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Our Association's 40th Year



"Prez Sez"

UPDATES

There's not a whole lot occurring during May for the ENA that is visible. However, behind the scenes, we're very busy gearing up for upcoming events and working on ongoing projects.

- We're preparing for the annual membership drive that will take place in June.
- We've received a large number of surveys from the mailing done in April. They're not officially due until May 11, but we're beginning to analyze the results. If you received one and have not returned it, *please* do so—your opinion matters greatly!
- At the May board meeting, we'll begin in earnest to plan for the July 4th celebration.
- The ENA just recently concluded, for this year, its participation in the Safe Communities – Slow Down Sign Campaign.

NEEDED: A FEW GREAT BOARD MEMBERS

We're still operating with a board of 6. Our capacity is twice this number. The commitment is a board meeting once per month and an average of 5 to 10 hours per month outside of the board meetings for assigned work and event planning. If you would like to make a direct positive contribution to the Elvehjem Neighborhood, please consider being a board member for the ENA. If you would like to find out more information about becoming a board member, please contact me or any of the other 5 board members.

BOARD MEETING CHANGES

The ENA has typically held its board meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month. However, due to a change in the schedule of one of the board members, the meetings are being changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month with the exception of the July meeting. For meeting dates, times, and locations, please refer to the April edition of the Echo. Board meeting are open meetings—all LVM residents are welcome to attend.

Thank you,

Jason Cram, President

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

CALENDAR

- ◆ June 13, 2007 **ENA Board Meeting**
7:00 PM 4718 Steinhauer Trail
- ◆ June 1—June 30 **ENA Membership Drive**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Membership Drive will take place from June 1st through June 30.

Please help support your neighborhood by joining or renewing your membership.

Your annual dues support a wide variety of services and activities that promote a stronger community and safer neighborhood.

The Elvehjem Neighborhood Association needs YOU on its Board.

Please volunteer by calling a Board member.

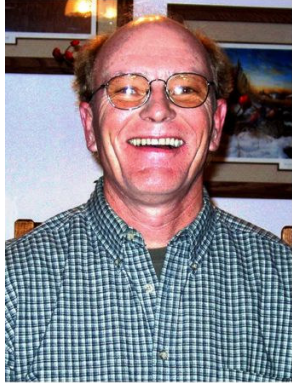
SENIOR ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed city-wide to assist senior adults of modest means with summer lawn care. This is a flexible volunteer opportunity, determined by the volunteer's schedule.

Please call Nicole Murphy with the Madison Coalitions of Older Adults at 243-5252 or nmurphy@nescoinc.org



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“County Corner”

By Dane County Supervisor Dave de Felice, District 1

You may have heard about creating a regional transportation system in Madison, Dane County, and beyond. Actually, there are 3 different plans “on track.” Starting from the top down, a high-speed Midwest rail system running at speeds of 110 mph has been proposed with a segment connecting Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago. Gov. Jim Doyle has proposed spending \$80 million on the project to attract a matching amount in federal funds.

The next level is commuter rail being proposed by the local committee, Transport 2020. Two preferred routes were announced late last month that would run in a rough horse-shoe-shaped pattern from Middleton south to downtown and north to one of two locations. One northern alternative would end at the Dane County Airport; the other would go to Sun Prairie. Those alternatives will be submitted to apply for federal funds for preliminary engineering costs.

Each route would make more than 15 stops. Three out of four new park and ride lots would be located on our side of town on Fair Oaks Avenue, Lien Road, and Reiner Road in Sun Prairie, with the fourth in Middleton. Metro buses would feed the line.

Estimates of total construction costs range from \$200-\$300 million. The feds would pay for 80 percent of funding, and

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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.

state and local governments would split the rest. Of course, there's the matter of paying to operate commuter rail. Under one scenario, an increase in the county sales tax from its current 5 percent to 5.5 percent would subsidize yearly operating costs. The lion's share of the added half-percent in sales tax would go toward the rail line; a smaller portion would go to municipalities not directly benefiting from commuter rail.

Proponents say the commuter line is needed to ease congestion and pollution and spur centrally located development. Opponents say commuter rail doesn't live up to its expectations and that it's too costly. Should be quite a debate.

The last transit component is streetcars. Under a preliminary plan, streetcars on rails would run a four-mile loop downtown and meet up at strategic points to feed the commuter railway. Cost: about \$58 million. Proponents say streetcars match up nicely with the commuter system. Opponents say the streetcar idea is too far behind the planning process to fold into the proposed commuter rail plan.

Since local governments must approve both the commuter line and streetcars, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Wishing you a safe, happy and healthy summer!

Supervisor Dave de Felice

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JOIN ENA

OUR MEMBERSHIP FORM IS NOW AVAILABLE ON ENA'S WEB SITE.

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.

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Chickens

A neighbor wishes to remind the community that City of Madison Ordinance 28.08 allows keeping of up to 4 chickens, provided that:

- i. The principal use is a single-family dwelling.
- ii. No person shall keep any rooster.
- iii. No person shall slaughter any chickens.
- iv. The chickens shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure at all times.
- v. No enclosure shall be located closer than 25 feet to any residential structure on an adjacent lot.
- vi. The owner or operator obtains a license under Sec. 9.52, M.G.O.

THANK YOU!

The results are in and we're sorry to say that Elvehjem Elementary did not win the Playskool "Win a Boundless Playground" Essay Contest.

It is impossible to express in words the deep appreciation we have for the personal letters of support and thousands of supporters that signed our on-line letter of support at www.playgroundsupport.com. While we're disappointed, our efforts have only been strengthened by the overwhelming and inspiring outpouring of community support.

With that renewed spirit, we're proud to report that the Figureheads' family-friendly hip-hop anthems helped us raise over \$1,000!

And the good news continues with the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools and the [Madison Central Lions'](#) surprise presentation of a \$3,500 grant to Mr. Campbell and the children of Elvehjem specifically for playground improvements. A special thanks to Becky Soderholm and Joel Betsinger who were instrumental in writing this grant.

Elvehjem dares to dream big and we encourage everyone to visit our website www.playgroundsupport.com to learn how you can get involved.

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UW-Madison Arboretum Day Camp

The Arboretum's Earth Focus Day Camp for children 3-14 runs June—August. For more information about the camp, go to: <http://uwarboretum.org/education/efdc/>. For information about the Arboretum, go to: www.uwarboretum.org

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Anyone in Wisconsin Can Join



YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

United Way of Dane County has produced a Youth Volunteer Opportunities Booklet. Created by the United Way's Volunteer Center, it is targeted to people ages 7-17 who are looking for volunteer opportunities across Dane County or right in their neighborhood. United Way has made it easy for young people in your neighborhood to get involved and make a difference.

This booklet is organized to follow the Agenda for Change, the seven goals identified by the community as most important. These include helping kids succeed in school; ensuring children are ready for kindergarten; reducing homelessness; promoting independence for seniors and people with disabilities; increasing access to health care; and more!

The Youth Volunteer Opportunities Booklet is available at local libraries, credit unions, the United Way's Volunteer Center, or online at www.unitedwaydanecounty.org. Youth are welcome to volunteer with friends, a club, a youth group, or their family. Volunteering is a great way to get involved in the community, gain experience, build partnerships with others, and make friends.

For more information on volunteering, please call the United Way Volunteer Center at (608) 246-4380.