

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.

August 2005



2nd Annual GONA Block Party August 28

We had a great time with great food and weather last year, so mark your calendar now to join us!

Dale Creek Park (behind Ferch's)
(Rain location TBA)

Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Food will be provided by Ferch's

Games and prizes for the kids

Tug-O-War between sections

All Original Residents - tenants, homeowners, friends and relatives- are invited.

Cost is \$2.50 per person

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and beverages will be served

Contact any GONA board member or see the next newsletter for more information.

Village Days August 12-14

A reminder that Village Days is August 12 - 14 and the fireworks that were supposed to be on the 4th of July will be on the evening of August 14. Enjoy music, food, community walk, craft show, rummage, parade and more.

Don't forget the Green Market

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	8/27/05	9/24/05
8/20/05	9/10/05	10/1/05

Next meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 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

Greendale Historical Society Studies Museum Options

by Cathy Loomis

Last year, the Greendale Historical Society established a committee to study the possibility of opening a museum in Greendale. Although the committee is only in its beginning stages, it has generated several options. The Historical Society could buy or rent a Greendale original to house the museum. The home would then be restored to its original condition, from the metal kitchen cabinets down to the smallest details of original glass bathroom fixtures. Other possibilities would be to build a replica of an original, or locate the museum in another village building or store. The museum would serve to educate Greendale residents and visitors about our unique history.

The idea of having a museum is not new among the three Greenbelt Communities. Greenbelt, Maryland has had a museum since 1987. Greenbelt, a city of about 21,000 in the Washington, DC area, was the first of the three Greenbelt communities. The historic core of Greenbelt contains about 1,800 housing units. About 800 homes were built in 1936, and then about one thousand more were built in 1941.

The City of Greenbelt purchased a row house after a resident offered to sell her home to the city to use as a museum. The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum raised funds to restore the home and develop the museum. The museum, which is located in one unit of a duplex, is open to the public on Sunday afternoons. Greenbelt also has a larger museum that has special exhibits and is open everyday. Jill St. John, the curator of the museum, said that the current exhibit, "Living the Healthy Life", is about health and leisure during the New Deal. A past exhibit featured the first children of Greenbelt. All the items in the museum house were produced between 1936 and 1946, and most items were donated by Greenbelt residents. The house contains kitchen items such as Depression glass dishware and Fiesta ware, and of course many other household items like dolls, games, linens, and furniture. Original Greenbelt residents could purchase furniture that was designed for the homes by the New Deal's Special Skills Division. They could purchase as little or as much furniture as they needed, and the furniture payments were added to the rent at a low interest rate (original Greendale residents could also purchase this furniture).

The museum in Greenbelt has turned out to be a wonderful resource for the community. It has also brought visitors to the city. A museum in Greendale could be an equally worthwhile venture that would truly highlight our past.

Visit www.originalgreendale.org for links to the other greenbelt communities.

Proper Chimney Venting Avoids Being Blue

by Al Emmons

Greendale Original chimneys are affected when new high efficiency furnaces are installed. The original chimney was built to vent both the furnace and hot water heaters. The new furnace is vented out of the side of the house or the chimney with PVC piping. A problem then develops with the orphaned hot water heater exhaust.

Condensation forms on the inside of the chimney and causes cracks and leaks on the bricks or cinder block from the inside. This develops into spalling brick or block on the outside surface and water damage to the plaster inside. There is also the danger of hazardous exhaust spilling into the home.

The problem can be eliminated by the installation of an aluminum chimney liner. This should be done before there is damage that requires extensive repairs.

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Helpful Suggestions - 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 Gardening Space and Storage Space. - Joe Russ

Insect Extermination:

Please notify the Management office immediately upon discovering insects in your home. Do not be embarrassed because of the presence of such pests. It does not necessarily reflect on the housekeeper as such things can be brought in by moving vans and the delivery of other articles.

The Management will furnish an effective insecticide. This chemical can easily be applied by the housewife and is not in any way dangerous to human beings or small animals, nor will it contaminate foodstuffs or leave stains on your furnishings.

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