

Elvehjem Echo

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association
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Our Association's 40th Year



"Prez Sez"

I hope you've all enjoyed the summer! The weather has been great for walking and biking in our neighborhood.

BIKE PATH

A bike path extension through Acewood Park is still in the planning stages and we will share updates and times of any informational meetings held by the city.

THANK YOU BLOCK CAPTAINS & COORDINATORS !!

THANK YOU again to all the block captains and coordinators who helped with the ENA membership drive.

It is not too late to join for 2008! Look for a membership form in this newsletter and mail it to ENA, PO Box 14625, Madison, WI 53708, or drop it off with any Board member.

BOARD MEMBERS

Speaking of Board members...we are still in need of new people to join the Board. It's a great opportunity to help plan events and provide opportunities for your neighbors. We are always open to new ideas!

GARAGE SALE

And one more THANK YOU to Diana Winter for planning our annual neighborhood garage sale! About 50 homes participated and we had beautiful weather for the weekend.

Kate Strom President,

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH September 10—October 10

Madison's Common Council is declaring a "Voter Registration Month" for September 10 through October 10. Madison residents can register to vote at the City Clerk's Office, any Madison Public Library, or any Madison Fire Station.

No proof of residence is needed during this Open Registration period. Names of voters who have registered in advance will be printed on the November 4 poll lists, saving voters time on Election Day.

CALENDAR

- ♦ **September 3, 2008** **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM..... East Precinct Police Station
- ♦ **September 5** **Elvehjem School Boundless Playground GRAND OPENING**
5:30 PM..... Elvehjem School Playground
- ♦ **October 1, 2008** **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM..... East Precinct Police Station
- ♦ **October 31, 2008** **Halloween Party & Bonfire**
..... Elvehjem Park Shelter

FREE HOME BUYERS FAIR

- » Learn how to own a home for under \$1,000/month.
- » Earn a Home Buyer Education Certificate in one day.
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Saturday, September 6, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 .pm.

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or call Terri Goldbin at (608) 266-4223

You can check the status of your voter registration online at <http://vpa.wi.gov>.

Eligible voters can also be deputized to register their neighbors to vote. For more information, see www.cityofmadison.com/election/deputy/Registration/.

ENA Board Meeting Minutes—August 6, 2008

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

Present: Jim Polewski, Tom Purnell, Art Meyer, Jeanne Rotter, Kate Strom, Mike Digman, Sue Dow.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report: June and July meeting minutes and Treasurer reports were approved.

July 4th Celebration: Keep in mind Papa Bear's for a comparison next year.

Buckeye Bike Path Extension: Art Meyer reports more information must be shared. Some of the path would need to go through residential property so some controversy will arise. As it stands now, this part of the bike path extension is still considered temporary pending purchase of necessary land from the railroad.

Consensus was that given money is available right now, the Association should pursue the funds to do some of the connecting parts of the bike path.

Yaharra Blasting: Not much to be done about the blasting, but looking for alternatives for different entrances or different approaches.

Membership Drive: Sue Richgels and Deb Petersen can attend the September Board meeting to discuss multiple membership issues such as:

- ◆ January instead of June for membership drives?
- ◆ Mailing membership forms instead of door-to-door delivery?
- ◆ Membership forms in the ECHO only or an extra mailing of forms?
- ◆ Does the Association want to continue producing a directory?

Halloween Plans: The neighborhood gathering will be on the exact day of Halloween. Plans will cover people who want to come before, during, and after trick-or-treating.

Writer's Corner: Announcement still to come—our Association Secretary has just fallen down on the job a little this summer.

ECHO Publication Schedule: In an effort to focus neighbors' attention on upcoming events rather than those already past, the Board decided to make a slight schedule change with the *ECHO*. That is, the next (the one you're reading now) *ECHO* will be an August/September issue, and with that shift in the month, the *ECHO* will be labeled for the NEXT following month (the issue in September will be dated the October issue).

Submitted by: Susan Dow, Secretary.

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.

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 Treasurer's Reports

June 1—July 31, 2008

<i>Checking Balance Reported</i>	
June 1, 2008:.....	\$ 995.11
<i>Receipts</i>	
Echo Advertising: March/April Compton.....	190.00
4th of July-Raffle Tickets	304.00
4th of July-Bounce House Tickets	80.50
4th of July-Food Sales	1,013.00
Memberships	<u>5,238.00</u>
Total Revenue:	\$ 6,825.50
<i>Disbursements</i>	
4th of July-Tables/Chairs/Bounce House (A to Z Rental)	302.01
4th of July-BBQ, Potato Salad, Buns, Plates (Famous Dave's)	621.82
4th of July-Vending Permit (City of Madison)	75.00
4th of July-Restaurant Permit (City of Madison).....	70.00
4th of July-Roaster, Beans, Plates, Ribbons, Tablecloths, (Polewski)	117.53
4th of July-Vege Dogs, Hot Dogs, Cookies, Balloons (Meyer)	115.84
Insurance Policy (Lanz & McArdle Agency)	594.00
Storage Locker (July to September).....	198.00
Echo Mailing-May (First Class Mailers)	407.67
Echo Mailing-June (Xer-Lith Printing).....	236.22
Echo Mailing-June (First Class Mailers)	394.87
Echo Mailing-July (Xer-Lith Printing)	234.95
Echo Mailing-July (First Class Mailers)	<u>407.84</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 3,775.75

Cashed-In CDs.....	\$ 2,014.34
Checking Balance Reported: July 31, 2008:.....	\$ 6,059.20
Certificates of Deposit face value (+ interest):	\$ 4,108.22
Total Cash and Equivalent: July 31, 2008	\$ 10,167.42
Submitted by Jeanne Rotter, Treasurer	

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.

“Errand Boy”: Summertime help is here! I am 11 years old and a very hard worker. I will walk your dog or pet sit while you are on vacation; help with yard work; even bike to the grocery store for you! Call Sven. 442-7199. (Expires 09/01/08)

Four-Legged-Friend Sitter: Looking for a responsible and experienced sitter? I prefer one puppy dog that weighs 35 lbs. or less. I can walk, feed, and keep him/her company while you are away! Call Erin at 222-3286.

Child Care: Discover & Grow licensed and accredited pre-school has a fall opening for ages 3 through 5 Tuesday through Friday. A personalized, loving, safe, and educational high scope emergent curriculum, in the comfort of a family child care environment. Call Judi at 221-4211.

LAWN CARE

Here are some tips from “The Greater Madison Healthy Lawn Team” (www.healthylawnteam.org) for maintaining a healthy, beautiful, non-toxic lawn!

- ◆ Have your soil tested by a professional—call UW Soil Lab at 262-4364. A soil test will tell you the nutrients in your soil and amount of organic matter. Soils high in organic matter encourage healthy root growth and beneficial insects and microorganisms.
- ◆ If a soil test indicates your soil is low in organic matter, a light top dressing of compost in the fall will help “build” the soil. Most grasses benefit from additional nitrogen. Grass clippings are an excellent free organic source of slow-release nitrogen, so leave them on the lawn.
- ◆ Many chemical fertilizers contain toxic heavy metals, such as mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead. Quick-release chemical fertilizers can also harm beneficial insects, which burrow through the soil creating tiny tunnels for air and water movement. Earthworms, for example, are especially sensitive to chemical fertilizers.
- ◆ Give your grass the proper cut. Grass cut at 3 to 3.5 inches will keep the soil cooler, preventing pest invasions. Taller grass needs less fertilizer, better tolerates drought, and contains fewer weeds. Don’t cut more than 1/3 of the blade at a time.
- ◆ Water infrequently, but deeply. Roots will be deeper and more resistant to drought. You don’t have to water your grass during dry spells; even if the grass turns brown it’s merely going dormant and will quickly recover after a good long rain.
- ◆ These practices along with over-seeding your lawn in autumn before the leaves fall will help prevent weeds. Choose a seed mix that is appropriate for the amount of sunlight and traffic.

Free Breast Cancer Screening Available

No health insurance, high deductible, or your insurance does not cover mammograms? Wisconsin Well Woman Program provides free health screenings to income eligible women. Over 25 medical clinics in Dane County participate.

There is a 1 in 8 chance that a woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. All women are at risk for breast cancer, not just those with a family history. The good news is that breast cancer is treatable. Finding breast cancer early gives a woman a much greater chance of full recovery.

This is an opportunity for ALL women to have access to an annual check up. Enrollment is quick and is completed over the phone. For more information call Kari (608) 242-6392 at Public Health—Madison & Dane County.



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HospiceCare Drop-In Support Groups

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Meetings are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson Hospice-Care Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, in Madison, every Wednesday from 9:30 AM—11:00 AM and 6:30 PM—8:00 PM. Call Kris Simon at (608) 276-4660 for information.

40 YEARS OF ENA!

Become A Member

Keep ENA Going for Another 40!!

EXCEPTIONAL NEIGHBORS

(if you know of a neighbor who deserves to be acknowledged in the Echo for his or her community efforts, please send or give the information to any board member or to newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION RAFFLE REPORT

113 raffle tickets were sold at our celebration this year; our Association earned \$304. Thank you to the people and businesses that donated the 17 raffle items. The winners were:

Brewers tickets: 2 Club Seats Kim Giesecke
 Schwin Bicycle David Ricksford
 Kids Mongoose Bicycle Mike Dunn
 Skateboard Gary Schultz
 Packer Autographed Football Bill Haefner
 Milio's \$5 Certificate Bill Haefner
 Milio's 2--\$5 Certificates Steve Porter
 Culver's 2 Value Meal Baskets Chris Bradley
 Culver's 2 Value Meal Baskets Dennis Spoerl
 Culver's 2 Value Meal Baskets Kim Giesecke
 Smart Motor's Oil Change Bruce Johnson
 Smart Motor's Oil Change Olivia Schwarm
 Smart Motor's Oil Change Cindi Ofstun
 Carl's Cakes: Cake certificate Mike Dunn
 Citgo: \$25 gift card Kim Giesecke
 2 Badger Men's Hockey Tickets Lynn Herman
 2 Badger Men's Hockey Tickets Bill Haefner

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION PARADE WINNERS

Following are the names of those given ribbons for decorating themselves and/or their "vehicles" for our July 4th parade. If your name is misspelled, we apologize; in the heat of the activity we probably made a mistake or two.

We certainly enjoyed your participation—Thanks!!

Nicole Hewsih	The Hills
The Pedens	Samantha Spoerl
Owen Bradley	The Shaydofs



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Madison Police Department

Liaison Officer

Officer Adria Ehly is our neighborhood's Community Policing Team Liaison Officer. Officer Ehly can be reached at 209-8553 or aehly@cityofmadison.com.

Officer Adria's been with the Madison Police Department approximately 9 years and worked in the East District for more than 2 1/2 years. Adria was born and raised in Madison—on the east side!

Call or email Officer Adria with questions, compliments, or concerns that may arise in the neighborhood.

Patrol Officer

Taya Dolsen is a patrol officer assigned to the East Police District and is available to discuss general questions or concerns about on-going problems and advise about ways the Department can help find a positive resolution. Contact Officer Dolsen at 266-4887 or tdolsen@cityofmadison.com

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WAYS TO REPORT GRAFFITI

- Call 911: If you see a vandalism crime in progress, immediately call and report it to the Madison Police Department. Be as descriptive as possible about the people and vehicles involved, including the license plate number.
- Report graffiti promptly. Go to: www.cityofmadison.com/reportAProblem/Graffiti.cfm
- Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline at 246-4532
- Call Crime Stoppers at 266-6014

If you're a private property owner who's been vandalized by graffiti, the City of Madison has a program, Graffiti Co-Pay Removal Program, helping property owners cover the cost of graffiti removal. Direct questions about the program to the Building Inspection Unit, 266-4551.



6:17 p.m. Fresh idea.



This Physicians Plus family just brought home some locally grown, organic veggies from a MACSAC member farm. It's fresh produce that can earn them a **Good Health Bonus (up to \$200 per year)***

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ELVEHJEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM



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Dues are \$12.00 per year (Jan 1—Dec 31). That's only \$1 a month! Please make checks payable to ENA and mail to the ENA Membership Committee at PO Box 14625, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708-0625.

* Emails are used for sending ENA business & newsletters only.
They are not listed in the directory!

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