Elvehjem Echo

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DearNeighbors,

As I write this final letter to neighbors, I can't help but reflect back on my time serving on the ENA board over the past 6 years as president and secretary. I attended my first meeting back in 2012 after being nudged by my good friend and former board member Tiffani Roltgen. I wasn't sure if I had the necessary qualifications to serve on the board but left the meeting not only as a board member but as the newly elected secretary! As it turns out, the only qualification necessary is the desire to get involved!

I wasn't expecting to serve on the board this long or to ever become president but I have loved being a part of the decision making process in planning events and organizing initiatives to ensure Elvehjem continues to be such a great place to live and raise a family. And let's face it, with now four little ones at home it has given me some much needed adult conversation! Over the years I served with some truly amazing, dedicated, and selfless neighbors who willingly gave their time and talents to strengthen our community for all who live here. It is with a heavy heart but also a sigh of relief that I pass the reins this spring at our annual meeting in order to focus on my growing family, work, and faith. While I will no longer be serving on the board, I will still be around and I hope to see you at ENA events!

Sincerely,

Jamie Meise

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

SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Audra Johnson

I hope everyone is looking forward to spring in Elvehjem Neighborhood! I have some board election news to share. In March the ENA board elected the following new executive team for 2018-2019 which will be instated at the Annual Meeting on April 14th: President Charles Donaldson, Vice President Jared Marker, Treasurer Jacob Wright, and Secretary Audra Johnson. Read more about the Annual Meeting on page 3.



I will also now be serving as lead for the Welcome Committee which delivers

information packets and treats to all new Elvehjem Neighborhood residents. Board members Alice, Jim, Crystal, and Kim will also serve on the committee. We are in need of more bakers to make up the plates to deliver to the new neighbors. Email me directly if you would like to bake treats for welcome packets or if you have any suggestions <u>audra@elvehjemneighborhood.org</u>

SAVE THE DATE GARAGE SALE

Elvehjem Neighborhood Wide Garages Sales will be June 14-16! Watch for the registration form in the June 1 Echo. Your \$5 registration fee gets your sale included on the neighborhood map posted on the ENA website and at registered sales as well as advertised in the Wisconsin State Journal, Craigslist, and Madison Stuff Exchange. A coordinated effort attracts more customers and supports your neighborhood!

TREASURER REPORT by Jacob Wright



Happy Spring! On the Treasury front, I am currently processing new memberships as well as specific donations for important ENA activities such as the 50th Anniversary celebration! It has been wonderful to see the pledges come in for that. If you've yet to donate, there's still time! I'm also

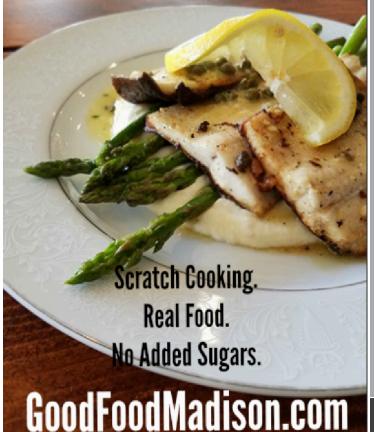
gearing up for the membership drive, as well as for all of the great upcoming ENA events to come as the weather warms up.

I also want to highlight that the ENA accepts donations via PayPal from our website! You will not be charged a fee for using this service. So, if that's a convenient option for you, feel free to use it!

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns!

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UPCOMING ENA EVENTS

2018 ENA Annual Meeting & Pizza Social Saturday, April 14 at 10am Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Rd



<u>All residents of Elvehjem Neighborhood are invited and</u> <u>encouraged to attend</u>! Meet the ENA Board of Directors, vote on the 2018 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! Donuts generously donated by Hy-Vee and coffee will be provided. After the business portion of the meeting, stick around to enjoy delicious pizzas generously donated by Domino's while visiting with neighbors during our social hour from 11-noon. Special guests will include MPD Neighborhood Resource Officer Heather Dzick, Dane County Supervisor Jamie Kuhn, and State Representative Melissa Sargent.

2018 ENA Annual Membership Drive April 15-May 15

It's time to show ENA your support by joining the association or renewing your membership for 2018! 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 2018 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. Your tax deductible membership dues are just \$15 for the year and that includes your entire household! As an added incentive to join promptly, <u>all households who register by May 31st will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 Metro Market gift card or a \$20 Lake Edge Seafood Gift Certificate</u>! We hope we can count on your support!

Earth Day Clean-up & Garlic Mustard Pull Sunday, April 22 at the Elvehjem Sanctuary 1-3pm

Everyone should meet at the Elvehjem Park Shelter. You can choose to pick up trash or pull garlic mustard (or both)!

Help clear the sanctuary of litter that has accumulated in the sanctuary over the past year. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

Joel Stone will lead the garlic mustard pull so no experience is necessary. 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. 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!





LVM Elementary Adopt-A-School Update

It is hard to believe another school year is already coming to a close! We would like to thank all of the neighbors who so generously helped us to support Elvehjem Elementary School this year through our Adopt-a-school initiatives. Both the Hats and Mittens Drive and the Classroom Restock Drive were hugely successful in providing much needed material supplies to the students and staff. We helped to raise money to directly support students in need through the Negative Lunch Accounts fundraiser, we supported the PTO's efforts to fundraise by participating in their Butterbraid Sales and Trivia Night, and ENA donated \$100 toward the Outdoor Learning Program. In addition, neighbors provided volunteer support at events and in the classroom throughout the year!

There is still time to get involved:

- Save the Date! Bobcat Boogie Fun Run, morning of May 17th. Details are still in the works but volunteers will definitely be needed. Contact Cori if you are available to help at <u>cori.vandekieft@gmail.com</u>.
- Continue to save your Box Tops to support the LVM PTO's 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 Adopt-a-school initiatives online at <u>www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/lvm</u>

50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE



Photos and Videos Wanted!

2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association! The 50th Anniversary Committee is finalizing a documentary highlighting the first 50 years!

We are still in search of home videos and photos that show the Elvehejem Neighborhood as it's evolved! If you have

any old photos or videos (we can convert just about any format!). Contact Marilee Cronin Marilee@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

50th Anniversary Celebration

When: Saturday, September 29, 2018 Where: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Droster

Join us in planning ENAs 50th Anniversary event

- Recruiting Subcommittee Members
 - To get involved contact Alice Pulvermacher at <u>alice@elvehjemneighborhood.org</u>
 - Activities and program to be planned by the subcommittee
- Grant sponsored by
 - MG&E Foundation
- Donation match challenge by
 - Central Storage Warehouse

Thank you for all of your financial support! There is still time to donate though! Consider pledging \$1 for every year you lived in the Elvehjem Neighborhood. Please go to <u>www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/celebration</u> to donate via PayPal, or mail a check to ENA, Attn: 50th Anniversary, PO Box 14625 Madison, WI 53708

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The spring market is already here and buyers are looking to lock in low rates, but can't find properties to purchase! Now is the time to call us to get the most out of your biggest investment, your home.

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ANNUAL MADISON COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL SALE SATURDAY MAY 12TH

This is the year to join the tens of thousands of area households that have already participated in the annual Madison Compost Bin and Rain Barrel event.

When it comes to easy, cost-effective ways to lessen your impact on the planet, rain barrels and compost bins provide an eco one-two for your home! Harvesting rainwater for your plants saves money and reduces stormwater run-off into local waterways. And rather than sending more stuff to the landfill, compost bins will help you create nutrient rich soil by turning yard waste and food scraps into organic fuel for the garden.

Compost bins and 50 and 100 gallon rain barrels with diverters are available at discounted prices on Saturday May 12th at the Alliant Energy Center north parking lot from 10am - 2pm. The annual event is open to resident and nonresidents of Madison. Supplies are limited, pre-ordering is strongly recommended. Pre-order online before May 1st with the promo code MAD18 and save an additional \$10 off. For more information visit http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/ compost/CompostBinSale.cfm or order directly from www.rainreserve.com/madison

ELVEHJEM COMMUNITY GARDEN - 2018 CALENDAR

March 10	Registration	9am
April 14	Opening Day	12:30pm
May 12	Garden Work Day	9am
June 1	Last Planting Date	
June 9	Garden Work Day	9am
July 12	Garden Work Day	6:30pm
August 11	Garden Work Day	9am
Sept. 13	Garden Work Day	6:30pm
Sept. 15	Picnic	11am-1pm
Oct. 13	Garden Workday	9am



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ENA Calendar of Events- Mark your calendars!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	Location
March 31	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	9:30pm	Droster Park
April 14	ENA Annual Neighborhood Meeting and Pizza Social	10am-Noon	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
April 15 - May 15	ENA Annual Membership Drive		
April 22	Earth Day Cleanup	1-3pm	Elvehjem Elementary School
June 14-16	ENA Neighborhood Garage Sales	8am-4pm(times vary)	