

Elvehjem Echo

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Dear Neighbors,

Winter is in full swing in Elvehjem Neighborhood! I don't know about you but for me this is the time of year when cabin fever starts to set in. With cold weather keeping us indoors a lot of the time it may have been a while since you have seen or talked to your next door neighbors. Since we don't have any organized ENA social events this month, I would like to encourage you to plan something on your own. Why not invite your neighbors over for dinner, have a card or game night, or when the weather allows it get the kids together to go sledding or head out on a winter nature walk?

Speaking of weather, what a crazy winter it has been so far! From significant snowfalls to frigid temperatures and then freezing rain we have seen it all! Here in Elvehjem neighborhood we have a lot of foot traffic as families walk their children to school or walk to the city bus stops so it is important we do our best to keep our sidewalks safe and clear of snow and ice. This can be difficult between hectic work schedules, caring for young children, physical limitations, illness, or unexpected travel. It warms my heart to hear all the stories of neighbors helping each other out during these times. Thank you to all the kind hearted neighbors who have taken it upon themselves to shovel for their neighbor; these are the acts of service that make Elvehjem such a unique and friendly place to live! If you are walking please be understanding, give yourself extra time to get to your destination, and walk carefully on untreated sidewalks. Stay warm and see you in the spring!

Sincerely,

Jamie Meise

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Stacy Wellford



Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) is starting 2017 in a great financial position, as 2016 was our strongest membership year ever!! This has allowed us to bring back all our regular events in 2017 plus add some new events such as the neighborhood kickball tournament. Check out the full list of events at elvehjemneighborhood.org/events. The board approved the draft of the 2017 budget at the January 4th meeting which will be submitted for approval by the neighborhood at our annual meeting on Saturday, March 25th. stacy@elvehjemneighborhood.org

SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Justin Martin



In our last two monthly board meetings we recapped our winter activities which included the Turkey Trot, Holiday In The Park, cookie exchange, and decoration contest. With the busy holiday season behind us, planning is now underway for the 2017 Annual Meeting. Be sure to mark your calendar for this important event and see what ENA has been up to and also what we have in store for the upcoming year. Arrangements are also being made for the spring Membership Drive, for which we will once again be recruiting block captain volunteers. If you helped us out with this event last year, we hope we can count on you once again. If you've never participated in this opportunity to both support your neighborhood association and meet your neighbors at

the same time, please consider helping us out.

Our next two meetings will be held on February 1 and March 1, both at 7 PM, in the upstairs meeting room at Great Dane Eastside. For a copy of meeting minutes, visit our website or contact Justin Martin at 608-219-2060 or secretary@elvehjemneighborhood.org



We are hard at work collecting photos, interviews and artifacts from neighbors to document the past 50 years of the Elvehjem Neighborhood.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Dig out **your photos and videos** showing the neighborhood as it once was.
- Join us at our next planning meeting at **Messiah Lutheran Church on Wed. February 8, 7-8pm.**
- **Support this project financially** by mailing a check to the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association, PO Box 14625, Madison, WI 53708-0625 (put "50th Anniversary" in the memo). Or donate via Pay Pal (see <http://elvehjemneighborhood.org/celebration>). Contact Marilee at Marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 608-239-0975 with questions.

NEW BOARD MEMBER



Neighbors, my name is Jaren Christianson and I am both honored and excited to serve my community as your newest ENA board member! After acting as a block captain for

the last 3 years, I have decided to be more involved with some of the amazing events and services the ENA provides us.

A little but about myself: I am originally from DeForest, but have lived in Madison for the last 15 years. In 2012, I moved to Academy Drive with my wife Katie and welcomed our son, JJ (4), and daughter, Ily Jo (2). We enjoy taking walks around the neighborhood, riding bikes, and swimming at the YMCA.

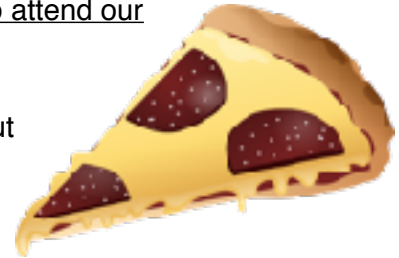
I recently quit my job as a programmer to return to school full-time to pursue a career in law enforcement. In my spare time, I enjoy running, live music, and riding my Harley.

UPCOMING ENA EVENTS

ENA Annual Neighborhood Meeting and Pizza Social Saturday, March 25 at 10am Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1201 Droster Rd

All residents of Elvehjem Neighborhood are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Neighborhood Meeting!!

Meet the ENA Board of Directors, vote on the 2017 budget, learn about neighborhood events and initiatives, and have the opportunity to join/renew your annual membership dues at a special reduced rate of \$12! Enjoy pastries generously donated by Rosie's Coffee Bar and Bakery!



Stick around after the business portion of the meeting for a lunch and social hour from 11am-noon! Enjoy pizza generously donated by Domino's while you connect with neighbors, local elected officials including Alder DeMarb and Representative Sargent, and a representative from the East District Police Station.

ENA Annual Spring Membership Drive April 1-30th



During the month of April, block captains will be delivering membership packets to every household in Elvehjem Neighborhood. ENA is a 100% volunteer based organization and we depend on the financial support of our neighborhood. Your \$15 annual membership dues support a wide range of valuable activities and services such as the Echo Newsletter, social events, community improvement initiatives, wellness activities, and more.

It is our hope that you appreciate the work of ENA and are proud to call Elvehjem neighborhood your home. Please show us your support by promptly completing and returning your membership form with your \$15 tax-deductible annual membership dues. You can also complete the form online and pay securely through Paypal at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/join. All households who join the association by May 15th will be entered into a drawing to win a \$40 gift card generously donated by Metro Market! Help us reach our goal of 450 membership households in 2017!

Block Captains Needed!

Block captains are needed to help deliver membership packets to their neighbors during the Spring Membership Drive. The task can be completed anytime during the month of April and only takes about two hours or one afternoon. Training will be held prior to the Annual Neighborhood Meeting at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Droster Rd on Saturday, March 25 from 9:15-9:45am. If you are able to volunteer please contact Jamie at 608-477-3955 or jamie@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

ENA EVENTS RECAP

Turkey Trot



The 2016 Turkey Trot was a Gobbling Success! Thank you to all the amazing runners, walkers, cheerleaders, and volunteers that participated in the event!

Congratulations to the overall and age group winners: Alex Wolfe (18:26), Krista Jahimiak (18:47), Sebastian Brennes (22:47), Zoe Markesano (29:23), Terril Oliphant (18:29), Meghan O'Connel (23:50), Jaren Christianson (19:30), Janet Heineman (24:30), Ron Ofstun (23:16), Jenny Smith Wedvick (27:23) as well as the winner of the Thanksgiving Spirit Award: Mara Evans. The complete race results will be posted

on the Elvehjem Neighborhood website.

Special thanks to Volunteer and Finish Line Coordinator Joel Stone, Registration Coordinator Peggy Hoffmann, and Marketing/Logistics Coordinator Tiff Roltgen for all your hard work and volunteer hours! We greatly appreciate all our finish line workers, bakers, registrars, and directional volunteers. Much gratitude to Rodney Benson, Stacy Wellford, Alice Pulvermacher, Iris Loomans, Tom Morano, Mona and Len Everett, Lou and Mason Jellings, Marilee Cronin, Georgine Price, Katie Mears, Emily Leas, Jamie and Kyle Meise family, Paul Cusick, Jeanne Rotter, and David Martinez.

Finally, special thanks to the following generous businesses who supported Turkey Trot 2016: Advocare (Peggy Hoffmann), Avon (Valorie Westberg) Great Dane Eastside, Road ID, Crema Café (Steve), Culver's, Bucky's Portable Toilets Inc., Cottage Café, McLeas Creative (Karl Leas), Metro Market, Tank Goodness Cookies, and Tiff and Mike Roltgen. Please thank them the next time you frequent their place of business!

Holiday in the Park

"It was a magical evening for my kids," was the sentiment shared by a participant at our Annual Holiday in the Park event on Saturday, December 3rd. The event was again hosted by Elvehjem and East Buckeye Neighborhood Associations at Orlando Bell Park to celebrate the holiday season. Santa rode in on the fire truck with our very own Station 5 fire fighters who provided children an opportunity to explore the fire truck, while they were there. Santa visited with children and handed out toys while other families went on sleigh rides pulled by beautiful horses from Rockin L Acres. There were homemade treats and hot cocoa for all to enjoy while warming up around a roaring bonfire. We would like to thank all our volunteers who made this event possible and a special thank you to the Great Dane for generously donating the gift certificates for our donation drawing.



Holiday Cookie Swap

Neighbors gathered on December 11 to enjoy fellowship and exchange holiday treats. Cookie platters were delivered on behalf of Elvehjem Neighborhood to the East Police Precinct and Fire Station #5.

MORE ENA EVENT RECAPS



Holiday Lights Contest

Thanks to everyone who entered the 2016 Holiday Lights Contest! Three homes on Ellen Ave. entered, so the odds were in their favor to have a winner on that street. There were quite a few fun holiday displays all over our neighborhood, maybe you all will consider entering the contest next year. After 128 votes were cast, the winner was 1710 Ellen Avenue who received a \$25 Metro Market gift card. Second place was 1334 Thompson Dr., and third place was 1209 Meadowlark Dr.



New Year's Eve Run & Walk-a-thon


From 12:01am to 11:59pm on December 31 neighbors took advantage of their last opportunity to run or walk in 2016 during Elvehjem Neighborhood's Wooden Steps Running Club's Annual New Year's Eve Run & Walk-a-thon. The event was a huge success with 59 participants attending throughout the day! Participants completed 239 laps of the route equaling a total of 219.88 miles! Neighbor Bonnie Benson generously donated 47 hats and gloves to Elvehjem Elementary; 1 for every 5 laps completed! Great job everyone!





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LVM ELEMENTARY ADOPT-A-SCHOOL UPDATE

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) has officially “adopted” Elvehjem Elementary School (LVM)! We are working closely with the LVM PTO and school staff to discover ways that we as a neighborhood can support the school and we need YOUR help!

February 1-15: Classroom Restock Drive: ENA and Metro Market are working to replenish classroom supplies such as snacks, markers, pencils, glue sticks, and dry erase markers so teachers can make it through the school year without having to dig into their own pockets. Check www.eleghjemneighborhood.org/LVM to see the teachers’ complete wish list or stop in to Metro Market to view their display. Donations can be delivered directly to the LVM Elementary and dropped in the collection bin just inside the front entrance beginning February 1.

February 10: Fun Fair from 6-8pm: Volunteers are needed to help with ticket purchasing, food sales, and games. Contact Cori at cori.vandekieft@gmail.com or visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ea8af2ca4fb6-funfair> to sign up!

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, April 7th Read-a-thon: Volunteers will be needed all day to read with the students. Community support will be greatly appreciated!

Saturday, April 29 Adult Night Fundraiser at VFW: There will be music, silent auction & more!

Also, please save your Box Tops to support the LVM PTO’s ongoing fundraising efforts. There is a mailbox just inside LVM Elementary’s front doors where you can turn in your box tops.

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A Note from your Alder, Denise DeMarb



Happy New Year Neighbors!
2017 is shaping up to be a busy year. My December newsletter talked about the Cottage Grove Road (CGR) corridor study. The first meeting on the CGR corridor study is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 31st. For those of you who were not able to attend the meeting; I will provide a recap of the meeting on my blog. This study has been a priority of mine and I am excited for this work to begin. Your input is vital to the success of the CGR study.

If you were not able to attend the meeting please read my blog (address below) so you will have the necessary information to provide your feedback.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me, as always.

Your Alder,

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ENA Calendar of Events- Mark your calendars!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 1-15	Classroom Restock Drive for LVM Elementary		
March 25	ENA Annual Neighborhood Meeting	10am	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
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