

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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I Left My Heart on Broad Street Feb. 12

By Ginny Emmons

A good way to get rid of the winter blahs is to attend the annual event, "I Left My Heart on Broad Street". It promises to be a fun filled family day, scheduled to run 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, February 12. There will be live music, ice sculpturing, a chili cook-off (come and taste the samples from Greendale's best cooks), in store specials, and other activities, including my favorite, the library used book sale.

Our Website is a Good Source

Greendale appreciates our web master, Joe Russ who has maintained our website for the past seven years. The website www.originalgreendale.org has all the previous newsletter issues posted. If for some reason you missed an issue of our newsletter or are looking for an article that you need to review or reference, the website is a good resource. Our website also has "the good experience list" of contractors that our members have recommended to work on our Original homes along with several other items of interest. Check it out. Again thanks for a job well done Joe.

Do you have snow on your roof?

By Al Emmons

The unique architecture of the Village, and the way the original village is designed, is that when we get up in the morning and look outside we can't help but look at our neighbors' roofs. Is there snow or not? This is a good time of the year to monitor the snow on your own roof. But if you notice something about your neighbor's roof, in the spirit of 'love thy neighbor' it is helpful to mention it to them.

Snow on the roof, is a good thing. After snow accumulates on your roof, monitor it to see if it melts off quickly or leaves a melting pattern. If

your roof remains covered, there's a good chance that your attic ventilation and attic floor insulation is adequate. If the snow melts quickly, it means that the heat from your house is heating your roof and not your house and costing you a bundle. This is for everyone, not just owners, because for renters this affects your energy bill big time. If the snow is only melting off in spots, in a pattern, you will find out that those areas need attention.

The roof will not vent unless there is free flowing air from the soffit to the open area close to the peak. All roof vent systems should include unblocked soffit venting of some type. Insulating attics for energy efficiency is common these days to bring them to the recommended R-49. If you add more insulation it is important to use proper vents to keep a free flowing air space from the soffit to the roof deck. In winter the attic temperature should be within 10-15 degrees of the outside.

The most common problem with gable and roof top vents is that they get clogged by bird nests or dust or lint which compromises ventilation. Inspect and clean them periodically. Proper ventilation prevents premature shingle failure, condensation build up, and mold resulting in rotting decks and rafters. All kitchen and bath exhaust vents should always vent to the outside, NOT into the attic.

If you have any home related questions about your Greendale Original, GONA is a good resource for answers. Call me at 423-1133, or one of the other Board Members, or better yet come to a meeting.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The February meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 2nd in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library (Lower Level, use Health Department Entrance). The annual election of GONA Officers and Directors for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and board member will be held. Nominations will be accepted at this meeting.

A Poem by a Greendale Pioneer in Tribute of Another

This poem was read at the Civic Group luncheon June 11, 1947. It was written by Rae Getter in honor of Gen Molthen who was leaving her job as Greendale's first Village Clerk-Treasurer.

Greendale started as an idea
Of some public-minded men.
Greendale grew into reality
By hard working men.

When the work was finally finished,
Houses built of block and stone
It took the people who lived in them
To make each house a home

As the number of tenants
Grew to 2000 strong
They said, "Let us form a village
For we hope to be here long."

And they gathered all together
Studied how to do things well
Studied law books and proceedings
Heard what learned men could tell.

Till they incorporated a village,
Got statutes written, groundwork done;
Leaders chosen to keep it running,
One for all and all for one.

From this immature beginning
Greendale grew to proud estate
And many can look back proudly,
Say they helped decide its fate.

In the red brick building near here,
Know to all as Village Hall
There has been one who has served faithfully,
One most gracious, kind to all.

For seven years she's kept the records
Got each "Whereas" where it belonged,
Helped with budgets, contracts, letters,
Saw the Village was not wronged.

If "Myrt" and "Moitle" were on the switchboard

They could find a lot to say
About the questions Gen Molthen answered,
The jobs she got to do each day.

Always there were meetings, meetings,
Boards, committees, this and that,
Civic groups, all close together,
She had hardly time to grab her hat.

Yes, for seven years she served the Village
In official and unofficial ways
And soon her many tasks were crowding
Every minute of her day.

So she has left the official family
Has resigned as Treasurer-Clerk
But she can look with satisfaction
On the products of her work.

Many, too, have been the heartaches
When a plan has gone awry
When there's been misunderstanding
When there's been an unfair "Why?"

All of us look to the future
Of this tiny Greenbelt town
Which has grown from obscurity
Into some measure of renown.

One thing, those who helped to build it,
Those who helped make it grow
Will enshrine it in their hearts,
An honest interest makes it so.

Thank you, Gen, for all your efforts,
Please don't ever move away
You're a page of Greendale history,
A vital part you'll always stay.

Malasuk is Interim Chief

Police Captain Robert Malasuk is serving as interim Greendale Police Chief since the retirement of Chief Rob Dams on December 31. He is a twenty-three year veteran of the police force and has served as second in command to Chief Dams. The Fire and Police Commission is reviewing applications for Chief and hopes to fill the position by spring.

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Slate set for Spring Election

Incumbent Village Trustees Greg Turay and James Birmingham are running unopposed for the Greendale Village Board. Incumbent School Board Member James Schutte is being challenged for his seat by Amy Ali. The election is Tuesday April 5th.

New Wisconsin Carbon Monoxide Detector Law in effect Feb. 1

By Al Emmons

Starting February 1, carbon monoxide alarms must be installed in every home and on every floor near sleeping areas. New construction must be hard-wired with battery back-up, but existing homes, such as ours, may install any type of CO detector/alarm. It can be battery powered, plug-in, or combination smoke/CO device. Whatever type is used, it must bear the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. listing the UL mark.

CO detector/alarms are required in homes that have any fuel burning appliances (gas, coal, wood, etc.) that includes stoves, ovens, grilles, clothes dryers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters, fireplaces. Homes with an attached garage must also have CO alarms. However, the alarms do not need to be installed in garages, attics or other storage areas. Alarms should be tested monthly and replaced when necessary. It is a good idea to change batteries twice a year. Alarms should never be disconnected, unplugged, or batteries removed for other uses.

If you are not the owner of your home, let your landlord know about this new law. Since it is so new many have not heard about it yet.

Many years ago an entire family in the "A" section died from CO inhalation. They were staying in that house and had come to attend the funeral of an elderly relative, who also had died in that house but was assumed to have succumbed to natural causes.



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Have you ever looked at the school calendars? This month there were 80 events on Greendale High School athletics calendar. The theatre calendar had rehearsals and other activities Monday through Saturday, except during exams. These activities are keeping our kids busy. Giving them constructive activities as opposed to the destructive activities we read about in other communities. Show your support for our kids by attending athletic, theatre, and musical events. Nothing is greater than playing or performing before a full house.

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