

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 16, 2012

Dear Friends,

I just got back from the Family Day Picnic in the Park and it was awesome. We moved it to the River Park this year because we had hoped to be doing the demolition for the new sprinkler park in the Paine Street Park, but our schedule was delayed and we couldn't start it yet. However, it may have been a blessing in disguise because virtually everyone liked it better in the River Park. The weather was perfect, the crowd was the biggest I can ever remember for Family Day, the music was great, the food was delicious and Maggie Alix did a great job of organizing the whole thing (as she always does). My husband and I were kind of confused because it is the very first time we have ever gone to an event in the River Park where we didn't have to do anything --- and I quite liked it!!!! Thanks to all our vendors for their participation and the GIG crew for sponsoring the music. It really was an awesome day. Now it is just 11 short weeks (December 1<sup>st</sup>) until we have the Festival of Trees! Didn't see that one sneaking up on you so quickly did you? We had a great concert season in this park this year and the Recreation Department had a great season in the Paine Street Park. We really do get a lot of use out of our parks and hopefully the upgrades in the Paine Street Park will make it even more inviting for our residents. I put on my bathing suit for the last day under the old sprinkler so maybe I'll put it on again next summer for the opening of the new sprinklers. Let's see --- that gives me about nine months to take off 30 pounds before I do that again. About a pound a week doesn't sound bad but we have a better chance of seeing pigs fly than we do of me losing 30 pounds! What you see is what you get --- so I guess you won't be seeing LESS of me.

Our first ever Mayor's Cup, hosted by and for the benefit of the Legnard-Curtin Post American Legion will be held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Frear Park, followed by a prime rib dinner at the Legion. Anyone interested in a day of golf or just the dinner can call the Legion (272-1198) or Donna Lazzaro (274-1237) for details. I'm looking forward to a day of fun and raising some funds for a very worthy cause. It's nice when you can do both in one shot. Now if I could just hit a hole in one!

This is short notice, but our Firemen are having their Clam Steam on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lanthier's Grove in Latham. This is a really fun day, even when they get me in the egg toss and water balloon toss! If you would like to



attend, please call the Fire House at 273-1041 for info and prices. They will also be sponsoring Fire Prevention Week during the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all who participated in our September Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. We collected 24 units of blood, which is a very successful day. We will be holding another one in the Spring so stay tuned.

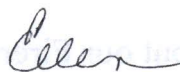
Donna Lazzaro asked me to let everyone know that the donation box in the Legion parking lot is only for clothing, shoes, bedding and pocketbooks. They CAN NOT accept household items (dishes, pots, pans, glasses, etc.). After our Village Wide Garage Sale many people dropped off these items and the Legion had the burden of having them taken away. If you have a question about whether something is appropriate, please call Donna first and ask before you drop off any items. She thanks you for your cooperation.

We had a groundbreaking for a new building in our north end Industrial Park last week. I am hoping that this is a sign that the economy is starting to turn around. Economic development everywhere has been at a standstill for several years and I am hoping this building is the beginning of a "second wind" in development in Green Island. We were blessed to have had some forward thinking people from BBL and the Galesi Group, along with my father, who saw the potential in our north end and worked to make it a reality. Three of those original key players are no longer with us, but I'm sure they were smiling down on us as we dug in our shovels at the groundbreaking. We even put three shovels on the pile in their honor. We should never forget the people who believed in us.

And we will not forget our former Chief of Police, Ken Davis, who passed away on Labor Day. Ken was a good friend who followed in the footsteps of his father to a career in Law Enforcement. I was moved to see all the present and former village, town and GIPA employees who turned out to respect Kenny by forming an Honor Guard at his funeral. He always told me he wanted a "Chief's Funeral" and he got it. Kenny suffered a lot these last few years, but now we can say "Rest in peace Chief – you've earned it."

Please see the other newsletter for lots of other info on what's happening around town.

Until next month,



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**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Members of the Fire Department will be visiting Heatly School and other community organizations during this week. The Fire Department will also be sponsoring composition and poster contests on various aspects of fire prevention. If you have any questions, please contact the Firehouse at 273-1041.

**RECREATION NEWS**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** - The annual **Halloween Parade** will be held on **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Cash prizes will be offered for the best costumes and floats. The parade forms at **5:30 p.m.** at the corner of George and Hamilton Streets and will **begin at 6:00 p.m.** Rain date will be Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** - Registration Forms for **YOGI CYO Basketball** will be distributed to classes at Heatly School. There will be a **\$15.00 registration fee** for all players this season, plus **\$20.00 fee for a uniform jersey**. Uniform jerseys will be custom ordered for each player. The uniform will belong to the player and will not have to be returned at the end of the season. Each player will be responsible for getting a black pair of basketball shorts. Checks should be made payable to **VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**. **A copy of the player's birth certificate will be needed for all that are new to the program.** Registration will be held on **Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at the **Municipal Center**. All players must be registered by November 1, 2012.

In addition to the following four teams, biddy boys and girls, and junior boys and girls, we would like to sponsor a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys team. We can only sponsor this age group if we have enough children interested. If we do not have enough 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to form a team, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to play on the biddy team.

Biddy girls and boys are generally for students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Junior girls and boys are for students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**FAMILY DAY PICNIC – THANK YOU** – The Village would like to thank all the sponsors, community vendors and workers who made this year's picnic a success. This year's sponsors, **RiverSpark**, along with the **Relay for Life - BFF**, the **GIG-A-Bite**, the **Church of the Good Shepherd**, the **Heatly Class of 2013**, the **Green Island Little League**, **MacMurray & Sons**, **Kevin Hogan** and **Chris Daus** all made it yet another successful event. **Thank you to all.**

**ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

The **Annual Food Drive** to benefit the Green Island Food Pantry will begin with the **BAG DROP OFF** on **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** and **PICK UP** will be on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** starting at **10:00 a.m.** The Green Island Department of Parks and Recreation, and students from Heatly School sponsor the food drive. Residents are asked to contribute whatever they can to help the needy families in our community. **Please refrain from donating expired items.**

### **PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS**

We have been observing and have noticed that many students and parents are not using the pedestrian signal buttons at the intersection of George and Arch Streets. They are very easy to use – just push the button and wait for the signal to cross. For your safety and the safety of all, we ask you to please use the buttons. Parents, please set a good example for our children. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION**

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #927 would like to remind everyone to register your Price Chopper Advantage Card for Heatly School or the school of your choice for "Tools for Schools". Please keep your Price Chopper cash register tapes, Box Tops for Education and all Campbell product labels and send them into school in a plastic bag with your child's name and grade and leave them with Brenda Person located at the entrance to school or you leave them in the drop box at the Village Offices. The Auxiliary and the school both get credit for any and all tapes and labels turned in. Any questions please call Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

The Legnard Curtin Post No. 927 will be hosting the Albany County Coalition Against Domestic Abuse presenting "Zumba for the Cause" on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Any questions, please contact Instructor Morgan Ashley at [ashlem@stage.edu](mailto:ashlem@stage.edu). Please wear the color PURPLE.

### **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> / 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. – CHICKEN-N-BISCUIT Dinner:** Adults: \$10.00, Children under 12: \$5.00 and Children under 5 – Free. Take Outs are available starting at 4:00 p.m. Free delivery in Green Island.

### **NEWS FROM HEATLY ELEMENTARY PTO**

The Heatly Elementary PTO is hosting "McTeacher's Night" at the Watervliet McDonald's located at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in Watervliet on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Some of Heatly's teachers and staff will be "working" behind the counter, at the Drive-Thru, and serving in the dining room. The PTO will receive a percentage of all sales from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please come join us for dinner and/or dessert. All sales during that time frame will count toward our total, whether you dine in, take out or drive thru! The PTO supports the Elementary Students and Staff at Heatly School with various events throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please email us at [heatlypto@hotmail.com](mailto:heatlypto@hotmail.com). As always, THANK YOU for your support!