

# 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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## December 2004

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## Original Fun at an Original Party



There was family fun for all ages at the GONA picnic.

The Greendale Original Neighborhood Party on August 29 was a great time for the over 80 residents who attended. The weather was perfect, the food (from Ferch's) was great, and it appeared everyone had a good time. There were plenty of games and prizes for kids of all ages in Dale Creek Park (across the bridge behind Ferch's). The water ballon toss later became a water ballon fight for some of the kids (and a few adults). Even GONA President Jeff Birmingham got a soaking. In the tug-of-war contest for the adults, the A-B sections teamed up to defeat the C-D section team. Somehow it turned out to almost be a battle of the sexes, and the C-D team put up a valiant effort against the A-B team.

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## Review of the November meeting.

*Since attendance was light, and our Secretary couldn't make it, the editor will review the business of the meeting. - Joe R.*

**Resignations & Appointments;** President Jeff Birmingham announced that Vice-President Margo Kuehn, Treasurer Terri Knudson, and Member-At-Large Jack Anderson have resigned in the past few months due to personal or work requirements. He thanked them for their efforts, and looked for new appointments to those positions. After some discussion on how to fill the vacancies, Virginia Emmons moved to appoint Bob Thierfelder as Vice-President and Carol Thierfelder as Treasurer. Seconded by Al Emmons. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meetings:** There was discussion on how often to hold meetings, and the idea of having an open house of different originals. As the next meeting is the last meeting before the holidays, everyone was encouraged to bring cookies or snacks for a social meeting. It was decided to discuss this more at the next meeting when more could attend.

### Next meeting

**Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.**

Greendale Library Community Room (basement)

There will not be a guest speaker at this meeting. We will be discussing how often to hold meetings, and the idea of having an open house of different originals. **However, since this is the last meeting before the holidays, feel free to bring cookies or snacks for a festive social meeting!!** Hope to see you there!!!

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## 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**

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## Keep that Tile Roof

One of the features of Greendale Originals which makes them unique structures is their tile or slate roofs. Many have lasted 65 years, and they can easily last 500 years if properly maintained. And while that maintenance may seem costly up front, over the long-term it can still compare to a new shingle roof. During the past 65 years, a shingled roof would have needed to be replaced at least twice (figuring a 25-year life span). Your original roof was done once!

Also, maintaining a tiled roof is recommended in the village's guidelines. But wouldn't it be nice if the village would offer a tax break for maintaining an original roof?

One big tip for keeping your roof in good shape is not to let anyone walk on it. The tiles will crack if someone does so be sure that if a contractor goes up there for roof, chimney, or other work that they DO NOT walk directly on the tiles. They need to use roof pads so the tiles are not damaged.

If you decide to replace your tile roof with shingles, please contact GONA president Jeff Birmingham at 423-0963. The good shingles can always be used on another house.

## July Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:35 PM.

The meeting minutes of the June 2nd GONA meeting were approved.

The treasurer reported that the balance in the GONA account is \$286.75. This is before deducting printing costs for the July newsletter and the t-shirts.

The secretary recognized those volunteers who delivered newsletters to Greendale originals this month.

**Newsletter:** Thanks to Jeff Birmingham for the historical article that appeared in the July newsletter. We have received two additional advertisers. We have enough now to put 4 or 5 ads in the newsletter. The newsletter was also delivered to businesses this month. Next issue is Joe Russ' last issue as editor. Bruce Evans has volunteered to be editor starting in September. Occasionally, we have individuals who do not want the newsletter delivered to their home. We will include contact information in the newsletter for those who do not want to receive the newsletter to notify us. The secretary will look into printing the newsletter through the Greendale schools to save on cost. There was a motion to make the August newsletter four pages. It was approved. The August newsletter will include the invitation to the GONA party.

**Website:** Joe Russ has updated the website. There was a complaint e-mailed to us about a service provider listed on the Good Experiences List concerning price. We discussed the possibility of getting basic prices from the providers on the list. We may want to form a committee to address this further. There are a number of options including writing to the service provider to notify them of a complaint. Joe will put instructions on the list to call for prices. We noted that some service providers do not want to work on Greendale original homes (e.g., work in the crawl space).

**T-shirt sales/Green Market:** We have already sold 14 t-shirts at the Green Market. We ordered 50 shirts altogether and are selling the shirts for \$11.00 (\$5.50 profit per shirt). Please contact Jeff Birmingham if you are able to volunteer to sell t-shirts at future Green Markets, 8:00

AM – 1:00 PM on the following dates: July 10th and 24th, August 7th, 21st, and 28th, September 11th and 25th, October 2nd

Al Sikorski asked if GONA would like to run the Green Market next year. This would involve coordinating with vendors, advertising, and set up and take down of the Green Market. This will be discussed further at a later date.

**GONA party:** The party will take place on August 29th. We are able to use Green Market tents for the party. We could ask businesses if they would like to help sponsor the party and handout advertising and coupons at the party.

**Village Days:** Village Days takes place the 2nd weekend in August. Jeff Birmingham arranged for a space in Greendale to sell the t-shirts. We could see how t-shirts sell and if necessary, order more for Village Days. Do we want to be in the parade? We will discuss this further at the next meeting. We could have a banner and wear t-shirts, or we could do something to honor those who have lived in an original since the beginning.

**Closing comments by president:** Greendale is unique place, and not just an ordinary village. The people make it special. GONA has the great potential to bring the people of this wonderful community together.


**Tips:** One member is looking for pull-down stairs/ladder for her attic. She found a company to order this, but the size they sell would not fit our originals.

One member had a raccoon family in the attic. He received advice to wait until night when the mother raccoon goes out, put ammonia soaked rags in the attic, turn on a light and the radio to create undesirable living conditions.

Another member found a company that manufactures chimney caps out of stainless steel. You provide them with the measurements, and they will ship them to you.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Cathy Loomis, Secretary



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