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Our Association's 42nd Year



"Prez Sez"

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

We had a wonderful July 4th celebration at Elvehjem Park this year! Thanks to all our volunteers, especially all those former Board members who showed up to help!! We all really appreciated your continued support. And thanks to our guests for making the work worthwhile. The weather was nice and we filled a lot of stomachs with BBQ and hot dogs. Thankfully no stomachs were emptied in the bounce house. And thanks for the quick aid by Fire Department Paramedics for a Board member.

ELVEHJEM GARAGE SALE & FUTURE EVENTS

Our neighborhood garage sale is August 7 and 8. After that, our next big events will include the Halloween Bonfire on October 31 and a holiday celebration in December. We'll keep you posted in the Echo.

VANDALISM

I have been notified that there has been an increase in vandalism occurring at LVM Elementary School this summer. If you live by or travel near the school, please keep an eye out and call the police if you notice anything suspicious.

Happy garage sale-ing!

Kate Strom, ENA President

Gypsy Moth Concerns

Following is some internet information for neighbors concerned with gypsy moths:

- ♦ The official Wisconsin Gypsy Moth website is at: <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov>.
- ♦ Background: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/gypsymoth/history.cfm>
- ♦ Steps homeowners can take: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/gypsymoth/homeowners.cfm>

CALENDAR

- ♦ **August 5, 2009** **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM East Precinct Police Station
- ♦ **August 7 & 8, 2009** **ENA Garage Sale**
Sign-up sheet on back page.
- ♦ **August 19, 2009** **Art Cart**
1:30 – 4:30 PM Acewood Park

LOST — HAVE YOU FOUND?

If anyone found a silver Canon digital camera in a black case during our July 4 Celebration, please contact a Board member (see the list on page 2) so it can be returned to its owner. Thanks!

SMOKE ALARM ORDINANCE UPDATE

[Provided by the Madison Fire Department.]

Smoke alarms have become as common as light fixtures in many homes and apartments. Over 96% of all homes in the United States have at least one smoke alarm. These life-saving devices provide the early warning needed to escape the heat and toxic smoke produced by a fire.

Unfortunately, many of those alarms cannot provide that early warning because of missing or dead batteries. In 2000-2004, no smoke alarms were present or none operated in 46% of the reported home fires in the United States. Smoke alarms must be installed and must be working to save lives!

On March 3, 2009, the Madison Common Council approved changes to the smoke alarm ordinance in the City of Madison. The changes are highlighted below and the ordinance in its entirety is available at: www.madisonfire.org

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THANK YOU to all our July 4th Celebration Sponsors & Donors !

PAPA BEARS BBQ, Cottage Grove Rd.

SENTRY FOODS, Cottage Grove Rd.

CULVERS, Cottage Grove Rd.

MADISON MALLARDS

TALULA RESTAURANT, Cottage Grove Rd.

MADISON FIRE DEPARTMENT

SPOT LIQUOR, Cottage Grove

HOSTESS

GREEN BAY PACKERS

A-TO-Z RENTALL

SMART MOTORS-Mike Digman

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PDQ, Buckeye Rd.

CITGO, Cottage Grove Rd.

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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.

"COUNTY CORNER"

By Dane County Supervisor Dave de Felice, District 1

Having recently observed the 4th of July, and knowing the wonderful job the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association does with its annual Independence Day celebration, it's plain to see what makes neighborhoods and communities work: citizen participation, something uniquely American and as old a tradition as the country from which it was born.

Not long after the original Independence Day, a French historian visited America intrigued by the "experiment" with democracy. Later, Alexis de Tocqueville would presciently write in his book "Democracy in America" that America is a "nation of joiners."

To varying degrees, it's true today. Remarkably, 8 of every 10 Americans belong to an association or volunteer group. Madison is no stranger to citizen participation; it's wryly noted that when Madison encounters a problem its first step is to form a committee. Citizen groups are the core of participatory democracy, they're the basic building blocks of democracy.

Madison is honeycombed with more than 100 neighborhood associations, and they're a force to be reckoned with, engaging government, school districts, businesses,

planners and developers, sometimes to the perturbation of those sitting on the other side of the table. Invariably, the results are positive—for all concerned.

When I helped start such a group in my neighborhood, the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association, it led to numerous improvements; the city built a neighborhood park in response to our request. Now, two more parks are in the works. There are garage sales, 4th of July events, holiday decorating contests and many more events. We have shaped commercial and residential development and roads and bike paths in our area. Your Elvehjem Neighborhood Association was used as our model, the example we took in building our organization.

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Neighborhood Discounts

HospiceCare Grief Support Groups

HospiceCare Inc. will begin grief support group series and offer a recurring support group for those grieving the death of a loved one. HospiceCare will also offer an informational seminar for caregivers. All groups are open to the public and free of charge. Groups require pre-registration and are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson Hospice-Care Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, in Madison, unless otherwise noted. To register, call HospiceCare at (608) 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor. The groups are "**Child Loss Group**", "**Mother Loss Support Group**", "**Bridges Weekly Support Group**" and "**Fears About Caregiving**".

ENA Board Meeting

Minutes—July 3, 2009

(NOTE: Minutes appearing in the Echo are edited for space.)

The Board meeting on July 3 was held at Elvehjem Park. It was a working meeting during which the members and volunteers (thank you!!) prepared for the following day's July 4th Celebration. No minutes were taken.

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. 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.

Lawn Mowing: I am 15 years old and looking for a summer job mowing lawns. I use my own lawn mower and gas and can mow any size lawn. I am available weekdays during the day. Call Casey at 222-3585 or 843-3387. (Expires 10/01/09)

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- ◆ By August 15, 2009, all residential buildings within the City of Madison, with the exception of owner-occupied single family homes, shall have smoke alarms in place which meet one of the following requirements:
 - Hardwired smoke alarm with a battery backup
 - Smoke alarm powered by a non-replaceable, non-removable battery capable of powering the smoke alarm for a minimum of ten years.
- ◆ By August 15, 2010 all owner-occupied single-family residences shall install smoke alarms that meet the criteria of this ordinance.
- ◆ Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following areas of all residential buildings:
 - In each bedroom
 - In each sleeping area
 - Within six feet of each door leading to a bedroom or sleeping area of each unit
 - On each floor of the building
- ◆ The owner of any residential building shall replace the battery in **hardwired smoke alarms** each time the lease is renewed or as recommended by the manufacturer, whichever time is shorter.
- ◆ Unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer, no smoke alarm shall remain in service longer than ten years.
- ◆ Fire safety education is required for all tenants upon each new lease and at least once every 12 months for continuing tenants.

This is merely a highlight of the approved ordinance and does not cover it in its entirety. Please visit our Web site at <http://www.madisonfire.org> or call us at (608) 266-4420 for further details.

EAST POLICE DISTRICT NEWS

Sign Up for the East Police District Newsletter

You may sign up for the Madison East Police District Newsletter at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/Police/east/>.

Survey of Neighborhood Perspectives On Crime & the Police

Captain Tom Snyder of the East Police District asks Elvehjem neighborhood residents to take 5 minutes and complete an online survey the District will use to gauge how it is meeting the needs of the area. The survey is easy and quick to complete and will alert the District personnel to issues that need more or less attention. The survey is at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=LnpW02HdPg2pxUB3Sv7O0A_3d_3d

(Note: the character after "W" is zero; that after "7" is the letter "O".)

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Unfortunately, it has come to my attention through newsletters, word of mouth, and my own experience that participation in neighborhood associations on the far east side is lagging. Fewer new people are stepping up to volunteer, and current members are serving longer terms. Locally, one board is without a president for the next year.

These are busy times. The economy is faltering. And family comes first. But, it's important to remember that giving an hour or two a week can make a tremendous difference. Volunteer work is good for the heart and spirit, and the community. A wise person once said, "If we all give a little, we all give a lot."

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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. 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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Sign Up
Deadline July 31

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 sale participants.

2009 ANNUAL ELVEHJEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GARAGE SALE

Friday, August 7 & Saturday, August 8

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Your Address: _____

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

