



Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
-Helen Keller

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,

This is the time of year when we usually start thinking about summer vacations and planning to get together at BBQs, baseball games, big summer blockbusters, and trips to the pool. Last year the ENA Board was wrapping up our annual membership drive and preparing for what would be a wonderful 4th of July Celebration. Now fast forward to the present and so much of our lives and the ENA calendar have been flipped upside down. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to adapt and change our usual summer activities and events:

- The annual meeting will move to a virtual Zoom meeting where quorum will be met through video conferencing. The link will be posted on FB on June 3rd, following our monthly board meeting.
- The membership drive will happen online and through the mail with membership forms inside the *Echo* newsletter, including this one.
- The annual neighborhood garage sale event will be cancelled.
- Finally, in a tough decision, we have decided to cancel the annual 4th of July Celebration. As an alternative, I'm encouraging members to contact us about what they would want to see or ideas for socially-distant alternatives. Virtual bike parade? Online raffle? Let us know and we will be happy to facilitate.
- We are looking to sponsor a large neighborhood event in the fall or winter once the restrictions allow for larger gatherings. Think of an annual harvest festival, bonfire, or big Neighborhood Night Out. We will keep you informed on any event developments over the coming weeks and months.

As we find ourselves in a different situation this summer, we have an opportunity as an association to turn the disappointing into something positive and uplifting. In lieu of some of the expenses the association normally spends on events, the board has decided to donate \$500 of our budgeted event expenses to the River Food Pantry to help local families in need of food. **Additionally, we will contribute \$5 dollars - up to \$500 more - for every person that joins the ENA by July 4th.** You can join here online: theENA.org/join or in this *Echo* where you can cut out a paper form to mail in. We need 100 people to join to meet this goal!

This is a time for our neighborhood association to give back to our community. Elvehjem neighborhood has given to us over the last 10 years since we restarted the membership drive, and now it's time for us to give back the generosity.

Sincerely,

Charles Donaldson, ENA President

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MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP FORM

SIGN UP & PAY ONLINE IN 60 SECONDS!

➔ ➔ **theENA.org/join**



... or complete & return the form below

How would you like to receive your bimonthly *Echo* Newsletter: Email // Postal // Both

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** (_____) _____ - _____

FIRST/LAST NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

(RESIDENT 2, OPTIONAL): FIRST/LAST NAME _____

(RESIDENT 2, OPTIONAL): EMAIL _____

Dues are \$15 per year

Checks can be made payable to ENA.
Please return with membership form to:

ENA Membership
PO Box 14625
Madison, WI 53708-0625

YES, I'd like to support the Elvehjem
Neighborhood with an additional
donation! All sponsorship levels include
your \$15 annual dues.

*Amount \$ _____ Cash Check # _____

- PLATINUM Level Sponsorship \$100
- GOLD Level Sponsorship \$75
- SILVER Level Sponsorship \$50
- BRONZE Level Sponsorship \$25

Are you interested in volunteering for the neighborhood in 2020?

- YES, I will volunteer my time at one or more neighborhood events.
- YES, I am interested in serving as an ENA Board Member.

* Elvehjem Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit org. All membership dues & additional donations are tax deductible. All contact information will be used for bimonthly *Echo* Newsletter delivery, occasional email updates, and if applicable, volunteer correspondence. Joining ENA promotes a stronger, safer, and more connected community. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Why join the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association?

Keep our tradition strong!

Elvehjem has the longest-running neighborhood association in Madison.

ENA is a 100% volunteer based organization that depends on the financial support of our neighborhood! Your \$15 annual membership dues support a wide range of valuable activities and services such as:

>> **Events for all ages:** Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sales, Kindness Rock Painting, Fourth of July Celebration & Firecracker Races, Make Music Madison concerts, Park play-dates, Halloween Bonfires, 5K Turkey Trot & Walk, Holiday in the Park

>> **Neighborhood improvement:** Adopt-a-school, Annual Neighborhood Meeting & Membership Drive, Earth Day Clean-up, Neighborhood Night Out, Decorating Contests, ENA Welcome Sign and Garden Maintenance

>> **Community building:** Foster relationships with local law enforcement, Good Neighbor Project, nearby neighborhood associations, and local businesses

>> **Communication:** Bimonthly Echo Newsletter, Website: theENA.org, Elvehjem Neighborhood Facebook Group: [theENA.org/fb](https://www.facebook.com/theENA.org/fb), E-mail Updates

Annual Meeting – *The First Ever Online*

Annual Meeting 2020

Saturday, June 6 // 10am-noon

All residents of Elvehjem Neighborhood are invited and encouraged to attend our first ever virtual Annual Meeting! Meet the ENA Board of Directors, vote on the 2020 budget, learn about neighborhood events and initiatives (how we're adapting with all of the new changes), and be educated on how to join/renew your annual membership dues! After the business portion of the meeting, stick around for a virtual chat/social hour from 11-noon. Special guests will include MPD Neighborhood Resource Officer Howard Payne, Alder Michael Tierney, Blaire Adkins (Dane County Board of Supervisors, District 16), and Melissa Sargent (State Representative).



Scan this QR code to join the meeting on Zoom or enter this link in your web browser: zoom.us/j/84978306633 (pass: 050583)

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jacob Wright

First, I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we have adjusted the ENA's plans for the summer in light of the evolving COVID-19 situation. Our first priority is, and always should be, the safety and well-being of the community we all love. As Charles noted in his letter, this time presents us with an opportunity -- while we cannot hold the fun, community-building events that are a foundation of life in Elvehjem, **we can take on different ways to support those who are in need right now.** We're holding a drive for the River Food Pantry right now, and as treasurer, **I'd love to hear from you about what other local causes we should be supporting.** Please contact me at treasurer@elvehjemneighborhood.org with your ideas. We appreciate your ongoing support as we weather this crisis together.



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 VONDRON
 WENDY
 WOODVALE

GRAZING GOATS AT ACEWOOD CONSERVATION PARK

If you haven't heard yet, we'll be welcoming some unique visitors to the neighborhood this spring & summer.

What exactly is goat-ing on?

From Paul Quinlan (PQ) at Madison Parks: "We are developing Habitat Management Plans for all of Madison's conservation parks and will draft one for Acewood this year. This preliminary [cleanup] work is helping us assess the site and decide the best course of action to make this property as diverse and sustainable as we can."



Who is doing what, and when?

PQ: "Parks hired HaakHagen Goat Grazing LLC to follow-up and expand on work begun by our Operation Fresh Start crew this past winter. Meanwhile, we contacted Good Oak Ecological Services to help us begin to address the garlic mustard invasion at Acewood, and help us coordinate our next steps."

From Frank Hassler Jr. of Good Oak Ecological Services: "In late-June, goats will be brought in to conduct prescribed grazing on small brush and other weeds. Later, Good Oak Ecological Services will clear invasive brush that was too large for the goats to take down. The goats will return in mid-August so they can gnaw on brush resprouts and weeds again. Finally, Good Oak will return to clean-up remaining downed woody debris left over after the goats are done, leaving the area more open and ready for future management action."

Why goats?

PQ: "We evaluated the overwhelming amount of invasive species that need to be controlled, and realized that this site could be ideal for exploring methods that minimize the use of herbicides. Enter: goats. The site is relatively quiet, the brush is a good size, and the terrain makes it easy to install temporary fences for the goats here. We plan to control woody invasive species like buckthorn and honeysuckle with prescribed grazing over the next few years, slowly reducing their abundance."

Can we watch?

PQ: "The bike path will remain open while the goats are there, and people will easily be able to see the goats. We know this will inevitably turn into somewhat of an attraction, but want to let people know that they should be careful to stay quiet and not stress the goats by interacting with them. Relatedly, I should note that dogs are only allowed along the paved bike path, and not in the conservation park (the woods) per MGO 8.40. We plan to finally post signs and enforce this, so if people begin to comply now, it will be better for the goats when they get here."

Facts about goats:

- There will be about 40 goats on site, hard at work eating invasive species
- Adult goats weigh between 80-100 lbs where adolescents weigh about 20-30 lbs
- These goats belong to a local farmer who hires them out for land management purposes
- Goats eat an average of 8 lbs of vegetation while grazing between 12-16 hours per day

RECAP: ELVEHJEM ELEMENTARY TEACHER PARADE

Elvehjem-wide Monday, April 20th

Teachers at Elvehjem Elementary organized a "car parade" and drove around together on Monday, April 20th to see and encourage the students that they've missed so much due to social distancing measures. Thanks to Dawn Marie Svanoie for the pictures; if you'd like to see more you can [click this link](#) from our digital issue.



CONGRATULATIONS, ELVEHJEM-AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

While we can't replace their formal cap & gown ceremonies, here's our nod to local high school seniors who are graduating this June. (All La Follette High School unless indicated otherwise with an asterisk.)

Ana Graham Cook, Ripon College as a scholar-athlete (soccer)

Braiden Hengst, Madison College

Brenna Krenke, UW-Milwaukee for Biomedical Engineering

Richard Mogensen, Madison College

Gabe Murphy, La Follette & *Madison College STEM Academy, Iowa State U for Mech. Engineering

Molly Peden, University of Southern Florida in Tampa for Mathematics

Robert Rotter, United States Marines

Savannah Schultz, MATC for Fire Science

Hunter Starr, *East High

Lauren Trowbridge, St. Catherine's University for ASL Interpreting

Luke Vitale, Winona State University for Criminal Justice (and football)

Jack Winter, *Monona Grove, UW-Madison for Engineering

Triona Witkins, UW-Milwaukee



Support Local

Area businesses that will soon need your support as we slowly re-open.

Monona Grove Nursery School
Good Food Low Carb Café
Harley's Wine and Spirits
Slow Roll Cycles
A New Leaf
Badger Fitness
Cost Cutters
Cottage Café
Crema Café
Cuco's
Culvers
Dairyland Family Restaurant
Dane County Farmers Market
Eastside Veterinary Clinic
El Rancho Mexican Grill
Great Dane East
Heritage Bakery & Café
Madison School & Community
Recreation

Misty Mountain Games
Monona Farmers Market
Pinney Library
Red Lion Singapore Grill
ReStore East
The Cozy Home
VFW Post 7591
The Realty Medics



Fun Highlights from Around the Neighborhood

Despite the lock-down, many of us are finding ways to keep entertained from a distance.

Shamrocks of Elvehjem, March 17th - in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, many households put a shamrock in their window for others to locate and "collect."

Animal Scavenger Hunt, March 24th - over 55 households participated by placing an animal or dinosaur (stuffed or otherwise) in their window for neighbors to track down.

Where in LVM is Carmen Sandiego, March 29th and ongoing - a mystery themed game lead by Eric Kruk wherein little clues slowly unveil the location of a Carmen Sandiego figure. Details on Facebook.

Sidewalk chalk art, ongoing - if you've been on a walk around Elvehjem recently you will have seen some of our neighbor's artist prowess captured via chalk and pavement. Some really great works of art! (Pictured by Chelsea Drouin)

Steinhauer Bingo - coordinated by host Steve at 4822 Steinhauer, thrill-seeking neighbors are playing Bingo from the ends of their respective driveways. The event starts every Sunday at 3pm, theme-based prizes are awarded for winning. Every participant brings a prize under \$10. Themes change every week, including music Bingo! If you want to join, bring your chairs and a prize.





Elvehjem Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 14625
Madison, Wisconsin

ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 3
ENA Board Meeting
7 - 9 pm
Virtual, link at theENA.org/fb

Saturday, June 6
VIRTUAL Annual Meeting
10 am - 12 pm at [this link](#)
Scan with phone camera →
zoom.us/j/84978306633
(pass: 050583)



Ongoing through 2020
Membership Drive
Neighborhood-Wide ONLINE and in this *Echo*

June 11-13
[CANCELLED] Garage Sales

Wednesday, July 1
ENA Board Meeting
7 - 9 pm
Virtual, link at theENA.org/fb

Saturday, July 4
[CANCELLED] July 4th Celebration
Replacing with fall neighborhood bash, details TBA

Tuesday, August 4
Neighborhood Night Out
Details TBD, dependent on *Safer at Home*

Membership Form Inside – Join the Association Today!