

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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Did you know...

by Cathy Loomis

Your Greendale original home or apartment has a proud history. It is one of 366 houses (572 living units altogether) that were built starting in 1936. Greendale is one of three Greenbelt communities that were built around the same time. The others are Greenbelt, Maryland (near Washington, DC) and Greenhills, Ohio (near Cincinnati). These communities were developed during the Great Depression during the Franklin Delano Roosevelt presidency. Greendale officially opened on May 1st, 1938. All the housing units were rented out by the federal government. The following is a list of the types of original homes in Greendale and the numbers of each type:

Double:	40
Double with bachelor apartment:	10
Hillside (single home built on a hill):	4
Honeymoon (single home, one story):	5
Row (4 units):	22
Row (6 units):	15
Single:	270

Greendale has more single houses than any other federal project in the United States. In the original area of Greendale, Angle Lane has the greatest number of single houses (30 houses). Balsam Court has the most variety in type of houses. Apricot Court presents the best example of various styles of single houses. Dendron Lane has the greatest number of 4 family row houses (8 altogether). The model house for the community was located on Acorn Court and was called the Eleanor Roosevelt house because she toured the house on November 11, 1936. The concrete blocks used to build the homes were made at Economy Block Company located on State St., although this company no longer exists now.

This is just a small sample of some of the interesting facts about our neighborhood. It's fascinating to talk to original residents or their adult children as their stories best capture what the beginning of Greendale was like. There are also a couple of good books that have been written about Greendale (which include great old pictures). We thank Sally Ann Chadwick, with the help of Scott Satula, Nick Paulos, and the Greendale Historical Society for putting these facts together.

Next meeting

Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Greendale Library Community Room (basement)

Check the website for more information and minutes from the last meeting.

www.originalgreendale.org

New Web Address

To make it easier for everyone to find GONA's website we have purchased a domain name. You can now find the site at

www.originalgreendale.org

Once there, you will find the Good Experience List, meeting minutes and past issues of the newsletter. The webmaster (who also moonlights as the newsletter editor) hopes to do a reorganization of the website soon.

Attic Insulation (a bit more)

by Al Emmons

You can have too much of a good thing. It is possible to overdo attic insulation. Insulation that is packed too tight, or up against the roof deck and blocking air flow will cause dampness to collect and mold to form.

If insulated correctly, you should be able to see light at the eave areas through the soffit vents. There should be no insulation in overhangs or up against the roof deck [*see photos in the last issue for examples - ed.*].

Baffle or chute vents can be used and especially soffit and ridge vents to maintain airflow and allow your attic to breathe.

Garden Walk on July 9

A reminder that the 11th Annual Greendale Garden Gazing Walk will be held on Saturday, July 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The starting point is the Gazebo and rest areas are available along the route.

Green Market Has Started

Before, or after, the Garden Gazing Walk, be sure to stop by the Green Market, located in the Municipal Parking Lot (just west of Broad St.). Pick up some farm fresh produce or stop by the GONA booth and pick up a T-shirt. The market runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:

	8/6/05	9/10/05
7/9/05	8/20/05	9/24/05
7/23/05	8/27/05	10/1/05

Block Party will be August 28

The Annual GONA Block Party will be August 28. We will have games for the kids, and a tug-of-war between the different sections. Look for more information in the next issue.

Helpful Suggestions for Greendale Residents - 1938 style

The following is from an 18-page booklet called, "Helpful Suggestions for Greendale Residents". It was given to all new residents when they moved into their new homes by "the Management" (i.e. the federal government). Last month was *Windows, Screens, Gardens and Lawns*. - Joe Russ

Available Gardening Space:

Space for gardening has been provided on your lot. The Management will be pleased to cooperate with you in working out your garden area to conform to a plan which has been prepared for each of the yards. Your yard gardens are intended for flowers and small vegetables only. Corn may be raised only in allotment gardens.

The community allotment garden which is located on the north side of Grange Avenue opposite Basswood Street is now ready for use. The amount of land that will be assigned to you

for a garden is entirely dependent upon your ability to work the plot successfully. There will be a small charge for these allotment gardens sufficient to cover the cost of land preparation and necessary fertilizer. Please notify the Management office if you desire an allotment garden.

Storage Space:

The attic has only a partial floor and care must be exercised in its use. Garages are large enough to provide limited storage space but it is recommended that care be taken to avoid creating a fire hazard or a breeding place for moths and vermin.

Next issue: Insect Extermination

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