

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

The Village Budget Public Hearing will be held virtually on **Wednesday, April 7th, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. The meeting can be viewed via "Live Stream" through the Village website – www.villageofgreenisland.com/village. If you are interested in reviewing the proposed budgets please call the Village Office at 518-273-2201, and a copy will be provided. Please submit questions and/or comments pertaining to the proposed budgets, to maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7th.

RECREATION NEWS

Summer Employment: The Recreation Department will be accepting applications for **summer employment**. Due to budget constraints, summer jobs will be extremely limited. Applications will be available on the village website on April 1st – www.villageofgreenisland.com. All applications must be returned on or before April 30th, no exceptions. Applications can be dropped off using the mail slot at the Village Office or can be emailed to Wendy.Richmond@villageofgreenisland.com. Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2021 to be eligible for employment.

The Recreation Department will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** at the Paine Street Park on Monday, March 29th at 6:00 p.m. (Rain date – Tuesday, March 30th). In an effort to maintain social distance, the children will be split into age groups with a designated start time. Each child will be allowed up to 10 eggs. Please bring your own basket or bag. The eggs collected can be taken home to enjoy! The Easter Bunny plans on visiting and will be available for pictures. This event is for Green Island residents and families ONLY. **Under 4 years of age – 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., Ages 5 – 7 – 6:20 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. and Ages 8 and up – 6:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

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 their 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>.

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 jkeefer@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 GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

The Green Island Little League is accepting registrations for T-Ball, Little League and Softball. Registration forms were sent home through Heatly School. If you did not receive a form from school because your child does not attend Heatly or if your child is not in school, please contact Danielle Boudreau at 518-892-5431 or Marcia Etman at 518-596-0576. The registration fee is \$30.00 for each child. If you have any questions or need help with family pricing call Danielle or Marcia. PLAY BALL!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

March 16, 2021

Dear Friends,

Well, how did you like that 60 degree weather last week? It was pretty awesome. It was warm, the sun was shining, kids were playing in the park, every mom and dad were out walking their babies in their carriages and it really felt good. Yes, things are looking up. Folks are getting their vaccines, kids are back in school and daylight savings time gives us one more hour of daylight every evening. All very positive things. But if we want to see things continue to go in a positive direction, we can't let our guard down. We need to continue to wear our masks, keep a social distance, wash our hands often and do our best to get everyone vaccinated as soon as possible. I can't wait to once again have my kids and grandchildren come to our house for our Sunday dinners. I want to be able to hug the people I love instead of bumping elbows. I want to see smiles that have been hidden behind masks for the last year. I want to have meetings in person instead of looking at people's faces in tiny squares on a computer screen (Zoom). As much as I hate doing meetings on Zoom, I don't know what we would have done without it. It kept us safe while still getting the job done. I won't say I have embraced technology, but this old gal has gotten pretty good at it, thanks to our younger, more tech savvy employees who have helped me along the way. Thanks for your patience!

The Legnard-Curtin American Legion Post 927 is having a fundraiser to rehab their monument space honoring those from Green Island that made the supreme sacrifice in all the wars. They are selling personalized bricks that you purchase to honor your family, commemorate an important occasion, recognize a business or memorialize a loved one (veteran, family, friend, graduate, child, etc). You can visit the website at <https://brickmarkersusa.com/donors/lcp.html> for more information. The deadline is April 4th so don't wait. The Legion is a very important part of our community. We need to do all we can to keep it going. They need our help. Let's not let them down!

As I mentioned earlier, the Paine Street Park has been seeing a lot of action now that the weather is improving. Parents need to keep in mind that the park is not staffed at this time of year. If you have young children, please accompany them when they go to the park. If your children are older and able to go to the park by themselves, please remind them that COVID rules are still in place about masks and social distancing. Please also speak to them about proper behavior. Bullying, foul language and fighting will not be tolerated. If they don't follow the rules and have to be evicted from the park, they will not be allowed back in. Please also remind them that the park is for Green Island residents only. If they bring in a nonresident friend that causes an issue and is evicted from the park, they too will be put out of the park. Parents must take responsibility for their children's behavior. Please help us to keep our park a safe place where all residents can enjoy themselves!

At our Village Board meeting last night, we passed a resolution adopting the Green Island Police Reform & Reinvention Plan, which was mandated by the Governor. I want to sincerely thank all the members of the committee that have worked for months on this project. Thank you to Chief Chris Parker, Sgt. Steve Barker, Officer Carlos Nazario, Officer in Charge Bill Rice, Maggie Alix (who coordinated the whole project), and residents Anthony Bryant, Don Cicchinelli, Donna Lazzaro, Kate Maloney and Kyra Oeffler. You all did a superb job and your efforts are truly appreciated.

Please see the other newsletter for details on the Village Budget Public Hearing, Summer employment in the Recreation Department, Heatly School registration and transportation and last but not least, the Green Island Little League --- Play Ball! And soon I will be giving you all the information on this year's GIG concert lineup! I can't wait!!!

That's it for this month. Hope to see everyone out and about as the weather continues to improve. Please stay safe and get your vaccine as soon as you can.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan