

# Elvehjem Echo

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*Our Association's 40th Year*

## "Prez Sez"

Spring must be right around the corner—at least I hope so—because the Board is getting busier. Our annual meeting is Saturday, March 14, at the East District Police Station; the membership drive gets into full swing in April; the Easter Egg Hunt at Acewood Park is April 11; and the Elvehjem Woods work day is April 18. Write these events into your calendar and spend some time with your neighbors, young and old.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

You can support ENA and become a member at any time of the year, but our big drive will occur in April this year instead of June. Keep an eye out for your block captain who will stop by your house with membership forms and information about the association. Membership dues

## CALENDAR

- ♦ **March 7, 2009**..... **Euchre Card Tournament**  
7:00 PM—10:30 PM..... VFW Post 7591  
..... 3001 Cottage Grove Road
- ♦ **March 14, 2009**..... **ENA ANNUAL MEETING**  
10:00—Noon ..... East Precinct Police Station
- ♦ **April 1, 2009** ..... **Monthly Board Meeting**  
7:00 PM ..... East Precinct Police Station
- ♦ **April 11, 2009** ..... **Easter Egg Hunt**  
10:00 AM ..... Acewood Park
- ♦ **April 18, 2009** ..... **Elvehjem Woods Work Day**  
..... Elvehjem Woods

## Annual Meeting

Our annual neighborhood meeting will be **Saturday, March 14**, from 10:00 to noon, in the East District Police Station's community room at 809 S. Thompson Drive. All neighborhood residents are welcome. New Board members will be nominated and elections held.

Attendees will be eligible to win gift certificates and can also get \$2 off their 2009 ENA membership by joining or renewing at the meeting!

Come and learn about all our projects, bring up ideas for new ones, and listen to invited speakers talk about:

- The proposed **bike path** through Acewood Park
- **Police reports** on incidents and safety in our neighborhood
- Updates from our City Alderperson **Judy Compton** and our County Supervisor **Dave de Felice**
- Accomplishments of the **Stoughton Road Revitalization Project**.

remain the same again this year—only \$12 per household.

We need to fill about 15 block captain spots around the neighborhood. If you can help distribute information, please contact [kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org).

### CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The ENA board meets the first Wednesday of every month at the East District Police Station. Joining the board is typically a three year commitment—the first year you get your feet wet, the second year you take charge, and the third year you pass on knowledge to new board members.

The board plans 5 major events a year (Membership Drive, Easter Egg Hunt, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and picnic, Halloween bonfire, and Holiday sing-along) as well as smaller activities throughout the year such as the neighborhood garage sale.

Our main goal is to dispense information throughout the

neighborhood. We need board members to bring ideas, share their expertise, and share responsibilities for planning the big and small events. The more board members, the easier it is to share the work. And it's a lot of fun! I've met a lot of people in the neighborhood since joining the board.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you don't want to make a commitment to the Board, we can always use volunteers to help run events, largely with our membership drive in April and the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Contact me or any other board member if you have more questions, or just come to one of our upcoming meetings.

*Kate Strom* President,  
Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

**ENA Board Meeting Minutes—February 4, 2009**

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

**Present:** Kate Strom, Jim Polewski, Tom Purnell, Mike Digman, Art Meyer, Sue Dow, Sue Richgels, Jeanne Rotter and guests Tim Duffy and Doug.

**Minutes & Treasurer's Report:** January, 2009 Treasurer's report approved. December, 2008 meeting minutes approved.

**Annual Meeting:** The meeting will be at the East District police station. Details are pretty well set. Latest bike path and Acewood Park details will be updated. Jeanne will bring the Association's event list, Treasurer's report, and signs. Kate will bring the agenda, last year's minutes, and membership forms. Alder Judy Compton and Supervisor David de Felice will attend. Kate may do a slide show of Elvehjem activities over the last year. Joel Stone will also be at the meeting to discuss the April 14<sup>th</sup> LVM Woods Clean Up day.

**Important Issue:** Only 4 board members will continue beyond the annual meeting, so obtaining new members is critical. At this meeting, visitor Tim Duffy agreed to join the Board, but that still leaves 6 openings. The Board asks all neighbors to PLEASE consider joining the Board. The time commitment is just one evening a month, and results in so many good times for the neighborhood. Depending on how many new Board members we can recruit, Mike Digman will consent to be treasurer, Kate will continue as president, Art will continue as vice president, Sue will continue as secretary, and Steve will stay with the Echo.

**ECHO reply form:** The question is whether a neighbor would rather receive the ECHO via email or paper copy. The form will be distributed with membership drive forms, and is not a postcard, so it can fit in membership drive envelopes.

**Membership Drive:** The drive will begin in April. Deb and Kate have reviewed and updated the forms. All district coordinator positions are covered. We still need 12 block captains; Deb is generating a list of people who last year indicated their willingness to volunteer.

**Neighborhood Grants:** One idea is to have Elvehjem Sanctuary trail markers. The Madison Parks Dept. is willing to help and thinks this type of project may well be eligible for grant money. The Board agreed to move forward with this effort and to work in concert with Heritage Heights to achieve available funding.

**Odds and Ends:**

- Jody McIntyre will create an ENA facebook page.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> is the LVM Woods Clean Up day. Joel Stone is in charge.
- Alder Judy Compton is setting up a listening session related to neighbor concerns about Brynwood residents. We will include Judy's article in the Echo; past that, the Board cannot do much.

**ENA Treasurer's Reports**

January 1—January 31, 2009

Checking Balance Reported January 1, 2009: ..... \$5,933.23

**Receipts**

Echo Advertising—Dec/Jan (Coyle Carpet) 100.00  
 Memberships 24.00  
**Total Revenue:** .....\$124.00

**Disbursements**

Event Banners (A Quality Signs).....822.90  
 Storage Costs: January (Stuff-n-Store).....66.00  
 Block Captains Mailing (Pederson) .....17.82  
**Total Disbursements:**.....\$906.72  
 Checking Balance Reported January 31, 2009: ..... \$5,150.51  
 Certificates of Deposit face value + interest: ..... \$4,108.22  
 Total Cash & Equivalent January 31, 2009: ..... \$9,258.73  
 Submitted by Jeanne Rotter, Treasurer

**2007-2008 ENA Board of Directors**

**President:** Kate Strom, 4718 Steinhauer Trail  
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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.

**EASY INFORMATION**

Continue to check our Web site and bulletin board for more information throughout the month!

(www.elvehjemneighborhood.org)

- ♦ The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM at Acewood Park. We need to get eggs and cookies. Hopefully, the Easter Bunny will appear, and hopefully this year, it won't snow!
- ♦ July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration: Art will try to arrange for a city fire truck to be there at noon.

Looking forward to next winter's holidays, Santa wants to keep visiting kids at their homes, and also to come to the holiday Sing-A-Long. We need to find a better way to fit Santa into the festivities. Mike will work on that.

Submitted by: Susan Dow, Secretary.

## 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.

**Piano Lessons:** Lessons taught in your home! Experienced neighborhood-resident teacher with agendas customized to a student's level and ambitions. Member of Madison Area Piano Teacher Association since 2003. Friendly approach, and recitals included. Contact Mr. Brian Hagen at (608) 223-1677 or bdhagen@jvl.net.com.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 11th, 2009. The hunt starts at 10:00 AM sharp in Acewood Park.

Bring your youngsters to search age appropriate areas for the hidden eggs. Meet the Easter Bunny, take pictures, and enjoy a nice spring morning at the park.

All collected eggs will be returned to the organizers at end of the hunt to trade for a small treat for participating in the mornings adventure.

Remember—there are no bathrooms available at the park.

This is a Free Elvehjem Neighborhood Event!!

## WINTER CONCERTS AT OLBRICH

Sunday, 2p.m.-4p.m.

Suggested donation of \$1.00

Bring some warmth to the blustery winter weekends with a hot concert at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. The concerts offer everything from jazz to folk and Celtic to polka music every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., through March 29, 2009.

- ♦ March 8 Dear August, Folk Americana
- ♦ March 15 Rigel, Celtic
- ♦ March 22 Shawn's Drum Class, West African drumming
- ♦ March 29 Madison Horn Club, Classical, ballads & jazz

## HospiceCare Grief Support

Unless otherwise noted all groups are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison and are free of charge. Groups are open to the public. **Bridges Weekly** is held every Wednesday, from 9:30 AM–11:00 AM and 5:30 PM–7:00 PM. **Saturday Morning Kids Club** is held the first Saturday of every month, from 10:00 AM–12:00. **Journey Through Grief** will be held Wednesdays, March 18–April 29, from 4:00 PM–6:00 PM. **Mother Loss Grief Support Group** will be held Thursdays, March 19–April 16, from 5:00 PM–7:00 PM. **Young Adult Grief Support Group** will be held Tuesdays, March 24–April 28, from 6:00 PM–8:00 PM. **Managing Self-Care** will be held Tuesday, March 17, from 6:30 PM–8:00 PM. For information about groups or to register, call HospiceCare at (608) 276-4660.

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BE LIGHT AND  
YOUR HOME BE  
HAPPY ON THIS  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY,  
AND WHEN IT'S  
TIME TO MAKE  
A MOVE...  
PLEASE GIVE US A  
CALL!!



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### **LVM Woods Work Day on April 18**

Help remove garlic mustard and other invasive plants. All volunteers are welcome! Does your group need a service project? More information will be in the April Echo.

### **"COUNTY CORNER"**

By Dane County Supervisor Dave de Felice, District 1

#### **Roundabouts Increase Safety & Traffic Flow**

You may have noticed roundabouts popping up in corners of Dane County's 1,200-mile network of roads. Next year construction will begin on a roundabout in Cottage Grove at the Intersection of Highway N and County BB (Main St. and Cottage Grove Rd).

The project was included in the 2009 county budget by Sup. Dave Wiganowsky and I because we represent constituents in that area. Roundabouts have proven popular for 2 simple reasons; they keep traffic flowing and they reduce accidents. That's especially true when compared to conventional four-way intersections with stop signs or stoplights.

A study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety indicates that roundabouts reduce crashes by 75 % at intersections where stop signs or signals were used. There are a number of logical reasons for the safety of roundabouts:

- Roundabouts remove the incentive for drivers to speed

through yellow or red lights

- Traffic travels at lower speeds on roundabouts.
- Traffic travels in the same direction, thereby avoiding T-bone accidents.
- Because of these factors, roundabouts reduce, if not eliminate, injuries.

Roundabouts tend to cost more to construct, but cost less to maintain and show a demonstrated reduction in the number of traffic accidents. Injuries related to traffic accidents are either reduced or eliminated.

In high school, when many of us took Driver's Ed, we were told not to do "doughnuts" in the parking lot. However, now we're being directed to drive in circles at some busy intersections.

No question: Roundabouts do take some getting used to. But ultimately, the vast majority of motorists prefer roundabouts once they drive them.

*County Supervisor. Dave de Felice*

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### **Elvehjem Neighborhood Annual Meeting**

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