

VILLAGE VIEWS

Village of Greendale Newsletter May 2021



COVID-19 Vaccine

As one of the most complex public health challenges of our lifetime, this is truly an “all-hands-on-deck” mission. The Greendale Health Department is working extremely hard to develop a community approach to vaccinations, to connect those needing to be vaccinated with a vaccine resource, and to raise awareness about the importance of getting vaccinated and the ways to do so. Explore several resources and opportunities to find available vaccine by visiting the Greendale Health Department’s website for more information (<https://bit.ly/GDHDweb>).

Summer Events

Many of the events that were canceled last year are looking to make a comeback for this summer. The Public Celebrations Committee is working on planning for the 4th of July parade and the fireworks are on as usual. See below for more information on the events currently planned. As always stay tuned to future newsletters or check out the Village website for up-to-date event information. These events are all contingent on any COVID-19 protocols being in place at the time of the event.

- **Residential Shredding Event & Clean & Green Day** (Municipal Parking Lot): Saturday May 22, 8:00 am to 9:30 am—Residents must show proof of residency and bring no more than 2 banker size boxes full of documents.
- **Perennial Plant Exchange** (Clock Tower next to CLC): Saturday June 5, 10:15 am to 11:00 am—Plants should be set out at 9:30 am and clearly labeled, contact the Greendale Park & Recreation for more information.
- **Big Truck & Bike Safety Day** (Community Center): Saturday June 12, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- **Movie in Gazebo Park:** Saturday June 12, Dusk in Gazebo Park, Sonic the Hedgehog—Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and bug spray.
- **Downtown Market:** Saturdays beginning June 19th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (no Market on July 3rd) – Be sure to stop by the PCC, GEA & Lions Club tent to grab a morning drink and find out the latest updates on all that’s happening in Greendale!
- **GEA Gazebo Concerts** begin June 19th every Saturday at 7:00 PM through Aug 21st (except for during Family 4th



Fest weekend and Village Days weekends)

- **Park & Rec Gazebo Concerts** begin June 20th every Sunday at 7:00 PM through Aug 22 (except for Family 4th Fest and Village Days weekends)
- **Lions Family 4th Fest:** July 1st through July 4th, For more information visit: <https://greendalelions.org/july4/>
- **July 4th Parade:** Sunday July 4 9:30am (half hour earlier start time this year) Children’s Parade at 9am
- **July 4th Fireworks** at Greendale High School at dusk



Do you know a Scout looking for an Eagle Scout project?



For years the Village’s fire hydrants have been painted green, to match the GREEN in Greendale. The Village’s Fire Chief recently got permission from the Village Board to get these hydrants back to **Safety Red**, for better visibility. The Village has 635 fire hydrants that need to get painted. The Village of Greendale will supply the paint and materials to get these hydrants back to **Safety Red**. Our goal is to have all fire hydrants back to Safety Red by 2023. If interested please contact Rod

Damask, Director of Public Works at rdamask@Greendale.org.

Are you interested in keeping up with what the Village Board is working on, but don’t have time to attend all the meetings?

Then make sure to sign up for the Village’s bi-weekly e-mail update, which is sent out the Friday before the Board meeting to let you know what items are up for discussion and what was decided at previous meetings, as well as any other current information we want to get out to residents.

To sign up visit the village website: https://www.greendale.org/e-mail_list/index.php

VILLAGE BOARD CORNER



Pedestrian Improvements

Over the last year the Village Board has begun to look into improving pedestrian safety in Greendale. Our Village Engineer put together a Broad Street Pedestrian Improvement Evaluation to review different options to improve safety for pedestrians in the Downtown area. After reviewing a number of options and costs the Board decided to add additional "Stop for Pedestrians" crossing signs on Northway/Broad Street going both directions and Schoolway/Broad Street going north and south. Once those additional signs have been up for awhile the Board may discuss if additional efforts are needed.

The Board also recently approved to add a pedestrian flashing crosswalk sign by Parkview/76th Street (across from the Community Center) for those trying to cross to the Park. Since 76th Street is a Milwaukee County highway the Village is waiting for approval from Milwaukee County before installing any signage. The signs would allow pedestrians to push a button and for lights to flash notifying traffic to stop for a pedestrian crossing the street.

One of the main principles of the greenbelt communities was walkable neighborhoods connecting residential neighborhoods to commercial and parks. The Greendale Village Board is working to ensure the continued safety of pedestrians.

Southridge Mall

After the closure of Sears, Boston Store and Kohls the Village Board members have heard concerns from residents about the future of the Mall. Simon Property Group, the current owner of a large part of Southridge Mall, is currently going through a foreclosure process on their property. A company was appointed by the bank to manage and operate the Mall and they continue to seek new stores and provide security on site. New safety measures are being put in place, including a new curfew on Saturday evenings for those under the age of 18 without the supervision of an adult.

The Community Development Authority recently met to recommend that the Village Board declare the former Boston Store property blighted. The Village Board approved this recommendation at the April 6, 2021 meeting. Blighting is a designation provided for in Wisconsin Statutes §66.1333(5)(c) and has been used by the Village in the past when the former Youngers building similarly sat vacant for many years. The blight designation opens opportunities for redevelopment on the former Boston Store site. The store has sat vacant since 2018.

The Village remains actively interested in the future of the entire Southridge Mall area, including the Boston Store site, due to the importance of Southridge Mall as a regional commercial center and the Village's existing tax incremental financing districts that cover the mall properties. The Village has previously partnered with Southridge Mall area stakeholders to bring new developments to the area, such as the Greenbelt Apartments, the Marcus Bistroplex, and the redevelopment of the formers Sears store into TJ Maxx, Dick's Sporting Goods and Round1 Entertainment.

The Village Board is continuing to take an active role in the future of the mall and are in discussions on development of the areas surrounding the mall property. The Village Board is committed to exploring all opportunities for development and redevelopment around Southridge, as well as other areas within the Village. As mentioned in a prior newsletter the Village has also hired an Economic Development Consultant to assist us with this process. Future updates will be provided as they become available.

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greendale Health Department Kicks Off New Mental Health Workgroup – Looking for Members

Due to mental health being the top priority health area identified in the Greendale Community Health Summit, we are now looking for community members to join us in forming a Mental Health workgroup! With the challenges and barriers that 2020 brought, this topic is more relevant than ever. Members of this new workgroup will meet to discuss the various ways mental health of all who live, work and play in Greendale can be supported and improved. To express interest and get involved, call 414-423-2110 or email kmannebach@greendale.org.

The Greendale Community Health Summit was held on March 24th over Zoom from 9 am to noon with 13 community members and 4 health department staff. The purpose was to



analyze data from the 2020 Greendale Community Health Assessment and 2021 Community Health Survey to determine priority health areas to work on over the next 5 years.

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After looking at data, participants scored and prioritized 7 health topics according to the following criteria: community support, existing efforts, impact on equity, resources needed, and data support. After tallying up the scores, mental health came out on top. The ranking was as follows, in order: Mental Health, Chronic Disease, Health Behaviors, Senior Health, Tobacco/AODA, Communicable Disease, Environment.

There are active workgroups currently addressing Health Behaviors (Step Up to Better Health and the Food and Nutrition Group), Senior Health (Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone - SAGE), and Tobacco/AODA through substance misuse prevention (Community Alliance). These workgroups are led by passionate community volunteers to implement evidence-based strategies to improve health. Current Health Department capacity allows for one new workgroup to kick off as part of the 2021-2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Reach out if you are interested in joining fellow community members in promoting mental health by calling 414-423-2110 or emailing our Public Health Specialist, Kinsey (kmannebach@greendale.org) - we'd love to have you involved.

Library Programs

Summer Reading Program June 8th- August 7th
READING COLORS YOUR WORLD
www.greendalepubliclibrary.info



Programs will be Virtual and Outdoors. This year, Reading Colors Your World summer programs will be a mix of online and outdoors. Checkout the GPL website, or our Facebook Page, to see all the virtual and outdoor activities we are offering like Teen Water Wars, Jeopardy and Kidzplay Theater to name a few. **Sign up to log your reading and win prizes online through Beanstack** Register online at: [http://](http://greendalepubliclibrary.beanstack.org)

greendalepubliclibrary.beanstack.org or you can also use the Beanstack Tracker app. Download the Beanstack Tracker app and search for Greendale Public Library. Make sure to log your reading so you don't miss out on fantastic prizes!"

The Library website and Facebook page are the best sources for up-to-date information on upcoming programs and activities.

Young children and their caregivers can join us for live Gazebo Preschool Storytimes with Miss Lisa for two dates in July. Wonderful Wednesday Performances are back in June, also at

the Gazebo. Thursday Curbside Activity Bags will continue to be offered for grade school kids throughout the summer. And fresh weekly Preschool Storybreaks on Facebook with Miss Lisa will be available Thursdays at 10AM.

Teens will get in on the action with a fun outdoor program each month and a couple of virtual meetups mixed in. Think... water wars, bubble tea, art, and more!

Everyone can have fun with our scavenger hunt and our ever-popular virtual bingo. Adults will be enlightened and entertained with an author presentation, a virtual group screening of an Oscar nominee movie, and a private virtual art tour by Latino Arts, Inc.

Finally, read about the colors of other people's worlds by participating in two of our summer book clubs. We'll read *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett and *The Assignment* by Liza Wiemer, with events planned to bring group discussion together around their major themes.

We look forward to seeing you many times throughout this summer, at library programs as well as Village events!

Support



The Friends Board of Directors election is coming up this summer - please consider serving your community in a new way by serving on the board. Positions include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director. Learn more by contacting Friends President, Lynn Crapitto at lcrapitto@aol.com or (414) 425-7132.

Updated SAGE Rack Cards

Have you heard about Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone (SAGE) and wanted to learn more or get involved with the work they're doing to make Greendale an age-friendly community?



If so, or if you know someone who may be interested, stop by the Greendale Health Department (5650 Parking St) or Welcome Center (5680 Broad St) to pick up a rack card.

The group's mission, vision, some highlighted accomplishments, and contact information are listed on the card.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

We encourage you to read the 2020 Water Quality Report, which will be available on the website at: <https://www.greendale.org/CCRREPORT.pdf>

To have a paper copy of the Water Quality Report mailed to you, please call the Village Hall at 414-423-2100.

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **Village President Jason Cyborowski**
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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 9 am to 8 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, and Saturday 9 am to 2 pm, Sundays 1 pm to 4 pm (Labor Day through Memorial Day)
- **Department of Public Works, 6351 Industrial Loop**
Phone: 423-2133
Refuse & Recycling Center Hours: Monday—Friday 7 am to 3 pm, Saturday 9 am to 1 pm 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 9 am to 4:30 pm

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