. I am happy to announce that one of our newest board members, Jacob Wright, has officially taken over as Treasurer. I will be staying on the board as a Director at Large and will continue to help with the transition as needed. Now here's Jacob with the treasurer update! - Crystal DeGrote Heppe



Hi, neighbors! Before I moved to LVM, I served as Treasurer of my former homeowners' association, and I'm honored that the ENA has placed similar trust in me in the neighborhood we now call home. I've been busy getting caught up. The ENA

remains financially sound, and this month I'll be writing our budget for 2018. If you have any questions or concerns on the ENA treasury front, don't hesitate to reach out to me! - Jacob Wright



The Elvehjem Neighborhood 50th Anniversary Committee is busy conducting interviews, digging up artifacts from neighbors and museums and beginning to plan for the celebration! Keep a look out for a date and location in fall 2018 for this fun event! If you are interested in joining our work, we can always use more help. We can also use more financial support for this project. Visit <http://elvehjemneighborhood.org/celebration> to donate. Our next committee meeting is Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, please join us! Contact Marilee Cronin Marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org with questions.

UPCOMING ENA EVENTS

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Saturday, December 2 from 4-7pm

Orlando Bell Park, 2274 S. Thompson Dr.



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 and treats from 4-7pm.

Take a horse drawn sleigh ride through the neighborhood and visit with Santa from 4-6pm. 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 and/or a donation LVM Elementary School Hats and Mittens Drive.

Use this link to volunteer at the event or to bake treats

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090944ADAB2DA2F94-holiday

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Enter Your Photo December 4-15

Vote on Facebook December 16-23

It's time for the annual Holiday Lights Contest in Elvehjem Neighborhood. We are inviting neighbors to take one photo of their home holiday decorations. Then email your one (1) photo, your name, and your street address to secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org between December 4-15. Only people who live within the Elvehjem Neighborhood and are over the age of 13 may enter the contest. All the photos will be placed on Facebook and everyone can vote on their favorite photo. The winner will be announced on December 24. The three prizes are: **1st** place Karben 4 \$25 gift card, **2nd** place Angelo's Restaurant \$20 gift certificate, **3rd** place Cuco's Restaurant \$10 gift certificate. The first place winner from the 2016 Holiday Lights Contest is the home on the right.



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ENA EVENT RECAPS

Kindness Rock Painting Party October 14

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Our Saviour's Church for the kindness rock painting! We had a nice turnout from the neighborhood and church members. Many fun rocks were painted with neat designs and kind messages. Keep your eyes peeled for a painted rock hidden around town! #LVMRocks!



Halloween Bonfire October 31

The 11th annual Halloween Bonfire was held on Tuesday, Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM. Close to 60 neighbors came and enjoyed hot chocolate, candy, and apples by the warm fire at Elvehjem Park. Friendly conversation buzzed among friends and parents while their kids played under the lights in their costumes. A Trumpet Playing pumpkin won first prize in the contest. It was another successful event for the community. Next year's bonfire will again be on Oct. 31st, from 6 to 8 PM. Mark your calendars!



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.*

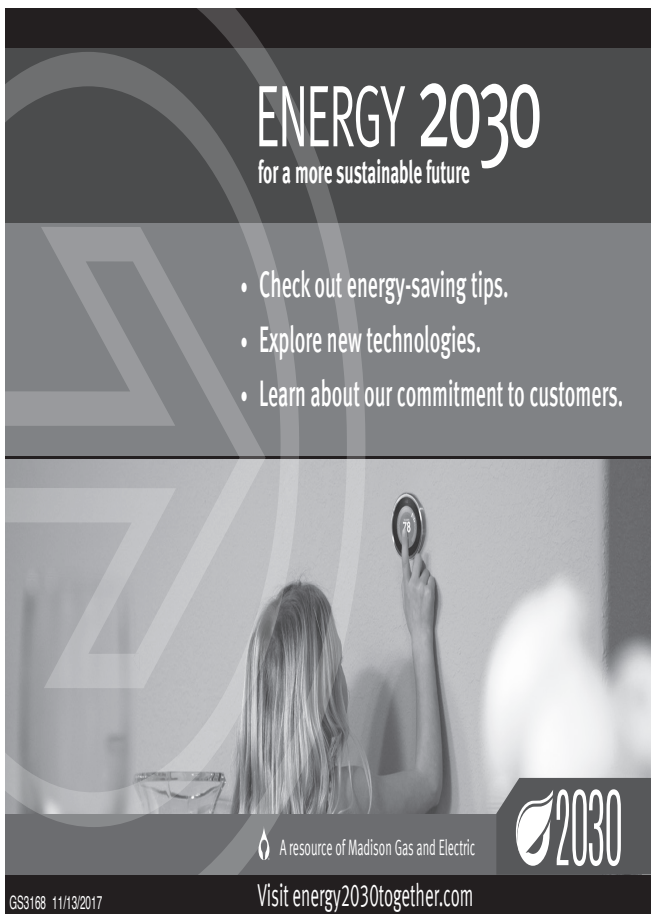
Fact: The longer your house remains at the lower temperature, the more heat you save.

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.



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ENA Adopt-A-School Update for LVM Elementary

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association had adopted LVM Elementary school again for the 2017-2018 school year! Through volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and donation drives our neighborhood can show love and support to the student, families, and staff at our local elementary school.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Negative Lunch Accounts

Fundraiser in October! Many students started off the school year with a negative lunch account balance carried over from last year for a combined total of \$1688.46. As the school year progresses that balance has only grown and has now exceeded \$2000. Together we as a neighborhood raised **\$1970** to put towards the negative balance and help ease the burden on families in need; thank you again to everyone who generously sent in a contribution!

Hats and Mittens Drive: November 1-December 15: There is always a need for winter weather gear at LVM. Please consider donating new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves, coats, snow pants, or boots to help keep our neighborhood kids warm while they play out in the snow during recess. (Please no scarves for safety reasons.) Donations can be dropped off in the front office at LVM or brought to the Holiday in the Park Celebration on Saturday, December 2 from 4-7pm.

Classroom Restock Drive: February 1-28: As we reach the middle of the school year, many classroom supplies are starting to dwindle. Let's work together to restock the classrooms so the teachers can get through the school year without having to dig into their own pockets. Please check elvehjemneighborhood.org/LVM for a list of teacher requested supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the front office at LVM.

Book Room Volunteers Needed: Help is needed on a regular basis to re-shelve books in the book room when students are finished with them. Please contact Amy Kane if you are able to volunteer at akane@madison.k12.wi.us.

Classroom Helpers and Reading Buddies Needed: If you would like to help out on an ongoing basis in the classrooms or reading with students please contact Amy Kane at akane@madison.k12.wi.us.

Save your Box Tops! Collect Box Tops for the PTO to support their ongoing fundraising efforts. Box Tops can be dropped off in the marked mailbox just inside the front doors of LVM.

**Keep up to date on all Adopt-a-school initiatives on our website at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/LVM.*



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ENA Calendar of Events- Mark your calendars!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nov 1- Dec 15	Hats & Mittens Drive for LVM Elementary		Drop off donations at LVM front office
Dec 2	Holiday in the Park	4-7pm	Orlando Bell Park, 2274 S Thompson Dr.
Dec 4-23	Holiday Lights Decorating Contest		Neighborhood wide
Feb 1-28	Classroom Restock Drive for LVM Elementary		Drop off donations at LVM front office