

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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10th Anniversary Greendale Community Walk on August 9

On Saturday, August 9, the Greendale Health Department will once again kick off their Fit For Life program with their 10th Anniversary Greendale Community Walk. The walk will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Greendale Middle School and there are three routes to choose from ranging from about one mile to about three miles. Cost for the walk is \$5 per person and \$10 per family of four and is open to everyone regardless of residency.

Membership in the Fit For Life Exercise Incentive Program is separate from the walk and is \$5 per person regardless of age. The program runs from August 9 through October 4 and is open to everyone who lives or works in Greendale (age five years and up). Participants keep track of exercise (running, walking, weight training, etc.) to earn activity points which can later be traded for raffle tickets. With membership you receive a t-shirt (adult sizes only), all materials, a chance to win prizes, and the health benefits of exercising.

For more information, or to register, contact the Greendale Health Department at 423-2110. You can also register with the Greendale Park & Recreation at 423-2790.

Greendale Bloomed in June



Betty Kiviko of Badger Court getting ready for the "America in Bloom" contest. Judging was done in late June and Greendale is competing against six other communities for the top prize in the 10,000 - 15,000 population category. The winner will be announced later in August. Photo by Al Emmons

Happy Birthday, Greendale!

To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Greendale, GONA has decided to do a special four-page newsletter. On the inside of this issue you will find a copy of the original four-page document, from the collection of Beverly Russ, about Greendale which all applicants to the village received.

Ask your Neighbor

Have a question? Please feel free to email Joe at jruss@execpc.com or call Al Emmons at 423-1133 with questions. We will try to answer all in the newsletter as space permits.

Fixing Cracked Window Lintels

Bill writes:

The lintels above my windows are cracked, spalling and falling apart. What can I do to fix them?

Al answers:

You will need to chop out all the loose and damaged material. Apply a bonding agent such as Weld Crete and attach metal lath with masonry nails. Then fill in the areas with a cement mixture, but you need to push the cement through the wire mesh and then put it on in layers. The secret is to apply it in layers with sufficient drying time between layers. If you try to put in the cement all in one chunk, it will separate and fall out. If you call me (Al Emmons 423-1133). I'll walk you through it (no charge).

Mortgage Issues

An Original owner has been seriously affected by the economy and mortgage crunch, just as many others all across America have been. Their adjustable rate mortgage has escalated to unreachable heights and they would appreciate advice and suggestions to solve the dilemma and enable the family to remain in their Greendale Original home. Where can they go? Who can they see? Are there self-help groups? Contact Al Emmons at 423-1133 with any suggestions.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The August meeting of the Greendale Originals Neighborhood Association will be held August 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library. (Lower Level, use Health Department Entrance).

Future events: On October 1, at 7:30 p.m., Greendale Building Inspector Scott Satula will be the guest speaker at the GONA Meeting. Bring your questions.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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INFORMATION FOR GREENDALE APPLICANTS

LOCATION:

Greendale is situated 8½ miles southwest of the Milwaukee County Court House, three miles from the city limits. It may be reached by following Highway 41 south from Milwaukee to Highway 36 thence to Greendale.

A GREENBELT TOWN:

Greendale is one of three similar Government built communities in the United States. It is designed with a protecting greenbelt of farms, gardens and parks, and, therefore, is called a Greenbelt town.

PURPOSE OF GREENDALE:

Greendale was built to give modern, low-rent housing to families of moderate incomes living or employed in Milwaukee County. It was designed to demonstrate how the advantages of rural and town life might be combined.

SOME GREENDALE ADVANTAGES:

Recreation:

- Parks and playgrounds;
- A community building with auditorium and gymnasium, also to be used for grade and junior high school;
- A moving picture theater;
- Wading pool for children;
- Athletic field, tennis courts.

Municipal Facilities and Services:

- Streets and sidewalks planned to eliminate traffic hazards;
- Artesian well water scientifically softened;
- Underground telephone and electric system;
- Allotment gardens;
- Police and fire protection;
- Storm and sanitary sewerage system;
- Modern sewage disposal plant.

Commercial Center:

- Convenient stores;
- Specialty shops;
- Post Office;
- Garage and filling station;
- Restaurant and tavern;
- Administration building where all official business of the Community will be transacted.

NUMBER OF HOMES:

There are 572 new homes at Greendale and 65 farm homes. Of the new homes there are 274 single houses; 90 double house units; 50 three-family house units; 88 four-family house units; and 90 six-family house units. These homes range in size from one to four bedrooms.

LIVING IN GREENDALE:

Living in Greendale will be as healthful, safe and pleasant as modern knowledge can make it. The stores, the post office, the schools and playgrounds are within easy walking distance of each home. The children can find parks and open countryside within a few steps of their own doors. The village is located near three major highways, yet it is a safe distance from all of them.

Inside the village, most dwellings have been located on dead-end streets, which shut out through traffic from the residential sections. Buildings are placed so that each home will have a maximum of sunshine, open space and privacy. The homes themselves have been planned to meet rigid standards of sanitation, durability and low maintenance cost.

Living in Greendale will be economical. Farmers in the area which embraces 3,000 acres and those in the surrounding countryside may bring fresh produce direct to the town. In addition, each family may have a garden plot where it can raise its own fruit and vegetables.

A COMPLETE COMMUNITY:

Greendale is complete with all the facilities necessary to a modern city. It will have its own village government such the same as any other village incorporated under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The Federal Government, however, will retain title to all property, supervising its care and maintenance.

HOMES BUILT FOR COMFORTABLE LIVING:

A feature of the Greendale homes that attracts the attention of the housekeeper is the utility room on the first floor which contains the furnace and laundry tubs. There are no basements. This arrangement saves much drudgery for the housewife. Another feature which attracts the eye immediately is the absence of a dining room, but in its place in the large living room of most of the homes will be found a dining alcove. Although the homes use space economically, this plan makes for greater convenience.

Each home has approximately 5,000 square feet of ground. The entrance from the service lane or street is at the rear of the home,

whereas what usually is considered the front faces a garden or park area away from the street.

All of the Greendale houses are two story with the exception of six one-story doubles. The basic material consists of cinder-concrete blocks covered with waterproofing cement paint. The homes are well insulated. The foundations extend below the frost line and there is ample air space below the first floor. Each living unit is equipped with modern household facilities. Installed in each kitchen is an electric range and an electric refrigerator. Each utility room contains a hot-air heating plant and a water heater. Modern bathrooms are, of course, in each home. Ninety per cent of the homes have garages.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES:

A public school wherein Junior high school and the grades will be taught has been provided. The school rooms, auditorium and gymnasium are a part of the community building which has been built to meet modern ideas of school building construction. This building will be available for adult educational, social and recreational purposes, and will serve as a place for public meetings.

Sites for churches have been reserved for future construction as may be desired. Church services, however, may be held in the Community Building.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR GREENDALE HOMES:

In order to assure that the opportunities afforded to residents of Greendale go to the families which need its benefits, occupancy will be restricted generally to families within the income range of \$1,000 to \$2,200 per year. In special cases, individuals with incomes of less than \$1,000 may be accepted. Consideration also will be given in special cases to families with incomes ranging up to \$2,400 where there are four or more children. Within these limits, the maximum income of families to be accepted for the various units will be related to the rents of the dwellings, so that the least expensive units will be reserved for families with lowest incomes. Due to the size of the available units now constructed, family groups larger than six cannot be accommodated. However, in exceptional cases a family of seven may be considered if the house size and family composition permit. In addition, the heads of families must be twenty-one years of age by July 1, 1938.

Inasmuch as Greendale is designed to serve families with low incomes, preference will be given to applicants who have a genuine need for better housing, and who at the same time can demonstrate

a reasonable security of income to insure the regular and prompt payment of rents.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION:

Greendale is served by hard surfaced highways leading to and from Milwaukee and other cities in Milwaukee County. Arrangements are being made for regular bus transportation. Telephone service likewise will be available to those desiring it as in any other community.

From the Pioneer Yearbook, Class of 1948

Greendale's Decennial 1938-1948

"I pledge allegiance to my village to its ideals, its institutions, and To its people, with the firm knowledge That their success is my success, and Believe that this will make Greendale A better community in which to live"

-- A Resident --

"The busline started on Monday, October 10, 1938. Buses ran every hour, during the day and every half-hour during the rush periods. At the present time, extension of bus service is under consideration.

The police department consists of a Police Chief and two patrolmen. The fire department consists of a volunteer staff of twenty-four men divided into day and night shifts.

The Greendale drug store opened on April 15, 1939. Mr. Kendall Des Jardins was the manager.

On December 10, 1938, the village officers were elected. The results were: village President, Mr. George Brinkman; Trustees, Mr. Wilfred Bosanko, Mr. Harold E. Botz, Mr. John J. Dean, Mr. Victor Jacoby, Mrs. Helen Arndt; Treasurer, Mr. Henry Radtke; Justice of the Peace, Mr. Fabian Strong; Constable, Mr. Aloise E. Werner; and the Assessor, Mr. Herman E. Mittag.

The government of Greendale has progressed satisfactorily through the years. The entire village grieved when President Brinkman, the first to be elected by the citizenry, died on June 26, 1941. He served the community well. The athletic field is named in his honor. The memorial service was held on November 9, 1941."

GONA Officers and Directors

President: Bob Theierfelder

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Village Event Calendar

- Aug. 3** **Village Nites on the Green**
Greendale Gazebo Park, 7:00 p.m.
Greendale Village Swing Band
- Aug. 8-10** **Greendale Village Days**
Greendale Village Center
Food, music, games and parade on the 10th
- Aug. 9** **Greendale Community Walk**
Greendale Middle School, 9:00 a.m.
- Aug. 16** **Greendale Open Market**, 8:00 a.m. to noon
Municipal Parking Lot
- Aug. 17** **Village Nites on the Green**
Greendale Gazebo Park, 7:00 p.m.
Bourbon Street Stompers - Dixieland
- Aug. 23** **Greendale Open Market**, 8:00 a.m. to noon
Municipal Parking lot
- Aug. 30** **Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen**,
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