

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

The Village Budget Public Hearings will be held on **Monday, April 11th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** If you are interested in inspecting the proposed budgets please call the Village Office at 518-273-2201. Please submit questions and/or comments pertaining to the proposed budgets, to maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11th.

RECREATION NEWS

Summer Employment: The Recreation Department will be accepting applications for **summer employment**. Due to budget constraints, summer jobs will be extremely limited. You may obtain an application online at www.villageofgreenisland.com or at the Village Office. All applications must be returned to the Village Office by Friday, May 13th, no exceptions. Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2022 to be eligible for employment.

The Village is also accepting applications for evening park staff. Applicants must be 21 yrs. of age or older, and available in the evenings from April - October.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND 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. The cost goes up to \$40 per player after 3/31. Family pricing is available. 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 scoreboard. We are looking for donations to defer the cost. We will display a 40" x 40" sign to recognize all sponsors. This sign will be displayed on the field fence under the new scoreboard. There are four (4) levels of sponsors: Platinum - \$100, Gold - \$50, Silver - \$25 and Bronze - \$10.

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

The GILL has decided to add "Corporate" Sponsorship for the much needed scoreboard. There will be 2' X 2' areas around the new scoreboard. These squares can include a business name; an "In Memoriam"; or name(s) of family members. These squares will be displayed for a minimum of 5 years at a cost of \$300. There are a limited number available; first come (paid), first served. Please see our Facebook Page for a sample image and details on how to reserve your spot.

GILL has scheduled two (2) dates for field day and concession/bathroom clean-up, April 16th and April 23rd from 9:00 a.m. until ? Any and all volunteers are welcome to join.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Moms/Dads are needed for the little league season. Anyone that is interested in helping in this aspect is asked to contact Marcia Etman @ 518.596.0576 or Danielle Boudreau @ 518.892.5431.

ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES

The annual **Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities** will be held on **Saturday, June 11th, 2022**, at the Watervliet Jr./Sr. High School. Every one of us has been touched by cancer in some way. Friends, relatives, caregivers, survivors – we all use our special passion to help the American Cancer Society save lives, celebrate lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer. To learn more about how you can make an impact, or to start or join a team please see below.

We also need all Survivors to join us in the celebration of life at the Relay. There will be a free dinner and raffle prizes for all Survivors that RSVP to Danielle Boudreau at 518.892.5431. Call with any questions or for more information.

CONNERY'S CRUSADERS 14th ANNUAL KICK CANCER'S BUTT TRIVIA NIGHT will be held on **April 16th** at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. Sign up begins at 6:00 p.m. Keeping with the theme of the 2022 Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities, MARDI GRAS will be theme. Dress up, wear beads, throw on a feather boa and come to win prizes. There will be raffles and a 50/50 drawing. This event fills up fast. We have had the max number of teams for several years in a row. Contact Kim Sheedy at 518.330.4059 or Danielle Boudreau at 518.892.5431 for more information about teams or if you would like to donate a raffle prize.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER – **Saturday, April 2nd, 2022** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **RESERVATION ONLY:** Call 518.273.5531 and leave a message with your name, how many dinners you are ordering, what time you will pick up (or delivery in Green Island) and provide a return phone number so that they can confirm your reservation. Chicken/Gravy, Biscuit, Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Extra Gravy (on the side) and a Brownie. Cost - \$14.00. Drive-Thru/Take-Out. Reservations will be capped at 130 Dinners

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

March 16, 2022

Dear Friends,

Once again, I want to thank all the residents who cooperated so well by moving your vehicles during the snowstorm last week. Your cooperation was a big help to our DPW/GIPA guys getting the streets cleared. Let's hope that storm will be the last we see of snow for this season. It wasn't a horrible winter, but it sure is nice to see some sunshine and the daylight lasting a little longer. Hope to see you all out walking as the spring like weather heads our way.

Speaking of spring, the Green Island Little League is gearing up for the 2022 season. Please see the other newsletter for details. And you don't have to have kids in the Little League to enjoy it and support it. You can volunteer to help with prep and cleanup in April, attend a game to cheer for the kids and treat yourself to some good food at the Concession Stand during the games. I'm all for not cooking dinner and enjoying a couple hot dogs. How about joining me?

Now that the nice weather is here and we will be seeing more people out walking and using our parks, let me remind all dog owners that you **MUST** pick up after your dog (it is a local law that has penalties for violators) and dogs are not allowed in ANY of our parks. That includes the River Park, the Paine Street Park, the Little League, Veterans Memorial Stadium and the parks under the Collar City Bridge.

I am going to keep my letter short this month so we can include some important information from GIPA on the back of this letter explaining how your electric bill is calculated. It is important to understand that GIPA has no control over the billing as the rates are determined by the NYS Department of Public Service (PSC) and the NY Independent System Operators (NYISO). **Please take the time to read it.**

Also, please take the time to read more information in the other newsletter regarding our Public Budget Hearing, summer employment opportunities for both youth and adults, upcoming Relay for Life events and the Good Shepherd's delicious Chicken and Biscuit Dinner (my favorite).

That's it for this month. By the time you get this, St. Patrick's Day will have passed, but I hope you had a good one! And remember that COVID-19 and its variants are still around – so **STAY SAFE!**

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC BILL

EXPLANATION OF CHARGES

Each month, the Green Island Power Authority (GIPA) generates and sends you a bill for the energy you used during that billing period. Below are explanations of the various charges that appear on your monthly billing statement. The New York State Department of Public Service (PSC) determines what information is allowed to be included on your bill. Please call the billing office if you have any additional questions that are not addressed below.

Base Rate

The first two lines of your bill combine to form our base rate and these rates are determined by the PSC after the approval of a rate case. The first line is calculated by multiplying the KWH used by the fixed rate of 0.06588. The Customer Charge is also a fixed charge of \$1.84 per month, no matter how much electricity is used. These amounts are used to help recover the costs associated with maintaining and operating our distribution system (meter reading, equipment, repairs, vehicles, billing, personnel, etc.).

PPAC Reading

The Purchase Power Adjustment Charge (PPAC) is a way for GIPA to recover the cost for the generation and transmission of power to GIPA's substation, as well as State assessments. Part of this charge is for the costs that GIPA incurs related to purchasing the energy used by our customers. This is a variable charge and will fluctuate every month. All power used within the Village is purchased through a contract with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) as well as from the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) at day ahead market rates. GIPA is billed weekly by the NYISO and monthly by the NYPA. The total amount paid by GIPA in one month is then used to calculate the PPAC rate that customers are charged in the bill they receive the following month. GIPA does not have any control over market rates and the rate customers are charged reflects the exact amount that GIPA has paid to purchase power. These rates can fluctuate greatly based on extreme weather as well as the price of gas, which is used to produce electricity. According to Bloomberg.com, as of 3/15/22 the cost of power during peak demand times is averaging \$138.70 a megawatt-hour, up from \$48 a year ago.

Power is purchased from the NYPA and the ISO and is brought from outside the Village to the GIPA substation using National Grid's transmission lines. GIPA receives a bill from National Grid on a monthly basis for the use of the transmission lines. This cost is included in the PPAC rate.

State mandated assessments are also included in the PPAC rate. These amounts are set by the State and the funds are used by the State. GIPA receives a bill from the State for the amount that we are required to collect from our customers and send to the State.

The PSC reviews and approves the PPAC rate calculation monthly.

Current Charges

Current charges are determined by adding the above charges together. Residential customers are not required to pay any tax for their electric usage.

Previous Balance and Penalty

Any amount due and not paid by the previous due date will appear as a previous balance. The PSC has determined that this amount is subject to a 1.5% penalty. Please note that monthly bills are typically calculated and printed a few days after the previous due date. For example, the bill for your December 2021 usage was calculated and printed on January 20, 2022 and was due by February 15, 2022. If you made a payment more than a few days after that due date it is very likely that your next bill was already printed and mailed to you and includes a previous balance in the total amount due, even though you have made the payment for the previous balance. Please call the billing office if you need to confirm that your payment was received and you will be given an updated total amount due.