

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 9th – 15th, 2022. This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape." The Fire Department will promote "Fire Safety" throughout the school and community. If you have any questions, please contact the Firehouse at 518-273-1041.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

There was an error in printing the school tax bills, the Basic and Enhanced STAR savings were not included on the original tax bill. The error only affected those with a BASIC or ENHANCED STAR exemption on their primary residence. The error did not affect those who receive the STAR credit check, and all other property bills were correct. Corrected bills have been mailed out to those that were affected by the error. If you have any questions, please call Maggie Alix at 518-273-2201.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Thank you to everyone that joined us at the Paine Street Park on September 8th to celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year. A special thank you goes out to the sponsors and participants of the event; Green Island Fire Department, Green Island Police Department, Department of Public Works, Water Department, Green Island Little League, Albany County Sheriff's Department, Albany County Department for Aging, Albany Medical Center Pediatric Trauma & Injury Prevention, Heatly School, Catskill Hudson Bank, The Hands of Time, Big Fez and the Surfmatrics, and Kona Ice.

The next recreational event will be the Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating on Monday, October 31st. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Marra's Pharmacy will be providing the Flu Vaccine, as well as, the new Covid BIVALENT Booster Vaccine (recently approved by the FDA), on **October 7th from 12:00PM-1:30PM**. For the Covid BIVALENT Vaccine Booster, the individual must have received at a minimum the 1st and 2nd dose of one of the approved former vaccines. Additionally, 60 days must have lapsed since the patient last received a Covid vaccine whether it is the last dose of the primary series or one of the prior Covid boosters. The new BIVALENT booster is intended to be an annual vaccine in the fall going forward. Please be prepared to show your insurance card. To sign up please call the Jill Alix at 518-272-7262.

For the month of October the Seniors will be selling tickets for a **“Jack-O-Lottery” Raffle**. This scratch-off lottery ticket raffle has a value of \$200. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00, and can be purchased at the Green Island Community Center or by using Venmo @GreenIsland-Seniors (code if needed is 1020).

Save the Date – The Seniors will be hosting a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**, from 4:00pm-6:30pm. The cost is \$12.00, and it will be Take-Out ONLY. More information to come next month!

STORM DRAIN MARKERS

Have you noticed the storm drain markers that read **“Don’t Dump, Drains to Hudson River”** located near catch basins around Green Island? This marker is a reminder that storm sewers in that area of the Village flow directly to the river and that anything deposited in them will contribute to water pollution that affects swimming, fishing and even drinking water downstream. Please don’t dump anything into the catch basins or drains (anywhere) and if you see others doing it contact the Village Office at 518-273-2201 or email to swcoalition@albanycounty.com. Thank you for your assistance.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 16, 2022

Dear Friends,

We had a great time at the Paine Street Park on September 8th, celebrating the end of a wonderful summer and the start of the new school year. The bands were great, the food was delicious and the crowd was having fun. It was nice to see Heatly School getting an award from the NYS Schoolboard Association. Thank you to all the sponsors and participants and thank you Maggie and Emma for another job well done.

After having such a nice time on the 8th, it was disheartening to see the damage that was done in that same park just four days later on September 12th. The vandals destroyed a picnic table, tore up books from "The Little Library" and threw trash from one end of the park to the other. We cleaned up the trash and DPW took the table away. What bothered me most was how upset Maggie was. She and the park staff put a lot of time and effort into making that park a nice place for kids and their families to enjoy. And the disrespect and total disregard for public property is sad. At a time when we are finally able to be out and about after two and a half years of being socially distanced, we should be celebrating our blessings, not destroying them. The Police are investigating the incident and I am sure they will be successful in finding the perpetrators. If you have any information that may be of help, please don't hesitate to call the Police Department.

At our Village Board meeting on the 12th, I read Anne Strizzi's letter of resignation from full time employment in the Village. Anne has worked for our community for 46 years! She will be retiring from full time status on September 30th. We told her the only way we would accept her resignation is if she promised to stay on part time as our Village Clerk. She agreed. She and her husband, Craig, will be welcoming their first grandchild soon so I think that may have influenced her decision. We wish her daughter, Laura, and son in law, Nate, all the best as first time parents and we ask that they let Granny Anne spoil her new granddaughter!

The Green Island Senior Citizens are back in full swing. They will be hosting a Flu Vaccine and the new Covid BIVALENT Booster Clinic on Friday, October 7th from noon to 1:30PM at the Community Center. Our good friend, John McDonald, will be in charge of the clinic. You MUST make a reservation so they know how many vaccines they need to bring. Please call Jill Alix at the Senior Center at 518-272-7262 to make your reservation for the shots. The Seniors are also hosting a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Election Day (11-8-2022) from 4:00 to 6:30PM. Please note that this dinner is TAKE-OUT ONLY. More on that in next month's newsletter. See the other newsletter for details on their latest raffle.

Please see the other newsletter for lots more info on what's going on around town. The Fire Department will be having their Fire Prevention Week in October, there is info from the Assessor's Office, Recreation info and a note telling you just what those storm drain markers are for.

Well I guess I will sign off for this month. I hate to see the summer end, but it is nice to see the grass green once again after it being brown all summer long. Rain really has a purpose and can do good things, but I see no plusses to SNOW! I guess God sends it to make the kids and the skiers happy. At least we can enjoy the fall weather before that white stuff shows up!

Stay safe and well and I'll be back to gab with you in October.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan