

November 2011

Active Eco-Villagers

An eco-village is as much about economics as ecology. Several eco-villagers have been active recently in standing up for the 99% as well as for Earth. Haley Wickliff, CSA AmeriCorps volunteer, has participated in Occupy Cincinnati's general assembly since the beginning four weeks go. Others who have supported the Occupation by participating are Dan and Megan Divelbiss; Kim Marcum and Mark Dandurand; and Deborah Jordan, Bill and Dylan Cahalan. Lydia Stec, owner of the Om Cafe, used extra produce from the CSA to make meals for those occupying Piatt Park. Nancy Sullivan has also donated food prepared in her own kitchen several times.

Several weeks ago, Bill Cahalan traveled to the nation's capital to participate in a demonstration of civil disobedience to call attention to the proposed pipeline that Trans-Canada Corp. plans to build across the US. Since that action, in which 1,200 people were arrested, citizens from across the country have petitioned President Obama not to place his signature on the proposal to allow the pipeline construction to move ahead.

On November 8, Suellyn Shupe and a friend from Loveland joined more than 200 Ohioans to ride charter buses to Washington DC. There, they joined with a crowd of 12,000 to surround the White House and again stress to the President that this pipeline, proposed to bring tar sands oil from Canada across the country to the Gulf Coast to be refined, is a bad idea for Earth.

If you want to know more about the issues your neighbors are working for, google Occupy Cincinnati and Tar Sands Action.



Suellyn Shupe protests with Ohioans in Washington, DC.

Winter Break Camp at Imago Earth Center

Grab your hats and mittens and join us at Imago this winter break for 3 days of frosty explorations, cool games and crafts. We'll explore a forest habitat in the winter and learn how different creatures and people survive the coldest months of the year. We'll turn recycled goods and seasonal vegetables into wintry crafts, celebrate the winter solstice and 'Topsy-Turvy Time,' and even try outdoor cooking!



Choose from one of two sessions:

December 20th-22nd or December 27th-29th.

Time: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Ages: 4 - 11 years old

Cost: \$75/Imago members + \$80 for nonmembers*

**Limited scholarships are available*

To Pre-Register visit the online registration form at www.imagoearth.org or call (513) 921-5124.

Upon pre-registration, we will send you a confirmation form and a camper info form for you to fill out and return to us with payment. Contact us with questions at camps@imagoearth.org or (513) 921-5124.

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SAVE THE DATE:

Post Holiday Event—Save Money, Save Energy!

The EGG committee, Imago, and the Community Earth Alliance will host a program on January 18, 2012 featuring a demonstration with the GCEA of how they do their home energy audit. They will demonstrate the blow door process and their infrared method of finding places needing insulation. We will also relate to local residents who have used their program and their success in lowering their energy bills. A free audit will be given as a door prize. Location to be announced.

Wildlife Certification

The EGG Committee invites you to join our committee! We meet the 3rd Friday each month at 3pm at the BLOC Coffee House. Contact Eileen Schenk if you would like to join us. The date and time of the meeting can be changed to meet members' needs.

We are currently working on the Neighborhood Wildlife Certification for Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village. It is necessary for individual homes to become certified. So far, we are aware that Sharon Wilson/Dennis Coskie, Nancy Sullivan, Bill Cahalan/Deborah Jordan and Jim and Eileen Schenk have been certified. Let me know if you have been certified or made an application. If you have not applied, we encourage you to do so. There is a cost of \$20, and the Eco-village is willing to pay half of this. To apply go to www.nwf.org/CertifiedWildlifeHabitat and click on "Ready? Certify Now". If you have questions, call Eileen at 921.1932.



Nancy Sullivan's yard is a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

New to the Eco-Village

Tammy and Namaste' Norris have moved into 753 McPherson Avenue. Tammy was born in Cincinnati, but moved away when she was 13. She is a song writer and producer. Namaste' is 11 years old, and is an artist and musician hoping to attend the School for the Performing Arts.

When asked why they moved to the Eco-Village Tammy said that she was looking at eco-villages in Italy and Hawaii. Namaste' however, wanted to move to Cincinnati where their extended family lives. Tammy looked up eco-villages in Cincinnati, and found Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village. It took her two years to finally make the move. Welcome, Tammy and Namaste'!

Annual Meeting, Election, and Potluck

We will be looking for members to serve on the 2012 Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village Board. If you are interested in serving the term of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or if you have the skills and passion in serving in another way contact Ken Reidel or Suellyn Shupe, the heads of the Membership and Fundraising Committee.

Following is the present slate of nominees.

Deborah Jordan – President

Suellyn Schupe – Vice-President

Jeff Stec – Treasurer

- Secretary

Others are encouraged to run! The rest of the board is made up chairpersons of the various committees.

The potluck and the election will be held on Sunday, November 13 at 6 pm at the Earth Center. We appreciate your time, commitment, and continued belief in the Enright Ridge Urban Eco-village.

Second Sunday Soup Supper at Six is cancelled this month. Please join us at the EUREV Annual Meeting and Potluck.

CSA Happenings

The CSA brought the year to an end with an elaborate array of food. There definitely was no complaints about not having enough food!!!

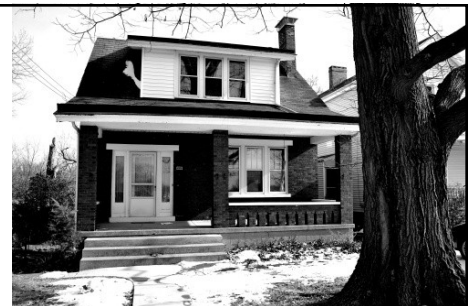
The CSA has received a \$10,000 matching grant from the Meshewa Foundation and is in the process of raising the \$10,000 to match the grant. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

The Veggie Cart traveled up and down the Eco-Village in October. The people who purchased from it were very pleased with the produce they received. Thanks to Suellyn Schupe and Dave Hill for making this happen.

People are signing up now for the CSA for next year. It helps the CSA to know how many people are returning, so, for people who sign up by the end of the year, we have instituted a five hour work credit toward their work hours for next year.

Contact
Jim Schenk at
513.921.1932

For Sale



668 Enright Avenue

October Board Minutes

The following decisions were made:

1. Loan repayments to Ed Hubert of \$750 will be made monthly. The Hubert Foundation has lent the Eco-Village money for the corner building, 749 McPherson Avenue (a two family home), and 686 Enright (a single family home). Repairs to these properties were discussed with an agreement to proceed with the repairs.
2. The board worked out the method for paying Charles Griffin, CSA head farmer.
3. Erin Miller, our web designer, recommended that if we want to accept funds on line that we go with Pay Pal. The board agreed to accept her recommendation.

Discussion of the financial report found that it didn't clearly show the finances of the CSA Project. The treasurer will request a method to report it more clearly.

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Greening the Street



A recent talk by Jim Schenk to residents of McPherson on ways to green your property and live more lightly has resulted in some great new landscaping along the street. Billy Poff (above) has led the way with all of his efforts in front of the Enright Eco-Village-owned house on McPherson, putting in several very creative garden beds and incorporating native stones.

Dave and Amanda next door have also made major improvements, adding a beautiful stone garden bench, as well as designing and building cold frames, etc., for the garden in back of this two family building. Pretty cool when tenants care enough to make these changes! Thanks for doing your part.

File Your Report!

The adage about the squeaky wheel applies to neighborhood problems, too. Tired of seeing an abandoned vehicle or empty house with an overgrown yard? Maybe the street light is out near you. It is easy to file a complaint with the city electronically now by going to <http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csrcincinnati/>

You can indicate what your problem is, (weeds in the yard of abandoned house, broken sidewalk, etc.), and give the address of the problem, as well as your contact info. You can check a box to have city personnel call you in response. If we do this on a regular basis, (for instance, noting the seemingly abandoned house and overgrown yard at 562 Enright), we can get results.

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, Mark Dandurand, Erin DeWitt, Michael Frazier, Deborah Jordan, Kim Marcum, Josh Miller, Michelle Savoti, Eileen Schenk, Nancy Sullivan, and Sharon Wilson.

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: \$ _____

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

Business in the Eco-Village

Conscious Earth LLC provides exceptional general green housekeeping services to individuals who value our Earth, a peaceful home, and a more holistic, connected way of doing business. Conscious Earth operates through creativity rather than competition, is motivated by purpose rather than profit, and believes in the possibility of peace.

My name is Amanda Phirman. I am an artist and innovator who seeks an occupation that fuels me philosophically and financially. Owning a business and providing peace through housekeeping and cleaning services fulfills me.

I have been a residential cleaner with my mother for several years, and now I seek to offer a larger variety of services in my own venture. As well as general cleaning, I offer services ranging from organizational help, to dog walking, to preparing vegan crock-pot meals for families. In essence, I provide housekeeping services to help homes become promoters of peace.

Conscious Earth provides services that are responsible and safe for you, me, our families, and the Earth. When cleaning, I don't use harsh chemicals and all other business practices are done in the most sustainable method within my means.

These services can be one-time occasions: Let's say, you're having company over and don't have time to clean, or you know you won't have time to walk the dog.

There is also the option of getting on a schedule: I come once every other week, or once a month, to do a general cleaning, or a couple loads of laundry.

As we all know, housekeeping can be hard, physical work, so I generally charge a rate of \$25 an hour. However, I may be willing to compromise for those of us with less financial freedom.

If you would like more information about Conscious Earth services, or more information on "green housekeeping," give me a call at 859.462.0153, shoot me an email me at amandaphirman@gmail.com or check me out on Facebook under: "Conscious Earth LLC: General Green Housekeeping Services."

Monthly Tour of the Eco-Villages

The tour of the eco-villages (Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village and McPherson Eco-Village) will be on Saturday, November 12, 2011, from 10 am to 12 pm. (This is a change from the fourth Saturday at 9 am).

This tour will be united with the Eco-Village tour being hosted by the Ecology on Tap program by Imago. It is free for Eco-Village members or for people referred by Eco-Village members. So, if you refer someone, have them mention it when they make contact. Reservations are needed. Contact Jim Schenk at jschenk@imagoearth.org or at 921-1932.

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Ecology on Tap

There is one remaining discussion gathering in Imago's innovative new program, Ecology on Tap. It will be on Wednesday, November 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The subject will be "Community", using readings from the Northwest Institute's discussion course "Choices for Sustainable Living." Beer is available for donation. Register on Imago's website at www.imagoearth.org.

This new series also held two rituals, a blessing of animals in October and the Cosmic Walk on November 5. One field trip also remains, this one to our eco-village and CSA on Saturday, November 12th, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.



Ecology on Tap's Cosmic Walk ritual guided participants through the evolution of the universe.

**Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village
seeks to be an ecologically responsible community
sharing ideas, resources, and a reverence for earth.**