

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
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**MARCH 2019**

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

Village Budget Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** 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 2019-2020.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, no exceptions. Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2019 to be eligible for employment.

The Recreation Department is partnering with the Green Island Senior Citizens to host a **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**. The event will take place on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 5 George Street. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5 to 10 and children under 5 are **FREE**. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and tea.

Don't have time for breakfast but want to stop in and see the Easter Bunny that's great too. The Bunny will have plenty of Easter treats for everyone and you're welcome to take your own pictures.

**STORMWATER COALITION OF ALBANY COUNTY**

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 11 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](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 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 518-273-2201 or [seanw@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:seanw@villageofgreenisland.com).

**2019 – 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES**

Please come and **JOIN US \* JOIN A TEAM \* MAKE UP A NEW TEAM** for the **4<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities** (formerly the Green Island Relay for Life) to be held on **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019** from **12 Noon to 12 Midnight** at the **Watervliet Jr./Sr. High School**. Hope to see you there! For further information, please google "Relay for Life" and type in 12189 for the Hudson River Communities Relay to come up, or you can contact Georgia Vieira, Community Manager at 518-220-6934 or Danielle

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

March 18, 2019

Dear Friends,

Hope you all had a great St. Patrick's Day! I had a wonderful afternoon celebrating with my husband, kids and grandkids and eating corned beef, pulled pork, mac and cheese, coleslaw and Irish Soda bread. My corned beef was good – but not as good as my Mom could make. I know how she did it, but mine is never as tender as hers. Maybe I can just blame it on a tough cow!

I am thrilled that I do not have to say I am typing this as the snow is falling. It wasn't a horrible winter --- just a VERY long winter. Hopefully we are done with that stuff. I am sure our DPW crew is glad it is near the end. They would much rather cut grass than plow snow. Spring also means we are that much closer to concerts at the GIG. All the bands are booked and I will be telling you more in the next few months!

Before I get into what's happening in town, let me just put out a plea about what you flush down your toilet --- didn't see that one coming did you? We have been experiencing issues of sewer clogs in the main sewer pipes. When we clear the problem, the culprit is always "baby wipes." I know that many manufacturers advertise that they are "flushable" – but trust me – they are not. They should NEVER be flushed. Please dispose of them in the trash. These clogs can lead to backups into private properties. If you have never experienced a sewer backup into your basement, you can't comprehend how awful it is. Our water/sewer department crew also tells me dental floss is another culprit. Please, the only thing you should ever throw in the toilet is toilet paper. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We work very hard to keep costs down. So, when we have unnecessary expenses like this, it does affect our overhead costs, which in turn affects your sewer rates. Please help us keep costs down AND keep everyone's basement "poopy free."

This next subject is addressed to parents with young children. Last year we didn't have our Little League because we couldn't get enough kids registered. We have a very hard working group of volunteers who did their best to make it work, but you can't have a league if you don't have players. This same group of volunteers was out this past Saturday canvassing the village with literature about joining this year. Please parents – talk to your kids about joining the Little League. It is a great activity that teaches kids how to play as a team, get great exercise and be involved in a community activity. I blame "smart phones" for a lot of the lack of interest in participation – but I won't get into that debate today. We have had