

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, THURSDAY, MAY 25TH – 6:00 P.M.

The annual **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.** There will be a brief ceremony after the parade at the **Hudson River Park**, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. 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.

Due to the Cohoes Avenue Road Project the parade route has changed. The new route is as follows: the parade will begin at George St & Hamilton St, proceed North on George St to Bleecker St, East on Bleecker St to Hudson Ave, North on Hudson Ave to the Gazebo. Please note that Hudson Avenue will be **CLOSED** to traffic from George Street to Market Street during lineup, and between Bleecker Street and Tibbits Avenue for the ceremony. The public will be welcomed back to the American Legion – 35 Cohoes Avenue - for hot dogs and punch at the conclusion of the ceremony.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE GEESE IN OUR PARKS

The Village has used various tactics to deter the geese from landing and grazing in the Village parks. Geese can carry diseases through their feces that can be harmful to humans. Please refrain from any behavior that may attract geese. Do not feed the geese and **PLEASE** 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 starting on June 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.

RECREATION NEWS

The Department of Parks & Recreation is planning for the 2023 Summer Program. More information will be provided in the June Newsletter. The Summer Program is scheduled to begin Monday, June 26th.

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Grievance Day is set for **Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023** from **4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Grievance proceedings will be held in person at the Municipal Center – 19 George Street, Green Island, NY. More information can be found on the Village website at <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/assessor/> or you can email Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com

2022 ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The annual Village of Green Island Water Report for 2022 is being processed for approval and will soon be available on 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)

Typically, this time of year residents are interested in projects to improve their exterior property. Projects that include, permanent fixtures, mostly fences/planters/flower boxes/trees, porches, retaining walls, etc., are prohibited in the Village owned Right of Way (ROW). While we are very appreciative of our residents taking care of their properties, 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.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held on **Friday, June 23, 2023** at Briar Creek Golf Course, 2347 Pangburn Road, Duanesburg, NY 12056. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$100.00 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. Non-Golfer Cost is \$50.00 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 9, 2023. 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!!!!

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

The Green Island Little League will be holding a fundraiser Wednesday, June 7th, between 4 - 8pm, at area Jersey Mike's Subs Shops. If you use the flyer the league supplies, 20% of your total food and drink purchase will be donated to Green Island Little League. Please check the league's Facebook page [#GreenIslandLL](#) for more info.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

May 16, 2023

Dear Friends,

Spring is here and with that we had our “Street Sweeping” last Thursday. The streets looked great --- for 24 hours until Mother Nature decided Friday (the very next day) would be a good time to send down the “whirly birds” from the Maple trees. They came down like a heavy rain. I am just waiting for them to be done so I can sweep them up around our house. Thank you to the vast majority of residents who were very cooperative about moving their cars for the sweeper to come through. The northernmost block of James Street gets the award for having all the cars moved on the block before I even got there to announce we were coming! Good job!

Chief Parker, Maggie Alix and I just got back from a lovely awards ceremony of the Watervliet Police Department which was held at the Watervliet Elks. This was their first one, which will become an annual event, and we were invited because they gave our Police Department three awards for assistance in a shooting investigation, a homicide investigation and a menacing investigation. Each presentation had a detailed description of the case and made you realize just how dangerous their jobs are. In a time where there is so much division in our country and a lack of respect for our brave men and women in law enforcement, it was really nice to show some respect and celebrate all that they do to keep us safe. It was also nice to showcase how important it is for the surrounding communities to work together and be there to back up each other. Green Island, Watervliet and Cohoes not only work cooperatively in law enforcement, but also in our Fire Departments and Public Works Departments. I am grateful for having such a great working relationship with these other communities. That is how we all survive and thrive!

Our Memorial Day Parade is just around the corner (May 25th). Please see the other newsletter for details and route changes due to road construction on Cohoes Avenue. Please come out and show your appreciation for the sacrifices our Veterans have made.

Our Summer Concerts will begin on Wednesday, July 5th at the River Park. We have a great lineup of bands and I will put a schedule in next month's newsletter.

Please see the other newsletter for information on Village Tax collection, Recreation Department news, the Legion Golf Tournament, a Little League fundraiser, swimming pool safety, Right of Way guidelines, Grievance Day (May 23) and I will end it with "goose poop."

OK. I guess that is it for this month. Once you say "goose poop" there aren't too many follow up lines! Enjoy the weather and watch out where you step! (Had to get one more in).

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan