

VILLAGE VIEWS

Village of Greendale Newsletter January 2019



Congratulations Greendale!

The Greendale Health Department achieves Level III status, meeting the maximum requirements established by the State of Wisconsin for a local health department! The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is required to evaluate the operations of all 88 Wisconsin local health departments at a minimum of every five years. The review establishes the health department as a level I, II or III agency. A level I department meets the minimum requirements and a level III department meets the maximum requirements established for a local health department.

State Health Officials identified many services that excel at the Greendale Health Department, including the Radon, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Maternal and Child Health, and the Emergency Preparedness programs. Additionally, State Health Officials commended the Greendale Health Department on their strong Community Health Improvement Plan and the department's commitment to involve residents in decisions that affect the health of the whole community.

2nd Annual Community Wellness Event "Understand How Mental Health and Substance Abuse Risk Connect"

Plan to attend our second Annual Community Wellness Event: Wednesday, January 30th, 5:45pm-8:30pm at Greendale High School (6801 Southway).

Community Alliance and Greendale Schools are sponsoring the 2019 Community Wellness Event. This year, the theme is about exploring and understanding the connection between mental health and substance abuse risk. Speakers will share tools for parents, teens, and community residents that will help create spaces for open communication around anxiety, stress, depression and substance use concerns. The speaker panel will run from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

While there are multiple ways a person may become addicted to a substance, one of the biggest connections stems from untreated mental health issues. This can come in the form of "self-medication" where a person suffering from a mental health condition medicates with substances. **Did you know that individuals with mental health issues are more likely to use alcohol or drugs than those not affected by a mental ill-**

ness? For example, someone with social anxiety may use alcohol to feel more comfortable at parties, or someone suffering from depression may use marijuana to numb their pain. Community members, professionals, and parents can all play a part in preventing substance use among youth by supporting an environment where mental health is destigmatized and seeking help is just as routine as going to the doctor or dentist. The event resource fair will be open from 5:45pm-7:00pm and will include a large number of displays on health and wellness services and resources from a wide variety of community organizations and businesses.

Please follow **Community Alliance: Hales Corners and Greendale Communities** on Facebook for more event details and a full listing of confirmed organizations and local speakers.



Reminder from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office



Animal licenses are due by March 31st and are \$12 per cat or dog (\$24 if they are not neutered or spayed).

Greendale permits a maximum of 3 animals, any combination of cats or dogs and 1 additional animal (for a total of 4) may be permitted with a special permit (obtained at the Village Hall).

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Snow Emergency / Night Parking

Call the Police Department (423-2121) in the event you have an overnight guest and need to park on the street overnight. Permission is granted on a limited basis. For an extended visit where you need to park on the road longer, a night parking permit can be purchased at the Police Department for \$26.40 per month / \$42.24 per quarter and \$132 per year. Village ordinance prohibits vehicles from being parked on street between 3:00 am and 6:00am.

During a declared snow emergency, vehicles are not allowed on the streets even if you have purchased a night parking permit. This is to accommodate road plowing during severe weather. Snow emergencies are announced on all the network news channels and radio channels. In the event of a declared snow emergency, do not park on the road until the snow emergency is lifted.

January is National Radon Action Month!

Radon is a naturally occurring gas that can build up to a dangerous level in your home. It presents a serious health risk, but it can be controlled easily and cost-effectively. Radon can only be detected by conducting a test and winter is the best time to test your home. Radon experts from the **Southeast Wisconsin Radon Information Center** will present an educational program about Radon on **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**. The program begins at **6:30 pm** in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of the Greendale Public Library at 5647 Broad Street, Greendale. They will discuss the following topics:

- What is radon?
- Health effects of radon
- How to test radon levels in your home?
- Possible fixes if you do have high radon levels

This is a FREE event! The Greendale Health Department will have radon test kits available for purchase at the presentation. The cost of the kit is \$10. Greendale residents are refunded the \$10 when test results are returned to the Greendale Health Department. Call the Greendale Health Department to register for this event: 414-423-2110.

Adopt your Fire Hydrant

The Fire Department-Village of Greendale needs your help. Each winter when our thoughts turn to "Walking in a Winter Wonderland", please take a moment to think about winter fire safety for a minute. Do you have a fire hydrant in your front yard or close to your home? If so, do you take time to clear snow and debris around it?



It normally takes a firefighter about 45 seconds to connect the hose to a fire hydrant. Hydrants buried in the snow are harder to find and the firefighter must spend precious moments clearing away the snow just to hook up the hose. That extra time might be needed to save a home, or more importantly, to save a life. So whenever you are braving the cold to shovel your sidewalk or driveway, please take the extra time to clean around and **ADOPT YOUR HYDRANT**. It may just turn out to be time well spent.

At the Greendale Public Library

Check the Library website for a full list of events. New! Register for many programs online using the Library event calendar at Greendale.org Events are in the CLC Lower Level Community Room unless otherwise noted.

YOUTH

After School Family Fun for Pre-K through 5th Grade Wednesdays 3-4:30pm, February 6-April 24

After a long day at school, come to the library to calm down, have a snack and enjoy yourself doing crafts and/or build with Legos. Children under 8 require an adult caregiver to attend the program. *Library Youth Area*

Pajama Time Series for 4-6 year olds Mondays 6:30-7:15pm, February 11 & 25

Come dressed in your pj's. We'll have fun, unique toys and activities to help students develop the necessary small motor skills for successful printing and handwriting. Facilitated by a pediatric occupational therapist. Attendance is limited and registration is required.

Family Story Time

Thursdays 10-10:30am, February 7-April 25

Stories for children ages birth to 5, for parents and caregivers with their children. Books, music and songs!

Thursday Morning Playgroup

Thursdays 10:30-11:30am, February 7-April 25

Time for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers up to 5 years old and their grown-ups to gather and play. We have a variety of toys and a big space for kids to enjoy!

ADULTS

Lunch and Learn Series

Once-monthly Wednesdays, 12:00-1:30pm

Registration Required, no fee

Bring a bagged lunch and listen to an informative presentation on a different topic each month. We will provide the dessert!

February 13, Get More with AARP

Color Me Calm

Mondays, 6:00-7:30pm, February 4, March 4

Enjoy a stress free evening of coloring fun and intricate coloring pages designed just for adults. The library will provide the materials but feel free to bring in your own supplies. Registration is not required, just drop in!

Monday Movie Matinee (free)

Once-monthly Mondays, 2-5:00pm

Grab some popcorn and join us for showings of popular films.

February 11, Flipped AND March 11, Loving

Mahjong Meetup

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm, February 6, March 6

Registration Required,

We meet the first Wednesday of every month to learn and play Mahjongg together! Playing sets and instruction included. Must have an intermediate skill in playing Mahjongg (the video game does not count!)

Department Announcements continued...

Tech Topics, Thursdays, 6-7:30pm

Registration required

The Greendale High School Mac Pac volunteers will be here to present helpful and relevant information a variety of consumer technology topics.

March 7, Using a Smartphone or Tablet

March 14, Using Facebook: Why or Why Not?

TEENS in grades 6-12

Teach Tara Fortnite

Thursday January 24, 3:30-5:30pm, Registration required

Tara, the Teen Librarian, knows absolutely nothing about Fort-

nite. Come and teach her all she needs to know about how to set up an account and play the game. Or, come and learn along with her! Bring a Chromebook or laptop if you are able to.

Teen Anime Hangout and DIY Mochi

Wednesday February 27, 3:30-5:00pm, Registration required
Hangout with other teens to watch anime and make ice cream mochi, a traditional and popular Japanese treat.

Teen Cupcake Wars

Thursday February 14, 3:30-5:00pm, Registration required

No baking skills required! Just bring your creativity and competitive spirit to create fun and unique cupcakes.

UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

- **Community Wellness Event**, Wednesday January

30th, 5:45 pm to 8:30 pm, Greendale High School

- **Winterfest**, Saturday February 2nd,

Downtown Greendale, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, ice carving, chili contest, sled dogs, Winter Market at the Hose Tower,



2018 Winterfest, Winter Market

live music, kids crafts, coloring contest, love letters to service men and women

- **Spring Primary Election**, Tuesday February 19, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Check the Village website for information on finding your polling location, registering to vote, absentee voting and copies of sample ballots!

- **Spring General Election**, Tuesday April 2, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Check the Village website Community Calendar for a listing of upcoming events in Greendale!

VILLAGE BOARD CORNER



2019 Capital Projects

During the 2019 Budget process the Village Board increased the funding allocated to street repairs and replacements. In 2019 \$700,000 was budgeted, which is an increase of

\$370,000 from the 2018 Budget. The Board began reviewing the pavement condition rating map to determine which streets should be a priority in 2019. Early this year the Board will determine which streets to bid out for replacement costs and based on the bid numbers will determine which streets will be repaired. Stay tuned to future newsletters and the Village website to find out which streets are selected.

Coal Tar Sealant Banned in Greendale

As the weather warms and people start planning property maintenance projects, this is a good time for a reminder about Greendale's ordinance prohibiting the use of coal tar pavement sealants and other sealants that contain high levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Pavement sealants are the black coatings that are commonly

spread on pavement surfaces as a maintenance practice. Some sealant products, such as coal tar sealants, contain high levels of PAHs, a class of harmful pollutants. Many PAHs are toxic to wildlife and can cause cancer and other health problems in humans.

Studies have found that coal tar sealants are the largest source of PAHs to urban areas where they are used, including contributing more than 75% of the PAHs found in Milwaukee-area waterways. In order to improve and protect public health and water quality, *Greendale*—along with over a dozen other area communities—has prohibited the use of sealants that contain high levels of PAHs.

There are many alternative products that can still be used. The most common alternative sealants are asphalt-emulsion products that contain a thousand times fewer PAHs than coal tar sealants. Acrylic and latex products that contain no PAHs are also available. Also consider using materials like concrete or porous pavement that do not require the use of sealants in the first place.

Many retailers have stopped carrying coal tar sealants, but if in doubt ask the retailer for a safe, low-PAH product. Similarly, if working with a contractor or commercial applicator, be sure to specify that an asphalt-emulsion or PAH-free product be used.

Information on what to look for on the labels or material safety data sheet to identify prohibited products is available on Greendale's website.

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WHO DO I CALL?

- **Missed garbage or recycling?** Contact the Department of Public Works 423-2133
- **Sanitary sewer backed up?** Flooded Street? During normal business hours contact the Department of Public Works 423-2133, for after hours please contact the Police non-emergency line at 423-2121 and someone from Public Works will be contacted for assistance.
- **Pothole, sidewalk issue, general street maintenance, downed Village tree?** Contact the Department of Public Works 423-2133, any emergency issues after hours may be reported to the Police Department non-emergency line at 423-2121.
- **Rummage sale permit?** Contact the Village Hall at 423-2100
- **Questions on fences, sheds, pools, additions/alterations to buildings/Permits?** Contact the Department of Inspection Services at Village Hall 423-2100

VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS

- **Village Hall: 6500 Northway**
Phone: 423-2100
Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
- **Police Department: 5911 W. Grange,**
Phone: 423-2121 (non-emergency)
- **Fire Department: 5911 W. Grange**
Phone: 423-2131 (non-emergency)
- **Public Library, 5647 Broad Street**
Phone: 423-2136
Hours: Monday—Thursday 8 am to 8 pm, Friday 8 am to 5 pm, and Saturday 8 am to 2 pm
- **Department of Public Works, 6351 Industrial Loop**
Phone: 423-2133
Refuse & Recycling Center Hours: Monday—Friday 7 am to 3 pm, Saturday 8 am to noon (December through March) & 8 am to 4 pm (April through November)
- **Health Department, 5650 Parking Street**
Phone: 423-2110
Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm
- **Park & Recreation, 5647 Broad Street**
Phone: 423-2790
Hours: Monday—Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesday 8 am to 6:30 pm

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