



THE RIDGERUNNER

July 2011

Price Hill Youth Council

Several residents of Price Hill participated in a Place Matters/NeighborWorks year-long community organizer training along with two other communities. The training included a door-to-door survey (door knock). The decision was made to complete a "door knock" to promote the Cultural Heritage Festival and provide an opportunity for residents to discuss their community concerns. The most frequently mentioned concern was youth engagement: 1) lack of positive activities for youth, 2) bullying, violence, gang membership, and other negative behaviors that may be attributed to a lack of opportunities for young people to take on positive roles.

Having been inspired by the Avondale Youth Council, the Price Hill group unanimously agreed that a Youth Council would be of great benefit to Price Hill. Grant application was made and funding was acquired. The adults on the Price Hill project had background checks, internet searches were completed and other stake holders in the community were contacted. The first meeting was attended by ten young people. The youth run the meetings and vote on projects and tasks. The adults are there as advisors. The youth did outreach at their schools and held a game day - complete with T shirts - to promote the council, and it continues to grow. The Price Hill Youth Council was born and is now organizing its first community action project - the rehabilitation of a small Price Hill park.

If any youth between the ages of 13 and 18 are interested in joining the council, please contact Sharon Wilson. A council member will be put in touch with you. Parental permission is a must and a permission form must be completed.

Sharon Wilson, Community Organizer

ECO-JAM Rescheduled!!

The Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village ECO-JAM will be on Sunday, July 31, 2011 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Don't miss this exciting musical bonanza! We had a "dry run" for an hour before the rain hit at the previously scheduled eco-jam. The music was great, the setting wonderful and the food exceptional. And it only lasted an hour, with one band. It will be well worth your time and will help the eco-village as well. It's a great win-win!

IN THE ECO-VILLAGE

Tour of Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village in July (and McPherson Eco-Village) The tour of Enright Ridge Urban Eco-village and the McPherson Eco-village will take place on the fourth Saturday of this month, July 24th 2011. It runs from 9am to 11am. It costs \$10, or an hour of volunteering. If an Eco-Village member comes, or if they bring someone, it is free for them. You can get further information from our website at www.enrightecovillage.org.

Second Sunday Salad Supper at Six

July 10th-Second Sunday Salad Supper at Six at the home of Ken Reidel, 660 Enright Avenue. For the months of July, 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!

The Farm Project Invites You to Join the CSA

There are still a few spots left with the Enright Ridge Eco-Village CSA. If you like great food at a reasonable price, that is grown literally in our backyards, consider joining the CSA. We are close to capacity. Feel free to come by on a Saturday morning between 10:00 and 12:00 at the Greenhouse to see the food being distributed, or you can contact Nancy Sullivan at 534 Enright Avenue.

Herb Garden Update

The herb garden is located at the end of the city-owned tree lawn, along the cemetery, across from Wildey Lane. It is for the use of Enright residents. Pick what you can use and add any extra herb plants you might have.

This year there is spearmint, lemon mint, dill, oregano, sage, and basil. New plantings of rosemary and thyme will still be too small to share. Salad tomatoes are hidden jewels again this year.

How you can help: assist with a jug of water during dry periods and pull a few weeds as you pass by. Divide items from your herb garden and add it to the offerings.

Imago Summer Camps

Imago Summer Camps continue through July for ages 2 to 12. It is a great place for children to enjoy the summer and learn about the natural world! Drop by the Earth Center to get a copy of the summer camp brochure and/or to sign up. Give your children a wonderful summer treat!

Ambassadors

The Communications Committee has struggled to get the newsletter out door-to-door each month. At other times we and other eco-village committees have sought input on one thing or another. Our street is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long, so it can be a struggle to do these things. Because of this, we are reestablishing the Ambassadors. These are people who will take 8 to 10 houses around them and see that the newsletter gets out to those addresses, or help with other things that would help get information out or back. If you would like to be an ambassador, contact Jim Schenk at 921-1932.

Price Hill Will Arts Community Action Team (CAT) Youth Photography Camp

The Photography Camp will start its fourth year and again with a visit to the Imago Earth Center. This year students will focus on photography and nature. Hikes will occur on Imago's trails, cameras in hand.

The first two days will be spent taking photographs with digital cameras. Instruction on technique, composition, and camera basics will be completed by two Price Hill art teachers. This is the Photo Camps' third collaborative use of the beautiful lands at Imago. A joint venture such as this helps to showcase the jewel of Price Hill that Imago is and brings urban youth back into the natural world.

The last three days will be spent at Elder High School where the photos will be downloaded and digitally manipulated. Each student will leave camp with a framed 8 by 10 photograph, and cards and calendars will be for sale at venues such as the Price Hill Cultural Heritage Festival in August.

The Photography Camp is open to sixth to eighth grade students, the week of July 18th 2011. Contact Beth Andriacco, Price Hill Will Community Engagement Coordinator, at 513.251.3800 ext.101.

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.*

Living in Nature

I'm sitting in the sun on the south side of my house, reading Wendell Berry's essay "Conservation and Local Economy". He ends saying that our industrial economy is killing our country, and all true patriots must find ways to oppose it. Of course he has always been about beginning this opposition with essential kinds of work to be found where we live. I wholeheartedly agree with him, which is the main reason I'm still in this neighborhood, trying along with my family and neighbors to connect more directly with the natural sources of my life.

The sun is hot on my neck. Three or four household tasks beckon. But I stay a bit longer, savoring the slight breeze, the chirping of a robin and some sparrows. A tiny bug crawls across my toe. It is summer solstice, the longest daylight of the year. It's bright today in contrast with yesterday's darkness and rain. The lettuce crowds the garden, soon to bolt to seed. The tomatoes have picked up their growth, showing more blossoms. The woods, the silver maples out back, and the little oaks I grew from acorns are at their peak of lush green, helped by all the rain we've had. And maybe with the help of our farm project and other eco-village efforts, we're growing as a human community as well.

Savoring this gift of light and growth, I think ahead to a full harvest for all, without the dryness that came after solstice last year.

Bill Cahalan

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: \$ _____

Cash ____ Check # _____

Mail dues to P.O. Box 5206, 45205 or drop off at the Imago Earth Center. Thank you from the Membership Committee.

Questions? kpreidel@aol.com