

# 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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## A Look at Insulation - Part II

by John Rukstales

*Continued from May*

Truth be known, it appears the Originals, as first built, incorporated very good ventilation (at least for the insulation levels originally provided for when built). Had the homes never been well insulated (tightened up) and exterior fascias never covered, most likely, the problem would have never shown.

Attics are the best place for initial insulation investment in the Originals. Ventilation is an issue and somewhat more difficult than in modern construction, but doable none the less.

I had to decide what materials to use. In the building trades there has been a debate on the merits of cellulose versus fiberglass. I prefer cellulose (wood fiber) wherever applicable. Cellulose is a natural tubular fiber, encapsulating air, that can be packed tightly to prevent convective (moving air) heat loss, without losing its insulation value due to compaction. Fiberglass, a solid strand of actual blown glass, is much the opposite. If packed tightly it loses insulation value due to conduction. When packed, it effectively becomes a solid glass wall. Anyone who has touched or stood near an exterior window during the winter will understand.

Someone who has done remodeling work in an attic that contains recessed light fixture, etc, has seen the patch of dirty grey fiberglass insulation above the fixtures. This is where the glass has filtered dust from the air which is rising through the insulation-obviously not stopping the air flow.

Fiberglass batting R-values are measured using perfect lab conditions, which simply don't exist in construction. The small gaps and voids associated with warp and twist in dimensional lumber and mechanical penetrations like electrical boxes, pipes, etc., all prevent achieving rated R-values. Test results have shown the average R-11 wall batt to have a 'useful' or installed R of approximately 9.5.

Last, but certainly not least, cellulose is a recycled product, containing an average of 85% recycled fiber that would most likely have ended up in landfills. We all know of the solid waste disposal problem in America today; the simple attic insulation we did utilize approximately 500 lbs. of cellulose that most likely would have ended up taking needed space in a landfill. How long would you collect household recyclable to accumulate a quarter ton?

*To be continued in the August issue.*

## Rollovers Happen



by Al Emmons

The accident above happened around 7:00 p.m. on March 26 on Conifer, and shows that rollovers can even happen at slow speeds. Several have occurred in the Village, according to Greendale Police Chief, Robert Dams. Witnesses said that the both cars in the collision were travelling at no more than 10 - 15 mph. "Rollovers are especially dangerous if you're not wearing a seat belt, even at low speeds", Dams said. "You can be ejected and have more serious injury or be killed, or have to be taken out with the jaws of life. There is a lesson to be learned here, we try to stress the importance of seat belts for even short distances in the neighborhood."

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## America In Bloom Judging

Judges for the America In Bloom competition will be in the Village on June 22 and 23. We ask that you spiff up your yard (mow, trim, etc.) before then to help the Village defend its award from last year.

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## Planning Meeting on July 8

The next Comprehensive Planning Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on July 8 at the Greendale Village Hall. Please attend as this is your chance to shape the Village's future development.

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**

The June meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 3, in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library (lower level, use Health Department Entrance). The topic of the meeting will be, "Should Greendale have a home compliance inspection at time of sale?"

There will **not** be a July newsletter or meeting. Have a great Fourth of July.

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### Village Event Calendar

- June 6** Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen, Healthy Cooking Cookbook, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- June 20** Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen, Ultimate Five Ingredient Cookbook, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 22-23** America In Bloom Judging,  
 Get your yard ready... we can do it again!
- June 27** Greendale Community Walk, Gazebo, 9:00 a.m.  
 Call 423-2790 or 423-2110 to register.
- June 27** Greendale Open Market, (also July 18)  
 Municipal Parking Lot, 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- July 4** 4th of July Celebration,  
 Village Center
- July 8** Comprehensive Planning Meeting,  
 Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- July 11** 15th Annual Greendale Garden Gazing Walk,  
 Gazebo, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

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