

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Village of Green Island

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MARCH 2018

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

Village Budget Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street, Green Island for the presentation of the **Village Budgets** for fiscal year 2018-2019.

RECREATION NEWS

Summer Employment: The Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer employment. Due to budget constraints, summer jobs will be extremely limited. A competitive interview process will be mandatory for all applicants. Applications are now available at the Village Office or with Mrs. Legault in the main office at Heatly School. All applications must be returned to the **VILLAGE OFFICE** on or before April 27th, no exceptions. Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2018 to be eligible for employment.

The Recreation Department is partnering with the Green Island Senior Citizens to host a **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**. The event will take place on **Sunday, March 18th, 2018**, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center, 5 George Street. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5 to 10 and children under 5 are **FREE**. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and tea.

Don't have time for breakfast but want to stop in and see the Easter Bunny that's great too. The Bunny will have plenty of Easter treats for everyone and you're welcome to take your own pictures.

STORMWATER COALITION OF ALBANY COUNTY

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 11 municipalities and the University of Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member. The purpose of the Coalition is to foster cooperation, achieve cost savings 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. 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 as well and periodically mail out flyers to many businesses that show best management practices as it relates to their operations. This is just an example of the many efforts to educate the public in our quest for clean water. For further information about Green Island's MS4 program contact Sean Ward at 273-2201 or seanw@villageofgreenisland.com.

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 23rd 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 27th. 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 28th. **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 1st, 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).

2018 – 3rd ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES

Please come and **JOIN US * JOIN A TEAM * MAKE UP A NEW TEAM** for the **3rd Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities** (formerly the Green Island Relay for Life) to be held on **Saturday, June 9th, 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 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, March 30th 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 31st from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. **FREE!** Craft projects, Egg Hunt, Refreshments for Infants to 6th Grade. Please **RSVP** with child(ren) names and ages by Wednesday, March 28th, so they will be able to accommodate everyone.

EASTER MORNING SERVICE – Sunday, April 1st – 9:30 a.m. Lively praise music, powerful message. Come and join us for a morning of “New Hope.”

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER – Saturday, April 14th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Chicken & Biscuit, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Veggies, Beverages, Home Made Desserts. Adults - \$12, 12/Under - \$6, 5/Under – **FREE**. Take outs start at 4:00 p.m. and there will be **FREE** delivery in Green Island.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

March 15, 2018

Dear Friends,

I can't tell you how many times I have started my newsletters talking about snow and I thought my February letter would be the last ---- but noooooo! Mother Nature had to send us more snow in March than we had all winter. If it is still snowing in April I'm going to quit – and I think all my DPW guys will be right behind me. They have had a rough winter, but they did an excellent job. And I am afraid to say this, because I will probably jinx us, but we did not have to have a “curb to curb” snow removal this season. I am in my 16th year as your Mayor and I can only recall one other winter that we were able to do that. A big factor in avoiding the “curb to curb” is due to the cooperation we received from most of our residents moving their cars so the guys could push back the snow. Thank you all for helping us save some money and thank you Tony, Steve, Rich, Larry, Joe and Joe for a job well done! OK, no more snow talk!

Happy news: I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the new Latham branch of Catskill Hudson Bank yesterday. This is the bank that is going to open a new branch here in Green Island and they are shooting for a grand opening here sometime in May. I can't wait. They seem like very community oriented people and I think their bank is going to be a really great fit for us. I will keep you posted on their progress.

Please see the other newsletter for details on the summer employment opportunities for our young folks. Maggie Alix runs a great program both for the employees and the kids who attend the summer activities. Budget constraints mean fewer jobs, so make a good appearance and impression on Maggie when you do your interview. And I am sure Mr. Mullins is already getting his “wet suit” ready for the spray park. He spends all day in there playing with the kids. It's a wonder he doesn't shrivel up like a prune. He and Maggie both have a tremendous and positive effect on our children and I thank them both for being such great human beings!

Tom Torrisi stopped me the other day to tell me about a scam phone call that he received. The caller said his grandson was in trouble and needed thousands of dollars immediately. Tom, being the wise man that he is, realized it was a scam and gave the fellow a piece of his mind and hung up. This one had a happy ending, but I have heard about this same kind of scam having a tragic ending where grandparents really thought their grandchild was in trouble and gave in to the demands. I don't know where these scammers get their information, but some

of them are pretty good at it. Please beware of this kind of activity and hang up the phone. Don't give the caller ANY kind of information. Just hang up and report it to the police. There isn't much chance of catching these bad guys, but it is good to let the police know it is going on.

Please see the other newsletter for information on fall registration for Heatly School, news on the 2018 Relay for Life and lots of activities at the Church of the Good Shepherd. I just went to the Church's corned beef and cabbage dinner last Saturday and it was delicious. They've got some pretty good cookin' going on there!

Well that's it for this month. Say a prayer that Mother Nature gets in a better mood and we see lots of sunshine!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen".

Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan