

The Greendale Original

The newsletter of the Greendale Originals Neighborhood Association

An organization of residents of Greendale Original Homes
for the purpose of education, representation, service, promotion, and preservation
of our historic neighborhood.

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Why the Assessor is Coming

by Al Emmons

By now some of you original owners have received a letter from the Village Assessor. The assessor wants to look at the inside of YOUR house.

Why does he want to see your house and not your friend's or your neighbor's houses?

Each year Value Solutions, the Brookfield firm contracted by the Village at approximately \$120,000 per year, performs inspections on 20 percent of Greendale homes. Even though only one-fifth of the village is looked at, every property is reassessed

The inspection is a multi-year process completed every five years. It is done to evaluate property for tax purposes. This is in addition to the usual assessment valuations that are done according to recent sale prices for similar homes. Usually what a home sells for this year, will be looked at next year and will affect the assessment for the year after. So assessed values are running about two years behind the market values.

This is year six of the reassessments and the start of a new cycle. The "original" village is the target this year for the walk-throughs. Your property may be worth more than your neighbor's because of upgrades, like another bathroom, an addition, remodeled kitchen, etc. or down graded because of the lack of these things. So even though they look the same on the outside, the inside may be different.

According to the contract with the village, the assessor will not inspect "apartment buildings". So, if you own a duplex or multi-family you will not receive a letter asking for access. However, if the property has been split and the units are individually owned, the assessor will visit. It is interesting that once a multifamily building is divided into separate units the property is worth more and therefore pays more taxes.

GONA & the Green Market

In August GONA was notified that they would not be running the last three Green Markets of the season. This came as a surprise as attendance and vender numbers were very good. Thank you to everyone who helped make GONA's tenure at running the market a success.

GONA News

At the September meeting President Jeff Birmingham and Secretary Cathy Loomis resigned their positions due to personal and work reasons. We thank them for their time of service to GONA.

At the September meeting a \$100 donation to the Daffodil Park project was approved.

Block Party Review

The 2nd Annual GONA Block Party on August 28 had great weather, great food (by Ferch's), a lot of fun, but not as many participants. Around 40 people attended this year, down from 85 last year. Everyone got a chance to cool off with the water balloon toss, and this year the C-D sections defeated the A-B section in tug-of-war. That evens the record of the combined sections. A thank you goes to GONA President Jeff Birmingham for organizing the event and everyone who helped.

What was it?

by Joe Russ

Have you figured out the "What is it?" from the last issue? One person guessed it was a survey marker. Not quite. It's a base of the original clothesline post.

Last August your editor decided to tackle the project of the rotting post in the yard. That was put off until spring once I discovered the ground was very dry clay. So, this past April I started digging, thinking the concrete base couldn't be too deep. After about a week of evenings digging, I got down 28" and the base would finally wiggle. I suspect it is a few more inches down, but have abandoned the idea of pulling it out. Some suggested breaking it up with a sledge hammer (very hard) to just putting dirt over it. Another idea was a stick of dynamite. While the latter sounded like fun, I have since opted to drill the wood out of the base (much of which is rotted) and replace the post. I'm almost down the depth of the drill bit extension, a tad over a foot, and will then install a new post. I may even put a small Blue Bird on top of it, since clothesline posts are not covered in the "Guidelines".

Next meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Greendale Library Community Room (Enter through the Health Department doors and then go downstairs.)

The agenda for this meeting:

- Minutes of Sept. 7th Meeting - Treasures Report

Old business:

- Sale of Shirts and water - News Letter (Circulation)
- Disposition of picnic surplus
- Any old business brought before the group

New Business:

- Agenda for future Meetings
- Focus on future objectives of GONA
- Any new business brought before the group

Check the website for more information.

www.originalgreendale.org

Helpful Suggestions - 1938 style

The following is from an 18-page booklet called, "Helpful Suggestions for Greendale Residents". It was given to all new residents when they moved into their new homes by "the Management" (i.e. the federal government). Last month was *Use of Electricity and Water, and Speed Limits.* - Joe Russ

Garbage and Rubbish

It is necessary that all garbage be thoroughly drained and wrapped in paper before placing it in the outdoor garbage receiver.

Two rubbish cans are provided for each family for the disposal of combustible and non-combustible waste. Please keep these two types of wastes separate since each will be disposed of in a different container.

All combustible refuse such as sweepings, waste paper and magazines, old cartons, etc. and tin cans should be placed in the

can marked with a RED BAND.

All non-combustibles such as broken glass, bottles, ashes and the like, except tin cans which have contained food stuffs should be placed in the other can.

Garbage must not be placed in either of the two galvanized cans in the utility room. To help keep a neat appearance in the community, please keep these cans indoors.

Collections of garbage and refuse will be made at regular intervals. You will be advised later of the time of week when such collections are to be made at your home.

One of the indexes to a healthy community is its policy on sanitation. The proper care of refuse cans and the disposal of garbage and rubbish is a measure of community cleanliness.

Next issue: Electric Ranges and Refrigerators

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