

Elvehjem Echo

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Founded March, 1968
Our Association's 42nd Year



"Prez Sez"

YOU ARE INVITED — ANNUAL MEETING

Everyone is welcome to attend the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association annual meeting on Saturday, March 13, from 10:00 to noon. It will be held in the community room in the East District Police Station at Cottage Grove Road and Thompson Drive. Every year we try to have speakers discuss relevant topics for neighborhood residents and we will again:

- ◆ Updates from our city council alder, Elvehjem Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization, and police department.
- ◆ We've invited both contenders for our district's county board position.
- ◆ We'll be joined by Madison Gas & Electric staff to discuss home energy conservation tips and introduce us to the Green Power Neighborhood Challenge. If our area has the most homes sign up for the challenge, the neighborhood association will win \$1,000!
- ◆ We'll also be adding new board members at this meeting (but we can add members anytime throughout the year, too).

MEMBERSHIP

The board members and other volunteers get busier in the springtime. Keep an eye out for block captains stopping by your house during the month of April. They'll be distributing membership forms and you can pay them when they stop by or mail in your form. We hope to get at least 600 memberships this year, so please help us meet that goal! Membership is only \$12 for the year and goes toward our events (which are all free to attend), the monthly newsletter, and general management (insurance, permits, etc.). Rather than using plastic bags this year, we will be giving everyone a reusable shopping bag as a way to thank you for your support! (If you attend the annual meeting on March 13, membership is only \$10!)

EAST EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3, at Acewood Park at 10:00 AM sharp. The Easter Bunny will be here again!

I will be leaving the board this month, but will likely join again someday. I have met a lot of great people in the neighborhood and really enjoyed volunteering my time for neighborhood events. A huge **THANK YOU** to my fellow board members and the volunteers who help out with all our activities!

Kate Strom, ENA President

CALENDAR

- ◆ **March 3, 2009** **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **March 13, 2010** **ENA Annual Meeting**
10:00 AM—Noon East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **April 3, 2010** **ENA Easter Egg Hunt**
10:00 AM (sharp) Acewood Park
[Note: No toilet facilities.]

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

REMEMBER !!
ELVEHJEM NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2010

Block Captains Needed

We need to fill several block captain slots for the April membership drive.

Blk # Addresses

- ◆ 1E ...1013-1137 Acewood Blvd
- ◆ 1F ...4605-4813 Meredith Ave
- ◆ 1I.....1130-1222 Woodvale Dr
- ◆ 2A ...1121-1176 Fleetwood Ave
- ◆ 2F ...4801-4837 Eldorado Ln
- ◆ 4A ...1501-1618 Brynwood Dr
- ◆ 5B ...4802-4934 E. Buckeye Rd
- ◆ 5E ...1401-1634 Angel Crest Way
- ◆ 6G...5206-5313 Starker Ave
- ◆ 8A ...1002-1118 Bay Ridge Rd
- ◆ 8D ...1001-1122 S. Thompson Dr
- ◆ 9D ...1602-1730 Grafton Rd
- ◆ 9F ...1-22 Coffey Cir
- ◆ 9G...1601-1726 S. Thompson Dr

To volunteer or for information, contact Kate Strom at 223-0678 or kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org. We'd really appreciate your help.

ENA Board Meetings

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

Minutes—February 3, 2010

Present: Kate, Ryan, Sue, Tim, Doug, Art, Mike, & Christina

December & January Minutes: Minutes were approved.

December Treasurer's Report: Accepted.

2009 and 2010 Budgets: Mike presented a "working document" and lots of information about how the 2009 budget worked out and explained where line items are changing and why. Some items:

- ◆ Because the Easter Egg Hunt doesn't raise any revenue, in 2009 the event cost us \$73.00, so for next year, we will budget a \$100.00 loss.
- ◆ Though to-date piano players have donated their services for the holiday sing-a-long, we kept an expense amount in the budget should that good fortune not continue. We project a \$470 deficit for the coming year compared to the \$440 deficit projected for this year.

For 2009, we came within \$9 of our estimate, and the deficit amount of \$431.26 was \$9 under the projected deficit. Budget summary sheets will be available at the annual meeting.

Careful review of the budget prompted other areas of discussion related to cost savings and revenue that may be uncertain.

One concerned publishing the Echo newsletter every other month instead of every month. This would omit months where information needs to go out in a timely fashion about upcoming events. In 2009, we skipped the March and August Echoes with no apparent negative outcome, but since one of the Board's major goals is to keep neighbors informed about neighborhood and city issues and events, the adopted plan was to continue with monthly issues unless we run into revenue problems.

The budget was approved unanimously.

Membership Drive Bag Requests: Feelers are out to multiple vendors, most of whom have agreed to donate some "green" bags. The issue now is collecting bags by mid-March at the latest, so we can have an accurate count and can figure out plan-B if we come up short. Bring the bags either to Kate's house or arrange to have them taken to the storage unit.

Annual Meeting: We will meet March 13th from 10 to noon at the East District Police Station. The room is reserved from 9:00 to 1:00 for set-up/take-down. Anyone able to help with the with set-up should show up between 9:00 and 9:30 AM.

The food request from Sentry is done. Art will bring the coffee maker, hot water, coffee, and cocoa, and will pick up cups, napkins, and spoons from the storage unit.

Anyone wishing to complete a new membership at the annual meeting instead of waiting for the drive will receive a price reduction of \$10.

2009-2010 ENA Board of Directors

President:	<u>Kate Strom</u> , 4718 Steinhauer Trail 223-0678 kate@elvehjemneighborhood.org
Vice-President:	<u>Art Meyer</u> 1629 Deerwood Drive 442-7636 art@elvehjemneighborhood.org
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Secretary:	<u>Susan Dow</u> 21 Vinje Court 223-9309 susan@elvehjemneighborhood.org
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<u>Valerie Clemen</u>	11 Jaarsma Court 222-2810
<u>Doug DiVilbiss</u>	1 Dinauer Court 217-5371

Kate presented a draft agenda for the meeting and a draft handout detailing the 2009 events the neighborhood planned and held. She will add a list of upcoming events and space for volunteers to sign up for any of these events.

We discussed who the new president and vice president will be. The by-laws require these two positions be held by persons who have been on the Board for at least a year; so, as it stands now, Mike will be president and Ryan will be vice-president. Other officers will be decided at the annual meeting, though we already have a volunteer in Doug to be the next treasurer.

Neighborhood Sign: Once the weather turns reasonable enough to expect a fix, Art will work with the city to get the sign facing the correct direction.

Business Associates: Mennenga Tax and Financial Services has signed up and their informational article was in February's Echo. Christina has also received a phone call from a local photographer who wants to be a business associate, so we may have more interest.

Bios: Some board members still need to submit bios for the Echo. Please email those to Steve as soon as possible.

CORRECTION: In last month's Echo, Tim Duffy's biography was inaccurately labeled with his name as "Patrick". Apparently he sent in his full name and the Echo editor picked what he thought was the right name. (Editor's Note: Yes, I did—my apologies to Tim!)

Easter Egg Hunt. Banners need to go up in mid-March. We need to: get the event sign, costume, and eggs from storage; contact the police for their possible presence given slow traffic; buy about 200 bags of cookies; be sure we have volunteers for setting up the eggs and being the bunny; get date and time into the March and April Echoes. The hunt will start at 10:00 AM sharp. All neighbors are welcome to help and participate.

Next Meeting: Traffic circle information and discussion of adding vendors who donate to our events to our Echo mailing list

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. ENA member notices have priority. Notices may be edited. Send requests to ENA, PO Box 14625, Madison, 53708-0625; or deposit in Echo mailbox at 21 Vinje Court; or newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

Local Chorus Forming: Elvehjem resident interested in forming a chorus in the neighborhood. Have fun singing without going far from the neighborhood. I have a potential director and accompanist identified. If interested, contact Lucy at 221-3258 or email lucygibson@yahoo.com

Small Dog Playgroup: A small dog (25 lbs. or less) playgroup is now available in Madison. Most play dates will be free. Indoor and/or outdoor play all year. Email ENA member mona_sydd_yma@yahoo.com for information.

Attend the ENA Annual Meeting
Become a member — save \$2.00 off
the regular membership fee.

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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HAITI AID through YWAM

(Youth With a Mission)

Lake City Church is partnering with YWAM Madison and their team in Haiti, who are currently housing 6,000 Haitians left homeless by the earthquake. That number will grow. Our goal is to rapidly supply, stage, and ship containers of relief supplies from Madison to the Port of St. Marc to support that housing effort. If you would like to join us, you may drop off the following items at Lake City Church during office hours or on Sunday morning. The needs include: canned or bulk food items, rice, beans, cooking oil, tomato paste, spaghetti/pasta, soap, charcoal, generators, work lights, tarps, tents, tin roofing material. This project will continue as long as there is need. For more information, call the Lake City Church office, 221-1528.

Dane County Board Supervisor

Supv. Dave de Felice

(Dave day full-LEE-chay)



Family and Neighborhood

- ◆ Madison resident of 20 years
- ◆ Built a home in the 16th District
- ◆ Co-founder - McClellan Park Neighborhood Association
- ◆ Helped establish McClellan Park
- ◆ Three daughters attended Kennedy, Whitehorse, La Follette schools
- ◆ Coached Kennedy Little League Girls Softball

County Board Initiatives

- ◆ Author - Home Loan Program (HELP). Elderly property tax assistance
- ◆ Author - "10 by 2010" Energy Reduction Initiative
- ◆ Author - Incentives to purchase energy efficient CFL lightbulbs
- ◆ Author - Ordinance that reduced speed limit on E. Buckeye Rd.
- ◆ Author - Resolution to cut 37-member County Board in half

Community*

- ◆ Volunteer - Friends of Pinney Branch Library
- ◆ Volunteer - Helping Others Prevent and Educate about Suicide (HOPES)
- ◆ Supporter - Boundless Playground Elvehjem Elementary School
- ◆ Member - State DOT Stoughton Rd. Policy Advisory Committee
- ◆ Member - Stoughton Road Revitalization Project
- ◆ Member - DCRA Airport Commission
- ◆ Member - Dane County Comprehensive Plan Committee
- ◆ Presenter - Leadership Greater Madison (LGM) Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Advocate for Mental Health

* Past and present memberships

Vote for Dave
April 6th

Endorsements

- ◆ County Exec. Kathleen Falk
- ◆ DA Brian Blanchard
- ◆ Sheriff Dave Mahoney
- ◆ Sheriff's Deputies Assn.
- ◆ Southcentral Fed. Of Labor (SCFL)
- ◆ Fred Arnold - LVM resident; past president, Madison Common Council
- ◆ County Supv. Shelia Stubbs



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NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

After many years of doing the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association's newsletter, The Echo, our current editor wishes to retire. If you've got some general computer skills and some knowledge of where a comma belongs, you can do this job. The Association uses Microsoft Publisher for the newsletter; a copy will be provided for you and we'll give you some basic training. It is a very intuitive program—if you can handle email and MS Word, Publisher is a snap. Call a Board member if you'd like to try your hand.

HospiceCare

Question & Answer Seminar

Learn what hospice is and who is eligible at HospiceCare's next question-and-answer seminar, "Making the Hospice Choice."

Participants will learn about the many hospice services and programs and how choosing hospice means choosing a higher quality of life.

This free seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison.

Pre-registration is requested. Please call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs, at (608) 327-7202.

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Thank you, *Michael Gerl*, Owner