

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**Village of Green Island**  
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**STORMWATER COALITION OF ALBANY COUNTY**

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 13 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Sean Ward, has been Chairman of their Board of Directors since its inception. The purpose of the Coalition is to foster cooperation 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](http://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. This is just an example of our many efforts to educate the public in the quest for clean water. For further information about Green Island's MS4 program contact Sean Ward at 273-2201 or [seanw@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:seanw@villageofgreenisland.com).

**NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR**

Just a reminder that all exemptions must be filed with the Assessor's office on or before March 1, 2015.

**NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE**

The 2015 season is almost here. Upcoming registration dates are scheduled for Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12 Noon at the Green Island Lanes. You can also register through our website [eteamz.com/greenislandlittleleague](http://eteamz.com/greenislandlittleleague). If you register online, you can pay by credit card.

**NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL**

**PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016 & REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION**

- **Kindergarten Registration** - Parents only need to register their child for the 2015-2016 Kindergarten school year if the child is not in the Green Island Universal Pre-K this year. A parent must stop into the school office during the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to pick up a registration packet. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 273-1422.
- **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from: Mrs. Fran Guilbault, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422).
- **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Registration** – Heatly School is now enrolling for 2015-2016 school year. Please come to Heatly School to pick-up your enrollment packet or call 273-1422 and sign up for registration before April 17<sup>th</sup>. **Registration dates:** Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Heatly Elementary.

### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927**

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The dinner includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 – 12 and FREE Pasta for Kids 4 and under. Take-out available; no deliveries. For further information and to purchase tickets, please contact the Legion Post at 272-1198.

On **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**, the American Legion Post #927, 35 Cohoes Avenue, will be hosting a **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 – 12 and for children 4 and under – FREE. Also available this year - corned beef sandwiches for \$5.00 and **for children only** 4 mini hot dogs for \$3.00. Dinner includes choice of Corned Beef or Ham, served with potatoes, cabbage, rye or soda bread, coffee/tea and dessert. Take-out available; no deliveries. For more information, please call 272-1198.

### **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate. **PAY WHAT YOU WILL** – proceeds benefit the Good Shepherd Youth Group activities.

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Community Dinner at the Church - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Come; bring your family and friends, all at no charge. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Thank you for your support!

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Adults - \$11.00, Children - \$6.00 for kids 6 – 12 and Children 5 and under are FREE. Come enjoy a dinner featuring Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, salad, specialty desserts, coffee and tea in their family friendly atmosphere. Eat in or take out. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions, and programs.

### **NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL - FRENCH CLUB**

The "French Club" of Heatly School will be holding a benefit SPAGHETTI DINNER on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and under 5 are FREE. There will be a Chinese auction and all proceeds will go toward their March 2016 trip to Paris and London. For more information contact the school at 273-1422 or [nprizio@greenisland.org](mailto:nprizio@greenisland.org). Thank you for your support.

### **THANK YOU FROM THE McHARGUE/ROOTES FAMILIES**

Jolene's husband, Scott, her sons, Tyler, Josh and Jake and her mom, Linda, want to thank everyone in our Village for their outpouring of love and support during this most difficult time in their lives. Your kind expressions of sympathy will never be forgotten.



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

February 17, 2015

Dear Friends,

I didn't think I could hate winter any more than I did --- but I was **WRONG!** I have broken all past records of my distain for this season. Between getting dumped with snow every time the guys just get it cleaned up and having numerous water main breaks, I **CAN'T WAIT TIL SPRING!!!!**

But I always try to look at the bright side to see the good that can come out of unfortunate happenings and there actually is a bright side – and that would be **OUR EMPLOYEES!** Our guys at DPW and GIPA have done a fantastic job of keeping our streets cleared as best as possible. And our Water Department guys and Tom Connelly and his crew from KC's have done an excellent job of restoring our water infrastructure under the coldest weather conditions possible. But we still have more snow coming and more water breaks to fix, so we will just keep plugging (no pun intended) until we get the job done. We have been waiting and hoping, along with every other municipality in New York State, that we would be seeing some grant money to replace our aging water and sewer lines and pave some roads, but I am not holding out much hope any more. I think it is time that we get some engineers to look at what we need to do and see how much it will cost. I know the costs will be great, but we are spending a lot of money just putting “Band-Aids” on these pipes and we are no further ahead – we still have an old infrastructure. I will keep you posted on any progress.

Some folks really won't like what I am going to talk about next. I have **NEVER** received so many complaints about people not shoveling their sidewalks. Complaints in the form of phone calls, emails, letters, texts and in person have come to me, the Village Office, Maggie (Code Inspector), Sean Ward and the Police Department. I know it has been a hard year to keep up with it, but that is all the more reason it needs to be done promptly. We have a local law stating that sidewalks must be shoveled within six hours of the storm's end. The fine is up to \$250.00 and/or 15 days in jail. This includes both residential and commercial properties. Believe me, I understand how difficult it is to keep up with it, but it must be done, so we will be enforcing the law and ticketing all violators. Fining people is not our goal. Our goal is to get everyone in compliance and keep our sidewalks as safe as possible. Try and be a good neighbor. If you have an elderly or disabled neighbor, why not do a good deed and shovel their sidewalk? You will be doing a good deed and getting some exercise at the same time. But I must also remind people that it is against the law to shovel or blow snow back into the road. I see red when the plows haven't even finished a street and someone is putting the snow back in the road. We must keep the streets clear and wide enough to get

emergency vehicles through. I would also remind drivers to let your passengers exit the vehicle first and then pull as close to the curb as possible. Hudson Avenue is tough because anyone parking on the west side of the street has to leave enough room for the driver to get out. There are no easy answers to all of these issues, but a little common sense and common courtesy will go a loooooong way!

Just a reminder that when we are doing curb to curb snow removal and we tell people to park in the municipal lots, please be aware that the lot at 66 Hudson Avenue is not for residential parking and is only for Village, Town and GIPA employees who are working. We must get their cars off the street during the operation. We made this lot for employees with the hope that they would not be taking up spots in front of people's homes and for Court nights so as to not inconvenience the residents. We appreciate your cooperation.

Alright, I am done with all snow related topics!!!!

On a brighter (and warmer) note, Little League registration is coming up, so that must mean Spring is in the air. Also, the American Legion and the Church of the Good Shepherd are having some yummy dinners coming up. Make sure you see the other newsletter for all the details.

On another bright note (again no pun intended), we have booked all of our bands for our summer concerts at the GIG. Maybe Mother Nature will be a little nicer this summer since she gave us so much rain last year and has been such a cranky old lady all winter. I don't know what we did to make her so mad, but at least we didn't get seven feet of snow like Buffalo and Boston. I was at a conference and was speaking to a mayor from out near Buffalo and I was complaining about the weather. He looked at me and said, "When you get to seven feet - we'll talk." I replied, "Touche" and we laughed. He still had a sense of humor.

Stay warm and dry --- and I'll try and be a little less crabby next month!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

PS: I just came from our monthly Village Board meeting and we voted to hold a public hearing at next month's board meeting to discuss amending our local law pertaining to snow removal on sidewalks. If you want to get your "two cents" in, please join us on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center.