

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 7th – 11th, 2013. 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.

RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE - The annual Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, 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 Friday, November 1st.

YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION - Registration Forms for YOGI CYO Basketball will be distributed to classes at Heatly School. There will be a \$20.00 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 17th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center. All players must be registered by November 1, 2013.

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

Biddy girls and boys are generally for students in 5th and 6th grade. Junior girls and boys are for students in the 7th and 8th 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 and The GIG, along with the Relay for Life - BFF, the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Heatly Class of 2017, the Green Island Little League, MacMurray & Sons, More Abundant Living Ministries, John Ryan, Al Bruno, Flutterbug the Clown, Fantasy Faces and Dausie's Bounce Rental all made it yet another successful event. Thank you to all!

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
BASIC STAR EXEMPTION

ALL recipients of the BASIC STAR Exemption must re-register with the NYS Department of Tax & Finance prior to December 31, 2013. This is a ONE TIME event and must be done through the Department of Tax & Finance. The exemption is worth several hundred dollars on an annual school tax bill and is granted to a person(s) primary residence with an annual income less than \$500,000. All current BASIC STAR recipients have received information regarding the registration process in the mail. Use the information provided in the letter to re-register or register online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13/default.htm>. Please call the STAR hotline if you have any questions at 457-2036. This procedure DOES NOT apply to recipients of the ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION. Those of you with the ENHANCED STAR Exemption will follow normal registration procedures with the Assessor starting January 1, 2014.

Trisha Bucchi from the NYS Department of Tax & Finance will give a brief presentation on the new BASIC STAR procedures at the start of the Village Board meeting on Monday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. Property owners will have the opportunity to re-register for the BASIC STAR exemption.

REASSESSMENT PROJECT

Municipal Assessment Services will be hosting two Status Update Meetings in regard to the Reassessment Project:

Senior Citizens - Thursday, October 10th, 11:30am at the Green Island Community Center

General Public - Tuesday, October 22nd, 6:00pm at the Municipal Center

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors will be hosting a "BAKE SALE" during their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 25th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please stop in and support the Senior Citizens. Anyone interested in donating a bake good should contact Jill Alix at 272-7262.

The Seniors will be holding a "CHICKEN PARM" Fundraiser on Friday, October 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The dinner will consist of Chicken Parm, Pasta, Salad, Bread/Butter & Dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$9.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children (under 12). Take out is available.

WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR ANY AGE

If anyone would like to donate a winter coat in good condition, you may do so at the Cohoes Community Center, 22-40 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY or at the Holy Trinity Parish Center, corner of Remsen Street and Vliet Street, Cohoes, NY from September 16th – October 11th, Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone in need of a winter coat can go to the United Church of Cohoes, 123 Mohawk Street, Cohoes (Gathering Room on Pine Street entrance) on October 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or October 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. You must have ID for any person receiving a coat.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #927 will be offering on Sunday, October 6th, 2013 for any resident who would like a Halloween Costume to come to the American Legion located at 35 Cohoes Avenue between the hour of 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. and pick out any costume. It is FREE of charge.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD **CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE GREEN ISLAND COMMUNITY**

Upcoming Dinners: Chicken & Biscuit Dinner – October 12th, Holiday Bazaar & Ham Dinner – November 9th and Pancake Supper (to benefit the Youth Group) on December 14th.

Community Dinner: Friday, September 27th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. –at the Church of Good Shepherd – Enjoy a great meal, socialize with your friends and neighbors, all at **NO CHARGE**. Everyone is welcome!

NEWS FROM HEATLY ELEMENTARY PTO

The Heatly Elementary PTO is sponsoring a "McTeacher's Night" fundraiser at the Watervliet McDonalds on Wednesday, October 23rd from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The PTO receives a portion of ALL sales during that time frame. Dine in, drive-thru or take out! Please come join us and see some of Heatly's teachers and staff acting as McDonald's employees! Please contact heatlypto@hotmail.com with any questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 14, 2013

Dear Friends,

We will be starting to use a system called "FirstCall" in the very near future. This system will enable us to notify you in the case of any emergency and will also allow us to contact you with other information, such as snow removal, change in trash pick-up, planned power outages, water main breaks, street closings, street cleaning and even lunch cancellation at Seniors or rain location for our GIG concerts. You can be notified via home phone, cell phone, text messaging and email. All you have to do is fill out the enclosed information page and return it to the Village Office and your info will be entered in the database. You will receive a mandatory notification for all true emergencies, including evacuations and Amber Alert (or missing persons). You may designate which other information you wish to be notified of. With the strange weather events of the last few years, this system would have been of great value. We will continue to post info on our website, but that isn't as timely or accessible in an emergency as this system will be. I would ask everyone to fill out the form as soon as possible and get it back to the Village Office. If you are technologically savvy, you can also register electronically at <https://alertregistration.com/VillageofGreenIsland/>. I want to thank Village Trustee Al Sterling for all the time and effort he has put into this project. We started it a while back but it went on the back burner when some other things came up, so Al volunteered to get it rolling again and he did a great job. Thanks Al! I bet you have learned to be careful what you volunteer for!!!

We had a public hearing at last month's village board meeting to consider a new local law limiting the number of cats and dogs allowed per household. We had quite a few people show up; some in favor of the law and some opposed. The board decided to table the vote on it that evening and do some more research. I am still amazed at the media coverage that we got considering the surrounding communities (Troy, Cohoes, Albany and others) all have similar laws on the books. I also received correspondence from several communities with similar laws and they told me how well it worked in their respective municipalities. One mayor even volunteered to come to a public meeting and tell our residents how well it worked in his community. We only looked into creating a new law due to valid complaints from residents. Upon further research, we found an existing law within our zoning laws that defines any more than a total of four cats and/or dogs in a single property to be a kennel and a kennel is not allowed in Green Island except in certain areas and then a special use permit must be obtained from the Planning Board. Actually, this zoning law is more stringent than the one we were proposing, so if we receive any more complaints, we have a law on the books to address the problem.

I want to thank Kate Hebert, owner of Kate's Corner Deli, for donating the new picnic tables at the Vietnam Memorial Park at Market and George Streets. If you happen to stop in at the Deli, please thank her. Also, thank you to our DPW guys for putting them together. Nice job everyone!

I told you in an earlier newsletter that we would be having our fall Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 5th from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Community Center at 5 George Street. We are dedicating this drive in honor of my husband, Mark, who is alive today because of nine transfusions he received in March of this year. We want to make this the biggest drive we have ever had. I just received the paperwork so I can start scheduling appointments. If you would like to be a donor, please call me at 271-6965 and either Mark or I will sign you up. As I said before, I always knew how important these blood drives were, but after Mark's scare in March, I really know. Please join us to help save even more lives!

Please make sure you check out the other newsletter and mark your calendar because there is lots of stuff going on like Fire Prevention Week, the Halloween Parade, CYO Basketball, Senior Citizens bake sale, Halloween costumes at the Legion, yummy dinners at the Church of the Good Shepherd (just went to their pulled pork dinner tonight and it was awesome – especially Dawn McEwan's potato salad!!!) and Heatly PTO's "McTeacher's Night" at McDonalds. There is also info about BASIC STAR exemption re-registration and our reassessment project.

Well I guess that's it for now. It's 7:15 p.m. and as I look out the window it is DARK! I hate the feel of winter coming on. It was 93 degrees on Wednesday and it is about 55 right now. How crazy is that? Well, at least the snow is still a ways off – I hope!! One good thing I found out with last year's crazy weather is that I hate floods more than snow --- and I REALLY hate snow. If Santa didn't need it to land his sleigh, I wouldn't care if another flake never fell from the sky. Actually, the snow probably isn't any worse than it has always been --- I'm just getting OLD!

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

PS: I have to tell you this. I am not tech savvy, but I just went online to register for FirstCall and it was easy as pie! I had all intentions of filling out the form, but I gave the online registration a shot and it was really easy. Maybe I'm NOT THAT OLD!!!!

PPS: Just got an email from FirstCall telling me I am registered – so I must have done it right. **Hurrah!!!!**

FirstCall - Contact Request Form

VILLAGE & TOWN OF GREEN ISLAND



Date Submitted

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Business Name

Name of Individual

Street Address

Apt

City / State / Zip

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User Name

Password

Primary Language

Children in Household

Yes		No
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Disabled in Household

Yes		No
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Medical Equip in Household

Yes		No
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Pets in Household

Yes		No
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Means of Contact

Notification Requested

Home Phone		All Emergencies		Mandatory
Work Phone		Evacuations		Mandatory
Primary Cell Phone		Amber Alert or Missing Adult		Mandatory
Secondary Cell Phone				
Primary Text Messaging		Planned Electrical Outage		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Secondary Text Messaging				
Primary Email Address		Planned Water / Sewer Outage		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Secondary Email Address				
Instructions: Please fill in all demographic data at the top of this form, that is pertinent to your household. Where requested please check Yes or No . Enter the appropriate contact phone and/or text numbers and the email address as they apply to you in the area above. Check Yes if you wish to receive notification or No if you do not, on the Notification Categories listed to the Right		Call for Volunteers		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Street Closing		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Snow Removal		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Street Cleaning		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Hydrant Flushing		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		GIG Change		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Senior Citizen Events		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Community Events		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Recreation Activities & Changes		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please return this form to the

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