

MUSIC IN THE WOODS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2013 // 2-11 PM

FEATURING: **The Tillers,
Ma Crow and the Lady
Slippers, Wild Carrot and
the Roots Band, Red
Cedars, Jake Speed and
the Freddie's**

This final celebration of summer features local food and drink vendors, great music, and a silent auction. The fun starts at 2PM with great family friendly activities and then the music starts at 4PM. Bring the whole family and stay the whole day! Music in the Woods is veg-friendly and, as always, benefits Imago's amazing array of innovative environmental programs. By supporting Music in the Woods you are supporting a Green Cincinnati!

Get your tickets online at
www.imagoearth.org
or drop by the earth center.



Community Gathering

Next gathering – Thursday evening, September 19 at the Imago Earth Center, starting with a potluck at 6PM

At our eco-village gathering on August 7. We brainstormed ideas for things we might add to the social fabric of the eco-village. A few of the ideas were really popular (denoted with a star *) and a few of the ideas were adopted by specific folks:

- *Mixing the pockets (Enright, Terry St, Mcpherson) **
- *Leaving encouraging notes for folks **
- *Connecting outliers/outreach *
- *Yoga (Deborah J)*
- *Upstart group- personal invitations and door knocks*
- *Coffee hour **
- *Walk in the woods **
- *Family resource center (homey meeting space)*
- *Moon drum circle **
- *Support for moving outside and interacting with each other*
- *Newsroom/TV group*
- *Social skill share (informal gatherings around a skill)*
- *Improve communication via email and facebook*
- *Eco-village field trips*
- *Brew parties/ Brew Guild*
- *Raccoon hunt (Chris S.)*

- *Hill-top Food Co-op (Deborah J) **
- *Knitting/ Hand-works group (Jessie) **
- *Meditation group*
- *Bike co-op/riding group (Matt B)**
- *Eco-village barter/swap/time bank idea*
- *Community energy project*
- *Plant swap*
- *Tool share*
- *Progressive dinner*
- *Weekly earth rituals **
- *Board games (Elaine)*
- *Potluck & discussions **
- *Lawn Art (Amy)*
- *Blitz/Mobile Unit/Flash Mob **

The focus of the September 19 meeting will be around actualizing the ideas above that people would like to make a commitment around, and plan for making them happen. Please join us and be part of this exciting conversation.

SEPTEMBER ECO-VILLAGE MONTHLY TOUR

The September eco-village tour will be on Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 9:00 to 11:00 am, the Fourth Saturday of the Month. The tour is \$10 a person, free for Eco-village members (regular or associate) and people they specifically 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 e-mail jschenk@imagoearth.org. Check the eco-village website for more information. (www.enrightecovillage.org)

LIVING IN NATURE

It's halfway between mid-summer and fall. Driving across the sixth street viaduct, I see the wooded hillsides of Price Hill. The woods are still pretty green for this time of year. There are fewer tans and browns since we have had good rain and not a lot of heat. Unpredictable weather hasn't been the problem this year (in our region, at least) that it was in recent years.

Insect song is more intense now than in June or July, especially at night. The fireflies seem to be almost done with their bright mating dance. We dropped our son off for college last week, and the schools here are brimming with kids again. I look forward to planting the gardens in cover crops for the winter, to the brilliant trees of fall, and after these leaves have come down to trucking in bags of them for another round of composting. Next year we'll give their topsoil back to the gardens that have given us so much, as we continue our journey around the sun.

— BILL CAHALAN

New Arrivals

JOSH, PETRA, AND JACKSON, 513 ENRIGHT

>>>Where did you hear about the eco-village? (Petra) I first learned about it a year and a half ago while living in California. I was interested in urban farming as a means of having healthy, wholesome foods for me and my child, and I knew that I would be moving into the area. And I stumbled across Enright's webpage.

>>>What brought you to live in the eco-village? I went on a tour, which was given by Jason and Kate. I had been worried that my son, Jackson, would be bored, but the greeting could not have been better. Their kids were on hand for the welcoming, and Kate picked up Jackson and he was involved in the tour and had other children to play with. We could not have had a better experience. We saw all the great gardens. Josh has a bit of a history with farming, and we are looking forward to turning our house into an urban homestead, complete with vegetables and livestock.

>>>What has your experience been so far? Very positive. All of our neighbors have welcomed us, offered assistance, and brought us some great housewarming gifts. I have given several informal tours to friends, and Josh's evening walks with Jackson brings opportunities to get acquainted with our neighbors. I am looking forward to getting involved with the community, and Josh and I will be getting married in our new home on October 12th, with a reception beforehand at the Imago Earth Center, and we hope that our new community will come and help us celebrate.

TIMMY AND TRIGGER, 753 MCPHERSON

>>>Where did you hear about the eco-village? Oh, we didn't hear anything at all! We saw our care-taker moving a bunch of stuff, and then suddenly we were shoved into the car for 13 hours and then dropped here.

>>>What brought you to live in the eco-village? Like we said, our care-taker. Nice guy, but a bit bossy, if you ask us.

>>>What has your experience been so far? Oh, it has been very good. We've been going on lots of walks, getting to know the neighborhoods, and we've come across soooo many new smells, so many new people to jump up on, cats to bark at, lawns to dump on (which Mark does clean up, by the way), and some new kind of big, furry ground rodent that actually has us a bit intimidated. Our care-taker seems happy, and that makes us happy.

Farm Project

PRODUCE FOR SALE

SATURDAYS 12-2PM

824 ENRIGHT AVENUE (GREENHOUSE)

CASH ONLY, MOST ITEMS \$2-3

The Enright Ridge Urban EcoVillage has run a very successful CSA for several years, it's currently in its fifth season.

The CSA is experimenting with selling our excess produce that is not enough to spread evenly amongst the members. The Enright Ridge CSA Farms uses organic growing methods. No synthetic pesticides or herbicides. All items for sale are grown right here in the neighborhood of Price Hill. The produce varies according to the season and harvest availability.

This year we are growing basil, beets, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, chives, cilantro, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, greens, green beans, green onions, herbs, kohlrabi, lettuce, melons, peas, peppers, raddichio, squash (summer and winter), sweet corn, tomatoes, turnips, and zucchini.

We invite you to stop by and share the bounty!

Happenings

ERUEV AND CINCINNATI WALDORF SCHOOL

Dylan Cahalan, Badger and Murray Johnson all attended the Cincinnati Waldorf School. Now three Waldorf teachers live on the street! Kate Reidel has the first grade and ERUEV newcomer Elizabeth Doshi is the second grade lead teacher, while Megan Suttman Divilbiss runs the after-school program. All have taken several years of specialized Waldorf teacher training; Elizabeth also taught in Waldorf schools in California. The Waldorf philosophy includes a strong emphasis on the arts and the natural world. It is not surprising that Badger has a degree in applied botany, Murray is finishing a major in theater costume design and a minor in green building, while Dylan is at a college well-known for its emphasis on environmental studies. We'll see where the two younger Reidel children and Doshi daughter will go with their Waldorf experience!

WHAT'S A "POULT"?

If you have walked through the Imago woods recently, you may have been lucky enough to spot some. The mature wild turkeys glimpsed earlier in the summer have produced offspring! Several people have reported seeing three young turkeys, known as poults, with their mother pecking through the underbrush in search of insects and fallen acorns, etc.

Turkeys are making a comeback throughout our area, but this is the first year we have been fortunate to have them as neighbors. Benjamin Franklin wrote his daughter about his effort to get this beautiful bird named our national symbol:

"For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character. He does not get his Living honestly. For the Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and a true original Native of America... He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on."

Transitions

OFF THE STREET, ON TO COLLEGE

Enright lost a great musical talent when Christin Rottenberger accepted a scholarship to the University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky. She'll be missed, but her younger siblings show the same musical ability, so watch (or listen) out!

Dylan Cahalan, another scholarship winner, just finished his first week at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina. His parents are nearly as enthusiastic about the campus as he is.

BACK FROM MILITARY SERVICE

Neighbors, friends and family rejoiced to welcome Perry Rolf back from his two years of military service. Now he can explore a range of career options which interest him, from criminal justice to personal trainer.



AGROFORESTRY PROJECT UNDERWAY

Many volunteers gathered in the heat August 25 to begin implementing the agroforestry plan for Hackberry Hill at Imago. Ecovillage volunteers included Badger Johnson, Dan Divilbiss, Matt Trokan, Ken and Nate Reidel and Nancy Sullivan.

You may have seen the bright orange flags in the woods. Several weeks ago Badger, Nate and permaculture expert Megan Ogle used an A-frame level to lay out long swales, marking them with the flags. Swales are basically ditches on contour which hold rainwater which otherwise would race down the hill, eroding precious topsoil along the way, and flooding the sewer system. With more rainwater captured, the swales can support new fruit and nut-bearing trees and shrubs which are now in nursery beds at Imago and other gardens in the Ecovillage.

Professional restoration ecologist Brian Kwiatkowski joined the group to lend his expertise. He also provided a laser level and explained to the other volunteers how to use it to check the accuracy of the original A-frame level work.

If you like to work hard, you can help on the next work day as a *swamper*, which means moving downed brush. Much of it will be chipped with the chipper bought with the profits from the recent Eco-Jam and used as mulch to conserve moisture around the new plantings. You can also cut additional small trees to increase the areas of open canopy, work at removing the much-despised winter creeper, etc.

If it sounds like a lot of work, it is. But there is a lot of enjoyment in working together as a group and anticipating a more abundant future in our neighboring forest- more nuts, more fruit, more wild turkeys and other birds. We can also promise some great potluck opportunities! Talk to Nate, Nancy or others who helped with this first major push.

POTLUCK AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Sunday, September 1, 2PM. You are invited to our Sharing Circle--a Veggie Potluck & Roundtable Discussion-- hosted by Mike & Birdie, on the First Sunday each month, 2pm, at our home, 3631 West 8th St., Cincinnati. OH. Talk may range widely, but tends to focus on what a satisfying, sustainable society might look like.

Housing in the Enright Ridge and McPherson Eco-villages

HONORING THE PAST; SUPPORTING THE PRESENT.

Some Eco-village residents have questions about the housing rehab efforts in the eco-villages of Enright Ridge and McPherson. People are puzzled by some activities and wonder about who makes decisions, what is the goal of the housing strategy, how are houses chosen, how are the projects funded, and what happens if there is income over expenses. There is a lot of gossip and false information that flows through the river of the community.

Housing activity began with Imago, a non-profit environmental organization founded in 1978 by Jim and Eileen Schenk. Imago soon had over 500 members, most of whom were interested in the neighborhood and wanted to be involved in building a neighborhood that modeled sustainable living. Early on a large tract of land and house at the end of Enright was purchased by a group that wanted to build a large housing project. Neighborhood property owners and Imago members determined to protect this land. They were successful getting Cincinnati City Council not to contribute to the infrastructure funds that the organization needed. When the organization backed out, the community decided to purchase the land and the house. Funds were raised primarily by donations from residents with help from Imago members to purchase the property. Their goal was to rehab the house and sell it with one acre of land, and split off the remaining land to become a nature preserve.



Soon after this success, Imago purchased the first house to rehab. It was a foreclosed house that was totally stripped by the former owner. Charlie Patty and Mike Sandman were the contractors on this project. The completed house was sold to Kathy and Allan Feibelman. The members of Imago lent the money to rehab this house and were repaid when the house was sold.

This plan worked out well and encouraged Imago to address other housing issues with a similar strategy. That is, purchasing foreclosed and distressed properties, rehabbing them as sustainably as financially possible. Imago's housing development later on also centered on commercial buildings on Warsaw Ave., and in the Whittier Garden District. Jerry Ropp managed the construction. He completed four commercial buildings and five residences. Jerry is a resident of Enright Ave. and a well known professional contractor. Before working with Imago, Jerry worked with Sister Paula Gonzales, a Sister of Charity, in developing Casa De Sol an innovative energy efficient rehab at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity. Sr. Paula highly recommended him to us.

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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

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SHARING IDEAS, RESOURCES, AND A REVERANCE
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