

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.
www.originalgreendale.org

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Neighborhood Watch Update



by Bob Thierfelder

The Greendale Original Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Block Watch. We will be Asking for for Block Watch Captains. If you are interested call 421-6171 or 421-3357.

Duties of a Block Watch Captain

1. You will be a connection between the police department and your neighborhood. You will be contacted by the Greendale Police Department if there are problems in your neighborhood and you will in turn notify the neighbors under your watch about what to look for and report.
2. You will help your neighbors set up mutual neighbor helping neighbor programs. Each household in your watch should have someone who knows when the residents are not home etc. This does not have to be the block captain, but the captain should know who is watching each household.
3. In general you and your neighbors should watch for the following:
 - a. Screaming, shouting for help, or other unusual noises.
 - b. Someone looking into windows of houses or parked cars.
 - c. Property being removed from houses when no one is home.
 - d. Cars or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination.

Good News About New Vent Covers

Al Emmons has good news! With the help of Adin Ariens we will be able to build new summer and winter vent covers. Orders are needed to make prototypes and set prices. Call Al Emmons 423-1133 if interested.

Duct Cleaning?

by Al Emmons

One of our tenants in a Greendale Original said that she was suffering from allergies and thought that it would help to have the furnace ducts cleaned. She hired an outfit sent by Sears to clean the ducts for \$109 plus tax. I asked to be there when it happened.

The workmen arrived with a big truck containing a very large vacuum cleaner. They cut holes in the sheet metal ducts, which they later plugged with rubber stoppers and magnetic covers. They vacuumed the ducts as agreed and "while there" the workers convinced the tenant that a "Bio-cide" treatment for an additional \$50 would be a good idea. It is some kind of antibacterial that is sprayed in minutes somewhere. The tenant had the Bio-cide treatment done. They also suggested getting a permanent air filter for around \$100 and/or a UV air cleaner for \$399, with a possible total cost of \$695.

Bumping the Job

Duct cleaning	\$109.00
Bio-cide	\$ 50.00 "Do you want fries with that?"
Permanent filter	\$100.00
UV light	\$399.00
Sales tax	<u>\$ 36.85</u>
Total	\$694.85

Most Greendale Original homes have never had the ducts cleaned in all of their 69 years. Is this something that should be done? And if so, how often? Do you think the Bio-cide is worth it? What about UV air cleaners or permanent filters? Does anyone have them? I would be interested in anyone's opinion on this matter or where I can research it. Please let me know what you think by calling Al Emmons 423-1133 or email to vemmons53129@netzero.net

Next meeting

Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The June meeting of the Greendale Originals Neighborhood Association will be at 7:30 p.m., on June 6th in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library. (Lower Level, use Health Department Entrance). This will be a business meeting focusing on future activities of the association. **Note:** there will not be a meeting or newsletter in July.

Village Event Calendar

- June 17 Gazebo Free Concert**
Greendale Village Concert Band, 7 p.m.
- June 23 Greendale Open Market**
Municipal Parking Lot 8 a.m. to Noon
- July 3-4 4th of July celebration w/parade on the 4th at 10:30 a.m.**
Village Center
- July 7 Treasures of Trimborn: Rummage, Antiques & Collectibles.**
Trimborn Farm
- July 14 Greendale Garden Clinic, Melinda Meyers**
Reiman Visitor Center, 10 a.m. to Noon
13th Annual Greendale Garden Gazing Walk
8:00 a.m. to Noon (starts at Gazebo)
Greendale Garden Gazing Committee

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Checking for Water Leaks

by Bob Thierfelder

I was surprised to learn how many people have never been in the crawl space under their Greendale Original. I have to make the trip twice a year to turn on and off the outside water. While under the house I check for leaks. For those who do not have to venture under their Originals, there is a better way to check for leaks. A detailed instruction with pictures is available at the Village Hall. Basically turn off all faucets and devices that use water such as automatic ice makers and humidifiers. Write down the water meter reading, noting the position of the small dial. Five minutes later check the reading. If the reading has changed including the position of the small dial, you may have a water leak.



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