

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 4th – 10th, 2015. 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 **Saturday, 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 location will be under the Collar City Bridge on Hudson Avenue.

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 **Tuesday, October 20th** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** at the **Municipal Center**. All players must be registered by November 1, 2015.

We will be offering 6 teams at 3 different levels: peewee boys and girls, biddy boys and girls, and junior boys and girls. Peewee boys and girls are for students in 3rd and 4th grade, 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.

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, One Marie Lane, Cohoes, NY - Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone in need of a winter coat can go to the Cohoes Community Center, Cayuga Plaza, Cohoes, NY on October 16th from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This opportunity is available to ALL Green Island residents, both adults and children. The only thing required is an ID for any person receiving a coat.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, October 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. Please contact Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan at her home telephone of 271-6965 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

STORM DRAIN MARKERS

Have you noticed the storm drain markers that read “Don’t Dump, Drains to Hudson River” located near the catch basins on Albany Avenue, and other areas around Green Island. This marker is a reminder that storm sewers in that area of the Village flow directly to the river and that anything deposited in them will contribute to water pollution that affects swimming, fishing and even drinking water downstream. Please don’t dump anything into the catch basins or drains (anywhere) and if you see others doing it contact the Village Office at 273-2201 or email to swcoalition@albanycounty.com. Thank you for your assistance.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6 to 12 years of age and children 5 and under are Free. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions and programs. Take out is available starting at 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dinners: Holiday Bazaar & Ham Dinner – Saturday, November 14th.

Community Dinner: Friday, September 25th from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. –Everyone is welcome! – Menu includes a green salad, hot main course, coffee/tea and dessert. Enjoy a great meal; socialize with your friends and neighbors, all at NO CHARGE.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Post #927 is holding a **CLAM STEAM** on Saturday, October 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 for adults - \$15 for children and children ages 8 and under are FREE. It includes hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ Chicken, clams, draft beer, soda and coffee. The deadline is October 17th; please contract Bridget at 273-1812, Donna at 274-1237 or the American Legion at 272-1198.

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for members and also Junior Members. Junior Members would be girl’s ages 5 – 17 if interested, please contact Veronica Greaves at 237-3398.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 15, 2015

Dear Friends,

I just returned from a lovely vacation with my handsome husband, so I am recharged and ready to go. And that's a good thing because things are pretty busy around town.

Our concert season wrapped up on September 2nd and I can say without a doubt it was our best season ever! The bands, the food, the weather and the crowds were all super. A huge thank you to our generous sponsors, the GIG-a-Bite crew for the great job they did every week and to our "Keebler Elves" who made delicious homemade baked goods every week. I am proud to say that we don't use any taxpayer money to support the concerts and all the profit made at "The Shed" has been used to make improvements in the park like the fence, landscaping, picnic tables, trees, sidewalks and the sheds. It has also "sponsored" bands for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, picnic tables and trees in the Paine Street Park, the band for Family Day in the Paine Street Park, new lighting under the Collar City Bridge and let's not forget the Port-A-Pottie rentals! And I want to extend my thanks to all of you who came and supported us every week and showed your appreciation for our efforts. I can't wait until next year!!!

This Sunday from 12 noon to 3p.m. we will be having our annual "Family Day" in the Paine Street Park. It will include music by "Three Easy Pieces," a magic show, Bouncy Bounce, lots of food, a kickball game for all ages with the Police Department, a dunk tank, a flower (mum) sale, a raffle and a Hydro tour. We will also be presenting our Volunteer of the Year Award to Brenda Persons. Brenda's volunteer work includes many years of service to our veterans through the Legnard-Curtin American Legion Post and the Albany County American Legion District 3, our students at Heatly School, parish work at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and formerly at St. Joseph's Church, Relay for Life, the Watervliet Library, and she is always my first volunteer for every American Red Cross Blood Drive here in Green Island held each spring and fall. Thanks, Brenda, for being an inspiration to all of us! Please join us to honor Brenda and have lots of food and fun. Maggie has put a lot of effort into this day and it would be nice to have a big crowd to show our appreciation for all she does for us.

Our fall blood drive will be on Saturday, October 17th from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Community Center. If you would like to join us to "give a pint" please give me a call at home at 271-6965 and I will schedule you. As soon as I get my list from the Red Cross, I will start making my calls to my "regulars" who

always come through for me. Blood donors saved my Honey's life two years ago and I will never forget it. You never know when someone you love might need it!

Looks like things are hopping at the Church of the Good Shepherd in the next couple of months. They are having a Community Dinner, a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, and a Holiday Bazaar and Ham Dinner. I love going to their events because I am always well fed! Check the other newsletter for the dates and times.

Speaking of food --- the Legion is having a Clam Steam on Saturday, October 24th. You must make a reservation by October 17th so check out the RSVP info in the other newsletter.

The Fire Department will be holding its annual Fire Prevention Week from October 4th through the 10th. The guys do a really nice job with this program and the children learn some very valuable lessons that may one day save a life. Parents please ask your kids about the lessons they learn and help them to realize just how important it is to carry that knowledge throughout their lifetime.

Please also check the other newsletter for more Recreation Department info on CYO Basketball and the Halloween Parade. And Sean won't forgive me if I don't mention the notice about dumping into catch basins. Please - never, never, never dump ANYTHING into the storm sewers! Besides hurting the environment, there are pretty hefty fines for anyone caught putting anything down the storm drains. The only thing that is supposed to go into catch basins is rainwater. So let's all do our part to keep it that way.

I am happy to report that the drop off and pick up traffic at Heatly School is going very well. The Police Department and the Heatly volunteers are doing a super job. Thank you for keeping our children safe!

Well I guess that's it for this month. I can't believe the summer is coming to the end and next month I will be talking about Thanksgiving and the Festival of Trees! I sure do hope we have a mild winter this year. We deserve a break. I know the guys on the snow plows and salter will agree!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan