

Elvehjem Echo

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Our Association's 42nd Year



"Prez Sez"



Last month I used most of the space in my article to describe what a neighborhood is and how it "sticks together." I hope you had a chance to read it, because I wanted you to understand how I feel about our neighborhood before I wrote this month's article. We **do** live in a **great neighborhood!** But this doesn't mean that we are insulated from the world outside our neighborhood's borders.

Many of you already know that some random acts of violence and vandalism have occurred in the neighborhood over the last 6 to 8 weeks. In one instance, about 8 weeks ago, there was a shooting here after a foiled drug (marihuana) buy/robbery attempt. No one from our neighborhood was involved...but one person was injured and hospitalized. A suspect from that incident has been arrested and is now in custody prosecution.

Then earlier this month, a random "weapons discharge" offense occurred on one of our heavily traveled streets at about 3:00AM. The result of that incident: one home was fired on and one automobile was also damaged. Fortunately in that instance, no one was physically injured, but I'm sure you can understand how upset and frightened those who owned the properties felt! To date, Madison Police have no suspects in this case, but there have been no further events.

So my ardent message to you this month is that we need to watch out for ourselves and our property, and our neighbors and their property, and be diligent about reporting suspicious behavior to the proper authorities. Here's the best way to do that: To report suspicious behavior like loitering, vandalism, cars gathering on a quiet street or any other **non-emergency** situation call the **Dane County Dispatch Center at (608) 255-2345** and the appropriate personnel will be dispatched to investigate that situation. In **EMERGENCY situations Dial 911** from any **private or public phone, or personal cell phone** and emergency staff will respond.

The information number for our local East Madison Police Precinct is **266-4887**. (Note this is an "information only" number.) Our contacts there are Capt. Tom Snyder, Lt. Wayne Strong, and our new "Neighborhood Beat" Officer Steve McAfee; and our City Alder for District 16 is Judy Compton. Judy can be reached at 608-223-6007 (office) or 608-221-2567 (home).

Please be assured your ENA Board of Directors is in **regular** contact with both Alder Judy Compton and the local authorities when incidents are reported in or around our neighborhood. And, we will keep you informed about what's going on and how to help us all have more positive neighborhood experiences.

Be aware, be involved, and help keep our Elvehjem Neighborhood SAFE!

Mike Dignan, ENA President

CALENDAR

- ◆ **November 2, 2010** **Election Day**
- ◆ **November 3, 2010** **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **December 2010** **Holiday Sing-a-Long**
Date and Time to be Announced

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

Know Your Board Member...

Tiffani Roltgen
ENA Secretary

Hello neighbors! My husband Mike and I live on Buckeye Road. We've been married for just over a year and are so excited to welcome our first child and perhaps even give her the title of "Newest Member of the Elvehjem Neighborhood!" Adelline Grace was just born August 14. Mike is in his ninth year of teaching math and seventh year of coaching cross country at McFarland High School.

I am a family and consumer sciences teacher, although I will be staying home with our daughter. I am very honored to serve on the ENA Board as secretary. Our family looks forward to becoming more involved in the neighborhood in the upcoming years. If any moms, dads, and little ones are interested in getting together for play dates and conversation, please contact me at 608-513-9433 or Tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org.



ENA Board Meeting

Minutes—October 6, 2010

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

Present: Board members Doug DeVilbiss, Mike Digman, Lucy Gibson, Greg Goke, Christina Lindner, Ryan McKee, Ted Perttunen, and Tiffani Roltgen.; **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Mike.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes were approved electronically prior to the meeting. There were no further additions or corrections.

ECHO Deadline: The deadline for submission of items for the October ECHO is October 15. Please have all information to Christina before that time.

Treasurer's Report: See balance sheet. The treasurer's report was approved as given.

Financial Review Committee: Mike, Doug, Ryan, and Ted met on September 13 to review banking programs for not-for-profit organizations. It was recommended by the committee and approved by the board to begin cashing in the CDs as they mature and transfer the assets to a money market account at Associated Bank. The rationale for this action is to allow our money to be more fluid and earn 1% rather than 0.5% annual interest. It was also approved to keep approximately 40% of the yearly operating budget in the checking account at all times.

Old Business: Paws in the Park: Unfortunately, there were no neighborhood participants at "Paws in the Park" this year, but we will increase promotion of this annual event for next year.

Neighborhood Parks: Mike has been in contact with the Madison Parks Department regarding the possibility of planting around the park signs and mulching around the trees to improve the visual appeal of the neighborhood parks. We have been asked to submit a proposal if this is a project we are interested in pursuing.

Family Game Night: Game night is set for October 28 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Culver's on Cottage Grove Road. Bring family, friends, and any games you'd like to play!

Halloween Bonfire: The bonfire is set for October 31 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Elvehjem Park. The park permit has been issued, and we are awaiting final approval on the burn permit. Mike will bring all necessary items from the storage unit. A neighbor will provide emergency water via a hose. Any board member who has a fire extinguisher is encouraged to bring it as an additional safety precaution.

Business Cards: General business cards for board members have been designed and printed. Mike will be distributing them at the next meeting.

Audit Committee: Board members Greg, Ted, and Lucy, and Mike Roltgen were appointed to perform quarterly audits of our financial records.

Member Benefits: All board members are asked to send Mike an e-mail listing ENA member benefits and recent accomplishments. He will be compiling a comprehensive list for his newsletter column and future promotional use.

Photo Gallery: Ryan will continue working on a way to store and showcase photos from events in a web-based, user-friendly format.

New Business: Neighborhood Safety: We live in a safe, low-crime neighborhood, but several random incidents in recent weeks have brought city, county, and neighborhood leaders together with the

East Precinct police force to promote continued vigilance and increased safety education. **Membership Committee:** A group was appointed to review current membership recruitment plans and record keeping systems. Greg will lead the effort with the help of Ted, Doug, Kate Strom, and Deb Pederson. Ryan will serve in an advisory capacity. **Future Projects & Community Support:** All board members are asked to send Tiffani an e-mail listing creative future project and community support ideas. She will be compiling a comprehensive list to facilitate discussion at the November meeting. **Holiday Sing-a-long:** We will be extending an invitation to the East Buckeye and Heritage Heights neighborhoods to join us for the holiday sing-a-long. **Website Statistics Report:** We have approximately 2300 "hits" per month on the ENA website. Additional statistics from the report will be e-mailed to the board.

Building the Future: Throughout the meeting, ideas and discussion topics for the future were voiced. **Next Month (November):** Audit Committee report (Greg); Membership Committee report (Greg); Future projects and community support list (Tiffani); Holiday sing-a-long plans (Mike); **Next Quarter (December through February):** Advertising invitation letters and advertising rates review (Christina); Internet/website coordinator position (TBD); Mailing/web address lists cleaned up (TBD); Consolidation of passwords/access to website and mailing lists (TBD); Advertising/fundraising coordinator position (TBD); Archivist position (TBD); **Sometime in the Future (Before Annual Meeting):** 2011 budget; Membership drive

Next Meeting: The next ENA Board meeting will be November 3 at 7 p.m. at the East Precinct Police Station.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted by Tiffani Roltgen



We're celebrating a new church in our neighborhood!

City Church

Lake City Church
(formerly meeting at 4909 East Buckeye Road)

and **Mad City Church**
(formerly meeting at LaFollette High School)

are joining to form a new church.

Please join us as we celebrate our first service together on **Sunday, December 5**

Services at 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Children's programming available for newborn through 5th grade at both services.

4909 East Buckeye Road, Madison
(608) 221-1528

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

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 the Echo mailbox at 4503 Deerwood Drive, or email your request to newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org.

Experienced Christian Pet Sitter: Are you looking for a pet walker or sitter in the Buckeye Road area? If so, call Erin at 441-1496 (references available). Please no aggressive animals. I look forward to your call!

Art Fair: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 4011 Major, Madison, WI will host its second annual "Authentic Art" Fair on Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 9-3 p.m. Fabulous original artwork by local artist is offered for sale. No attendance fee and lunch is offered.

Tastefully Simple: Gourmet foods such as: Beer Bread, Dips, Soups, Drinks, Gifts and so much more! Contact me for orders or book or Home Taste testing parties. Happy Holidays! Your Independent Consultant, Tammy Bailey (608)-886-5546 or tastefullysimple.com/web/tbailey1

Piano Lessons: Lessons taught in your home! Experienced neighborhood-resident teacher with agendas customized to a student's level and ambitions. Member of Madison Area Piano Teacher Association since 2003. Friendly approach, and recitals included. Contact Mr. Brian Hagen at (608) 223-1677 or bdhagen@jvlnet.com

For Sale: White crib/toddler conversion with mattress, mattress cover & linen (used only about 8 days for grandson visits) high chair, booster chair, humidifier and rocking horse. Call Kathy at (608) 221-0196

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.

An Ice Skating Rink in the Neighborhood?



Do you and your family like to ice skate?

Wouldn't it be nice to have a neighborhood ice rink that you could walk to, lace up your skates and enjoy skating with your family and neighbors?

Some members of the HHCA Board are in preliminary discussions with the City of Madison Parks Department regarding bringing back a land ice rink in Heritage Heights Park.

There are many steps involved in securing a rink for our neighborhood. One of the most important first steps is to gather a group of volunteers committed to organizing and maintaining the ice rink during the winter. We are looking for people who are interested in having a rink in our neighborhood and would like to provide input into the rules of the rink as well as be willing to form teams to shovel and clear the ice rink.

As a neighborhood, we need to show the Parks Department that we have enough people that are committed to maintaining a rink in Heritage Heights.

If you would like to help out, please contact Renee Abel-Collinge at enee_Abel_Collinge@yahoo.com or 223-9459.

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2010

	Sep 30, 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash	
Associated Bank CD 1	2,005.24
Associated Bank CD 2	2,071.37
Associated Bank CD 3	2,192.80
Checking	6,267.84
Total Cash	12,537.25
Total Checking/Savings	12,537.25
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	551.00
Total Accounts Receivable	551.00
Total Current Assets	13,088.25
TOTAL ASSETS	13,088.25
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	7,160.17
Net Income	5,928.08
Total Equity	13,088.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	13,088.25

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how can you turn this down?

It's that time of year for a simply irresistible energy-saving opportunity. By setting back your thermostat just 1° Fahrenheit, you could save \$25 per heating season. Bigger setbacks save even more. If we all set back just 1° Fahrenheit this winter, we could save enough gas for 3,100 homes. To learn how to program your thermostat, visit mge.com/savingenergy and click on the 'thermostat' video.

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PO Box 14625
Madison, Wisconsin
53708-0625

**Excellent Volunteer
Opportunity!
Lend a Hand to
Meals on Wheels!**

Would you like to help make a difference "One Meal at a Time?"

Home Health United **Meals on Wheels** delivers the noon meal to the elderly and physically disabled in Madison, Monona and Middleton.

A route takes about an hour and very specific directions are given to each recipients' home. We will work with any schedule. This is a great family activity, and we can also help with community service hours, projects for scouts, churches and school groups!

Contact Sue at 276-7598,
sbarker@hhuvns.org
or view our web site:
www.homehealthunited.org

November Dessert Bonus Days

Support the **Elvehjem Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization** by purchasing from Market Day (www.marketday.com)! We can earn money for Elvehjem with the knowledge that all products are of exceptional quality and covered by a Satisfaction Guarantee! LVM's Market Day account # is **8476**.

November Dessert Bonus Days orders are due by November 15!

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References Available Upon Request

Thank you, *Michael Gerl*, Owner