

# Elvehjem Echo

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*Our Association's 40th Year*



## "Prez Sez"

As it says at the top of the page, the ENA is 40 years old! Its general mission is to promote and improve our neighborhood community. To help do so, I would like to hear your stories about living in the Elvehjem Neighborhood. Have you lived in the neighborhood for over 40 years? How has it changed? Did you help start the ENA? Did you meet your best friend or spouse while living here? What is your favorite memory of the area? Anyone with special pictures or memories of the last 40 years of the neighborhood's history, please submit them to a Board member for all neighbors to enjoy! We'll share some of the stories throughout the year in the Echo and put all of them together for next year's annual meeting.

## 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

About 30 people attended the meeting on February 23. Topics of discussion included snow removal and potholes, possible Cottage Grove Road development, quarry blasting, the Stoughton Road Revitalization Project, and local safety and police issues. Thank you to all our speakers and attendees!

I regret we did not elect any new board members at the meeting. If you have been waiting to join—or just want to volunteer your services for a specific event or the membership drive—this is the perfect time! Contact any current board members or join us at the next meeting.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

We were sorry the Easter Egg Hunt was weathered out, as were many other activities this spring. The Board did a quick survey and determined the weather was more a threat to participant health than was justified. We'll hope for better next year.

## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

We will have our neighborhood garage sale Friday, August 8, and Saturday, August 9 this year. These dates are not the same as the East Buckeye Association's dates, so we will not be competing with them.

## SLOW DOWN CAMPAIGN

We have again teamed with Safe Communities to remind drivers to slow down and watch out for pedestrians. Look for "Slow Down, Watch for Kids" signs the week of April 21 near the Elvehjem Elementary School and please always drive safely throughout the neighborhood.

## CALENDAR

- ◆ **April 17** ..... **Neighborhood Watch**  
6:30—8:30 PM ..... **Informational Meeting**  
..... **Dean East Clinic**
- ◆ **April 19** ..... **Neighborhood Watch**  
10:00 AM—Noon ..... **Informational Meeting**  
..... **East District Police Station**
- ◆ **May 7, 2008** ..... **Monthly Board Meeting**  
7:00 PM ..... 5010 Starker Avenue
- ◆ **August 8 & 9** ..... **Elvehjem Neighborhood**  
..... **Garage Sale**

**Alder Judy Compton has reported that the Buckeye Road bridge will be closed beginning sometime in May for 6 months for a complete reconstruction**

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN JUNE

To help support the Echo newsletter, varied events throughout the year, and other ENA activities, we will be asking all households in the neighborhood to join the ENA. (only \$12 for the year—just \$1 a month!).

## HELP NEEDED

We are looking for help from anyone who is interested in becoming a Block Captain and distributing membership information in June. Please contact me during April to volunteer!

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Informational meetings will be held in April at the Dean East Clinic and the East District Police Station. See the calendar above.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board meetings have been moved back to the first Wednesday of the month. Our May meeting will be at 5010 Starker Avenue; June 4 at 21 Vinje Court; the July meeting will be at the park shelter on the 3rd. August through December meetings will be at the East District Police Station. Neighbors are always welcome to attend.

*Kate Strom* President  
Elvehjem Neighborhood Association



## 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:** Spruce up for spring with my 20 years-experienced house and apartment cleaning service. Affordable rates. Call Marilyn's Housecleaning Service at 222-3137. Please leave message if not home.

**Free to Good Home:** One year old male short-haired brown Chihuahua, house trained, neutered, and micro-chipped. Current on all vaccinations. Comes with bed and pet carrier. Owner heart-broken to give away due to family health issues. Call 222-8495 for information.

**For Sale:** Two sofas (1 sage, 1 eggplant) \$225 each and 1 overstuffed chair (eggplant) \$50; 6 barstools \$50 each; small bakery case; small pro beverage cooler; and 8 maple laminate bistro tables \$50 each. Call Judy 222-9489

**Babysitting:** Need a responsible, reliable babysitter? I am 16 years old and have 5 years of experience. I prefer kids age 3 and older. For more information and references, please call Sarah at 223-0229.

Editor's Note: There was no March issue of the "Echo". This was not planned and resulted from unexpected and unavoidable problems.

**Supportive In-Home Care:** Companionship, meal preparation, light housekeeping, errand services, grocery shopping, respite care, transportation to medical appointments. Excellent references upon request. Free consultation. Call Chris at 206-4208.

### 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.

**The ENA Board of Directors needs members—CAN YOU HELP? If so, contact any of us.**

**April Showers  
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(Minutes of April 2, continued from page 5.)

information to a new manager.

The membership database has already been overhauled by Debbie Pederson and her husband, so we should be able to go forward with the next Directory.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Even with several hundred email announcements, no one showed. What with the weather, just not an Easter Egg Day.

**Garlic Mustard Pulls:** Will happen in May. Some UW student's may participate. Kate will contact Joel Jones (ENA resident and garlic mustard expert) to set up a date.

**Garage Sale:** To share the same date with the East Buckeye neighborhood saves approximately \$30 on the announcements. They propose the third weekend in August; LVM usually holds ours slightly earlier. Our organizer will settle on the date with East Buckeye.

**Rented Storage Unit:** Discussion of whether to change from current storage unit to a smaller, less expensive one. Moving from an 8 x 10 foot unit to a 5 x 10 foot unit could save approximately 25%. The Fourth of July games use a significant amount of the space. Decision was to re-evaluate after the Fourth of July celebration to see what we really use for the event versus what can be disposed of.

**ECHO Issues:** Next issue will be for this March and April. With ECHOs covering more than one month, it's important that information to be published be submitted early.

The Board also discussed what seems to be a reduced amount of substantive news in the ECHO versus advertisements. For awhile, the emphasis was on cutting the size of the ECHO to save costs, but there's concern that the cuts may have been too substantial.

Ideas for new article or columns, as well as written submissions themselves, are welcome from all neighbors. Some ideas suggested at the meeting were:

- ◆ Reporting on local parent teacher organization activities, including a "student column" from LVM students
- ◆ Soliciting regular articles from our local governmental representatives, such as Judy Compton and Dave deFe-

lice, including information presented at community meetings such as the mayor's comments at the annual meeting or meetings that discussed community issues, such as traffic or building development

- ◆ Articles on items of general interest to the neighborhood such as the new Google street level mapping that gives a 360 degree photographic view of your home and street
- ◆ Information on various school activities that all can enjoy, such as the MSCR Art Cart in the Park event. Perhaps some artwork could even be published
- ◆ More pictures of LVM events.

Editorial policies and space constraints apply as always, but adding more "meat" to the ECHO is the goal.

**Business Associates:** We haven't received any contacts from potential new business associates. To the extent we can obtain new associates, it could be a significant help to the treasury.

**July 4th Celebration:** Early thoughts are to use pretty much the same approach to last year's very successful event related to food, beverages, refreshments, and games, including the very popular RAFFLE. The total cost of the event, with permits, food, and all was \$546. This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> is a Friday.

**Neighborhood Watch:** These meetings happen on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Dean East Clinic and Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the East District Police Station (Cottage Grove Road). All are welcome; Board members will also attend.

**Next Meeting:** May's meeting will focus on the neighborhood survey and early planning for July 4<sup>th</sup>, including initial work on arranging the raffle. Information will appear in the May ECHO.

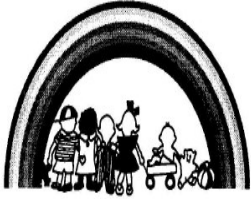
The Board plans to take up further study of the neighborhood survey at a future meeting, in an effort to find valuable suggestions for activities, information, or opportunities for involvement neighbors have suggested.

**Schedule for Upcoming Meetings:** May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting is at Jim's. June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is at Sue's. The July 3rd meeting will be at the park shelter. The August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the East District Police Station.

**Association Insurance:** The Board received notice from our insurance company that we may expect our premium to increase by up to 25%. We need to carry a one million dollar general liability policy, most importantly for the Halloween and July 4<sup>th</sup> events, primarily because of the combustibles involved. And we must provide evidence of certification of coverage for those events.

The insurance costs \$654 now, so the increase could be about \$150. Jim will look to see if these rates are comparable to others available.

Submitted by, Sue Dow, ENA Board Secretary



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### ENA Board Meeting Minutes—March 5, 2008

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

Call to order 7:04

**Attendees:** Kate Strom, Art Meyer, Jeanne Rotter, Jim Polewski.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deferred to April due to very few transactions and press of the Treasurer's day job.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 22 at Acewood Park, 10:00 a.m. Volunteers should present themselves about 8:30 a.m. to help the Bunny hide the eggs before the children arrive.

**Safe Communities Coalition Slow Down Campaign:** Tom Purnell has been "volunteered" to lead the project to another successful year.

**Confirmation of Officers:** Kate Strom, President; Art Meyer, Vice President; Jeanne Rotter, Treasurer; Sue Dow, Secretary. Done as a ratification of the slate of officers put forward at the February meeting and accepted then by consensus.

**Board Members Needed:** Still looking for additional Board members to fill the vacant positions. Former Board members have made several nominations which will be pursued.

**Next Meeting Locations:** April—Art Meyer; May—Jim Polewski; June—Jim Polewski; July—the LVM park shelter on July 3; August through December—East District Police Station.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Noted that the information sessions are 6:30 PM on April 17 at the East Dean Clinic and 10:00 AM on April 19 at the East District Police Station. Neighbors are encouraged to attend for useful information about keeping a neighborhood watch program in operation.

**Business Associate Recognition:** Approved Tom Murray's suggestions for recognition of the Business Associates on the ENA website.

**ENA Website:** General acknowledgement of a continuing high quality website, which we owe to Tom Murray, our

webmaster, with the continued assistance from Dean and Michelle. The Board greatly appreciates your services.

**Local Vandalism:** The Board noted reports of "tagging" of ENA signs. Board member emeritus Cynthia Struye volunteered to investigate repair of more significant damage, and Jim Polewski will apply appropriate color stain to the rest when it warms up a bit.

**Storage Cost Concerns:** Brief discussion of ways of reducing storage expense, including a suggestion from a former Board member that we might cull the ENA collection. Jim Polewski will investigate further and report.

**Adjourned:** 9:05 PM.

Submitted by, Jim Polewski, ENA Board Vice-Secretary

### ENA Board Meeting Minutes—April 2, 2008

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**Attendees:** Art Meyer, Jim Polewski, Tom Purnell, Kate Strom, Jeanne Rotter, Sue Dow.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports for February through March, 2008 approved.

**Slow Down Campaign:** The campaign is scheduled for April 16-25. We have 40 saved signs and 15-20 new signs reserved. There will be no pace car or speed board. Hot spot last year was the Elvehjem School, so the plan is to repeat there and, to the extent possible, add other locations such as the area where Academy leads to Acewood, where Starker turns on to Ellen, and Dondee (the latter because it's used as a cut-through).

**Membership Drive:** The drive is set to begin in June. Important announcements in the ECHO will be that we need District Coordinators and Block Captains. The Board approved Kate's reformatting and enhancement of the subscription form and the "Reasons to Join the ENA!" flyer. Deb is preparing member, block captain, and district coordinator lists. Sue Richgels will put together the membership packets. Kate will be the contact person for collecting the membership packets from district coordinators. Jim and Sue will help distribute the packets to the district coordinators.

**Email Forwarding List:** The mailing list was reviewed for accuracy. Lot's of spam has been coming to the "bod" address on the website. Tom will try to assess the source of these messages.

**ENA Internet Bulletin Board and Mailing:** Dean Kesler wants to transition out of this administration responsibility. Possible people who might take it on were discussed and interested volunteers are welcome

We discussed the possibility of placing the ENA Members list on the website (Jeanne will check with Deb) and inviting Dean to a future meeting to tell us in detail how he manages the website in order to pass along that

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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 a weekly morning or evening group attended by others going through similar situations. You don't 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, every Wednesday from 9:30 AM—11:00 and 6:30 PM—8:00 PM. For more information, call Kris Simon at (608) 276-4660.

### Grief Support Groups

A series of **Grief's Stepping Stones** will be offered on Tuesdays, from April 22—May 6 at Plymouth Congregational Church, 2401 Atwood Ave., in Madison, from 5:30 PM—7:30 PM. Pre-registration is not required.

**Mother Loss Grief Support Group** will be held on Mondays, April 28—May 19, from 4:00 PM—6:00 PM. This four-week series is for adult women grieving the loss of their mothers in adulthood. Pre-registration is required.

For more information about the groups or to register, call HospiceCare at (608) 276-4660 and ask to speak with any grief counselor.

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