

# Elvehjem Echo

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*Our Association's 41st Year*

## "Prez Sez"

I'll get my begging over with first! We had 3 people volunteer to join the board this year, which brings us to 7—the minimum number of board members allowed. We would really, *really* like to have at least a couple more people join so we can get new ideas and energy on the board and share the responsibilities for planning and attending events. Contact any board member or just come to any meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at the East District Police Station. It's easy and a lot of fun!

We welcome Ryan McKee, Christina Lindner, and Tim Duffy to the Board!

Our annual meeting went great! We had close to 30 people attend and got some great information from all our speakers, including:

- Construction of the bike path through Acewood Park should be completed by June.
- Elvehjem Elementary PTO has several projects going on (contact Kelli at 226-8669 or Darcy at 334-4128 for information).
- The Stoughton Road Revitalization Project has won awards for its plan and is incorporated into the city's master plan.
- Although crime in the neighborhood is fairly low, if you see anything suspicious don't hesitate to call 911.
- The city and county have more projects than I can mention here. Contact Alder Judy Compton or Supervisor Dave DeFelice if you want information.
- There are plenty of great opportunities in our neighborhood for people of all ages and abilities to get involved!

Coming up this month is our annual membership drive, the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, the Elvehjem Woods Clean-Up on April 18, and the Slow Down Campaign April 27-May 3.

Thanks in advance to all our district coordinators and block captains helping with the membership drive!

**Kate Strom** *President,*

*Elvehjem Neighborhood Association*

## CALENDAR

- ♦ **April 11, 2009** ..... **Easter Egg Hunt**  
10:00 AM ..... Acewood Park
- ♦ **April 18, 2009** ..... **Elvehjem Woods Work Day**  
..... Elvehjem Woods
- ♦ **May 6, 2009** ..... **Monthly Board Meeting**  
7:00 PM ..... East Precinct Police Station

## 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.

There will be areas set up for kids ages 2 and under, ages 3 thru 5, and ages over 5.

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

Remember—there are **no bathrooms** available at the park.

This is a Free Elvehjem Neighborhood Event!!

**Thank you** to our outgoing board members (l-r) Jim Polewski, Jeanne Rotter, and Tom Purnell! Jim was on the board for 9 years, and Jeanne and Tom were both active for 6 years.



When you see them around the neighborhood, please say hello and **thanks!**

## ENA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Keep a look out for your block captain this month! He or she will stop by your house with membership forms and information about the neighborhood association. Membership dues remain the same again this year—only \$12 per household. Please contact Kate Strom at 223-0678 or [kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org) if you have questions.

**ENA Board Meeting Minutes—March 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, Art Meyer, Sue Dow.

**Minutes & Treasurer's Report:** February meeting minutes and treasurer's report approved.

- March 14, 2009 Annual Meeting is set to go. Membership forms, speakers, event list, treasurer's report will be there.
- March 7, 2009 will be the annual Euchre tournament.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11. We need police assistance to slow down for the event. A notice of the event will be in the next Echo.
- Elvehjem Woods Clean UP Day is May 18. Joel Stone will lead and meeting time is at 9:00 AM at the LVM Park shelter.
- "Slow Down Campaign" month is April. The Board discussed which streets to focus on this year; Starker is of some concern. The Board also needs help picking up signs from the police department and posting them in areas of speed.
- Elvehjem Membership drive is to begin next month. Banners will go up on the ENA signs for the length of the drive. Packets will go out to district coordinators in April.
- Brynwood Drive: With many persons visiting the house, parking is a concern as is loud music and comings and goings at all hours. Various parkers in front of the mailboxes are also a concern.
- Facebook page: The decision is still out. One concern would be keeping the page updated. Suggestion was to use an upcoming Board meeting to evaluate the Association's use of all of the following: the internet, the neighborhood calendar, blogs, and Facebook. Suggestions are welcome.

Submitted by: Susan Dow, Secretary.

**Elvehjem Woods Clean - Up**

Please meet at the Elvehjem Park Shelter at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 18 to help get rid of unwanted, invasive plants like garlic mustard and buckthorn.

Participants should bring gloves, pruners and bow saws if you have them.

Joel Stone will lead the work and help people identify plants. If you come late, look for people pulling up weeds and hacking down bushes behind the tennis courts.

**ENA Treasurer's Reports**

February 1—February 28, 2009

*Checking Balance Reported February 1, 2009:* ..... \$5,150.51

Receipts

Business Associate—Xer-Lith Printing ..... 125.00  
 Memberships ..... 48.00  
**Total Revenue:** ..... \$173.00

Disbursements

Safe Community Coalition—Slow Down Campaign ..... 35.00  
 Membership Drive Supplies (Pederson)..... 25.30  
 Echo Printing (Feb, 6 pgs) (Xer-Lith)..... 382.12  
 Echo Mailing (Feb, 6 pgs) (First Class Mailers) .... 485.65  
**Total Disbursements:** ..... \$928.07  
 Checking Balance Reported February 28, 2009: ... \$4,395.44  
 Certificates of Deposit face value + interest: ..... \$4,197.29  
 Total Cash & Equivalent February 28, 2009:..... \$8,592.73  
 Submitted by *Jeanne Rotter, Treasurer*

**2009-2010 ENA Board of Directors**

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**APPRECIATION OF ELVEHJEM STAFF**

Kudos to Elvehjem Principal "Craig" for his approaching my grandson and me on the playground during noon recess on March 16th. I'm certain he was "checking up" on this "strange" man and boy on the school grounds. He was most professional and cheerful during this encounter.

The school and parents should be thankful we have him looking after our children. *Jerry*

## 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.

**Babysitting:** I am 13 years old, trained in basic babysitting skills, first aid, and basic life support and experienced with toddlers and school age children; I'm available evenings, weekends, and this summer. Call Sawyer at 222-7803. (Expires 07/01/09)

**House Cleaning:** For busy couples, the elderly, and anyone who needs someone's extra help. I live in the neighborhood and do what you can't or don't have the time to accomplish. Call Mary at 445-9828.



The Elvehjem neighborhood welcomes Denise, Meadow, and Megan to our community. These 3 young women are relatively new to the Elvehjem area and are excited to be part of such an enriching and active community. They each receive assistance so that they can live independently and participate in various life and neighborhood activities.

Denise and Meadow moved into the neighborhood about 2 years ago, but have been roommates and friends for over 15 years.

Meadow has three jobs and has worked in the area since high school. In fact, many of you may have met her at the Pinney Branch Library where she shelves books and CDs. In her free time she enjoys going to the mall, visiting family, listening to music, and swimming.

Denise works part time in a dentist's office and also goes to the YMCA. She enjoys various sports activities such as swimming and basketball.

Megan is new to the area. She moved in with Denise and Meadow in December. It is her first time out on her own and away from her family. She is embracing her newfound independence. Megan attends McFarland High School during the week. Her special education program is working on helping Megan find a job she will enjoy after her graduation in June. Megan enjoys going out to eat, shopping, and sports in her free time.

If you live near the ladies you may have noticed some increased traffic on your street. Due to their disabilities, all three of the ladies require para-transit rides to get to and from work, school, community activities and medical appointments. In addition to the supports they receive from family and friends who stop by frequently to check in on them, they also receive 24 hour assistance from a residential support agency to get many of their daily needs met.

Meadow, Denise and Megan are thrilled to be taking a more active role in their community. You may bump into them at future events such as The Easter Egg Hunt. Don't be shy if you do—introduce yourself and get to know these wonderful young women.

## Thanks !!

### We Really Appreciate It !!

*Sentry Foods on Cottage Grove Road* for donating donuts & juice at our recent Annual Meeting; *Madison Gas & Electric* brought lots of information and a door prize; and thanks to *Talula Restaurant* on Atlas Avenue for their support.

### Elvehjem & Heritage Heights Neighborhood Associations' Euchre Party Results

Euchre event was lightly attended again this year. There were only 20 players (which is 5 teams of 4). All of us still had a great time.

1st Place winners were Don Duerst and Jeanne Rotter (our former ENA treasurer who once claimed not to know how to play Euchre very well...).

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## **SLOW DOWN CAMPAIGN**

School is out soon! ENA, with Safe Communities, is conducting a "Slow Down Campaign" April 27 - May 3.

As part of this campaign, yard signs will pop up in yards along Starker Avenue reminding motorists to "Slow Down, Watch for Kids."

We all need to slow down when children are present, because the faster vehicles travel, the more likely crashes are to occur and the more severe injuries will be.

Children are especially vulnerable due to their smaller stature.

- If a child pedestrian is hit by a car traveling at **20 mph**, **5%** are KILLED, most injuries are slight, and 30% suffer no injuries at all.
- At **30 mph**, **45%** are KILLED and many are injured.
- At **40 mph**, **85%** are KILLED.

According to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 5 to 14. Each year in the United States, nearly 900 children ages 14 and under die from pedestrian injuries and another 24,000 are injured in traffic-related crashes.

When child pedestrians are hit by cars, it's usually as they dart out between cars mid-block. That's not smart, but they're kids. Drive as if you're smarter than they are and slow down.

Please drive slowly and be on the lookout for kids!

### **Sewerage District Says "Thanks !"**

"Residents on Madison's east side who were impacted by our recent emergency repair project on Monona Drive are to be commended for their response to our request to minimize their water use during the repair. Their cooperation made our job easier and helped prevent what could have been a major public health and environmental issue."

From Jon W. Schellpfeffer, Chief Engineer and Director, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District