

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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Ask your Neighbor

by Al Emmons

We have been getting questions from the neighborhood via emails and phone calls. Since this organization is dedicated to helping owners and renters maintain their "originals" we are starting this column. Please feel free to email the editor at jruss@execpc.com or call Al Emmons at 423-1133 with your questions. We will try to answer all in the newsletter. Answers will also be posted on our website www.originalgreendale.org

Installing Vent Chutes in Heavily Insulated Attic

Mark writes:

Hi Joe, I read your article [in the April issue] and now I need some advice. I have an Original on Schoolway and I blew 50 bundles of insulation in the attic about 16" thick. I didn't install the plastic or foam vent chutes, will I need to do this? I appreciate your response or advice.

Al answers:

Yes, you'll need the chutes for proper ventilation. The easy way to do it now that the insulation is already there, is to push down the insulation with a board, broom handle, or shovel and then just slide the chutes in. Another option is to get a small person to crawl around the edges and pull back the insulation until you can see daylight between the joists to the outside, or install roof vents. Some banks and insurance companies insist on roof vents because they don't understand excellent venting system of the Greendale "originals".

Checking Siding for Asbestos

Mary asks:

I am planning on removing the siding on my house, but I was told it might contain asbestos. How do I find out?

Al answers:

It is pretty simple to get it analyzed. It is done microscopically, and there are several labs in the city that offer the testing. The lab that we use is Micro Analytical, 11521 W. North Avenue (771-0855). They require a one or two inch piece of the material in an air tight container (a Ziplock baggie) and will call with the results and also send a signed paper report. The test costs \$20.

Open Market Starts June 28

A reminder that the first Greendale Open Market of the season is Saturday, June 28 in the Municipal Parking lot behind the library. It runs from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Box Elder Bug Plague

by Al Emmons

Have Box Elder bugs been bugging you? My neighbor is plagued by Box Elder bugs, with hundreds maybe thousands congregating on the sunny sides of the house.

These brownish black bugs are about an inch long with red stripes on their wings. When crushed they emit a strong unpleasant odor and leave a stain. They congregate on walls and walks especially in sunny areas. You might think that they are trying to get inside but they are not. They are sunning themselves on the outside of the house, so when the sun goes down they crawl into a crack and wait until morning.

Where are they coming from? You don't necessarily need to have box elder trees to have the bugs around. The bugs are attracted to the entire elder family, which includes all varieties of maple, a tree found all over the Village. They are a pretty harmless bug, they don't bite and have no poisons or toxins but are a nuisance.

After doing some research and consulting some experts, we have found that any insecticide that lists box elder bugs on the label will probably be effective, we found that Ortho Home Defense MAX works very well.

A more environmentally safe way and less expensive way is to vacuum the bugs with a tank-type vacuum cleaner and then destroy the bag.

You can also use ordinary soap or detergent for the bugs. You might want to use a low sudsing formula as the suds just get in the way. About two tablespoons per gallon is plenty. Soap or detergent is a toxicant for insects and can do a fairly good job of killing. It does not have a residual, so once it is dry it is no longer effective. Soaps strip the waxy coating for insect's exoskeleton and will kill them pretty quickly.

We just sprayed Home Defense every day until the bugs were gone. Wear a mask and gloves for safety.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The May meeting of the Greendale Originals Neighborhood Association will be held May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library. (Lower Level, use Health Department Entrance). The June meeting will be on June 4, There will be no newsletter or meeting in July.

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Village Event Calendar

May 5 **Mary Lazich Town Hall Meeting**

Greendale Public Library
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

May 10 **Spring into Greendale**

Village Center, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Weed-Out

Greendale Environmental Group, Green Market Woods, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

May 17 **Perennial Plant Exchange**

Municipal Parking Lot, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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Greendale Environmental Group, Dale Creek behind the Village Shops, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Third Folk Art & Craft Show & Sale

Trimborn Farm, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Join us for our Annual

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Sunday, May 11th 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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