

KEEPING UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN GREEN ISLAND

FROM MY DESK TO YOUR HOME

May 17, 2012

Dear Friends,

Our Memorial Day Parade will kick off on Thursday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the intersection of Hudson Avenue and George Street at the World War I Memorial. This year's Grand Marshals will be our five remaining members of the Last Man's Club, Ted Tornesello, George Reinoehl, Al Valenty, Ed Boudreau and Ed Spaulding. If you remember, I wrote about them in my newsletter last November when they had their last meeting and opened their bottle of Cognac. We thought it would be fitting to have them ride on the float together with any other veterans who would like to join us. PLEASE line the streets to honor all of our men and women who have served our country. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude – and our freedom!

Our annual Relay for Life will be held on Friday, June 1st at Veteran's Memorial Stadium. All the details are in the other newsletter, so please check it out. This is a wonderful event for a great cause. We have all been touched by cancer in some way and this is a chance to help make a difference while honoring those who have survived and remembering those that we have lost. I still find the Luminaria hour to be the most moving segment of Relay. If you have never witnessed it – you must go. If you have been there before, I'm sure you will return – especially if you have lost someone you love. I hope you will find the time to support this wonderful cause.

We will be holding our second Public Workshop for the Green Island Housing and Community Development Plan on Wednesday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Heatly School. This is a chance for residents to have input into the direction you would like to see our village go. The first meeting was well attended and I hope we have an even bigger crowd this time. Hope to see you there.

The Paine Street Park is in full swing with the nice weather. The summer programs will be here before you know it. We are enforcing the "Residents Only" rule from 6 to 9 p.m. seven days a week. We had some issues at the park and this enforcement, along with closing the park at 9 p.m. seems to be helping a great deal. Parents, please be aware that if your child acts inappropriately, even though they are a Green Island resident, they will be removed from the park. Depending on the severity of the offence, or the number of occurrences, they may be banned for the entire season. Please support us as we try to provide a safe environment for our children to play. ID cards are available by contacting Maggie Alix to set up an appointment.

The Legnard-Curtin Post American Legion has placed a clothing box at the north end of their parking lot for gently used clothing and shoes. These items will be sent to areas in need. This is a convenient way to put your items to good use. Let's support the Legion in their efforts to help those less fortunate.

The Green Island Seniors will be once again hosting their famous Veal and Peppers luncheon on Thursday, June 7th at noon. I can personally attest to how delicious this meal is. And if you leave hungry – it's your own darn fault because Connie gives you enough to feed a horse. They will also be hosting a pancake breakfast on Father's Day (Sunday, June 17th) from 8 a.m. until noon. Again, it is a great meal and where can you get bacon, eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit and juice for \$7.00? Please support our Seniors and make your belly happy at the same time!

More food!!! The Church of the Good Shepherd will be sponsoring a free Community Dinner on Friday, May 25th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. They will also be hosting a Ziti Dinner on Saturday, June 9th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The proceeds from the Ziti Dinner will benefit a July Mission trip to Belize. The Church will also be having their annual Village Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, August 4th. More info will follow on this, but we just wanted you to keep the date open if you want to participate.

Well, with the nice weather comes more "wildlife." While we somehow escaped the crows this winter, the geese seem to like it here. I have been chasing these little buggers so long they now know my voice, the bang of my front gate when it closes and the click of my "noisemaker" as I prepare to chase them from the schoolyard. In the last two weeks, I have been able to get them to fly away by simply telling them to "get moving – you know what's coming next." While this helps save on the amount of "ammo" that I use, my neighbors think I have simply lost my mind! You see, as I stand on the sidewalk facing the fence at the schoolyard, the neighbors can't see the geese below in the yard and it looks like I am hollering at the river. I can just see them looking out their windows and thinking: "Poor girl! I knew this job would get to her sooner or later." Well, I may be a little crazy, but that happened long before the geese. If you see me out there, stop by. I'd love to train a few more "goose chasers" to help keep them on the move. It just takes a stern voice and a lot of patience. Any takers????

That's it for this month. Enjoy the nice weather and I hope to see you at the Parade and the many other events happening in the next month.

Sincerely,



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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The annual **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Thursday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m.** Lineup is at 5:30 p.m. on **Hudson Avenue**. Please note Hudson Avenue will be closed off to traffic at George Street. All residents are encouraged to attend and honor our veterans and those who made the supreme sacrifice.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Green Island will be hosting the **Relay for Life** with the American Cancer Society on **Friday, June 1st, at Veterans Memorial Stadium**. There will be a reception for cancer survivors at **5:00 p.m.** The event will kick off at **6:00 p.m.**, with cancer survivors walking the first lap at **6:15 p.m.** The event will run until **6:00 a.m.** on **Saturday**. For further information please contact Tina Gleason at 454-4008 or via e-mail at tina.gleason@cancer.org or call Michele Bourgeois at 281-8976 or email relay.greenisland@gmail.com. You can register online at www.relayforlife.org/greenislandny.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP for Green Island Housing & Community Development Plan

The Village of Green Island will host its second Public Workshop to discuss preliminary housing, economic, and community revitalization recommendations. The meeting will be held Wednesday, June 6th at Heatly School (171 Hudson Avenue) at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the Public Workshop is to obtain public input on preliminary housing access, improvement, development, and ownership recommendations. The Public Workshop will also include opportunities to discuss the community enhancement recommendations, which includes several park and streetscape improvements. Residents, business owners, and all other interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend this important community event. The Public Workshop will be facilitated by the Town's planning consultants, The Chazen Companies, and is designed to be a lively, informative, and interactive event. For more information about the upcoming Public Workshop, or about the Green Island Housing & Community Development Plan, please contact Sean Ward at (518) 273-2201 or at seanw@villageofgreenisland.com.

MS4 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING AND DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

The Village of Green Island Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems (MS4) Annual Public Meeting will be held on Monday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street. A brief presentation of our 2011 Annual Report and our overall stormwater program will be followed by questions and answers. Please visit www.stormwaterablanycounty.org to view the draft joint annual report that has been prepared together with other Albany County communities. Please contact Sean Ward at seanw@villageofgreenisland.com if you have any questions or comments related to the draft annual report.

2011 ANNUAL WATER REPORT

In order to save on postage and keep with our theme of being environmentally conscious, the annual Village of Green Island Water Report is now available at www.villageofgreenisland.com. Please contact Sean Ward at seanw@villageofgreenisland.com if you have any questions or comments related to the report or Anne Strizzi at annes@villageofgreenisland.com if you would like to obtain a paper copy.

NEWS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Park Identification Cards

The Department of Parks and Recreation is enforcing **RESIDENTS ONLY** in the Paine Street Park between the hours of **6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. seven days a week**. You may obtain a **RESIDENT ID** at the Village Office during regular office hours. ***It is strongly advised you call first to make an appointment with Maggie Alix at 273-2201.***

Men's Summer Basketball League Sign-Up

All men, 18 and over are welcome to sign up to play in the Green Island Basketball League. Games are played every Tuesday and Thursday with game times starting at 6:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. All players must be residents of the Village and be able to show proof. The regular season games will begin June 26th. All participants must sign up **before May 31st** at the Village Office or contact Maggie Alix at 273-2201. ***Failure to sign up before the league starts could result in not being assigned to a team.*** Please do not assume you have been placed on a team. There will be a fee of \$50.00 per player this year. The fee must be paid before May 31st.

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Grievance Day is set for **Tuesday, May 22nd** from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizen's will be hosting a Veal & Peppers Luncheon on Thursday, June 7th at 12:00 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$7.50; you may eat in or take out. Take out will only be available until 2:00 p.m. Call 272-7262 to make reservations.

Celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon with a delicious pancake breakfast at the Green Island Community Center. Breakfast will include pancakes, egg, bacon, sausage, fruit and juice. The cost of the Breakfast will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 10 and under 5 – Free. Please contact Jill Alix at 272-7262 for more information.

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion has placed a Blue Clothing Box at the north end of the Legion parking lot for all Green Island residents to use. Please deposit clothing and shoes only. The clothing is sent throughout the United States where it is needed. Sorry, they do not pick up thrift store or rummage sale leftovers. Please do not leave anything on the ground.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The annual Village Wide Garage Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, August 4th, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More information will follow in June newsletter.

- **FREE Community Dinner** – Friday, May 25th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
- **ZITI DINNER** – Saturday, June 9th, 2012 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.50 for adults, Under 12 - \$5.00 and Under 5 - Free. Proceeds to benefit a July Mission Trip to Belize.

THANK YOU

The Friends of Nick Caswell would like to thank everyone who made the April fundraiser a great success: Bridget Brannigan, Donna Lazzaro, Steve McHargue, and the entire staff of the American Legion Post, Michael Cocca for his donation of food, Papa John's for many pizzas, and the Legends of Green Island Rock and Roll – Chris Busone and Mark Larose for the great music and last, but not least, our heartfelt thanks go out to all of the friends and family of Nick for their generous donations.