

Living in Community requires attention to building and maintaining the fabric of the community—the connections, the joy of living together, the ability to meet the challenges of living together, etc.

Community Enrichment Group provides the members of the Trillium Hollow community with opportunities to come together throughout the year to play together and enjoy each others' company, usually around good food.

THE WORK OF THE CEG INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING 4 SETS OF ACTIVITIES:

CEG supports the community monthly Work Parties and HOA meetings in 4 ways: (DLA-4)

Assembling the list of tasks that teams need to get done during the work party, and reporting on what got completed during the work party;
Coordinating the food for getting started in the morning (“coffee-and”) and a community lunch where all are welcome, whether they participate that day in the community work or not;
Providing snacks for each HOA meeting
Coordinating / preparing Budget Faire food for that annual event.

CEG coordinates the annual special gatherings of the community, Solstice, End of Summer Music Fest and Founders' Day Celebrations. CEG provides the coordination and budget for these events, which are supported by the whole community in design and preparation. (DLA-4 for the event coordination, DLA-2 or 3 for the specific event dates)
CEG also may propose additional events, one-time or on a regular schedule, in response to expressed desires of the community (DLA-1 and 2)

CEG provides a “home base” Meal Club in support of community cohesion: Meal Club oversight for tasks and coordinators supporting the Meal Club, including the financial tasks and the monthly scheduling work. (DLA-4 for season start-up organizing; otherwise the Meal Club group is self-organizing in its operations throughout the year)

CEG administers a small discretionary fund to support incidental expenses for community activities coordinated by individuals and/or teams. (DLA-4 or DLA-3 where other teams are involved) Examples of past expenditures include
Framing pictures of Founders who have passed
Purchasing folding tables for summer potlucks and other outdoor community events
Acquisition and copying costs for Melodrama Scripts
Small grants for food expenses for community or team events where other sources are not available.

TEAM LOGISTICS, MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATION, ETC.:

CEG is a standing community team with members who self-select and can serve as long as they wish.

To accomplish our work, we need on the team people with a range of skills and qualities:

Organizing skills for tasks and events

Food and hospitality consciousness

Delegating and letting others do the tasks needed to get the work done

Appreciation of the history and culture of Trillium Hollow as expressed through its events

People who enjoy having fun and can put on a good party!

The team is empowered to self-organize in getting its work done and making decisions within the team. We operate with a convener responsible for calling meetings, proposing agendas, etc., and team members volunteer to take responsibility for each of our tasks and activities.

Our tasks all have deadlines for when work must be done each month, or by event, including work party task lists and meals, annually starting up the Meal Club, etc. Because each event or task has a specific date when it happens, input for each is welcome up to a certain date, after which we proceed with the work. We encourage community members to join us in the planning for each community event, including imagining how it will be designed, etc.

The community provides funds, labor and skills for Work Party and Special Event activities. CEG shares some responsibilities for the Common House kitchen and pantry with the Common House Team, and relies on all other community teams to generate the tasks and completion reports that we compile into the Work Party monthly task lists.

We communicate with the community through our published meeting agendas and meeting minutes, and through event-specific communications to let the community know what is happening when. Our meetings are open to community members who wish to offer input on our team topics and activities.