

Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 40th Year



"Prez Sez"

DECEMBER / JANUARY ISSUE

You may have noticed that no December issue of the newsletter was provided. This issue is actually a combined newsletter for both December and January; however, merely to keep the volume and issue numbers consistent with a year, this is the first issue of 2008.

The Board has been considering ways in which the cost of producing and distributing the paper versions of the newsletter can be better managed. Occasional combined issues may be a method though we continue to explore.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

Our neighborhood did some great holiday decorating. Again this year, Marlyne Leskinen provided a prize she created and decorated as the home-decoration prize this season. The winner this year is our neighbor at 4602 East Buckeye Road. A picture of the prize is elsewhere in this issue.

CALENDAR

- ◆ January 9, 2008 **ENA Board Meeting**
7:00 PM..... 5001 Ironwood Drive
- ◆ To Be Announced **ENA Annual Meeting**

Annual Meeting

We're finishing planning for our Annual Meeting to be held in February or March.

Again, an item the board is looking at is how we can assist in the facilitation of developing neighborhood watch programs. Although it does not fall under the purview of the board to coordinate such a program across our entire neighborhood, we are looking at how we can serve as an information source or liaison to those wishing to launch such a program. Expect to see more information on this in the *Echo* as well as at the Annual Meeting.

Happy New Year !!

Jason Cram President
Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

Volunteer Opportunity: NEIGHBORHOOD MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

We are looking for a neighbor to replace Sue Richgels as our Elvehjem Neighborhood Association membership director. Sue has lived in the neighborhood for 30 years and served as membership director for the past four years. Every spring she works with our database coordinator to organize and distribute information for our membership drive. Member dues support ENA activities, including our monthly *Echo* newsletter, Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Celebration, and Halloween Bonfire.

The membership director is busiest in May and June, spending a few hours each week:

- ◆ assembling membership packets
- ◆ contacting district coordinators and block captains who distribute the packets
- ◆ collecting and tracking membership requests.

New ideas for managing the membership drive are welcome!

If you would like to volunteer or just get more information, please contact Sue at 221-2127 or Kate Strom on the ENA Board at kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org or 223-0678.

2007-2008 ENA Board of Directors

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Contact a Board member with your comments or questions concerning a subject affecting our neighborhood. You're invited to attend any 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. The Board reserves the right to refuse for publication whatever it deems unfit for reasons of language or general content.

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association's newsletter, "Elvehjem Echo", is available online. There are several benefits in receiving your newsletter that way as opposed to receipt by regular mail:

- ◆ It is more timely. The October issue was forwarded to online recipients the day after it was sent to the printer. The printed version is often not delivered by the Post Office, despite their excellent service, for an additional week.
- ◆ The online version permits you to print the issue when and if you see fit.
- ◆ The online newsletter costs virtually nothing to deliver to you, saving the Association funds.
- ◆ The printing, mail preparation, and actual delivery of the printed version is a considerable Association expense that will only increase in the future. Those added expenses reduce the activities the Association would otherwise undertake.

Please consider signing up for the online delivery of your newsletter. You may do so by emailing your email address, name, and physical address to:

webmaster@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

Thanks!!

Annual Meeting — Please Consider

The Association's Annual Meeting will occur soon. In preparation, please consider joining the Association's Board of Directors or becoming our Association's Membership Director. The Association relies on the residents of the neighborhood to serve the neighborhood and you can help. Thanks.

THANK YOU!!

TO OUR 2007 BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

- ◆ **Mennenga Tax & Financial Services**
- ◆ **MG&E**
- ◆ **WI Hearing Aids, Inc**

We recognize and thank them for their support of our neighborhood and Association!!

We hope our neighbors will support them as well.



Member Corner

Notices are limited to 40 words and run on a first come, first-served, space-available basis. Youth ads are good for 3 months; all others are 1 month per request. If space is limited, ENA member notices have priority. Notices may be edited. Send requests to ENA, PO Box 14625, Madison, 53708-0625; or newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org; or deposit in Echo mailbox at 21 Vinje Court.

Housecleaning: Need help with your housecleaning? Call Marilyn's Housecleaning Service at 222-3137. Reliable and 20 years of experience.

Snow Blowing: Will snow blow driveways—within 24 hours after the snowfall. Driveway and all walks to curb. Call Bill at 222-3707 for free estimates.

Homecare: Silver & Gold Supportive Homecare; companionship, transportation, meal preparation, light housekeeping, personal care. State licensed CNA (certified nursing background). Excellent references upon request. Free consultation. Call 206-4208.

Tupperware: For sales, service, or catalog, please contact Melanie at 347-8504, Mperttunen@hotmail.com or mytupperware.com/Melanieperttunen.

([ENA Web Site](#) — Continued from page 4.)

- ◆ Madison and Dane County sites from government to the Red Cross to Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Other neighborhood associations
- ◆ A [contacts](#) page that will allow you to email or otherwise directly get in touch with:
 - ◆ Elvehjem neighborhood Board members
 - ◆ City elected officials
 - ◆ County elected officials
 - ◆ State elected officials
 - ◆ Other Elvehjem Neighborhood Association contacts such as the newsletter, webmaster, and membership committee

Getting to our web site is easy and using it is easier still. Go to www.elvehjemneighborhood.org and try it out. If you've got any suggestions for additions or changes to the site, let your Board members know—or use the web site's Bulletin Board !!

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 EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEES
 TEAS AND CHOCOLATES
 WEEKDAYS
 6 AM -6 PM
 WEEKENDS
 7 AM-2 PM

4674 Cottage Grove Rd.
 -In the Rolling Meadows Mall

Stoughton Road Revitalization Project

Background information and updates about the Stoughton Road Revitalization Project (SRRP) are available on its website at www.stoughtonroad.com. The site also provides a link you may use to provide your comments and feedback on the SRRP plans. SRRP welcomes your input and observations.

Board member Jim Polewski represents the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association on this project.



Holiday Decorations Prize

The charming snowman above is the 2007-2008 Holiday Decorating Prize awarded to our neighbors at 4602 East-Buckeye Road. Again this year, our neighbor Marlyne Leskinen crafted and donated this great reminder of holiday fun.



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HospiceCare

DROP-IN SUPPORT GROUPS

If your life has been impacted by the death of a loved one, HospiceCare invites you to come to a weekly morning or evening group attended by others going through similar situations.

You do not need to pre-register or commit to attend a set number of groups—simply come when you want to, and don't come when you don't feel like it.

Being with people who understand what you are going through can be very supportive.

The meetings are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, in Madison, from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

For more information, please call
Kris Simon at (608) 276-4660.

JOIN ENA

Our membership form is now
available on ENA's web site.

Elvehjem Neighborhood Web Site

Although we include our web site's address at the bottom of each of the newsletter's first page, it may be something you've never used. We want to remind you that it is there and what you will find:

- ◆ A **calendar of events** of the Association and other activities in the neighborhood. The Monthly Board meetings and the Annual Meeting will be posted there.
- ◆ **Community information**, including:
 - ◆ A neighborhood map
 - ◆ Our Association's link on the City of Madison web site
 - ◆ Current and back issues of the Echo newsletter
 - ◆ Official monthly Board meeting minutes
 - ◆ Eastside precinct newsletters
 - ◆ Pictures from our neighborhood events.
- ◆ The Elvehjem Neighborhood **Bulletin Board** where you can exchange opinions, ideas, and concerns with other neighbors and your Board members.
- ◆ A "**Get Involved**" page that describes
 - ◆ Board member duties
 - ◆ Association activities and events
 - ◆ Volunteer opportunities in the neighborhood.
- ◆ A page of **related links** that will get you connected to:
 - ◆ Madison schools

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