



Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*

-Helen Keller

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Elvehjem Neighborhood Association  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



### Dear Neighbors,

**I hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July, spending time with families, loved ones, and enjoying the long weekend.** For those who came to our 4th of July Celebration at Our Saviour's church, thank you for making it a success. There was change in the parade route, venue, activities, and silent auction this year, but it all went over smoothly. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped out with set-up, the Firecracker 5k, clean-up, and organizing the event. We could not have done it without you.

After the clean-up, while driving up to northern Wisconsin, I had time to think back on the event. Neighbors outside on their lawns, kids with smiles on their faces, sun shining, watching the parade go through the neighborhood. The image of the firetruck, VFW members, and huge crowd of bikers and families going up Droster Road makes me smile.

On the surface this may look like a simple parade, but in the big picture, this gathering of families and neighbors both young and old shows the value of our community. 51 years ago, that first parade was completed. Now, in the present day, the parade continues with a new generation of families looking to continue the tradition. Our community is essential for that tradition.

As we look forward to the Neighborhood Halloween Bonfire in October, we look to continue this idea of community. Instead of one central bonfire, neighbors and ENA board members will host fires in their driveways with treats and beverages for neighbors to stop by. Our goal is to continue to show off the neighborhood, highlighting the great decorated areas like Starker Avenue during Halloween. If you are interested, please fill out the form in this ECHO or email [halloween@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:halloween@elvehjemneighborhood.org).

We hope to see you all at the next neighborhood meeting, event, or spending time in one of our parks. Thanks again for all of your contributions for the Membership Drive and keeping this community great.

Sincerely,

**Charles Donaldson**

ENA President,

(651) 353-8523

[charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

## MEMBER CORNER



### The ENA is looking for a few green thumbs!

Have you driven past our Elvehjem signs and thought “wow, those look really nice”? That’s because we’ve had great help maintaining the flowers and vegetation around them- they really do look nice. If you’re garden-saavy and would like to volunteer in this way for our Buckeye signs, send us an email at [enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org). Thanks!”

If you would like to put something in the Echo newsletter, write 40 words or less and email the notice to Jared Marker [jared@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:jared@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

## TREASURER’S REPORT

### By Jacob Wright

It was great to see everyone at the 4th of July party! I had a great time chatting with many of you while working the raffle table.



I want to thank all of the volunteers and members who make our membership drive happen every year. Over 300 households joined during our 2019 membership drive! None of the work we do would be possible without you.

As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Jacob Wright  
[jacob@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:jacob@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

## SECRETARY’S CORNER



### By Kim Bolinder

Dear Neighbors,

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Board still has open seats! If you are interested in getting more involved in the neighborhood, we encourage you

to attend a meeting and consider joining us as a Director at Large. Do you like to bake or are you interested in making connections with new neighbors? Please join me on the Welcome Committee and help show our new residents what a great neighborhood we live in.

Sincerely,

Kim Bolinder  
(608) 345-7258  
[kim@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:kim@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

## MSCR Fall Programs



Check out our classes at MSCR East, 4620 Cottage Grove Rd  
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For a complete list of activities see the Fall 2019 Program Guide or go to [mscr.org](http://mscr.org) for more information.



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# UPCOMING EVENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD HALLOWEEN BONFIRE

Thursday, October 31 - neighborhood wide, evening



The ENA is trying a new format this year for the Halloween Bonfire! Instead of one large bonfire down at the Elvehjem Shelter, several members of the ENA Board are hosting “stops” within the neighborhood, and we are encouraging other neighbors to host their own stops!

Set up a grill or a fire pit; hand out candy, drinks, or treats; put out a “Haunted House”, simple craft table, or a game in your driveway, etc.

We’ll be compiling a list of “stops” prior to the event and publishing a map so that neighbors can

plan routes to hit the stops and socialize with neighbors. Questions, comments? Already know you’ll be hosting? Mail in the signup form below or submit via email.



## Signup Form ENA Halloween Bonfire



If you would like to host a ‘stop’ on the ENA Halloween Bonfire map, please fill out the following and mail to Jared Marker at 1033 Painted Post or email to [halloween@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:halloween@elvehjemneighborhood.org).

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**What (e.g. bonfire, candy, treats, hot cider, brats, stickers, games, haunted house, kid crafts, etc.):**

*Contact info will be used only to confirm event; will not be publicly displayed.*

# EVENT RECAP

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Neighbors across the community again knocked on every door in the Elvehjem Neighborhood for our Annual Membership Drive. This event is crucial for the ENA's revenue and funding throughout the year. We saw an increase in online registrations due to our new design for the membership form by new board member Dan Collins.

Our total household count this year was 308 households. For all of you who joined, whether it was \$15 or \$100, thank you. Because of your donation, our neighborhood association gets to continue being the longest running association in Madison.

## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALES

As the summer weather arrived, the neighborhood garage sale was perfectly timed for another successful event. 38 houses entered and added their address to the garage sale map with a total donation to ENA of \$190. Many thanks to Diana Winter for organizing again and allowing the garage sale to once again go off without a hitch.

## 4TH OF JULY RECAP

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Annual 4th of July Celebration was a huge success again this year.

The morning began with the Firecracker 5k and Kid's Fun Run, with over 50 attendees beating the heat in the early morning. The bike parade followed featuring dozens of kids on their decorated bikes following behind their own police escort. Close to 200 people, including many families and neighbors of all ages, attended the event at Our Saviour's following the bike parade.



The new venue was perfect for the event. There was abundant shade with the trees, room for two bouncy houses, and air conditioning inside with plenty of places to sit. Ice cream, cold soda and snacks were favorites as everyone tried to stay cool on the hot day. Kids decorated themselves in temporary tattoos and played with bubbles. The tot zone and yard games also allowed the families to enjoy the national holiday with all of their neighbors.

The raffle and the online silent auction was another success with highlights such as a Crema Café gift certificate, MSCR classes, and a signed Packers football. We raised over \$900 total between the silent auction, raffle, and Firecracker 5k Fun Run. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated!

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended, and made this event another success again for our neighborhood!**

# UPCOMING EVENT

## Neighborhood Night Out

Tuesday, August 6 - neighborhood wide, evening

Across the nation, neighborhoods will be celebrating a night out to promote community building and strengthen neighbor-to-neighbor relationships.

This year, on August 6th, the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association will also be participating. We plan to have our monthly board meeting in the driveway of the President's house at 4802 Eldorado Lane. We will be grilling, talking, catching up, and celebrating the success of the 4th of July Celebration starting at 6 PM.

Our Board Meeting will continue as normal at 7 PM. We will be discussing the 4th of July Celebration, Membership Drive, and other upcoming events for the neighborhood.

I wanted to **formally invite anyone who is interested in attending the meeting, contributing to our discussions, or simply wants to have some refreshments and food with the board.**

We also encourage neighbors to have events of their own to celebrate the Neighborhood Night Out. This could be a grill out in your front yard or simply going for a walk and talking with your neighbors.

We hope to see you on August 6th, whether it is for the board meeting or part of the night out.



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## Sign up for Shared Solar

*From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)*

MGE's Shared Solar program is expanding! State regulators approved in June MGE's plans to build a 5-megawatt (MW) solar array at the Middleton Municipal Airport in the City of Middleton. The expansion of the program is another step toward our goal of net-zero carbon electricity by the year 2050.



### How it Works

Seventy percent of the large solar array at Middleton's Morey Field will serve the Shared Solar program. It will deliver energy to our community grid. MGE residential and business electric customers reserve a portion of the energy produced by the array by subscribing to this voluntary program.

### How to Join

Shared Solar is easy and affordable. Participants can purchase up to half of their annual electricity use through the program.

Visit [mge.com/sharedsolar](http://mge.com/sharedsolar) to access frequently asked questions and to sign up. The popular community solar program already has a waiting list of customers interested in locally generated clean energy with minimal upfront cost. Participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up today!

Construction of the array is expected to begin this summer. We expect it to be operational this fall.

MGE's first Shared Solar installation is on the roof of Middleton's Municipal Operations Center. The program sold out quickly in 2016. We're looking forward to welcoming more customers!

### Shared Energy Goals

The remaining 30% of the array will deliver clean energy to the City of Middleton and the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District under MGE's Renewable Energy Rider. Under the program, MGE partners with a large energy user to tailor a renewable energy solution to meet the customer's energy needs.

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## Go green.

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MGE is planning a new Shared Solar installation at Morey Field in Middleton. Join the program to get locally generated solar energy for your home or business. It's easy, affordable, and it helps grow renewable energy in our community.

**Shared Solar—Make it your energy.**

Visit [energy2030together.com/SharedSolar](http://energy2030together.com/SharedSolar) to learn how to participate.



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Email [dan@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:dan@elvehjemneighborhood.org) for details.

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## ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, August 6  
**Neighborhood Night Out**  
6 - 8 pm throughout the neighborhood

Tuesday, August 6  
**ENA Board Meeting**  
7 - 9 pm at 4802 Eldorado Lane

Wednesday, September 4  
**ENA Board Meeting**  
7 - 9 pm at Great Dane Eastside

Wednesday, October 2  
**ENA Board Meeting**  
7 - 9 pm at Great Dane Eastside

Thursday, October 31  
**Halloween Bonfire**  
5 - 7 pm neighborhood wide