

**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, had been Chairman of their Board of Directors from its inception until 2016. 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 518-273-2201 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, 2018.

**NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL**

**PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 & REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION**

- **Kindergarten Registration** - Parents need to pick up a registration packet for their child for the 2018-2019 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 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 Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please call the school office at 518-273-1422.
- **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Registration** – Heatly School is now enrolling for 2018-2019 school year. Please come to Heatly School to pick up your enrollment packet or call 518-273-1422 and sign up for registration before March 28<sup>th</sup>. **Registration dates:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 and Thursday, March 29, 2018. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Heatly School Office.
- **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>, 2018**. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from: Mrs. Kimberly Watkins, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422).

## NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 5 – 12 and Free Pasta for children 4 and under. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, pasta, salad, roll, dessert, coffee and tea. No Deliveries/Take-out is available. For further information, please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** sponsored by the American Legion Post #927 will be held on **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018** 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 \$13.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5 – 12, 4 and under is FREE. Also available are corned beef sandwiches on rye bread for \$6.00 each. Take-out is available, sorry no deliveries. For more information, please call 518-272-1198.

## 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES

Please come and **JOIN US \* JOIN A TEAM \* MAKE UP A NEW TEAM** for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities** (formerly the Green Island Relay for Life) to be held on **Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018** from **12 Noon to 12 Midnight** at the **Watervliet Jr./Sr. High School**. Hope to see you there! For further information, please visit website [www.relayforlife.org/hudsonriverny](http://www.relayforlife.org/hudsonriverny) or you can contact Georgia Vieira, Community Manager at 518-220-6934 or Danielle Boudreau, Local Contact at 518-892-5431.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** – **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A FREE delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Bring your family and friends, all at no charge. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER** – **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, salad, beverages and homemade desserts. Adults - \$12.00, 12/Under - \$6.00, 5/Under – FREE. Take outs start at 4:00 p.m. Free delivery in Green Island.

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** – **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A FREE delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Bring your family and friends, all at no charge. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**FREE EASTER EGG HUNT** – **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. **FREE!** Craft projects, Egg Hunt, Refreshments for Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please **RSVP** with child(ren) names and ages by Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, so they will be able to accommodate everyone.

**UPCOMING EVENT** – **Chicken and Biscuit Dinner – Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

February 14, 2018

Dear Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day! One of the best things about Valentine's Day arriving is that it means we are half way through February – the nastiest of winter months! Hopefully that means we probably only have a few more weeks of possible snow storms. The winter hasn't been too bad. The cooperation of most residents moving their cars so the plows can clear the snow has helped us keep our costs down. We haven't had to do a "curb to curb" yet this season (I probably just cursed us) and that is due to your help. The last storm was the best resident response yet. I think sending out the notices via phone, text and email helped. If you haven't yet signed up for our "alert system" you can do so by stopping at the Village Office and filling out the form or you can get the form on our website. It really is a valuable tool for keeping you posted on everything from snow removal operations, water main breaks, power outages, traffic issues, Police and Fire emergencies and community activities. Maybe the three dozen people who never moved their cars during the last storm should sign up so they know what's going on. And once again, I want to give recognition to our DPW and GIPA employees who did such a great job of keeping the streets safe. I know it is their job, but they take a great deal of pride in what they do and they work well together as a team - and that makes a world of difference. Thanks guys! And thank you again to all the residents who helped us avoid a full blown snow removal. What we saved in snow removal costs really helps us stay within our budget. Now if we could just figure out a way to stop the water main breaks we would really be in great shape – but that's a whole other issue that we are working on. If you know of anyone that has a few million dollars that they would like to donate for the cause, please give us their contact info. We would be happy to name the Water Department building after them!!! Gotta keep our sense of humor!!!

The flu season is certainly in full swing. So many people are sick and the reports of people, especially children, dying from the flu is very scary. Please don't ignore the symptoms and be sure to seek medical attention, especially if you have a fever. Hopefully with winter recess coming up in the schools, the spreading of all the viral ailments will slow down. I wish we could just open all our windows and let the germs clear out. If only it were that simple. The doctors still say frequent hand washing is the best defense. They also say to cough into the inside of your elbow. Remember when it was just cover your mouth with your hand? Then they moved it to the inside of your elbow. If they get to the armpit, I'm just going to wear a mask 24/7. Again – gotta keep our sense of humor!!

Before you know it, Spring will be here. Then we really can open the windows and clear out the germs. And if you really want to look forward to something fun and entertaining, our Summer Concert Series at the GIG aren't that far off. All of our bands are booked and we are working on our "Specials Menu" for the season. The way the holidays fall this year (4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day) we will only have eight concerts this season, so we will just have to pack in as much fun as possible. We have a couple new bands booked and we will have the schedules out soon. I also have to get going on my "begging letters" to our generous sponsors who come through every year and make it possible for us to have such great bands. I can honestly tell you that if it weren't for our faithful sponsors and the hard work of the Gig A Bite crew, there wouldn't be any concerts in the park. This is our 15<sup>th</sup> year and it just keeps getting better. I will keep you posted in the coming months.

OK. I saved the best news until last and I can't wait to share it with you: ***WE HAVE A NEW BANK COMING TO TOWN!!!*** **CATSKILL HUDSON BANK** is moving into the former bank building on the corner of George and Arch Streets. We have been working on getting a bank back in town since the former bank left. The **Chairman and CEO of Catskill Hudson Bank, Mario Martinez**, his wife, Dawn (who is a Board member) and his staff met with us a few months ago and they have been working on getting approval from the State for a while, so I couldn't tell you until they were approved. He informed me on Monday that they got the "OK" and I couldn't be happier. I get a real "hometown" feel from Mr. Martinez and his staff. I think they will be a great community partner. I know they are aiming for a grand opening in May, so I will keep you informed as I get more news. When you think about a financial institution, you think about your investment in them. But I also feel that Mr. Martinez and his bank are making an investment in us – the people of Green Island. I plan to support them personally and I hope that they are successful in Green Island and stay here with us for a very long time. We welcome **CATSKILL HUDSON BANK** to Green Island and hope we have a long and prosperous relationship. ***Thanks for investing in us!***

OK folks. That's it for this month. Please check the other newsletter for more info and activities. Until next month – stay warm, be careful of the ice, please move your vehicle if we get more snow, wash your hands often and make sure to see the doctor if you think you have the flu. Do you feel like you are reading a letter from your mother??? Again, gotta keep that sense of humor!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan (aka: Mama)