

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.

December 2005

Destined for Demolition?



Youth Memorial Building to be Demolished

by Joe Russ

The Greendale School Board voted at its October 31 meeting to demolish the Youth Memorial Building which stands at 6898 Crocus Ct.

At one time, the building was a part of civic pride and not administrative discourse. According to the November 9, 1961 *Village Life*, numerous residents and companies donated to create the building. E.D. Wesley, head of the Plumbing Co., donated material and labor to install the heating equipment. Work was expected to start immediately, although they were still waiting for the boiler. Jack LaBonte of the Rite Realty Corp. worked to get the corporation to donate a Hotpoint electric kitchen which arrived in six large crates. Equipment included an eight-foot stainless steel sink with disposal and dishwasher, wall oven and cabinets. A range and refrigerator were already in the building.

The article also stated that at the time exterior work on the building was almost complete, and the 50-ton fireplace, which took two years to build, was also nearing completion.

No tax money was involved in the project. The building has two large halls, a smaller meeting room, a fully-equipped kitchen, restrooms, and is handicap accessible.

Unfortunately, the School Board allowed the building to fall into disrepair and has now decided to tear down a building which was originally built with civic pride.



Village Board Considers Razing Fire/Police Station

by Joe Russ

In its October 10-24 Committee of the Whole Worksessions, the Committee discussed the Status and Potential Future of the Old Police Station and Annex. According to the Committee Of The Whole Agenda Item Staff Report, various options were reviewed, including razing the building.

“The Village would estimate the cost of razing the Old Police Station, including the required removal of any hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead at approximately \$110,000. The Annex, being smaller and without as much hazardous material could likely be razed for approximately \$30,000.”

The Report cites that two interested users “expressed the most serious or potentially viable uses”, but yet I have also heard of one individual and one group which have expressed interest but never received the courtesy of a response.

Village “Guidelines” (i.e. code) say owners of originals are not allowed to tear down their buildings which have the same environmental concerns as the old police station. But yet it appears the Village is not going to live within the rules they set for the residents. Please contact the Village Trustees before they decide to tear down another part of historic Greendale.

Reminders

No Newsletter for January: The volunteers will be taking the month off to avoid the snow and the cold. And we are still looking for a newsletter editor. If you are interested please contact Joe Russ at the phone or email address listed on the back.

Vent Covers: Don't forget to replace the crawl space screens with the vent covers. It will help keep your floors a bit warmer.

Next meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Greendale Library Community Room (Enter through the Health Department doors and then go downstairs.)

See back page for Speaker and Agenda.

Fire Chief to Speak at Next Meeting

The guest speaker at the December 7th meeting will be Greendale Fire Chief Gary Fedder. I asked the Chief to speak at our meeting because there are fire safety issues that resident and owners of Greendale Originals should be aware of.

Most of the originals are two stories, with bedrooms on the second floor. If the stairs are blocked do you have an escape plan? Many of our originals have attached garages or porches, would it be a good fire safety plan to use a window to escape to the porch or garage roof?

Before you can escape you have to be aware of the fire. Do you have a smoke or Carbon Monoxide detector? What kind should you have? Where should they be located?

When I deliver newsletters I do not see many child safety

stickers. Should we have signs on the windows telling the fire department where a child may be sleeping?

Originals lack storage space. Are you storing things safely, or are they too close to a possible source of combustion?

In a medical emergency, are you aware that you can inform the fire department of your special needs with a File of Life? What do emergency medical personal do if a caller is unable to unlock their door?

Are there fire safety issues that can be resolved by looking at the pattern of fire department calls from original residents?

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Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Greendale Fire Chief Gary Fedder will present a program on fire safety. Following the Fire Departments presentation, refreshments will be served while we have a brief business meeting. GONA will provide soda. Cookies and holiday snacks would be appreciated. Agenda is: **Old Business:**

- There will be no newsletter or meeting in January
- Mailing newsletter to absentee landlords
- Nomination of candidates for February 1st Election
- Preservation of the Police/Fire buildings
- Editing of the news letter • Meeting with Historical Society

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