

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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MAY 2019

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The annual **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Thursday, May 23rd** 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 Marshals** will be Arthur, Robert and Richard Connery. Please attend to honor 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 and this is the year to take the ride. **THE PARADE ROUTE IS BEING CHANGED AND EXTENDED.** The parade will march north on George Street to Tibbits Avenue. The parade will take a left on Tibbits Avenue and right on Cannon Street to Veterans Memorial Drive. The parade will make its way back to the American Legion going south on Cohoes Avenue. We are changing the route to honor our veterans. The veteran flags will be on display along Cannon Street, Veterans Memorial Drive and Cohoes Avenue. The parade will **NOT** be going on Arch Street. Please contact Tara Bourgeois at 518-273-2201 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.

2018 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/Stormwater. 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.

Green Island Wins Albany County Water Taste Test Again

Albany County's best tasting water once again comes from the Village of Green Island. We have now won three of the last four years (2016, 2018 and 2019) and move onto the regional competition. Congratulations to our water department plant operation team – John Heffern, Robert Foster, Bill Heffern, Elijah Legault, Zach Mason and Nick Richmond.

VILLAGE TAX COLLECTION

Village Taxes will be collected at Catskill Hudson Bank, 148 George Street, the corner of George and Arch Streets, Green Island from June 3rd to and including July 1st during regular banking hours. All checks should be made payable to: Village of Green Island. Anyone wishing to mail their payment should mail it to Catskill Hudson Bank, P.O. Box 1546, Green Island, NY 12183.

NEWS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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.***

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Grievance Day is set for **Wednesday, May 29th** 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 fences/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 Friday, June 28, 2019 at Briar Creek Golf Course, 2347 Pangburn Road, Duanesburg, NY 12056. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$85 per person and includes Greens Fees, Coffee and Donuts at the Course, Hot and Cold Buffet, and three (3) hours of open bar from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. back at the American Legion and the Non-Golfer Cost is \$30.00 (Buffet and Open Bar Only). Make checks payable to "LCP 927". Any questions, please contact Donna Lazzaro at 518-274-1237 or the Legion Post at 518-272-1198. Proceeds to go for Building Repairs and Maintenance. Don't miss out on the fun!!!!

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2021

The Heatly School Class of 2021 is sponsoring a **CAR WASH and BAKE SALE** on **Saturday, June 1st, 2019** at the Green Island American Legion from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **RAIN or SHINE**, please come out and support the **CLASS of 2021**.

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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

May 15, 2019

Dear Friends,

I am sitting at my desk typing this letter and wondering what that bright light coming from the sky is. Oh my God --- it's the SUN!!! I thought it had left us for good. And we might even get into the 70s this weekend. I was starting to think I would be announcing "snow removal" instead of "street cleaning" this evening when we go out to remind everyone about tomorrow's clean up.

I attended the Green Island Little League opening day on May 4th and it was really great. Lots of kids, parents and volunteers participating. I can't say enough about the volunteers, who don't even have kids in the program, working so hard to get the league back up and running. Thank you for not only making possible a great activity for the kids, but for also making our community a better place! Keep up the good work!

Our Memorial Day Parade will take place on Thursday, May 23rd. Kick off will be 6 p.m. with a brief ceremony at the World War I Memorial at George and Hudson, then north on George for a brief ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial at Market and George. The parade route will be a little different this year because we want to acknowledge the Hometown Heroes Banners in the north end. The parade will go to the north end of George, turn left on Tibbits, right on Cannon, left on Veterans Memorial and then left on Cohoes Avenue to the American Legion. The parade route is longer, but we think well worth it. We are asking families that have a banner to stand under your banner for the parade and then, if you wish, join the parade as we pass your banner. Everyone who purchased a banner will receive a letter with the details. There was a tremendous amount of work that went into this endeavor. Kristin Swinton and Mark Ryan did all the collecting of information, confirming each application, designing the banners and organizing the layout. Our GIPA and DPW crews are doing all the assemblies on the poles. I can't thank them enough for their efforts. Since the banners went up, there have been some inquiries about more banners. We made it very clear from the start that there would only be one application period so that won't be possible. Thank you for your understanding.

It won't be long before our Paine Street Park summer activities will be in full swing. The park is already seeing a lot of activity after school and on weekends. Unfortunately, we have had some issues already with unacceptable behavior from both kids and parents. This will not be tolerated. If you choose to misbehave in the park, you will be escorted out of the park and banned from using

the park. We strive to keep this park a safe place for all residents to enjoy. I don't know of another park in the Capital District that has park counselors on duty this early in the season. We do everything possible to make it a great place for families to enjoy and it only takes a few to spoil it for everyone. Do your part and obey the rules. And if you see someone breaking the rules, please report it to a park counselor. Let's not lose this treasure!

Please note that Village Property Taxes will be collected at the Catskill Hudson Bank at the corner of George and Arch Streets during regular business hours. We are thrilled that Catskill Hudson Bank chose Green Island to open a branch and they have certainly proved themselves to be a great community partner already by sponsoring our Little League, the Heatly Yearbook and GIG Summer Concert Series. And I know they have more ideas for the future. Their branch manager, Ralph Foster, is even giving blood at our blood drive this Friday. Now that's commitment!! Thank you everyone at Catskill Hudson Bank for being a great community partner!

Congrats to our Water Department staff for doing such a great job that our water was chosen as the best tasting water in Albany County. Now we go on to a regional competition. Thank you John, Robert, Bill, Elijah, Zack and Nick!

I am excited that everything is all set for our GIG Summer Concerts. The bands are booked, the menu is set, our sponsors really came through, the fans are ordered and even the "Potties" are ordered. I have included a copy of the schedule, menu and sponsors for your information. Post it on your fridge so you don't miss out. This is another example of sponsors and volunteers making it possible for us to offer our community a great program. Thank you!

Please see the other newsletter for information on Relay for Life, Heatly car wash, Legion golf tournament, Men's Summer Basketball League and lots more.

I hope all the Moms and Grandmas had a great Mother's Day. All my kids and grandkids came and we had a lovely, relaxed Sunday and a great dinner. I hope all you Dads and Grandpas have as nice a Father's Day next month.

Well, I think that's all for this month. I hope that bright light in the sky (aka: the sun) stays around for a while and dries out the grass so we can mow our lawns. Oh well, at least we don't have to shovel rain!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan