

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 21st – 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 11th 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 Thursday, May 14th.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th, THURSDAY, MAY 7th & FRIDAY, MAY 8th

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 18th 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 2nd, 9th and 16th 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.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

There will be a "**CHICKEN PARM**" dinner on Friday, May 1st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The cost of dinner is \$9.50 and will include salad, chicken parm, ziti and dessert. Take-out is available, you may call 273-7262 to place an order.

The "**Mother's Day Flower Sale**" will be Monday, May 4th – Friday, May 8th 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.

RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to the American Legion, Green Island Seniors, 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 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All players must be residents of the Village and be able to show proof. The regular season games will begin July 7th. All participants must sign up **before June 1st** 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 June 1st.***

Summer Employment - All applications for summer employment must be returned on or before Thursday, April 30th, no exceptions!

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

Please support "**VETERAN WALKATHON**" on Saturday, April 25th, 2015 at the Crossings of Colonie, 580 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY. The event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion of Albany County. The WALK begins at 12 Noon with registration starting at 11:00 a.m. All donations will benefit VA Hospitals, Veteran Nursing Homes and Homeless Shelters in New York and the Albany Fisher Home. Please make checks payable to: NYS SAL. For further information, please contact: Judy Benner at 518-869-8668 or Dave Bishop at 518-590-6483.

Mother's Day Breakfast sponsored by the Sons of the American legion to be held at the Green Island American Legion on Sunday, May 10th, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$9.00 per person – children 5 and under are FREE. Menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee, tea and orange juice.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

The Green Island Little League would like to invite all residents to attend **Opening Day on Saturday, April 25th 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

THANK YOU to everyone who came out for the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. Lots of kids! Lots of laughter! Lots of fun!

Community Dinner - Friday, April 24th 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**.

Baked Ham Dinner - Saturday, May 9th - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Bring the family, all are welcome! They will be serving Ham, potatoes, vegetables, bread, dessert, applesauce, coffee and tea. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions, and programs. Eat in/Take-Out, parking available. The cost is \$11.00 for adults, \$6 for children (5-12 years) and under 5 free.

NEWS FROM HEATLY CLASS OF 2017

The Heatly Class of 2017 is sponsoring a **Chili, Sauce, Mac'n Cheese Cook-Off** on **Saturday, April 25th**. The Class of 2017 would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be a participant. The event will be held at the American Legion, 35 Cohoes Avenue. Set up is at 10:00 a.m., entrance fee for cooks is \$15.00 and there will be prizes for each category. The public is invited from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to sample a bottomless cup of chili, sauce, mac'n cheese for \$5.00. For further information or to obtain an entry form, please contact Kathy Kirch or Kim Watkins at Heatly School at 273-1422 or kkirch@greenisland.org or kwatkins@greenisland.org.

DIG SAFELY NEW YORK-CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Homeowners are reminded to call Dig Safely New York every time you dig into the ground, even if in your own back yard. This is so that all utilities in the ground can be located before digging. The number is 811 or 1-800-962-7962. Failure to do so can result in the obvious danger, and can be very expensive, as the utility companies will charge you back for any damages, which could be in the thousands of dollars. We recommend that you call our building department at 273-2201 beforehand if you have any questions. They also have literature about the Dig Safely program for your use.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

April 13, 2015

Dear Friends,

What a difference a month makes. It seems like EVERY month I started my newsletter by saying that I was sitting at my desk looking out the window at the SNOW coming down. I am delighted to tell you I am sitting at my desk, with the drapes pulled back, the window open, a nice warm breeze blowing in and the sun is shining! It doesn't get any better than that. As a matter of fact, it is warmer outside than it is in my office. I said the other day that I don't know if it is just me getting old or a really bad winter, but this one was a killer. I am SOOOOO ready for Spring! And you know it is here because the baby carriages are on the streets, the kids are on the swings in the park and the basketball courts are fully occupied.

Of course Spring also means the streets are dirty, the loud car stereos are back and the number of calls to the Police Department are up. We can manage all of it if we get out and clean up in front of our homes, turn down the stereos and be nice to our neighbors and families. We will be doing our Street cleaning on Monday, May 11th starting at 8:00 a.m. It works just like snow removal operations. We let everyone know the date, put it on the website, send calls and texts to those who have signed up for the notifications and announce each street so you can move your vehicles before the sweeper goes up and down the street. If the weather is bad, the rain date is Thursday, May 14th. Light rain won't stop the operation, but heavy rains will. PLEASE cooperate so we can get our village cleaned up. We really don't like giving tickets, but we will if we have to.

We will be doing our Spring Clean-Up at the DPW Garage on Cohoes Avenue on the first three Saturdays in May, the 2nd, 9th and 16th. Please see the other newsletter for the rules and you MUST be a Green Island resident to participate. This is a fairly expensive endeavor for the village, but we know it is difficult to get rid of some junk when you clean up, so we hope it puts you all in the mood to clean up for the nice weather. Also remember that we will be doing hydrant flushing the first week of May, so be careful when you do your laundry, especially the whites.

The Seniors will be having their Mother's Day Flower Sale and a Chicken Parm dinner. Check the dates and times in the other newsletter. We had an unfortunate situation at Seniors where someone stole the TV over this past weekend. Fortunately there wasn't any damage to the building, so we were lucky in that respect. We will be putting some new measures into effect to make it safer, but we still need everyone to keep their eyes open. If you see ANYTHING that looks suspicious, please report it to 911 and let us check it out. Even if it turns out that it was a false alarm, we would rather err on the side of safe rather than sorry. And if you think you may have seen someone there this past weekend, please call 911 and report what you saw. We are offering a \$100 reward for any information leading to an arrest. Maybe we can catch the bugger!

April 25th seems to be turning into a very busy day in Green Island. We have Little League opening at 11:00 a.m., a Veteran Walkathon at noon and a Cook Off for the Heatly Class of 2017 from 11 until 2. So you can watch the first pitch at Little League, run to the Crossings and walk for our Veterans and make it back in time to taste the goodies at the Cook Off. The details are in the other newsletter so please check it out. Other yummy events featured over the next few weeks are at the Church of the Good Shepherd for two dinners and Mother's Day Breakfast at the Legion. It's a wonder we don't all weigh 300 pounds with all the delicious events we have. I may be chubby – but I smile a lot!

Summer will be here before we know it (I wish winter went that fast). Check out our Recreation News for some of the details about programs and summer employment for our youth. And it won't be long before our concerts in the River Park will begin. I can't wait for that. I hope Mother Nature is in a better mood this summer. She has been quite cranky the last few years.

As I said earlier in the letter, please be aware of some of the problems that arise with the nice weather. Everyone has their windows open, so please be a good neighbor and keep the noise down. And remember, if you have a backyard fire pit, please be aware of where the smoke is blowing and don't use damp wood that creates excessive amounts of smoke. The smoke can bother someone who is healthy, but it can be devastating to someone with respiratory or heart problems. Please be a good neighbor. And remember to check if there is a ban on outdoor fires BEFORE you light a fire. Presently there is a ban until May 15th, but that may be extended depending on the weather conditions, so please check with the Fire Department ahead of time. And remember to keep the fire a safe distance from any adjacent structures or the Fire Department will be there to make you put it out. We don't fool around when it comes to public safety!

Well we have certainly covered a lot of topics in this newsletter. I will end it with wishing all the Moms a very Happy Mother's Day!!!! I miss my Mom every day. If you are lucky enough to have your Mom with you, give her an extra hug and let her know how special she is! It is the best present you can give her!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

PS: I know it must be Spring because I just heard Mr. Ding-A-Ling ringing his bells on Hudson Avenue!!!! Alleluia!!!!