WELCOME TO LIFE IN THE VILLAGE MAGAZINE!
ON THE COVER

The Historic Village of Greendale is not only a great place to live, work and shop, it is also a popular and exciting destination for those wanting to learn more about Greendale’s unique history and its designation as a National Historic Landmark.
Welcome!

*Life in the Village* is a community magazine providing useful information about the Village of Greendale, Wis., with news and feature stories about the people, businesses, places and events that make our community a very special place to live, work and do business.

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Greendale residents have much to take pride in. The community is rich with abundant arts, physical fitness, and social opportunities, committed municipal leadership, responsive public service departments, outstanding public schools, and residents who take pride in their neighborhoods.

One somewhat under-promoted source of pride for Village of Greendale citizens is the collaboration between the many public and private organizations that provide these benefits. Over the years, various Village groups have partnered on numerous initiatives. From school safety walk-throughs and wellness events, to shared community services at the Community Learning Center and partnerships in bringing fiber optics to the Village, to digital signs and community calendars, Greendale understands, “We are better and stronger together.” It is that spirit of cooperation that led to the formation of “Life in the Village.”

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“Life in the Village” will provide more in-depth coverage of Village news than is currently available through traditional media sources. This custom publication will spotlight this historic community by sharing stories about the people, places, businesses and schools that contribute to the high quality of life experienced in Greendale.

Join us as we celebrate the best of our community. We look forward to your feedback, and many more issues of “Life in the Village.” Happy reading!
Nova was sworn in as the first Greendale K9 police dog on May 23, 2013. The name NOVA stands for “New Official Village Avenger” and was chosen following a contest run in all the local Greendale schools.

As typical protocol, each dog is assigned one officer to work with. Officer Tony Fitzgerald was selected to be Nova’s K9 handler and the two went through extensive training together before Nova was sworn in. They continue ongoing training by working with other Milwaukee County K9 units. Nova goes home with Officer Fitzgerald every night and accompanies him on every shift. This dynamic duo is also called in if Nova is needed for a special case.

What Does Nova Do?
K9 Nova, a 7+-year old, German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix, is a dual-purpose canine, which means his specialties include both narcotics detection and patrol work. Patrol work includes tracking suspects and lost people, building searches, area searches, evidence searches, criminal apprehension and officer/handler protection.

Some of his notable work includes a 2015 incident where a burglar was interrupted in the Village Center stores where he was hiding in the ceiling. Nova was used to search the scene and determine the hiding spot. Nova flushed the burglar out the door where police were waiting after many hours of searching.

In addition, in 2016, he assisted in response to a reckless driving complaint. Officers suspected there may be controlled substances in the vehicle due to the heavy odor of marijuana. Officers searched the vehicle and recovered a large amount of currency and a .45-caliber hand gun, but were unsuccessful in locating any marijuana. Nova conducted a search and located an undiscovered hidden compartment in the car that contained marijuana, as well as a loaded magazine belonging to the recovered firearm.

According to Nova’s partner, Officer Tony, “Nova never ceases to amaze me. He is a very enthusiastic, high-energy dog. He is up and ready every day to go to work. And while he is considered a member of my family (along with my wife and four kids), he is not a ‘pet.’ He is a working dog.”

Officer Tony further boasts about Nova’s special talents. “He just took first place at the annual ‘Narcotics Challenge’ presented by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement K9 Handling Association,” says Officer Tony. “Put through a rigorous maze to locate various hidden contraband (while ignoring the temptations of hidden ‘treats’ like hamburger), Nova was able to find the most items within a 3-minute window.”

Although fundraising was used to cover the initial costs of purchasing and training Nova, the K9 unit is still solely funded by donations from private citizens and businesses, both in and outside the Village. The Police Department also sells items, such as K9 shirts and an annual dog calendar to raise funds for the K9 program. You may also have seen Officer Tony and Nova at special Greendale events, such as Village Days and Dickens of a Village, where the Police Department sells various items to help with its fundraising efforts.

If you happen to run into Nova and Officer Tony at a Village event, make sure to stop and say thank you for a job well done! If you are interested in donating to the K9 fund, contact the Police Department at 414-423-2121.
In spring 2018, the Village Board approved the use of recycling carts for Greendale residents, and the Village began collection of its own recyclable materials (previously handled by an outside contractor). Greendale was not collecting nearly as many recyclable materials as some of its neighboring communities, which may have been due to the use of small recycling bins that do not hold much material. Some of the nearby communities collect as much as 283 pounds per capita, whereas the Village was only collecting approximately 155 pounds per capita.

SAVINGS TO THE VILLAGE
The Village offered the option of 65- or 95-gallon carts for residents. Delivery of the carts began last August, and was completed in October 2018. Since then, the Village has been comparing the weight of recyclable materials collected now, versus during the same months of the prior year, to see if an increase took place.

An increase in recyclable materials results in a savings to the Village due to the cost per ton that is charged to the Village for refuse disposal. The Village receives the market rate for collected recyclable materials (although the rate is currently 0), but in the past has resulted in money back to the Village. The use of the carts also reduces workers’ compensation injury claims for Village staff, since there is less injury due to less manual lifting of heavy bins – another cost savings for the Village.

Since all of the carts have been delivered, an increase in the collection of recyclable materials was reported in October and November 2018, as compared to October and November 2017 (as seen in the chart below). The Village will continue to monitor the amount of collected materials to see what type of impact the carts make on collected materials and cost savings.

In the 2019 budget, Greendale is purchasing a new garbage truck that will assist the Village in becoming more efficient in garbage/recycling collection. The current garbage truck will be turned into a recycling truck, and will only need to be manned by one staff person (currently there are 2 employees on each truck). The new garbage truck will continue to use a 2-staff crew. The extra employee used on the original garbage truck will be reassigned to assist in other areas of Public Works, such as street patching, mowing, forestry, park maintenance, etc.
As Village residents, you probably have attended many of Greendale’s special events. Village community events have been taking place since the Village’s origination in 1938. But have you ever stopped and wondered how these events take place, and who is responsible? Countless volunteer hours, significant behind-the-scenes coordination, and dedication to our community are the reasons for the success of all these great events in Greendale!

Many of our events are run by the Village by way of the Public Celebrations Committee (PCC). This committee is made up of volunteers who plan and volunteer at the events. The PCC organizes Winterfest, Petpalooza, the Fourth of July parade, the Village Days parade, Oktoberfest, the Halloween parade and Dickens of a Village. The PCC is made up of 11 voting members, and also additional members that participate and help out, as needed, at events.

The current PCC board is made up of:
• Trustee Donna Ouellette and Colleen Fechtmeyer, Co-Chairs
• Trustee Jason Cyborowski • Karyn Birmingham
• Martin Devaney • Betty Ferchoff • Carolann Matzek
• Steve Peters • Karen Weller • Jackie Kraemer
• Rachel Geitmann

Additional members include Carie Weston, Tony Novinska and Doug Bonk.

These generous volunteers spend countless hours planning events, including contacting food and entertainment vendors, finding sponsorships for the events (to help cover the costs), finding parade floats and managing the parade routes, producing event flyers, and distributing promotional materials throughout the Village to advertise the events.

Hats off to this talented group that helps make the Village a vibrant place to live and work! The PCC is always looking for other energetic people to assist in its mission. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the events, or serving on the Public Celebrations Committee, please contact Village Manager Todd Michaels at 414-423-2100.
The Greendale Health Department has achieved Level III status, meeting the maximum requirements established by the State of Wisconsin for a local health department.

“This achievement indicates a high level of commitment to providing quality public health services in the Village of Greendale, as well as our determination to continuously improve the Greendale Health Department,” says Susan Shepeard, Greendale’s health officer.

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 provides all six basic public health services to the community. A Level III department provides at least 14 additional programs and services that address at least seven health priorities in Healthiest Wisconsin 2020, the current state health plan.

State Health Officials identified many services that excel at the Greendale Health Department, including radon identification, lead poisoning prevention, maternal and child health, and emergency preparedness programs. Additionally, State Health Officials commended the Greendale Health Department on its strong Community Health Improvement Plans and the Department’s commitment to involve residents in decisions that affect the health of the whole community.

Through the support of an actively engaged Board of Health and many community volunteers and partners, the Greendale Health Department provides a variety of health programs for all ages. This includes communicable disease prevention and control, emergency preparedness planning, environmental health, food safety and recreational licensing, immunizations, community health promotion and general public health services that include services to women, infants and children. Grant funds of more than $100,000 a year provide support for additional programming that would not be possible through the tax levy budget.

The Greendale Health Department has two full-time staff: a health officer and nursing supervisor, and four part-time staff, plus public health nurses, a public health specialist and an administrative assistant.

The Greendale Health Department has more than 70 resident volunteers that collaborate with Department staff to lead four Community Health Improvement Workgroups, promote awareness of important health topics, and assist with Emergency Preparedness planning, drills and exercises.

For more information about the Greendale Health Department’s achievement, please call 414-423-2110.
he statistics are staggering. In 2016, more than 1,000 people died of drug overdoses in Wisconsin, an increase of 22 percent from the prior year. And in the years from 2007 to 2016, the rate of drug overdose deaths increased 72 percent. These numbers cannot be ignored. To create community awareness and a means for local action to combat the drug crisis, the Greendale and Hales Corners Health Departments have united to form the Community Alliance for the Awareness and Prevention of Substance Misuse.

“Community members, professionals and parents can all play a part in preventing substance misuse,” says Madeline Kornbeck, Community Alliance coordinator. “The Community Alliance was formed to help our local citizens learn more about addiction and to provide information on the resources available that support individuals and families in crisis.”

In January, the Community Alliance, along with Greendale Schools, sponsored the second annual Community Wellness Event at Greendale High School. With a theme of exploring and understanding the connection between mental health and substance abuse risk, the event included more than 30 health and wellness-related services and resources and more than 60 student-developed health advocacy projects. A 90-minute panel presentation shared tools for parents, teens and community residents to help open lines of communication around anxiety, stress, depression and substance use concerns.

The Community Alliance’s mission is to do just that. For more information, contact the Greendale Health Department at 414-423-2110.
Business Spotlight: Ricardo’s
Celebrating 50 Years in Downtown Greendale

The year 2019 is a “banner year” for Ricardo’s restaurant in downtown Greendale as they celebrate 50 years of serving delicious Italian food and pizza. For more than three generations, Village residents and guests have embraced this cozy, family-owned and -operated eatery, enjoying tasty pasta dishes, appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and even a fish fry on Friday nights. But the most popular dish remains their thin and crispy signature pizzas – all with daily fresh-made dough, a specialty sauce, Wisconsin cheeses and the freshest ingredients – baked on a slate deck.

This family business was started by Rick Loch in 1970. Today, his son Rich joins him as general manager. Rich started as a part-time cook at Ricardo’s while he was a sophomore in high school, and continued on through college. After short-term stints working in other industries (a unique mix of the insulation trade and race car driving) while still working part-time at the restaurant, Rich has made this his passion. He has been working full-time since 1999. A sister, Brenda Regenfelder, also worked in the business before assuming ownership of her own restaurant in Milwaukee’s Third Ward (recently sold).

According to Rich, “Ricardo’s most popular dishes include our signature pizza, our Italian beef sandwich and our original “hummer” – an Italian sausage sandwich with onions, green peppers and melted mozzarella cheese.” Rich is quick to point out that most customers want what they are familiar with and have grown up with, so they appreciate the signature pizzas that have remained popular over the years. However, Rich’s dad explains that taste buds have changed somewhat, so a few non-traditional pizza choices are now offered, too. “We have a cheeseburger pizza, a BLT pizza, a taco pizza and a Mediterranean pizza,” explains Rick. “The ingredients may sound unusual, but they are delicious and very popular with our customers.”

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Because people don’t seem to be out and about as late as they used to be,
“We now find ourselves doing 80% of our nightly business in a smaller time frame,” Rich says, adding that, “This certainly makes for quite the hectic pace at these peak times.” Open for dinner only 7 days of the week, Ricardo’s regulars know it is best to arrive early (the restaurant opens at 4 p.m. each day) to grab a table or claim their spot at the bar.

Ricardo’s added online ordering a few years ago, and customers love the convenience. A special “pick-up” window in the back of the restaurant makes it convenient for take-out orders. Rich explains that over the years people have a lot more dining options, so competition in the restaurant business is at an all-time high. Ricardo’s uses only the freshest, highest-quality ingredients, and prides itself on maintaining its consistent standards of dining excellence.

So what are this popular eatery’s secrets for success? “We try to keep things simple by providing a good product and exceptional customer service,” says Rich. “I like to think we have a great personal connection with many of our guests and their families. We take a genuine personal interest in their lives. We hear stories all the time about people who have grown up here, then stayed to have their own children here. That third generation is now growing up!”

Both father and son are very thankful for Greendale’s patronage the past 49 years. And they look forward to doing some special things later this year to celebrate 50 years in business. “It’s not a very easy job,” says Rich, “but it can be very rewarding to see and hear our guests enjoy their time with us! None of this would be possible without our loyal employees – both past and present. It’s been a joy to see them move on as successful business professionals themselves – teachers, lawyers, engineers, chemists, tradesmen, nurses, etc. It’s rewarding to see them do well after our time together in the restaurant.”

As for the future, Rich’s children, although still young (ages 10 and 7) are waiting in the wings to take over Ricardo’s as the next generation. “My daughter is already asking when she can work,” Rich says with a smile.

“We love this community,” says Rich. “The Village does a fantastic job of promoting its history and organizing community events for all to enjoy! We hope to be here for another 50 years!”

Be sure to check out Ricardo’s, one of Greendale’s most popular dining spots. But remember to get there early!

**Ricardo’s**
5627 Broad Street • 414.421.1980
ricardosgrendale.com
Mon.-Fri. 4-10 p.m. • Fri. and Sat. 4-11 p.m. • Sun., 4-9 p.m.

Rick Loch of Ricardo’s (left) and Village President Jim Birmingham dressed the part for Dickens of a Village.
“Friends” Make a Library Great!

Friends of the Greendale Public Library Board (from left to right): Claudia Egan, Michael Cunningham, Marlene Fieldbinder, Kevin Affeldt and Maria Voermans.

Friends of the Greendale Public Library play key role

Nearly every public library everywhere has an organized group of loyal supporters who find personal satisfaction in volunteering their time and talents to their local library. The same holds true in Greendale— and our Friends of the Greendale Public Library group plays an integral role in our Library’s success.

Though the Friends have a dues-paying membership roster, a core group of individuals contributes extra time and enthusiasm as members of the Friends Board. You may know them: President Marlene Fieldbinder, Secretary Claudia Egan, Treasurer Lynn Crapritto, Kevin Affeldt, Michael Cunningham, and Library Board Liaison Deb Huberty. These committed volunteers meet monthly to discuss plans for supporting the Library. They contribute their time and energy to Library programs and run fundraisers that help purchase special Library materials and supplies.

The Friends operated for many years as an arm of the Greendale Public Library Foundation. They became their own independent not-for-profit organization in 2017. This change allows the Friends to focus more independently on supporting Library programs and producing their own fundraising events throughout the year. The Foundation is now able to focus on planned giving, major donations and capital campaigns that support the Library over longer sustained periods.

In 2018, Friends of the Greendale Public Library contributed nearly $5,000 to two very popular special collections— the Lucky Day Book of the Month and Lucky Day DVDs. The donation made it possible for the Library to buy extra copies of popular new books and DVDs that increase an in-person visitor’s chances of finding something today that they would otherwise have to wait months for when using the traditional ‘holds’ reservation system.

The Friends volunteer at Library special events throughout the year, including the Downtown Market and Winterfest. They are also the fabulous people who purchase and served the frosted holiday cookies that your children may have eaten at the Library’s Dickens of a Village activity!

The Friends are a crucial component of what makes our Library special. Best of all, they’re an all-around fun and kind bunch of community members who care about the success of Greendale. If you would like to share your own time and talents, and want to meet some really nice neighbors, come to a Friends’ meeting to learn more. If you think your interests or personal network are better aligned with helping develop planned giving and/or major donations that will sustain our Library into the future, please learn more about the Greendale Public Library Foundation. They’d especially welcome your participation!

Library Hours

The Library is now open again on school-year Sundays. Sunday hours are 1-4 p.m. through May 19 (then closed during the summer). Sunday hours resume from September 8 through the end of the year.

• Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
• Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Saturday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Sunday 1-4 p.m. (Labor Day-Memorial Day only)

WHERE AND HOW TO CONNECT

The Greendale Public Library is located inside the Community Learning Center (CLC) at the Greendale Village Center (5647 Broad Street).
414-423-2136 • fax 414-423-2139

• Visit the Library page on the Village of Greendale website: greendale.org

• To contact the Greendale Library Friends, email greendalebpfriends@gmail.com.

• To contact the Greendale Foundation, email greendaleplfoundation@gmail.com
YOUTH

After-School Family Fun for Pre-K through 5th Grade Wednesdays
3-4:30 p.m. • 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 6:30-7:15 p.m.
February 11 and 25
Registration required
Come dressed in your PJs and enjoy activities to help students develop the necessary small motor skills for successful printing and handwriting. Facilitated by a pediatric occupational therapist. Attendance is limited.
CLC Lower Level Community Room

Family Story Time
Thursdays 10-10:30 a.m.
February 7-April 25
For parents and caregivers with their children, stories for ages birth to 5. Enjoy books, music and songs.
CLC Lower Level Community Room

Thursday Morning Playgroup
Thursdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. • 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!
CLC Lower Level Community Room

Lunch and Learn Series
Once-monthly Wednesdays
12-1:30 p.m.
Registration required • No fee
Bring a lunch (dessert provided) and listen to an informative presentation on a different topic each month.
February 13: Get More with AARP from AARP Speaker Helen Marks Dicks
CLC Lower Level Community Room

Color Me Calm
Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.
February 4 and March 4
No registration required
Enjoy a stress-free evening of coloring fun with intricate coloring pages designed just for adults. Materials provided, but feel free to bring your own supplies.
CLC Lower Level Community Room

Monday Movie Matinee
Once-monthly Mondays, 2-5 p.m.
Grab some popcorn and join us for free showings of popular films.
The upcoming films are:
February 11: “Flipped”
March 11: “Loving”
CLC Lower Level Community Room

Tech Topics
Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.
Registration required
The Greendale High School Mac Pac volunteers will be here to present helpful and relevant information on a variety of consumer technology topics.
March 7: Using a Smartphone or Tablet
March 14: Using Facebook: Why or Why Not?
CLC Lower Level Community Room

ADULTS

Book a Librarian
2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
2-4 p.m.
Registration required • No fee
“Book a librarian” to get personal introduction to Library resources. Schedule a 30-minute, customized appointment for basic assistance on topics such as creating an email account, browsing the Library’s catalog, downloading e-books and audiobooks, using online resources and more.

Mahjong Meetup
Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
February 6, March 6
Registration required
Meet the first Wednesday of every month to learn and play Mahjong together. Playing sets and instruction included. Must have an intermediate skill in playing Mahjong (the video game does not count).
CLC Lower Level Community Room

TEENS in grades 6-12

Teach Tara Fortnite
Thursday, January 24 • 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Registration required
Tara, the teen librarian, knows absolutely nothing about Fortnite. 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.
CLC Lower Level Community Room

Teen Anime Hangout and DIY Mochi
Wednesday February 27 • 3:30-5 p.m.
Registration required
Hang out with other teens to watch anime and make ice cream mochi, a traditional and popular Japanese treat.
CLC Lower Level Community Room

Teen Cupcake Wars
Thursday February 14, 3:30-5 p.m.
Registration required
No baking skills required! Just bring your creativity and competitive spirit to create fun and unique cupcakes.
CLC Lower Level Community Room

This is just a sample of the wealth of upcoming Library activities – check the Library website for a full list. New! Register for many programs online using the Library event calendar at Greendale.org
ince Greendale’s inception, business has been an integral part of life in the Village. In fact, the Village of Greendale was originally planned around the businesses on Broad Street. Since those early days, Greendale and its business community have grown together and supported each other over the past 80 years.

To recognize and solidify this relationship between the Village and its businesses, the Greendale Chamber of Commerce (GCC) was founded in 1986. The Chamber’s mission is to promote business success, ensure a vibrant business community both in and around Greendale, and enhance our Village’s quality of life. The Chamber does this by offering opportunities for its members to network, advertise, promote themselves and give back to the Village. These opportunities include monthly networking events and sponsored events (such as the annual Christmas Tree Lighting).

The Chamber also provides student scholarships for Greendale High School seniors planning to advance their education with a business degree from a college, university or tech/trade school. In addition, the Chamber helps connect Greendale students to seasonal employment and internships with a Greendale business. Additionally, the Chamber is proud to be a partner in this new, “Life in the Village” publication.

As part of this inaugural issue, newly elected Chamber President John Lewandowski, of Bluemel’s Garden & Landscape Center, comments on both the magazine and his new leadership role in the Chamber. He says he is excited for the opportunity to lead the organization in 2019, and “believes with an enthusiastic, energetic board, plus an emphasis on communication and accountability, this will be a break-out year for the Chamber.”

“We’re committed to promoting and cultivating the business community, thereby adding value to our membership,” Lewandowski explains. “We’ve enhanced our networking events and created special business-to-business partnerships. We also work closely with other leading community organizations to ensure the Chamber fulfills its commitment to its members.”

Lewandowski’s passion for the Village is contagious, and it transfers to his position as the retail and marketing operations manager for Bluemel’s Garden & Landscape Center, where he has been an employee for more than 20 years. (He even met his wife Crystal while working at Bluemel’s!)

Lewandowski is truly a “go-to” guy, and is already a familiar face in the Village, having served on the Chamber board for more than four years. He is often seen walking and driving around downtown Greendale, overseeing the thousands of beautiful plantings that Bluemel’s installs there every spring. Business owners agree there is no more
handsome downtown business district than Greendale’s!

Aside from serving as president of the GCC, John also manages the Chamber website and Facebook page, putting his marketing skills to good use. Lewandowski is thrilled about the opportunity “Life in the Village” presents to the Greendale Chamber of Commerce and its members. He also believes it will offer highly desired brand exposure through exclusive ads and articles. “We’re primed for 2019 to be a fantastic year for our members” says Lewandowski.

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“The new year brings with it a new board, new opportunities and a new publication. If you own a business in Greendale or in an adjoining community, and are not already a GCC member, you’re going to be missing out!” he adds.

If you’re a business interested in learning more and becoming a Greendale Chamber of Commerce member, Lewandowski encourages you to visit greendalechamber.com. Historic Greendale’s businesses are alive and vibrant – and a great place to work and shop!

Blooms bursting with color welcome shoppers and shop owners each year as Bluemel’s Garden & Landscape Center plants and maintains more than 30,000 plants!
am a Greendale “Original.”
I was born in 1936 at 5597 Apple Court in Greendale, Wisconsin, during the Great Depression. I was the second Original born on Apple Court. I was empty and lonely. When I was a year old, thousands of cars from Milwaukee paraded past me on Grange Avenue. None stopped. All just drove by and visited another Greendale Original born on Alba Court. They stopped there – by the hundreds – and wondered what the excitement was all about.

My first family were all men. They were diggers and masons and carpenters and roofers who came from the city for good jobs during “hard times.” They stayed until I was two years old, and then they were gone. I had eight neighbors on Apple Court. By 1938, there were 572 Originals in Greendale and we looked pretty much alike. I was a bit unusual – made of concrete block with no basement. My back door faced the street, my front door the yard. I had hardwood floors, wood-beamed ceilings, cozy bedrooms and electric appliances. I was new and surrounded by green space, not like our crowded cousins in the city.

On May 1, 1938, my first real family moved in! Their names were Bernard and Susan Hennig. Along with the others in the A, B, C and D sections of the Original community, they had to apply to the federal government to become the first renters, “Greendale pioneers.” On that same day, almost all the Originals had families. Among them were Ariens, Bruett, Brinkman, Kuglitsch, Munger, Jolly, Kendellen, Schroedl, Strange, Frew, Dobner and Glynn families. All had departed the city for their new homes in the Village of Greendale.

In 1952 the Federal government sold all of us Originals. My new family and owners were the Schram family. They stayed for 45 years. Now, once again, I am empty.

But now I have new friends who will help me with the next phase of my life. The Greendale Historical Society is working to restore me to my Original condition. My hardwood floors will gleam once more, and I won’t be alone. To make this happen, your help is needed. Please help me stay Original!

For more information or to donate, visit greendalehistoricalsociety.org.

What is a Greendale “Original”?
Greendale was originally developed in 1936 as part of President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal in the wake of the Great Depression. With the purchase of 3,400 acres of farmland southwest of Milwaukee’s city limits, the federal government’s Resettlement Administration had three main objectives: to demonstrate a new kind of suburban community which combined both city and country life, to provide good housing at reasonable rents, and to provide jobs to unemployed workers.

A Greendale “Original” refers to the original homes built during this time. Also called “backwards” houses, the Originals were designed with the service entrance near the street and the front of the house facing the yard. They were constructed in a variety of styles including one, two and three-bedroom units. One of three “Greenbelt” communities in the country, the historic Village of Greendale was built on the “garden city” model in which housing was situated within easy walking access of gardens, employment and a town center.

Today these Originals provide a fascinating walk through history – the same paths that Eleanor Roosevelt once followed. Greendale was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 2012.

About the Greendale Historical Society
The Greendale Historical Society was founded in 1976 to collect, preserve and make available materials relating to the history of Greendale. It is the mission of the Society to: (1) preserve and promote the buildings, landmarks and artifacts that illustrate the history of Greendale, Wis.; (2) to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the Village’s founding, growth and designation as a National Historic Landmark; and (3) to strengthen the current and future historic character of the Village.

Volunteers are always needed to help promote the Society’s mission. Join your neighbors and friends in support of our historic Village!
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THINK Spring THINK
Greendale Entertainment Association Promotes Community Spirit and More

If you have enjoyed Greendale’s free musical entertainment in the Gazebo each summer on Saturday nights, or spent some time at the ever-popular Village Days Celebration in August, you have experienced first-hand the fine work of the Greendale Entertainment Association (GEA). This group of dedicated volunteers brings many engaging and family-friendly activities to the community. Now celebrating its 21st year, the GEA continues its mission of hosting events that enhance the quality of life in our historic community, with a dedicated commitment to the Village, its residents and businesses.

Since 1997, the GEA has supported a variety of local charitable groups/causes, including the Greendale Education Foundation, Friends of Music, Greendale Garden Gazers, Greendale High School Marching Band, Park and Recreation, and Post Prom festivities. The GEA organization is able to provide financial support to all these groups and more, due to their fundraising expertise.

For example, twice per year (in the spring and fall), the GEA hosts a Children’s Resale event that has grown from the early days of about 30 sellers to today’s events that include more than 270 vendors (with a waiting list). More than 150 volunteers help manage this event, that has grown from 2 to 3 days. The Children’s Resale events, held at Greendale High School, provide a quality consignment experience for the public. The GEA receives 30 percent of sales that help fund the organization’s activities. On Friday, doors are open for volunteers to shop. Then on Saturday and Sunday, the sale is open to the general public. On Sunday, all items that are not marked with a red star are 50% off.

GEA also contributes all of the items that consigners wish to donate to non-profit organizations after the conclusion of each sale. One of those organizations, CareNet, is a facility for women who need help during their pregnancy, and another is BASICS-Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Because of the generosity of the consigners, GEA received the following thank you note back from a family that benefited from the resale donations.

“Before your donation my baby had only a wash basket for a bed and my other children had only a few changes of clothing,” said the grateful mother. “Thanks to your organization, my baby now has a bed, and my children have a dresser full of clothing and shoes. Thank you, GEA, for making a difference in a family of five – we are forever grateful.”
Another income generator for the GEA is Village Days, held the second weekend in August. Village Days, now its 81st year, is a community event celebrating Greendale’s birthday. The weekend includes live music, food and beverages for sale, games and rides, an arcade, an outdoor movie, an ice cream social, bingo, and a marketplace. According to GEA President, Donna Ouellette, “Village Days brings our entire community together for a fun-filled family weekend! The entire Village comes out to celebrate the Village’s birthday, and there is something for everyone during the 3-day event.”

Proceeds from food/beverage sales, etc. also benefit the GEA, which in turn uses the funding (along with the Children’s Resale profits) to underwrite the summer Gazebo Musical Series, “Fun on the Green.” Each Saturday night from June through August, free outdoor concerts are performed at the Village’s landmark gazebo. What a perfect venue to enjoy on a warm summer evening! Residents and guests pack a cooler and bring their blankets and/or chairs as they sit back and experience a wide array of local musical talent. (In the event of rain, the concerts are held at Greendale High School in the Multipurpose Room.)

The current GEA leadership team includes President Donna Ouellette, Vice President Sue Bunker, Secretary Meri Bell, Treasurer Carolann Matzek, and Member-at-Large Chris Henry. Along with a team of energetic volunteers, the GEA continues to be one of Greendale’s most important charitable groups, continually giving back to the Village. Watch for this vibrant group throughout the year at Greendale’s other special events.

You, too, can become a part of this not-for-profit organization by visiting greendaleentertainment.com to find out more. Please consider joining the fun and camaraderie of this dynamic group. If you’d like to make a difference in the community you love, the GEA is the place to be!

Volunteers Always Needed!
The GEA is always looking for fresh faces and bright ideas. We invite you to attend a general meeting and meet some of our members. GEA events require community input and plenty of volunteers! Send an email to greendaleentertainmentassoc@gmail.com and let the GEA know your level of interest.

The Children’s Resale event now features more than 270 vendors.
reendale Schools, in partnership with the community, has made developing the life skills all students need to become healthy and productive in society a priority in the District for decades. During the 2012-2015 strategic plan implementation, the District developed a set of Attributes of a Greendale Graduate: character, citizenship, collaboration and communication, critical and creative thinking, and personal wellness. Through Vision 2020, the schools are extending this work and integrating the attributes through equity, culturally responsive, and social emotional models of learning. These new initiatives specifically address the character, citizenship and personal wellness attributes.

**Equity Work Ensures Opportunities**

Equity work is about improving opportunities for all students to learn, to engage, and to belong in our schools. The equity model focuses on student strength and background to build understanding, as well as voice and choice to demonstrate understanding. Greendale Schools is a member of the Closing the Achievement Gap Consortium and is using project-based learning to improve opportunities and engagement.

Teachers and administrative staff meet regularly as part of the District Equity Cohort to look at Greendale-specific data and ways to address opportunity gaps, including eliminating arbitrary requirements to access various opportunities. The schools have also developed a partnership with the Equity Coaching Collaborative, and within each school an equity team looks at building-specific information to make sure it is meeting District-wide expectations.

**Cultural Responsiveness To Build Community**

The District is currently engaged in cultural understanding and responsive practices work led by Milwaukee-area consultants Dr. Alisia Moutry and Dr. Ramel Smith. Experts in the field of cultural competence, Drs. Moutry and Smith are working with Greendale staff, students, parents, and community members to determine where the community is in its understanding of and sensitivity to diverse cultures.

Greendale recently completed phase I of a 30- and 90-day Equity Plan that was established after a student protest at Greendale High School this fall. Drs. Moutry and Smith completed focus groups during the late weeks of 2018 and reported on their findings to the Board of Education early in 2019.

“We will use this as an opportunity to be reflective, look at climate and culture across our schools, and take steps to improve the sense of engagement and belonging for all students,” says Dr. Gary Kiltz, superintendent of Greendale Schools. “Our learning, as students, staff and a community, will never end. We know the work we do has the potential to impact Greendale in many positive ways.”

Through the information learned during the exploratory phase of the plan, Greendale Schools continues to work with Drs. Moutry and Smith and
other key community stakeholders to develop ways to expand character and citizenship development including cultural understanding and competence in the work. “The diversity in our community is a strength and an amazing opportunity for learning,” Kiltz adds.

**Personal Wellness Guides Social-Emotional Learning**

With the Personal Wellness attribute as a guide, the District is taking steps to create a comprehensive, District-wide and community approach to Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

Partnering with the Greendale Public Health Department, the School District is taking a deeper look at the results of the semi-annual Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) administered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. YRBS is conducted as part of a national effort to monitor health-risk behaviors of the nation’s secondary students. The behaviors monitored by the Wisconsin YRBS include traffic safety; weapons and violence; suicide; tobacco use; alcohol and other drug use; sexual behavior; and diet, nutrition, and exercise, all which can result in the most significant causes of both mortality and morbidity during youth and adulthood.

“Greendale’s YRBS results are comparable to state and local trends, but they do not reflect positively when compared to the other high levels of achievement seen in the District,” says Colleen McHugh-Moore, Greendale Schools’ Director of Pupil Services.

“Additionally, in recent years, we have experienced an increasing number of students with high-level mental health and social-emotional needs. Staff and families are asking for help through resources and training. So Greendale is taking proactive steps and looking at students’ social and emotional health and well being in a similar way as it looks at academic achievement areas,” McHugh-Moore adds.

This school year, the District began planning for comprehensive SEL instruction. Research shows that adding SEL to all aspects of the educational process can reduce reports of student depression, anxiety, stress, and social withdrawal, and increase academic achievement. Social-emotional learning also leads to the development of “soft skills” that many employers look for in new hires.

District teams are reviewing a national model called the CASEL framework along with the state standards as a guide for developing Social-Emotional curriculum in Greendale. Using current pupil services practices plus these researched methods, the newly developed SEL in Greendale should be ready to launch for the 2019-2020 school year.
Enthusiasm for Schools Is Motivation for 32 Years Serving the Children of Greendale

When the Greendale Board of Education convenes for its Board Reorganization Meeting on April 22, something will be missing. That something is a someone – as 32-year member, Thomas Slota, M.D., has decided to retire from the Board and not to run for re-election this spring. Elected for the first time in 1987, Dr. Slota was elected 12 times by Greendale voters. “Life in the Village” spoke to him regarding his long tenure on the Board.

LITV: Why did you run the first time for the Board of Education? 
TS: Most of the personal success I have in my life, I owe to my education. My parents pushed me to study, to do well and to go to college, and I was the first person in my family to get a degree. I strongly believe in education and want other people (students) to have the same enthusiasm and encouragement my parents provided to me that pushed me. That’s why I ran for School Board.

LITV: What kept you returning to the Board/continue seeking reelection?  
TS: When I was elected the first time I promised myself that I would only run again if I thought I was a positive force on the Board and if I continued in my enthusiasm for education. I am still very enthusiastic about public education and especially Greendale Schools! I believe I have been a positive force for the good of the students and I have a passion for this work.

LITV: How has the Board evolved over your 32 years of service? 
TS: During the time I have been elected to the Board, the School Boards themselves have not evolved as much as education has changed. When I was elected in 1987, there were no computers in schools. Technology is now an important tool used in education.

Schools also see to more aspects of a students life than we ever did previously. Our schools today take care of the whole student and their emotional welfare and academics are taken care of. There have been changes in the workplace, the types of jobs available after school have changed, and why kids go to school (college) has changed. To continue to prepare children for life, schools must change with the world’s expectations.

The Greendale Board of Education has always been made up of dedicated people. We understand our role and we do not shirk it and we do not micromanage. We are nonpartisan and not ideological. We are just trying to make education the best it can be for kids. That is why the Board is a positive force.

LITV: What was the biggest challenge faced by the Board during your tenure?  
TS: School funding is by far the biggest challenge. Our hands have been tied and we have been forced to make cuts every single year. It would be hard to find a business that remains successful with cuts every year. Yet schools are expected to be successful, and in Greendale, we are.

LITV: What was the biggest triumph? 
TS: The fact that Greendale is recognized as a leading District in the state is something I am very proud of. We put our resources where they work the best. The first question asked with every new challenge is: What is best for the kids? (With that mindset), we succeeded in spades at all levels and we have a reputation for being great.

Certainly, we have things to fix, but our administration is honest about our shortcomings and are working to address them.
I am also very proud of the Greendale Schools Employee of Merit program that I started about 30 years ago. Knowledgeable and dedicated teachers are the most important thing in a classroom. We succeed in Greendale because we have the best personnel. This program works nicely to recognize the staff.

LITV: What impact do you believe the School District has on the Greendale community?
TS: The School District is central to the values of Greendale. Our community cares about kids deeply. With all the events and activities we do in the schools, we draw lots of citizens in to participate. People without children in the schools participate on committees, and come to the concerts, plays and athletic events. This helps to make the schools the center of the community.

LITV: What do you want the community to remember about your service?
TS: I want the community to remember how passionate I am for education and what is good for kids. When I think about people who look beyond themselves in their work and in their daily lives, I think of educators and health care workers. I am proud to be someone who works in both of those fields.

LITV: What else should Greendale know about its schools?
TS: Our schools really help students reach their individual potential, and they work to make sure everyone has access to resources and opportunity.

Thank you!

Many thanks to Tom Slota as well as Board member Melanie Kuzmanovic for their dedication to the children of Greendale through their service on the Board of Education.

Dr. Thomas Slota
Service to the Community: Greendale Lions Support Healthy Snack Initiative for Students

With more than 1.4 million members and 45,000 clubs across the globe, Lions International is the largest service organization in the world. Today’s Lions are dedicated to helping those in need, just as they were more than 100 years ago when they were founded in 1917. At each Lions Club, talented and dedicated volunteers unite to fund projects in their local communities. As one of the thousands of worldwide chapters, the Greendale Lions are no exception.

FULFILLING A NEED

Since 1955, the Greendale Lions Club has been serving Greendale with a variety of service projects—always searching for ways to help where help is needed, and to make our Village a better place in which to live. During the 2018-2019 club year, the Club renewed its focus on our community and focused on the challenge of overcoming hunger.

According to Lions’ President Noelle Joers-Yanisch, “one of the Club’s most important initiatives launched this past year is a new program that is making a difference in our schools.” This initiative provides healthy snacks for students and monetary support of the school lunch program—both of which are designed to assure that healthy food is available for students in need.

The need for such a program came to light at a recent Lions Club meeting attended by Superintendent of Greendale Schools, Gary Kiltz. During this meeting, Kiltz discussed the state of Greendale schools, and the Lions learned about the increasing number of Greendale students who are on the free/reduced lunch program. Kiltz pointed out that the number of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch has more than doubled in the last eight years, increasing from about 12% in 2010 to about 25% in 2018. Statistics show that hunger impacts a student’s ability to learn.

Soon after the meeting, Joers-Yanisch met with Superintendent Kiltz to discuss ways the Lions could support the Schools. Following discussion with the Lions’ Board of Directors, Lion Pam Jankowiak volunteered to head up this program, and the “Healthy Snack Initiative” was born.

Although students in all three Greendale elementary schools and the middle school are encouraged to bring a “healthy snack” for midmorning break, some families are not able to provide them. This is where the Greendale Lions are helping to bridge that gap.

Beginning in December (and continuing on a monthly basis through the end of this school year), a dedicated volunteer committee has shopped for an assortment of snacks and delivered them to each of the grade schools and the middle school so that no student in need goes hungry mid-morning.

Once the snacks are delivered, the schools’ principals and staff distribute items as they see fit. Some of the approved prepackaged snacks include pretzels, Goldfish crackers, Teddy Grahams, fruit cups, granola bars and breakfast bars. The Lions continually monitor snack inventories at each school, and refill them as needed. The committee also monitors the program monthly, from a quantity and popularity perspective. The committee will reconvene over the summer to determine how they can make the Healthy Snack Initiative even better to ensure its ongoing success.

In addition to providing healthy snacks, the Greendale Lions is also helping support school lunch accounts by providing discretionary lunch funds for at-need students. It became clear that there was a demonstrated need to assist with the increasing number of students who qualify for a Free/Reduced lunch program. The Lions’ initiative allows administrators, counselors and social workers to tap into the lunch account for a student who does not have free/reduced lunch status but, for whatever reason, would be without a meal if the account were not available (to pay for his/her lunch).

The Greendale Lions Club is pleased to partner with the Greendale School District on these important projects. Feedback from the principals has been positive thus far, as they now have the means to help their students stay focused on their studies.

Helping to fight hunger is only one of the many ways the Lions Club serves the Greendale community. Additionally, the Club supports family-friendly events including the annual Easter Egg Hunt, a spring Pancake Breakfast, the Fourth of July Celebration, Village Days, Hay Days and Dickens of a Village.

For more information about the Club and its activities, visit the Lions’ website at greendalelions.org.
Referendum Passage Means Big Change for School Calendar

The first day of school for the 2019-2020 school year is Monday, August 19, 2019. This change will accommodate the construction schedule, ensure staff and student safety, and minimize the impact on student learning while Greendale Schools are renovated according to the plans presented in the November referendum passed by Greendale voters.

A one-year waiver granted by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction allows Greendale Schools to bypass the state-required September 1 school start date. The school year ends on Friday, May 22, 2020, before Memorial Day.

This schedule provides a larger window during the summer of 2020 to complete the new construction projects and set classrooms up for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. The hope is to have 90% of the facility improvement work completed by the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, which is expected to start as usual on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020.
If you can’t bring the students to the coral reefs, then you bring the reefs to the students. At least that’s the case for some lucky science students at Greendale High School (GHS). With coral bleaching a global environmental catastrophe, science students at GHS are getting the opportunity to study the problem directly, thanks to a grant from the Greendale Education Foundation.

What Is Coral Bleaching?
Healthy corals house algae in their tissues in a symbiotic relationship. These often vividly colored algae, called zooxanthellae, provide nourishment for the coral, which protects them in return. However, when the surrounding seawater becomes too warm, too cold or too acidic, the coral becomes extremely stressed. Stressed corals often expel the zooxanthellae from their tissues, “bleaching” the coral to a shade of white and costing the coral some of its nutrition. Corals can sometimes recover from bleaching events, but not always, as many times the corals die after bleaching. Ocean warming and acidification contribute to this coral damage, robbing them of their color and taking away the habitat that so many reef dwellers need. Scientists are still learning how to prevent mass bleaching events from happening and how to help bleached corals recover.

In the summer of 2018, Dr. Stephen Levas traveled to Puerto Morellos, Mexico, to conduct research focusing on coral resistance to bleaching in the Caribbean. Upon his return, he was eager to share his experiences. His wife, a science teacher at Greendale High School, found him the perfect audience – her students! Dr. Levas was able to share his experiences and findings with her class through underwater videos, pictures, data tables and graphs – but still the question remained: how could he bring all this data to life?

Addressing the Problem
Although unable to bring the students to reefs thousands of miles away, the Levas husband-and-wife team worked out a plan to provide GHS students with living coral reefs right in the classroom – complete with a curriculum and the tools needed to conduct research of their own. While this wasn’t as expensive as flying an entire class of science students to Mexico, it still involved significant cost. Luckily, the Greendale

Student Scientists Address Coral Bleaching and Prepare for Science Careers
Grant from Greendale Education Foundation Offers Unique, Expanded Learning at High School
Education Foundation was able to provide a $3,500 grant last fall to cover the cost of aquariums, heaters, lights, sustainably farmed coral colonies, and all the scientific apparatus required to turn science students into scientists.

Students have already begun developing their research, establishing coral growth in two tanks – using one as a control tank, and raising the temperature in the other to induce thermal bleaching. Once the corals in the experimental tank are bleached, students will use microscopes and spectrophotometers to measure concentrations of coral organisms and other chemicals created by those organisms and will compare data collected from each tank. Students will also work as a class to create a hypothesis and develop experimental methods to recover the bleached coral and bring it back to a healthy state.

“What is even more exciting is that Greendale is the only high school in the nation participating in this wonderful opportunity,” says Greendale High School freshman Danijela Gallo. “Since the coral reef population is decreasing, we are very lucky to have the chance to study them and learn what is causing the population decrease. I am hoping that getting this great experience will open people’s eyes to this large environmental problem.”

Research shows that young people’s interests and future careers are influenced far earlier than previously thought. “Exposing students to an unfamiliar, yet exciting side of science will hopefully engage them so they continue to explore and consider choosing science as a career path,” explains Mrs. Levas. “Many students do not realize a career in science can involve creativity, travel and flexibility.”

Whether or not these students ultimately choose careers in science, thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Levas and the Greendale Education Foundation, by the end of this year they will have had a unique experience they can look back on for the rest of their lives.

Since 1998, the Greendale Education Foundation, Inc. has been committed to bringing together community support and resources to meet the needs of students, educators, families and community members. Nearly $300,000 has been raised to fund scholarships, technology and service-learning projects, among others. The Foundation offers many opportunities to support Greendale Schools through its fund-raising efforts. Upcoming events include “Cheers to Education” – a food and beverage sampling event, “Mulch Madness” – a shopping event at Bluemel’s Garden Center, “Schools Out” – a family-fun summer celebration, and “Food Truck Frenzy” – offering your favorite foods from the area’s most popular food trucks. (Please see the Community Calendar on page 34 for dates and details.)

Are you interested in helping provide more opportunities for Greendale students? Contact the Greendale Education Foundation at foundation@greendale.k12.wi.us or visit greendalefoundation.org.
The cast of Greendale’s 2019 spring musical, “Newsies,” features the talents of more than 50 Greendale youth, including six students from Greendale Middle School. Appropriate for theater-goers of all ages, Disney’s “Newsies,” set in turn-of-the century New York City, is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged “newsies” – city kids who hawk newspapers on the city streets. When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsies’ expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what’s right!

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The cast of Greendale’s spring musical, “Newsies,” enthusiastically practices for the show’s March performances.
Some of America’s greatest assets are its unique communities and citizens – each with its own identity and each playing an important role in the bigger picture. Americans today can foster that sense of community through their schools, local sporting events, social media, and community-wide programs and clubs.

One of Greendale’s important assets is the Park and Recreation Department, offering much to our community. It does more than its fair share to support and enable our Village to thrive. By offering diverse programs for children, teenagers, adults and seniors, everyone has many options to do something they enjoy, to teach or to learn a new skill – and make new friends with similar interests. Many great people work to deliver on this promise. But, Meri Misko, an employee at Park and Recreation for 34 years, is truly a master at building communities!

If you live in Greendale, chances are you probably know “Coach Meri,” as she is fondly referred to by students who have taken T-ball, softball or attended a “Sporties for Shorties” program. The students she originally taught decades ago are now adults signing up their own children, and keeping the friendships they made in the playing field alive and well as they now cheer on their children from the sidelines.

Interestingly, the movie with the same title, “There’s Something About Mary,” could easily apply to our own “Meri.” She began her career with Park and Recreation teaching Body Works, a high-impact exercise program. Water Aerobics was next, followed by instructing children’s sports programs and camps, supervising the Greendale Senior Social Club and coordinating the annual Senior Fest. She also continues to volunteer at annual fundraisers and charity events, supporting the dear friends she has made over time, and in search of new ones. Over the years she has touched people’s lives in so many ways.

A case in point is the group of ladies who started with Meri in Body Works more than 30 years ago, and still participate in the program. They refer to themselves as, “The Front Row.” These ladies in the front row of the Body Works class became fast friends, who often get together outside of class to have dinner, exchange life stories, and to help and support each other. Best of all, they laugh often – and their camaraderie happened because of Meri!

Meri has been very social her entire life – in high school she literally was “a friend” to everyone. She always helped to bring people from different groups together, “says Meri’s mother Catherine Metten (who coincidentally is one of the members of the “Front Row” group).

Meri continues to make time for all of her friends. Through the community and programs at Greendale Park and Recreation, she brings people together to learn, laugh and love their Village.

There certainly is something very special about Meri that makes her such a valuable part of the Greendale community. Thanks, Meri, for helping create friendships and helping to make Greendale an amazing place for all!

Greendale Park and Recreation: Enhancing Our Quality of Life

The Greendale Park and Recreation Department offers comprehensive programs, services, facilities, activities and lifelong learning opportunities to enrich the quality of life in the Greendale community.

- Child Care: Before-and-after school care and full-day care at all three elementary schools.
- Bloom ’N Grow: An early learning program for children ages 3 and 4 years old on Tue. and Thur. mornings.
- Summer Adventure Club (ages 5-12): Outdoor activities, arts and crafts projects, board games, field trips and team sports.
- Sports: Baseball, softball, volleyball and more for youth and adults.
- Greendale Special Olympics
- Greendale Downtown Market: Saturdays from June through October
- Greendale Senior Social Club: Activities for seniors 55 and older on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Greendale Community Concert Band: A volunteer 30-to-35 piece band playing a wide variety of music.
- Village Nights on the Green: Sunday night concerts at the Gazebo.
- Greendale Community Theatre: A volunteer group performing world-class productions.

Pick up a program brochure at the office or visit gpr.greendale.k12.wi.us.
Historic Greendale’s rich history is seen in the above photos. Stop by Greendale’s Welcome Center at 5680 Broad Street to see other historic photos, a 1930s Greendale kitchen, Art Deco exhibit, and more from the Village’s past curated by the Greendale Historical Society.
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There’s always something fun and exciting happening in Historic Greendale. Please see below and refer to the Community Calendar on page 34. Take advantage of everything our Village has to offer!

1. As we wait for spring to arrive, we can’t help but remember the gorgeous 2018 holiday decorations in downtown Greendale.

2. Greendale High School’s varsity cheerleaders are headed to UCA National’s this month. The girls have been competing since late fall to prepare, and took first place in the Varsity Large Division at the Greenfield (High School) Extreme Competition in mid-January.

3. The annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt is fast approaching on Saturday, April 13. This event is presented by the Greendale Lions Club (see the calendar on pg. 34).

4. Student scientists study the effects of coral bleaching at Greendale High School. Read more about how our students are learning how temperature change and acidification can have negative effects on coral worldwide on pg. 26.

5. Greendale Community Theatre’s winter production of “Chicago” performed to packed houses in January. Visit greendaletheatre.org to learn more about the production company and watch for an announcement on the summer musical, “Mama Mia.”

6. Greendale Public Health Department volunteers gather at the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Historic Hose Tower.
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~ COMMUNITY CALENDAR ~

DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM EVENT DETAILS.

FEBRUARY
- Sat., Feb. 2: Winterfest, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ice sculpting, chili contest, live music and a winter market at the Hose Tower, Downtown Greendale.
- Mon., Feb. 4: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. H.S. Library
- Thur., Feb 7: 5th Grade Parent Information Night, 6:30 p.m. Middle School
- Tue., Feb. 12: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting and Guesthouse on Clover Ribbon Cutting
- Mon., Feb. 18: No School
- Mon., Feb. 18: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. H.S. Library
- Tue., Feb. 19: Primary Election Day Polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Tue., Feb. 19: No School Parent Conferences
- Thur., Feb. 21: Chamber of Commerce Membership Networking Social Visit greendalechamber.com
- Fri., Feb. 22: Cheers to Education, 6-8:30 p.m. A food and beverage sampling event at the Greendale Library to raise funds for Greendale Schools. Tickets $35. Visit greendalefoundation.org

MARCH
- Mon., Mar. 4: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. H.S. Library
- Wed., Mar. 6: Parents As Partners: Investing for Your Child’s College Education with EdVest, 6:30 p.m. H.S. Library
- Sun., Mar. 10: High School Musical “Newsies,” 2 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
- Tue., Mar. 12: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Fri.-Sat., Mar. 15-16: High School Musical, “Newsies,” 7:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
- Mon., Mar. 18: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. H.S. Library
- Wed., Mar. 20: Parents As Partners: Safer Choices – A Date Safe Project Presentation, 6-7 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
- Thur., Mar. 21: Chamber of Commerce Membership Networking Social Visit greendalechamber.com

APRIL
- Tue., Apr. 2: General Election Polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 3: Classes Resume
- Mon., Apr. 8: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. H.S. Library
- Tue., Apr. 9: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Sat., Apr. 13: Annual Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast Breakfast 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Egg hunt at 1 p.m. for ages 0-8. Presented by the Greendale Lions Club at Greendale H.S.
- Thur., Apr. 18: Chamber of Commerce Membership Networking Social Visit greendalechamber.com
- Fri., Apr. 19: No School
- Mon., Apr. 22: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. H.S. Library
- Sat., Apr. 27: Mulch Madness for Greendale Schools Visit Bluemel's Garden Center (4930. W. Loomis) and a portion of your purchase price will go to support Greendale Schools.

MAY
- Fri., May 3: GMS Play, 6:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
- Sat.-Sun., May 4-5: Semi-Annual Spring Resale Presented by the Greendale Entertainment Association (GEA) at Greendale High School. See pg. 18 and visit greendaleentertainment.com.
- Mon., May 6: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. H.S. Library
- Sat. May 11: Petpalooza, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A family- and pet-friendly event in Downtown Greendale, free.
- Tue., May 14: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Thur., May 16: Chamber of Commerce Membership Networking Social Visit greendalechamber.com
- Mon., May 20: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. H.S. Library
- Fri., May 24: High School Prom Grand March at 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., May 24: No School
- Mon., May 27: No School Memorial Day

JUNE
- June 2019 (Date TBD): Get the Ball Rolling For Education Kickball Tournament Form a team and give a kick for education! Visit greendalefoundation.org
- Sat., June 1: Perennial Plant Exchange “Bring One To Get One” Drop off at 9:30 a.m. in CLC back parking lot, 5650 Parking Street. The “exchange”takes place 10:15-11:00 a.m. Sponsored by Greendale Park and Recreation.
- Mon. June 3: School Board Meeting H.S. Library,
- Sat., June 8: High School Graduation, 11 a.m. Gavinski Stadium
- Mon., June 10: Last Day of Eighth Grade
- Tue., June 11: Last Day of Classes (half day)
- Tue., June 11: School’s Out!, 4-8 p.m. Celebrate the first day of summer vacation in downtown Greendale with crafts, activities, face painting, food and fun. Visit greendalefoundation.org.
- Sat., June 15: Outdoor Movie at Greendale Gazebo Park Movie begins at dusk. Bring your own lawn chairs/blankets, etc. Sponsored by Park and Recreation Department and Gift of Wings.
- Wed., June 19: Food Truck Frenzy Come to the Greendale Community Center and enjoy food from several food trucks and local vendors. Visit greendalefoundation.org.
- Sat., June 22: Greendale Downtown Market Every Saturday now through October at the Village Center. Contact the Park and Recreation Department: 414-423-2790.
- Sat., June 22: “Fun on the Green,” 7-8:30 p.m. Music by the “Differentials.” Presented by the Greendale Entertainment Association (GEA) at the Gazebo. Watch for the full list of other groups performing this summer on Saturday nights in the June issue of “Life in the Village.” Visit greendaleentertainment.com.
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