

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

GREEN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

The Village of Green Island will sponsor the “GREEN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC” to be held on Sunday, September 24^h from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Paine Street Park.

Included will be many different food vendors. The Green Island Little League will be serving hot dogs & hamburgers, MacMurray & Sons will have the much anticipated “French Fry” bowls, fried dough and sno-cones and the Bourgeois’ will be selling their famous clam chowder. In addition to lots of yummy food, we will have face painting, balloon animals, a bouncy bounce and a fun crafts table. The Green Island Seniors will be selling gorgeous MUMS for \$10.00.

DJ Laz will kick off the festivities and he will be followed by Barbara Verdile’s Band, “Three Easy Piece’s”.

Our 3rd Annual Kickball Game against the Green Island Police Department will start at approximately 12:45 p.m.

The Albany County Sheriff’s Department is bringing the “Safe Kids RV”. This is the perfect opportunity to get your child registered in the County database. Every child that registers will receive an identification card.

1st ANNUAL “FAMILY DAY” HOMEMADE APPLE PIE CONTEST

The rules are simple: your pie must be homemade! No need to pre-register; just bring your baked beauty to the **APPLE PIE** table by 12:30 p.m. Judging will take place at approximately 1:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for **1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place**. Please put your name on a piece of tape and stick it on the bottom of your pan if you want us to return it to you.

Bring an index card with your name and phone number on one side and the recipe and ingredient list on the other. If the recipe is a family secret, no need to share, but please do list your ingredients and variety of apples used.

Please check the Green Island Recreation Department’s **FACEBOOK** page for updated information closer to the event! Anyone interested in a booth, or in need of further information regarding the picnic, should call Maggie Alix at the Village Office, 518-273-2201.

HALLOWEEN PARADE - The annual **Halloween Parade** will be held on **Tuesday, October 31st**. Cash prizes will be awarded 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 and will be available on the Village website. The cost to participate is \$40.00. The price includes a uniform jersey. 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**. Registration for grades 3rd – 6th will be held on **Tuesday, October 24th** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** at the **Municipal Center**. All players in grades 3rd – 6th must be registered by November 1, 2017. Registration for grades 7th – 8th will be held the first week of modified Heatly basketball.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Friday, September 29th** from **1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. Please contact Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan at her home telephone of 518-271-6965 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 8th – 14th, 2017. Members of the Fire Department will be visiting Heatly School and other community organizations during this week. This year's theme is **"Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out"**. 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 518-273-1041.

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 518-273-2201 or email to swcoalition@albanycounty.com. Thank you for your assistance.

GREEN ISLAND HEROIN AWARENESS TOWN HALL MEETING

The Village of Green Island and the Albany County Sheriff's Office will be co-sponsoring a **Heroin Awareness Town Hall Meeting** on **Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at Heatly School. The meeting will be led by Green Island Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan and Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple and will feature speakers from Catholic Charities, Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc., Albany Medical Center Hospital and New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). Amongst the topics will be the status of the heroin epidemic, where overdoses are occurring, preventive tips, how addiction starts and where to get help. All attendees will have an opportunity to receive lifesaving **NARCAN** training while there. Please make every attempt to attend this meeting and learn valuable information about what is now considered by many as a public health epidemic. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. A link to the event flyer and other information is available at www.villageofgreenisland.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 16, 2017

Dear Friends,

We had our last concert on August 30th and I have to tell you – THIS WAS OUR BEST SEASON EVER! The bands, the crowds, the food – it was perfect! We are already booking next year's bands and planning our "Specials" menu. And we raised money this year by collecting deposit cans and bottles to help defray the cost of planting another tree in the park. Between the can deposits and donations from concertgoers, we raised over \$600 and the GIG Crew raised the remainder of the money. So we get a new tree and again did not use any tax dollars to do it. Thanks everyone for making it such a great year!

Hope you can all make the Green Island Family Picnic at the Paine Street Park on Sunday, September 24th from noon to three. Maggie has a great day planned with some new events, like the 1st Annual Homemade Apple Pie Contest. I'm thinking about giving that one a try myself! And the kids always enjoy the kickball game with our Police Department. Check out the other newsletter for all the details and I hope to see you there!

Fire Prevention Week is October 8th through the 14th. The Fire Department will be visiting Heatly School and other organizations to give tips on keeping safe. When I was four years old, we had a fire at our house and we lost everything. I can remember how scared I was as my grandmother, who was watching us, scooted me down the front stairs and out the door to safety. We didn't really do fire drills at home back then. I remember doing fire drills at home with my kids when they were young and teaching multiple ways to exit the house. Take the time to teach your children what to do in an emergency. It could very well save lives!

While new safety measures make it somewhat unlikely you will ever have a fire in your home, you can be sure your children will be exposed to the dangers of heroin and other dangerous drugs. Our country is in an epidemic and we need to address it and learn how to keep our kids safe from its grips. PLEASE join us on Wednesday, October 11th at Heatly School at 6:00 p.m. as we welcome Sheriff Craig Apple to host a Heroin Awareness Town Hall Meeting. The Sheriff and the various entities he is bringing with him have a vast knowledge on this subject and they are coming to share that knowledge with us. You will be amazed at the statistics on how widespread this has become. I have seen at my funeral home the devastation that it causes in a family when a young person dies from an overdose. We need to learn everything we can to avoid the tragedies we read about every day in the newspapers. Working together is the best way to keep our kids and our village safe, so PLEASE come and let's all learn together.

I am going to end my newsletter with a plea to come and “give a pint” at our semiannual American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 29th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center at 5 George Street. I have been organizing these drives for decades and I probably started doing it after watching my Mom volunteer to work the drives since I was a kid. I never really understood how important it was until I got older. I think my Mom did it because her father died in his 40s from what they called pernicious anemia. They didn’t have the research or resources that we now have. I was almost going to give up doing the drives a few years ago because my life seemed to be getting too busy to “keep all the balls in the air.” And then my husband, Mark, needed blood transfusions in 2013. Those transfusions literally saved his life. He would not be here today if it weren’t for the generosity of blood donors. He had to “get a pint” again a couple of weeks ago and they had a hard time finding compatible blood for him – but they did. I always gave blood on a regular basis and I was almost to the five gallon mark when my doctor told me I couldn’t do it anymore. I may not be able to give any more, but I can still do my part by searching for folks to “roll up their sleeves” and do a good deed. I have my list of “regulars” who come every drive, but if I don’t have you on my list and you would like to donate, please call me at home (518-271-6965) and I will schedule an appointment for you. Walk Ins are welcome, but if you come at a really busy time it takes longer, so it is best to schedule an appointment. If you are a first time donor, I will give you a special donor sticker (so everyone will be extra nice to you) and I will even hold your hand if you want! I also promise to give you a snack before you leave. The Red Cross also has Rapid Pass so you can speed up your time. On the day of your appointment, just visit: redcrossblood.org/RapidPass, read the information, answer the questions and print the pass or email it to yourself. When you get to the blood drive, present your Rapid Pass form either on paper or electronically on your phone. Remember, Rapid Pass must be done on the day of your appointment and it must be done on a desktop or laptop. It can’t be taken on your phone (but the results may be emailed to your phone after completing on a desktop or laptop). Have I confused you yet? Didn’t mean to. Just go online and follow the steps.

That’s it for this month. Please see the other newsletter for lots more information. I hope you enjoy this nice weather. September weather has been nicer than August weather. It always gets hot when the kids go back to school!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan