

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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GREEN ISLAND PROMOTES CLEAN WATER

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 11 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Sean Ward, presently serves as Acting Chairman of their Board of Directors. 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. 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.

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Just a reminder that all exemptions must be filed with the Assessor's office on or before March 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please call Maggie Alix at the Village Office at 518-273-2201 or via email at maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com

NEWS FROM POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

The Village of Green Island's Policing Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Committee is looking for public input. The committee has been working on reviewing policies, procedures, and programs within the Green Island Police Department. The committee's final report will be available for public review on or before March 1, 2021. A public meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM on Thursday, March 11th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Residents will have the opportunity to participate in the virtual meeting. Residents can visit the website to submit questions or offer comment at any time. The Village will use the alert system, media outlets, and the Village website to share further information regarding the virtual meeting. Additional information can be found at the following website <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/police-department/police-community-review-board/>

PROPOSED ZONING CODE UPDATE

The Village has been working on updating our Zoning Code. A draft of the update is available on the Village website for public review. For a look at the proposed law and for more information please visit <https://villageofgreenisland.com/zoning-code-update-project/>. Our plan is to allow for public review via the website for a month or so. After that, the Village Board will set an official public hearing with a presentation so that the public can comment. After the public hearing, the Village Board will then proceed to adoption of the new local law. Please feel free to review the proposal and send any comments to seanw@villageofgreenisland.com.

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL

PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 & REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION

- **Kindergarten Registration** - Parents can pick up a registration packet or print one off the website for their child for the 2021-2022 Kindergarten school year if their child is not in the Green Island Universal Pre-K this year. A parent may stop into the school office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. any day. Any questions, please call the school office at 518-273-1422.
- **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Registration** – If your child is going to be 4 years old by December 1st, he/she is eligible for the 2021-2022 UPK program at Heatly. To register, submit a completed registration packet with the required documents to the school's main office or to Jennifer Keefer at jkeefe@albanycap.org by April 30th. Registration packets are available on the district website or can be picked up at the school. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 518-273-1422 or email Jennifer Keefer, the UPK Coordinator for further information.
- **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 1st, 2021**. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from Mrs. Kimberly Watkins, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422).

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

American Legion – Veteran Memorial Campaign

Thanks to a generous donation from Peter Luizzi & Bros. Contracting, the American Legion will be restoring and recreating the monument space in front of the building. The monuments honor the Village's long history of dedication and sacrifice to the armed services. The American Legion would like to invite the community to participate in the project. Residents, businesses and families have the opportunity to leave a personal mark and honor a hero by purchasing a brick for the new courtyard that will serve as a lasting tribute. There are two basic sizes, and you have the opportunity to purchase a mini-replica as a gift or keepsake. Your brick(s) may honor your family, commemorate an important occasion, recognize a business or memorialize a love one. In addition, the Legion is hopeful that a generous supporter and/or business sponsor will be interested in demonstrating support for our local veterans, past and present, by sponsoring one of the two memorial resting benches. For more information, please call the American Legion at 518-272-1198 or visit <https://brickmarkersusa.com/donors/lcp.html>.

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 27th, 2021** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 5 – 12. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Roll and Dessert. Take Out's only and Pre-Sale is **REQUIRED**. They will not accept walk-ins. Deadline for orders is Tuesday, February 23rd. For further information, please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198, Donna Lazzaro at 518-274-1237 or Bridget Brannigan at 518-273-1812.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner sponsored by the American Legion Post #927 will be held on **Wednesday, March 17th, 2021** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, rye or Irish soda bread and dessert. Cost is \$12.00. If you do not want a full dinner, we also have a corned beef sandwich and a bag of chips available for \$6.00. **Take-out ONLY, sorry no deliveries**. Deadline for orders is **Friday, March 12th, 2021**. For more information, please call the American Legion at 518-272-1198 or Donna Lazzaro at 518-274-1237.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

February 16, 2021

Dear Friends,

We have a number of things to tell you about this month. Some are informative, some are happy and some are sad. But we like to keep you updated about "What's happening in Green Island."

Our Green Island Policing Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Committee has been hard at work. They are expecting to have a final report available on or before March 1st and have scheduled a virtual meeting, via ZOOM, for March 11th at 6:00 p.m. where questions can be answered and comments can be made. There is more information in the other newsletter, so please check it out.

Robert Foster, who has worked in our Green Island Water Department for over 32 years, has decided to retire. Robert has been a faithful and hardworking employee for all of those years and we wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement. He lives right across the street from the Water Department, so we are hoping he might agree to help us out sometimes when we are shorthanded. He has been a real asset all those years and it would be nice to keep that expertise in use.

The Green Island Senior Citizens Club held a meatloaf dinner fundraiser last Friday and it went really well. They sold over 200 dinners. Thank you Jill, Gaylen, Rachel, Peter, Kristin, Maggie, Mark and Maddie for all your hard work. I hope we will be able to gather together in person and share a meal in the very near future. I don't think any of us ever imagined this COVID curse would go on over a year. At least the vaccinations have been started, but it looks like it will be a long process. We still have to keep up our guard and follow the safety rules. Now is not the time to let our guard down. Please stay safe!

The Legion is also having a couple of fundraisers: a chicken parm dinner on February 27th and a corned beef dinner on March 17th. Both dinners will be take out only and must be pre-ordered. All the details are in the other newsletter, so please check it out and support them. Fundraising has been really tough for not-for-profits during this pandemic, so they can use all the support they can get. Let's not let them down!

Please make sure to see the other newsletter about news from the Assessor, information from the Albany County Stormwater Coalition and registration for the 2021-2022 school year at Heatly. I sure hope the kids are back to "normal" by the time school resumes in September. They sure have had a rough and crazy year, as well as their parents.

Many of you may have seen on the news last week that an Albany County Sheriff's Deputy was in a bad accident. What you may not know is that the Deputy, Joseph Iachetta, is also a Green Island Police Officer. Undersheriff Bill Rice, who is also a Police Officer in Green Island, has been giving us updates every day. Joe received severe head trauma, but is progressing very well in just the first week. He is going to have a long road to recovery. He and his wife are expecting their second child in a few short weeks. I am asking you all to please keep Joe and his family in your thoughts and prayers. They are fortunate to have a good support system, but it never hurts to call on a "Higher Power" for a little more help.

Well, I think that's it for this month. As I am typing this, I can hear the snow and ice falling from my roof. It hasn't been an awful winter, but it sure seems like it has been here a long time. If we just get through the next four weeks, hopefully we will have longer days with more sunshine and warmer temperatures. My mother always said, "The older you get, the more you hate winter" and she was absolutely right. Isn't it funny how things your parents said when you were a kid make so much more sense now? Too bad we didn't appreciate our parents' wisdom when we were kids. We probably would have made a lot fewer mistakes!

Stay well and safe and get your vaccine shots as soon as you can. I want to be able to hug the people I love and see them smiling again!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan