

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
Village of Green Island
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – 6:00 P.M.

OUTDOOR BURNING BANNED UNTIL MAY 15TH

Fire Chief Robert Bourgeois has announced a New York State ban on outdoor burning until **May 15th**. Cooking grills with a flame lower than 6 inches and with an attached cover are **EXEMPT**. Please visit our website as noted above for further details and updates.

STREET CLEANING

Street Cleaning will be held in the Village on **Thursday, May 18th starting at 8:00 a.m.** This year the street cleaning will be conducted like our snow removal. The Police Department will travel the streets and announce the time that street cleaning operations will begin. If you do not hear the announcement, it will not be considered a legitimate excuse for not moving your vehicle. If you have any questions about street cleaning operations, please call the Department of Public Works at 273-5565. Vehicles that interfere with street cleaning will receive a **TICKET**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Rain date is Friday, May 19th.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on the following days:

MONDAY, MAY 22nd, TUESDAY, MAY 23rd & WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 273-4959 or the Village Office at 273-2201.

MS4 ANNUAL MEETING

As per the requirements of our general permit with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Village of Green Island will hold an annual meeting to present and discuss our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program on **Monday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street and comments from the public are welcome.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – NEW FORMAT FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays in May: **May 6th, 13th and 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the D.P.W. Garage on Cohoes Avenue. This service is for **GREEN ISLAND RESIDENTS ONLY** and will be limited to one pickup truck load or two SUV/station wagon loads for the **MONTH**, not each week. **Due to increasing costs of running this program a minimal fee of \$10 per car load will now be charged. Participants must pay at the Village Office during regular office hours before the date of the event. Payment cannot be accepted at the site.** Residents will be required to sign a form stating that the refuse came from their residence. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PROPANE TANKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the D.P.W. Garage at 273-5565 or the Village Office at 273-2201.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Friday, May 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. **Please see Mayor's newsletter for further information.**

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

The "**Mother's Day Flower Sale**" will be **Monday, May 8th – Friday, May 12th** or until the baskets sell out. All assorted hanging baskets will be **\$21** each. If you would like to pre-order a basket, please call Jill Alix at 272-7262.

RECREATION NEWS

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 July 6th. All participants must sign up **before June 15th** 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 June 15th.

Summer Employment - All applications for summer employment must be returned on or before Friday, April 28th, no exceptions!

RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES BENEFIT

Team "HARD ROCKIN RELAYERS" will host its 5th Annual Vendors Fair on **Friday, May 19th, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. They will have vendors from Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Designs by Laura, Thirty-One Gifts, Partylite Candles, It Works, Perfectly Posh, Yunique, Pure Romance, Mary Kay, Omnitrition, Pampered Chef, Paparazzi, Avon, PK Van Wie photos, Dove Chocolate Discoveries, LulaRoe, DoTerra Essential Oils, Princess House and Chair Massages by Nicole. Please join them for fun, they promise to have something for EVERYONE! For additional information, please call Jenn Dorrance at 518-892-8701.

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

Please support "VETERAN WALKATHON" on Saturday, April 29th, 2017 at Cook Park (Sharon Dr. Pavilion), Off Lincoln Ave., Colonie, NY. The event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion of Albany County. The WALK begins at 12 Noon with registration starting at 11:00 a.m. All donations will benefit VA Medical Centers, Veteran Assisted Living Homes in New York and the Albany Fisher Home and T.A.P.S. (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors). They are selling boots that say they marched for us. They will accept any donations. Please make checks payable to: NYS SAL. For further information, please contact: Denise Cesare at 518-378-7739.

The Sons of the American Legion will be sponsoring a **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** on Sunday, May 14th, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 for adults; children 5 and under are FREE. Menu consists of: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Home Fries, Toast, Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice. Any questions, please call the American Legion at 272-1198.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Family Style Baked Ham Dinner - Saturday, May 13th - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. – "TAKE YOUR "MOM" TO DINNER FOR MOTHER'S DAY". Take-outs available starting at 4:00 p.m., parking available. The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6 for children 12/Under and 5/Under – Free. Free delivery in Green Island.

FREE Community Dinner - Friday, May 26th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – A free delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Bring your family and friends, all at no charge. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL – ART EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Corey S. Fong of the Heatly High School – Art Education Department would like to invite all residents to attend the 3rd Annual Heatly Car Show Fund Raiser to be held on Sunday, April 30th, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the former Ford Motor Company parking lot, located off of Tibbits Avenue. The money raised from the event will be split between the Art Department, Spanish Club and the Class of 2020. It will be a fun, family style event.

CHILI COOK-OFF

The Heatly Class of 2017 is sponsoring a Chili Cook-Off on Friday, May 5th. The event will be held at the Heatly School Cafeteria. Set up is at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to sample a bottomless cup of chili for \$5.00.

Voting for "Best Chili" will be done by secret ballot. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. Entrance fee for chili cooks is \$15. Contact Kathy Kirch at Heatly School at 273-1422 or kkirch@greenisland.org or Kim Watkins at kwatkins@greenisland.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

April 17, 2017

Dear Friends,

Hope you are enjoying this nice weather. This is the first time in a long time that I am not writing as the snow was coming down. It was 85 degrees yesterday as we celebrated Easter. I hope it stays nice – and that means we need to do Spring Cleanup! We will **be sweeping the roads on Thursday, May 18th** starting at 8:00 a.m. That means everyone must move their vehicles when their street is announced. PLEASE cooperate so we can get the job done quickly. If you don't move, it is a \$50 ticket, so please listen for the announcements. You can also do a little Spring Cleaning at your home and get rid of stuff you don't need any more by bringing it to the DPW garage on May 6th, 13th or 20th from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. Each residence is allowed **one pickup truck or two carloads for the month** at the nominal fee of \$10 per load and **fee must be paid at the Village Office in advance.** Please note that **you cannot pay at the DPW garage** on the day you drop off your trash and that this service is for Green Island residents only and trash must be from their Green Island residence (that means you can't clean out your kid's garage in another town). I hate to have to say all this stuff, but you would not believe what some people will do and if people continue to abuse this service, we will be forced to discontinue it because it is quite costly.

We will be hosting our semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 12th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center at 5 George Street. I will be contacting our "regulars" to ask them to schedule an appointment, but if you would like to call me, please feel free to do so at my home at 271-6965.

Our Memorial Day Parade will be held on **Wednesday, May 24th** at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we honor the men and women who have served our country so proudly. Please note that the day has been changed to Wednesday this year in order to try and avoid conflicts with parades in surrounding communities. We will see how this works out before we make a decision to change it for future years.

Chief Bourgeois has notified us that there is a burn ban on for any outside burning until May 15th. We will keep you posted if it is continued after the 15th, which has been happening the last couple of years due to dry conditions.

Many of our organizations are busy this Spring, so here is a little update on what they are planning:

Green Island Seniors: Mother's Day Flower Sale the week of May 8th thru the 12th. Call Jill at 272-7262 for pre-sale orders.

Legnard-Curtin American Legion Post: Veteran Walkathon on Saturday April 29th at Cook Park (see details in other newsletter) and a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 14th from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Legion.

Heatly School: 3rd Annual Car Show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ford Parking Lot to raise money for the Art Department.

Chili Cook-Off on Friday, May 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria, sponsored by the Class of 2017.

Church of the Good Shepherd: "Take your Mom to Dinner" on Saturday, May 13th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. where they will be serving a family style baked ham dinner (this is one of my favorite dinners that they have). And they will also be hosting a free Community Dinner on Friday, May 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

I think that's about it for this month. I will be giving you info in the next couple of months about the Summer Concerts at the Gazebo. The bands are booked, the menu is all set and I have asked "the angels" to make the weather nice on Wednesday evenings in July and August, so I think our bases are covered. I am sure Maggie will have a lot of news next month about the summer program at the Paine Street Park. I am so happy the nice weather has finally arrived! It wasn't a really bad winter – but it seemed like a really long winter and the older I get, the more I hate it! But I guess that makes us appreciate the nice weather even more.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan