

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE - The annual Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, 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.

YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION – Keep in mind, registration for YOGI CYO Basketball will be coming in October. More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

HUDSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Work will begin soon on the Hudson Avenue Improvement Project which will include new ADA compliant ramps at the intersections, a new storm sewer system, new pavement, road signs and markings, all in an effort to create a safer thoroughfare for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. With any project, it also brings the nuisance of traffic detours and delays. Given the fact that it will occur near our school, the issues seem more complicated. We will make every effort to create the least amount of impact on the area, especially around our school, but please note that no matter what we do there will be detours and delays in that area for at least short time frames. We ask that you remain patient and cooperate at all times. Bids will be opened on September 25th, 2019 and we will be posting any and all information on the Village's website to keep you all informed. If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact the Village Office.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 6th – 12th, 2019. Members of the Fire Department will be visiting Heatly School and other community organizations during this week. This year's theme is ***"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape, Plan and Practice Your Escape!"***. 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 catch basins 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.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

- The American Legion will be presenting the Green Island **Veterans Service Medals** on **Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 12:00 Noon** after the monthly Legion meeting. The Legion will need the names of the recipients that will be attending, so a head count can be taken. The reason, there will be refreshments and a cold buffet after the presentation of the Veterans Service Medals. Please contact Ted Koniowka at 518-423-2301 if you are planning to attend and the number of the immediate family members that will be attending with you.
- Please join the American Legion for a **STEAK ROAST DINNER**, sponsored by the Green Island Sons of the American Legion, on **Saturday, October 26th, 2019** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person. If you are a member or purchase your tickets in advance, the cost is \$16.00. Cost includes: NY Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls, Soda, Draft Beer, Coffee and Dessert. In addition there will be door prizes, raffles and music by **DJ LAZZ** immediately following dinner. Tickets are available at the Legion. For more information, please call 518-272-1198.
- If you are a **VETERAN** (past or present duty) and not receiving cards from the Ladies Auxiliary, please contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

Green Island Little League will be conducting their **ANNUAL ELECTIONS** on Tuesday, October 15th at Heatly School at 6:00 p.m. All Green Island residents are encouraged to vote. Anyone who may be interested in running for office or would like to be a board member please contact Marcia Etman at 518.596.0576 or Danielle Boudreau at 518.892.5431.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE SHEPHERD

Free Community Dinner – Friday, September 27th 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!**

Family Style Chicken-N-Biscuit Dinner – Saturday, October 19th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. All the fixins' and homemade desserts. \$13/Adults, \$6/12 & Under, Free/5 & Under. Takeouts available starting at 4 p.m. Free Delivery in Green Island.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 17, 2019

Dear Friends,

It looks like summer is ending, but we managed to enjoy it a little longer at our "Family Day" in the Paine Street Park Sunday. The weather could not have been nicer (I think I am going to let Maggie schedule our concerts next year because she always manages to get good weather). We had three antique Model T Fords on display commemorating 100th anniversary of Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs coming to Green Island for a camping trip in the north end. We had great food and music and members of the Police Department had their annual challenge kickball game with the kids and I am proud to say the officers bested the kids with a score of 19 to 10. We even had a Police dog from the Sheriff's Department running the bases! It was a good day at the park and I want to thank everyone who made it possible.

In the first paragraph, I talk about summer ending and in this paragraph I am going to talk about the "Festival of Trees." What happened to Fall! Anyway, the Festival of Trees will be held on Saturday, December 7th in the River Park. We will start decorating at 2 p.m. and Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5 p.m. to help us light the trees and visit with the kids. We will also be singing some Christmas carols, especially our rather unique version of the Twelve Days of Christmas, so please join us for the fun. We have a waiting list for purchasing a tree and we will know by the end of October if any will be available. If you would be interested in getting a tree, please call Tara at the Village Office (518-273-2201) and she will put you on the list.

Our Hudson Avenue road construction will probably be starting in the middle of October. It will definitely be difficult during construction, but we will do our best to minimize the inconveniences. We will also do our best to let you know about detours and such. So if you are not signed up for the alert system, please do so at the Village Office.

I have received some complaints about parents double parking in the street to drop off/pick up their children in front of Heatly School. This is very dangerous, and also illegal, so PLEASE pull up to the curb.

Driving and parking in an urban area certainly has its challenges. One of ours is trying to pull out of the corners on the side streets into traffic. It has always been difficult to see oncoming traffic, but with the abundance of taller trucks and SUVs that are parked near the corners, it is even more challenging. We had a traffic engineer from Albany County come up to see if he could find any solutions. He walked some of the streets with us and his only suggestion is that we enforce the

Vehicle and Traffic law that says you must be 15 feet from the corner when parking a vehicle. So for the next couple of weeks the Police will be putting a warning on your vehicle if you are parked too close to the corner. Then in October, we will begin ticketing vehicles that are in violation. I know that parking is tough. I live on Hudson Avenue across from the school. There is room to park at least nine cars around my house and sometimes we can't even park one. But we need to try something to address this danger, so please help us by cooperating.

At our Village Board meeting last night, we addressed the concerns of some residents that have been having difficulties with some young bike riders in the road. These children ride in the middle of the road, speed through intersections without looking for oncoming traffic and not one of them are wearing a helmet, which is required by law. The Police have been bringing these kids and their bikes home to parents, but we aren't getting any cooperation. The language out of some of them is quite vulgar. Folks, this is definitely a parenting issue and not something that can be solved by the village. But what we can do is notify Child Protective Services when we find a parent is not properly supervising their child. We wish there was some other way to approach this problem, but there is not. My parents never hit me when I was a kid, but I must say that if a Police officer brought me home to my parents, I would have been spending a great deal of time in my bedroom – and it didn't have a TV, phone, computer, internet, Facebook or radio! I would have had a lot of time to think about what I had done wrong and made sure I did not repeat the offense again. Parents – please help us. Take responsibility for your children and teach them about safety and respect. AMEN!

OK. I am running out of space, so you will have to see the other newsletter to see what is happening around town with the Recreation Department, Fire Prevention, American Legion, Little League and the Church of the Good Shepherd.

That's it for now. Enjoy the Fall weather and colorful leaves before they drop.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan