

Happenings in the Eco-Village Naming Parts of the Street?

Someone on Enright who lives close to W. Eighth rather disparagingly referred to the other end of the street as "suburbia". I vote for the section from Imago down to Wildey Lane as Middle Earth. Any better names?

And what would be a positive name for the northern part, across from the cemetery? No one could ask for quieter neighbors, but associating this third of the street with them might sound unfortunate. Plus, it really ISN'T the Dead End of the street. The Ridge Runner is taking suggestions!



Ken Reidel's yard garden.

Food, Not Lawns

This movement is sweeping the country, as more people discover the joys of growing more than grass. Whether you use your front or side yard to provide food for the table, all admire the hard work that goes into creating and maintaining these gardens.

ERUEV-Riders? Eco-Horsemen?

What would you call the (mostly) men who enjoy the wind in their hair as they put the miles under two wheels. Tim McDonough has just bought his dream machine, a Harley Davidson, joining the Pope brothers, Joe Bell, and others who wind down by winding up their beautiful Harleys or BMWs.

Tools Make Life Easier

Many Eco-Village members are focused on the Tool Share as something that all members can benefit from. Then there is Dan Pope with his cherry picker. Now the Eco-Village banner which was apparently snagged by a passing truck is up again more secure than ever, thanks to Dan.

Industrious Resident

Megan Pope attends an unusual school, Cristo Rey, which encourages students to work off-site as part of their learning experience. This year she's been at Gorilla Glue, a Cincinnati company which has grown enormously in the past few years. They like her so much they hope to keep her on over summer! No puns about her stick-to-itiveness or anything...

Tenants Work Hard Outside!

Some residents of Eco-Village-owned houses put in a lot of time in and around the garden associated with the building. Many thanks to Allen Feibelman for his attention to the lawn and beds at the Burr Oak building over a number of years.



Billy Poff has gone the extra mile, however, behind 747-749 McPherson, installing a huge brick patio! He collected the bricks, completed a retaining wall and new drainage and then laid the bricks in a pleasing pattern. He is shown here enjoying the fruits of his labors, (a soda), with neighbor Hilbert.

Price Hill Eco-Village on McPherson

"Community Hang Out Team" (Formerly known as Good Guys Loitering, as well as some other names) meets on designated Fridays from 7pm to 10pm. Share a snack. Share a vision. INSPIRE your neighbors. The next date will be announced soon!

Mural will be started in June

A mural will be painted on the white wall on the end of the shopping center facing McPherson. Residents of McPherson Avenue have developed a beautiful painting to put on the wall. Work on it will begin on the weekend of June 22. Come join us if you can!

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Compost windrows on Terry Street.

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CSA

The Enright CSA is still looking for share members. It's not too late to join for the 2013 season. If you are interested in joining, email us at: urbanfarmproject@enright-csa.org

The first pickup for this season is Saturday, May 18. We currently offer two share sizes. A full share feeds 3-4 people and a half share feeds 2-3 people. We have work share and non-work shares.

Share Type

Share (Produce for 3-4 people)

Half Share (Produce for 2-3 people)

Non-work share: \$750 (\$150 deposit)

Non-work share: \$425 (\$85 deposit)

Work share (40 hours): \$550 (\$110 deposit)

Work share (20 hours) \$325 (\$65 deposit)

Questions, want to learn more? Email us:

urbanfarmproject@enright-csa.org Check us out at:
www.enrightecovillage.org, www.enright-CSA.org,
www.facebook.com/enrightcsa

Cougar Watch: May 2013

"Big cat" sightings are increasing around the state again this spring and all April sightings reported to Ohio Mountain Lion Watch are from nearby communities: Warren County, Liberty Township, Clinton County, Indian Hill, Sharon Woods, Bridgetown Road (Neumann Golf Course area), Chillicothe, and north of Lebanon. If the trend in sightings follows those of past years, reports in Ohio will occur throughout summer and autumn, tapering off without completely disappearing during the winter. Certainly numerous sightings throughout the region go unreported. The awe, surprise, and disbelief that this particular native mammal inspires make many wonder if they really saw one. Typically, the viewer sees a big cat briefly from a distance and can't believe they just saw an actual mountain lion. Others aren't sure what they saw but their description is of this likely candidate. Viewing time (or preparedness) to take a photo or video is usually short so seldom happens. Meanwhile, the mountain lion continues to do what it does best - stay out of view and trouble with people in the Midwest while it goes about life.

The April edition of Cincinnati magazine includes the story "Unsolved Mysteries". One highlighted is big cat sightings around Cincinnati - including Price Hill - and the work of OMLW to help keep track of them. Although not considered "official" by state wildlife officials, four Enright sightings in recent years (2 in spring/2 in autumn) make our location one of the more concentrated areas of sightings. In an attempt to determine if there may be a year-round resident adult, a trail cam was placed (January 20 - March 17) at the edge of the woods at one of the two sighting locations. Out of forty-nine photos, none were of cougar - no proof either way. However, the 5-point buck that comes around managed a nice portrait as did a coyote and some local fun-loving teens.

As we're out and about in the neighborhood, traveling, or on campouts, this is a good time to be aware of our surroundings without becoming overly concerned about encountering danger. Education for all ages about safety in nature goes a long way, whether it's avoiding wasp stings or something bigger. Big cats deliberately avoid us and are very good at it - the chance of even glimpsing one is incredibly slim. We enjoy a diversity of wild and domestic animals on the street and surrounding area; it just so happens that every now and then that might include *Puma concolor* (aka mountain lion or cougar).

Ruth R

Let's Get 562 Down!

Tired of the house with "No Copper" scrawled across the front, and high grass? What about the basement door which is wide open and several windows, as well? We need to work together as a neighborhood to get something done about it.

It only takes a couple of minutes. If five or six households on Enright do this once a week for the next month, I bet we will see some action. Go to <http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csarcincinnati/> On the right side is a menu. Click on "Building Problems". Then click on "Vacant Residential Building" and there you can note whatever problems you feel are there, especially the open door and windows. Emphasize that it has been empty for three years, with no maintenance of any kind.

You can also go down to "Trees, Bushes, Grass and Weeds" farther down the list and then click on "Tall grass/weeds on Private Property" The tall grass/weeds are evident from the street. You can walk down the driveway and see that it is just as bad if not worse in the back. You can fill in this information on the form.

If each of us does this just a few times I think we will get some results.

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A Response to a Tour of the Eco-Village

Dear Suellen and Chris,

Thanks very much for hosting the Miami Urban Planning students on Friday. It was a most informative afternoon.

I've been bringing Miami students to Enright/Imago for a decade, most recently 3 years ago. In the past, students have had trouble understanding what is happening. The students this year were very engaged. They finally "get it." Urban planning and sustainability are moving very close to each other, and Enright/Imago is on the cutting edge of this. The students were impressed with the integration of urban agriculture and other sustainable initiatives into the daily lives of Enright residents.

*Best,
Jim Rubenstein*

May Eco-Village Monthly Tour

May's tour of the Eco-Village is Saturday, May 26th, 2013, 9-11am, the Fourth Saturday of the Month.

The tour is \$10 a person, free for Eco-village members (regular or associate) and people they refer. If you or someone you know would like to get to know more about the Enright or McPherson Eco-Villages, it's a nice way to spend a morning. Reservations Required: 513-921-1932 or jschenk@imagoearth.org. Check the eco-village website for more information. (www.enrightecovillage.org)

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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, Erin DeWitt, Michael Frazier, Deborah Jordan, Josh Miller, Michelle Savoti, Eileen Schenk, Nancy Sullivan, and Sharon Wilson. *Monthly meeting 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm.*

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ENRIGHT RIDGE URBAN ECO-VILLAGE
MEMBERSHIP FORM
(Membership year: January 1 - December 31)

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

Mulberry Fest

Spring brings along with it many edible delights, including mulberries! Invasive plants, like garlic mustard and honeysuckle, also spring to life this time of the year. Join Imago for an afternoon of traditional, craft-based, and culinary invasive eradication methods...as well as celebrations of the wonderful Mulberry! This event features:

- Creative craft activities to make use of honeysuckle
- Local chef competition- taste delicious culinary creations featuring garlic mustard and other spring plants, and vote the best recipe!
- “Attack of the Invaders” workshops (*Identifying and Controlling Invasive Plants* and *What You Need To Know About the Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Long-horned Beetle*) by local expert, Devin Schenk of NKU
- Mulberry mead (honey wine) making demonstration by local brewer Christopher Smyth
- Very berry baked goods potluck- bring a berry dish to share and receive \$5 off admission

\$15 for the whole family; \$10 for an individual
Special: Bring a berry dish to share, and get \$5 off admission with our very berry dish discount!

We will open the fest at **1:30pm on Saturday, June 8**, and end with a dedication of the new labyrinth at the Earth Center. The labyrinth will be dedicated to Joyce Quinlan who, in 1979, was involved in establishing Imago’s direction and originator of the idea of establishing a labyrinth at Imago.

Wow! Now How Will We Grow

The Eco-Village is becoming more and more ecologically oriented. Check out our progress:

Rain Gardens - 11 locations

Backyard Chickens – 6 locations

Bees – 2 locations

Goats – 1 location

Ducks – 2 locations

World Wildlife Certifications - 7

Organic Gardens – 11 locations

Houses & Apts Renovated Ecologically – 17

Energy Blitz in Price Hill

The Enright Eco-Village and the EGG committee are partnering with Price Hill Will, Imago, Santa Maria and the Community Councils of East, West and Lower Price Hill to participate in the energy blitz of Green Umbrella.

The goal of the challenge is to recruit owners and renters to sign up for an energy audit. This is a whole -house audit that will identify specific ways to reduce energy usage in your residence and alert you of the grants and subsidies that are available to make needed changes. Some of these changes could be more insulation, weather stripping and new windows.

The energy blitz partnership will offer presentations in each of the three neighborhoods featuring People Working Cooperatively and the Cincinnati Energy Alliance and their particular programs. Residents who have already had the audits and made changes will be available to share their specific experiences of cost, amount of money saved, and the improved comfort in their homes.

ERUEV residents who have completed the audits and changes are: Jennifer Belisle, Deborah Jordan and Bill Cahalan, Jim and Eileen Schenk, Suellyn Schupe, and Frank and Tracy Rottenberger.

Presentation will be given at the Elder Shaffer Center on May 15, Santa Maria Financial Center on May 21st, and St. Michael’s Bingo Hall on May 23. They all begin at 6:30.

For information, call Eileen Schenk at 921-1932 or e-mail eschenk@imagoearth.org. Green Umbrella will announce the results of the city-wide challenge later this summer.



Random sightings in the ERUEV.

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