

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

April 13, 2020

Dear Friends,

I honestly don't know how to start this letter. If I was at a loss for words last month, I don't know how to explain my feelings now. Guess I will just take a deep breath, try to compose my thoughts and let my fingers do the typing.

GRATEFUL: That is one emotion I am feeling.

GRATEFUL for Governor Cuomo's calm, yet forceful approach on keeping us informed and on the right track. I just hope and pray the public heeds his warnings so we can stop the spread of COVID-19 and stop the unimaginable loss of life that New York and the world are experiencing.

I am GRATEFUL for the heroes in health care (doctors, nurses, hospital employees) who are on the front lines every day, trying to save lives while at the same time worrying about bringing this disease home to their families.

I am GRATEFUL for our men and women in public safety, Police, Fire and EMS, who never know what they are walking into, but continue to do their jobs.

I am GRATEFUL for the men and women in education who continue to teach our children from a distance – in a way they have never done before.

I am GRATEFUL for the wonderful employees we have in our village who continue to pick up our trash, clean our streets, keep the water running, make sure the power stays on and who continue to do their jobs in the office and from home to keep local government running.

I am GRATEFUL to our residents and the public in general who maintain social distancing, wear their masks and gloves and try to remain positive during these very tough times.

I am GRATEFUL for the workers and volunteers at our Senior Center who are making sure our senior population gets their meals delivered.

I am GRATEFUL that the administration at Heatly School is making sure our kids don't go hungry by delivering food to their homes twice a week. (You can sign up by calling 518-273-1422 Ext 9)

I am GRATEFUL for all the folks who deliver the food, stock the shelves and check us out at the grocery store so we can continue to feed our families.

I am GRATEFUL for the Hospice workers and Funeral Directors who are trying to help families cope with losing a loved one and not being able to grieve and have the community support that would be possible in more normal times.

I am also SCARED.

SCARED of losing someone I love.

SCARED that people won't continue to use social distancing and we will end up in even worse shape and losing more lives.

SCARED that I will never again be able to hug the people I love or shake the hand of a friend.

SCARED – of a lot of things. But if you notice, my list of GRATEFUL is much longer than my list of SCARED. So I guess we have to concentrate on all of the things to be grateful for and never take anything for granted again. We will get through this thing if we work together. No pointing fingers or doing Monday morning quarterbacking. We have never faced anything like this in our lifetimes and I think our leaders did the best they could with what they had to work with. Things were changing on an hourly basis as more information came in. Hopefully we will learn from any mistakes that were made and be more prepared if we ever have to face anything like this again. Let's pray for better days!

On a happier note: Did any of you see the Easter Bunny riding around town the day before Easter? We were very happy that "Bunny" had some time to spare and could find a driver and even a Police escort. Thanks also to all the kids, big and small, who came out to wave to "Bunny" and still kept their social distancing! It was one more thing to be GRATEFUL for.

As crazy as things are, it is VERY IMPORTANT to make sure you do your Census report. Those numbers determine the funding that goes to local government and the aid to local schools. Whatever the final count is determines what we have to live with for the next 10 years, so PLEASE make sure you respond.

Here is the part of my letter that I usually tell you to make sure you check the other newsletter for what is going on around town. But I feel like we are living "ON HOLD." We don't know if we will have a Memorial Day Parade, or Little League, or Summer Concerts, or a Mother's Day Breakfast, or church dinners, or church services, or school, or Heatly graduation ceremonies, or a Summer Program at the Paine Street Park! I am certainly hoping that these things will happen, but we just don't know. What I do know is that if we continue to follow the rules of social distancing, wearing masks, washing our hands often and looking out for our fellow neighbors (especially the elderly), we will have a much greater chance of doing all of the above! And I know that when we do get to do "all of the above" -- we will NEVER take any of them for granted again!

Stay healthy and I hope when I write next month's newsletter, I will have a lot of good news for you!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
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**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21st – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Subject to change pending COVID-19 restrictions.**

**OUTDOOR BURNING BANNED UNTIL MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Acting Fire Chief Matt Lansing has announced a New York State ban on outdoor burning until **May 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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 14<sup>h</sup>** 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 518-273-5565. Vehicles that interfere with street cleaning will receive a **TICKET**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Rain date is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**HYDRANT FLUSHING**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 18th, TUESDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup> & WEDNESDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

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 518-273-4959 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP**

**POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19 SITUATION**  
**AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED WHEN THE SITUATION WARRANTS.**  
**PLEASE SEE VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR THURSDAY – BULK PICKUP DAYS.**

## RECREATION NEWS

**Summer Employment** – The Recreation Department is accepting applications for **summer employment**. Applications are now available online at [www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com). All applications must be returned to the **VILLAGE OFFICE** on or before Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Applications can be dropped off using the Village Office mail slot. Applications will also be accepted via email at [Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com) or [Wendy.Richmond@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Wendy.Richmond@villageofgreenisland.com). If you do not have the ability to print an application from the website please contact the Village Office at 518-273-2201 or email [Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com). Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2020 to be eligible for employment.

## 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 P.M.** 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

Due to the current situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic, it is not clear when we will be able to continue our planning for the Green Island Little League. We are currently accepting registration forms for all interested t-ball, baseball and softball players. For information or registration forms, please contact Danielle Boudreau at 518-274-3274 or Marcia Etman at 518-596-0576