

Elvehjem Echo

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association
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Our Association's 36th Year

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OPEN LETTER TO READERS

The Elvehjem Neighborhood monthly newsletter, the "Echo", is about to enter a new era. Beginning in November, the Echo will arrive with your mail.

The Echo is the primary way ENA publicizes our activities and provides information on neighborhood issues. With this change, residents will receive a month's notice of an activity in one Echo, THEN a week to two-week second notice in the next Echo. While mailing the Echo slightly increases the cost of providing the Echo, the board feels the improved delivery schedule is worth it.

As Madison's east side expands, the ENA board wants Elvehjem residents to receive relevant area news consistently. The Echo regularly contains either a column from our city Alder or our County Supervisor and notices of community meetings or events. Mailing the Echo will assure that as many neighbors as possible receive this information in a timely manner. In the past, the Echo has been delivered to all residents and that will continue.

ENA sincerely appreciates everybody who has made the Echo possible over the last 36 years. Echo carriers have trudged through snow, rain and heat to deliver the Echo for little, if any, compensation. Before the Echo was printed at a professional printer, Elvehjem volunteers would work a number of hours each month to crank out the Echo on a mimeograph machine and then collate it for delivery. We believe the Echo is the only MONTHLY neighborhood newsletter in Madison. It is a source of great ENA pride due to these selfless volunteers.

Carolyn M. deserves special recognition for 23 years of service to the Echo. Carolyn began duplicating the Echo in September 1981. In May 1989, she added coordinating distribution of the Echo to the duplicating. As a token of appreciation, the board has presented her with an ENA Certificate of Appreciation, a gift certificate to Menards and a gift certificate to her choice of restaurants. Carolyn—on behalf of the ENA board, **THANK YOU!**

Times have changed. Delivering the Echo by mail will keep all of our LVM residents informed in a timely and consistent manner about ENA events and neighborhood news. We hope that this change will be to the benefit of all.

As the mailing process gets started, please let us know how it is going. You may call or e-mail any one of us. We will also set some time aside at the Annual Meeting (March) to discuss this issue.

Sincerely, The ENA Board of Directors

CALENDAR

- ◆ November 2..... **VOTE!**
- ◆ November 3..... **ENA Board Meeting**
7:00 PM 1505 Academy Drive
- ◆ November 9..... **LVM Parent-Teacher Meet**
(2nd Tuesday of month in LVM school library.)
- ◆ Early December.... **Holiday Sing-Along**
(Date to be determined—check November Echo.)
- ◆ Early December.... **Santa Visit**
(Date to be determined—check November Echo.)

"Prez Sez"

East District Police Station

Captain Klubertanz reports that work continues with the architects to finalize the layout. After they have a better idea of the exterior design, the landscaping and potential exterior lighting, there will be a neighborhood meeting to seek the input of area residents. It's anticipated that this meeting will happen in late October.

NOTE: Since ENA is unlikely to hear about a meeting date before the October issue of the Echo goes to print, please check the calendar on the ENA web site at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org or contact any board member (contact info is listed on the back of every Echo) for meeting information.

Open Call to Neighborhood Groups

In the last 2 issues of the Echo, there was a call to open groups looking for members to contact the Echo editor so he could compile a list of groups and contacts and publish that list in an upcoming Echo. Well, nobody contacted the editor, so we have no group info to publish.

Sunshine Coordinator

Years ago, there was an ENA "Sunshine Coordinator." S/he would gather and receive information about

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ENA Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2004

Board Members Present: Sue R, Cynthia S, Karl K, Jeanne R, Tom P, Andy K, Jim P, Dean K, Bill G, Rudy L, and Brier N. Heather also attended to update the Board on membership.

September Minutes: Approved.
September Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Echo: The mailed version of the Echo will start in November. There will be more space available; the Echo could run from 4-8 pages, depending on what needs to be printed.

Membership: Heather informed the board approximately 654 people have signed up for membership, approximately 62 are new. At the time of the meeting some envelopes had not been turned in.

Euchre Tournament: The board is looking into joining with Heritage Heights for their Euchre Tournament, usually held in March. If you have any questions, please contact a Board member. More info will be available as the dates and times are set.

Holiday Sing Along: We are looking into a date for the event, which will be held in early December, with the hope of Santa's availability.

Holiday Lights: The Board will again be sending their elves out to scout for the best decorated and lit up household. This year the Board will also be introducing a new category—"Neighbor's Choice"—this will be available online only through the ENA Bulletin Board.

Up Coming Topics: Holiday Sing Along, Holiday Lights, Sweetheart Dance and Annual Meeting. If you have any interest in helping with any of the upcoming events, please contact and Board member.

Next Meeting: November 3, at 7:00 PM at Bill G's home, 5105 Academy Drive. All ENA neighbors, as always, are welcome.

Minutes By: Brier N.

"Prez Sez"

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neighborhood births, deaths, hospitalizations, achievements, recognitions, promotions, etc and pass along that info to the Echo editor for publication. I've been recently asked – "Do we still do that?" The answer is "YES", with a slight variation.

If you'd like something published in the Echo about you or your family, contact Steve, the Echo editor directly at 223-9309 or email him at newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org or drop a note in the Echo mailbox located at 21 Vinje Court or mail a letter to "Echo Editor" PO Box 14625, Madison, WI 53708.

If you're a neighbor or block captain and would like to forward some info about someone else, please contact that person first and get their "ok." In this day, privacy is a concern for many. There are many ways to maintain privacy - we can use first names only or just a street name and not a house address, so please tell us so we can share the news with the neighborhood. After all—as I was recently told—"it's the neighborly thing to do."

Cynthia S,

President, Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

and slightly scary stories, songs, music and humor.
11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 30

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

For children ages 5 and under. Weekly registration. Call 224-7100. 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, September 8-November 17

BOOK BABY

For babies ages 0-18 months. One adult per baby is required. Length: 15 minutes. Limit 20 babies and 20 adults. Call 266-6345 beginning Friday, October 1 to register for the entire series. 9:30 a.m. Mondays, October 11-November 15

TODDLER TIME

For children ages 18-35 months with an adult. One adult per child is recommended. Length 20 minutes. Limit: 15 children and 15 adults. Call 266-6345 beginning Friday, October 1 to register for the entire series. 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. Mondays, October 11-November 15

DADS AND KIDS EVENING STORYTIMES

For Dads and their children ages 5 and under. Call 224-7100 beginning Friday, October 1 to register. 7:00 p.m. Thursdays, October 21, November 18 and December 16

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PINNEY BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS

Here are some of the activities going on at the library this season.

EAST MADISON CHESS CLUB

Any level of experience is welcome, including beginners. Third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

PINNEY BRANCH BOOK CLUB

Our September book is *Amy and Isabelle* by Elizabeth Strout. 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, September 28, October 26 and November 23

REID MILLER'S CHILLERS AND THRILLERS

Another family program for all ages, this will be light-hearted



JUDY'S ANNUAL COLORING CONTEST

WIN A NIGHT OUT FOR THE FAMILY!!



JUDY COMPTON
(608) 223-6007
judycompton@charter.net
*"Your Real Estate Specialist
Any Day of the Year"*

All entries received by October 31st will be entered into a random drawing.

1st Prize- A family four pack of tickets to "The Nutcracker"

2nd Prize- A family four pack of tickets to the movies

3rd Prize- A \$25 gift certificate to Rocky Rococco's

4th Prize- A gift certificate to Ella's Deli

**PRIZES FOR
KIDS 12 AND
UNDER**

Drop off or Mail to: Judy Compton, First Weber Group Realtors
4706 Cottage Grove Road, Madison, WI 53717

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on October 31st, 2004.



Childs Name _____ Age _____

Parents Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

"Alder's Update"

By City Alderperson, Judy Compton

Greetings! I can't believe that Fall is here already, and what a pleasant one we have had so far! It makes you wonder just what we're doing right!

I know what the Elvehjem neighborhood is doing right, taking charge and maintaining the pride that you have always shown in your neighborhood. I was so very proud of the way your neighborhood association led the charge on the traffic calming projects that have now been put in place on Ellen and Academy. I know that you all are as well. It takes just a little more to work for something like that, and as usual you were willing to go the extra mile. I was proud to support it! The work in the parks is appreciated as well.

I appreciate that you are calling and emailing me with your requests and suggestions. All of them haven't been met due to ordinances not being in our favor, but for the most part we have accomplished a lot.

I've been sending the committee vacancy reports to your web site and am glad to see that some of you have placed your names in the pool for filling some of the seats. Hopefully we in the 16th will have a greater presence downtown! Thanks!

Now for some city news pertaining to our district:

- Check Advance is already changing hands. I am so glad that I made sure that they would have to come back for another conditional use. I'll be meeting with the new owners, who are supposedly going to continue business as the Check Advance people have. They've been asked to bring all the paperwork on their organization to that meeting. If there is a need, I will call a meeting. They will have to go back to Plan Commission for approval of the new conditional use.
- The planning committee for the DeJoppe development is meeting again; Fred A. from Elvehjem is doing a superior job on that body. Their plans are still vague, but it appears that they want to work with the city to get them organized and a plan approved. I will inform you as progress is made.
- The Stoughton Road Advisory Committee was dissolved by resolution at a recent Council meeting. The State indicated they would be handling things now. I've been asked to continue to sit on this committee, along with the other Alders and County Supervisors who were previously appointed. I haven't heard if we are to be allowed the citizen members. I've requested it, but will wait to see the list to see if neighborhood representation will be allowed. Andy K, I believe, will be allowed to remain as well. Due to the city's decision, I missed the meeting of September 28, but now that we are officially invited back, I will be keeping you informed.
- Everyone seems to want to know about the Swimming Pool! I am serving on this committee, and believe me, all the information is not in. We hope to narrow the field of 9 locations to 3 after the referendum in November. You'll not be voting for a pool; you will be voting for or against overturning the previous referendum that denied the ability to locate a pool within close proximity to the lakes. The final choice for a location will be data driven. I'm lobbying hard for the East side.
- We experienced a blow on the reconstruction of Cottage Grove Road as the County pulled out on their part of the project. Please contact Mr. DeFelice and ask that he push for getting this back on schedule. He's very interested in working with the city on these issues. This is a great help.
- As the bike path was also cut, it is hard to accept the fact there isn't a discrimination of sorts against the East side by our fair (?) city. The Mayor's office insures me that this is not the case, but...Let's see the projects get approved over here for a change. Perhaps a swimming pool would be a start!
- The state DOT tells me Cottage Grove bridge is still on track and vegetation will be planted along the "sound wall" this spring--yes, the spring of 2005! Thanks again to David Simon for building the berm at Grandview Commons as a sound barrier that convinced the DOT that vegetation works!
- "What is that noise?" and "What was that ground shaking tremor?", are two questions I've been hearing a lot lately. The Yahara Quarry is blasting a lot these days. The quarry is not in the city, so I have called on Mr. DeFelice to see if he can help. Actually, the quarry is supplying material for a big project and we may be experiencing these phenomena more in the next few months. I've found the allowable decibel levels are high (132) per state standard, and the seismograph readings cannot exceed 2 (also high). I've requested several seismographs be placed throughout the district. If you feel that you are getting strong tremors, let me know. There's little we can do, according to the State, but the owners of the quarry have been very interested in considering the impact upon the residents of the 16th.
- The Council got the Mayor's budget on October 5. I'll again be open to your suggestions and opinions on how we can cut our City's spending. Please let me hear from you.

I'm always available by phone or by email.

Alder Judy Compton

Phone: 221-2567 or 223-6007

Email: district16@cityofmadison.com

Neighbor News

A new family has moved to Meadowlark Drive. Nikki is a teacher and Ben a scientist. They're two-year-old is Brenna. Welcome to the Elvehjem Neighborhood!!

Halloween Peanut Reminder

As Halloween approaches and we stock up on candy, please keep in mind those children who have allergies. In this day and age allergies are very common, especially to peanuts. Give every child the chance to participate. There are many items out there to give as treats that don't contain peanuts; please give them your consideration when purchasing the treats. Have a safe and creepy Halloween!

"Saturday Afternoon in LVM" Concert

The second annual "Live w/in LVM Concert" on September 18 featured award-winning singer and songwriter Aaron Nathans. The concert was originally scheduled for May, but had to be moved due to a family illness.

Although this year's event was suitable for everyone from children to seniors, attendance this year was extremely poor, with only about 8-10 people in the audience, if you count some people stopping by on the way to use the swing sets and playground.

But it was a pleasant lunch hour of music and fantastic weather for those who did show!

ENA BULLETIN BOARD

Check out the ENA website for more information about your neighborhood. Go to www.elvehjemneighborhood.org and follow the very simple "click-on" directions.

Project Home

Project Home provides low-cost minor home repair for eligible residents of Madison and Dane County. This can include minor plumbing, carpentry and electrical work, water heater replacement, accessibility modifications (ramps, grab bars, roll-in showers) and subsidies towards a new furnace or roof.

Applicants with an income at or below 80% of the County Median Income level and whose home is accessed at or below \$184,395 are eligible. Accepted applicants are required to pay for cost of materials and \$8.00 per hour for labor.

There are also free exterior painting services for eligible applicants and the "Dane County Rehabilitation Program" for major home repairs.

Contact Paula Gibson at 246-3737 for more info or go to www.projecthomewi.org.

Pinney Branch Library

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MUSIC TOGETHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

With a creative play-oriented approach, this unique program helps nurture children's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. For children 5 and under. Limit 30 each session. Call 224-7100 beginning Friday, November 5 to register. 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, November 24

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Join us for some sugar-frosted construction. Build your own take-home gingerbread house. All materials provided. For children ages 2-15. Children under six must have an adult helper. Limit 20. Call 224-7100 beginning Friday, November 19 to register. 11:00 a.m.-12 noon, Saturday, December 11

WINTER BREAK PROGRAM-MOLE FILM FESTIVAL

Join us for silly films featuring the animated character Mole! In between our celebration of cinema, there will be cartoon crafts, tasty treats and lots of fun! For kids grades K and up, and preschoolers with an adult. Limit 50. Call 224-7100 beginning Friday, December 17 to register. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 29



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

19th Annual Holiday Blood Drive

Friday, December 24,
7:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Exhibition Hall, Alliant Energy Center

Call 227-1357 or 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org
for an appointment.

Madison Police Department

Police Officer Tracie Jokala is our neighborhood beat officer.
Contact Officer Jokala by phone at 266-4923 or by email at
"tjokala@ci.madison.wi.us".

ENA Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2004—September 30, 2004

Checking Balance Reported September 1, 2004: \$ 6110.03

Receipts

Memberships	1,970.00
Garage Sale Registrations	40.00
Echo; August (MG&E)	200.00
Echo; March collating charges (Johnny Winston, Jr.)	40.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>\$ 2,250.00</u>

Disbursements

Concert musician charge (09/18, Nathans)	75.00
Echo Distributor (Carolyn M) Thank You Gift, Menards	50.00
Echo Carrier East Towne Gift Certifi- cates (September/October)	450.00
Xer-Lith (September Echo)	160.22
Stuff-N-Store (October)	65.00
Garage Sale; copies & newspaper ads (Baas)	<u>149.44</u>
<i>Total Disbursements:</i>	\$ 949.66

Checking Balance Reported September 30, 2004: \$ 7,410.37

Certificates of Deposit face value: \$ 8,410.370

Total Cash and Equivalent September 30, 2004: \$ 7,110.03

Submitted by Jeanne R, Treasurer

2004-5 ENA Board of Directors

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Contact an ENA Board member with your comments or questions concerning a subject affecting our neighborhood. You are invited to attend any of the ENA board meetings.

ENA ECHO Publication Policies

Neither attachment of political ads nor inclusion of business ads constitutes an endorsement. Opinions expressed in ECHO articles are not necessarily those of the ENA Board.

ENA, Inc. welcomes political advertisements as a public service. The first is free; subsequent ads are \$50.

The Echo will have 1 paid sponsor a month. For \$200, the sponsor will receive notice on the front page masthead and a 1/2 page ad within the issue. All other notices will be free of charge, but limited to 40 words and located in the "Member Corner" section. Notices will run on a first come, first-served, space-available basis. Youth ads are good for 3 months; others for 1 month per request (requests must be re-submitted monthly). If space is limited, member notices will have priority; requests from entities outside the Elvehjem Neighborhood will have lower priority.

Sponsorship ads, notices and other items must be received by the Echo editor not later than 6:00 PM on the 5th of the month. Notices may be edited at the editor's discretion. The Board reserves the right to refuse whatever it deems unfit for reasons of language or general content. Articles of interest to the neighborhood are welcome; do not submit them anonymously.

Mail materials to the ENA, PO Box 14625, Madison, WI, 53708-0625 or E-mail to Newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org or drop off in the "Echo" mailbox at 21 Vinje Court.

"Echo" Distribution: *Carolyn M (221-1042)*
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