

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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November 2009

Final Village Planning Meetings on November 11 & 17

The Comprehensive Planning process for Greendale enters its final stages with a pair of meetings. The Plan Commission will have a meeting, with public input, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, at the Greendale Village Hall. Then at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, at the Safety Center (Police Station), 5911 W. Grange Ave., the Village board will hold a public hearing on the entire plan.

Please attend as these meetings are your last chance to help shape the Village's growth and land use over the next 25 years. And please remind any of your friends in other sections of these meetings, as the Village needs as much input as possible.

A Cheap Crawl Space Ladder or "How to Be Resourceful"

by Joe Russ

Most of this past summer I walked past a pile of wood at a golf course near where I work, and kept eyeing a ladder-type assembly they had discarded wood pile. I couldn't figure out what to use it for, but had this nagging feeling I had a use for it.

Then in late August I helped a fellow Original owner by climbing into their crawl space to try to turn off the water to a leaking outdoor faucet. The floor below the crawl space was a bit deeper than the rest of the area, so I lowered a lawn chair down to use as a step. Effective, but certainly not the best solution. Unfortunately I discovered shutting off the water would require a plumber, but after pulling myself and the chair through the closet trap door, I got an idea for my own Original.

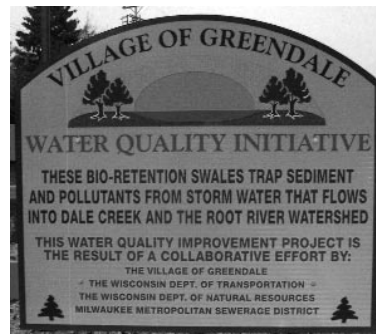
I stopped in at the golf course the next day and asked if I could have that ladder-type assembly. They said sure, as they had pulled it out of the nearby creek and had no use for it. The following day it came home.

The "ladder" was made of 2x4 side members with 1x4 rungs attached with three two-inch staples on each side. I cleaned it up and let it bake in the sun for about three weeks (during that September dry spell). Then I decided to reinforce the steps, just to be safe, with a pair two and a half inch nails on each side. I should note that last year I picked up a huge box of nails at a local recycling center. Yes, someone was tossing those, and a bunch of carriage bolts, and the workers there figured someone could use them and set them aside. I now had a sturdy ladder which I figured about was twice as long as I needed. Could it be I had solved a problem on both sides of the townhouse?

(to be continued next month)

Grange Bio Retention Swales

by Al Emmons



Who is responsible for the Grange Ave. bio swales? Why were we first to do it? Who gets credit for doing good? Sometimes I get to say, "Good Job, Well Done". We can be proud! We're the first to purify runoff water.

When you find out how it is done, it is not that complicated or costly. If you can take the time to find out what I'm talking about and want to know the details, go to the Greendale web site, www.greendale.org.

The swales alone will remove an estimated 700 pounds of pollutants each year, keeping it out of Dale Creek, the Root River and Lake Michigan. There are also two storm separators in the project which combined with the swales will remove an estimated 3,500 pounds of pollutants each year.

This was all done with the reconstruction of Grange Ave. that we were going to do anyway. So hurray for Greendale!

America in Bloom Results

The results are in, and Greendale came up short in its attempt to defend last year's America in Bloom title. The Village was awarded a 4-Bloom award which placed it second in its category to River Falls, Wis. (at least we lost to fellow cheeseheads). Fox Lake, Ill. and Arroyo, Calif. finished out the field.

Congratulations to River Falls, and the big winning neighbor, Milwaukee, who took first place in their population category against Springfield, Ill.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

The November meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 4, in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library (lower level, use Health Department Entrance). **Note:** Nomination for officers and board members will be accepted at this meeting.

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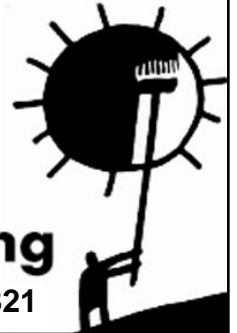
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Village Event Calendar

- Nov. 6 **Health Department Immunization Clinic,**
9:00 a.m. to Noon. For info call 423-2110
- Nov. 7 **Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen,** Christmas,
11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11 **Comprehensive Planning Meeting,**
Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13-15 **GHS Fall Play, "The Government Inspector",**
High School, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17 **Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing,**
Safety Building, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 21 **Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen,** Everyday
Slow Cooking, 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 27 **Holiday Tree Lighting,** Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 4 **Dickens of A Christmas,** Village Center, 5-9 p.m.

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