

Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 40th Year



"Prez Sez"

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association (ENA) is starting the year off strong. We had our first Board meeting with the new Board earlier this month. With two new faces on the board and four veterans, we are a leaner board but I hope no less successful than previous years.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our first order of business was to plan the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7th at 10:00 AM in Acewood Park. One of our Board members contacted the Easter Bunny and confirmed the Bunny's appearance. The Bunny has a busy schedule that day, but will be able to fit us in.

FUTURE EVENTS

The next two major events we're planning are the Annual Membership Drive and the 4th of July Celebration.

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

Additionally, the board will be conducting the much anticipated survey in March or April of this year. If you get a copy of the survey in the mail, please complete and return it. The board intends on using the survey results to determine the future course of the ENA.

If you have any questions for the ENA or have concerns you would like the Board to discuss, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Thank you,

Jason Cram, President
Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

*We are looking for some Block Captains for our
June Membership Drive.*

*It only takes a few hours of your time and you would be
helping the neighborhood and meeting some of your
neighbors at the same time.*

CALENDAR

- ◆ April 4, 2007 **ENA Board Meeting**
7:00 PM 5001 Ironwood Drive
- ◆ April 7, 2007 **Easter Egg Hunt**
10:00 AM Acewood Park
..... (No Restrooms)
- ◆ April 11, 2007 **Stoughton Road Listening
Session** (see page 3)
7:00-8:30 PM Olbrich Gardens
- ◆ April 21, 2007 **Garlic Mustard Pull**
9:00 AM Elvehjem Woods Sanctuary

ENA SURVEY

ENA has received funding from the City of Madison Neighborhood Grants Program to conduct a survey designed to assess attitudes toward the ENA, its activities, communication, and the organization's future direction. The survey will be mailed soon and you may be one of the random recipients of this survey. Your opinion is extremely important to the ENA. If you do receive a survey, **please complete** it and return it in the stamped, return envelope to the ENA.

Thank you! Jason Cram

ENA Annual Meeting February 10, 2007

Board members in attendance: Cynthia, Jeanne, Jim, Dean Kesler, Tom, Sue Richgels, Jason, Rudy Lienau.

Called to order at 10 AM.

Cynthia introduced the Board, Michelle Moreno (webmaster), and Steve Dow (Echo editor).

2006 Annual Meeting minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.

The 2006 Annual Financial Summary was discussed, moved, seconded, and approved.

Board and neighborhood activities during 2006 included:

- ◆ February, 2006—ENA Annual Meeting at Dean Clinic
- ◆ March, 2006—Euchre tournament with Heritage Heights Neighborhood Association

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Annual Meeting Minutes

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- ◆ April, 2006—Egg hunt at Acewood Park; Slow down campaign by Safe Communities Coalition; garlic mustard pull.
- ◆ June, 2006—Membership drive; directory delivered, traffic calming (painted lanes) on East Buckeye
- ◆ July, 2006—July 4 parade and picnic
- ◆ August, 2006—Garage sale; 501c4 status determined with IRS; \$500 mini grant received from city to conduct survey
- ◆ September 2006—East District Police Station open house
- ◆ October, 2006—"Halloween Spooky Spectacle"
- ◆ November, 2006—Board member presented at City's Neighborhood Conference; Cottage Grove Road bridge construction completed
- ◆ December, 2006—Holiday Sing Along at Latte Da; Santa visits to LVM homes; holiday decorations contest; launch of Business Associate Program
- ◆ On-going—monthly publication of the Echo newsletter; ENA website regularly updated; more posts and usage of the bulletin board; alder and county supervisor articles published regularly in Echo; survey implementation (in progress); neighborhood signs landscaping maintenance; Stoughton Road Revitalization Project; budgeting and fiscal responsibility; membership database retooling

Jason described the survey project

Tom talked about the slow-down project.

Alder Compton discussed her fifth term coming up, ENA first group to speak up, bike paths, bridge reconstruction, traffic calming, Acewood pond, Stoughton Rd revitalization, theater update (south of 12/18 on Business 51).

Supervisor Dave De Felice discussed Dane County Cultural Affairs poster, county directory, legislative schedule, talked about changes in county government; noted government cooperation related to Cottage Grove Road bridge project, the newly cooperative Dane County Board, airport upgrade, the Zoo's new American Prairie exhibit and its continued open and free admission (one of few in the nation).

Mayoral candidates Ray Allen, Peter Munoz, and incumbent Dave Cieslewicz gave separate presentations and took questions.

Acewood Pond presentation by Si Widstrand, City Engineer. He introduced the work of a group of UW students. They have proposals which will better develop the pond and its habitat and the bike trail.

The Buckeye Extension of the bike path was presented by Tony Fernandez, City Engineering. Very interested in the redirected bike path through Acewood Park lands, west of pond. State and city have a great interest in the completion of the project.

Stoughton Rd. Revitalization presentation by Fred Arnold. The committee looked at what Stoughton Road. is now and then what we envision for it in 20 years. Discussed how to get there. Aesthetics, safety, integrated neighborhoods; product due by October 2007.

Lieutenant Carl Strasburg, East Police District, talked about the new East Side police station with an overview of the east district.

Nomination of new board members Katie Strom, Art Meyer; both were elected. Jeff Ekola volunteered to recruit neighbors for vacant board membership.

Tom Purnell talked about LVM playground plans.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rudy Lienau, ENA Secretary

ENA BULLETIN BOARD

Check the neighborhood bulletin board at the ENA website. www.elvehjemneighborhood.org

ENA Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2007—February 28, 2007

Checking Balance Reported 01/01/07: \$ 1,290.07

Receipts:

Business Associate (Mennenga Tax & Financial Services)	125.00
Business Associate (MG&E)	75.00
Echo—January (MG&E)	180.00
Echo—January (Judy Compton)	180.00
Echo—January (Mennenga Tax & Financial Services)	135.00
Membership	<u>24.00</u>
<i>Total Receipts:</i>	\$ 719.00

Disbursements:

Stoughton Road Revitalization Project	500.00
Echo Mailing—January (First Class Mailers)	381.48
Echo Printing—January (Xerlith)	384.36
Echo Mailing—February (First Class Mailers)	381.65
Echo Printing—February (Xerlith)	<u>222.90</u>
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	\$ 1,870.39

Checking Account Ending Balance 2/28/07: \$ 138.68

Certificates of Deposit face value: \$ 6,126.22

Total Cash and Equivalent 2/28/07: \$ 6,264.90

Submitted by Jeanne Rotter, ENA Treasurer

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.

Member Corner

Notices are limited to 40 words and 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 in the Echo mailbox at 21 Vinje Court.

Housecleaning: Let me spruce up your house this coming year. I'm reliable with 20 years experience. Call Marilyn at 222-9625.

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 whatever it deems unfit for reasons of language or general content.

Euchre Tournament Results

At the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association/Heritage Heights Neighborhood Association Euchre games Judy Hoffman (ENA) was first; Jeff Allsen (ENA) and Donna Thompson (HHNA) tied for second. Misty Hauge (HHNA) was fourth and Don Robbins was low score. It was a fun time!!

STOUGHTON ROAD REVITALIZATION PROJECT PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

The Stoughton Road Revitalization Project (SRRP) is holding a public listening session to gather your ideas for the south Stoughton Road corridor. The session will be held Wednesday, April 11, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Olbrich Atrium, Olbrich Gardens.

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ENA Board Meeting Minutes—March 7, 2007

(NOTE: Minutes appearing in the Echo are edited for space. ENA's official minutes are posted on its website.)

Attendees: Dean, Jim, Jeanne, Kate, Art, and Tom.

Minutes: Approval was postponed.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Future Meeting Locations: April 4, Jeanne; May 2, Tom; June 6, Kate; July 3, Elvehjem Park shelter; August 1, Jim; September 5, Art; October 3, Jason; November 7, Tom; December 5, Jim; January 2, Jeanne; February 6, Jim.

Announcements: The City of Madison will host the National American Planning Association (APA) audio/web conference "Maintaining Neighborhood Character" on March 14th at the Water Utility offices.

Membership Drive: We will discuss the 2007 membership drive at our next meeting.

Survey Update: Jason reviewed the survey's progress. The goal is to mail the survey by the end of this month. The data collection schedule and method of data entry was discussed. The goal was set to complete data entry by August so we can discuss the findings this fall. The Board discussed the potential for a Board retreat on a Saturday to review the findings.

Euchre Tournament: Jim reported the event was successful with over 60 people in attendance. Event winners will be listed in the Echo.

Slow Down Campaign: Tom and Jeanne will follow up on getting more signs, paying yearly membership, and setting location of the signs for this year's campaign.

Reviewed 2007 Plans: The Board reviewed upcoming events, especially the Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7th and the 4th of July celebration. Other events also mentioned were: Slow Down Campaign, bike rodeo, membership drive, garage sale, Halloween, Holiday Sing-Along, holiday lights contest, Santa visits, and the annual meeting. Discussed business involvement and acknowledgement of support at events.

Egg Hunt: Assignments were given for treats (Art), costume (Jim), police (Jason), and hiding eggs (Mary Ann Polewski & Sherri Purnell).

Next Meeting: Jeanne's house.

Meeting Adjourned at 9 PM.

By ENA Secretary, Tom Purnell

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SMART & SUCCESSFUL

By Superintendent Art Rainwater, Madison Metropolitan School District

For children growing up today, becoming a successful adult requires much more than mastering reading, writing and arithmetic. The requirements for success are very different in an era when work on a single project may involve several countries, languages and cultures. Success requires much more than "book learning." Success means having the "basic skills" to interact productively and have positive relationships with people who come from many different backgrounds.

The ability of today's students to play a vital role in this changing world requires us to think differently about what constitutes a "basic" education. For many years we lived by the credo that students must primarily have the basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic. No one disputes the essential nature of these skills. There are people who still believe that these are the only essential skills needed for success. In a world that brings together a truly diverse group of people every day in the workplace and society, being successful means much more than the advanced application of reading, writing and arithmetic.

To have all the skills needed for success, we must understand that each of us is different and that being different is not only okay, but valued, important and interesting. Success requires understanding that interacting with other cultures enriches every one and that communicating in any language is a beautiful human gift. Potential success is enhanced by learning in a diverse environment which provides continuing opportunities for children to create a broad and inclusive view of the world.

School is all about creating that successful adult. Sometimes that very simple mission gets lost in the political

rhetoric and ideological debates that have come to characterize the discussions around our education system. For children to be successful we have to move back to the simple premise that our fundamental role is to prepare children for their life as adults.

Being successful means having the ability to hold a family supporting and fulfilling career. It means gaining the knowledge and understanding about our society and government to be an active citizen. It means living in and helping to create a society which provides for the next generation to achieve.

The students of the Madison Metropolitan School District have the best learning environment because of the richness of our diverse learning community. We provide a world class education in preparing for success. Our students work and play everyday with children who are different in many ways. They learn about different families and different beliefs. They experience and work with children with a wide range of abilities. They can hear over 60 different languages and learn that truth can be expressed in every one of them. They learn that the way someone looks and talks does not define his or her character or value.

Our diversity is a gift to be valued and used. Our diversity is not a barrier to be overcome, but a great opportunity to help make all of our children successful world citizens.

SUSTAIN DANE 2007 RAIN BARREL PROJECT

Many Madison neighborhoods are connected to an important waterway, be it a wetland, stream, or lake. To help residents protect and improve local water quality, Madison-based non-profit organization Sustain Dane is encouraging citizens to actively participate in its Rain Barrel Project.

Rain barrels are one solution to the problem of contaminated wastewater runoff, which results in the pollution of our waterways. The concept of harvesting rainwater is thousands of years old, but is coming back into common practice. Rain barrels collect rainwater that runs off rooftops. One good rain easily fills a 55-gallon barrel! To achieve success, simply turn the spigot on your rain barrel and water your garden, wash the car/bike, or give the dog a bath.

Following receipt of their order, homeowners will be contacted by an experienced volunteer to evaluate possible sites and a diverter arrangement suitable to their downspout location.

For more information call Sustain Dane at 819-0689, or email rainbarrel@sustaindane.org.

More information is available at:
http://sustaindane.org/main/rainbarrel_right.htm.

“The Toll of Caregiving—You Are Not Alone”

A HospiceCare Seminar

Caregiving happens in many ways and in many places—in your home, when your loved one is living alone, and when he or she is a long distance from you. Learn how to handle the demands and stresses of caring for a family member or friend who is approaching the end of life at HospiceCare's next question-and-answer seminar, "The Toll of Caregiving — You Are Not Alone."

This free seminar will offer participants strategies to help cope with the changes, losses, and life transitions that come with serious illness. Participants will pick up tips for self-care and learn how to create a positive caregiving experience. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM at the Don & Marilyn Anderson Hospice-Care Center, 5395 East Cheryl Parkway, Madison.

Registration is not required.



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ELVEHJEM SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT

The Elvehjem Playground Improvement Committee was recently named a finalist in the Playskool "Win a Boundless Playground" Contest (out of 930 nationwide entries). The grand prize of \$300,000 will be announced April 15.

You can support this effort by logging on to [**www.PlaygroundSupport.com**](http://www.PlaygroundSupport.com) and signing the letter of project support. This will cost you nothing and will show you support the choice of Elvehjem School for the grand prize.

Arboretum's Summer Camp

Parents concerned about their children's lack of opportunity to experience, learn from, and appreciate nature are invited to enroll them in the UW-Madison Arboretum's Earth Focus Day Camp, that runs from June through August.

In its 16th year, Earth Focus Day Camp offers children age 3 through 14 hands-on experience with native plants, animals, and habitats. Age-specific programs are based on exploring the Arboretum's woodlands, prairies, and wetlands and cover basic ecological principles including balance, connections, cycles and communities.

Session dates, fees, and more information available at 263-7888 or www.uwarboretum.org

Garlic Mustard Pull Elvehjem Woods **April 21**

Every Spring the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association coordinates a "clean-up" day at Elvehjem Woods Sanctuary.

During the last few years we have focused our efforts on removing garlic mustard, a very aggressive alien invader that, if left unchecked, will choke out native plants and completely cover the forest floor. We can help prevent this from happening by pulling and removing the plants in April and May before they "go to seed".

Please join us Saturday, April 21 and help with garlic mustard removal. We'll meet at the park shelter just off Painted Post Drive at 9:00 AM and work till noon. Bring gloves and dress appropriately for the weather; the City will provide trash bags. We hope that many individuals, families, scouts and other youth groups will help us with this important community service project.

For more information, contact Joel Stone at 223-1458 or dontfencemein@earthlink.net

Obviously, not all the garlic mustard in the sanctuary will get pulled on April 21. If you want to "adopt" a small portion of the sanctuary to fight your own personal battle with this weed, contact Joel.