

# Elvehjem Echo

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Founded March, 1968  
*Our Association's 42nd Year*



## "Prez Sez"

### HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

I hope to see everyone at the Holiday Sing-Along on December 10 at Messiah Lutheran Church, as well as at the "after party" at Talula.

Anytime after 8:00 that night, anyone interested is welcome to an informal get-together in the bar area of Talula at 802 Atlas Avenue. We'll have an Elvehjem sign out to mark our spot.

Sing-along and \*SANTA\* details are noted elsewhere in the Echo.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR

In other news, the Board has been reflecting on a very successful year. We had record attendance at our Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Bonfire (requiring multiple runs to the store for cookies and several refills of hot water for cocoa) and great turnouts for our July 4 Celebration and other events.

Also, of the 1,600 or so households in our neighborhood, we had over 500 memberships, which help us provide the events - most for free - and distribute the Echo throughout the year. We're looking forward to a wonderful 2010!

I would like to again thank our volunteers and board members for giving their time to help make the Elvehjem neighborhood a vibrant community!

If anyone is interested in becoming a board member or helping with coordinating a specific event, please contact any board member or drop in to any board meeting—no strings attached - to learn more.

This is a combined December-January Echo, so look for the next one at the beginning of February.

***Enjoy the Holiday season and Happy New Year!***

***Kate Strom, ENA President***

## Be A Block Captain!

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

For the membership drive next April, we need to fill several block captain slots. As a block captain, you'll receive a packet in late March with forms and information ready to distribute to

### CALENDAR

- ◆ **December 2, 2009**    **Monthly Board Meeting**  
7:00 PM    East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **December 10, 2009**    **Holiday Sing-Along**  
6:30—8:15 PM    Messiah Lutheran Church  
*See More Inside*
- ◆ **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.*

your assigned area.

During 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.

Here 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
◆ 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](mailto:kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org) with questions or to volunteer. We'd really appreciate your help.

### ENA Board Meeting

#### Minutes—November 4, 2009

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

**Present:** Kate, Art, Sue, Valerie, Mike D, and Christina.

**Minutes & Treasurer's Report:** October meeting minutes and Treasurer's report were approved.

**Advertising:** Advertising Policy and possible price list changes were discussed. Consensus was not to increase these fees at this time

**Pricing for Echo Inserts:** Xerlith does not always do the printing on inserts; some choose to have their inserts printed by other parties. However, Xerlith collates them into the mailing. Mailing costs have gone up and will be going up again soon, and already increase with 6 to 7 pages for a full Echo, so the suggestion to go to a price of \$200 for inserts was approved. Mike will make the updates to the necessary documents.

Discussion occurred of who's "keeping the books". Right now, Jeanne Rotter does so, but prefers to bow out. Doug was mentioned and all approved that if he'll agree, he's it.

**Holiday Sing-Along:** Messiah Lutheran Church is available and so is the choice; we will make the usual \$50.00 donation to the church.

The date will be either December 8<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> depending on Santa's availability

The time will be from 6:30 PM to 8 PM; Santa usually arrives shortly after 7 PM.

The Board went through our checklist to determine who'll fulfill all the tasks such as arranging refreshments, working the furniture around, etc.

Talula says it's fine for any neighbors who would like to

### 2009-2010 ENA Board of Directors

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go to Talula's after the Sing-Along for a little holiday cheer.

**Holiday Decorating Contest.** Sue and Steve will be judging again, probably about December 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. So light up on those days everyone, if you can!

**Business Associates Program:** Mike and Christina will be working on shaping this up.

**Membership Drive.** The drive is scheduled for April. Materials will be gotten to block captains in March.

Decision was made to NOT raise the dues—enough economic problems to avoid this if necessary.

There's a possibility of achieving more businesses donating materials, such as Menard's, Woodman's, Farm and Fleet, Sentry, and Walgreen's, which would include "green bags" for the drive. Most important is face to face contact by the block captains with the neighbors on the block. The board will be looking into an alternative to the plastic bags we now use.

**Halloween Bonfire:** The bonfire party lasted from approximately 7 PM to 7:45 PM. Based on hot chocolate consumption, we think there were approximately 120 people who attended. Both the full moon and Jim's fire made for a great Halloween.

We need a spreadsheet to make sure we know what we're spending on this event. Mike will add in the figures.

**Annual Meeting:** Our annual meeting will be on March 13, 2010 from 10 AM to 12 PM at the East Side Police Station. This information should go in the Echo well in advance and probably be repeated more than once.

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## 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.

**Found:** Women's watch in my children's trick-or-treat bag from TWO years ago. If you lost your watch on Halloween in 2007 while passing out candy, please call Janet at 221-4171 to describe.

**For Sale:** 1960s blonde solid oak wood hutch (great condition, \$125); 1920s round oak double pedestal kitchen table with 6 chairs (\$150); 1940s Kroeler vanity & stool (\$100); lighted glass curio cabinet, arched wood top w/ stained glass (good condition, \$125). Call Katy at 576-6804.

**Bulletin Board vs. Website.** Board members decided this is worth further discussion.

**Echo Advertising:** Question was asked whether advertisers who want to put in an Echo ad monthly would be ok, or whether that would be seen as the Board endorsing any particular organization, retail establishment or church. The decision was that the Echo editorial policy is carried in every single Echo, and if any given advertiser understands and abides by this policy, there should be no problem.

**Echo Issue.** The Board decided that a good Echo entry for the future would be to list out the Association events, and to mention how FREE they are.

**Sexual Predator Follow-Up Meeting.** Tim, Valerie and Doug attended. Two items of note: (1) Wisconsin does not have a law related to predators living within a certain distance of a school; (2) a Department of Corrections person reported that with a requirement to register, registration drops from 90 % to approximately 40 to 50%.

Submitted by: Susan Dow, Secretary

(l-r) Shelly Trowbridge, Darcy Burke, Rep. Joe Parisi, and Kelli Betsinger with her husband, Joel, and sons, Noah and Jalen, in the Assembly Parlor after the presentation of the Hometown Hero Award on October 20, 2009. See page 4 for details.



# Elvehjem Holiday Sing-Along

## DECEMBER 10, 2009

Messiah Lutheran Church  
5002 Cottage Grove Road

Downstairs  
in Fellowship Hall

### 6:30—8:15 PM



#### ENA Publication Policies

Neither attachment of political ads nor inclusion of business ads constitute endorsement. Opinions expressed in *ECHO* articles are not necessarily those of the ENA Board. The Board may refuse publication of whatever the Board deems unfit for reasons of language or general content.

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### Sunday services at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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Children's service, featuring *Big City Studio*, for kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade children, held during the 10:30 am service.

Programming throughout the week for children, youth, college and singles, families and prime timers (50+).

### Candle Light Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 pm

### Family Movie Night, December 11, 7:00 pm



Double Feature: *Veggie Tales Saint Nicholas*  
and *A Muppet Christmas Carol*

Free movie on the big screen! Open to the public.



**Elvehjem Neighborhood Association**  
**PO Box 14625**  
**Madison, Wisconsin**  
**53708-0625**

## **SANTA VISITS** ▶

We've been alerted that Mr. Santa Claus plans to visit children's homes in the Elvehjem neighborhood on Friday, December 18, 2009. To arrange such visits call (ASAP) Santa's local contact person, Dennis, at 221-3865. (**NOTE:** *When calling Dennis, please speak only to an adult at that number as some younger residents there may be "confused" about the purpose of the call.*)

### **Neighborhood Women Honored**

Rep. Joe Parisi nominated neighborhood residents, Kelli Betsinger, Darcy Burke, and Shelly Trowbridge as the first Hometown Heroes of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session. The award is presented to citizens demonstrating a commitment and dedication to their community.

Kelli's son, Noah, and others with disabilities at Elvehjem Elementary School could not join classmates on the playground. These women formed LVM Dreams Big to bring the first barrier free Boundless Playground to Wisconsin. It took years of fundraising, grant writing, soliciting labor, materials, and support the community. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Wisconsin Assembly honored Kelli, Darcy, and Shelly for their efforts.

*See the picture on page 3.*

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Thank you, *Michael Gerl*, Owner