

Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 37th Year



"Prez Sez"

JULY 4TH PARADE

We're looking for Music! Each year, the ENA has a parade before the Fourth of July Picnic, but we've never had a marching band. Time to change that; we have lots of talented people in this neighborhood, and many of them play band instruments. Let's have a couple Sousa marches for the Glorious Fourth! Please call me at 221-2490 if you're willing to join or even organize the Band.

MUSTARD PULL

Time again to Pull Together! Saturday morning, April 16, at the Elvehjem Conservancy is the opening day of garlic mustard season. Bring a pair of gloves and a trash bag, and come to the park shelter for a couple hours enjoying Spring in our woods. Garlic mustard is an invasive plant that threatens to totally change the look and feel of our wooded area. Expert botanists will be on hand to identify the plants we need to pull, and Past President Karl tells us he has recipes for the flavorful plant.

ELVEHJEM PARK CLEANUP

Park Clean Up day is scheduled for April 23. Again, a great opportunity to spend a little time outside enjoying the wonderful parks we have in this neighborhood. Take a walk through your nearest park, pick up Winter's last trash, and let me know if you see anything that needs significant work. If you don't see me in the parks, you can call me at home or send an e-mail to President@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

EGG HUNT SUCCESS

The Egg Hunt at Acewood Park on March 26 was well attended

Safe Community Coalition Slow Down Campaign April 25-29, 2005

The Association is participating in the Safe Community Coalition's Slow Down Campaign. This event is intended to promote slower, safer driving throughout Madison and Dane County. The Board has identified 2 regions we would like to focus on: along Painted Post, and Woodvale (between Academy and Starker). As part of this campaign, we're asking neighbors to place the blue and white "slow down" yard signs along Woodvale between Academy and Starker. To receive a sign for your yard, please contact the appropriate person below.

For Painted Post: Dawn S, 223-8903
For Woodvale: Tom P, 221-8301

CALENDAR

- ◆ April 16, 2005 **Garlic Mustard Pull**
9:00 AM Elvehjem Woods Sanctuary
- ◆ April 23, 2005 **Park Cleanup**
..... Your Nearest Park
- ◆ May 4, 2005..... **ENA Board Meeting**
7:00 PM 4610 Eldorado Lane
- ◆ May 14, 2005..... **Block Captain's Luncheon**
11:00 AM--1:00 PM ... Our Savior's Church

by neighborhood kids and their grown ups. A large blue bunny in candy striped high topped tennis shoes joined us this year, and helped find eggs. Many thanks to Past President Cynthia, who supplied a Polaroid camera that got good use for photos with the bunny. Many thanks also to Sherri P and Brier N for organizing the event. We've had a couple suggestions for goodie bags for next year, and thanks for those suggestions!

IDEAS ??

Please remember that the Board is always looking for suggestions for improving our Association, and we like to get your comments. Don't forget that we have a neighborhood website with lots of information, and a neighborhood bulletin board you can reach through the website at www.elvehjemneighborhood.org.

Jim P

President, Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

If you aren't in either of these target areas but would like to participate in the campaign, contact Tom P at 221-8301.

If you have a sign in your yard, please help us out by bringing it in at night and putting it back out in the morning. This will help us avoid theft and vandalism. Thanks for your support!

For additional information, contact:

Cheryl Wittke, Executive Director
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ENA Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2005

Board members present: Kevin, Cynthia, Tom, Dean, Bill, Sue, Craig, Jim, Jeanne, Karl. **Absent:** Rudy. **ENA members present:** Jody M, Heather P.

Last Meeting Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Cynthia will be phone contact for Bill.

Bike Path: Jody M described an upcoming Board of Public Works (BPW) meeting where approval of the plans for the Capital City Trail extension from Dempsey Road to Cottage Grove Road will be decided. The meeting is on April 20 at 4:30 pm in Room 103A of the City County Building. Jody asked the board to send a letter to the BPW in support of the extension. This is the first part of the Capital City Trail extension. Eventually, the Capital City Bike Trail will extend to Buckeye Road.

Easter Egg Hunt: Went well. Try to repeat Easter Bunny presence in future years. Neighbors commented that prize bags were not "age appropriate". Perhaps non-candy prizes should be awarded. Will need more helpers in years to come due to increased popularity.

Meeting with WKOW: 8 people from ENA and 1 person from Heritage Heights neighborhood attended. Two Channel 27 Anchors and the WKOW Program Director listened to input on issues in our area. Thank you to all who attended.

Euchre Tournament: No ENA money needed for expenses.

Independence Day Event: Board members gave reports of food preparation options. The board narrowed the choice to two options: (1) using Smokey Jon's catering again or (2) preparing food using ENA volunteers. Craig found a way for ENA to get good quality meat and other condiments at wholesale prices. The board will investigate further to decide on food preparation at May meeting.

Board discussed ways to provide seating without the significant cost of renting a tent. Board also discussed event games options. Motion: rent 5 tables, 40 chairs, 2 "Moonwalks", 2 generators and either golf game or basketball shooting game for Independence Day event. Motion passed.

Pacific Bicycle will donate two children's bicycles for an ENA fund raising raffle, one boy's bike and one girl's bike. ENA will need a permit to conduct a raffle. Motion: conduct raffle on day of Independence Day event for donated bicycles. Raffle tickets must be sold on day of event per permit requirements. Motion passed.

Membership Drive: Sue and Heather are collating the 75 block captain packets. Heather will use professional printer to print membership forms. Heather stressed that membership database needs to be restructured in order for data collection and processing to be less cumbersome.

Karl agreed to help re-structure database.

Board extensively discussed changing the membership year to the calendar year – January through December. Processing of membership data will be easier as result. Membership drive would occur at same time of year. Motion: change membership year to January through December. Motion passed with one vote against and one abstention.

The goal for printing delivery of the Membership Directory is Fall of 2006. Block captains will not be responsible for delivering directories during membership drives. The next set of directories will be delivered by a few individuals.

Yard Sign Campaign: Safe Communities Coalition Yard Sign Campaign is at the end of April. ENA will participate. Motion: Pay \$35 to SCC for membership and \$80 or less to SCC for 40 "slow down" yard signs. Motion passed.

Neighbors with yard signs during the campaign are reminded to bring signs in at night to avoid vandalism.

Garlic-Mustard Pull: Karl reminded board of Saturday, April 16 garlic-mustard pull from 9 am to noon. Karl will post on ENA Internet Bulletin Board (see ENA website, www.elvehjemneighborhood.org to become member) efforts that Joel S is making to save Elvehjem Sanctuary.

Meeting adjourned before all agenda items covered due to late hour. Next meeting, board will consider changing the domain name.

Minutes By: Karl K

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

ENA BULLETIN BOARD

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PAINTING, ROOFING, DRYWALL, AND MORE...

ENA Board Meeting Minutes March 9, 2005

All board members present. New board members Craig H and Kevin R welcomed.

Minutes from previous board meeting were approved.

Treasurer Jeanne R gave an informal update of costs of Annual Meeting. Small changes from Annual Meeting Treasurer's report; no approval needed.

Sue will be contact for Bill for coming month.

Euchre Tournament Update: 64 people of mixed ages participated. Plenty of food available. All had good time.

Meeting Locations: Member has flexibility to arrange location other than his/her house: April—Rudy; May—Karl; June—Jeanne; July—LVM Park shelter; August—Craig; September—Sue; October—Dean; November—Bill; December—Jim; January—Kevin; February—Tom, March (after Annual meeting)—Cynthia.

Board Special Assignments: Sue is Membership Committee Chair, Bill is Board Membership Liaison, Tom is Advertising Chair.

Egg Hunt: Brier N in charge, Sherri P is assisting. Easter Bunny might attend depending on availability of good suit. ENA has plenty of eggs. Cynthia will take photos.

Garlic-Mustard Pull: April 16, 9:00 AM to noon. Karl will get keys for shelter and will purchase ENA provided lunch. Madison Weed Warriors usually bring donuts, so it is a double meal event.

Joel S would like Elvehjem neighbors to adopt a section of the Elvehjem Sanctuary to care for. Karl will work with Joel to investigate letter of support from ENA to city for controlled burn or herbicide use in Sanctuary. Garlic-mustard Problem in Sanctuary is dire.

Safe Communities Coalition Sign Campaign: Monday,

April 25 to Friday, April 29. Tom will communicate with Dawn M about participating. Decisions need to be made about where to target signs.

Madison Sesquicentennial: 2006 is Madison's 150th year of official existence. The city would like neighborhoods to participate with special activities. The Board mentioned a few ideas like having special articles in Echo about Elvehjem Neighborhood history. The Board tabled any further discussion until November.

ENA Independence Day (4th of July) Event: Board discussed ways of changing ENA's biggest event. Board decided to investigate food preparation alternatives for approximately 200 people. Cost savings is the goal. Craig will determine costs for ENA self food preparation (no outside caterer). Kevin will investigate getting games from YMCA. Jeanne will look into costs of tent, tables and chairs. Perhaps a makeshift marching band can be formed for the parade.

Sweetheart Dance: Moved and seconded to have one year hiatus from Sweetheart Dance. Motion passed.

Membership Drive: Sue, Mary Ann P and Cynthia have improved the membership drive system from last year. Board discussed whether to have directory this year. A number of ENA members consider the directory a very important part of membership. Directory needs more advertising to help with costs. Board decided to table directory decision until next meeting. Will get input from membership co-chair and Echo Editor. Tom will begin a price sheet for directory advertising.

Minutes By: Karl K

"Alder's Update"

By City Alderperson, Judy Compton

Greetings! Spring is here! I look forward to driving through the Elvehjem Neighborhood and watching all the flowers and trees come to life.

I am still getting some concerns regarding yard clean up, and the city inspectors are also getting calls. Please pay attention to your yards and make sure that you have the trash, old cars, pet refuse, etc. properly removed. Thanks.

In the neighborhood: I enjoyed attending your annual neighborhood meeting. Your board is really out there working hard. It is good to see new people getting involved as well. Thanks to the "old board" for all their hard work, and to those who are staying on, selflessly giving more of their time and energy to the neighborhood, and to those new members who have agreed to make themselves part of the board. I look forward to another great year of working with your neighborhood.

Some issues that we will be dealing with:

- The "traffic circle" on Ellen and Painted Post will have better signage, and will have the curb painted with yellow paint.
- I just heard there are still water pressure issues. Contact me if you are having problems with this.
- Other streets have presented with traffic issues we need to look at.
- The bike path extension.

In the District: The Cottage Grove bridge is still in the planning stages, along with the vegetation along the "sound wall" to soften the rebounding noise from the interstate.

A very informed Elvehjem resident gave me some really good information on the quarry blasting. I'm checking it out. I look forward to getting the results of the "survey" we sent out and will let you know those results when they become known. I felt the meeting was well received, and the quarry owners are willing to work with the neighborhoods as much as they can.

In the City: You should soon be getting your new "recycle" garbage cans. Most of you know I wasn't in favor of this action. I'll be here to listen to your concerns. An email is a good way to send them; then I can forward your questions or complaints to staff so they have a way of judging how successful this is going to be before adding the "garbage" cans.

With regard to the pool, we should meet the deadline for approval the Goodmans have set for us. Fee recommendations should be brought to the Council for confirmation as soon as the "fees sub-committee" of the Parks Commission completes them. There have been numerous and generous donations toward the pool and for scholarships. The response from Madisonians has been fantastic!

The Lobbying Ordinance has still not been resolved. The regulation of small business owners and residents interested in making their voices heard must be carefully considered. I feel that the process that allows the public to

weigh in on city issues and issues involving neighborhoods is in jeopardy. There should be knowledge regarding actual "lobbyists", but the definition of "lobbyist" is not clear enough in either the ordinance or the amendments that are proposed to give people confidence in their ability to speak on matters that concern them. Please don't hesitate to call me with your opinions on this. Your voice will be appreciated.

Have a wonderful Spring--and let me hear from you.

Ald. Judy Compton

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March 1, 2005—March 31, 2005

<i>Checking Balance Reported March 1, 2005:</i>	\$ 4,949.61
<i>Receipts</i>	
Echo, January (MG&E)	170.00
Echo, February (WI Hearing)	52.50
Echo, February (Kennedy Little League)	170.00
Echo, March (Compton)	170.00
Echo, March (Latte Da)	52.50
Memberships	<u>10.00</u>
<i>Total Receipts</i>	\$ 625.00
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Web Hosting (Dean K)	96.00
Annual Meeting (Krispy Kreme's, Polewski)	40.98
Annual Meeting (Survey Gift, Karl K)	10.00
Annual Meeting (Baby Sitting, Jim P/Digman)	30.00
Membership Drive (Stamps, Postmaster)	37.00
Annual Meeting (Copies, Cynthia S)	22.70
Egg Hunt (Brier N)	42.47
Echo Mailing—March (1st Class Mailers)	413.89
Echo Printing—March (Xerlith)	429.93
Storage—April (Stuff-N-Store)	<u>65.00</u>
<i>Total Disbursements:</i>	\$ 1,187.97
<i>Checking Balance Reported March 31, 2005:</i>	\$4,386.64
Certificates of Deposit face value:	\$ 1,000.00
<i>Total Cash and Equivalent March 31, 2005:</i>	\$ 5,386.64
Submitted by Jeanne R, Treasurer	

Madison Gas & Electric Co. (MGE) Reminders

High Voltage Warnings

Stay clear of electric equipment marked with warning labels or "Danger High Voltage" signs, including utility poles, substation fences and ground-mounted electrical boxes.

Diggers Hotline

Call Diggers Hotline (1-800-242-8511) 3 working days before digging anywhere in your yard. Electric lines are often buried only a few feet in the ground. Contact with them could cause an outage for you or your neighbors and may result in injury or death.

Overhead Dangers

Always check above you when putting up a ladder, trimming a tree or working on a roof. Children should avoid areas with overhead wires when flying a kite or model airplane.

Downed Wires

Assume any downed wire is "live." Call MGE immediately at (608) 252-7111 with any emergency service information.

More Information

More electric safety information can be found at mge.com.

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The advertising deadline is no later than 6 PM on the first Friday of the month of publication.

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Full Page (10" x 7 1/2")	___	\$300.00
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Half Page (vertical) (10" x 3 3/4")	___	\$170.00
Quarter Page (5" x 3 3/4")	___	\$90.00
Eighth Page (2 1/2" x 3 3/4")	___	\$52.50

If you have questions or wish our rate & order sheet (includes information about discount packages and methods to submit copy), please contact us one of these ways:

- ENA Echo, PO Box 14625, Madison, WI 53708-0625
- "newsletter @ elvehjemneighborhood.org"
- "advertising @ elvehjemneighborhood.org"

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM "Spring Celebration of Life"

In honor of Older Americans Month, RSVP of Dane County Volunteer Programs invites the community to attend the "Spring Celebration of Life".

The benefit event is Thursday, May 5th, 2005 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. at the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, UW Campus, 800 Langdon Street, Madison. The event includes dinner with an awards presentation and raffle with two grand prizes of \$555. There will be a performance by the Wisconsin Singers. Pam Tauscher, WISC-TV News Anchor, will be the Emcee.

Reservations are due by April 25th. Cost is \$40.00. Contact: 238-7787, www.rsvpdane.org, info@rsvpdane.org.

TRIAD Crime Prevention & Safety Conference

The third annual TRIAD Crime Prevention and Safety Conference will be held May 20th from 9-3 at the American Family Training Center in Madison. Speakers from Law Enforcement, the District Attorneys Office, Attorney Generals Office and the Elder Law Center will discuss "How to Prevent the Abuse of the Elderly". In addition, panelists will discuss how to start a Triad in a community or neighborhood, how to keep safe in your home and community and how to avoid scams and frauds.

The cost is \$12.00 and includes lunch and materials. Seniors, law enforcement, agency personnel and the general public are invited to attend.

For more information call RSVP-Triad Coordinator at 608-441-7897 or email mstamstad@rsvpdane.org.

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"What Can I Do?"

- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street.
- Direct rainwater away from paved areas to lawns or gardens where it can soak in.
- Get a soil test before applying fertilizer to your lawn.
- Clean up pet waste – bury it or flush it down the toilet.
- Compost your leaves and yard debris.
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash that sends its used water to the sewage treatment plant.
- Prevent soil erosion.
- Don't let anything but rain go down the storm drain or ditch.

Go to www.myfairlakes.com for more information.



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Block Captains Still Needed

We are still in need of Block Captains for our annual membership drive to be held this June. If you have a few hours to give to the membership drive, please call Sue R (221-2127). It's a simple and great way to get to know some of your neighbors. Please consider volunteering.

<u>Block No.</u>	<u>Address</u>
2B-----	4506—4817 Leo
2F-----	4801—4736 Eldorado
2G-----	1205—1317 Meadowlark
3B-----	4609—4622 Academy
5A-----	4502—4606 East Buckeye Rd
5I-----	1501—1710 Twilight Trl
6B-----	1506—1714 Homberg Lane

<u>Block No.</u>	<u>Address</u>
6I-----	5002—5310 E. Buckeye Rd
7D-----	1005—1118 Amsterdam Avenue
7E-----	1201—1313 Amsterdam Drive 5202—5222 Painted Post Drive
7F-----	5005—5109 Cottage Grove 1001—1025 Ellen Avenue
8E-----	1101—1218 Droster Rd
8H-----	1—22 Ammerman Circle 1—10 Bea Circle
8I-----	5505—5639 Kalas
9D-----	1602—1730 Grafton Rd.
9H-----	1—22 Dinauer Ct.

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