

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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The End of the Youth Building?



The original CCC building is the section with the short porch in the middle of the six windows. The section with the long porch was added later. Photos by Joe Russ

Tucked in a corner between the Middle School and Canterbury School is a small wood building at 6898 Crocus Ct. But even though it is small and old, it has played an important role in Greendale's history.

What is now known to many as the Youth Memorial Building was originally a mess hall located in what is now the Root River Parkway for the workers who built the park. The largest of four buildings, it was constructed by Camp 636 of the Civilian Conservation Corp in 1933 and used until 1942. The building was given to Boy Scout Troop 505 in December of 1949, and in the spring 1950 it was moved to its present location. The Greendale pioneers who moved the building had to cut it in half, with handsaws, and then move it on a flatbed truck.

From 1950 until 1957 it was known as the Scout Shack, although the building was used by all youth groups. In 1957 volunteers and funds were requested to complete the addition to the building. All of the work was done by volunteers (including this editor's late father who helped with the electrical work), and on October 14, 1967 the completed building was dedicated. No tax money was involved in the project. The building has a fireplace, two large halls, a smaller meeting room, a fully-equipped kitchen, restrooms, and is handicap accessible.

In 1968 a report on the building's value placed it at more than \$70,000 and it was used by more than 500 people every

week. Over the years the building has been used and supported by the Scouts, Brownies, Golden Agers, Village Band, American Legion and Lions Club. The Greendale School Board had also supported the building by providing insurance, custodial maintenance and winter plowing.

But in recent years the building has fallen into disrepair, and is used for storage. The Greendale School Board recently discussed the future of this building and whether or not it should be torn down.

At the last meeting of the Greendale Originals Neighborhood Association, we discussed how it is part of our purpose as an organization to help inform Greendale original residents about some of the issues impacting their neighborhood. Given that our mission involves "preservation of our historic neighborhood", we felt that this was an issue worthy of further examination and discussion, and we wanted to bring it to your attention. The School Board will again discuss this issue at its meeting (open to the public) on **Monday, December 20** at 5:00 p.m. at Highland View School.

Article written by Joe Russ and Cathy Loomis with information from GONA President Jeff Birmingham (423-0963) and the 50th anniversary issue of the Greendale Village Life.



Help Wanted & Needed

Sell T-shirts – Deliver Newsletters – Work the Green Market

We are in the process of compiling a list of volunteers. This list will include those who volunteered but were never asked to help, those who volunteered and want to help out again, and those willing to help out in the future. Sign up lists will be at the December meeting or you can call Bob & Carol Thierfelder on Arrowwood Street.

Sell Advertising – Help Organize the Picnic – Contact Speakers

Next meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Greendale Library Community Room (basement)

Note that we are skipping January. A newsletter will be out before the February meeting. In the meantime...

Happy Holidays from GONA!

December Meeting Minutes

Greendale Originals Neighborhood Association (GONA) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, 7:30 PM
Greendale Library Community Room

The meeting was called to order by the president (Birmingham) at 7:40 PM.

Birmingham reminded the group of the new officers that were selected at the last meeting: Cheryl Koc, treasurer and Bob Thierfelder, vice-president.

There was a motion that the by-laws of the organization be changed in two places. The changes will be announced in the newsletter and voted on at the next meeting. This motion was approved. The proposed changes are as follows:

In articles six and seven, the by-laws currently state that a five member executive board and six additional members make up the board of directors. This would be replaced so that the board of directors would consist of seven people: four elected officers and three board members. This was suggested because a smaller board is more appropriate for the size of our current group.

In Article Ten, entitled "Meetings", the sentence "The Association shall meet during the first week of every month" would be replaced with "Meetings will be held at the discretion of the board". This was suggested because we may not want to be bound to monthly meetings.

At the next meeting, the board will be elected. We discussed nominations for the board. The nominations were as follows: Jeff Birmingham (president), Bob Thierfelder (vice president), Cheryl Koc (treasurer), and Cathy Loomis (secretary). Loomis will call current board members not attending today's meeting to see if they want to continue their involvement on the board. V. Emmons and McDermott indicated a willingness to serve.

Reviewed GONA projects and solicited volunteers through a sign-up sheet.

Running the Greendale Green Market in the summer of 2005. We are looking for two volunteers to start this project by meeting with the past organizer to determine the tasks involved.

Newsletter: Russ will continue to write. Evans will work on advertising. Loomis will continue with distribution.

GONA picnic for summer of 2005: We need volunteers to organize the picnic.

Good Experiences List: We need volunteers to further refine this list, for example, determine if criteria need to be developed for names to be included on the list.

Welcoming committee: V. Emmons will start this committee to welcome new residents to the original section. Koc and Loomis will participate.

The group decided to hold off on organizing a Greendale original house tour because we are already working on a number of other projects.

It was mentioned that the school board will voting on December 20th on whether or not to tear down the Youth Memorial Building. Because this building has an interesting history in Greendale, the group decided to provide information about this important decision to Greendale original residents through a newsletter to be delivered around December 17th.

The group discussed the newsletter. The newsletter would benefit from a logo to set it apart from other mailings people receive. Loomis will look for the logo previous used. Deadlines for the newsletter were set: articles will be submitted to Russ two weeks before the meeting, and the newsletter will be submitted to Loomis one week before the meeting.

Discussed whether or not to have meetings and deliver newsletters on a monthly basis. Monthly meetings are productive, so we will attempt to have them monthly along with a newsletter preceding the meeting, but meetings can be skipped if necessary. A motion passed that the next meeting will be held on the first Wednesday in February.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:
Cathy Loomis,
Secretary

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Greendale Original owners
who allowed us to plaster and paint in
their homes.
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