

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

The Village Budget Public Hearings will be held on **Monday, April 15, 2024**, 5:30 P.M., at the Municipal Center – 19 George Street, Green Island, NY 12183. If you are interested in inspecting the proposed budgets, please call the Village Office at 518-273-2201.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Court Clerk - The Town of Green Island is interested in hiring a well-organized, detail-oriented individual with proficient computer skills for a part or full-time assistant court clerk position. Salary and hours are negotiable based on experience. Employees have the option to join the NYS Retirement System. Full-time employees may be eligible for a more comprehensive benefit package (health insurance, retirement plan, paid time off, etc.).

Summer Employment: The Recreation Department is now accepting applications for Evening Park Staff. Flexible scheduling; however, applicants must have availability Monday – Friday, between the hours of 5 P.M. – 9 P.M. from April - October. Applicants must be 21 yrs. of age or older. An announcement for youth summer employment will be made in next month's newsletter.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume, with references, to Maggie Alix at the Village Office, 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, NY 12183; or by email at Maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com

Residential Occupancy Permits

The Village Board of Trustees enacted Local Law No. 1 of 2024 to add Chapter 156, Residential Occupancy Law to the Village Code. Residential Occupancy Permits (ROPs) are meant to ensure that rental dwellings are safe, and ensures that the Village has the best contact information for the owners of rental properties. Effective April 1, 2024, property owners must register each of their rental units with the Building Department. Rental units will be required to be inspected once every three years or upon change in tenancy and prior to the unit being reoccupied. There will be a fee of \$40 for each rental unit inspected by the Building Department. A copy of the local law, an ROP Guide, and a registration form can be found by visiting <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/building-department/>.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Easter Bunny will visit Heatly School on Thursday, March 28th. The Bunny will have a treat for the students and will wish all the students, faculty and staff a happy and safe spring break!

GREEN ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recently, the Village was made aware of a new scam. Calls are being made to individuals claiming to be from Spectrum. The caller is saying the Spectrum bill has gone unpaid, and offering the individual the opportunity to pay their bill over the phone by credit card - **Don't Do It!** The callers are very persuasive. Please remember that information should not be given out over text, phone, or email without verification that the company you are in communication with is legitimate. These scams tend to target the elderly and vulnerable, please share this information with your family and friends

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST hosted by the American Legion Color Guard will be held on Sunday, May 12, 2024 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the American Legion. The cost is \$10.00 person, Veterans (with proof of military status) are \$5.00 and children 5 and under are FREE. Cost includes Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Any questions, please call the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL

2024-2025 Pre-K Registration: If your child is going to be 4 years old by December 1st, he/she is eligible for the 2024-2025 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.

2024-2025 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, 2024**. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from Ms. Kimberly Watkins, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422)

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

The Green Island Fire and Police Departments will be holding the **1st Annual Tip Off for A Cause** basketball tournament on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at Heatly. Teams include Green Island Fire and Police, Watervliet Police and Fire, Cohoes Police and Fire and Heatly faculty. The first game starts at 11:00am with the Championship game at approx. 3:00pm. Admission is \$2.00/person (children under 5 are free). There will be a concession stand, 50/50 raffles and a Chinese auction. This year's tournament will benefit a Heatly staff member battling a critical illness.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration for baseball/softball is ongoing and cost is \$30/player. Please take note of these important upcoming dates:

- Player Registration/Evaluation: Saturday, March 23rd in the Heatly Gym, as follows:
2:00pm-3:00pm - Ages 4 – 8
3:00pm-4:00pm - Ages 9 – 12
- Opening Day: Saturday, April 27th at 11:00am (rain date Sunday, April 28th)

Registrations received after March 31st may be put on a waiting list. For more information, contact President Marcia Etman at 518-596-0576

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

March 19, 2024

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter is just around the corner. The nice weather we have been getting has greatly increased the number of residents enjoying our parks. I hope the nice weather is here to stay, but I know we can still get some snow. At least it won't last for long!

The nice weather means Little League season is almost here. I am told that the registration numbers are not going as good as they had hoped. There is another registration day on March 23rd and registration ends on March 31st. If they don't get enough players, some teams will be eliminated. If the league does not field a Majors team (ages 11/12) for two years in a row, the league loses its Charter and that would mean the end of the Green Island Little League. PLEASE don't let that happen. Most of the folks who have worked so hard to keep this Little League going don't even have kids playing anymore, but they know how important it was to their children and the community, so they keep trying. There is a registration fee, but it is modest. And if a parent can't afford it, the officers will work with them so no child gets left out. Parents, please encourage your kids to join the Little League, and maybe you could volunteer to be a coach, assistant coach, work in the concession stand or help with the grounds keeping. Spending quality time with your kids is priceless and they grow up so fast. So don't wait too long or you will miss a golden opportunity – and you can't turn back the clock!

I would like to give a big thank you to Sealy Mattress on Veteran's Memorial Drive for their very generous donation of eight new mattress sets to our Green Island Fire Department last week. We truly appreciate their generosity.

The Village Board has passed a new local law which will take effect on April 1st that requires ALL rental dwellings must be registered and inspected. The initial set up and inspections will take a little time. Once a property has been inspected, it will require another inspection every three years OR whenever a tenant leaves and a new one is coming in. This will help to insure that all apartments are up to code and safe for the renter and it also protects the landlord if a tenant does damage before leaving. You can find a copy of the local law and guidelines on the Village website. More info is also in the other newsletter.

The members of the Green Island Fire and Police Departments will be holding the 1st Annual Tip Off for a Cause on April 28th at Heatly School. The details are in the other letter and it looks to be a good time and a good cause. I hope you can all attend and cheer them on.

I am delighted to tell you that very soon we will have a new Chief in the Green Island Fire Department, Edmund J. Seney. EJ had been employed by the Albany Fire Department for 27 years, retiring in 2016 as Assistant Chief. Presently he has been working as a Police Officer in our Police Department for the last several years. As you can see, he is a dedicated public safety servant. The Village Board voted last night to appoint EJ as Fire Chief and he will take on his duties as soon as we get final clearance from the Albany County Civil Service. EJ is one of the finest gentlemen I have ever met and he is professional and compassionate in all that he does. I can't wait for his swearing in ceremony!

Please see the other newsletter for details on a new scam that is targeting senior citizens. The thief says they are calling from Spectrum and they sound very convincing. Please, when someone calls you, don't give any credit card info or banking info. Legitimate callers will never ask for this info over the phone.

Also in the other newsletter is info about a Public Hearing on the Village Budget on April 15th, employment opportunities in the Town and Village, a visit from the Easter Bunny on March 28th, a Mother's Day Breakfast at the Legion on May 12th and registration and transportation information for Heatly School.

I think that's it for this month. Enjoy the weather as it gets warmer each day. Pretty soon we will be talking about the kids Summer Program at the Paine Street Park and Concerts at the GIG in the River Park!

Have a "Hoppy" Easter!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan