

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
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**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](http://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. This is just an example of our many efforts to educate the public in the quest for clean water. For further information about Green Island's MS4 program contact Sean Ward at 273-2201 or [seanw@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:seanw@villageofgreenisland.com).

**NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR**

Just a reminder that all exemptions must be filed with the Assessor's office on or before March 1, 2016.

**NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL**

**PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 & REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION**

- **Kindergarten Registration** - Parents need to pick up a registration packet for their child for the 2016-2017 Kindergarten school year if the child is not in the Green Island Universal Pre-K this year. A parent may stop into the school office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. any day before March 25<sup>th</sup> to pick up a packet. At this time parents will be required to sign up for a time for your child's screening. Screening day will be Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. 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).
- **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Registration** – Heatly School is now enrolling for 2016-2017 school year. Please come to Heatly School to pick up your enrollment packet or call 273-1422 and sign up for registration before April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Registration dates:** Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> **Time:** 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Heatly School Office.

**HEATLY SCHOOL LIBRARY IS OFFERING FREE ONLINE NYS DMV PERMIT TESTS**

- Heatly School Library is excited to now offer free, online NYS DMV Permit Tests for passenger cars and motorcycles in both English and Spanish. This service is available to anyone aged 16 years and older. Upon successful completion of the exam, a test receipt and all other needed paperwork to bring to DMV will be

provided. The successful candidate will then simply need to bring paperwork to DMV to obtain a legal driving permit. Also available are study guides in English and Spanish for passenger cars, motorcycles and commercial driving. Avoid the hassle of having to schedule a test time and a trip to DMV by contacting Beth Kuzmich, the Heatly Librarian at [ekuzmich@greenisland.org](mailto:ekuzmich@greenisland.org) and schedule your local appointment for your Permit Test today!

### **GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS – SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Green Island Senior Citizens will be having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in memory of Michael A. Cocca, Sr., on **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Michael A. Cocca, Sr. Community Center, 5 George Street. Dinner will consist of salad, spaghetti & meatballs and dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00, and \$5.00 for children 10 and under.

### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927**

**Just a reminder** - The Sons of the American Legion are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016** from **5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids and children under 4 will get FREE Pasta. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Take-out is available. For further information, please contact the Legion Post at 272-1198. Immediately following dinner there will be music by DJ Lazz until 11:00 p.m.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** sponsored by the American Legion Post #927 will be held on **Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Corned Beef or Ham Dinner will be served with potatoes, cabbage, carrots, rye or soda bread, coffee/tea and dessert. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5 – 12, 4 and under is FREE. Take-outs available, sorry no deliveries. For more information, please call 272-1198.

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

**Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – Community Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** They had a wonderful turnout in January and look forward to seeing more friends and neighbors to join them this month. Come, bring your family and friends, **all at no charge. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Adults - \$12.00, Children - \$6.00 for kids 6 – 12 and Children 5 and under are FREE. Come enjoy a dinner featuring Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, salad, specialty desserts, coffee and tea in their family friendly atmosphere. Take out dinners are available starting at 4:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions and programs.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

February 15, 2016

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a nice Valentine's Day. I had great plans for spending a relaxed and romantic day with my Honey, but relaxed wasn't in the cards because we had frozen water pipes in two places. Frozen pipes make me VERY nervous. You may recall my account of what happened in the funeral home two years ago when a pipe on the second floor burst. I didn't want to go through that again so my Valentine and I suited up in warm clothes, armed ourselves with blow driers and headed to the problems. After success with the first one, I headed to the funeral home while Mark packed up our "tools." I slithered into a two and a half foot crawl space, blow drier in one hand and a flashlight in the other, and started to warm the pipes. Problem is you are never quite sure just where the freeze is in the pipe so it can take a while --- and it did. Finally I could hear the water start to run in the sink on the first floor ---- success --- and then the pipe I was working on let loose in about six spots and started spraying all over me. There I lay, in a freezing dirty crawl space, water spraying all over me --- and I have a live electrical lead with a blow drier in my hand. You never saw a 64 year old woman move so fast. I came out feet first, maneuvering over heating ducts and insulation and doing contortions I did not know my body could do. I was not going to "meet my maker" by getting electrocuted in that crawl space. Can you imagine the job our poor firefighters would have had getting me out of there? We isolated the break so the water stopped spraying. I thought we were done, only to find out the hot water pipe was still frozen. So I had to crawl back in the now very wet crawl space, blow drier and flashlight in hand, to try to thaw the other pipe and not get zapped at the same time. It all worked out. And now the weatherman says it is going to be 52 degrees tomorrow!!!! How can we go from a wind chill of 40 below to a high of 52 less than two days? That's crazy weather --- **BUT AT LEAST THERE IS NO SNOW!!!!** I hope I get to say that again next month when I write my letter. I also hope we don't find any water main breaks after this cold snap. They never show their ugly heads until it warms up so this week will be the test. Keep your fingers crossed.

Well the Police Department got the magnets for you with the emergency numbers that I mentioned in last month's letter. Only problem is we are going to have to hand stuff all the bills, letters and magnets because the machine can't handle them. I think the Chief is going to owe the ladies a couple of pizzas for their extra efforts. How about it Chief? I like mushrooms and peppers!

The Green Island Senior Citizens Club will be sponsoring a spaghetti supper fundraiser in honor of the late Mike Cocca. Mike's family had requested memorial contributions to the Seniors when Mike passed away last July and the Seniors received many donations. Now they are going to use some of that money to "grow" the donations. And what better way to honor Mike than a spaghetti supper. He worked many, many suppers at the Italian Club through the decades. He was usually tending bar with the other male members while the ladies did the hard work in the kitchen. I can see Mike up in heaven shaking his finger at me for that comment! The dinner will be on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6:30. All the details are in the other newsletter.

The Legion is having a Chicken Parm dinner this Saturday (the 20th) from 5 to 8p.m. and it is always delicious. You can't get a better meal for \$10 and the company is always nice. Please support our Veterans. They work hard to keep their Post going and this is one way we can help. Hope to see you there!

The Church of the Good Shepherd is having a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30. I went to this last year and it was delicious. I realize that it is the same day as the Seniors Spaghetti dinner but you can still support both by having a sit down dinner at one and getting a take out at the other on the way home to heat up the next day. I never miss a good meal and I have the thighs to prove it! They are also having a free Community Dinner on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Please make sure you read the other newsletter for info on the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County, news from the Assessor and lots of info from Heatly School.

Well I think that just about covers it for this month. I hope our winter continues to be snowless. But even if it snows now, it won't be here for very long. No snow has really helped our budget this year (it destroyed it last year). I just hope we don't pay for it with water main breaks. Let's hope the only break we have is the one Mother Nature is giving us right now. Spring is just around the corner and I feel like we are almost there. Can't wait to see the buds on the trees!

Thanks for listening and I hope to see you at some of those dinners!!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

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PS: Woke up this morning to snow, ice and rain. The weatherman wasn't quite right. I must have cursed myself by bragging about "no snow." Still waiting to see if that 52 degrees happens! Still not a bad winter.