

Elvehjem Echo

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Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well! While I am sad to say good bye to the warm, carefree days of summer and playing with my kids at the park and swimming at the beach, I am also looking forward with excitement to what that crisp days of fall will bring from back to school for my kindergartener to family outings to the apple orchard and pumpkin patches. We are also anxiously preparing for the arrival of our newest family member, a baby boy due the end of November!

ENA also has a lot going on this time of year! We have all our usual events planned to get you through the end of the year including the Halloween bonfire, Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, and Holiday in the Park. Also, with back to school brings our renewed partnership with LVM Elementary School and our current initiative to raise money to pay towards negative lunch account balances and our upcoming Hats and Mittens drive. You can find full details on all these events later in this newsletter.

In light of some recent safety concerns in our neighborhood I wanted to take a moment to share the following tips: keep outside lights on, vehicles locked, don't store valuables in vehicles, lock your house doors even when you are home and in the daytime including the door to your garage, don't keep your purse near your door, keep your garage doors closed, and of course report any crime you see or are victim to so the police can have an accurate record of what is going on in our neighborhood. A general rule is to call 911 if there is an active incident occurring and a suspect is on the scene. If suspects aren't on scene then call the non-emergency number. Our neighborhood resource officer Heather Dzick (608) 266-4883, hdzick@cityofmadison.com and our neighborhood patrol officer Kevin Dunnington kdunnington@cityofmadison.com are both great resources if you have questions or concerns you would like to discuss with the police.

There are also some actions we can take to work together in building a safer community. Be an active outside presence in your area by hanging out in your front yard, going for walks, etc. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other. Some streets and blocks have even created a directory to stay in touch! Our ENA Facebook group is also a great resource to keep everyone informed and help to see patterns of activity; although please keep in mind it cannot take the place of reporting a crime to the police and please make sure to post only facts without making assumptions or accusations.

Finally, there has been an unpleasant odor hanging out in our neighborhood this summer. Dane County and Public Health Madison are collecting information, studying wind patterns, and working to get to the bottom of what is causing the odor. If you notice the odor please make sure to complete their survey here: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3781518/Madison-Eastside-Neighborhoods-Odor-Survey> The study is ongoing but preliminary information suggests the odor may be coming from the local landfill. The solid waste division is currently taking steps to mitigate the odor and try to prevent it.

Sincerely,

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

SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Audra Johnson



Fall has finally arrived in Elvehjem Neighborhood! With a new season comes three new ENA Board Members! Jacob Wright, Jim Ramsey and Kim Bolinder came to the September 6 board meeting and the current board

members voted to approve all three taking on the duties of ENA Directors at Large. Please read Jacob and Jim's bios on page 5 and 6. We will include Kim's bio in the next Echo newsletter. Jacob and Jim have offered to place updates about Elvehjem Neighborhood on nextdoor.com for those of you who are active on that platform.

Another topic that was raised at the board meeting was placing crosswalk flags on busy streets in the area like Cottage Grove Rd. and S. Thompson Dr. Unfortunately, this would take a level of resources and volunteer effort that we are not able to commit to at this time.

Member Corner

Here is where you have a platform to offer services, or promote an event that your neighbors would find useful or interesting.

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.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TODAY!



We have one year left before celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Elvehjem Neighborhood! We have been busy collecting artifacts, interviewing neighbors and raising money to create an amazing documentary highlighting our first 50 years. If you would like to be interviewed, or know of someone we should meet, please let us know! Want to help us with the project? Join us for our next committee meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 at Messiah Lutheran Church. We are also looking for neighbors who could help contribute financially to this project. If you are interested in donating, please visit www.elvehjemneighborhood.org and click on the "ENA's 50th Anniversary Celebration" link under the Events tab. Contact Marilee Cronin at Marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org for more information.

TREASURER REPORT

by Crystal DeGrote Heppe



Thank you to everyone who made it out to the Sunset Music Series Fundraiser at the East Side Club on August 10. With board members Audra, Marilee and Jared behind the bar, we raised \$200 toward our Elvehjem Neighborhood Association's

50th anniversary celebration, which will be held in the fall of 2018.

We are planing to do an audit toward the end of this year, along with setting our annual budget for 2018. Fortunately, our fiscal situation is very secure as we head into the 50th anniversary year and prepare for the celebration!

UPCOMING ENA EVENTS

Kindness Rock Painting Party Saturday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Road

Have you found any colorful rocks lately? The Kindness Rock movement is gaining momentum and LVM wants to join! Help us paint some rocks with colorful designs and positive messages. We'll supply the paint and some rocks, but feel free to bring some additional rocks you might find (3-5" smooth rocks will be ideal). Neighbors of all ages welcome! Contact Marilee Cronin with questions marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org #LVMrocks

Annual Halloween Bonfire

Tuesday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

Elvehjem Park Shelter, 1202 Painted Post

Warm up after trick or treating at our 11th Annual Halloween Bonfire! Come enjoy Halloween treats, hot chocolate, and stay warm by the fire with your neighbors of Elvehjem! Bring your pre-carved pumpkin from home for our Jack-o-Lantern contest where prizes will be awarded! We'll supply candles to light up your works of art, and we'll put them on display during the event. Both kids and adults are encouraged to participate! Judging begins at 7:30 p.m. Suggested neighborhood trick-or-treating hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. on 10/31.



Turkey Trot 5K Race/2 Mile Walk Thursday, November 23 8:30 a.m. SHARP

Droster Park, 1429 Droster Road

Get your Thanksgiving morning off to a healthy start with a little exercise! Save time on race day by registering online at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/turkeytrot.

Your \$5 donation helps to offset event insurance and additional donations are gladly accepted to help cover the other race expenses.

Make sure to wear your best Thanksgiving-themed gear; the highly coveted Thanksgiving Spirit Trophy will be awarded again this year! And don't forget to bring a nonperishable donation for the Second Harvest Foodbank to help out families in need and/or a donation LVM Elementary School Hats and Mittens Drive!

Interested in helping make the event a success? We are in need of volunteers to help with providing snacks for the finish line, setting up, directing participants along the course, and cleaning up. If you are able to help please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fa8aa2aa3fa7-turkey>

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.*

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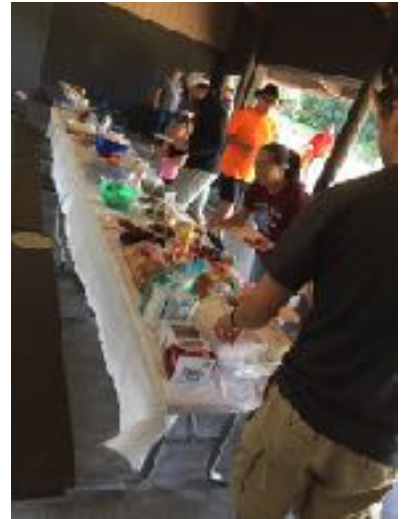


Neighborhood Night Out

Elvehjem had several fantastic neighborhood gatherings going on in early August to visit, meet neighbors and celebrate summer in the neighborhood! There were gatherings on S. Thompson, Bay Ridge, Acewood, and two on Tarragon! Thank you to Light of the World Church on Painted Post for offering face painting, homemade churros and slushies as well as new neighbors and board member Jacob Wright along with his wife Becca Robbins who opened their backyard up to the neighborhood. We are so lucky to have these great opportunities to visit and connect with each other. Knowing your neighbors is one of the best ways to help our neighborhood stay safe. Thank you to everyone who hosted or attended an event!

Taste of Elvehjem Potluck

We had a beautiful day and a great turnout for our annual neighborhood potluck lunch! The sun was shining as neighbors enjoyed visiting, playing yard games, eating delicious dishes, and making smoothies with the bike blender. Congratulations to the recipe contest winners Becca Robbins for her bacon wrapped dates and Jamie Meise for her chocolate chip zucchini cake!



NEW ENA BOARD MEMBERS!!

The ENA Board is excited to welcome the following new Director-at-Large:

Jim Ramsey

Jim is a native of Beloit, Wisconsin, who attended UW-Madison in the early 2000s and, like many before him, decided to stick around. Jim and his wife Frances have lived in the Elvehjem Neighborhood since early-2010. They have a 4 year-old daughter and another little girl on the way. Jim is a librarian at the Middleton Public Library where he serves as the Head of Reference and Adult Services. He brings public relations and event planning experience to the board, and looks forward to getting involved and making a positive difference in the neighborhood and the community at large.



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Jacob Wright

Jacob and his family moved to Elvehjem in June 2017. He and his wife (Becka Robbins) have two children: Ezra is 5 and a current Bobcat; Sam is 3 and a future Bobcat. They also have a dog, Templeton. Jacob has lived in Madison since 2005, though he's originally from Pennsylvania and has also lived in England. He loves to read, cook, listen to music, ride his bicycle, and travel. Jacob has worked at Epic since 2005 in various positions including technical writing, implementation consulting, project leadership, and sales proposals. Before that, he managed a coffee shop, and he was a DJ on a freeform public radio station. He has also served on BODs at various times as a Vice President, Treasurer, Community Relations Director, and Chairman. He's excited to contribute to keeping Elvehjem awesome!



Next ECHO: New ENA Board Member & Director at Large - Kim Bolinder Bio

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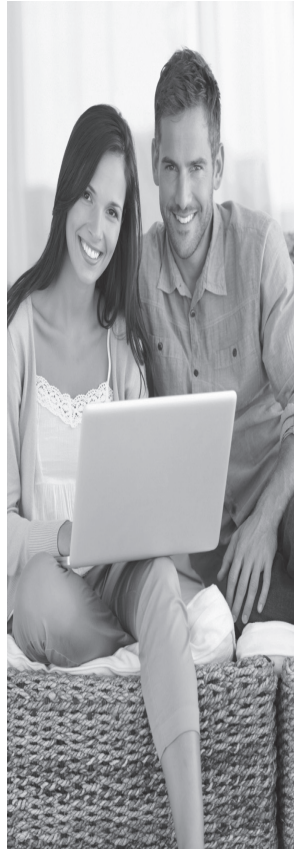
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ENA “Adopts” LVM Elementary

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) has renewed our commitment to the students, families, and staff at Elvehjem Elementary School (LVM) through the Foundation for Madison’s Public Schools Adopt-a-School Program for the 2017-2018 school year! We will keep you posted on ways YOU can help us make a difference through volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and donation drives.

Negative Lunch Accounts Fundraiser: NOW through October 31

Many students are starting the school year with a negative lunch account balance carried over from last year for a whopping total of \$1688.46! Let’s all work together to diminish this balance so these families in need have one less thing to worry about! ENA is collecting donations starting now through the end of October and will be making a collective payment towards these negative accounts. If you are able to contribute to the cause please mail your donation to ENA, PO BOX 14625, Madison, WI 53708.

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 ENA’s Turkey Trot 5k on Thanksgiving morning at 8:30am or Holiday in the Park Celebration on Saturday, December 2 from 4-7pm.

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>
Oct. 4	ENA Board Meeting	7-9pm	Great Dane East 876 Jupiter Dr.
Oct. 14	Kindness Rocks ENA Painting Party	10am	Our Saviour's 1201 Droster Rd.
Oct. 31	Annual Halloween Bonfire	6-8pm	Elvehjem Park Shelter 1202 Painted Post
Nov. 23	Turkey Trot 5k/ Mile Walk	8:30am SHARP	Droster Park 1429 Droster Rd.
Dec.2	Holiday in the Park	4-7pm	Orlando Bell Park 2274 S. Thompson Dr.