

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 26th – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – 6:00 P.M.

“HONOR A VET” PROGRAM

MICHAEL AND FRANCIS COCCA TO BE HONORED IN GREEN ISLAND

Brothers Mike and Frank Cocca, both deceased World War II veterans, will be honored as part of the Albany County “Honor a Veteran” program on Monday, May 2nd at 8:30 a.m. at our own, Legnard-Curtin Post #927. County Executive Dan McCoy, Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan, retired Congressman Mike McNulty, Congressman Paul Tonko and others will be on hand to make presentations to the Cocca families. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony in honor of two men who served our Country, County and Village very well during their time here with us. Refreshments will be provided by the Albany County Veteran’s Bureau and the Legnard-Curtin Post #927 after the ceremony.

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.

STREET CLEANING

Street Cleaning will be held in the Village on **Thursday, May 19th starting at 8:00 a.m.** This year the street cleaning will be conducted like our snow removal. The Police Department will travel the streets and announce the time that street cleaning operations will begin. If you do not hear the announcement, it will not be considered a legitimate excuse for not moving your vehicle. If you have any questions about street cleaning operations, please call the Department of Public Works at 273-5565. Vehicles that interfere with street cleaning will receive a **TICKET**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Rain date is Friday, May 20th.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on the following days:

MONDAY, MAY 23rd, TUESDAY, MAY 24th & WEDNESDAY, MAY 25th

A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 273-4959 or the Village Office at 273-2201.

MS4 ANNUAL MEETING

As per the requirements of our general permit with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Village of Green Island will hold an annual meeting to present and discuss our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program on **Monday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – NEW FORMAT FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays in May: **May 7th, 14th and 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the D.P.W. Garage on Cohoes Avenue. This service is for **GREEN ISLAND RESIDENTS ONLY** and will be limited to one pickup truck load or two SUV/station wagon loads for the **MONTH**, not each week. **Due to increasing costs of running this program a minimal fee of \$10 per car load will now be charged.** Participants must pay at the Village Office during regular office hours **before the date of the event.** Payment cannot be accepted at the site. Residents will be required to sign a form stating that the refuse came from their residence. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PROPANE TANKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the D.P.W. Garage at 273-5565 or the Village Office at 273-2201.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Friday, May 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. **Please see Mayor's newsletter for further information.**

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

The **"Mother's Day Flower Sale"** will be Monday, May 2nd – Friday, May 6th or until the baskets sell out. All assorted hanging baskets will be \$20.00 each. If you would like to pre-order a basket, please call Jill Alix at 272-7262.

RECREATION NEWS

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 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All players must be residents of the Village and be able to show proof. The regular season games will begin July 5th. All participants must sign up **before June 1st** at the Village Office or contact Maggie Alix at 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 1st.**

Summer Employment - All applications for summer employment must be returned on or before Friday, April 29th, no exceptions!

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 POST #927

Please support **"VETERAN WALKATHON"** on Saturday, April 30th, 2016 at Cook Park (Sharon Dr. Pavilion), Off Lincoln Ave., Colonie, NY. The event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion of Albany County. The WALK begins at 12 Noon with registration starting at 11:00 a.m. All donations will benefit VA Medical Centers, Veteran Nursing Homes in NYS and the Albany Fisher Home. Please make checks payable to: NYS SAL. For further information, please contact: Judy Benner at 518-869-8668 or Dave Bishop at 518-590-6483.

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.

The American Legion Auxiliary is asking for any veterans or active duty military that are not receiving birthday cards or Christmas cards to please call Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Community Dinner - Friday, April 29th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. — Everyone is welcome to come, they will be serving a delicious supper for all to enjoy at **no charge.**

Baked Ham Dinner - Saturday, May 7th - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Bring the family, all are welcome! After dinner feel free to sit back and enjoy dessert with your coffee or tea. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions, and programs. Take-outs available at 4:00 p.m., parking available. The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6 for children (5-12 years) and under 5 free.

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL – ART EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Corey S. Fong of the Heatly High School – Art Education Department would like to invite all residents to attend the 2nd Annual Heatly Car Show Fund Raiser to be held on Saturday, May 14th, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the former Ford Motor Company parking lot, located off of Tibbits Avenue. The money raised from the event will go to purchase digital cameras for the art students, as well as fund the "Back Pack Program". It will be a fun, family style event.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

April 17, 2016

Dear Friends,

I just returned from a nice vacation with my husband. Between my two jobs, I don't get much time off, so spending some uninterrupted time with him is delightful. We were also lucky enough to be gone when the snow storm arrived. Sorry I wasn't here (kidding) but at least it didn't stay long. I think that may be it for the year --- and that's fine with me. We really dodged the bullet this winter!

I will start with some good news. Rachel Files, who is a Village Trustee and our "head chef" at our summer concerts, was nominated and selected for one of the Albany County Executive's 2016 Volunteer of the Year Awards. The award ceremony was held on Monday, April 11th at the County Building. Rachel and seven others throughout the County were presented a plaque, proclamation and gift from County Executive Dan McCoy. Each of the people who submitted the nominations were allowed to speak about the person and I was delighted to tell everyone how I have watched Rachel, since she was a very young girl, always be there to volunteer for any cause, be it the kids in our Recreation Department, our Senior Citizens, the Food Pantry, the Christmas Program and especially our Summer Concerts, which she has been doing for the last 13 years. She is an amazing young woman and it was so nice to see her honored. What was also nice was listening to her give a speech (which we told her she wouldn't have to do) and she did a great job! Congratulations, Rachel, and keep up the good work.

I would like to invite everyone to a special "Albany County Honor A Vet" Ceremony on Monday, May 2nd at 8:30 a.m. at the Legnard-Curtin American Legion Post, where brothers, the late Mike Cocca and the late Frank Cocca, will be honored for their service to our country in World War II. This monthly event is usually held in Albany, but they were gracious enough to allow it to be held in Green Island so more of Frank and Mike's family and friends would be able to attend. Please join us in honoring these two great men. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. All are welcome!

We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 20th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center. I will be calling my "regulars" but if you are not on my list and would like to schedule an appointment, please feel free to call me at home (271-6965) or the Village Office (273-2201) and I will set you up. I can't tell you how important "the Gift of Life" is. Please help us save lives!

The winter was pretty mild, but the streets still get the “winter grime” and we want to clean them up. We will be doing our street sweeping on Thursday, May 19th starting at 8 a.m. PLEASE cooperate and move your vehicle when your street is announced. If you don’t move your vehicle, you will be ticketed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

You will probably notice when you get your August water and sewer bills that the sewer rate has gone up. This is due to the industrial usage being down from what it was years ago and the cost of compliance with state and federal mandates for combined sewer overflow and municipal storm sewer regulations. We are in a cooperative effort with the surrounding municipalities to meet compliance and that has saved us a tremendous amount of money from what it would cost if we had to do it on our own. I would also note that the only change in sewer rates in the last 30 years was a decrease in 2003. I would say that is a pretty good record! But we all know that our infrastructure is old and will be requiring some updating in the future, but for now, we will keep servicing it and keep looking for state and federal assistance to get the job done. I dare say that every municipality is facing the same issue, so we will keep working together.

Please see the other newsletter for information on outdoor burning regulations, hydrant flushing, Spring Clean-Up, the flower sale at the Seniors, and news from the Recreation Department, Relay for Life, American Legion, Church of the Good Shepherd and Heatly School.

I will give you more news next month about the Summer Concerts at the GIG. The lineup looks great and the menu looks delicious!

Enjoy this beautiful weather. I am typing this late Sunday afternoon and the sun is still shining brightly! That probably means another snow storm next weekend! Only kidding!!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan