

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 5th – 11th, 2014. Members of the Fire Department will be visiting Heatly School and other community organizations during this week. 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 273-1041.

RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE - The annual **Halloween Parade** will be held on **Friday, October 31st**. Cash prizes will be offered 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.** Rain location will be under the Collar City Bridge on Hudson Avenue.

YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION - Registration Forms for **YOGI CYO Basketball** will be distributed to classes at Heatly School. There will be a **\$20.00 registration fee** for all players this season, plus **\$20.00 fee for a uniform jersey**. Uniform jerseys will be custom ordered for each player. The uniform will belong to the player and will not have to be returned at the end of the season. Each player will be responsible for getting a black pair of basketball shorts. Checks should be made payable to **VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**. **A copy of the player's birth certificate will be needed for all that are new to the program.** Registration will be held on **Tuesday, October 21st** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** at the **Municipal Center**. All players must be registered by November 1, 2014.

We will be offering 6 teams at 3 different levels: peewee boys and girls, biddy boys and girls, and junior boys and girls. Peewee boys and girls are for students in 3rd and 4th grade, Biddy girls and boys are generally for students in 5th and 6th grade. Junior girls and boys are for students in the 7th and 8th grade.

WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR ANY AGE

If anyone would like to donate a winter coat in good condition, you may do so at the Cohoes Community Center, 22-40 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY or at the Holy Trinity Parish Center, One Marie Lane, Cohoes, NY from September 15th – October 10th, Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone in need of a winter coat can go to the Cohoes Senior Center, Cayuga Plaza, Cohoes on October 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or October 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and starting October 22nd coats will be available at the Watervliet Civic Center, 14th Street, Watervliet until the supply is exhausted. You must have ID for any person receiving a coat.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Saturday, October 18th** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. Please contact Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan at her home telephone of 271-6965 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

STORM DRAIN MARKERS

Did you notice the storm drain markers that read “**Don’t Dump, Drains to Hudson River**” located near the catch basins on Albany Avenue. This marker is a reminder that storm sewers in that area of the Village now flow directly to the river and that anything deposited in them would 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 273-2201 or email to swcoalition@albanycounty.com. Thank you for your assistance.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #927 is asking for anyone who has Halloween costumes that they do not want to please call Brenda Persons at 271-6184. If there are any veterans or active duty servicemen who have not received birthday cards or Christmas cards, please call Brenda with your address and the month you were born. They would love to send them to you and thank you for your service.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner to be held on **Saturday, October 18th** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$11 for adults, \$6 for children 5 to 12 years of age and children under 5 are Free. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions and programs. Take out is available.

Upcoming Dinners: **Holiday Bazaar & Ham Dinner – Saturday, November 8th**.

Community Dinner: **Friday, September 26th** from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. –at the Church of Good Shepherd – Enjoy a great meal, socialize with your friends and neighbors, all at **NO CHARGE**. Everyone is welcome!

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Post #927 is hosting a “Halloween Karaoke Party” on Friday, October 31st from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be costume prizes. For further information, please feel free to contact Donna Lazzaro at 274-1237 or the Legion Post at 272-1198.

HEATLY SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2015

The Heatly Class of 2015 will be holding a Car Wash at American Legion parking lot on Saturday, October 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please help support the Class of 2015.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 14, 2014

Dear Friends,

Well the concerts are over and it was quite a year. We had great music, great food and great crowds --- but to say the weather was “challenging” would be an understatement. In spite of it, we had a wonderful concert season and are already booking some of the bands for next year! We had our first ever raffle, selling tickets all summer long for a chance to win a beautiful book of the first ten years of concerts. Larry Cusack, who I think only missed one concert all season, won the book and told us he is going to donate it to our Senior Citizens Club after he has a chance to look at it. Thanks, Larry, and I am sure the Seniors will enjoy it!

We did a survey at the last concert to get some feedback on the bands and the food. 117 people responded and their comments and suggestions were great. The top three bands were *TS Ensemble*, *The Accents* and *The Swing Docs*. The top three food favorites were **Sausage and Peppers**, **Pasta Fagioli** and **Root Beer Floats**. Many of the survey takers had very positive comments and suggestions, but my favorite suggestion for next year was “**Less Rain.**” I couldn’t agree more. Our GIG Crew did a great job and worked very hard all summer and when we have to go under the bridge it is three times the work because everything has to be loaded into the truck, unloaded and set up under the bridge, loaded back on the truck and then unpacked back at the shed. We are thinking about buying a small shed and equipping it with a grill and a few extra tables so we don’t have to transport so much stuff, but we figure if we do that, it probably won’t rain and we will never use it. If that’s the case, I think we should do it!!!! Well, I just want to say “Thank You” to all who faithfully attended our concerts. You helped to make it our best year ever – in spite of the weather. And a huge “Thank You” to our sponsors who donate all the money to pay for the bands. We couldn’t do it without you!

We will be holding our autumn Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center. I am waiting for the scheduling sheets to arrive this week, so if you would like to set up an appointment, please call me at home (271-6965) and I will book your appointment. I will be giving my “usual donors” a call so they can give their semi-annual Green Island pint. Giving blood truly is a “Gift of Life” and I saw it first-hand last year when my husband, Mark, got nine transfusions. If that blood wasn’t there – he wouldn’t be here! Please help to keep saving lives!

Hats off to former Fire Chief Dave Carl! Dave is a proud veteran and a proud American who makes sure our flags are always in good shape. Dave donates new flags for all of our public flag poles every year just before Memorial Day. And recently he donated a new flag pole in front of the Community Center. He not only donated it, he and Ed O'Connor put it up. Thanks, Dave, for your continued support and for your proud patriotism. And you sure do look handsome in that Marine uniform that you wear in the parade!

Make sure you see the other newsletter for lots of information from the Recreation Department, the Fire Department, the Legion and the Church of the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd is having two of my favorite dinners in a row. I love the chicken and biscuits and the ham dinner. Last year I ate so much ham I started "oinking" as I left the church. And the chicken and biscuit dinner is right after the Blood Drive! That will make a nice ending to a long day.

Congratulations to our own Heather Gregory (in our GIPA billing office) who married her sweetie, Bob Johnson, yesterday. She was getting married on a boat on Lake George. I haven't talked yet to anyone who was there, but if she had the same weather there as we did here --- it had to be cold. It made me think that she must have the same luck with weather as we do at the GIG. It was beautiful on Friday and today (Sunday). Saturday was the only crummy day. But she has Bob to keep her warm and I am sure her great smile warmed them all. Best wishes to Heather and Bob for a long and happy marriage!

I will be sending out the registration forms for the "Festival of Trees" this week. I will be sending them to everyone who had a tree last year. If someone chooses not to take their tree this year, we will start contacting those on our waiting list. If you would like to be on our waiting list, please call the Village Office at 273-2201 and give your name to Barb. The trees will be decorated at 2:00 p.m. and lit at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th. I spoke to Santa and he says that he and Mrs. Claus are looking forward to visiting all the kids in Green Island again this year. You don't have to have a tree to enjoy the festivities and the hot chocolate. All are welcome!

I am proofing my letter and I realized how quickly things change. I started the letter with summer concerts and root beer floats --- and I am finishing with Santa Claus and hot chocolate! Where did autumn go? I guess we will have to rake the leaves, pick apples and drink cider in a hurry --- before the snow flies. And you all know how happy the snow makes me!

That's all for now folks.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan