

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

GREEN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

The Village of Green Island will sponsor the “GREEN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC” to be held on **Sunday, September 25th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Paine Street Park.

Included will be many different food vendors, face painting, balloon animals, bouncy bounce, as well as live entertainment by **Barbara Verdile’s Band, “Three Easy Pieces”**. Come play in our 2nd Annual Kickball Game against the Green Island Police Department, start time 12:30 p.m. There will also be a bike auction at 12:00 p.m., several gently used bikes can be taken home for a great price! We’ve added a Magic Show to our list of events, come check it out at 1:30 p.m. Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan will also be honoring Tom Torrisi & Jerry Legault for their outstanding community service and for keeping our children safe during the 2015-2016 school year.

Anyone interested in a booth, or in need of further information regarding the picnic, should call Maggie Alix at the Village Office, 273-2201.

HALLOWEEN PARADE - The annual **Halloween Parade** will be held on **Monday, October 31st**. 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 location will be under the Collar City Bridge on Hudson Avenue.

YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION - Registration Forms for **YOGI CYO Basketball** will be distributed to classes at Heatly School. There will be a **\$20.00 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 20th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** at the **Municipal Center**. All players must be registered by November 1, 2016.

We will be offering 6 teams at 3 different levels: peewee boys and girls, biddy boys and girls, and junior boys and girls. Peewee boys and girls are for students in 3rd and 4th grade, Biddy girls and boys are generally for students in 5th and 6th grade. Junior girls and boys are for students in the 7th and 8th grade.

FLAG FOOTBALL SPONSORED BY ALBANY COUNTY RECREATION DEPT.

Albany County Recreation Department is sponsoring a 6 week FREE Flag Football Clinic in Green Island. The clinic is being held at the “Big Field” on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (ages 5 – 7) and 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (ages 8 – 13) through October 15th. All Albany County residents are welcome. Cleats are optional, however sneakers must be worn. Registration forms can be downloaded at <http://www.albanycounty.com/cyf/recbureau.aspx>.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Friday, September 30th** 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.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 9th – 15th, 2016. Members of the Fire Department will be visiting Heatly School and other community organizations during this week. This year's theme is ***"Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years"***. 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.

STORM DRAIN MARKERS

Have you noticed the storm drain markers that read **"Don't Dump, Drains to Hudson River"** located near the catch basins on Albany Avenue, and other areas around Green Island? This marker is a reminder that storm sewers in that area of the Village flow directly to the river and that anything deposited in them will contribute to water pollution that affects swimming, fishing and even drinking water downstream. Please don't dump anything into the catch basins or drains (anywhere) and if you see others doing it contact the Village Office at 273-2201 or email to swcoalition@albanycounty.com. Thank you for your assistance.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner to be held on **Saturday, October 15th** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6 to 12 years of age and children 5 and under: Free. Take out is available starting at 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dinners: Ham Dinner & Holiday Bazaar – Saturday, November 12th.

GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE – "TRUNK OR TREAT"

"Trunk or Treat" at the Green Island Little League on Sunday, October 30th from 12:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat is a new fun way of trick-or-treating. Participants will park their car in the Little League parking lot; they open their trunks or back of their vehicle and decorate them. Candy is passed out from the trunks and the child goes from car to car treating. It's \$5.00 to enter a car; there will be prizes for the best decorated trunk. Each participant will need to provide their own candy. There is no cost for children (under 12yrs old) to trunk or treat. All proceeds will benefit the Green Island Little League.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

SAVE THE DATE – The American Legion Post #927 will be holding a **"CLAM BAKE"** on Saturday, October 22nd, 2016. Details will follow in next month's newsletter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 15, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am sad that our concert season has ended, but delighted to say this was the first year in our 13 year history that we did NOT have to go under the bridge because of bad weather. We got a little “mist” one week, but our “regulars” just put up their umbrellas and waited it out. We had the best year in our history at our Gig-A-Bite shed, serving hundreds of hungry concert goers every week. What makes our concerts so special is our GIG Crew, the Keebler Elves that bake for us, our generous sponsors and our great crowds who come to listen to the music and dance every week. Thanks to our DPW crew who get the park ready for us every Wednesday. We have already started booking our bands for next year, so stay tuned!

We tried a new traffic pattern at Heatly School in an effort to make it safer for our children and have a more efficient flow of traffic during drop off and pick up. It seems to be working very well, with the exception of a few people who think the barricade is for everyone else but them. That will all straighten itself out one way or the other with our Police Department enforcing it. Jerry Legault is now officially our School Crossing Guard and is working under the direction of our Police Department. He attended crossing guard training at the Police Academy in August. We wish him the best in his new job. And let's keep him safe in the road so he can keep our children safe!

Please see the other newsletter for details on lots of things happening in our community. The Recreation Department has tons of activities, including basketball, flag football clinic, Family Picnic on September 25th and the Halloween Parade on October 31st.

The Little League is sponsoring a new fundraiser – with the accent on “fun” – on Sunday, October 30th at their field. Check it out.

The Church of the Good Shepherd has my two favorite dinners coming up. I love the chicken and biscuit dinner and the ham dinner that have become tradition. I also love the homemade desserts and the pleasant conversation that buzzes as the dinners are being served home-style – which means you can go back for seconds!

We will be sponsoring our semiannual Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 30th from 1:00 to 6:00 at the Community Center. If I haven't reached out to you and you would like to be a donor, please call me at home (271-6965) to schedule an appointment. Walk ins are welcome, but we can get you through in a more timely manner if you have an appointment. Please help us save lives with the precious gift of blood.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to congratulate our Village Clerk, Anne Strizzi, for celebrating 40 years of working for the Village of Green Island. Anne is an amazing woman who possesses a vast amount of institutional knowledge about our local government and our community in general. She is the “go to girl” when we need something. I don't think she is contemplating retirement yet. Michele Bourgeois made her aware of a recent news article about a woman who is 99 years old and has worked for a school district as a secretary for 80 years. I can't print Anne's response to Michele, but you can use your imagination. From all of us – thank you “Annie” for your many years of dedication to our community. We love ya!

That's it for this month folks. I'm letting you off easy. The letter is short and the print is large. But next month I will start talking about my favorite holiday – Thanksgiving! That one will be a lot longer!

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather – even though you know what comes after it!!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan