

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**Village of Green Island**  
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**FEBRUARY 2014**

**REASSESSMENT PROJECT**

Municipal Assessment Services (MAS) is approaching the final stages of the 2014 Reassessment Project. MAS will be mailing impact notices to all property owners by March 1, 2014. There will be two informational training sessions on how to interpret the impact notice on **Thursday, February 27th, 2014 – 11:00 A.M. at the Green Island Community Center & 6:00 P.M. at the Green Island Municipal Center.**

If you would like to challenge your tentative assessment you may do so by setting up an informal review meeting with MAS. You can schedule an appointment by calling (518) 596-4544, Monday–Friday between March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. **OR** by filling out a “Review Application” and mailing it to the Green Island Village Office, Attn: Assessor by March 21, 2014 **OR** by sending an email to MAS at [masllc05@gmail.com](mailto:masllc05@gmail.com) along with a copy of the “Review Application” by March 21, 2014.

Informal Review sessions will be held at the Municipal Center, 19 George Street, Green Island, NY. All sessions are limited to 15 minutes and will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 17<sup>th</sup> (Mon), 19<sup>th</sup> (Wed), 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., March 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. & March 20<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Review Application and more information regarding this process will be included with your impact statement. All property owners have the right to formally contest their property’s assessment on or before Grievance Day: May 27, 2014.

**“RUNNIN’ OF THE GREEN (ISLAND)” - Celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club (HMRRC) is proud to announce the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **“Runnin’ of the Green (Island)”**- 4 mile road race through the streets of Green Island. The race will take place on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. with a snow date of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. There will be no **“day of”** registration (except Kids Fun Races).

The Kids Fun races will follow the main race, and will consist of three races depending on the number of children signed up: a 200 or 400 meter race; an 800 meter race and a one mile race. The kids must be 14 years old or under to participate. The fee is \$1 per child and any child can run in more than one of the races if they want. All the kids can have refreshments after the race at the Legion Hall.

The HMRRC would like to thank the Village of Green Island for their enthusiasm and assistance with this race, the Legnard-Curtin Post American Legion for their generous donation of the use of their facilities for this special event and the Adirondack Association of USATF as a generous sponsor of the race.

**STORMWATER COALITION OF ALBANY COUNTY**

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 13 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Sean Ward has been Chairman of their Board of Directors since its inception. 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 273-2201 or [seanw@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:seanw@villageofgreenisland.com).



### NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL

#### PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2014-2015 & REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION

- All parents wishing to register their child for the 2014-2015 Pre-K or Kindergarten school year must stop into the school office during the weeks of March 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to pick up a registration packet. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 273-1422.
- **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>, 2014**. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from: Mrs. Fran Guilbault, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422).
- Heatly School is excited to announce the development of a new initiative to open the school's library for Green Island residents. There will be books, public computers, and plenty of seating room for residents to enjoy. However, in order to get the program running, we are seeking volunteers to act as librarians for one or two evenings per week. Responsibilities would include checking in/out books that residents borrow, basic computer abilities, and maintaining a peaceful and quiet environment within the library. An informal interview will also take place to determine which evenings will work best for you. If you have any questions or would like to express interest please call the school at 518-273-1422 and ask for Angela.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Community Dinner at the Church.** Come; bring your family and friends, all at no charge. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** *This is a gift from the Church to the community.* Thank you for your support!

**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Adults - \$11.00, Children - \$6.00 for kids 6 – 12 and Children 5 and under are FREE. Come enjoy our dinner featuring Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, salad, dessert, coffee and tea in our family friendly atmosphere. Eat in or take out. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions, and programs.

### NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting a **LASAGNA DINNER** on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The dinner includes Lasagna, Salad, Roll, Coffee/Tea and Dessert. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5-12 and FREE Pasta for kids 4 and under. **Pre-Sale is recommended.** Delivery is available. For further information and to purchase tickets, please contact the Legion Post at 272-1198.

On **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, the American Legion Post #927, 35 Cohoes Avenue, will be hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 – 12 and for children 4 and under – FREE. Dinner will be your choice of Corned Beef & Cabbage or Ham & Cabbage, served with potatoes, carrots, bread/butter, coffee/tea and dessert. **Presale is recommended.** For further information call 272-1198 and Delivery will be available.

### NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

Upcoming registration dates are scheduled for Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Heatly School library. The cost is \$35/T-Ball (ages 4-6), \$50/Baseball (ages 7-13) and \$50/Girls Softball (ages 7-12). Any registration received after March 13<sup>th</sup> will be subject to a \$20 late fee.

Player evaluations will be held in the Heatly School Gymnasium starting with T-Ball (ages 4-6) on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. following with Girls Softball from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Boy's baseball evaluations (ages 7-10) will be held on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Boys baseball (ages 11-13) will be held on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact any board member or visit [greenislandll.com](http://greenislandll.com).



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

February 17, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is official: I REALLY HATE SNOW!!!! I never really liked it, but after the winter we have had, it is at the top of my list of least favorite things in the world. I think the only ones who hate it more are the poor guys in DPW. They have been living this nightmare 24/7 and have done an outstanding job of keeping up with it. On Saturday, we had our fourth curb to curb snow removal for the season and this one will cost us more than the other three combined because there is no room left to push it and it has to be trucked away. Our budget is shot and we still have another month of winter, but we will get through it. We always do. I just hope we get some periods of warm sunshine so we can slowly get rid of this and avoid flooding in the Spring. Ahhhh, the beauty of living in the great Northeast! My hat is off to Tony, Rich, Steve, Mike and Corey at DPW and Tom Connelly at KC's and Kevin Grennon at Machnick's (and their crews) for their tireless efforts in digging us out. Also to the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance. And I can't forget Maggie and her crew of flaggers for making the operation safe. Besides being frozen all day, the flaggers take the most abuse from motorists when they have to redirect traffic. I fill in sometimes when they are shorthanded and I got my first, how shall I say, "one fingered gesture" on Saturday. Some people have no patience --- or class. My hat is also off to all of our residents for your cooperation in moving your vehicles in a timely fashion so we could get the job done. We still had to do a few tickets and tows, but for the most part it was one of the most efficient operations we have done. Thank you and I hope I don't have to write about snow in my next newsletter.

Our FirstCall system is working very well. If you haven't signed up and would like to get notices for emergencies, cancellations and just about any other change in schedules, you can pick up a form at the Village Office or go onto our website ([www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com)) and get a link to register. It really is quite useful.

Our Reassessment Project is going very well and is approaching its final stages. Please see the other newsletter for dates and times of informational meetings and the schedule for challenging your new assessment if you so desire. Please don't open your impact notice and have a heart attack. It is very different because we are going to full value assessment. That doesn't necessarily mean your taxes are going up. For those of you who have been reassessed in recent years, your taxes may actually go down. For those of you who have been under assessed

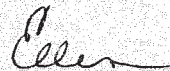


for many years, your taxes will most likely go up. And many of you will remain about the same. Funny thing is, and we all do it, if you are selling your home you think it is worth more than it actually is. But when it is assessment time, you think it can't possibly be worth that much. The best thing to do is look at your new assessment and ask yourself if you would sell your home for that price. If you believe it is over assessed, then you need to make an appointment to come in and discuss it with the folks from Municipal Assessment Services (MAS). They can explain how they came to that value and you can substantiate why you think it is incorrect. If you don't come to an agreement, you are entitled to grieve it with the Assessment Review Board.

The years have taken a toll on most of our Municipal buildings. All the buildings need repairs and remodeling but costs and budget restraints have kept us from making those upgrades. Our Policemen and Firemen both offered to do the labor if we would buy the materials to make some upgrades in each of their departments. The Fire House kitchen renovation is moving along nicely and has not had too many surprises. Firefighter Scott McHargue has been the "general contractor" for that operation and with the help of several of the other men they should be "cooking" very soon. I offered to cook them a "celebratory dinner" when it is done. Scott said he wants prime rib (he's no dummy) so that's what it will be. The Police Department locker room renovation, under the able leadership of Officer Bill Rice, has encountered several "setbacks," namely a broken sewer pipe which was eight feet down under a concrete floor and some leaking water and drain pipes above a tin ceiling. Neither of these problems were caused by the renovations. They just became apparent because of the renovations. Both repairs are costly and have held up the remodel. I just hope the guys don't lose their enthusiasm during the hold up. I am sure both departments will be glad when the construction is done. It is hard to keep the day to day operations going when everything is torn up. It will be nice to get back to normal and I have a feeling they won't be suggesting any more renovations for a while. I am very grateful for their generosity in volunteering their time and talents to make our departments the best they can be. I'm sure they would love to hear a "thank you" from our residents, too.

Well I think that's it for this month. Make sure you check out the other newsletter for lots of other info. And please say a little prayer that we don't get any more snow ----- EVER!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan