

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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GONA and Greendale's Comprehensive Plan

by Al Emmons

Greendale is in the middle of drafting a long range Comprehensive Plan for the future direction of our village. The Village President and the hired consultants are pleading for ideas from residents for what they want to see happen. However, when people that came to the Planning Commission meetings presented their thoughts some of the commission members shot down the ideas.

Bob Thierfelder, GONA president, stated at a meeting, "When you ask for ideas there is no such thing as a bad idea. When you ask for ideas you accept the fact only one in ten ideas may be feasible. Therefore the more ideas you get the greater the chances of getting ideas that can be used in the future.

"This is a twenty-year plan. We do not know what the future will bring. Some of the things that do not seem possible today may be very feasible in the future and some of the things in the plan that seem very feasible today may never happen. It should also be stated that most ideas presented in the plan cannot be enacted without due process like a public hearing etc."

Thierfelder personally polled Greendale Original Neighborhood residents (GONA members) for their suggestions and worked hard to put together a consensus of what original Greendale villagers want in the plan. At our March 4 meeting GONA drafted the following statements to be considered in the Village of Greendale Comprehensive Plan:

1. As representatives of the original neighborhood, we represent a cross section of residents whose opinions range from restoration of the houses to their original condition to those who want complete freedom to do anything they want with their properties.

2. We believe that the original neighborhood is what makes Greendale different from other communities. We realize how lucky we are to be living in an area with walking paths and believe these paths should be extended beyond the original village to other residential sections

3. We believe that people want to live in Greendale Originals, not only because of the historical significance, but because of the way the original houses have been maintained and upgraded. The historical significance of original Greendale is not only how it was built but how it has changed. The comprehensive plan should look at how the buildings have changed and include the good changes and eliminate the bad changes.

4. We believe the Village of Greendale should include in the comprehensive plan a program requiring all residences to meet certain minimum standards at time of sale (this process is already in place in the Village of Shorewood). The purpose of the plan is to help protect and preserve property values in the village. This program would monitor the general upkeep and maintenance of all residential properties including single-family, duplex and multi-families at the time of ownership change

In their type of code compliance, the Shorewood model states: "Most properties in the Village may remain as built as long as they are properly maintained. If the property is remodeled or changed, then those areas affected by the changes must be upgraded to today's code standards."

The next meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will be at 7:00 p.m. on September 9 at the Village Hall. We encourage all Greendale Residents to attend and make their voices heard. Due to the lack of publicity about this plan, this may be the only notice you will see about the meeting.

Blue Bird Theft

As you may have heard by now, on the evening of August 22 the famed Blue Bird was vandalized and stolen from the home of nine-year-old Jacob Henrichs at the corner of Elberton and Westway.

Between the Emmons family and the Badger Kart Club, a \$2,000 reward has been posted for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those who did this crime. Please contact the Greendale Police Department at 423-2121 if you have any information.

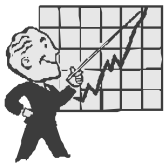
Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

The August meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 2, in the Community Room of the Greendale Public Library (lower level, use Health Department Entrance).

Ryan Listening Session

Congressman Paul Ryan will host a listening session on August 31 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Safety Building.



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Village Event Calendar

- Sept. 4 **Health Department Immunization Clinic,**
9:00 am. to 12:00 pm. For info call 423-2110
- Sept. 5 **Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen,** Taste of
Home Baking Book, 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9 **Comprehensive Planning Meeting,**
Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12 **Greendale Open Market,** (also September 26),
Municipal Parking Lot, 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- Sept. 12 **Gallery Night in the Village,** Village Shops open
until 9:00 p.m.
- Sept. 19 **Free Drop-In Job Help,** Public Library,
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 26 **Reiman Visitor Center Test Kitchen,** Desserts,
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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