

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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MAY 2017

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The annual **Memorial Day Parade** which this year coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, will be held on **Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m.** Lineup is at 5:30 p.m. on **Hudson Avenue**. Please note Hudson Avenue will be closed to traffic at George Street during lineup. All residents are encouraged to attend the parade and the brief ceremony at the Legnard-Curtin Post that follows. This year's **Grand Marshal** will be Vietnam veteran and present **American Legion Commander Anthony Lazzaro**. Please attend and honor Anthony, our veterans and especially those who made the supreme sacrifice. The Green Island Power Authority puts a lot of effort into assembling the Veteran's float for the parade. We would like to fill the float to show our appreciation to our military service men and women. Please contact Maggie Alix at 273-2201 if you would like a ride on the float this year!

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works has asked that we remind all residents that they cannot accept lawn/leaf bags with dirt in them. Please remember to remove any and all dirt from lawn clippings and/or leaves that you are placing in the brown bags. Thank you for your cooperation.

2016 ANNUAL WATER REPORT

In order to save on postage and keep with our theme of being environmentally conscious, the annual Village of Green Island Water Report is now available at www.villageofgreenisland.com, scroll to bottom of page and click on Water & Sewer. Please contact Sean Ward at seanw@villageofgreenisland.com if you have any questions or comments related to the report or Anne Strizzi at annes@villageofgreenisland.com if you would like to obtain a paper copy.

VILLAGE TAX COLLECTION

Village Taxes will be collected at the Village Offices, 20 Clinton Street, Green Island from June 1st to and including July 3rd during regular business hours – 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All checks should be made payable to: Village of Green Island. Anyone wishing to mail their payment should mail it to Village of Green Island, P.O. Box 1546, Green Island, NY 12183.

NEWS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Park Identification Cards

The Department of Parks and Recreation is enforcing **RESIDENTS ONLY** in the Paine Street Park between the hours of **6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. seven days a week**. You may obtain a **RESIDENT ID** at the Village Office during regular office hours. ***You must call to make an appointment with Maggie Alix at 273-2201.***

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 11th. 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.

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Grievance Day is set for Tuesday, May 23rd from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street.

NOTICE PERTAINING TO RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

Recently, we have noticed that a few residents have placed permanent fixtures, mostly planters/flower boxes/trees, etc., in the Village owned Right of Way (ROW). We have also seen structures such as porches or landscape walls built in the ROW too. While we are very appreciative of our residents taking care of their properties and beautifying, putting objects in the ROW becomes a liability for both the Village and the owner of the property. To explain, the ROW is the area between the curb and generally about 13' inward from the curb. The area of the ROW varies street by street with some streets (Albany Avenue is one) having a larger ROW. Sometimes ROW is misunderstood because the Village owns the ROW but the homeowner is responsible for its maintenance (including sidewalks). Please do not put us in a position where we have to mandate that you remove a structure from the ROW. **If you are putting anything in or near the ROW, including replacing existing fixtures/structures, please contact our Building Department at 273-2201 and make sure you are in compliance beforehand.** If you presently have something in the ROW, please call immediately. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held on June 23, 2017 at Briar Creek "In Honor of T Boy Collins". The cost is \$100 per person and includes golf, buffet, open bar and prizes. See Ozzie, Ted or Donna with your foursome. All money is due by June 9th. Make checks payable to "LCP 927". Don't miss out on the fun!!!!

The **American Legion Auxiliary** would like anyone who knows of a veteran or active duty military person who is not receiving Birthday or Christmas cards, to please call Brenda Persons at 271-6184 with their name, address and month they were born. They would love to send them cards to say "Thank You".

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** - Friday, May 26th and Friday, June 30th 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!
- **FAMILY STYLE BAKED ZITI DINNER** – Saturday, June 10th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Proceeds will benefit **Mission Programs**. The cost is Adults - \$10.00, Children 12 and under - \$5.00 and Children under 5 are FREE. Take outs available starting at 4:00 p.m. Free delivery in Green Island.

HEATLY NEWS

On June 1st, Heatly School will be hold its first ever "State of the School" presentation in the school library at 7:00 p.m. It will serve as a summary of everything the school has been doing over the past year and they hope that it will become an annual event that helps keep the community involved as Heatly goes forward.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

May 15, 2017

Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who made our Red Cross Blood Drive a great success last week. We host this twice a year in Green Island and I am always amazed at the response we get, especially from my "regulars" who come and donate at every drive. My apologies for not being there myself. I had some unexpected surgery the week before and just wasn't up to it. My wonderful husband, Mark, picked up the slack and did the job. He understands how important it is to keep a good blood supply on hand because transfusions saved his life four years ago, so he didn't mind covering for me for the day. Thank you again and I'll be calling you all in the Fall! Our next scheduled date is Friday, September 29th from 1 to 4 p.m.

Hope to see you all for our Memorial Day Parade on WEDNESDAY, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. (Please note the parade is being held on Wednesday instead of Thursday this year.) This is a great opportunity to show our support and appreciation for all the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces, especially those who gave their lives defending our country. Anthony Lazzaro, a Vietnam Veteran and Commander of the Legnard-Curtin American Legion Post, is our Grand Marshal for the parade this year. Please come out and show your appreciation to Anthony and all of our Veterans.

Speaking of the Legion, they are having their annual golf tournament on June 23rd and this year they are honoring the late T-Boy Collins. T-Boy was one of the most active members of the Post, always snapping photos of all the activities and pitching in wherever he was needed. The money earned at this fundraiser helps with the costs of maintaining and improving their facility. Any support you can give them would be greatly appreciated by the membership.

Please note that Village Property Taxes will NOT be collected at Pioneer Bank any more due to the closing of its Green Island branch. I am very disappointed with the bank's decision to leave our Village. We have been very supportive of Pioneer and had a great working relationship with them. And the local bank staff has always looked out for the welfare of our senior population, an asset that we will truly miss. But decisions made at the corporate level don't look at the "human side" when making these decisions. I do want to thank Sheila Viera, the manager of the Green Island Branch and all the tellers for the community support and attention given to our residents over the years. With the bank closing scheduled for June 15th, we had to address our tax collection process. All taxes will be collected in June at the Village Office during regular hours or can be mailed to our Post Office Box 1546. Please see the other newsletter for more details.

It is so nice to see all the kids enjoying the Paine Street Park now that the nice weather is here. The basketball courts are busy and the playground is getting a workout. Maggie is working on a grant to get some new playground equipment, but we seem to be hitting some snags that are delaying the plans. We will keep you posted and trust me, when Maggie puts her mind to something – it usually happens.

I hope all the Moms had a great Mother's Day yesterday. I was happy that all my kids and grandchildren were able to come to our house and enjoy a delicious cookout. I love being together and the grandchildren are growing up so fast. Two of them are taller than me and the other two are not far behind. I may not be the tallest, but I am pretty sure I will always hold the record for being the widest!

That's it for this month. Next month I will have all the details for you about the summer concerts at the GIG. I am excited and should be back in shape by then to "cut a rug" with all my dancing partners.

Hope to see you at the Parade!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan