

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
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**GREEN ISLAND PROMOTES CLEAN WATER**

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 11 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Sean Ward, had been Chairman of their Board of Directors from its inception until 2016. 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 518-273-2201 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, 2020.

**NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL**

**PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 & REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION**

- **Kindergarten Registration** - Parents need to pick up a registration packet for their child for the 2020-2021 Kindergarten school year if the child is not in the Green Island Universal Pre-K this year. A parent may stop into the school office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. any day. You may also find the registration packet on the Heatly School website – [www.greenisland.org](http://www.greenisland.org). Any questions, please call the school office at 518-273-1422.
- **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Registration** – Heatly School is now enrolling for 2020-2021 school year. Please come to Heatly School to pick up your enrollment packet and sign up for registration before April 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration packets will be available in the office. **Registration dates:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 and Thursday, April 9, 2020. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Location:** Heatly Office.
- **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>, 2020**. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from: Mrs. Kimberly Watkins, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422).

**NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE**

The Green Island Little League is currently taking applications for the 2020 season. There is a **PLAYER CLINIC DAY** to be held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Heatly gym. Bring your glove. Parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to come and sign up their softball or baseball player. The cost is only \$30.00 to play and we will work out a price with families with multiple children. If there are any questions, please call Danielle Boudreau at 518-892-5431 or Marcia Etman at 518-596-0576.

## NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 5 – 12 and Free Pasta for children 4 and under. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Take-out is available, sorry no deliveries. For further information, please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** sponsored by the American Legion Post #927 will be held on **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Corned Beef or Ham Dinner will be served with potatoes, cabbage, carrots, rye or Irish soda bread, coffee/tea and dessert. Cost is \$13.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5 – 12, 4 and under is FREE. Take-out is available, sorry no deliveries. For more information, please call 518-272-1198.

## 2020 – 5<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 **5<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities** (formerly the Green Island Relay for Life) to be held on **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020** from **12 Noon to 10:00 PM.** at the **Watervliet Jr./Sr. High School.** We 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. You can sign up a team or donate to one. If you want more information about donating some time on the day of the event, you can contact Georgia Vieira, Community Manager at 518-220-6934 or Danielle Boudreau, Local Contact at 518-892-5431. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and National Honor Society members can earn volunteer time. We are currently looking for **ALL SURVIVORS** to come for a free dinner at the Relay. There are giveaways and prizes for the survivors as well! Call and reserve a seat now!

## NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Wednesday, February 26th / 6:30-7:15pm:** Lent is a special season of examination and renewal. Join us for a service of reflection, prayer, and music. Ashes will be distributed.

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER - Friday, February 28th / 5:30 - 6:30pm:** A FREE delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Bring your family and friends, all at no charge. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER – Saturday, March 7th / 4:30 - 6:30pm:** Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Bread, Salad, Beverages & Home Made Desserts. Adults - \$13, 12/Under - \$6, 5/Under - Free. Take Outs Start at 4pm and there is Free Delivery in Green Island. For Information: [goodshepherdgi.com](http://goodshepherdgi.com) or 518.273.5531.

## FREE BEDS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

We wanted to let you know about a new resource for families in Green Island who may be in need. **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**, a non-profit that provides beds to children without them, now has a chapter in Mechanicville. The Village of Green Island is in their service area. Their organization builds each bed with volunteers and delivers them complete with mattresses, sheets, pillows, and blankets. Each bed is twin sized and can be delivered either as a single or bunk bed, depending on the number needed by the family. Beds can be delivered to the primary residence of any child, aged 3 to 17, who does not currently have one. The volunteers will have to construct the bed on delivery, so you will need a minimum of 85" in length for a single bed or 96" for a bunk. If you have children who need a bed, or know anyone who does, you can submit your request by visiting their website at [www.shpbeds.org/request-free-twin-bed](http://www.shpbeds.org/request-free-twin-bed). Beds are delivered in the order that requests are made, so they ask for your patience. They are filling requests as quickly as they can, using just volunteers and donations. Feel free to follow them at [www.facebook.com/SHPMechanicville/](http://www.facebook.com/SHPMechanicville/). If you are able to help them by volunteering or making a donation, I know they would appreciate it. Together, we'll make sure **No Kid Sleeps On The Floor In Our Town**. Thank you to former Green Island resident and current SHP organizer/volunteer Beth Heffern for bringing this beneficial opportunity back to her hometown.

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

February 18, 2020

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I begin this letter. Our school and community experienced a terrible tragedy on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, when four of our students at Heatly were struck by a car while crossing 787. One young man died and the other three received serious injuries. Superintendent Kim Ross and her staff did an amazing job of assembling the proper resources to help the students and teachers find their way through this painful time and be there to support each other. There was a beautiful candle light vigil on the 11<sup>th</sup>, where everyone gathered to pray for all of the students and their families and friends. The road ahead for all those involved will be long and hard and I ask you all to keep them in your prayers. You folks never cease to amaze me in the support you always give and this is a time where it is needed – more than ever! This is one of those times when we realize that anything can happen and our lives can be changed in an instant. Hold close those that you love. Hugs are free --- and yet priceless. Let the small stuff slide --- and keep your eye on the big picture. And never underestimate the power of love!

The Green Island Little League is gearing up for the season. Please see the other newsletter for details. This is a wonderful program and would have been lost a couple of years ago if it weren't for some parents (most of who don't even have kids in the program anymore) who worked their butts off to get it up and running again. Parents, please encourage your kids to join. It is great exercise, teaches them about the sport and playing as a team and keeps them off their electronic devices for a little while! Those are all “wins” in my book. And thanks again to all the volunteers who keep this tradition alive. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Speaking of teams, the Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities is also gearing up for their 2020 event. It will be held on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 10:00 p.m. at the Watervliet High School. Please see the other newsletter for more details and what you can do to support the event. We have a lot of folks who have beat this disease and are walking proof that there is hope. Let's keep that hope alive!

A former resident of Green Island, Beth Heffern, is involved with a group known as “Sleep in Heavenly Peace,” which provides beds for children who don't have a bed of their own. There is a more detailed explanation of the organization in the other newsletter. Please read it and see if you know of anyone who might be able to benefit from their program.

OK, now on to one of my favorite parts of my newsletter --- FOOD!  
We have some “good eats” opportunities coming up. The Legion is having a Chicken Parm dinner on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and a St. Patrick’s Day dinner of corned beef or ham on March 17<sup>th</sup>. And the Church of the Good Shepherd is having a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Both of these groups work very hard and it is nice to show them our support. And I can honestly say – “I have never left either place hungry.”

Please see the other newsletter for lots more info from the Assessor, Heatly School and promoting clean water.

I think that’s it for this month. As I sit here at my desk typing my letter, I look out the window and the snow has turned to rain and the streets are pretty clear now. I know global warming is very serious and no joke, but if we could stop it from getting any worse and just keep our winters like this one --- I would be a VERY happy camper! The winter started off rough, but has been pretty mild since. I wouldn’t dread February so much if they were all like this one. You do know that I have probably just cursed us and we will get two feet of snow next week. The guys in DPW are probably cussing me out as they read this. But I know, whatever comes along – they can handle it!

Thanks for listening and please remember to keep the Heatly kids and families in your prayers!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan