

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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High School Open House November 22

by William H. Hughes, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Entering our 71st year of educating students, the Greendale School District's overall goal is to remain focused on outstanding academic achievement and developing a sense of responsibility in our young people. As part of this overarching goal for the school district, the purpose of the renovation at Greendale High School is to rebuild the schoolhouse while enhancing the educational opportunities for Greendale students.

The referendum for \$14,665,000, which passed in April of 2007, is the base of the construction and renovation project at the school. In addition, the Reiman Family Foundation donated approximately \$1.3 million which provided funding for student lockers and a renovated and expanded fine arts wing including the Henry Ross Auditorium.

Work began at Greendale High School during the summer of 2007 and has continued steadily with a targeted completion date of mid to late-November 2008. The scope of the project provided for the removal of nearly all asbestos in the building, expansion and renovation of all science rooms doubling their size which will provide adequate laboratory areas, an expanded music and fine arts wing to accommodate Greendale's growing enrollment and interest in the fine arts, new floor in the hallways, science rooms and art wing, a complete renovation of heating and ventilation systems, installation of energy efficient windows throughout the high school, renovated offices and medical space as well as adequate guidance, social work and career planning work areas. The Greendale High School multi-purpose room was expanded which allows for more classroom time for students by reducing lunch periods from three to two, and the nearly 40-year-old main District service kitchen was renovated. The much beloved Greendale High School Auditorium, which serves students and community members throughout the year, received enhancements including air conditioning and safety upgrades.

In addition to the renovation work at Greendale High School this summer, the District installed artificial turf in Gavinski Stadium based largely on the fundraising efforts of the Greendale Panther Touchdown Club. This group of citizen

leaders from Greendale raised approximately two-thirds of the \$700,000 cost to install the turf with the remainder coming from the District's fund balance. The new turf field has many advantages. It allows for greater use of the field for the many sports and activities that youth and community members enjoy including youth football, band, soccer, football and physical education class. It also requires little or no water and provides what many consider to be a safer playing surface for athletes. The fundraising effort spearheaded by this group is another example of community leaders stepping up to exemplify the village's commitment to work with the Greendale School District to improve its facilities and programs.

I look forward to continuing to work together with Greendale residents and parents to ensure that all Greendale students are successfully prepared for their future. We continue to adapt at the District after 70 years of educational excellence, respecting the long traditions and established methods of doing things as well as being sensitive to the village's interest in their public schools. By working together, our students will be prepared for the changing world ahead of them.

We appreciate your continued support of the Greendale School District and belief in the future of our village. Please join us for the GHS Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, November 22, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 1:00 followed by tours of Greendale High School.

Congratulation Greendales

In case you haven't heard, Greendales bloomed in the America In Bloom competition held over the summer. Yes, little Greendale, Ind. won in the 5,000 or less population category. However, Greendale, Wis. (that's us) beat out the communities of Bemidji, Minn.; Bexley, Ohio; Ironton, Ohio; Tipp City, Ohio; Warrenville, Ill to take first place in the 10,001 to 15,000 population category.

Our Greendale also beat 29 other communities, in all population categories, to receive the overall urban forestry criteria award.

Time to Cover those Vents

A reminder that it is now that time of year to put in the winter vent covers on your Original. If you still haven't been able to find yours, a limited number of rectangular vent covers are available. To get one (or two), and summer screen covers, call Al at 423-1133.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The November will be at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 5 in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library. (Lower Level, use Health Department Entrance). The December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3.

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Village Event Calendar

- Nov. 4 Election Day**
Don't forget to vote
- Nov. 8 Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen, Best of Country Cooking, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- Nov. 14 Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen, Taste of Home Annual 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- Nov. 22 Greendale High School Open House, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
- Nov. 28 Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen, Christmas Cookies & Candy, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- Nov. 28 Holiday Lights Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.**
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- Dec. 5 Dickens of a Christmas, Festive Friday**
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