

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
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**SEPTEMBER 2011**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Members of the Fire Department will be visiting Heatly School and other community organizations during this week. The Fire Department will also be sponsoring composition and poster contests on various aspects of fire prevention. If you have any questions, please contact the Firehouse at 273-1041. The schedule for Fire Prevention Week is as follows:

<b>Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Green Island Senior Housing Fire Drill
<b>Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Heatly School - Demonstration K - 6
<b>Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Heatly School Fire Drill
<b>Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Fire Prevention Dinner at the American Legion at 6:30 p.m.

**ALBANY COUNTY RESIDENTS – HOME REPAIR GRANTS**

Albany County has been awarded \$300,000 in grant funds from the NYS Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) for a Home Repair Program. This is a 60% - 40% conditional grant, the homeowner is responsible for 40% and AHC will pay up to 60% of the total project cost. They are able to assist with health and safety repairs that the home needs. In order to qualify for this program an applicant cannot have more than \$15,000 available in savings or liquid assets. For grant guidelines and further information, please call Rebecca Buzon, ACRHA Program Director at Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, Inc. at 518-765-2425.

**RECREATION NEWS**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** - The annual **Halloween Parade** will be held on **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** - Registration Forms for **YOGI CYO Basketball** will be distributed to classes at Heatly School. There will be a **\$15.00 registration fee** for all players this season, plus **\$20.00 fee for a uniform jersey**. Uniform jerseys will be custom ordered for each player. The uniform will belong to the player and will not have to be returned at the end of the season. Each player will be responsible for getting a black pair of basketball shorts. Checks should be made payable to **VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**. **A copy of the player's birth certificate will be needed for all that are new to the program.** Registration will be held on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at the **Municipal Center**. All players must be registered by November 1, 2011.

In addition to the following four teams, biddy boys and girls, and junior boys and girls, we would like to sponsor a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys team. We can only sponsor this age group if we have enough children interested. If we do not have enough 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to form a team, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to play on the biddy team.

Biddy girls and boys are generally for students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Junior girls and boys are for students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**FAMILY DAY PICNIC – THANK YOU** – The Village would like to thank all the sponsors, community vendors and workers who made this year's picnic a success. This year's sponsors, **RiverSpark, along with the Green Island Fire Department, BFF – Relay for Life, Church of the Good Shepherd, Kellie Connelly and the Class of 2012, the Class of 2013, and the Green Island Little League** made yet another successful event. Thank you to all.

### **ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

The **Annual Food Drive** to benefit the Green Island Food Pantry will begin with the **BAG DROP OFF** on **Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** and **PICK UP** will be on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** starting at **10:00 a.m.** The Green Island Department of Parks and Recreation, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts 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.

### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION**

The ladies of the Legnard/Curtin Auxiliary Unit #927 would like to thank everyone for all the help they gave this past year. They have earned the Dept. of New York Education Award. They couldn't have done it without all of you. Please keep the Price Chopper cash register tapes, Box Tops for Education and all Campbell product labels. If you have not registered your Price Chopper Advantage card for Heatly School or the school of your choice for "Tools for School", please go to the Customer Service Counter, they will get you registered. Any questions please call Unit President Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

The Legnard Curtin Post No. 927 will be holding a PICNIC on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person and \$6.00 for children under 12. The picnic includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage, Clams and Beverages. Raffles and games will be held during the day for all and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. there will be live entertainment provide by "Bad Dog Spike". Come and join the FUN .... call 272-1198 for tickets or stop in at the Post.

### **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> / 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Free Community Dinner:** Join your friends and neighbors for this monthly meal. No reservations needed.

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> / 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. – CHICKEN-N-BISCUIT Dinner:** Adults: \$9.50 Children under 12: \$5.00 and Children under 5 – Free. Take Outs are available from 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> / 9:30 a.m. – CHURCH SERVICE:** Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church building. Coffee Hour and Covered Dish Luncheon to follow.

September 15, 2011

Dear Friends,

Well, we weathered Hurricane Irene – and then the flooding. We were very fortunate to have received so little damage. Part of our saving grace was all the volunteers that came out to help us sandbag at Heatly School. You all know that I am not a fan of the “electronic world,” but within 15 minutes of sending out a call for help (via Facebook, School Notification System and all the “tweets and twitters”) to residents, we had 87 men, women and children behind Heatly filling sandbags. It was pretty amazing. I knew when all those people showed up that we would be OK – no matter what came our way – because we were united in an effort to protect our community. Thank you to everyone – volunteers, Department of Public Works, Police, Fire, Recreation Department, Water Department, and the Town, Village and GIPA officials who came out to help. In appreciation for their efforts, we will be honoring all of our helpers this Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>) at our Family Day Picnic. You won’t receive this letter until after the Picnic, but I wanted you all to know about it.

We started our new parking restrictions at Heatly for drop off and pick up of students. It has gone better than I thought it would, but we are still working out some bugs. I know change is difficult, but we had to do this to keep our kids safe. The Police have been there every day to try and help people learn the new system. The vast majority are following the rules. While the Police are being patient during the learning curve, anyone found discharging or picking up a student while their vehicle is in a lane of traffic (not at the curb) will be ticketed – NO EXCEPTIONS! I was up there the first week and things went quite well, with the exception of the woman who almost ran over my foot. We have publicized this new local law for several months, had a public hearing on it and enacted it at our August board meeting. The school has sent home notification, it is on their website and we gave out instructional fliers the first day of school. We believe we did our part, now we need cooperation from the parents. Several parents have expressed their appreciation for making things safer and less chaotic. My hope is that it will continue to improve as we get accustomed to the new rules.

At our board meeting on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will present a resolution to the board to declare October as “Anti-Bullying Awareness Month.” For those of you who don’t have kids in school any longer, you probably don’t realize that this is a major issue across the country. Some children are afraid to go to school because of the bullying. Some children have taken their own lives because of the torment from bullies. We have been asked to join the campaign “Stand UP for Character – DOWN to Bullying” with the Academy for Character Education at the Sage Colleges. I am happy to present this resolution to our board in an effort to let our children

know that no one has the right to make them feel unsafe or unwanted and that they need to let a responsible adult know when they think they are in danger or wronged. Parents, please speak to your children about talking to you if this happens to them. They need to know that they are not alone and we will be there for them.

Besides being a hectic and crazy year, it has also been a sad year for our community. We have had our mourning drapes up all summer for Village Officials that have died: "Mike" Reinoehl - then Carol Lansing. Just when we were readying to take down the drapes, our former Building Inspector and GIPA trustee, Tom Greaves, died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month. But we have also lost so many other people who were such a part of the fabric of our community: Cherie Messier, Brooks Prescott, Leona Houle, Shirley O'Connor, "Muff" Brannigan, Mary Lou Sterling, Jack Geary, Mary Connery – and with most of them having very large families, the ripple of grief spread quite wide. Then there are folks, like Clara Davenport, Yolanda Coretto, Claude Spanswick and Francis Dwyer, who have been out of circulation in recent years because of health issues but who played a very important part some years back in the tapestry that weaves our community together. This morning we lost another of our "characters" – Whitey Robillard. Whitey lost his best friend and sidekick, Muff, just two months ago. I guess Muff didn't think heaven would be complete until the "duo" was back together. I'm not sure God realizes what He is in for with those two – but He's God – so He should know. All I know is heaven will never be the same – and neither will we without them!!!

OK. I've talked about hurricanes, floods, parking issues, bullying and death. Not exactly a real "pick me up" letter this month. But let's think about how we handled all these issues. The storm and floods brought out the community to work together to mitigate Mother Nature's wrath; the parents, school and the village worked together on a plan to keep our kids safe on the road; we are coming together to support our more vulnerable children to let them know they have great worth and deserve to be treated with respect; and in the face of death, we surrounded each other with hugs, acts of kindness, generosity and a "celebration of life" to honor these special people for all they have given to our community. All in all – I think the people of Green Island have handled themselves quite well. That's why I love being your Mayor.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

PS: Don't forget to check out the other newsletter for everything going on around town.

## 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 \$.016 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](http://www.dps.state.ny.us).

Dated July 21, 2011

GREEN ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY

John J. Brown, Chairman