

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.

June 2004

Next meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2004 7:30 p.m.
Greendale Library Community Room (basement)

There will not be a guest speaker at this meeting. We will be continuing discussion of the bylaws and the summer outdoor party. See below for the minutes of the last meeting.

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What was it?

What was the picture of "What is it?" in the last issue? It was the vent in the chimney in that vents out of the attic. The one pictured was in one side of a two-family townhouse (there's one on each side). It is part of the attic ventilation system that pulls air through the eaves and then out the chimney. *What is it* will return next month as space permits.

In the meantime, see the **back side** of this newsletter for other historical information.

Greendale Originals Neighborhood Association (GONA)

Meeting Minutes (to be approved at the May meeting)

Wednesday, May 5th, 2004, 7:30 PM

Greendale Library Community Room

Board Members Present: Jeff Birmingham, Kathy Arciszewski, Al Emmons, Virginia Emmons, Margo Kuehn

Board Members Absent: Jack Anderson, Cathy Loomis, Terri Knudson, Pat Geary, Kathleen Hart

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Birmingham at 7:40 PM.

Joe Russ was recognized for developing the GONA newsletter and for volunteering to do the next couple of newsletters. The mystery picture in the newsletter was a vent that is located in the chimney in the attic in Greendale original homes.

Welcome to new members.

The minutes for the April GONA meeting were reviewed and approved.

Website/newsletter report: Number of people looking at the website is down. Minutes are being added to the website. Joe has volunteered to do three newsletters altogether. We may want to do quarterly newsletters that are four pages in length. Discussed possibilities for less expensive ways to copy our newsletters and meeting announcements. We will discuss the newsletter further when we discuss new business.

We've accomplished a lot this year- GONA Good Experiences List, website, by-laws, newsletter, and as an organization, recognized a long-standing member of the community. Although people don't have a lot of time to meet, we do need more volunteers to work on fundraising and a GONA party.

Fundraising: T-shirts can be made, but we would have to buy 50, and we do not have the money to do this. We are not allowed to sell at the Emerald Event. We would like to sell t-shirts at the Green Markets. Al volunteered to provide initial money to get the t-shirts.

Summer party: We found a business that has agreed to provide food at cost. We would ask for a donation of about \$5.00 for the party. We would need to investigate whether we need to get permission from the village and whether we need liability insurance.

New Business:

Newsletter: Discussed selling advertising space (e.g., business card size) to pay for the costs of the newsletter. It was mentioned that some business owners within the Village of Greendale would not be interested in this. We could approach businesses on 76th street as well as contractors in the area. Discussed cost, and whether to set \$10 a month, or ask businesses what they are willing to pay, to get an idea of pricing. Discussed whether newsletters and flyers should be sent to all original homes and apartments or just people on our mailing list.

By-laws: The by-laws will be completed by the next meeting, and voted on at that meeting.

Good Experiences List: One person on the list has requested to be taken off the list because they are too busy. This leaves too few people on the list under certain categories. Someone also noted that some contractors on the list may not want to work with the original tiles, or would recommend taking down the original tiles, which this organization would not want to encourage. We may want to be more specific in our list: specify that person's specialty area and what they can do. Perhaps those who recommended could be more specific in what they recommended. It may be a problem if there are not enough contractors to do the work that is unique to preservation of the originals. Jeff Birmingham noted that the historical society has a supply of tiles if people need them for their homes.

Kathy Arciszewski reported that this might be her last meeting as a resident because she is moving. The group recognized everything Kathy has done for this organization.

No tips at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by
Cathy Loomis,
Secretary

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Ever wonder why you don't have a basement?

An excerpt from an article in a March, 1936 Milwaukee Journal

The officials, who returned to Washington, were Harry Bently and Walther G. Thomas, architects and Elbert Peets and Jacob Crane, town planners. They said they found good organization and excellent spirit amove the workers building the houses and streets.

Although Greendale includes innovations in home building, no experimental work is being used, Bently said.

Reasons for No Basements

"We have found much curiosity about the fact that the houses have no basements," Bentley said. "There is good reason for that – progress has made the basement old fashioned, unnecessary and expensive. We can build more and better above the ground because we are building less underground.

"When warm air furnaces depended on gravity alone it was necessary to put them in the basement. Electric fans now boost the heat along to where is is needed and the furnace can be put in a more convenient place.

"We have the furnace in a utility room on the first floor with the laundry. The housewife has to do most of the coal shoveling and is is more convenient to have it handy. She can tend the furnace, do the washing, keep an eye on the cooking and watch the children without going up or down stairs."

From the (temporary) editor:

Hi again

In an effort to keep this publication self sufficient and not drain from GONA's limited funds, we are accepting advertising. Thank you to those who advertised, and please support them. Contact either Jeff Birmingham at 423-0963 or myself at (262)679-1139 if you know someone who would be interested in advertising.

This will cover the cost of printing. *The Greendale Original* is hand-delivered to your door by our energetic volunteers.

I should also ad that we are looking for a permanent editor for this publication. If you would like to help please contact with Jeff or myself.

Joe Russ

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