

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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"RUNNIN' OF THE GREEN (ISLAND)" - Celebrating its 14th Anniversary

The Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club (HMRRRC) is proud to announce the 14th Annual **"Runnin' of the Green (Island)"**- 4 mile road race through the streets of Green Island. The race will take place on Saturday, March 16th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. with a snow date of March 23rd, 2013. Runners may register online at www.hmrrc.com. There will be no **"day of"** registration (except Kids Fun Races). The entry fee is \$18 for HMRRRC members and \$23 for non-members. This includes a t-shirt for all registered runners in the main race. Prizes will be awarded to the overall and top 3 finishers, male/female, in 5-year age groups; 10 age graded finishers; team awards to top 3 open/masters, male/female teams. For further information, please contact race directors, Leticia and Dave Ruderman by email at ROG4Race@aol.com.

There will be a **"Kids Race"** that will follow the main race, and will consist of three races depending on the number of children signed up: a 200 or 400 meter race; an 800 meter race and a one mile race. The kids must be 14 years old or under to participate. The fee is \$1 per child and any child can run in more than one of the races if they want. All the kids can have refreshments after the race at the Legion Hall.

The HMRRRC would like to thank the Village of Green Island for their enthusiasm and assistance with this race, the Legnard-Curtin Post American Legion for their generous donation of the use of their facilities for this special event and the Adirondack Association of USATF as a generous sponsor of the race.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

There will be a **"Cabin Fever"** Dance featuring **"The Swing Docs"** on **Friday, March 15th, 2013** from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Tickets are \$20.00 for senior citizens and \$25.00 for the general public and includes beer, wine, soda and snacks. Call 272-7262 for further information. All proceeds will benefit the Green Island Seniors.

STORMWATER COALITION OF ALBANY COUNTY

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 13 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Sean Ward has been Chairman of their Board of Directors since its inception. The purpose of the Coalition is to foster cooperation and to provide for the provision of joint shared services related to compliance with the NYSDEC SPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit program and Federal Clean Water Act requirements. For more information about the Stormwater Coalition please log on to their website at www.stormwateralbanycounty.org. This website has very specific information about how our community benefits from the program and includes educational components for homeowners, businesses and contractors. We also do our own outreach as well and recently mailed out flyers to many businesses that showed best management practices as it relates to their operations. This is just an example of the many efforts to educate the public in our quest for clean water. For further information about Green Island's MS4 program contact Sean Ward at 273-2201 or seanw@villageofgreenisland.com.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - Sale of Surplus Property

Please take notice that the Village of Green Island will be accepting bids for the following items:

2000 Dodge Van
VIN#2B6HB11X4YK140002
Mileage 64,643 Upset Price: \$500

2005 Ford Crown Victoria
VIN# 2FAHP71W35X160592
Mileage 71,146 Upset Price: \$500

Bids will be accepted at the Village Offices, 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, for these two (2) items until Tuesday, March 5th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at which time they will be opened. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly noting which item you are bidding on, your contact information (including address, telephone and/or email) and bid price. Please contact Sean Ward at the Village Office, 273-2201, for further information, and/or to set a time for inspection of vehicles. Vehicle will be sold "as is" and "where is" without any warranties, express or implied and without any warranty as to fitness for any particular use.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On **Saturday, March 2nd** – **Corned Beef Dinner** – **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Adults - \$10.50, Children - \$6.00 and Children 5 and under are FREE. Take-outs available. Free delivery in Green Island.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MONTHLY FREE DINNERS ARE CANCELLED FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2013 AND WILL RESUME IN APRIL.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

REMINDER - On **Saturday, February 23rd, 2013**, the American Legion will be holding a Lasagna Dinner sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Post 927 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The dinner includes Lasagna, Salad, Roll, Coffee/Tea and Dessert. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 – 12 and FREE Pasta for Kids 4 and under. **Pre-Sale is recommended.** Delivery is available. For further information and to purchase tickets, please contact the Legion Post at 272-1198.

On **Saturday, March 16th, 2013**, the American Legion Post #927, 35 Cohoes Avenue, will be hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 4 – 12 and for children 3 and under – FREE. Dinner will be your choice of Corned Beef & Cabbage or Ham & Cabbage, served with potatoes, carrots, bread/butter, coffee/tea and dessert. **Presale is recommended.** For further information call 272-1198 and Delivery will be available.

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2013-2014 & REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION

All parents wishing to register their child for the 2013-2014 Kindergarten school year must stop into the school office during the weeks of March 4th through March 15th, 2013 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to pick up a registration packet and sign up for a time for your child's screening on Registration Day. **Kindergarten Registration Day** will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 and Thursday, March 28, 2013. On the day of your appointment you will need to bring your child at the designated time with the registration packet filled out, proof of residency, birth certificate and immunization records. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 273-1422.

Request for transportation - Residents of the Village of Green Island who are requesting transportation for their children to attend private and/or parochial schools within the 15-mile limit that has been established by the Green Island Board of Education, should submit their request(s) no later than **April 1st, 2013**. Separate request forms must be used for each student. Late submittal could jeopardize the student's right to transportation. If the student's placement or acceptance at a particular school has not been finalized, return a completed request form in anticipation of acceptance. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from: Mrs. Fran Guilbault, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

February 15, 2013

Dear Friends,

I hate to start my letter off with a stinky problem, but I want to fill you in on an issue. We have received many complaints in the last few days about a horrible stench (like rotting garbage) all over town. We started checking into every possible cause in the village and found nothing. We finally checked with Norlite and they were indeed the cause of the stench. They have informed us that the material causing the odor would be removed by today (Friday) and they would no longer accept this material from their customer. They also told us that there is no health hazard connected to this material; however we are further pursuing the issue to get more detailed information. We have spoken to both Mayor Premeau from Cohoes and Mayor Mike Manning from Watervliet and will collectively address the issue so it does not continue or happen again in the future. We all spent considerable time and resources looking for the cause and feel that Norlite should have informed us immediately. We are not taking this matter lightly. I will keep you informed.

We like to keep you informed when we have a project going on that puts "strangers" on the street in the village. Some RPI students will be doing a traffic study in the village over the next couple of months, so you may see them at intersections, around the school, at the Green Island Bridge or up in the north end industrial park. They are doing a class project and their instructor, Dennis O'Malley asked if they could get some field experience in Green Island. This is a win-win situation. They get the experience and we get the benefit of the study at no cost. As I told you before, the reassessment project is also going on so you will see those folks around town too. All of these people will be registered with the Police Department and have identification badges with them. If in doubt or something looks funny to you, please don't be afraid to call the Police Department and have them check it out.

The DPW has asked me to remind you to put out your recyclables at the same time you put out your garbage. They will be picking up both at the same time (one truck to follow the other). Please cooperate as we try to streamline our system and save time and money.

The Water/Sewer Department has asked me to ask all residents to be careful of what you put down the toilet or drain in your home. Baby wipes are a big problem. They are not meant to be put in the toilet. I learned this the hard way at my home several years ago. I thought they were OK until it totally clogged my sewer pipe and I had to have AA Sewer & Drain Service come on a hot summer night and unclog my pipe. That is the night I learned that baby wipes are NOT

supposed to be put in the toilet (expensive and messy lesson). Other items that clog the sewer system are feminine items and work rags (yes, believe it or not someone put rags down their toilet). Please help us out on this because break downs and repairs are very expensive – and nasty to clean up. OK, enough with stinky, nasty stuff – let's talk food and fun!!!!

The Seniors will be hosting their "Cabin Fever" dance on Friday, March 15th at 7 p.m. at the Legion. This was a lot of fun last year and a good fundraiser for the club. Please support them.

The Legion has a couple of things coming up. On Saturday, February 23rd they will be having their Lasagna dinner and on Saturday, March 16th they will be having their St. Patrick's Day corned beef and ham dinner. Both are a good time and a tummy pleaser so please support them.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is having a corned beef dinner on Saturday, March 2nd. You can eat in or take out, so no excuse for missing this good time. All the details for the above events are in the other newsletter so please make sure you read it.

Although this is a business outside of the village, I want to let everyone know that DeLollo's Hardware is back in business in Watervliet. DeLollo's has been a destination for many Green Island folks for generations. I have been going there for over 40 years, back to when Henry "Pop" DeLollo was running it. Then it was his son, Henry and then his son, Tim. Now a former "Green Island boy," Mike Legnard, is running it with his partner. Henry Jr. is back in the saddle again to manage the store. I guess I am just an old fashioned girl, but I would rather go to a family run small business, and that is what DeLollo's is. They are open seven days a week and would love to serve the folks from Green Island. Stop in and see them, even if you don't need anything right now. They would love to see you and I think you will be impressed with their set up and their prices. I love browsing through hardware stores. Yes I know – I'm a little weird!

When I wrote the last two letters to you it was snowing outside. I am very pleased to say that the sun is shining brightly as I type this letter on a Friday afternoon. Mother Nature has been pretty kind to us so far this year. It is the middle of February, so we are almost through with winter. I am really looking forward to Spring, mostly to get rid of the gray days with no sun. I don't even mind the cold so much if the sun is shining. Before you know it I will be sending you the lineup for the Summer Concerts at the GIG. That is definitely my favorite time of the year!

Well, that's it for this month. Stay warm and enjoy the sunshine!!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan