

# 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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## Meet the Candidates for Village Trustee

Before the regular (and annual) meeting of the Greendale Original Neighborhood Association, we will be having some special guests. Incumbent Ronald Barbian and challengers Carl Genz and Noelle Joers-Yanisch will be attending the February 3 GONA meeting. There will not be a forum, but a chance for the candidates to introduce themselves and for you to meet them. The general election is April 6.

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### Mold Horror

by Al Emmons

*(continued from the December issue)*

If the results of the samples indicate that the amount of mold growth indoors is significantly greater than the mold growth outdoors or the type of mold(s) found indoors is significantly different than the mold growth outdoors, then you have a mold problem. There is the option of sending away the test sample for further analysis.

We didn't get a chance to look at our specimens until a week later. The outdoor specimen was completely covered with a technicolor jungle of tiny plants, bushes and trees. The indoor sample had only a couple of small growing spots. So we really don't have a problem in that unit. We opted however to have the sample tested by the lab for an additional \$30. So we sealed the petri dish and sent it off to be tested. Results in the next issue.

If you have a mold problem, before you give hundreds or thousands of dollars to men in "ghost buster" suits for remediation, here are some tips:

1. You don't have a mold problem you have a moisture problem. Fix leaks; make sure there is adequate ventilation. Maybe get a dehumidifier. When the heating season is in full swing everything is sure to dry out.
2. Cleanup the mold. Hey folks, pay attention, before buying expensive cleaning products, Feldt says the top companies use Dawn dishwashing liquid.
3. There is no such thing as a 'Certified' mold remover or remediation company although there are several contractors that will do it for you if you don't want to do it yourself.
4. Since we have done considerable research on this topic call me if you have any questions, Al Emmons 423-1133. I would be glad to look into your special situation. (No charge)

There will be more about mold in future issues including answers to the "most frequently asked questions".

### Remember Your Local Fire Hydrant

When clearing your sidewalks and driveway this winter, don't forget to clear your nearby fire hydrant. The few minutes it will take to shovel it clear could save valuable time if the fire department needs to use them. Of course, some neighborhood dogs may also appreciate your efforts.

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### Bylaw Change and GONA Elections

The annual meeting of GONA will be on February 3, 2010. At that time a bylaw change will be presented to change elections to the first meeting of the calendar year. Elections will also take place at this meeting and the following members have accepted nominations:

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

Additional nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.**

The February meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 3, in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library (lower level, use Health Department Entrance). Meet the three candidates for Village Board. Come and be an informed voter.

# GONA Meetings Can Answer Your Questions

by Al Emmons

Some people put metal lath on the outside of a Greendale Original home in preparation for stucco. That is not wise (there are alternative products). In this day of wireless cell phones, internet and TV, metal lath interferes with wireless service.

Come to a GONA meeting before considering home projects. We are YOUR owners' association and have researched methods because of the unique character of our building structures. We can help you research to make an informed decision. Don't make costly mistakes!

At GONA we are aware of some instances where Greendale Original homeowners made some serious mistakes on their homes. However well intentioned, some things are not only a waste of money but can affect the comfort and safety of your home.

There is a contractor who proposed to insulate the interior of the exterior walls of a crawl space. This can cause serious damage to foundation walls due to freezing. The block then will explode and fall into the crawl space. Another home owner spent thousands of dollars for mold cleanup when the mildew (mold) was not harmful and could have been easily removed with detergent. (Test kits for testing for dangerous mold are \$10.)

Homeowners were told by a contractor that siding removal would cost \$15,000 because it had asbestos in it. That's a scare tactic! We had the siding tested. An \$18 lab test revealed that it did not contain asbestos. The home owner removed the siding himself and made \$300 selling it to a recycler!

When you call contractors to help you solve a problem they will address it by advising you to buy what they know how to do. They may be sincere, but it may not be the best way for our unique structures. An example is cracked roofing tiles that cause a leaking roof. The roofing contractor recommends tearing off the 70-year-old roof and replacing it with a new shingle roof because he doesn't know how to fix our unique clay or slate tile roofs. But by doing that you are replacing a 500-year-roof with a 20-year-roof, when for less money than a new roof you could have replaced the roof tiles and maintain the integrity of the structure. As an added feature it helps keep the historical character of your Greendale Original (and is worth more money).

For help with maintenance issues and renovations of your "original," join us at a meeting. We are a friendly bunch, (and Karyn brings cookies).

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## GONA Officers and Directors

**President:** Bob Theierfelder - Thierfelderi@aol.com

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# Dog Gonet! Loose Dogs Frighten Some

by Al Emmons

How nice it is to walk in our village. It is a special benefit of living here. It's so beautiful and serene....then suddenly a loose dog comes charging toward you. Terrifying! You bet! I don't believe that pet owners' realize that heart palpitating instant of fear that grips you. They act like it is your fault for being scared.

Somewhere, some place, some time, society established a leash law that they thought would solve this problem. Greendale adopted such a policy.

Recently, a resident attended a GONA meeting and told of his experience with a loose dog in the park, and its owner. Remember that even though the owner is nearby, and maybe the animal only wants to 'play,' it can be very frightening when a dog charges in your direction.

We have heard comments that it's "no big deal" when the pet is friendly, or if smaller, or of a certain breed, a leash is not required. Not true.

GONA would like to help both sides. We're here to help, so we researched what you can or cannot do.

- A dog must be leashed and controlled at all times when not on the owner's own property.

- According to Village Ordinance 12.04 "When an animal is off the premises of its owner and upon any public street, or alley, school grounds, public park or other public grounds or upon private property without the permission of the owner of the property; provided, however, that an animal shall not be deemed at large if

- (a.) It is attached to a leash not more than 10 feet long, of sufficient strength to restrain the animal and the leash is held by a person competent to control the animal and prevent it from annoying or WORRYING pedestrians or trespassing on private property or public property where such animals are forbidden, or

- (b.) It is properly restrained within a motor vehicle."

Another Ordinance 9.08.5(a) states that dogs and cats are not to run at large. "Prohibited. No owner or other person in control or having custody of a dog or cat shall allow the same to run at large within the Village unless accompanied by and under the control of the owner or keeper."

## Pick up Poop

It is hard to believe that people don't know that it is also a requirement (a law, Ordinance 9.08.3) that dog feces must be picked up by the person in charge of the animal. It must be that they don't know, or care, because the sight of new fallen snow is blemished here and there by brown splotches. So remind the dog walkers and help keep Greendale green and "poop free".

We love pet owners and especially want them to be our friends. Consideration for others avoids conflict and confrontation that the walkers never wanted in the first place.

## Caesar's Pet is Expanding

by Al and Ginny Emmons

"The only way to continue, is to grow," says Gary Conley of Caesar's Pet as he sets an example by expanding into the retail space formerly occupied by Gerrene's clothing store, proving that business is good in downtown Greendale!

We recently met with Conley and acting owner and hostess Tia, a white chihuahua who happily greets patrons as they come in the door.

After experiencing better than expected success with their temporary additional store at Southridge during the Christmas season, it was decided that the time to grow was now, regardless of the recession/depression.

After 22 years in the trucking business, Conley quit his executive position and decided to reinvent himself. He took a 1,000 mile bicycle trip across the Florida panhandle to "figure out life". He remembered that his first job was in a pet store and that is where he was happiest. So in July 2008 he opened a small kiosk in Mayfair selling dog treats and gift items.

In December of that year he met the owners of 'Paw Prints Across Your Heart', the store formerly at the Broad Street location. They wanted to sell and retire to Arkansas. So Conley worked out a deal with them and reopened the store as Caesar's Pet last March, fulfilling a lifelong dream.

The aim of Caesar's is to be unique and sell items not available elsewhere. The store carries all kinds of specialty items including pet memorials, urns for pet ashes, clothing and toys. With the expansion they will even carry more and a larger variety of merchandise and will also offer dog grooming and pet photography.

Whether you have a pet or not, take a walk around in there, you'll have a chuckle and leave with a smile.

## I Left My Heart on Broad St.

The annual *I Left My Heart on Broad Street* event will be Saturday, February 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Village Center. Activities will include entertainment, ice sculpting, chili contest, wedding renewal vows with cake, and more.

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## Lighten Up Wellness Challenge in Greendale

A team-based wellness initiative from Step Up and the partners of the Greendale Health Department, called Lighten Up, has started. The 100 Day Challenge began January 19 and runs through April 29, 2010, and you can register at any time, even now after the Challenge began. A team consists of two to ten adults who can compete with other teams in Greendale and across Wisconsin in the Weight Loss Division, Activity Division or Total Fitness Division. To register a team go to [www.lightenupwisconsin.com/S10055](http://www.lightenupwisconsin.com/S10055) (have the team captain register on-line first, then team members register individually, using the team name or number). Each person enters their activities/exercise at any time and it will be added to the team total.

The registration fee of \$16 per person includes: interactive website with Team Page, online training log and activity tracker (privacy protected), online food journal, team message board, online health and fitness discussion forum, weekly tips from Wisconsin health professionals, weekly incentive challenges, free participation in the Healthy Holidays Challenge 2010, and a Headsweats training cap.

For questions or more information contact the call Greendale Health Department at 423-2110.

## Village Event Calendar

- Feb. 5 Health Department Immunization Clinic,**  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For info call 423-2110
- Feb. 6 Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen,** Cupcakes  
& Muffins Cookbook, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13 "I Left My Heart on Broad Street",**  
Village Center, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Friends of the Library Book Sale,** Library  
Community Room, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen,** Comfort  
Diet Cookbook, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 19 Health Department Immunization Clinic,**  
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For info call 423-2110
- Feb. 20 Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen,** Big Book  
of Soups Cookbook, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 27 Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen,** Healthy  
Cooking Cookbook, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- March 5 Health Department Immunization Clinic,**  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For info call 423-2110

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## Southridge Could See Some Changes

by Joe Russ

At the end of December the Greendale Plan Commission and Village Board held special meetings regarding a land division of the southeast corner of Southridge, mainly the parking lot, to make it more marketable for redevelopment or sale. Any redevelopment of that area of Southridge could have an impact on those Original owners across Grange Ave. as well as the rest of the Village. Please check the agendas of upcoming Village board meetings at either [www.greendale.org](http://www.greendale.org), Channel 25 or at Village Hall for meetings on future plans.

In related news, the owner of Southridge, Simon Property Group, recently agreed to acquire the Prime Outlets portfolio (owners of the Prime Outlet Mall in Pleasant Prairie), which includes 22 properties, in December for \$2.3 billion.

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