

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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MAY 2015

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The annual **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Thursday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.** Lineup is at 5:30 p.m. on **Hudson Avenue**. Please note Hudson Avenue will be closed to traffic at George Street during lineup. All residents are encouraged to attend the parade and the brief ceremony at the Legnard-Curtin Post that follows. Please attend and honor our veterans and those who made the supreme sacrifice. The Green Island Power Authority puts a lot of effort into assembling the Veteran's float for the parade. We would like to fill the float to show our appreciation to our military service men and women. Please contact Maggie Alix at 273-2201 if you would like a ride on the float this year!

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works has asked that we remind all residents that they cannot accept lawn/leaf bags with dirt in them. Please remember to remove any and all dirt from lawn clippings and/or leaves that you are placing in the brown bags. Thank you for your cooperation.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Green Island will be hosting the **Relay for Life** with the American Cancer Society on **Friday, June 5th, at Veterans Memorial Stadium**. There will be a reception for cancer survivors at **5:00 p.m.** The event will kick off at **6:00 p.m.**, with cancer survivors walking the first lap at **6:15 p.m.** The event will run until **6:00 a.m. on Saturday**. For further information please contact Genevieve Ballerstein at 220-6943 or via e-mail at genevieve.ballerstein@cancer.org or call Michele Bourgeois at 281-8976 or email relay.greenisland@gmail.com. You can register online at www.relayforlife.org/greenislandny.

2014 ANNUAL WATER REPORT

In order to save on postage and keep with our theme of being environmentally conscious, the annual Village of Green Island Water Report is now available at www.villageofgreenisland.com, scroll to bottom of page and click on Water & Sewer. Please contact Sean Ward at seanw@villageofgreenisland.com if you have any questions or comments related to the report or Anne Strizzi at annes@villageofgreenisland.com if you would like to obtain a paper copy.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Friday, May 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. Please contact Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan at her home telephone of 271-6965 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

NEWS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Park Identification Cards

The Department of Parks and Recreation is enforcing **RESIDENTS ONLY** in the Paine Street Park between the hours of **6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. seven days a week**. You may obtain a **RESIDENT ID** at the Village Office during regular office hours. ***It is strongly advised you call first to make an appointment with Maggie Alix at 273-2201.***

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 Chris 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.

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Grievance Day is set for **Tuesday, May 26th** from **5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** - Friday, May 29th from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Everyone is welcome!
- **BAKED ZITI & MEATBALL DINNER** – Saturday, June 20th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Come and enjoy the dinner in their family friendly atmosphere. Proceeds will benefit mission projects in Albany as well as mission trips to Maine and Pittsburgh. The cost is Adults - \$10.00, Children under 12 - \$5.00 and under 5 – FREE. Eat in/take out and parking available.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

May 15, 2015

Dear Friends,

I get to start this month's letter with some very happy news. One of our Green Island Police Officers, Louis Perfetti, who is also a full time Officer in the Troy Police Department and a native of Green Island, was awarded the 2015 Chief John J. Givney Award on May 11th at Troy's 30th Annual Awards Breakfast. This award is synonymous with "Officer of the Year" award and we are so proud of Lou. He is a hardworking, dedicated, intelligent and caring Police Officer. Lou gives us 110% when he is working and I am delighted that his department recognizes and appreciates Lou's commitment to law enforcement and the public that he protects. His parents, Lou and Rachel Fulgan Perfetti (our Town Supervisor) must be bursting with pride. In these troubled times, when those in law enforcement are being disrespected because of a small percentage of "bad apples," it is refreshing to see respect and appreciation given to fellows like Lou. Congratulations Lou! You earned it!

The concerts will be here before you know it and we are looking for some volunteers to help us get the park ready for the season. If you would like to help us, please come to the River Park on Saturday, June 20th at 9:00 a.m. We will be raking, weeding, sweeping and sprucing things up. We will have the rakes and brooms, but if you have work gloves it would be good if you could bring them along. We don't want anyone getting blisters! We promise to have our work done by noon and maybe we can persuade Rachel to cook us a few hot dogs so you won't have to go home hungry. If you would like to help us, please call the Village Office and leave your name and number with Michele. That way we will know how many rakes, brooms --- and hot dogs --- to have on hand.

We will be hosting our Spring Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 29th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center at 5 George Street. I will be calling all of my "regulars" to see if they would book an appointment to give a pint. If anyone would like to join us to donate, please give me a call at home at 271-6965 or call the Village Office at 273-2201 and leave your name and number and I will return your call. I have been doing these drives for years and I know how important they are, but when I watched my husband's life be saved by multiple transfusions two years ago, I learned firsthand just how important they are. And summertime is the most critical time to donate because the donations traditionally decline in the summer months, which means the supply gets dangerously low. And you never know if you or someone you love may be the next one to be in need. If you can, please join us to help save lives!

The American Cancer Society will be holding the Green Island Relay for Life on Friday, June 5th. This is a wonderful event that is in its 13th year in Green

Island. My husband Mark and I chaired it for several years and the Bourgeois Family has been doing it for the last several years. They put a great deal of work into it year round because they know personally how the disease of cancer can affect our lives and our families. Our community has lost so many to this disease, but we also have many who have beaten the odds and are with us today. My favorite part is the luminaria ceremony. It is beautiful and peaceful and makes us really think about those we love. Please come out and support the Relay and say thank you to the Bourgeois family and all those who work so hard on this event.

I just learned that the Church of the Good Shepherd had some bad luck with their furnace/boiler a couple of months ago and had to have a very expensive major overhaul done. This church community has been here all my lifetime and I have never seen a harder working group of people who struggle to keep their church going. This unexpected expense has had a devastating effect on their budget, so if you have a couple of extra bucks that you would like to put to good use, feel free to send them a donation to help with this financial burden. They have not asked me to make this request, but I know they would be very grateful for any help they can get. They do so much to try and help those less fortunate. Now is our chance to help them!

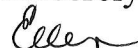
Our Memorial Day Parade is Thursday the 21st at 6:00 p.m. I hope this letter arrives before then to remind you to line the streets to thank our Veterans for all they have done – and continue to do – to make this country so great.

We are so fortunate to have other partners in government to help us out in times of need. Our Police Department is in need of 14 new bullet proof vests and our District Attorney, David Soares, has come to our aid once again by providing the vests to keep our men safe. And our American Legion Post has been working to get a generator for the Post so it can be used as a shelter in emergencies. Through the help of our own County Legislator Sean Ward, our Sheriff Craig Apple and our Assemblyman John McDonald, they have secured grants to make this a reality. I don't know what we would do if we didn't have these partners working with us. I think they always come through for us because they know how hard we work and how we try to stretch every dollar; and we only ask for necessities, not luxuries. Thanks David, Sean, Craig and John for all your help!

That's it for this month. I will be giving you lots of info next month on our concerts. We just had a meeting this morning to finalize our culinary "Specials" for the season – yummmmm! I can't wait for the music and dancing and eating to begin!!!!

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads and Grandpas out there!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan