

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
Village of Green Island
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23rd – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – 6:00 P.M.
All Veterans are invited to participate in the parade, please call Tara Bourgeois for further information.

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 16th 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 518-273-5565. Vehicles that interfere with street cleaning will receive a TICKET. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Rain date is Friday, May 17th.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

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

MONDAY, MAY 20th, TUESDAY, MAY 21st & WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd

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 518-273-4959 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201.

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 20th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street and comments from the public are welcome.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays in May: **May 4th, 11th and 18th 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 \$15 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 518-273-5565 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, May 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. Mayor Ellen will be reaching out to all her "regular" donors after April 22nd and anyone can call if they would like to schedule an appointment, she can be reached at 518-271-6965.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS – LOCAL #3418

The Green Island Professional Firefighters will be hosting a "**CORNHOLE FOR A CURE!**" to benefit MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association). The event will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion #927, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. The cost is \$30 per team of 2 (\$40 after May 13th), limit 32 teams. Please contact Jordan Jones to **SPONSOR** or **REGISTER** for the event at gifd25jj@gmail.com. There will be prizes, games, auction, food drink and more!

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

The "**Mother's Day Flower Sale**" will be Monday, May 6th – Friday, May 10th 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 518-272-7262.

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 9th. All participants must sign up **before June 15th** at the Village Office or contact Elijah Legault at 518-273-2201. ***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 Tuesday, April 30th, no exceptions!

2019 – 4th ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES

Please come and **JOIN US * JOIN A TEAM * MAKE UP A NEW TEAM** for the **4th Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities** (formerly the Green Island Relay for Life) to be held on **Saturday, June 8th, 2019** from **12 Noon to 12 Midnight** at the **Watervliet Jr./Sr. High School**. Hope to see you there! For further information, please google "Relay for Life" and type in 12189 for the Hudson River Communities Relay to come up, or you can contact Georgia Vieira, Community Manager at 518-220-6934 or Danielle Boudreau, Local Contact at 518-892-5431. We are currently looking for all Survivors to come for a free dinner at the Relay. Call and reserve a seat now!

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion Post #927 will be sponsoring a **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** on Sunday, May 12th, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person; children 5 and under are FREE. Menu consists of: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Any questions, please call the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

The American Legion is collaborating to provide a commemorative service medal for Green Island veterans, both living and deceased. To be eligible, a veteran must have lived in Green Island between the time of their enlistment and discharge. Those interested in a medal need to complete a short application form and attach a copy of their DD-214, or an equivalent form as proof of service. Applications are available at the American Legion, the Vagabond Club and from Tom Mullins beginning April 1st. Applications can be returned to the same locations.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT – Saturday, April 20th from 1:00 p.m. 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, April 17th, so we can accommodate everyone. A great **FAMILY** event! (Adults must accompany children.)

EASTER MORNING SERVICE – Sunday, April 21st – 9:30 a.m. Lively praise music, powerful message. Come and join us for a morning of "New Hope".

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER - Friday, April 26th 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!**

For additional information, please contact 518-273-5531 or www.goodshepherdgi.com.

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL

Couponing Workshop: Learn to coupon or how to improve upon what you already know. Join us on Tuesday, May 7th, in the Heatly Library from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Limited space; first 10 registrants will receive coupons, inserts, and a chance at a door prize. Donations appreciated. Proceeds will go the Class of 2021. Registration flyers will be sent home with students. We can schedule more classes if needed.

FREE Community Dinner: On Tuesday, May 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Heatly School will be hosting a FREE Community Dinner and Health and Wellness Fair. Dinner will be **BAKED ZITI and MEATBALLS**. A big thank you to Pops Pizza of Cohoes and Villa Valenti Sauce Company for sponsoring the dinner. We hope to see you there and while you're there, don't forget to vote on the budget.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th – Field Day at the Green Island Little League – **NEEDED**: Carpenters – Electricians – Painters – Landscapers – any helpful volunteers for miscellaneous jobs.

SATURDAY, MAY 4th – **Opening Day – 11:00 A.M.** – Also accepting any gently used gloves, baseball pants and cleats. Any questions contact Marcia Etman at 518-596-0576 or Danielle Boudreau at 518-892-5431.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

April 8, 2019

Dear Friends,

I think Spring is finally coming - and hopefully staying this time! It is nice to see the sunshine and feel its warmth. This was a long winter. Our guys will be happy to put the plows away and get out the mowers. I haven't put away my shovels yet – just in case. Let's hope we don't need them.

The banners for our “Hometown Heroes” have come in. They came out great. We are waiting for the hardware for the poles and hope to have them up by mid-May – just in time for the Memorial Day Parade. It was suggested that we reroute the parade this year to go up Cannon Street, over Veterans Memorial Drive and down Cohoes Avenue so we will pass by the banners. It would be nice to have the families of those being honored to stand near their banner and join the parade as we pass by. We are still in the planning stages and will be back to you with more information in next month's newsletter.

Our Spring Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Friday, May 17th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center at 5 George Street. There is always a serious need for all types of blood, so if you can, please come and donate. You can call me at home at (518) 271-6965 or the Village Office at (518) 273-2201 to make an appointment.

Springtime means “cleanup” time. We will be having our annual curb to curb street cleaning on Thursday, May 16th with a rain date of Friday, May 17th. This cleanup works just like snow removal. When your street is announced, you must move your vehicle or you will be ticketed. You don't have to wait until May to go out and sweep up in front of your property. I love it when the snow goes away, except then all you see is the winter grime. Let's all take pride in our properties. And if you have an elderly or infirmed neighbor, push that broom a little farther and help them out. I promise it will make you feel good!

There is a great deal of information in the other newsletter about things coming up in the Village. We have an outdoor burn ban, hydrant flushing, annual MS4 meeting, the firefighter's fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy, Senior Citizens flower sale, Recreation Department Men's

summer league, the Hudson River Communities 4th annual Relay for Life, the American Legion's Mother's Day Breakfast and commemorative service medal program, the Church of the Good Shepherd's Easter egg hunt, service and community dinner, Heatly School's community dinner and coupon workshop and the Little League's field day and opening day ceremonies. PLEASE look over the newsletter carefully and put the dates on your calendar. These organizations work so hard to make our community a great place to live and they deserve our support!

I will close my letter with thanking the residents who were understanding about the National Grid emergency shut off on Friday, April 5th. We didn't have much lead time because it was an EMERGENCY repair, and emergencies can't be scheduled. It went on much longer than National Grid's estimate, but they did their best and it is very hard to estimate the time it will take to make the repairs. And addressing the issue BEFORE the system failed helped to alleviate more damage and a much longer repair later. All of the repairs were outside Green Island on Grid's transmission line that brings power into our village. Thank you to our GIPA and DPW crews for hooking up generators to our traffic lights and assisting National Grid crews. Thank you to our Police and Fire Departments for keeping an eye on things while we were in the dark. And thank you to staff that manned the Emergency Shelter at the Community Center. Even though no residents utilized the shelter, it was there if they needed it. To those who chose to use the time to criticize the very persons who were working to keep our village and residents safe, maybe next time an emergency happens you might want to see if you can volunteer to help make a positive difference.

That's it for this month. I hope you all have a very Happy Easter and that the Easter Bunny brings you all the treats that you love! My favorite is "Peeps," but I only like them after they get hard and stale. I know it sounds strange, but I consider it a "gourmet delight."

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan