

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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Part II - Public Works Chief talks about Original Village Issues

by Ginny Emmons

Continued from last month.

Snow Removal

Regarding snow shoveling, residents adjacent to sidewalks are required to have snow removed within 12 hours after the snow fall ends. Although, failing to do so may result in a ticket, Village Trustee Jeff Birmingham in an effort to have a "kinder more gentler" Village, urged that a phone call by a village representative in most cases would get better results than a warning letter or ticket.

One of the residents in attendance complained that the DPW plow covered the sidewalks at the cross walks with very deep snow piles which made it very difficult to shovel. Tisonik admitted that because of the very narrow streets in the original Village it was very hard for the plows to turn and avoid filling the cross walks and driveways. He advised, if possible, to wait until the plows went through before trying to clear driveways. He had no suggestions about the cross walks.

Water Main Breaks

Recent water main breaks in the original village were also a topic of discussion. Although, there have not been as many as in the past they will continue to occur because the mains have a life expectancy of 50 to 75 years. Since most were installed when the village was built 69 years ago, they are nearing the end of their time. The break usually occurs at a mechanical joint. The good news is that sensors now can detect when there is a break and feather pumps go slower and there isn't a tremendous loss of water pressure in other areas.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The October meeting of the Greendale Originals Neighborhood Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library (Lower Level, use Health Department Entrance). Per Article thirteen of the GONA bylaws, a vote will be taken to change the election date from the January to the December meeting. Nominations will be accepted at the October and November meetings for the December elections. Because of the Holidays there will be no meeting or newsletter in January.

Reminder: GONA will be selling Pocket Peelers and T-shirts at the next Green Market and at Hay Days. If anyone wants to purchase them sooner call Al or Ginny Emmons 423-1133

Part II - Getting Clotheslined - a Simple Project goes awry

by Joe Russ

Continuing the saga from last month...

Then a neighbor suggested something I had been thinking about: dump water down the hole and rot the remaining wood. Great idea! However, this takes a while. So I did that periodically the rest of the summer, fall, and early spring (I covered it over winter as I didn't want the water to freeze and crack it) - drilling and chipping a bit more each time. I finally got down about 15 inches (with a drill extension) and figured that was good enough (plus my arm was getting stuck digging out the debris).

For a replacement I bought a 10 ft. 4x4 untreated cedar post with few knots. I cut it to length, cut a pointed top on the top to match the original, used a sander to put a slight taper on the bottom of the post (looking at the hole I noticed the original post wasn't exactly square), soaked the bottom that would be in the concrete in Thompson Water Seal for a couple days, and primed and painted the rest. I also drilled holes to install the original hooks which I cleaned up and repainted.

Finally, installation day came. A test fit showed it would easily drop in the first three inches. It went down about 10 inches with little work, and some Vaseline, then stopped. As I didn't want to ruin the point, hammering the top was out of the question, or so I thought. Then I got the idea of taking a plank, resting it on the angle cut of the post and my shoulder to match the angle on the top of the post, and then hit the post with an 8 lb. sledge hammer. Working around the post hitting each of the four sides, it started to move an inch a round. After a few minutes of pounding, which resulted in a stronger right arm, a slightly sore left shoulder, and a heck of a headache, it was in!

Once I recovered from that it was time to get the post back in line with the porch and garage, and plumb (after digging around the original base, and trying to remove it, the base was out of alignment). I clamped some 2x4s to the post for leverage, and with some help got everything in alignment and dumped the fill in around it. After reading this article, you hopefully won't try digging your base out and can skip this step.

I touched up a few of the scratches and installed the original hooks to complete the project.

With this done, I should be able to find the base for the missing post on the other side of the townhouse by following a line from the porch to the back of the original garage. Your location may vary, but that's probably a good place to start.

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Village Event Calendar

- Oct. 6 **Open Market**
Municipal Parking Lot
- Oct. 6 **Hay Days Fall Festival**
Village Center
- Oct. 20 **Open Market**
Municipal Parking Lot
- Oct. 28 **Halloween Parade**
12 noon on Broad St.
- Oct. 28 **Trick or Treat 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
- Nov. 23 **Holiday Lighting with Santa**
Village Center

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Classifieds:

Any resident may submit a classified, not to exceed three-lines of text, for only \$5. If you have an ad you'd like to run, please contact the editor.

Wanted: Dog walker, Thursday afternoons for 6-month-old puppy. Please call (414) 423-8794.

Wanted: Responsible sitter for 1.5-year-old son. "A" Section. Evening & weekend hours. References requested. Call Sara (262) 490-1195.

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