

# 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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## February 2009

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### A Message from the Greendale Department of Inspection Services

by Scott Satula, Director of Inspection Services

Nothing is more reassuring than knowing your family is safe. Getting construction permits before you build or remodel helps protect your loved ones from potentially deadly mistakes. Faulty work can cause house fires, flood damage and instability to the building's structure. But by having a permit, a certified inspector examines your project to make sure it's safe and up to code. Your Inspection staff is dedicated to the safety of your home and family. To avoid costly repairs down the line and to preserve your biggest financial investment (your home), get a permit. Obtaining a construction permit is usually a quick and easy process. Following these preliminary steps will save you valuable time and money down the line, as well as ensure the safety of your family and property.

- Involve the Greendale Inspection Services Department early in your project. The Department is staffed by individuals with many years of experience in all phases of construction. They will be able to help you better understand the positive or negative impacts of your proposal.

- If your project is complex or involves a number of proposed alternate methods, you may want to engage the services of a design professional. While code does not require that your plans be drawn by an architect for residential projects, architects and experienced home designers have greater knowledge of the codes and know what details need to be included in the plans.

- Consider going "green" as much as possible. There is a lot of valuable information on the web on this topic and the construction methods by which you can incorporate "green" products and materials into your home construction project. However, don't assume that just because some products or a certain design is environmentally friendly, it will automatically be approved. Find as much information as you can. If you can show that the material, design or method meets all of the codes and other design standards, there is a greater potential that your proposed alternatives will be approved.

- Special Use Zoning regulations govern all projects involving an addition to a home in the Greendale Center. Be sure to read the "Design Guidelines for Your Greendale Original Home" ([www.greendale.org](http://www.greendale.org)) if you are contemplating and addition, restoration or other renovation to your home. A detailed description of how to obtain a "Special Use" building permit is included in the Design Guidelines handbook. Additions to homes in areas, other than the Greendale Center, will require architectural approval from the Greendale Building Board.

All construction permits are issued at the Village Hall in the

office of the Inspection Services Department. For your convenience, you can also download permit applications online. When requesting a permit through the mail, state your name, phone number, mailing address, job location and the type of application needed. Permit applications can also be faxed to you.

Permit fees are based on the size and complexity of your project and are paid when the permit is issued. The permit will be issued in the name of the party performing the work. By having a permit, a certified inspector will examine the work to ensure that it is done according to code. Also keep in mind that only licensed electricians and plumbers may apply for their specific work permits. One exception for plumbing is that a property owner in an owner-occupied single-family home may apply for a plumbing permit for minor work only such as replacing a plumbing fixture. The Village's website also includes a comprehensive list of items that require a permit as well as a copy of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

Remember, if you are unsure of what permits you might need for your project, please contact the Department of Inspection Services at 423-2100. Normal office hours for the inspectors are 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

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## Comprehensive Planning

The Village has started its Comprehensive Planning process, which will establish a community vision and future land use. Watch for meeting notices over the next few months.

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## Upcoming GONA Elections

The annual election of GONA Officers and Directors will be held at the meeting on February 4, 2009. The following members have accepted nominations:

- President - Bob Thierfelder
- Vice President - Karyn Birmingham
- Treasurer - Cheryl Koc
- Secretary - Tammy Buffham
- Board Member - Jeff Birmingham

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**

The February meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 4, in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library (lower level, use Health Department Entrance).

## GONA Officers and Directors

**President:** Bob Theierfelder - Thierfelder@aol.com  
**Treasurer:** Cheryl Koc - 421-4821  
**Board Member:** Al Emmons - 423-1133  
**Board Member:** Virginia Emmons - 423-1133

**Vice-President:** Jeff Birmingham - 421-3357  
**Secretary:** Open (any volunteers?)  
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### Village Event Calendar

- Feb. 3** Village Board of Trustees Meeting,  
Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 11** Village Planning Commission Meeting,  
Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 14** "I Left My Heart on Broad Street",  
Village Center, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 14** Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen, Cookies,  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 20** Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen, TBA,  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 28** Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen, TBA,  
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