

Block Watch

About 25 years ago, Enright Avenue became a Block Watch Neighborhood. The Block Watch Program establishes a network for concerned citizens to communicate with other neighbors and the Cincinnati Police Department regarding crime related issues. You may have noticed the sign half way down the street. We participated in it for a number of years, but then it faded away.

The security of our residential neighborhood depends on us, the residents. No police department can effectively protect lives and property without the support and the active cooperation of the residents whom it serves. While crime has not been rampant in the Eco-village, we still have to deal with it from time to time. The Block Watch Program gives us an avenue to do this in an organized way.

We would like you to attend an organizational meeting about setting up an Enright Ridge Urban Eco-village Block Watch. **It will be on Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 pm at the Imago Earth Center.** Police Officer Jennifer Dawson will be with us and possibly a block club leader from another neighborhood. They will explain the goals of the program, illustrate simple home protection techniques, and discuss ways we can reduce the opportunity for crime to occur in our neighborhood.

We hope you will be able to attend and learn what we can do together to make our neighborhood an even better place to live.

Quiet - A Day of Communal Rest and Reflection

You are invited to a day of shared stillness, relaxation and personal reflection at Imago's 16-acre urban nature preserve. Jenne Sluder, nature-based therapist and meditation practitioner, guides us through a gentle morning and afternoon of mind-body relaxation and nature-based nourishing practices woven through abundant personal time for reflection and deep listening in the sanctuary of the natural world. We bring the day full circle by sitting in council with an opportunity to give voice to challenging thoughts and emotions, as well as personal insights and reflections. For more information, contact Jenne at: info@jennesluder.com -OR- (828) 242 3406. \$50 suggested donation (pay what you can for limited income). Please bring a potluck item for lunch.

IN THE ECO-VILLAGE

Tour of Eco-Village and Houses for Sale

The Eco-Village tour will have an added attraction on Saturday, August 27th. Beginning at 9am at the Imago Earth Center, we will incorporate the tour of the houses for sale in Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village and the McPherson Eco-Village. If you know someone looking to buy, be sure they come for this tour.

Second Sunday Salad Supper at Six

August 14th-Second Sunday Salad Supper at Six at the home of Ken Reidel, 660 Enright Avenue. For August and September, we will switch from soups to salads, so bring your own BOWL and join your friends and neighbors for a light dinner and some interesting conversation. Hope to see you there!

Ambassadors

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, the Communications Committee has struggled to get the newsletter out door-to-door each month. At other times the eco-village committees have wanted input from fellow residents. We have a street that is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long, so it can be a struggle to do these things. We have divided the street into about 10 segments, each with 6 to 8 households. Each ambassador will relate to that small group of people. We now have most of the ambassador positions filled! They will be listed in the next newsletter.

Certifying the Eco-Village as a Wildlife Neighborhood

In order to bring more publicity to the Eco-Village, the EGG Committee is heading the process of certification of the Eco-Village as a Wildlife Neighborhood. One requirement in getting the neighborhood certified by the World Wildlife Federation is to have a number of individual households certified.

The application, at www.nwf.org/backyard, can be done on line or filled out and mailed in. The EGG team will assist anyone who would like help in completing the application. For help or a printed copy of the application, contact Eileen Schenk at 921-1932 or eschenk@imagoearth.org.

Living in Nature

It's the second of August, six weeks into summer, with six weeks left until equinox. I'm sitting here sweating as I write. It's our seventeenth day in a row over ninety degrees, which ties a 110 year-old record.

But I am thinking less about the heat than about the wide variety of neighbors here on the ridge, especially the raccoons and woodchucks. A few weeks ago a young raccoon must have slipped in our back basement door behind me. We found the cat dish turned over, raccoon scat lying around, and finally the raccoon him/herself sleeping above the basement wall in the rafters. I pried the critter loose with a hoe, but it ran and hid elsewhere instead of out the open door. It took two more nights to trap and release the raccoon.

During the same period we noticed woodchucks, that had also (almost) moved in with us, eating our garden. I found two tunnel entrances within twenty feet of our side porch, and one more under the porch. I put used cat litter and soil down the tunnels. But they have apparently just relocated nearby, and continue enjoying our broccoli and kale.

Can we continue as good neighbors, minimizing the battles, while still growing enough food for everybody? That's my hope for all of us as the heat continues and our own species approaches seven billion mouths to feed this year.

Bill Cahalan

Enright Eco-Jam

More than 80 neighbors and friends came out to enjoy four great bands at the Enright Eco-Jam on Sunday, July 31st. The event had been re-scheduled from a rain-out on June 18th, and we all know it was hot and dry on the 31st. The backyard at 660 moves into shade after 4pm, so it wasn't too bad with a nice breeze. Some people brought blankets, others lawn chairs and still others hung out nearer the bands in an area set up with tables and chairs. Kids frolicked in the grass, teens explored the woods, and neighbors and friends just got to catch up.

Angelina Harvey, or Harv, is a new resident on the street and coordinated the music, designed the poster, and D.J.'d. Hawaiian Shirt Nite opened with some hilarious songs, followed by Zella Whelms, and the great American roots music of Red Cedar. Karla Wiesenberger and the Funky Friends ended the show with an energetic high note.

A variety of food items - wraps, burritos, walking tacos, and brownies - were provide by Kate

and Ken Reidel and Michelle Savoti. Nate Reidel provided two special ECO-BREWS. Julia Yarden hydrated the crowd with refreshing herb teas and free "Kangan" water. Other homemade goodies from Michelle Savoti and Ken Reidel were part of the Chinese raffle, as were two shares from the C.S.A.

Thanks to all who came out in support of the event, publicized, donated items, and worked! Special thanks to Suellyn Shupe and Nancy Sullivan for handling the gate, selling raffle tickets, chico bags, posters, bumper stickers (we still have some for a buck!), and memberships.

Everyone was having such a good time that no one wanted to leave. Friends and neighbors got to mingle until the beer ran out. Thanks again for supporting the Enright Eco-Jam and contributing to its success. All proceeds benefit Eco-Village projects.

July Board Minutes

Communications Committee Jim reported

Tour of houses for sale during monthly eco-village tour

Please send any website updates to Erin

Developing ambassadors

EGG Committee Eileen reported

Meet tomorrow at 2:30 at BLOC

National Wildlife Foundation neighborhood certification seems doable

Get points for various things - some come from how many houses in neighborhood are certified

Begin to talk with neighbors, especially those with rain gardens, etc.

Brochure for visitors, identify attributes for various households

Farm Project/CSA Nancy reported

Veggie Wagon will debut at the Eco-Jam

Lease should be ready for CMHA property

Growing down at Ritter Farm with irrigation this year

51 shares - need to sell approx. 9 more

Membership-Fundraising Ken reported

Eco-Jam on schedule

Need some more raffle items for baskets

Housing

Corner Building - Nate's friend Tim interested in Apt. 4

Proposed work - 25 hours/month for \$10/hour to offset rent by \$250

Has experience with carpentry, rehab, etc.

Jim proposed Nancy and Charles take care of this

Draft a contract with Tim over his proposal

684 door still not replaced

McPherson - still needs wiring fixed

New policies - have ALL residents of an apartment sign a lease agreement

ALWAYS do a walk-through when a resident leaves

Block Watch Program

Had someone talk to a small group about how this works

Greatest advantage is having a special relationship with police

Have a formal meeting as a quarterly ERUEV membership meeting

Jim will call the police liaison about the best dates

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

In June, I learned about the importance of recycling during a four-week course with the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District. We covered Recycling 101, Recycling 102, Reduce and Reuse, and Composting. The Ohio EPA's definition of recycling is the process of collecting, sorting, cleaning, treating and reconstructing solid waste that would otherwise be disposed in a solid waste disposal facility and returning the reconstituted materials to commerce as commodities for use or exchange.

The benefits of recycling can be felt in four areas: conserving energy, saving national resources, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and as an economic profit. Recycling conserves energy - recycled newspaper uses 40% less energy, recycled glass uses 40% less energy, recycled steel uses 60% less energy, recycled plastic uses 70% less energy, and recycled aluminum uses 95% less energy. Recycling saves national resources - every ton of newspaper or mixed paper recycled saves the equivalent of 12 trees, every ton of office paper recycled saves the equivalent of 24 trees, every ton of steel recycled conserves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1400 pounds of coal, and 120 pounds of limestone.

Recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions - in 2010, Hamilton County recycled 39,885 tons of metal, glass, plastic, and paper. We conserved enough energy to power 7,800 homes for a year and reduced more greenhouse gas emissions than if 25,733 households stopped driving one car for a year. Economic benefits of recycling - the recycling industry has a total economic impact of creating 169,000 jobs and \$6 billion in annual wages in Ohio, the recycling industry accounts for \$7.3 billion in annual sales in Ohio, and it supplies valuable materials to industries.

Some specific information I learned is that it only takes one day for a newspaper to be recycled into one you can read the next day. Aluminum cans take 60 days to be made into another can. Glass is made into fiberglass. HDPE plastic is made into irrigation pipes. Rumpke uses a single stream recycling process, meaning all recycling materials can be placed in one bin. Separation of different types of materials isn't needed. One preference Rumpke has is for you to remove lids from plastic or glass bottles, jugs, or jars. A second is to rinse out the container - you don't have to remove the label, the label will disintegrate during the recycling process.

Take a look at the magnet and the recycle flyer for specific types of materials to be recycled

You can always contact the Hamilton County Recycling Hotline at 513-946-7766 or visit their web site: <http://hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/>.

If you don't have a recycling container, contact the city of Cincinnati at 513-591-6000 or take a look at their web site, <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/recycling/index.cfm> to request one. RecycleBank is a reward system the city uses to motivate people to recycle by measuring the amount of material our community recycles and then converting that activity into RecycleBank Points.

Overall, the idea is to reduce, reuse, and recycle as much as you can.

Michelle Savoti

House Concert with Jenne Sluder

"Jenne delivers a unique and powerful vocal quality...her lyrics speak to the human condition, the mystique of the natural world, and creative maladaptation to industrial civilization." Join us Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 pm for an intimate music gathering at the home of Suelllyn Shupe, 537 Enright Avenue.

Communications Committee

Our purpose is to promote the Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village (ERUEV), invigorating the sense of community and increasing the knowledge and practice of sustainable living internally to Enright Avenue residents and members of the Eco-Village, and externally to the Greater Cincinnati Community. Our main focus is to help the community develop within the Eco-Village itself. Members of the committee are: Jim Schenk, chair, Deborah Jordan, Eileen Schenk, Michelle Savoti, Nancy Sullivan, Erin DeWitt, Sharon Wilson, Josh Miller and Michael Frazier. *Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 6 pm.*

ENRIGHT RIDGE URBAN ECO-VILLAGE MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Membership year: January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Associate \$10 Single \$15 Household \$25 Sustaining \$500

Amount attached: \$ _____



It's back for the 10th time and this will be the best one yet!

September 10th, 2:00 - 11:00 pm

Imago's 10th Annual Music in the Woods is right around the corner! This final celebration of summer features local food and drink vendors, great music, and a silent auction. **New this year: the event has been extended earlier into the afternoon and will include kid-friendly entertainment, eco-art activities, and scheduled nature hikes!** So, bring the whole family! Music in the Woods is veg-friendly and, as always, benefits a good cause. Keep checking www.imagoearth.org as we add more information!

Tickets and Admission

Buy your tickets before the event and save!

Pre-event

Ages 12 and under pre-event - \$2

Ages 13 and up - \$10

Day Of

Ages 12 and under - \$4

Ages 13 and up - \$15

Entertainment

Join us for a full day of entertainment and music! For the first time ever, MITW will have a family portion in the afternoon, so that you can spend all day with us. Complete schedule at www.imagoearth.org.

Family Entertainment:

Art in the Woods Natural Craft Area

Nature Hikes

Kid Entertainment

Evening Entertainment:

Local Music Acts

Easy Tom Eby

Red Cedars

Magnolia Mountain

Auction

The Silent Auction at Music in the Woods is a sight to behold! Not content with just stuff, we look for items that are great experiences, ecologically-friendly goodness, and items from local vendors and artisans.

Interested in making a donation?

Do you have an item that you wish to donate (could be gently used) or a service that you can offer (be creative!)? Consider making a donation to Imago for the MITW Silent Auction. Donors are listed in the event program and receive two free event tickets to use or to give to someone else to use. To make a donation:

Fill out the online form

Download and send in the paper form

Give us a call and tell us what you're planning on donating, 513.921.5124