**Every Day is Earth Day**

**April 26, 2019 Green Legacy Roundtable: Housing**

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**What Can You Do?**

* Educate yourself about housing generally.  Ideas as to where to start:
* Read the ***Peninsula Pulse* 2019 sustainability issue** (April 19th, 2019), including pursuing resources/links referenced within the issue’s articles.
* Review the **Door County Comprehensive Plan** chapters on housing.
* Review your municipality’s comprehensive plan chapters on housing.
* Attend a public showing of the Interfaith Prosperity Coalition film **“A Place of Our Own: The Challenge of ‘Home’ in Door County.”**
* Attend one of the upcoming **community-wide meetings about housing** (all 6:30 p.m. start):
  + Tuesday, May 21: Sister Bay Village Hall (STH 42, across from Al Johnson’s)
  + Wednesday, May 29: Sturgeon Bay High School Auditorium
  + Thursday, May 30: Southern Door Schools Auditorium
* Explore the new website coming soon: **HousingDoorCounty.org**.
* Start attending meetings of your municipal plan commission and/or board.  Politely ask what they are doing/considering, if anything, re: affordable housing.
* Volunteer to be a member of your plan commission the next time there is an opening.
* Run for your local town/village board.
* Educate yourself about any proposed affordable housing developments being proposed.  Attend meetings related to those developments and offer your positive input.
* If you’ve got bedrooms to spare in your home, consider taking on roommates, whether seasonal workers or year-round.  If you have rental properties, rent them out to seasonal or year-round workers/residents.
* Consider building – or allowing to be built – a secondary dwelling unit on your property, to be rented to a working resident.
* When building, be mindful of where you choose to build, construction practices employed, materials used, the ultimate energy efficiency of your building(s), etc.

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