

# Elvehjem Echo

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*Our Association's 42nd Year*



## "Prez Sez"

Hello Neighbors! I'm Mike Digman, recently elected President of the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association. If you missed my short "bio" in the March issue, here's a summary:

I've been a Board member since September 2007. My wife, Kathy, and I live at 5022

Starker Avenue. We have one daughter, Erin Rose, now 23, who recently graduated from Luther College. We've lived in the neighborhood since June, 1993, so we have deep roots here and a genuine concern for keeping the neighborhood both safe and vibrant! I make my living selling new and pre-owned Toyotas for Smart Motors, Inc. on Odana Road. I'm always available for a little "free" advice about buying or selling a car! There, that's enough about me...

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Annual Membership Drive is winding down and I want to take this opportunity to thank Deb Pederson and all of the District and Block Captains for their outstanding volunteer work. Conducting the membership drive is no small task when you consider the potential that 1,600 membership documents have to be delivered, collected, processed and recorded. **ALL this work** is being done by **VOLUNTEERS!** Thank you to **everyone who volunteered!!**

Association Membership costs the household **\$12.00** per year! Just a dollar a month! The proceeds from your membership go toward publishing, printing, and mailing the Elvehjem ECHO; funding the balance of our **FREE** Neighborhood sponsored events; maintaining the signs at the entrances to our neighborhood; printing & storing the event banners announcing upcoming events; and to pay for materials to put on the events...in short...**your membership dues come back to YOU, the Elvehjem Neighborhood!**

### JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Plans for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Parade and Neighborhood Celebration are in full swing. Planning for this event is always a little tricky, because we never really know how many neighbors will be around to participate. But this year the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is on a Sunday, so "guessing" how many folks to prepare food for is even more of a challenge! So we've asked you to let us know via email to [enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org), or to send us a note on our new **Facebook** page, (look for details in the June & July ECHO) to let us know if you're going to attend and how many children and adults will be participating. This will help tremendously in finalizing how much food we need to provide.

Finally, please consider volunteering to help out on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July...it's a BIG event! That's all for now!

*Mike Digman, ENA President*

## CALENDAR

- ◆ **June 2**                      **Monthly Board Meeting**  
7:00 PM                      East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **July 4**                        **July 4th Celebration**  
   Elvehjem Park
- ◆ **August 13 & 14**        **ENA Garage Sale**

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



## ENA July 4th Celebration Sunday, July 4

It's that time again—for fun!! Our planning's in full swing and there will be more information in the July issue in late June. Some things to know now:

- ◆ We'll have a parade. A map appears in this issue.
- ◆ There will be a raffle again this year, with some great prizes. Prizes from the Packers, Madison Mallards, and a red/white/blue lap quilt are already set. More will follow in the July issue.
- ◆ If you plan to attend, please let us know:
  - ◆ If you plan to attend
  - ◆ The number of adults in your group
  - ◆ The number of children in your group

You can do so using ENA's Facebook page or our new email address. See page 3 for both of those.

## Membership Drive

It's **NOT TOO LATE** to join the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association!

Send a check or Money Order for \$12.00 (annual membership fee) to:

**ENA Membership  
P.O. Box 14625  
Madison, WI 53708**

Be sure to include your name(s) and address, and let us know if you want to receive our monthly newsletter, the "Elvehjem ECHO", by mail or email.

**ENA Board Meeting Minutes—May 5, 2010**

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

**Present:** Board Members Mike, Valerie, Doug, Christina, Ryan, and Tim. Welcomed guests present were Lucy Gibson, Ted Perttunen, Greg Goke, and Tiffani Roltgen.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board discussed approving the meeting minutes before they are published in the Echo. It was agreed that the Secretary will email the minutes to the board for approval no later than the Sunday following the board meeting. The Board members will have one week to approve or suggest changes to the minutes. If someone is not heard from, it is assumed he or she approves the minutes. The Secretary will email the minutes to the Echo editor for publication in the Echo at least 2 full business weeks before an Echo publication date.

**Treasurers Report & Financial Issues:** Doug presented a balance sheet. Income includes Echo advertising, membership drive. Expenses include our liability insurance renewal. Doug explained that he is currently in the process of switching from Excel to QuickBooks, so he doesn't have all of our information up to date as of yet. Budget will be presented after the migration to QuickBooks is complete. Treasurer's report was approved.

In an effort to save paper, Doug will not be printing out his Treasurer's Report for each board member. Instead, he will email the report to the board for review a few days prior to each meeting.

Ted suggested getting quotes from other insurance companies to see if we can get a better deal on our liability insurance. He also suggested shopping around different banks to see if there are better banking options available for the Board.

Ryan suggested adding the balance sheet to the meeting minutes each month to be published in the Echo. It was agreed that we will start doing that in the next issue of the Echo.

Doug created a Reimbursement Form to be used for all reimbursement requests. Ryan will post on the web site, and Doug will email to the group.

**Slow Down Campaign:** Signs were posted on all major thoroughfares. It looked great! Several homeowners wanted to keep the signs. It's ok as long as they move signs from the boulevard to their own yards.

**Membership Drive:** We will leave signs up for a week or so more. Last week and this week had the largest number of payments received. Ryan suggested not pre-printing the forms because it complicates distributing the packets. We will re-evaluate the drive in September or October.

**Facebook:** We now have a Facebook site! A link to it will be posted on the web site.

**Membership Benefits:** We will think about ways to make being a member more "special" in the future.

**Dog Park Day:** Ryan and Christina will organize a dog park day in late August or early September, to be held at

**2009-2010 ENA Board of Directors**

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the Sycamore Dog Park. Possibly get Mounds, vet clinic, or Central Bark to co-sponsor?

**New Board Members:** Tiffani, Greg, Ted, and Lucy all indicated they would like to join the Board. No objections were noted; the Board welcomed their new members enthusiastically! Christina will make copies of the ENA binder for each board member.

**Secretary:** The board still needs a secretary. Tiffani volunteered. We need to check bylaws to make sure new member can hold the position. Will review and decide at next meeting.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Planning:**

- ♦ **Permits:** Mike is applying for all permits.
- ♦ **Food:** We will do Papa Bear's BBQ again this year. Will keep the menu and price the same as last year.
- ♦ Next month's meeting will focus solely on ironing out the event planning.

**ENA Sign on Buckeye:** The sign has been corrected. Thanks to Art for going the extra mile!!

**Sign Plantings:** We can now plant at the Buckeye sign. Valerie is coordinating.

**Garage Sale:** Date set for August 13 & 14. Need to announce in June Echo. Diana Winters coordinating.

**Membership Directory:** Will discuss later.

*Submitted by: Christina Lindner*

## 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.

**Yard Services:** 15 year old with 5 years experience tending and mowing yards. Will provide a variety of grounds services. Homeowner must provide equipment. Call Quinn at (608) 225-5974 or (608) 223-9618. (Expires July, 2010)

**Child Care:** Discover & Grow Licensed Accredited Family Child Care/Pre-school, since 1992. Summer/Fall openings. High/Scope & Creative Curriculum. Fun, social and educational activities in all areas of development. Call Judi Daggett at 221-4211, holds degree Early Childhood Education.

**Babysitter/Mother's Helper:** I have 4 years of experience with children ages 1-10. I am responsible and reliable. There are 4 girls in my family and I am almost 13 years old. If you need a babysitter or mother's helper to play with, love, and take care of your children, call Gracie at 222-3242. (Expires September, 2010.)

### Contacting Your Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

- ◆ **US Postal Service:** ENA Neighborhood Association, PO Box 14625, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708
- ◆ **Email:** [enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org)
- ◆ **Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=120194757998850>
- ◆ **Web Page:** [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org)
- ◆ **"Echo":** Newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org
- ◆ **Board Members:** See the listing on page 2 or go to [www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/contacts.html](http://www.elvehjemneighborhood.org/contacts.html).

### "SLOW DOWN" SIGNS

The recent Safe Communities' "Slow Down" campaign was a huge success! We posted more than 65 signs around the neighborhood asking neighbors and commuters to "Slow Down and Watch out for Kids."

Many of you have commented you noticed they made a difference. Thank you to all the neighbors who allowed us to post signs on their yards.

When the campaign ended, many of you asked why we were taking the signs down. There is a Madison Ordinance that limits yard sign posting to the designated "event dates." However, if you would like to have a sign to post in your yard, please let us know. We'll get one out of the storage shed for you!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM*

We need volunteers to assist in the ENA Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike parade and Neighborhood Picnic. Are you willing to help make this event a success by:

- ◆ Helping to set-up Games and food tables at the Elvehjem Shelter?
- ◆ Helping to organize the children's Parade to insure a safe event?
- ◆ Helping to control Traffic, so the Parade can proceed safely?
- ◆ Helping to sell Raffle Tickets at the Shelter during the event?
- ◆ Helping to serve Food, assisting with Soda and Water?
- ◆ Helping to keep the children safe while playing games?
- ◆ Helping to clean up the Elvehjem Shelter after the event?
- ◆ In short...are you willing to **help**??

This is our **largest** and **best** attended event of the year.

**Please, let us know if you can help!**

Contact us at:

[enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:enaboard@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

responsibl@environment

## Interested in helping the world and your neighborhood?

The Elvehjem neighborhood is competing with 15 other Madison neighborhoods to become leading green power supporters. The competition, sponsored by MGE, awards cash prizes to the two neighborhoods with the highest percentage increases in participation in MGE's Green Power Tomorrow. Want to help? Visit [mge.com/greenpower](http://mge.com/greenpower) to sign up.

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