



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

**Elvehjem Echo**  
Elvehjem Neighborhood Association  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



### Dear Neighbors,

**Welcome to fall and my favorite time of year when the trees turn colors, the air becomes crisp, and most importantly, Packer and Badger football season!**

I also wanted to update you on our new family arrival as you can see in our new photo. Abram Vernon Donaldson was born on June 4th, 2019, at 4:44 PM. Some say that is a lucky birth date and time, I call it a Packer birthday with Brett Favre and his number 4 written all over it! Both Abram and his older brother Ezra, are doing well.

On the topic of welcoming, summer is our busy time in the neighborhood, especially with home buying. New families and neighbors move into the neighborhood, drawn to our quiet community, elementary school, and active neighborhood association.

For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, welcome. You are now part of a thriving community that looks to grow and continue our legacy of a leading neighborhood on the east side of Madison. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming neighborhood event or at one of our newly updated local parks.

For those of you who are established members, I ask you to welcome your new neighbors. Bring them some baked goods, knock on their door and introduce yourselves, or if you are like me, bring them something unique like fresh chicken eggs from your backyard. Knowing your neighbors is the best way to grow your community, feel safe, and keep our neighborhood strong.

A reminder for the Neighborhood Halloween Bonfire on October 31st. Neighbors and ENA board members will host fires in their driveways with treats and beverages for neighbors walking by. Our goal is 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



### Heads up, the 2020 Census is coming!

Every decade we count the citizenry as mandated by the U.S. constitution, and the next count will happen between January and March next year. We were asked by the city to inform our readership of this upcoming event as it affects political district boundaries as well as state & federal funding. You will be able to fill out the census form online, over the phone, by paper, or in person. Stay tuned for more details in December! -The Board

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)

## BOARD LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

### The LVM Neighborhood Association needs volunteers.

Current open positions/skills needed:

1. **MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR** – for advertising and branding for the board on Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, and the bi-monthly ECHO.
2. **EVENT COORDINATOR** – for coordinating neighborhood events like the Firecracker 5k and Holiday in the Park.
3. **PARKS LIAISON** – for coordination with Madison Parks on LVM Park Shelter improvements, master plan, and other park improvements
4. **GROUP COORDINATOR** – for coordination of our babysitter list, snow shovel group, snow blower list, and other neighborhood grass root groups.

If you can help in one of these positions, please reach out to ENA President at [charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:charles@elvehjemneighborhood.org), or call at (651) 353-8523.

Or, come to our next meeting, the first Wednesday of every month, 7-9 PM, at the East Side Great Dane.

## SECRETARY'S CORNER



### By Kim Bolinder

Dear Neighbors,

I'm looking forward to Fall and all it has to offer, especially cooler temperatures, apple season, beautiful foliage colors and my birthday.

For many residents, school events, fall sports like football and hunting season have happily returned. Whatever makes this time of year special for you, I hope you get useful information from our newsletter, website and Facebook page. Do you have suggestions of articles you'd like to see published? Are you a creative writer? We welcome your ideas.

You may contact me at:  
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# UPCOMING EVENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD HALLOWEEN BONFIRES

Thursday, October 31 - neighborhood wide, evening

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!**

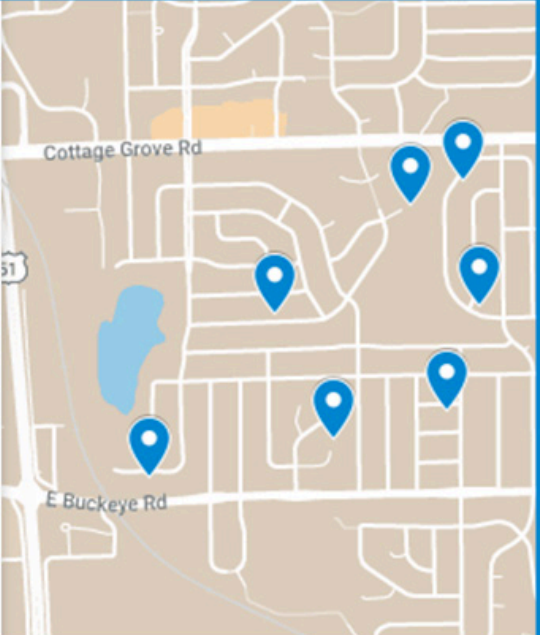
Set up a grill or a fire pit; hand out candy, drinks, or treats; put out a “Haunted House”, simple craft table, or a game in your driveway, etc.

### Bonfire Stops

Updated 9/27/19

- 22 Jaarsma Ct
- 1033 Painted Post Dr
- 5113 Sherven Dr
- 5202 Painted Post Dr
- 17 Ironwood Cir
- 4802 Eldorado Ln
- 4521 Deerwood Dr

Visit [theENA.org](http://theENA.org) for current map



We’re currently compiling a list of “stops” 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. You can view the current map at [theENA.org](http://theENA.org).

## 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

### NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 6th, the neighborhood night out was a success across the Elvehjem Neighborhood. Families were seen walking about on the perfect summer night, some neighbors even set up chairs in their driveway. The cookout on Eldorado Lane at the ENA President's house was a success. Eight neighbors stopped by in total, enjoying hot dogs and hamburgers, along with some Chilean crepes filled with dulce de leche. Next year, there will be a focus on a neighborhood map that shows where and when people are hosting events. The hope is to get more people involved and help bring our neighborhood together even more.



## UPCOMING EVENT

### Turkey Trot 5k Run/2-mile Walk

**Thursday, November 28 from 8:30am SHARP  
Droster Park, 1429 Droster Rd.**

Get your Thanksgiving morning off to a healthy start with a little exercise! The LVM Neighborhood Association is conducting another Turkey Trot this year. Join us for a 5K run or 2 mile walk. A \$5 donation is requested to help offset event insurance; additional donations are gladly accepted to help cover the other race expenses. Register here: [theENA.org/turkeytrot](http://theENA.org/turkeytrot)



Don't forget to bring a nonperishable donation for the Second Harvest Foodbank to help out families in need and/or a donation to the 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://bit.ly/trot19>



# UPCOMING EVENT

## Holiday in the Park

Saturday, December 7 from 4-7pm

Orlando Bell Park, 2274 S. Thompson Dr.

We know the last thing many of you are thinking about is winter, but we've only got two newsletters before the holidays!

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!

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## ENA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, October 3  
**Elvehjem Park: Public Input Meeting #3**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm at Elvehjem Elementary Library

Thursday, October 31  
**Neighborhood Halloween Bonfires**  
Evening, neighborhood-wide

Wednesday, November 6  
**ENA Board Meeting**  
7 - 9 pm at Great Dane Eastside

Thursday, November 28  
**Turkey Trot Run/Walk**  
8:30 - 9:30 am at Droster Park

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

Saturday, December 7  
**Holiday in the Park**  
4 - 7 pm at Orlando Bell Park