

Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 40th Year



"Prez Sez"

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The ENA 4th of July Celebration was a huge success! From the parade to the food to the games to the raffle—everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The camaraderie and strength of our neighborhood community was clearly evident on this day. I would like to extend a personal thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event happen. These volunteers included current and former Board members as well as neighbors who wanted to help make this event a success. I also want to thank all of our sponsors who donated raffle items as well as items for the celebration. Of special note are Schwinn Bicycle and PDQ on East Buckeye Road for their generous donations. Thank you also to A to Z Event Essentials for your very kind support. Thank you to the Madison Fire Department for leading the parade and the Madison Police Department for having an officer and police dog appear. As is always the problem with a public thank you, I am sure to forget someone. If I

CALENDAR

- ◆ August 8, 2007 **ENA Board Meeting**
7:00 PM
- ◆ August 10 & 11 **Annual ENA Garage Sale**

have done so, my apologies; let me simply say, thank you to all who contributed to the success of this event. It is a privilege to live in the Elvehjem Neighborhood.

Thank you, *Jason Cram,*
President, Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

NOTE

The next issue of the Elvehjem Echo will be a combined August and September issue available in late August or early September.

Sign Up
Deadline August 4

Complete this form and return it with \$5.00 to Diana Winter, 4617 Steinhauer Trail (223-1994). Make checks payable to "Elvehjem Neighborhood Association". You'll be on the sale map and listing of participants in the sale.

2007 ANNUAL ELVEHJEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GARAGE SALE

Friday, August 10 & Saturday, August 11

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Your Address: _____

If you wish items mentioned on the garage sale map/list, such as "baby clothes", "gas grill", etc., please list them here:

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Raffle Winners

This year's celebration had many more items for our raffle than in previous years. Winners were Sharon Reed, Lauren Johnson, Peter Formiller, Betty Hildebrandt, Cindi Ofstun, Jerry Hildebrandt, Dennis Spoerl, Marilyn Blackley-Braund, Kris Schultz, Rudy Lienau, Susan Dow. Seven are ENA members and four are non-members.

Parade Winners

Those given ribbons for decorating themselves or their "vehicles" were Molly Lynn Peden, Molly Grace Hill, Austin Michael Hall, brothers Jack and Casey Winter and Danielle, Dylan, and Darren Wendricks. Congratulations!!

THANK YOU to Our Supporters!!

The following raffle items or supplies were very generously donated for our July 4th Celebration—Thanks !!

- ◆ 18-Speed Schwinn S25 Adult Mountain Bicycle from Schwinn Cycles
- ◆ 2 Friday & 2 Saturday night Men's Badger hockey tickets (From an anonymous ENA Board member)
- ◆ \$25 Gift Card from Francois Oil Company
- ◆ \$20 Gift Card from Latte Da Espresso Lounge
- ◆ 1 month Free Trial Pass—Unlimited Classes from The Blast Functional Martial Arts & Fitness
- ◆ 6 Free Regular Sundae & 6 Free Value Basket Coupons from Culver's on Cottage Grove Road
- ◆ Two \$14.95 Gift Certificates from Carl's Cakes
- ◆ All the soda and water at our picnic donated by PDQ on East Buckeye Road
- ◆ Twelve 20lb bags of ice from Spot Liquor
- ◆ 312 Frito-Lay Bags of Chips from Tom Uebersetzig along with 2 jars Freezer Jam given to picnic volunteers
- ◆ Various play structures, tables, and chairs provided at discount by A-Z Event Essentials

Please remember these supporters when shopping.

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

By Arlene Silveira, President, Board of Education

This is the first in a series of articles focusing on the Madison School Board.

July 1 starts the 2007-08 fiscal school year. For the Madison School Board, this will be a year filled with challenges and tremendous opportunities. We're coming off several rocky months.

State-imposed revenue caps forced us to make budget cuts that will affect every school and student in the District. Special interest groups lobbied for specific schools and programs and sometimes found themselves pitted against other groups. Decisions had to be made where there were no good choices. In addition, the public was divided on the naming of a new school. As a community we were fragmented in actions yet united in our belief that quality schools are vital for the future of our children and society.

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A new year provides us with an opportunity to look ahead and make plans to move the District forward. As a Board, we are committed to working hard to make this happen. We have set our Board priorities for the year, all integral to the success of our District and our community.

Our single most important priority is to hire a new Superintendent to lead our District. This will be an exciting process, directed by the Board, that will involve staff and the community in developing a leadership profile for the new Superintendent and the future of our District. Ways in which you can participate in this effort will soon be announced.

In other priorities, we will evaluate the need and weigh the options for going to another referendum in order to eliminate painful budget cuts again next year. We will consider revisions to the Board's equity policy and the development of guidelines to implement this policy. We will develop specific, measurable goals to evaluate student progress and success. We will study and address the issues that affect educational environment and student achievement such as attendance, dropouts, truancy, expulsions and bullying.

The priorities I have listed above are educational issues. I also believe we need to demonstrate consistency in the decision-making process. The community must understand how the Board makes decisions, and at the same time, the Board must listen to what the community values in public education. This year you will see a proactive effort by our Board to collect information from the community and strengthen the school-community partnerships.

I know there are challenges ahead of us, many of which are caused by inadequate state funding for schools. I know we have a strong foundation, with talented staff committed to our District's children. I know we have a community that believes our children are our future. I know that a strong public school system is central to a thriving community.

You have my commitment that as a Board we will work hard to focus our discussions and actions on finding creative, collaborative and positive approaches and solutions to the challenges facing us. A School Board working together in partnership with the community can prevail and succeed not only for our nearly 25,000 children but for the entire Madison Metropolitan School District. Happy New School Year. I look forward to working with you.

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.

For Sale: Oak hutch, 58" W, 73" H, 18 1/2" D. Leaded-glass doors, open shelving accommodates TV. Bottom half storage behind doors. Pecan finish. Call Kathy at 222-5685.

Free: Cardboard boxes and packing "peanuts". First come, first served. Call Cathy at 222-2683.

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Remember—if you haven't sent in your 2007 membership for the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association, please do so! The form is on page 4. Thanks!

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savings are in the air

There are simple ways we can all save energy this summer. Hanging your laundry outside to dry is one way. It saves up to 11 cents per gas dryer load and 32 cents per electric dryer load. If you use your dryer, run it during the cooler parts of the day. For more warm weather energy and cost saving tips, hang out online at mge.com/summer.

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Block Captain _____ Cash Check # _____

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