

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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BUDGET HEARING DATE

Village Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street, Green Island for the presentation of the **Village Budgets** for fiscal year 2016-2017.

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.

RECREATION NEWS

Summer Employment: The Recreation Department is accepting applications for **summer employment**. Due to budget constraints, summer jobs will be extremely limited. A competitive interview process will be mandatory for all applicants. Applications are now available at the Village Office or with Mrs. Legault in the main office at Heatly School. All applications must be returned to the **VILLAGE OFFICE** on or before April 29th, no exceptions. Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2016 to be eligible for employment.

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 of Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member. The purpose of the Coalition is to foster cooperation, achieve cost savings 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. 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 as well and periodically mail out flyers to many businesses that show best management practices as it relates to their operations. This is just an example of the many efforts to educate the public in our quest for clean water. For further information about Green Island's MS4 program contact Sean Ward at 273-2201 or seanw@villageofgreenisland.com.

NOTICE FROM HONEYWELL REGARDING PARKING LOT ON TIBBITS AVENUE

Honeywell has informed the Village that due to insurance and liability concerns they will close their Tibbits Avenue (at High Street) parking lot to the public on April 1st. All vehicles and other personal items must be removed from the lot by that time or it will be towed or otherwise removed.

ALBANY COUNTY EXECUTIVE DANIEL MC COY WILL HOLD COMMUNITY MEETING
APRIL 18TH AT 5:30 P.M.

Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy will present his "State of the County" Tour to Village residents on Monday, April 18th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street, Green Island. This presentation will be held prior to the start of the monthly meetings at 6:00 p.m. The tour provides an opportunity for the County Executive to talk with residents in area municipalities about issues that are impacting them.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES BENEFIT

Team "HARD ROCKIN RELAYERS" will host a Vendors Fair on **Friday, April 22nd, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. They will have vendors from Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, It Works, Keep Collective Jewelry, Pampered Chef, DoTerra Essential Oils, PartyLite Candles, Tupperware, ThirtyOne Gifts, Pure Romance, Origami Owl, Avon, Jamberry Nails, Younique, Perfectly Posh, Melaleuca and Paparazzi. Please join them for fun, they promise to have something for EVERYONE! For additional information, please call Jenn Dorrance at 518-892-8701.

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION

The Sons of the American Legion will be sponsoring a **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** on Sunday, May 8th, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 for adults; children 5 and under are FREE. Menu consists of: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Home Fries, Toast, Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice. Any questions, please call the American Legion at 272-1198.

FUND RAISER FOR TEAM KAMDOM

Kamdon Wert is a 4th Grade student at Heatly School that lives in Green Island and has recently been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma. He is currently in Albany Medical Center undergoing treatment. A group of parents will be hosting a benefit on Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 at the Green Island Lanes, 4 Lafayette Street, Green Island. The event will start at 12 Noon. The cost is \$15.00 and includes: two (2) hours of bowling, plus shoes, music and lights. A silent auction will be held and is guaranteed to have something for everyone. They are asking everyone to stop by and show their support for this brave little guy.

NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Friday, March 25th – Good Friday Community Dinner at the church - **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** They will be serving a delicious Supper for all to enjoy, all at no charge.

Saturday, March 26th – EASTER EGG HUNT – 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt is for children 3 years old to 6th grade. They will have crafts, an Easter Egg Hunt and finish with ice cream. Please RSVP by March 20th to church office – 273-5531 with each child's name and age. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, April 9th – Roast Pork & Dressing Dinner – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children, 5 and under FREE. After dinner select a homemade dessert to enjoy with your coffee or tea. Takeout dinners are also available starting at 4:00 p.m. The event is open to the public with free parking.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

March 14, 2016

Dear Friends,

The Green Island Seniors Citizens had a Spaghetti Supper in honor of the late Mike Cocca on Saturday and it was a great day. Good food, good friends, nice weather and lots of volunteers to help. Thank you to our ticket takers, Annie Lazzaro, Fran Rootes, Eleanor Legnard and Peggy Fisk; our dessert, coffee and table stockers, Toni Jones and Jim Sasko; our servers, Maggie Alix, Michele Bourgeois and Lynn McGivern; our salad maker, Peter DeMento; our bartenders, Mark Swinton and Sean Ward; our cake maker, set up director and everything else lady, Jill Alix; our "take out" ladies, Theresa Files and Christa Caruso; and last but not least, our chefs and kitchen workers, Michael Cocca, Rachel Files, Mark Ryan, Kristin Swinton and Rachel Perfetti. We also had two young volunteers, Cole Bourgeois and Madelon Swinton, who "bussed the tables" all day long and did a bang up job. It is so nice to see young people volunteer in our community. And we already signed them up for the next time. When I announced at the end of the dinner that I hoped this would be an annual event, Michael Cocca and Rachel Files covered their ears and ran back into the kitchen! But I think they will do it again. Most people have no idea how much time and work goes into an event like this ahead of time. A sincere thank you to all who helped to make this day a success. I know Mike was smiling down on us!

On March 4th we had some unfortunate excitement in our village, but with quick and smart reaction from a resident and great police action, everything came out great. A resident came home to find a burglar in his home. He quickly called 911 and gave a good description of the intruder. Within minutes the police had spotted him. The suspect ran and the police chased him. With the quick back up response of the Cohoes, Watervliet and Troy Police Departments, the man was apprehended on the riverbank. The investigation is ongoing, but I think most of the valuables that were stolen have been retrieved. This incident had a positive and safe ending because of cooperation from residents, surrounding police departments, our County 911 dispatching and our own "men in blue" working together so well. This all happened as our students were being dismissed from school for the day. The police had dispatch notify the school to go into "lock down" and we were able to get most of the kids back inside the school until the man was apprehended. Some parents were annoyed because of the delay in picking up their children, but we did not know if the man on the run was dangerous, so we were not about to take any chances with the safety of our kids. The school was kept in "lock down" until it was safe. I am always telling everyone to lock their doors, but this guy got into homes that were locked. He was dressed in a suit and he apparently went unnoticed while he traveled the streets of town checking out where he would hit. He got into several homes throughout the village before he was caught. PLEASE, if you see something, call 911 immediately. Even if it turns out to be a false alarm, we want to check it out. The reason we have so little crime (compared to other places) is because of the cooperation from our residents and the fact that we have one of the best Police Departments in New York (I may be a "little" bias there). Thank you for helping us to keep our community safe. We have a lot of responsibilities, but Public Safety will always be #1.

Honeywell will be closing their parking lot on Tibbits Avenue at High Street. Honeywell has been very generous in allowing us to use this lot, but because of insurance and liability

concerns and potential environmental issues (due to people abandoning junk vehicles in the lot) they will be locking the gates on April 1st. However, they have agreed to allow the village to use the lot on a limited basis during snow emergencies. This is a very generous offer and we thank them for that. If you or anyone you know has a vehicle parked in the lot, please have it removed before the gate is locked.

A number of our residents are members of the Watervliet Elks and they do a lot of benevolent deeds. Joe and Marcia Benoit have been very active with the Elks for decades and have asked me to let our residents know that on April 17th from 1 to 4 p.m. the Elks will be sponsoring a "Celebration of Life" roast pork dinner for the benefit of Cancer Research. Tickets are \$10 and the event is being held at the Elks Lodge #1500 in Watervliet. They will also be having raffles and a silent auction. Good food, no dishes to do, prizes, good cause --- sounds like a good deal!

We have a bunch of other events and info in the other newsletter, too. The Legion is always busy. They are having a Mother's Day Breakfast (again, no cooking and no dishes to do) and a Relay for Life team is doing a fundraiser there on April 22. The Church of the Good Shepherd is having dinners on March 25th and April 9th and an Easter Egg Hunt of March 26th.

There is also a fundraiser for a young student at Heatly, Kamdon Wert, who is going through treatment for a rare form of cancer. It is being held at the Green Island Lanes on Saturday, April 2nd. Please see the other newsletter for all the details and please help by donating if you are able. Cancer is a terrible disease, but when it comes to a child, it is devastating. Besides the donations, I bet Kamdon and his family would appreciate a few prayers too!

Maggie has summer employment applications available and they must be returned by April 29th. All applicants will go through the interview process and the number of jobs is limited, so please put your best foot forward. Maggie also told me she is having a terrible time with littering in the Paine Street Park. She is spending an hour each morning picking up from people being too lazy to put their empty bottles, cans and trash in one of the many garbage cans available. Please remember that the park is an asset that we should take care of and anyone seen littering or causing problems in the park will be banned from using it. Please don't abuse the privilege and spoil it for everyone else!

We have all our bands booked for the Summer Concerts at the Gazebo. Our sponsor letters have gone out and we are hoping for the same great response we get every year. Our sponsors and the hard work of our Gig-A-Bite crew make these concerts possible and free to the public. No tax dollars are used for them. I'd say we are pretty lucky to have such generous sponsors and great volunteers. I will have more details to you in the coming months.

I have to end this letter by saying how grateful I am for the delightful winter that we have had. If they were all like this one I wouldn't dread winter coming every year. I'm glad our DPW crew got a break and the nice weather has allowed them to get a jump on a lot of the Spring chores that they have. The DPW and GIPA guys, along with the assistance of Deputy Mayor Rick Jones, have been working together to get a lot of work done and I truly appreciate their efforts. Keep up the good work fellows!

Well I just adjusted my margins to fit this on two pages and it can't go any wider, so I think I had better sign off for now. Hope the Easter Bunny visits all of you and only leaves behind yummy goodies (and nothing else --- if you know what I mean!)

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan