

Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 42nd Year



"Prez Sez"

HALLOWEEN

I hope everyone had a wonderful Halloween! I'm writing this a couple weeks before our neighborhood bonfire, so I'm hoping for good weather.

Thanks to Walgreens at Acewood and Cottage Grove for again donating candy.

And thanks to all volunteers who helped out—we depend on your assistance and it is always appreciated!

HOLIDAY PLANNING

We have already started planning for our holiday celebration and decorating contest and will have more information in the December Echo. We're checking on Santa's availability during the first couple weeks of December—it is a busy time for him.

We would like to do a sing-along again for all residents, including kids, and then have an informal get-together at a restaurant/bar establishment afterwards for adults in the neighborhood. I love our family-centric events, but I'm also trying to think of more options for all types of neighborhood residents. Any ideas are welcome!

ANNUAL MEETING

And for those of you who like to plan ahead, our annual neighborhood meeting will be held on March 13 at the East District Police Station community room.

A couple board members and I will be leaving the board at that time, so we hope to add a few new faces that day, too! If you're thinking about joining but have some questions, please contact any board member for information.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Kate Strom, ENA President

Be A Block Captain!

Please

We have a wonderful group of volunteers that make our annual spring membership drive successful. Thank you all again so much!

We currently have over 500 active member households supporting the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association. However, our membership numbers have been decreasing the past few years, and we need more help.

For the membership drive in April 2010, we need to fill several block captain slots. If you become a block captain, you will re-

CALENDAR

- ◆ **November 4, 2009** **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **March 13, 2010** **ENA Annual Meeting**
East Precinct Police Station

Contact a Board member with your comments or questions concerning a subject affecting our neighborhood. You're invited to attend any ENA board meeting.

ceive a packet in late March with forms and information ready to distribute to your assigned area.

Anytime throughout the month of April, stop by the homes in your area to hand out neighborhood information and membership forms and collect dues (or direct them to mail it in). Any dues and forms you receive should be returned to your district coordinator at the end of April.

The drive is laid back and a great way to get to know your neighbors! And you don't have to live in the block area to be a block captain—please volunteer if you live nearby or just want to help out.

Below is a list of block captain slots that we need to fill:

Blk #	Addresses	Distribution Count
◆ 1E ...1013-1137	Acewood Blvd	25 households
◆ 1F ...4605-4813	Meredith Ave.....	18 households
◆ 1I.....1130-1222	Woodvale Dr	14 households
◆ 2A ...1121-1176	Fleetwood Ave	20 households
◆ 2F ...4801-4837	Eldorado Ln.....	16 households
◆ 4A ...1501-1618	Brynwood Dr	22 households
◆ 5B ...4802-4934	E. Buckeye Rd	11 households
◆ 5E ...1401-1634	Angel Crest Way ...	25 households
◆ 6B ...1506-1714	Homberg Ln	20 households
◆ 6G...5206-5313	Starker Ave	11 households
◆ 8A ...1002-1118	Bay Ridge Rd.....	25 households
◆ 8D ...1001-1122	S. Thompson Dr....	30 households
◆ 9D ...1602-1730	Grafton Rd	17 households
◆ 9F ...1-22	Coffey Cir	10 households
◆ 9G...1601-1726	S. Thompson Dr....	14 households

Please contact Kate Strom at 223-0678 or kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org with questions or to volunteer. We'd really appreciate your help.

ENA Board Meeting

Minutes—October 7, 2009

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

Present: Tim, Valerie, Doug, Kate, Mike D, Christina, and Ryan.

Minutes: Last meeting's minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mike went over Treasurers' report and Budget Review; group approved.

Neighborhood Signs:

- ◆ The one near the Interstate is still backwards. Board will follow-up to rectify.
- ◆ Planting at neighborhood signs was planned but is now put on hold due to bees. Valerie, Christina, and Kate will do next spring.

Membership: Kate reported:

- ◆ About 20 members down.
- ◆ Approximately 1700 households, 521 members.

Board Officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary positions will be open next year. Switchover is normally at annual meeting in March.

Halloween Bonfire:

- ◆ Sat Oct 31, 6:30 to 8. About 100 people last year.
- ◆ Mike has permits and insurance items taken care of.
- ◆ Jim will work with Rudy who will let us use the hose.
- ◆ Kate will notify Judy Compton.
- ◆ Valarie will buy hot chocolate.
- ◆ Art Coffee pot, keys.
- ◆ Mike put signs up today.

Holiday Celebration/Sing-Along:

- ◆ Started discussion on what we will do for Holiday Celebration – Board is open to suggestions.
- ◆ Kate will get a reminder in the Echo for December.

Last Month's Updates:

- ◆ Updates about block captains and membership drive.
- ◆ Tom Murray is currently updating the website.
- ◆ Neighborhood directory?
- ◆ Identify costs/privacy issues, start exploring feasibility.
- ◆ Jeanne, business associates program: Need someone to continue to help with the program. Christina volunteered to communicate to Jeanne to do the mailing. Christina will get a list for follow-up.

Library Meeting: We sent an alert email to neighbors.

Sex-Offender Meeting Scheduled: We sendt an alert email notice to neighbors.

Intra-Board Communications: Check e-mail addresses for validity and send any updates to Steve.

Dog Park Party: Discussion about doing next spring.

Submitted by: Ryan McKee.

2009-2010 ENA Board of Directors

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COMMENTS FROM A NEW NEIGHBOR

The following comments were given to the Board by a new neighbor:

"I purchased a home in the neighborhood in early August. I wanted to let you know that since I've moved in I've found my neighbors to be really great. At least 6 or 7 of them have stopped by to introduce themselves to me—one of them even brought me muffins. Many of them have shared stories about the neighborhood and my home. They have also offered to answer any questions I have about the neighborhood and told me I could ask them if I needed help with anything. This has meant a lot to me. It's hard to be 'the new kid on the block' but they have made me feel very welcome. I am looking forward to getting to know all of them better and meeting more neighbors! At my previous home, where I lived for 17 years, I didn't know as many of my neighbors as I have met here in just a couple of months. I just want to say 'thank-you' to all of them for making the effort to introduce themselves. It was very thoughtful of them and I really appreciated it. I'm sure I will enjoy being a part of the Elvehjem neighborhood."

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Home Health United Meals-On-Wheels delivers the noon meal every day to elderly and homebound residents in Madison, Monona, and Middleton. We are always in need of new volunteers.

A route takes about an hour with very specific instructions to each recipient's home. We have 4 pickup points in Madison and will adapt to any schedule you may have. This is a great family activity and can also be used as community service hours for individuals, scout groups or service groups.

Contact Sue Barker at 276-7598 for more information.

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.

Lost: Silver digital Sony camera lost on October 18th, possibly along Woodvale Dr., Academy Dr., or on the Elvehjem School play ground. Reward will be given for its return. Please contact Robert at 222-4611.

LAFOLLETTE VOLLEYBALL SEASON A SUCCESS

As of mid-October, LaFollette High School's girls volleyball team's 2009-10 season record was 34 wins against only 5 losses!

Crystal Graff, a young woman who lives in our neighborhood, is a prominent member of that successful LaFollette volleyball team. A junior this year, she's recently committed to play for the UW-Madison volleyball team when she enters college. Crystal chose UW after attending a volleyball camp this summer where she met some of her future teammates.

Crystall had a back injury that sidelined her last year, but she took the time off to get stronger and her whole game is now better; she's more agile, jumping higher, and hitting harder.

"COUNTY CORNER"

By Dane County Supervisor Dave de Felice, District 1

As the leaves turn glorious colors and fall onto the yards and lawns of Dane County residents, it's time to "Love Your Lakes, Don't Leaf Them." The Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership shares the following easy tips for easy leaf clean up that help prevent algae-feeding nutrients and decaying organic matter from reaching lakes, rivers and streams. For more information, contact Marcia Hartwig, Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership, 224-3746, info@myfairlakes.com.

TIPS FOR LEAF CLEAN UP TO HELP OUR LAKES, RIVERS & STREAMS

Keep leaves out of the street: Leaves in the street get washed directly to lakes and streams when it rains. Even if the leaves never move, rain water running over and through them makes and carries a nutrient-rich tea directly to the storm drains and lakes and streams. When you see someone keeping leaves out of the street and gutter, you know they are helping to keep algae-feeding nutrients out of our surface waters.

Mulch: Probably the simplest and easiest thing to do is to use your lawn mower to mulch leaves directly on your

lawn. These shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer returning nutrients to your lawn. If you prefer to bag your grass clippings and shredded leaves, you can empty them on your vegetable and flowerbeds or around your trees and shrubs to help suppress weeds.

Compost: Save time, money and water and improve your gardens and the environment by turning leaves into "black gold." Go to www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/publications/recycle/publsw072.pdf to learn more about composting. If you don't have the room in your yard, you can take your leaves to one of the three County compost sites. Go to www.countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/compost_sites.aspx for more information.

Rake: If you rake, pile leaves on the terrace, not in the street. Covering the piles with a tarp helps to prevent them from blowing around and reduce nutrients that can leach from them during a rain. Check with your municipality for curbside collection dates and set-out requirements so that your leaves are at the curb for as short a time as possible. It's important to contact your municipality as some require leaves be placed in a bag or container while others don't.

Go to <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/home.managlt.pdf> for great ideas on turning leaves and other yard "wastes" into valuable, useful amendments for your yard and gardens.

"Love Your Lakes, Don't Leaf Them" is an annual campaign started in 2003 by several watershed groups in central Dane County and the Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership. The campaign focuses on the importance of keeping leaves out of the streets and storm drains to protect and improve the quality of our lakes, rivers and streams. For more information or to obtain yard signs and brochures, visit www.myfairlakes.com or call 224-3746.

County Supervisor. Dave de Felice

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

We've heard some concerns lately from neighborhood residents about thefts and suspicious activities in the area.

If you and surrounding neighbors are interested in more information about a neighborhood watch program, please contact Jane Lombardo, City of Madison Crime Prevention Officer, at 266-4238 or jlombardo@cityofmadison.com.

Over 30 Neighborhood Watch Areas are scattered throughout the City of Madison. Neighborhood Watch is a security system through which neighbors on the same block can work together to help deter crime by observing and reporting suspicious activities to the Madison Police Department.

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HospiceCare Groups

HospiceCare Inc. will offer grief support groups in November and an informational seminar for caregivers. All groups are open to the public, are free of charge, require pre-registration, and are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison (unless otherwise noted). Call HospiceCare at (608) 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

Pet Loss Support Group will be held Tuesdays, November 3–December 1, from 6:00–7:30 PM. The group will meet at Memorial Pet Services, 4319 Twin Valley Road, Middleton.

Journey Through Grief will be held Tuesdays, November 3–December 15, from 4:00–6:00 PM.

Grief Education/Support Group for Men will be held Wednesdays, November 4–December 9 from 6:00–8:00 PM (*this group will not meet November 25*).

Spouse/Partner Loss Support Group will be held Mondays,

November 9–December 7, from 6:00–8:00 PM.

Young Widow's Support Group will be held Thursday, November 5, from 7:00–9:00 PM at San Damiano's, 4123 Monona Drive in Madison.

Caregiving Through the Holidays: 10 Ways to Reduce Stress will be held November 17, from 6:30–8:00 PM.

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References Available Upon Request

Thank you, *Michael Gerl*, Owner