

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

March 18, 2020

Dear Friends,

I am usually not at a loss for words, but what the world is going through right now is hard to put into words. We all need to work together. Our governor and county officials are doing their best to contain the spread of COVID-19 and keep us apprised of what to do. Our job right now is to follow their mandates. Part of the problem is we are facing something that we have never faced before and in this learning curve, the protocols can change by the hour. Please try to be patient and understand that everyone is doing their best to keep us all safe. Our village and town officials and staff can't save the world, but we can sure do our best to protect our residents. And I promise you we are doing just that!

Our Village Office is closed to the public, but staff is in every day. We have office staff working alternate days to comply with the workforce reduction mandate from the governor. While the office is closed to the public, you can mail in your GIPA electric payments, pay on line by credit card or put payment and bill in a sealed envelope and put through the mail slot at the front door of the village office.

We are also asking the public to only call for emergency services (Police and Fire) if truly necessary. Minor police incidents will be handled over the phone. If you have an emergency, please call 911 and give the dispatcher your information. If Police or Fire does have to go to your residence, they will meet you at the door and assess the situation. They will only enter if truly necessary. This is not just for the protection of our responders, it is also for your protection. Think about it. If one of our responders tests positive, it has the potential to quarantine the whole department. We don't want that to happen, so PLEASE help us keep everyone safe.

We were mandated to close our lunch program for Seniors. We have been given permission to prepare meals and deliver to our Senior population in Green Island. In order to make this work, we have some guidelines. Any Green Island resident over the age of 60 can call and reserve a lunch for Monday through Thursday by calling to Senior Center at (518) 272-7262 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **THE DAY BEFORE** the requested meal. The day of the delivery, someone will bring the meal to your home around 12 noon, ring your doorbell and leave. If you do not have a working doorbell, please be watching for the person delivering. They cannot have direct contact with you, so keep track of the number of meals delivered to you and the donation that is usually collected at Seniors can be settled up at a later date when everything calms down. All this is possible because of the

hard work of Seniors Executive Director, Jill Alix, who is determined to make sure her Seniors are fed and some volunteers from law enforcement and village and GIPA employees. The planned menu for the rest of March is:

- Monday, March 23rd is Baked Ziti
- Tuesday, March 24th is Beef Stew
- Wednesday, March 25th is Meatloaf
- Thursday, March 26th is Boneless Pork Chop
- Monday, March 30th is BLT Sandwich
- Tuesday, March 31st is Oven Fried Chicken

We will post April's menu on our website and put in a copy in next week's meal deliveries.

We will also be doing "well checks" by phone on our Senior and Shut In lists. If you are alone and would like to have someone check on you, please call the Village Office at (518) 273-2201 and leave your contact information.

And Heatly Superintendent, Kim Ross, is working hard with her staff to make sure all Green Island students get the proper nutrition. They have set up a system of "grab and go" meals on Monday through Friday that will be distributed from a tent set up in front of Heatly. From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. you can pick up a bag with lunch for that day and breakfast for the next morning. Kim has also asked me to request that if any parent's contact information, including home phone, cell phone or email has changed, PLEASE contact the school with the new information. It is vital that school personnel have current contact information for the parents of all students.

This pandemic isn't going to be over for a while. PLEASE take all the precautions that have been suggested. Our elderly and immune compromised folks are in the greatest danger, so please do all you can to keep them safe and healthy. Practicing "social distance" has been very difficult for me. I am a "hugger," so telling me I can't even shake someone's hand is a challenge – but I am doing what I am told. I have to be extra careful because I have several family members who are immune compromised --- and none of us are getting any younger!!!

Let's all do our part – and don't underestimate the power of prayer!

Sincerely,



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BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

Village Budget Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, April 8th, 2020** 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 2020-2021. **Due to the COVID-19 situation, the format for the hearing is subject to change. Please visit www.villageofgreenisland.com for updates.**

RECREATION NEWS

Summer Employment: The Recreation Department will be accepting applications for **summer employment**. Due to budget constraints, summer jobs will be extremely limited. Applications will be available for pickup at the Village Office or with Mrs. Legault in the main office at Heatly School starting on April 15th. All applications must be returned to the **VILLAGE OFFICE** on or before May 15th, no exceptions. Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2020 to be eligible for employment. **If the current COVID-19 situation changes this schedule we will notify you through this newsletter or our website, www.villageofgreenisland.com.**

2020 – 5th ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES

Please come and **JOIN US * JOIN A TEAM * MAKE UP A NEW TEAM** for the **5th Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities** (formerly the Green Island Relay for Life) to be held on **Saturday, June 13th, 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 GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

The Green Island Little League is currently taking applications for the 2020 baseball and softball season. The COVID-19 situation has forced Little League International to move the start of our local season until May 11th, but we fully expect to be ready to go by then and will have plenty of time for some good, fun baseball and softball. 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

The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion Post #927 will be sponsoring a **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** on Sunday, May 10th, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person; children 5 and under are FREE. Menu consists of: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Any questions, please call the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

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