

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 22ND – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – 6:00 P.M.

OUTDOOR BURNING BANNED UNTIL MAY 15TH

Fire Chief Robert Bourgeois has announced a New York State ban on outdoor burning until **May 15th**. 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 **Monday, May 12th 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 273-5565. Vehicles that interfere with street cleaning will receive a **TICKET**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Rain date is Friday, May 16th.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th, THURSDAY, MAY 8th & FRIDAY, MAY 9th

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

MS4 ANNUAL MEETING

As per the requirements of our general permit with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Village of Green Island will hold an annual meeting to present and discuss our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program on **Monday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays in May: **May 3rd, 10th and 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the D.P.W. Garage on Cohoes Avenue. This service is for **GREEN ISLAND RESIDENTS ONLY** and will be limited to one pickup truck load or two SUV/station wagonloads for the **MONTH**, not each week. Residents will be required to sign a form stating that the refuse came from their residence. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PROPANE TANKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the D.P.W. Garage at 273-5565 or the Village Office at 273-2201.

REASSESSMENT PROJECT

Anyone that filed an informal review application should have received an assessment notice verifying either a change or no change in assessment. The next step of the process if you still disagree with your tentative assessment is to file a Grievance application. Applications are available either online at www.tax.ny.gov or at the Village Office. Grievance applications will be available May 1st and must be filed on or before May 27th. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 27th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 19 George Street, Green Island.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

There will be a **"Mother's Day"** Luncheon on Friday, May 9th at 12:00 P.M. Lunch will be a summer picnic buffet. The cost of lunch is \$5.00.

The “**Mother’s Day Flower Sale**” will be Monday, May 5th – Friday, May 9th or until the baskets sell out. All assorted hanging baskets will be \$20.00 each. If you would like to pre-order a basket, please call Jill Alix at 272-7262.

SENIOR CITIZEN CABLE T.V. DISCOUNT

- Effective August 1, 2014 Time Warner Cable will be offering, to all qualifying senior citizens, a discount on the standard monthly price for “full basic level of service” for one year. All application forms must be completed and returned by May 16, 2014.
- Renewal applications have been mailed to all existing discount holders. Please verify your information and return your application to the Village Office. Any questions, please contact the Village Office, 273-2201.

RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to the Vagabond Club, the American Legion, Green Island Seniors, Your Moments Photography and Pioneer Bank for sponsoring our Easter festivities this year!

Men’s Summer Basketball League Sign-Up - All men, 18 and over are welcome to sign up to play in the Green Island Basketball League. Games are played every Tuesday and Thursday with game times starting at 6:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. All players must be residents of the Village and be able to show proof. The regular season games will begin June 25th. All participants must sign up **before May 31st** at the Village Office or contact Christopher Karwiel at 273-2201. ***Failure to sign-up before the league starts could result in not being assigned to a team.*** Please do not assume you have been placed on a team. ***There will be a fee of \$50.00 per player this year.*** The fee must be paid before May 31st.

Summer Employment - All applications for summer employment must be returned on or before Friday, April 25th, no exceptions!

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The American Legion will be holding a **Good Friday Dinner** on **Friday, April 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The cost is \$7.00 per dinner. Menu choices are steamed clams, fish sandwich and fries or clam roll and fries.

The American Legion will be holding a **Mother’s Day Breakfast** on **Sunday, May 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at the American Legion Legnard-Curtin Post #927, 35 Cohoes Avenue. Menu choices will be scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, tea, coffee, and juice. Tickets will be \$7.00 per person, 5 and under are FREE.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

The Green Island Little League would like to invite all residents to attend Opening Day on Saturday, April 26th at 11:00 a.m. The first game will be played following the ceremonies at 12 Noon. There will be raffles, concessions and games scheduled throughout the day. For game schedules, please visit www.greenislandll.com.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Community Dinner - Friday, April 25th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. — Everyone is welcome to come, they will be serving a delicious supper for all to enjoy at **no charge**.

Ham Dinner - Saturday, May 10th - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. – They will be serving Ham (*with our special sauce*), potatoes, vegetables, bread, dessert, applesauce, coffee and tea. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions, and programs. The event is Eat in or Take-Out (free delivery in Green Island). The cost is \$11.00 for adults, \$6 for children (5-12 years) and under 5 free.

Annual Rummage Sale - Saturday, May 17th – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - sponsored by the United Methodist Women. You will find lots of bargains in clothing, household items, books, jewelry, shoes, toys, and so much more, with a clothing Bag Sale from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

April 15, 2013

Dear Friends,

OK. It is April 15th. I left my office at 6:00 p.m. to run home and make some dinner for my husband. As I walked out the door, a terrible hail storm hit. REALLY? It is April 15th. It is now 8:00 p.m. and I have just returned to my office to write this letter --- and it is snowing and 35 degrees! REALLY? It was 80 degrees the other day! I thought I was finally going to get to write to you and NOT start off the letter with "it is snowing." I was wrong. We must have really ticked off Mother Nature because she is one angry "chick." If I have to start off May's letter with "it's snowing," then I am either going to move or stop writing you letters. As if the snow isn't enough, we are also on a flood watch. Like I said, Mother Nature is not a happy girl!

But it is Spring, so that means we are going to be doing street cleaning on Monday, May 12th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Yes, you will get to hear me one more time over the loudspeaker saying "all cars must be moved for street cleaning." I know it is a pain, but there is so much winter grime that needs to be swept. And once it is done the streets look so nice. So PLEASE cooperate or you will be graced with a \$50.00 ticket. The Ford lot is open if you want to put your car up there the night before. If we have light rain, we will not cancel. But if the rain is very heavy, the rain date is Friday, May 16th.

Our GIPA guys are putting up the brackets for our new flags, which many of you so generously donated last year after we lost them in a storm. They will line George Street, Hudson Avenue, Arch Street and Albany Avenue. I can't wait to see them up and they will look great for our Memorial Day Parade on May 22nd. Thank you again for your continued generosity and commitment to our community.

We will be hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 16th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center. This drive is in honor of Jocelyn Kramer, a Green Island resident who is a cancer survivor and has gone through chemo and surgery during this past year. She has also been a volunteer at previous drives and can't say enough about how grateful she is to the generous blood donors who have saved her life with their "gift of life." She actually calls the donors her "silent angels." If you would like to be one of those "angels" just give me a call at 271-6965 and schedule an appointment. I will be calling my "regulars" very soon to see if they can help us out once again. Honestly, it takes an hour and it really does save lives. My husband is proof of that!!!!!!

Shannon Donohue's class of 27 first graders at Heatly just had a fun field trip to our Hydro Plant and our Fire Department. I am sorry I missed it because I heard they had some pretty intelligent questions and had a lot of fun too. It is good for the kids to see what goes on behind those doors that they pass every day. You never know ---- that field trip might have inspired a career to become a fireman, a lineman or an engineer.

As much as I like Spring (if it ever gets here), there are problems that come with it. Now is the time that we start getting calls about loud car stereos, smoke from backyard fire pits, cars speeding, noisy motorcycles, and my all-time favorite – DOG POOP! I bet I have already had at least 20 complaints about the poop. I will say it once again, if you see someone let their animal poop and not pick it up, please call the police (911) and report it. If the person has gone by the time the officer arrives, please tell the officer who it was (if you know them) or give a description of the violator and file a complaint with the officer. If they are found, they will be given a ticket. But you have to help us if you want this to stop. I know a lot of you don't want to use 911, but it is our only way to get through to the dispatcher. Tell them it is not an emergency and they will put your call through as a non-emergency. I know we all grew up being told you don't use 911 unless you have an arm hanging off, but that is the new way of doing things.

Please see the other newsletter about the ban on outdoor burning, hydrant flushing, Spring Clean-Up at the DPW garage, the reassessment project, news from our Seniors, the Recreation Department, the American Legion, the Green Island Little League and the Church of the Good Shepherd. You can also visit our website for up to date info. And if you haven't signed up for "First Call" that alerts you to emergencies or changes in schedules, you can still do so. It has been working very well and we think it is a good investment to keep our community up to the minute on what is happening.

Well, I think that is it for this month. I just looked out my window and all the cars are covered with snow. I wouldn't be surprised if the salt truck gets called out tonight. REALLY? It is April 15th!!!!

Hope you have a Happy Easter --- and your eggs don't freeze!!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan