

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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Decision nears on the Youth Building



At its December 20 meeting the Greendale School Board discussed the future of the Youth Memorial Building and whether or not it should be torn down. Several GONA members attended the meeting, and the school board gave Jeff Birmingham time to devise a plan to save the building. He is still working on this plan, which involves finding a donor to cover expenses to bring the building up to code and enlisting support from community organizations. The building would be transformed into a museum that could be used by schoolchildren to learn about our community and the Roosevelt era.

For those of you unfamiliar with the building, it is a small wood building tucked in a corner between the Middle School and Canterbury School 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.

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 set a deadline to make a decision on the fate of the building, which will likely come this month.

At its February 2 meeting, GONA members in attendance approved a motion that GONA will support efforts to restore and maintain the Youth Memorial Building. The Association also feels that the community should have input on the decision regarding the future of the building. If you would like to voice your thoughts on this topic before the School Board's February 21 meeting, you can contact the following:

Superintendent of Schools, William H. Hughes, Ph.D., at 423-2700 Ext. 2701, or email william.hughes@greendale.k12.wi.us

School Board President, Victoria S. McCormick, at 421-3578 or via email at vmccormick@greendale.k12.wi.us

If you are interested, attend the School Board meeting at 7 p.m. on February 21 in the Greendale School District Board Room at 5900 South 51 Street, Greendale (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.

Greendale Green Market

The Green Market, located in the Municipal Parking Lot (just west of Broad St.), will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:

6/25/05	8/6/05	9/10/05
7/9/05	8/20/05	9/24/05
7/23/05	8/27/05	10/1/05

Next meeting

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

Greendale Library Community Room (basement)

Check the website for more information and minutes from the last meeting.

<http://my.execpc.com/~jruss/gona.html>

Helpful Suggestions for Greendale Residents - 1938 style

My mom, a Greendale original, was going through some of her mother's old files a few months ago and came across a book called, "Helpful Suggestions for Greendale Residents". It was given to all new residents when they moved into their new homes by "the Management" (i.e. the federal government). It was an 18-page booklet which also included a map of the Village. I plan on including parts of it in each issue, as is, to keep the flavor of the late 1930s. - Joe Russ

FLOORS

Asphalt Tile in Living Room, Dining Alcove and Kitchen:

Asphalt tile floors require a certain amount of special treatment. If you follow the suggestion given below, you can eliminate all of your scrubbing. The method of maintenance outlined will protect the finish and make cleaning easy.

It is suggested that the housewife give all asphalt tile floors two coats of wax as soon as possible after moving into the house. This will build up a good protective coating which will reduce future cleaning efforts. The following describes the method of waxing and polishing recommended:

- a. Brush loose dirt from floor with push broom.
- b. Areas that are particularly dirty because of heavy use should be mopped with a soap solution. Do not use gritty cleaners or washing powders, as they are very injurious to the color and texture of the tile. Only a mild soap should be used. If in doubt about the soap you intend to use, the Management will be glad to advise you.
- c. Mop a small section of the floor at a time, rinsing the mop in a pail of cold clear water frequently.

- d. When all dirt marks have been removed, the floor is ready to wax. Only a liquid, water emulsion wax should be used. Waxes containing the odor of gasoline, naphtha, benzine, turpentine, or other similar solvents are very injurious to the tile and must not be used. Specific information about suitable waxes may be obtained at the Management office.
- e. Apply the wax with a soft cloth or with sheep's wool applicator. Pour a small quantity on the floor and spread a thin even coat over the surface in one direction only -- do not rub. Treat a small surface at a time. Allow about twenty minutes to dry. Apply a second coat after the first is thoroughly dry. The wax will dry glossy without hard polishing. However, the use of a buffer will greatly add to its luster.
- f. If, after a period of use, the wax wears off in certain sections of the floor, clean and re-wax only such sections rather than the whole floor. When the floor becomes dirty, remove the loose dirt with a push broom, and wipe the floor with a mop dampened with clear, cold water. No soap is necessary. Please do not use an oil mop, as oil will spot the tile and soften it. Normal use of the floor will require it to be waxed about once in five or six weeks.

Linoleum in Bathrooms:

The same treatment as described for asphalt tiles is recommended for linoleum floors.

Next issue: Caring for your hardwood, tile and (dirt) garage floors.

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Creative Construction of Wisconsin, Inc.
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