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Promoting Enright Ridge Ecovillage by Eileen Schenk and Lydia Stec

This committee, while small in number, has had big ideas and a rate of success that is awesome. Residents have responded better than we expected as we planned a calendar of events, following the treasure mapping, that would showcase our unique neighborhood to each other, to other areas of Price Hill and to the rest of the city.

Events that have already occurred include:

A float in the Thanksgiving parade – Alan Feibelman and Tim McDonald drove the pickup truck with the “cube” in the back and decorated with the Ecovillage banners. Christmas caroling and luminaries lit up Enright on December 21. Hot chocolate and home made cookies followed. Lydia Stec, Liz Bowarter, Kim Pope and Eileen Schenk coordinated this event. Our Enright families who hosted the Treasure Mapping distributed luminaries donated by Lydia and arranged for their lighting. Over 30 carolers participated, including Kim’s Girl Scout Troop and the Imago Earth Center youth group.

Upcoming Events include:

The Progressive Dinner – February 11th beginning at 5pm. – Hosts are the Stec’s (appetizers and drinks), Schenk’s (soup and salad), Wilson/Coskie, with help from O’Hara/Waddell and Mainger/Cooper (main course), and Rottenbergers/Rolf’s (Dessert). A social gathering is planned afterwards at the Imago Earth Center. All are invited. RSVP to Eileen (921-1932) or Lydia (921-2199)

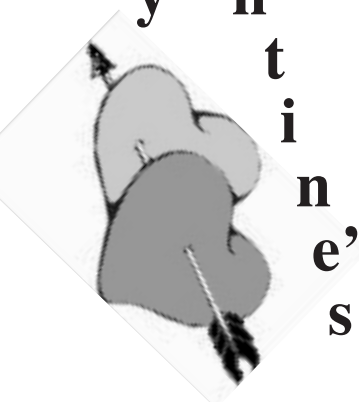
A home and garden tour of the Enright Ridge Ecovillage is planned for May. This event is especially important as we present our neighborhood to the rest of the city. We want to continue to attract home buyers as houses become available. Homeownership is important as so called “investors” are particularly active in older neighborhoods and can, through their practices, cause havoc. We would like to recruit a group of people who will bring ideas for this event. Specifically, we expect gardens, houses that have been remodeled, houses in the middle of renovation, and other houses that have been well maintained, to be a part of the tour.

The committee has also agreed that we need to “brand” the neighborhood so that it is easily recognized. Some ideas we have for this are house flags (colorful flags that hang from the porch identifying Enright Ridge Ecovillage) and additional large flower pots placed periodically along the street. House number plates that are the same would also provide continuity. Call Eileen (921-1932) or Lydia (921-2199) if you want to help with this project.

A summer outdoors picnic, possibly a party held on the street itself, with old fashioned games and music is being considered. We would hope Enright musicians and possibly former residents would participate.

The next meeting date of the Promotions committee has not been set. For more information, please contact Eileen Schenk or Lydia Stec.

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Enright Energy Group by Kate Kinney

The Enright Energy Group, whose most recent discussion centered around making homes more energy efficient through reviewing insulation, will be having their next meeting this Thursday evening, February 9, at 7pm at 601 Enright Ave.

Among the topics related to this committee is a recently discovered Ohio State solar energy grant. If you would like further information on this, please visit the grant web site at www.odod.state.oh.us/cdd/oeelfgrant.htm.

Coffeehouse

The committee working on purchase of the building at the corner of Enright and West 8th Streets, what has been dubbed the anchor building, has been rolled into the existing Preserving and Improving Housing Committee. Please refer all questions and ideas regarding this property to Beth O'Hara.

Hilltop Co-op by Beth O' Hara

The Hilltop Co-op purchases items in bulk through United Natural Foods. This is the same company Wild Oats orders from, and many items are less expensive through the co-op. We order once every 4 weeks.

If you would like to join or for more information, contact Deborah Jordan or Beth O'Hara.

Preserving and Improving Housing by Beth O'Hara

This committee has been exploring ways to increase the safety, beauty, and value of Enright Ridge by purchasing and rehabbing property that is for sale and has a high risk of being used as investment property. The committee has decided to become a non-profit organization to better meet these goals.

We are currently investigating the building at the corner of Enright and West 8th Street for purchase and rehab. If we purchase the building, our goal is to turn the building into an appealing gateway to our street by rehabbing the property, renting the store front, and ensuring the building is safe for residents.

We invite anyone interested to attend the next meeting on February 15 at 6pm at 522 Enright Ave.

Vandalism by Jim Schenk

The vacant house at 534 Enright Ave. (the Graham's former house) was vandalized and the copper pipe removed from the house. Someone saw a red truck there and a person loading it with pipe. This person just assumed it was legitimate and didn't check it out. So keep your eyes out for any suspicious behavior on the street. There is a chance the person could hit again.



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Saturday, February 11th at 5pm.

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RSVP to Eileen at 921-1932 or Lydia at 921-2199.



As with any ongoing project, the Enright Ridge Eco-Village can only benefit from having more participation and input. Even if you haven't been involved before now, you are welcome and encouraged to come to any meetings or join any committees which interest you and share your views of how to improve your neighborhood.