

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

April 16, 2021

Dear Friends,

Well, we got a taste of Springtime, but it didn't last long. Yesterday and today have been rainy and cold. I hope we get back to those 70 degree days very soon.

As much as I like the nice weather, it brings with it some quality of life problems like loud noise and loud music disturbing neighbors. It is nice to enjoy our backyards, but we must be mindful of being a good neighbor. I have already received some complaints that folks had to close their windows when the weather was so nice because the noise was so loud. We usually get complaints about backyard fire pits causing smoke to go into other people's houses, but if you notice in the other newsletter, all outdoor burning is banned until at least May 14th, and may be extended by NYS if needed. So smoke shouldn't be a problem for now, but please be mindful when the ban is lifted. In the meantime, enjoy the outdoors, but not at the expense of your neighbor's quality of life.

We have been informed by National Grid that they will be doing some much needed repairs to their main lines in Maplewood in the near future that will require power outages in the entire village. For GIPA residential and commercial customers, it will require two separate outages lasting about three hours each. For Grid industrial customers, it will also require two outages, but at a different time. While the outages are always an inconvenience, these repairs will make service more reliable in the future. They may not be able to give us much notice, so we are trying to let everyone know now so it isn't a surprise. And Grid is trying to make it the least disruptive as possible by doing it on a weekend, when hopefully folks can be outside enjoying the nice weather. As soon as Grid lets us know their schedule, we will send out an alert to everyone who has signed up for the alerts. If you haven't already registered for our alert system, now would be a good time to do it. You can get the form on our Village website or if you are not techy, call the office and I am sure Tara would mail you a copy of the form to fill out.

Spring is always a busy time. We will have street cleaning on Thursday, May 13th. The details are in the other newsletter. PLEASE cooperate by moving your vehicle when your street is announced. We don't like giving out tickets, but we need to get the job done. We will have hydrant flushing on May 17th, 18th and 19th, so it is best not to do your laundry on those days because it sometimes discolors the water. We will also be doing spring clean-up at DPW on the first three Saturdays in May. Please see details in the other newsletter. You must be

registered and prepaid in order to participate. It is not like the old days where you could just show up. And please remember that we cannot take any hazardous waste. But we can now take old propane tanks but please make sure they are empty so no one gets hurt.

We are going to have our Memorial Day Parade on Thursday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m. It will be like last year's parade where we go up and down the streets. The route is in the other newsletter. Please be mindful that we need to abide by the pandemic guidelines of masks and distancing. Also, if anyone would like to stand by their Military Banners in the north end, that would be nice. This isn't the ideal Parade experience, but it is the best we can do to honor our Veterans during these crazy times. Let's let them know we appreciate their service and sacrifice.

The Paine Street Park is really hopping on the nice weather days. It is nice to see families enjoying the park together. We want to remind everyone that the park is for Green Island residents. The Albany County Sheriff's Department will be bringing their "Kids Safe" vehicle to the park on May 1st and 2nd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon to make ID cards, which will be required for use of the park. Please bring some sort of proof of residency (utility bill, driver's license, lease agreement) with you when you come for the photo IDs. Parents, please accompany your children who are getting IDs. Please note that Park Staff will be checking IDs when on duty. Please also note that pandemic guidelines of mask and distancing are still required in the park. Let's do our best to keep everyone safe so the park doesn't get shut down due to an outbreak!

Check out the American Legion news in the other newsletter. They are going to be having a Mother's Day Breakfast --- and it isn't "take out"! Almost feels like normal. And they are going to have their golf outing in June. See all the details in the other newsletter and let's show them our support. Let's hope with so many people getting vaccinated that things will get back to normal. But we aren't out of the woods yet, so don't let your guard down.

Check out the other newsletter for the rest of the things I couldn't fit in this one. Like I said, Spring is a busy time!

I hope the weather continues to improve and we can all get out a little more, get some exercise and see our neighbors and friends. I can't wait for our Wednesday night concerts to start in the River Park on July 7th. More news on that in next month's letter. Wait till you see the lineup of bands!

Stay well and stay safe!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, THURSDAY, MAY 27th – 6:00 P.M.

Green Island is bringing the parade to your doorstep. Similar to last year, a parade will be held just on a smaller scale. The parade will go up/down the north/south streets. The parade will start on Albany Avenue near Albany Mechanical at 6:00 p.m. and will proceed north to Hudson Avenue, south on George Street, north on Paine Street, south on James Street, north on High Street, south on West Street, north on John Street to Cohoes Avenue, east onto Veterans Memorial Drive, south on Cannon Street, east on Tibbits Avenue and back down George Street to Albany Avenue where the parade started. The float will stop at each war monument for a salute. While this is not our ideal way to honor our Veterans, it lets our Veterans know we appreciate their service and their sacrifice. We invite everyone to watch from the parade route. Please avoid large congregations and respect the social distancing regulations.

OUTDOOR BURNING BANNED UNTIL MAY 14TH

Acting Fire Chief Matt Lansing and Officer In Charge Firefighter Scott McHargue have announced a New York State ban on outdoor burning until **May 14th**. 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 **Thursday, May 13th** 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 518-273-5565 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201. Vehicles that interfere with street cleaning will receive a **TICKET**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Rain date is Friday, May 14th.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

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

MONDAY, MAY 17th, TUESDAY, MAY 18th & WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th

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 518-273-4959 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays in May: **May 1st, 8th and 15th** 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 wagon loads for the **MONTH**, not each week. **Due to increasing costs of running this program a minimal fee of \$20 per car load will now be charged.** Contact Tara Bourgeois if you are interested in participating. Tara can be reached by phone at 518-273-2201 or via email at Tara.Bourgeois@villageofgreenisland.com. Participants must pay **before** the date of the event. Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the Village Office. The fee can also be paid online at <https://www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/cyg/plc/a0042i>. Please write "Spring Clean Up" on the envelope or in the

memo section if paying online. Payment cannot be accepted at the site. Residents will be required to sign a form stating that the refuse came from their residence. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PROPANE TANKS WILL BE ACCEPTED, NO HAZARDOUS WASTE.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the D.P.W. Garage at 518-273-5565 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201. Please stay in your vehicle and wait to be directed by Village personnel. Masks are required.

RECREATION NEWS

Summer Employment – The Recreation Department is accepting applications for **summer employment.** Applications are now available online at www.villageofgreenisland.com. All applications must be returned to the **VILLAGE OFFICE** on or before Friday, April 30th. Applications can be dropped off using the Village Office mail slot. Applications will also be accepted via email at Wendy.Richmond@villageofgreenisland.com. If you do not have the ability to print an application from the website please contact the Village Office at 518-273-2201. Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2021 to be eligible for employment.

PARK IDs

The Albany County Sheriff's Department will be bringing the Kids Safe RV to the Paine Street Park on Saturday, May 1st and Sunday, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Sheriff's Department will be issuing ID cards. These cards will be required for use of the park throughout the summer. Families will be required to show proof of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, driver's license, etc.). Please do not miss this opportunity. MASKS are required.

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. The meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM on **Monday, May 17th at 6:20 p.m.** Meeting information can be found on the Village website – www.villageofgreenisland.com.

Riverkeeper Sweep

The Village is teaming up with the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County and Riverkeeper and participating in the Riverkeeper Sweep, an annual day of service for the Hudson River. Volunteers will be cleaning the shoreline on the Hudson River on Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact Maggie Alix at 518-273-2201 or via email at Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com More information can be found at <https://www.riverkeeper.org/news-events/events/rvk-events/10th-annual-riverkeeper-sweep/>

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST to be held on Sunday, May 9, 2021 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the American Legion. The cost is \$10.00 person, children 5 and under are FREE. Cost includes Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Any questions, please call the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held on Friday, June 25, 2021 at Briar Creek Golf Course, 2347 Pangburn Road, Duanesburg, NY 12056. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$85 per person and includes Greens Fees, Coffee and Donuts at the Course, Hot and Cold Buffet, and three (3) hours of open bar from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. back at the American Legion and the Non-Golfer Cost is \$30.00 (Buffet and Open Bar Only). Make checks payable to "LCP 927". Please submit all teams and money to Donna Lazzaro or Ozzie Cusack by Friday, June 11, 2021. Any questions, please contact Donna Lazzaro at 518-274-1237 or the Legion Post at 518-272-1198. Don't miss out on the fun!!!!