

# Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 49th Year



*Dear Neighbors,*

Well, it is that time of year again! The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) Annual Spring Membership Drive officially kicks off on April 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through the end of the month. A friendly neighborhood block captain will be stopping by your house with a blue membership packet which includes reasons to join/renew your membership with ENA, our calendar of events, helpful local contacts, ways you can stay connected and get involved in the neighborhood, and of course a membership form with a preaddressed envelope. If you want to save a stamp, you can also sign up online and pay securely through Paypal at [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/join](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/join). Your tax deductible membership dues are just \$15 for the year and that includes your entire household! It is our hope that you appreciate the work of ENA and will show us your support by promptly joining the association or renewing your membership for 2017. As an added incentive, all households who register by May 15 will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$40 gift card generously donated by Metro Market! I hope we can count on your support!

Sincerely,

*Jamie Meise*

ENA President 608-477-3955 [jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Stacy Wellford



At the time of writing this report, the treasury has seen little activity so far this year which is normal for the first part of the year. The Annual Membership Drive starting April 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing through April 30<sup>th</sup> will bring more activity. Be sure to join ENA or renew your membership for 2017 as membership dues normally account for 60% of the organization's annual receipts. I expect to have another gainful year in 2017; the approved budget is estimating gross receipts of \$13,824 and expenditures of \$11,513. Our strong financial position leaves the board of directors (remove Board) with more opportunity when planning for our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2018, plus our normal great line-up of events. This will be my last report in the Echo as I am stepping down from my role as treasurer and resigning from the board at the end of my term in March. I am saddened to go but know I leave you in good hands with Crystal Heppe, who has so graciously volunteered to take over as treasurer and was so elected by the board at the February board meeting. Thanks for letting me serve as treasurer of such great neighborhood!!!!

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Justin Martin



During the February meeting of the ENA Board of Directors, votes were cast for our four executive offices, with terms starting in April. Congratulations and thank you to these dedicated representatives who will serve ENA for the 2017-18 term: President Jamie Meise, Vice-President Charles Donaldson, Secretary Audra Johnson, and Treasurer Crystal Heppe.

Also at the February meeting, preparations commenced for the 2017 Annual Meeting and Membership Drive. This year's Annual Meeting was March 25 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, and a full report will be included in our next issue. Thank you to all who attended, including our hardworking membership drive block captains, without whom we would not be able to pull off this vital fundraising effort. We are looking forward to another successful membership drive this year.

ENA has a full slate of spring events; including the Easter Egg Hunt at Droster Park on April 15, the Earth Day Clean-up and Garlic Mustard Pull at Elvehjem Park and Sanctuary, and our 2nd annual 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament at Droster Park. Board members and volunteers have been hard at work putting together the final arrangements for these great neighborhood events. For a copy minutes, visit our website or contact Audra Johnson at [secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org).



Spring Cleaning time is here! While you're sweeping away winter, please take a look for **videos, photographs or other neat artifacts** that show our neighborhood's past.

We can scan old photos and convert digital media to be used in our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Documentary of the Elvehjem Neighborhood (all media will be well-cared for and returned!)

Also, please consider **Supporting this project financially** by mailing a check to the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association, PO Box 14625, Madison, WI 53708-0625 (put "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" in the memo). Or donate via Pay Pal (see <http://elvehjemneighborhood.org/celebration>). Contact Marilee at [Marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:Marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-239-0975 with questions!



## MEMBER CORNER

**Handyman Help:** I have been a registered architect since 1983 working from my home office in the Elvehjem neighborhood for the past five years. I can assist with your new home or remodeling needs. Contact: Paul M. Twardy, Sr., LLC , 5218 Academy Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53716. 608-628-1919



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, 53708-0625 or email [newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

## UPCOMING ENA EVENTS



### Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 15 at Droster Park at 9:30am  
SHARP!**

Children of all ages and their families are welcome to attend our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Separate areas will be designated for the big kids ages 5 and up and the littler kids ages 4 and under. Please bring your own basket and don't forget your camera so you can take pictures with the Easter Bunny! Treats will be provided for all participants, we hope to see you there!

### Earth Day Clean-up & Garlic Mustard Pull

**Saturday, April 22 at the Elvehjem Sanctuary from 9-11am**

You can choose to pick up trash or pull garlic mustard (or both)!

To help clear the sanctuary of litter that has accumulated in the sanctuary over the past year please meet at Cottage Grove Road Entrance to the Elvehjem Sanctuary (across from Messiah Lutheran Church). Gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

To help pull garlic mustard please meet Joel at the Elvehjem Park Shelter. Garlic mustard is a highly invasive species that is taking over our beautiful sanctuary and choking off native plants. The best way to keep it under control is to pull it in early spring before the seeds set. A knowledgeable neighbor will lead the garlic mustard pull so no experience is necessary. Please wear work gloves and long sleeves.



\*Students are encouraged to attend and will receive a sheet indicating community service hours for participation! We hope to see you there!

### 3x3 Youth Basketball Tournament

**Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at Acewood Park beginning at 9am**



FREE! Calling all kids ages 9-18 years old, we hope you will join us for fun day of friendly competition! To sign up your team of 3-4 players please email [basketball@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:basketball@elvehjemneighborhood.org) for a registration form or find it under the files tab of the Elvehjem Neighborhood Facebook group. The registration deadline is May 12, 2017. Teams will be placed in similar age groups for play as determined by the oldest player on the team as follows: 9-11 years old, 12-14 years old, and 15-18 years old. Age groups may be adjusted depending on the number of teams registered in each age group.



## **A Note From Dane County Executive Joe Parisi :**

### **Clean Lakes Breakthrough**

Dane County has embarked on an innovative effort to clean up our lakes that is the first of its kind in Wisconsin and possibly the nation. This breakthrough will result in clean lakes decades sooner.

My 2017 budget will speed up our lakes clean-up effort by removing the sludge from the streams that feed into our lakes. The \$12 million multi-year budget initiative will eliminate 870,000 pounds of algae-growing phosphorus.

Two years ago, I put \$60,000 in the county budget to analyze the water quality and phosphorus content of the miles of streams and creeks that feed into Lake Mendota. A year of research later, the findings are stark: if we don't remove accrued sludge that sits at the bottom of these streams it will take 99 years to see a 50% reduction in phosphorus that finds its way into our lakes. Even more concerning, the roadmap to cleaning our lakes completed a couple of years ago (Yahara CLEAN) suggests it will cost \$78 million to achieve that 50% reduction.

No one wants to wait 100 years for clean lakes.

Our community has long cited that 50% reduction as the goal in our lake cleanup effort. We can't accomplish it in this lifetime without getting into these waterways and removing the continuous source of phosphorus that seeps daily into our waters. Spending \$78 million and having to wait 99 years to see the benefits of those investments isn't the answer.

Testing shows the phosphorus concentration in this stream sediment is seven times more potent than what's found on crop fields in the Mendota watershed! There are more than 5,600 acres in the watershed. County staff and farmers have implemented conservation and runoff reduction practices on 90% of those lands. Soil testing shows farmlands in the watershed are on average already two times better than the state standards on phosphorus concentration.

This data says what's been done to date has worked at reducing what nutrients go on the land, when they're applied, and most importantly, keeping them there. We're making progress. We can't accomplish our goal without getting at what's already in the water.

## **NEW ENA BOARD MEMBER**

Hello! My name is Crystal Heppe and I am very excited to be the new Treasurer for the ENA board. My husband, Joe, and I just bought our home on Bay Ridge Road in January and we are so glad to be part of this community.



I'm originally from the Twin Cities area, but I previously lived in Madison for 5 years while completing my undergraduate degree. Joe is from the Milwaukee area so we moved back to Wisconsin from Chicago in 2015, when Joe became the Executive Chef at the Edgewater Hotel.

After recently working in marketing and accounting at a law firm in Chicago, I am now home with our two children: Lucie (2), and Eldon (6 months). I also work part-time from home as a data quality supervisor. Eldon just started sleeping through the night so we might finally be able to finish unpacking!

We are looking forward to meeting our neighbors, participating in all the great LVM family events, and exploring the playgrounds this spring.



## MGE Energy Lab: LED Bulbs Explained

*From: Madison Gas and Electric*

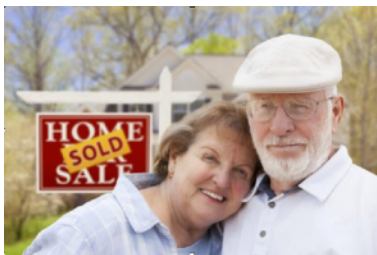
Don't be confused when purchasing LED lightbulbs. Look for ENERGY STAR® bulbs with a color temperature scale on the packaging to help guide your buying decisions.

LED lightbulbs save money and have come down in price. These energy-efficient bulbs are widely available from multiple retailers. Yet, some people pause in the store aisles wondering which brand to purchase and what color to choose.

Don't hesitate and wonder—we have easy answers!

MGE recommends that you purchase ENERGY STAR-certified bulbs to get the best assurance for quality and energy savings. If we all work to be more energy efficient, we can reduce overall and peak energy use. Reducing our community's peak energy use is an objective under MGE's Energy 2030 framework. By reducing peak, we can reduce long-term costs for all of us.

*"Difficulties and Pitfalls when Seniors decide to sell"*



*You are cordially invited to join us for our first senior's seminar. We will be serving ice-cream and will hear from several professionals on the subject.*

Place: Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
1201 Droster Rd

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Time: 11 am–noon

**Please RSVP: 608-572-1736**



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## LVM Elementary Adopt-a-School Update



The February Classroom Restock Drive was hugely successful, thank you for your generous donations!!! Here is a note from the PTO President Cori VandeKieft: *"I just wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who supported our school with our Restock Drive. The response was overwhelming and this was much bigger than I ever imagined! Our staff was thrilled when they received their items. We are so fortunate to have neighbors who support our school. Thank you so much!"*

**Upcoming LVM Events: Friday, April 7th Read-a-thon:** Students will collect pledges and read in many different ways for 280 min throughout the day. All funds raised will go to literacy materials. Volunteers are needed throughout the school day to read with the students and community support will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Amy Kane at [akane@madisonk12.wi.us](mailto:akane@madisonk12.wi.us) for more information and to sign up.

**Saturday, April 29 Adult Night Fundraiser at VFW from 7-11pm:** This is the LVM PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year and proceeds will support outdoor beautification projects. There will be a DJ, 50/50 raffle, and silent auction. The cost is \$10 per person for advance tickets and \$15 at the door. Neighbors are encouraged to attend, contact Cori to purchase tickets at [cori.vandekieft@gmail.com](mailto:cori.vandekieft@gmail.com).

Full details are posted online at [elvehjemneighborhood.org/LVM](http://elvehjemneighborhood.org/LVM) or contact [Jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:Jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org) or 608-477-3955 for more information and to sign up to volunteer!

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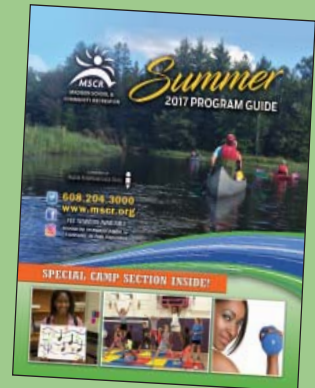
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## MSCR Summer Programs



Check out our classes at  
**MSCR East,**  
 4620 Cottage Grove Rd  
**Dance • Fitness**  
**Arts & Enrichment**  
**Family Workshops**  
**Recreation for all ages.**



For a complete list of activities see the Summer 2017 Program Guide or go to [www.mscr.org](http://www.mscr.org) for more information.



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**Planning is underway for our Annual  
Fourth of July Celebration!**

We are currently seeking donations for our highly anticipated raffle and silent auction! If you have a connection to a business that would like to make a donation in support of our neighborhood please email [jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org). Neighbors are also encouraged to consider donating a service through our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Certificates; past examples include babysitting, meal delivery, gutter cleaning and more!

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**ENA Calendar of Events- Mark your calendars!!!**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
April 1-30	ENA Spring Membership Drive		
April 15	Easter Egg Hunt	9:30am SHARP	Droster Park
April 22	Earth Day Clean-Up	9:00am	Elvehjem Sanctuary
May 20	3x3 Youth Basketball Tournament	9:00am	Acewood Park
June 16-17	Neighborhood Garage Sales		