

**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, Maggie Alix, presently serves on the 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](http://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**

Property owners that are or will be 65 years old **prior to December 31, 2022** may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR. All **new** exemption applications must be filed with the Assessor's office on or **before March 1, 2022**. Existing Senior Citizens Aged exemptions will roll over to the 2022 final roll by resolution of the Village Board in accordance with Executive Order 11.1. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Alix at the Village Office at 518-273-2201 or via email at [maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com)

**NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL**

**PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023 & REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION**

- **Kindergarten Registration** - Parents can pick up a registration packet or print one off the website for their child for the 2022-2023 Kindergarten school year if their child is not in the Green Island 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 contact Angela Legault at 518-273-1422, ext. 6.
- **Pre-K Registration** – If your child is going to be 4 years old by December 1<sup>st</sup>, he/she is eligible for the 2022-2023 Pre-K program at Heatly. To register, submit a completed registration packet with the required documents to the school's main office. Registration packets are available on the district website or can be picked up at the school. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Legault at 518-273-1422, ext. 6.
- **Request for Transportation** - Residents of the Village of Green Island who are requesting transportation for their children to charter and 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. 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, ext. 5).

## NEWS FROM THE LITTLE LEAGUE

The Board of the Green Island Little League (GILL) has been working on making the 2022 season the best yet. We are accepting registration forms for all potential ball players. We have kept the cost at \$30 per player if paid by March 31st. It goes up to \$40 per player after 3/31. There is family pricing available as well. All Pre-K thru 6th grade students at Heatly School were given a registration form to bring home. If a form is needed or there are any questions, please contact Danielle Boudreau @ 518.892.5431 or Marcia Etman @ 518.596.0576

The GILL is also in need of a new score board. We are looking for donations to defer the cost. We will display a 40" X 40" sign with all sponsors names. This sign will be displayed on the field fence under the new scoreboard. There are 4 levels of sponsors:

Platinum - \$100

Gold - \$50

Silver - \$25

Bronze - \$10

If interested in helping the GILL to obtain this much needed score board please contact Bob Boudreau @ 518.788.5789.

## NEWS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

**Chicken and Biscuit Dinner** – Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Take-out & Delivery Only.** Dinner includes: Chicken/gravy, biscuit, vegetable, mashed potatoes, extra gravy (*on the side*), and a brownie. The cost is \$14.00 – **Reservations only** – please call 518-273-5531 and leave a message with your name, how many dinners you are ordering, what time you will pick up (or want delivery in Green Island), and a return phone number so we can confirm your reservation. **Once they reach 130 dinners, no more reservations will be accepted.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

February 11, 2022

Dear Friends,

I never thought you would hear me say that I would have rather had a foot of fluffy snow, but that is exactly how I felt when we woke up to four inches of ice and dense snow on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>. I had a doctor's appointment that morning, so we had to go out. First time in my life that I walked on top of the white stuff and didn't even leave a footprint! It was totally solid! Our guys were out all night trying to keep up with it and it is a good thing they did because everything else was frozen solid by Friday morning. We tried to clear our sidewalks when we got home, but it was a "no go." I think I actually heard my snow blower laugh at me as I came out of the garage and it just glazed over the top – not picking up a bit of the slippery white mess. So, the snow blower got to rest in the garage and we got out the rock salt and calcium chloride and started spreading it. We knew it would be days before we would have any success. Thank God my kids and grandsons came to our aid on the weekend. A couple of years ago I ended up in the hospital after a snow shoveling event and I don't think they wanted to repeat that. Thank you to all the residents who moved their cars during clean up to help our plow drivers. Your cooperation makes a BIG difference in how successful we are in clearing the streets. We still have a couple more months of winter, so please continue to cooperate. To those of you who have still not moved your cars, please be more cooperative next time. I understand that older residents and those with physical limitations are reluctant to go out, but you need to make arrangements with family, friends or neighbors to give you a hand. If there is one thing I can guarantee, it is the folks in our community are always ready to help out those in need! They prove it time and time again. That is one of the reasons I love living in this village.

Maggie Alix and I were invited to attend a meeting with the officers of the Green Island Little League at the beginning of February. They are gearing up for the 2022 season and wanted to discuss how we could work together to avoid some of the unaccepted behavioral issues that they experienced last season. We experienced the same kind of issues in our other parks last year. Last year we put into place new rules for the parks and these rules govern ALL of our parks, including the Little League and the Veterans Memorial Stadium. Park counselors or any adult in charge can expel any individual, child or adult, from the parks for inappropriate behavior. We don't want to do this, but we must keep our parks safe and a desirable place for parents to bring their families. The first and second offense will include a set number of days that the offender is prohibited from using any of the parks and the third offense is a ban from the park for the season. Copies of the written reports will be given to the Police Department and to the parent or guardian if the individual is a minor. Parents, PLEASE talk to your children about proper behavior. And parents, PLEASE be a good role model for your children when you are at an event or in the park. Our kids learn from us – good or bad – they learn from us. Let's all be good role models!

OK. This is my last negative issue I am going to talk about this month: Dismissal time at Heatly School. I don't know if it is pandemic depression, cabin fever or just the winter blues, but some people are displaying some pretty bad behavior. We set up new rules for drop off and dismissal times a few years ago. Signs have been posted about where cars can park and there is absolutely no double parking allowed at any time. The school sent home the rules for parking during these times and we put it in our newsletters. Some people don't like to follow the rules and in doing so, they are endangering the safety of our children and inconveniencing other motorists. I will give you my latest experience. My husband and I were trying to get to our home on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and we couldn't because there was a woman double parked in the road near the north entrance to the school. We were several cars behind her and there were cars backed up behind us all the way to Arch Street. A truck in front of me tooted his horn, but she would not move. I got out of my car, went up to her and told her she had to move. Her reply was "I am picking up my kid and there is no place to park" and refused to move. Her passenger door was open, so I went around the car and closed it and told her one more time to move. Her reply was "Don't ever touch my f#%\*ing car again" and she moved up a little so the cars could get around her. As we passed through, we clearly saw at least four places to legally park on the street. I know it is difficult to park near the school during these times, but the other parents park legally and walk to pick up their children. So now we have to send the police up to ticket violators who double park, park across crosswalks or park in the Fire Lane. We don't like to do this, but we need to protect the public, especially our children. And I don't like doing it because it is a poor and unnecessary use of police resources. The only good thing that turned out from my confrontation with this mother was several cars that were stuck behind me stopped to say "thank you" for getting the car moved. I guess it wasn't their first time getting trapped behind a double parker.

I feel like "Debbie Downer" on Saturday Night Live. I try to be positive in my letters, but this one didn't quite get there. Maybe I am suffering a little from the "winter blues" too. But I have a cure for that. My Honey and I are going away for a few days and that is why I had to write my letter a little earlier than usual. Maybe the sunshine and a little pampering will cheer me up so I can be "Susie Sunshine" in next month's letter. We can only hope!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan