

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, THURSDAY, MAY 26TH – 6:00 P.M.

The annual **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m.** This year the Village will go back to the original parade route. Lineup is at 5:30 p.m. on Hudson Avenue. Please note that Hudson Avenue will be closed to traffic from George Street to Market Street during lineup. All residents are encouraged to attend the parade and the brief ceremony at the Legnard-Curtain Post that follows. This year's ceremony will include the unveiling of the new memorial. The Green Island Power Authority puts a lot of effort into assembling the Veteran's float for the parade. We would like to fill the float with our veterans and military men and women. Please contact Emma Heffern at 518-273-2201 or Emma.Heffern@villageofgreenisland.com if you would like to ride on the float. Let's honor our veterans and those who made the supreme sacrifice.

UPCOMING PLANNED POWER OUTAGE BY NATIONAL GRID

National Grid is working with the Green Island Power Authority and the Village of Green Island to schedule a planned power outage. Please see the Mayor's letter for more information. The Village will use the First Alert system to notify the public once the schedule has been confirmed. Please sign up for the Alert system if you haven't done so already. You can sign up by visiting the Village Office or online at <http://villageofgreenisland.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Alert-notification-form.pdf>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE GEESE IN OUR PARKS

Please **DO NOT** tamper with the reflective strips that have been hung around the fence at the Paine Street Park, the Hudson River Park and/or the Heatly school yard. The reflective strips have been hung for a reason, they are meant to deter the geese from landing and grazing in those areas. Geese can carry diseases through their feces that can be harmful to humans. Please refrain from any behavior that may attract geese. For example, do not feed them and put your garbage in the closed lid receptacles provided.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works has asked that we remind all residents that they cannot accept lawn/leaf bags with dirt in them. Please remember to remove any and all dirt from lawn clippings and/or leaves that you are placing in the brown bags. Thank you for your cooperation.

VILLAGE TAX COLLECTION

Village Taxes will be collected at Catskill Hudson Bank, 148 George Street, the corner of George and Arch Streets, Green Island from June 1st to and including July 1st during regular banking hours. All checks should be made payable to: Village of Green Island. Anyone wishing to mail their payment should mail it to Catskill Hudson Bank, P.O. Box 1546, Green Island, NY 12183.

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Grievance Day is set for Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Grievance proceedings will be held virtually via ZOOM. For further direction or assistance, please email maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com or visit the Village website at <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/assessor/>.

2021 ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The annual Village of Green Island Water Report for 2021 is being processed for approval and will be available in the very near future by visiting the Village website at www.villageofgreenisland.com, scroll to bottom of page and click on Water & Sewer/Stormwater. Please contact Maggie Alix at maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com if you have any questions or comments related to the report or Anne Strizzi at annes@villageofgreenisland.com if you would like to obtain a paper copy.

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

The term "swimming pool" means any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing or wading which contains or which is designed to contain water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground pools, hot tubs, spas and fixed in place wading pools. Before you consider putting up any pool, including an inflatable or easy set pool/spa please call the Building Department at 518-273-2201.

NOTICE PERTAINING TO RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

Recently, we have noticed that a few residents have placed permanent fixtures, mostly fences/planters/flower boxes/trees, etc., in the Village owned Right of Way (ROW). We have also seen structures such as porches or landscape walls built in the ROW too. While we are very appreciative of our residents taking care of their properties and beautifying, putting objects in the ROW becomes a liability for both the Village and the owner of the property. To explain, the ROW is the area between the curb and generally about 13' inward from the curb. The area of the ROW varies street by street with some streets (Albany Avenue is one) having a larger ROW. Sometimes ROW is misunderstood because the Village owns the ROW but the homeowner is responsible for its maintenance (including sidewalks). Please do not put us in a position where we have to mandate that you remove a structure from the ROW. **if you are putting anything in or near the ROW, including replacing existing fixtures/structures, please contact our Building Department at 518-273-2201 and make sure you are in compliance beforehand.** If you presently have something in the ROW, please call immediately. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE REDISTRICTING

The Albany County Redistricting Commission is holding a public hearing on Thursday, May 26th, at 5:00PM. Interested parties can participate in person or via Zoom. The hearing will be held in the Cahill Room of the Albany County Building, 112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. PDF and interactive maps can be available at AlbanyCounty.com/ACRC

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held on Friday, June 24, 2022 at Briar Creek Golf Course, 2347 Pangburn Road, Duaneburg, 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 \$40.00 and includes 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 10, 2022. 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!!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

May 17, 2022

Dear Friends,

I have a lot of stuff for you this month, so I will get right to it.

We all know the Starbuck Island development is a beautiful addition to our village, but apparently others have noticed what a great job Pete Luizzi and his team have done. They received the "Transformation of the Year" at the Albany Business Review's Best Real Estate Awards. On top of that, they also received the "Platinum Award for Engineering Excellence" by the American Consulting Engineering Companies, which was a statewide award which they received at a black tie event on April 8th in New York City. It is so nice to be able to give you good news and let you know folks all over the state recognize how lucky we are to have this development.

Another piece of good news is, as unfortunate as it was to have the fire last week at River's Edge, there were no injuries or loss of life. And that is due to the fast work by our Green Island Fire Department, Police Department, Water Department and our DPW and GIPA crews. And we had a lot of help from our neighboring Fire Departments in Watervliet, Cohoes, Troy and the Watervliet Arsenal. Green Island Officers Nazario and Szczepanski arrived first and led everyone out safely – including pets. Then the firemen went to work knocking down the flames while the water department kept the water pressure up and the GIPA and DPW crews closed the GI Bridge, directed traffic and got the power cut off. Great work by all and we appreciate their professionalism, dedication and hard work. Thank you for keeping us all safe!

Just prior to the fire, Officers Nazario and Szczepanski helped us clear the streets so we could do our Spring street sweeping with our DPW and the aid of the Cohoes sweeper. Again, a great job by all. All except the couple of fellows that called me every dirty word they could think of because they got tickets for not moving their cars. We sent out notices in the prior month's newsletters, sent out two alerts on our emergency notification system, put it on the Website and announced each street before the sweeper got there. Other than personally come and move your car for you, I don't think there is much more we can do. But I do want to thank the vast majority of residents who cooperated and helped us to keep the project on track. Thank you!

Our Memorial Day Parade will be held on Thursday, May 26th starting at 6:00 p.m. at the triangle park near the Municipal Center. This will be our first "normal" parade since 2019 due to COVID restrictions. We will be taking the old route up George, over Arch and up Cohoes Ave. to the Legion, where the Legion will dedicate their new monument location and brick display. Please join us in saluting all of our Veterans, especially those that made the supreme sacrifice. Hope to see you there.

Things have been going pretty good at the Paine Street Park so far this season. We are still having difficulty with getting park counselors for the evenings. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested, please contact Maggie at the Village Office (518-273-2201). Before you know it, that park will be in full summer swing!

Speaking of the park, the reflective streamers that are tied to the fence are there to try and keep the geese out of the park. We are having a serious problem with goose poop, which contains bacteria that can be very harmful to humans. PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE STREAMERS! The streamers are expensive and a lot of time was taken to put them all around

the Paine Street Park, the River Park and the school yard fence. In less than two hours, they were being torn down. I know some people didn't know what they were there for, but that doesn't matter. If something is not your property, you don't have a right to take it. Please be respectful of our efforts to keep everyone safe and healthy. Enough said.

National Grid contacted us about some long overdue work they need to do on some lines leading power into the village. They must plan two outages to get this work done. They are working very hard to make the outages as short as possible with the least disruptions to our residents. Tentatively, and I repeat TENTATIVELY, they are being planned for Monday the 23rd from 7 PM to 11 PM and Friday the 27th from 4 AM to 8 AM, but we have not gotten final confirmation from Grid. When we do get confirmation, we will send out alerts (if you aren't signed up yet I strongly advise you to do so), put it on our Website and put it on Facebook. I know these outages are a pain, but most of the outages we have had in the last several years have been due to problems on this line that they are fixing. If they don't fix it in a controlled situation and it fails, an emergency fix will take much longer and it won't be planned. We have been asking National Grid to fix this line and we appreciate that they are doing it and trying to work with us to make it as painless as possible. Please be patient during this process.

I had someone send me an anonymous letter about illegal basketball hoops in the streets and he/she asked me to put something in my newsletter, so here it is. We sent our Code Inspector to address the issue with the residents. The person who sent the letter to me was concerned that the kids would be hit. I would like to tell the person what we did, but as is said, it was anonymous. Please don't be afraid to put your contact info on anything you send to us. Sometimes we need more information to address the problem or we just want to let you know what we did. I know I sound a little crabby sometimes when I get frustrated, but I swear I don't bite! Heck, I don't even nibble!

Please make sure you read the other newsletter. It has a lot of important information that you should know.

I guess that's it for this month. My letter next month will have to be short because we will be including the Summer Concert Series schedule of bands, our food "specials" for each week and a listing of our VERY GENEROUS SPONSORS! These sponsors make it possible for us to have these concerts without using any tax dollars. And the Gig-A-Bite crew's hard work make it possible to make improvements in our park and sponsor other concerts during the year. I hope you will come and enjoy the music, the food, the dancing and just some good old conversation with folks you haven't seen all winter!

Have a fun and safe Memorial Day Weekend!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan