

KEEPING UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN GREEN ISLAND

FROM MY DESK TO YOUR HOME

October 17, 2011

Dear Friends,

Well, it is official ---- I'm old!!! I turned 60 last Monday. While I am not crazy about being 60, it beats the heck out of dying in my 50's. It was also a lot less painful than my oldest child turning 40 in August. I can't believe I have a 40 year old kid!!! It turned out to be the best birthday of my lifetime. My family went on a cruise with me and the first thing I did on my birthday was take a ride on a Zip Line that was 10 stories high on the ship. It was awesome. Later in the week we swam with the dolphins – also totally awesome. I tried doing “snuba” (which is like scuba but with a hose instead of air tanks), but that didn't go very well. I just couldn't get used to breathing underwater so I chickened out at the last minute. I ate so much I thought I would bust – but I enjoyed every bite. Then we flew home and it's “back to reality.” But that's OK because I love my life and I wouldn't trade it for the world!

I had the good fortune to spend some time with the kids at Heatly a couple of weeks ago. They had an assembly and we presented Dr. Mugits with a proclamation declaring October “Anti-Bullying Month” in Green Island. Later in the week we participated in the “Walk Your Child To School” program. I missed the dinner for Fire Prevention Week because I was away. That is always a nice time and the Fire Department does a great job with the kids. It's one of those things that is educational and fun at the same time and the folks at the Legion always turn out a nice dinner for everyone.

Time to talk about that dirty four letter word ---“SNOW.” It will be here before we know it, so please read the other newsletter for details on snow removal procedures. PLEASE cooperate with us during snow removal. We don't want to give tickets and tow, but we must do what is necessary to keep our roads open for emergency vehicles.

Our Food Pantry folks are doing a food drive this month. Details are in the other newsletter. PLEASE be generous if you can because the need is greater this year than it has ever been.


Our Seniors will be hosting a Christmas Party on Friday, December 9th at the American Legion. "The Accents" will be playing and they are an awesome band. They performed at our Summer Concert Series and had us all up dancing. This is a very important fundraiser for our Seniors. The Gazebo Fund is sponsoring the band and the Legion is giving them the facilities so that the Seniors can maximize their profits, which is so important at a time when funding is being cut. Please support our Seniors and have a great time at a holiday party. More details will be in next month's letter, but I just wanted everyone to reserve the date.

We will also be having our "Festival of Trees" again this year. Letters will be going out soon to past participants. It will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. We will decorate our trees starting around noon and then lighting them at 5 p.m. I heard a rumor that Santa would be making a visit again this year. If you have not participated in the past and are interested in adopting a tree, please call Barb at the Village Office (273-2201) and put your name on the waiting list. Those of you who had a tree last year will be getting your letters shortly. Please note that we changed from Sunday to Saturday in order to give us a "rain/snow" date. Snow usually isn't a problem, but the rain last year was tough. Hopefully Mother Nature has gotten rid of all her anger (hurricanes/floods/ winds) and will give us a nice day on December 3rd. She's the boss, so we'll just have to wait and see.

Make sure you see the other newsletter for info on the Halloween Parade, snow removal, hydrant flushing, rabies clinic, Seniors, Good Shepherd dinners (yummy) and Legion activities.

Hope to see you all at the Halloween Parade. I'm going to dress up this year, so you'll have to try and find me.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2011

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE
IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR ELECTION DAY.**

RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE - The annual Halloween Parade will be held on **Monday, October 31st**. Cash prizes will be offered for the best costumes and floats. The parade **forms at 5:30 p.m.** at the corner of George and Hamilton Streets and will **begin at 6:00 p.m.** Rain date will be Tuesday, November 1st.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The **Annual Food Drive** to benefit the Green Island Food Pantry will begin with the **BAG DROP OFF** on **Thursday, October 20th** and **PICK UP** will be on **Saturday, October 22nd** starting at **10:00 a.m.** The Green Island Department of Parks and Recreation and students from Heatly School sponsor the food drive. Residents are asked to contribute whatever they can to help the needy families in our community. Please refrain from donating expired items.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

In preparation for snow plowing and snow removal, all inoperative or unregistered motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, dumpsters and all types of trailers must be removed from village streets by November 1, 2011. All illegally parked motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, dumpsters and trailers will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL

The streets are generally plowed in the following order. However, this procedure is subject to change based upon various emergency conditions, which might arise.

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| 1. Clinton Street | 6. Arch Street | 16. West Street |
| 2. Albany Avenue | 7. Hudson Avenue | 17. John Street |
| 3. Pine Street | 8. Lafayette Street/Lafayette Park | 18. Mohawk Street |
| Walnut Street | 9. Lower Paine Street | 19. Swan Street |
| Saratoga Street | 10. Hamilton Street | 20. Bleecker Street |
| Whitehall Street | 11. Market Street | 21. Tibbits Avenue |
| Lower Hudson Avenue | 12. Center Street & Center Court | 22. Cohoes Avenue |
| Harlem Street | 13. Upper Paine Street | 23. Veterans Memorial Dr. |
| 4. Cannon Street (So. End) | 14. James Street | 24. Cannon Street (No. End) |
| 5. George Street | 15. High Street | |

All vehicles, which are not moved for snow plowing operations, will be ticketed and towed. The **fine is \$50.00**, the **fee for towing is \$75.00** and there will be a **storage fee of \$5.00 per day** after the first 24 hours. All fines and fees must be paid at the Green Island Police Department before the vehicle is released. There will be an additional charge if special equipment is required to move a vehicle from the street.

Residents who work out-of-town or who leave their cars on the streets should make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to move their car for snow plowing operations.

The Department of Public Works does an excellent job of keeping our streets open for travel and emergencies until the storm ends and the regular snow plowing operation can be carried out. Some people who have had their cars towed during the past storms have complained that they have moved their car to streets they thought had been plowed and find out that they have not been completely plowed. In order to avoid this problem, **PLEASE CHECK WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF THE SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS, BEFORE YOU PARK YOUR CAR ON ANY STREET YOU THINK HAS BEEN PLOWED.**

The Police Department travels the streets to announce the time that snowplowing operations will begin. If you do not hear the announcement, it will not be considered a legitimate excuse for not moving your vehicle. If you have any questions about snow plowing operations, please call the Police Department at 273-2401 or the Department of Public Works at 273-5565. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 9th, Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th**. A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

The Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society. On **Saturday, November 5, 2011** from **1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** for cats and ferrets and **2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** for dogs at the Public Works Garage, Cohoes Avenue.

All dogs, cats and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers. A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization. If no record is present, a one-year vaccination certification will be issued. The clinic is open to any Albany County resident. Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services at 447-4620 or 447-4625. **There will be an \$8.00 donation per animal.**

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

Tickets are currently on sale for the *Super 50/50 Raffle* to be drawn on Wednesday, November 16, 2011! If you would like to purchase a ticket(s), please contact Jill Alix at 272-7262. Tickets are \$1.00. This is a community wide raffle; you do not have to be a member of the senior citizen organization to participate.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- Friday, October 28th** - **FREE Community Dinner** from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
- Saturday, October 29th** - **"All-You-Can-Eat"** pancakes and sausage as well as a fruit cup and beverage. The cost is **"Pay What You Will"**. All proceeds will go to Red Cross Flood Relief to assist local victims of recent flooding. Sponsored by the Church of the Good Shepherd Youth Group.
- Saturday, November 12th** - **HOLIDAY BAZAAR** from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
HAM DINNER from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - The cost for dinner is \$9.50 for Adults and \$5.00 for children 5-12 years old (under 5 are free). Tickets are available at the door. Takeouts available starting at 4:00 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The American Legion post #927 will be hosting a **6 Hour Defensive Driving Class** on Sunday, November 13th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., doors open at 8:30 a.m. for registration. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Limited seating is available, if you are interested please contact Michele of Don's Drivers Training & Eagle Mills Driver Safety Education at 225-0462 or email driverclasses@aol.com.

Just a reminder that the Village and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day; Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 24th, 2011 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Green Island Power Authority (the "Authority") filed a request with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") to approve certain revisions to the Authority's tariff leaves Nos. 4, 6 and 8, proposing to increase the residential customer base rate from \$.0555 per kilowatt hour (kWh) to \$.065886 per kWh or 18.7%. The monthly bill of a residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours per month will increase from \$27.75 to approximately \$32.94; to increase the Commercial Demand customer (SC-2) base rate from \$.0462 per kWh \$.056586 per kWh or 22.4%. Commercial Demand customers (SC-2) using 3,500 kilowatt-hours per month will see an increase from \$161.70 to approximately \$198.05; and to increase the Commercial Non-Demand customer (SC-2A) base rate from \$.0516 per kWh to \$.061986 per kWh or 20.1%. Commercial Non-demand customers (SC-2A) using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month will see an increase from \$51.60 to \$61.99. The filing was submitted for an effective date of November 1, 2011. The PSC may accept, reject or modify the Authority's proposal. Copies of the Authority's proposal may be obtained by contacting the PSC at Three Empire Plaza, Albany, New York 12222 and referencing Case No. 11-E-0387. The proposal may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us.

Dated July 21, 2011

GREEN ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY

John J. Brown, Chairman