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Our Association's 42nd Year



"Prez Sez"



This month's ECHO is a double issue combining December and January neighborhood updates!

Wow! There's a lot going on in the next few weeks! In the midst of all the Holiday and New Year Celebrations, the Board is very busy hosting events, planning the 2011 budget, setting priorities for future projects, and organiz-

ing the Annual Meeting in March, as well as the Membership Drive that starts in April. There's plenty to be done and we're looking for volunteers, especially to help with the Membership Drive. Contact a Board member to volunteer.

So far we have a list of more than twenty ideas for future neighborhood projects and new community support activities. They range from: adding another permanent "Welcome to Elvehjem" sign; organizing a group that will assemble "Welcome Baskets;" expanding our community "in-reach" to Elvehjem Elementary School; beautifying the parks; and/or erecting "Neighborhood Watch" signs throughout the neighborhood. We'll be sorting through these ideas and proposing some of them at the Annual meeting in March. Please feel free to contact any Board member if you have ideas, or projects, you would like us to consider.

Here's what's coming up in the next few weeks:

On Thursday, December 9th from 6:30 until 8:00 PM we'll be hosting a Holiday Sing-Along for Elvehjem and our surrounding neighborhoods (Rolling Meadows, Heritage Heights and Buckeye associations) at Messiah Church. Look for the announcement in this issue for more details.

We will also be awarding a special prize for the most tasteful and attractive outside "Holiday Home" decorations display. The prize is handmade, always unique and donated by one of our neighbors. This year the contest will be judged by our current and former ECHO Editors. Good luck to all who like to make their homes festive for the Holidays.

To the ENTIRE neighborhood, please accept a gigantic "THANK YOU" from the Board to all the volunteers that have made this year a special, special year. Thanks for all you do!

We also wish you Safe and Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

Mike Dignan, ENA President

CALENDAR

- ◆ **December 1, 2010** **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **December 9, 2010** **Holiday Sing-Along**
6:30 - 8:00 PM Messiah Lutheran Church
- ◆ **December 2010** **Holiday Home Decoration Contest**
- ◆ **January 5, 2011** **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **March 2011** **ENA Annual Meeting**
Date and Time TBA 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.

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

Presents Our Annual

Holiday Sing-Along

DECEMBER 9, 2010

Messiah Lutheran Church

5202 Cottage Grove Road

The Sing-a-Long will be held in Social Hall (in the new addition). The facility is fully accessible.

6:30—8:00 PM

We hope our neighbors from Rolling Meadows, Heritage Heights, and Buckeye Neighborhoods will join us!



ENA Board Meeting

Minutes—November 3, 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, and Tiffani Roltgen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 December/January ECHO is November 15. Please have all information to Christina before that time.

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

Audit Committee: Following a directive from Mike, board member Greg and Mike Roltgen performed an audit of all financial records generated since the transition to QuickBooks earlier this year. All records are in order and balanced.

Old Business:

Neighborhood Parks Plan: Mike appointed Valerie to create a park "planting and mulching plan" to be submitted to the Madison Parks Department. Financial assistance from the Parks Foundation may be available to assist with project proposals;

Family Game Night: There were six neighbors in attendance at Family Game Night. Since this was our first attempt, we will continue to promote and offer this event. Suggestions were made to change the venue from Culver's to a location that could be used over lunch or dinner hours, start the event at an earlier time to accommodate families with young children, and send an e-mail reminder in addition to advertising in the ECHO;

Halloween Bonfire: The bonfire was a success with approximately 100 neighbors in attendance from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Elvehjem Park. Thanks to A to Z for supplying a generator for the hot cocoa and Jim Polewski for his work with setting up the bonfire. A suggestion was made to string lights along the path leading to the park to help neighbors find their way down to the bonfire safely. Next year, we also need to remind the Madison Parks Department that the timers on the lights need to be synchronized and adjusted to accommodate earlier sunsets. We need to replenish our supply of glow sticks for the kids;

Business Cards: Business cards for board members were distributed. Please e-mail Mike any corrections.

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.

Membership Committee Meeting: Following Mike's directive, a committee will meet on Friday, November 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to review current membership recruitment plans and record keeping systems. Greg will lead the effort with the help of Ted, Doug, Lucy, Kate Strom, and Deb Pederson. Ryan will serve in an advisory capacity.

Future Projects & Community Support: The list of future projects and community support ideas was distributed and discussed. Tiffani will group the ideas into non-prioritized categories and resend them to board members for further input.

New Business: Holiday Sing-Along: The sing-along is set for Thursday, December 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Social Hall (located in the addition). The new facility is fully accessible. We will be extending an invitation to the East Buckeye and Heritage Heights neighborhoods to join us for this fun-filled evening, which features gifts for the kids

and a visit from Santa!

Holiday Lights Contest: Start planning your holiday lights display now before the weather turns colder! Judging will take place during Christmas week.

Board Member Contact Information: Tiffani will be sending out a form requesting contact information from all board members, including preferred contact methods. This information will be used for private communication between board members working on projects.

Building the Future: Throughout the meeting, ideas and discussion topics for the future were voiced.

Next Month (December): Membership Committee report (Greg); Future projects and community support list (Tiffani); Neighborhood parks plan (Valerie); Board member contact information (Tiffani); Advertising invitation letters and advertising rates review (Christina); Advertising/fundraising coordinator position ; Holiday sing-a-long report ; Holiday lights contest report

Next Quarter (January through March): Internet/website coordinator position ; Mailing/web address lists cleaned up ; Consolidation of passwords/access to website and mailing lists ; Plan membership drive; Build and approve 2011 budget; Plan annual meeting

Sometime in the Future: Archivist position

Next Meeting: The next ENA Board meeting will be December 1 at 7 p.m. at the East Precinct Police Station.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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.

Come as you are. Please join us as we
celebrate our first service together.

Sunday, December 5

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

www.citychurchonline.org
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.

Snow Blowing and Shoveling: Have opening for several new clients for snow blowing/shoveling. Generally done morning after snowfall ends. \$30 for driveway, sidewalk and apron. Pre-pay for five and get the sixth free. Call Bill @ 222-3707.

LET'S PLAY! If any moms, dads, and little ones are interested in getting together for play dates and conversation, please contact Tiff Roltgen at 608-513-9433 or Tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org. My daughter Adelline is 3 months old.

Tastefully Simple: Gourmet food such as: Beer Bread, Dips, Soups, Drinks and so much more! Contact me if you want it free- Have a Book or Home Taste testing party. Happy Holidays! Your Independent Consultant, Tammy Bailey (608)-886-5546 or tastefullysimple.com/web/tbailey1. Orders ship right to you!

LET'S RUN! If anyone is interested in running around the neighborhood and beyond, please contact Tiff Roltgen at 608-513-9433 or Tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org. All ability levels welcome!

Dog Walker Wanted: We are looking for a friendly, responsible dog walker during the day once or twice a week. Please contact Ryan at ryan.mckee@gmail.com if interested.



Turkey Trot Recap

Thank you to all who came out to participate in ENA's First Annual 5K Turkey Trot! 27 neighbors and 3 dogs participated in this fun event. The weather was chilly but that didn't stop the participants from getting active. What a fantastic way to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday!

The winners were Kyle Staven of La Follette High School for the men and Sarah Baltisberger of Iowa State University for the women.

A special thanks to race official, Mike Roltgen, who led the charge and welcomed all participants into the finish line!

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responsibleEnergy



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 find out how much you can save with larger setbacks, visit mge.com/setback and use the calculator.

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Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2010

	Oct 31, 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash	
Associated Bank CD 1	2,005.24
Associated Bank CD 2	2,071.37
Checking	5,513.29
Money Market	2,204.89
Total Cash	11,794.79
Total Checking/Savings	11,794.79
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	966.00
Total Accounts Receivable	966.00
Total Current Assets	12,760.79
TOTAL ASSETS	12,760.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	7,160.17
Net Income	5,600.62
Total Equity	12,760.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12,760.79



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Madison, Wisconsin
53708-0625

ENA is on Facebook!



Find out about upcoming events, plan neighborhood meet-ups, and get to know your neighbors on

Facebook!

Join the group by clicking the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=120194757998850>

If you aren't sure how to create an account, or need help navigating the site, please contact Tiff Roltgen at tiffani@elvehjemneighborhood.org

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for assistance.



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with your suggestions!

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Thank you, *Michael Gerl*, Owner