

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
Village of Green Island
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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, THURSDAY, MAY 23rd – 6:00 P.M.

The annual **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** The parade will return to its original route. Lineup is at 5:30 p.m. on Hudson Avenue. Hudson Avenue will be closed to traffic from George Street to Market Street during lineup. There will be a brief ceremony at the WWI monument, Vietnam Memorial, and the American Legion, 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.

OUTDOOR BURNING BANNED UNTIL MAY 14TH

Chief Seney has announced a New York State ban on outdoor burning until **May 14th**. Cooking grills with a flame lower than 6 inches and with an attached cover are **EXEMPT**. Please visit our website as noted above for further details and updates.

STREET CLEANING

Street Cleaning will be held in the Village on **Thursday, May 16th starting at 8:00 a.m.** Reminders will be sent via the Village's notification alert system. If you do not get the reminder or hear the announcements on the day of, it will not be considered a legitimate excuse for not moving your vehicle. If you have any questions about street cleaning operations, please call the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201. Vehicles that interfere with street cleaning will receive a **TICKET**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Rain date is Friday, May 17th.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on the following days:

MONDAY, MAY 20th, TUESDAY, MAY 21st & WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd

A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 518-273-4959 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays in May: **May 4th, 11th and 18th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the D.P.W. Garage on Cohoes Avenue. This service is for **GREEN ISLAND RESIDENTS ONLY** and will be limited to one pickup truck load or two SUV/station wagon loads for the **MONTH**, not each week. **The cost to participate is \$30 per load. Contact Tara Bourgeois if you are interested in participating. Tara can be reached by phone at 518-273-2201 or via email at Tara.Bourgeois@villageofgreenisland.com. Participants must pay before the date of the event. Payment can be dropped off, mailed or paid at the Village Office. The fee can also be paid online at <https://www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/cyg/plc/a0042i>. Please write "Spring Clean Up" on the envelope if dropping off or in the memo section if paying online. Payment cannot be accepted at the DPW site. Residents will be required to sign a form stating that the refuse came from their residence. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PROPANE TANKS WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT NO HAZARDOUS WASTE**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the D.P.W. Garage at 518-273-5565 or the Village Office at 518-273-2201. Please stay in your vehicle and wait to be directed by Village personnel.**

RECREATION NEWS

Summer Employment: The Recreation Department is accepting applications for **summer employment**. Applications are available online at www.villageofgreenisland.com or at the Village Office during regular business hours. All applications must be returned to the Village Office on or before Friday, May 17th, no exceptions. Applicants must be 14 years old by July 1, 2024 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.

MS4 ANNUAL MEETING

As per the requirements of our general permit with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Village of Green Island will hold an annual meeting to present and discuss our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program. The meeting will be held at the monthly board meeting on **Monday, May 20th at 6:20 p.m.** Meeting information can be found on the Village website – www.villageofgreenisland.com.

Residential Occupancy Permits (ROP)

The Village Board of Trustees enacted Local Law No. 1 to add Chapter 156, Residential Occupancy Law to the Village Code. Property owners must register each of their rental units with the Building Department. Rental units are required to be inspected once every three years or upon change in tenancy and prior to the unit being reoccupied. Visit <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/building-department/> for more information, including a ROP Guide.

Water Service Self Check

Reminder – please locate the water service line coming into your home; which is typically in the basement and let us know if it's Copper, Galvanized Steel, Plastic, or Potential Lead. Information, including a photo can be sent to micheleb@villageofgreenisland.com. If you need help determining the type, please contact the Water Department at 518-273-4959.

GREEN ISLAND SENIORS

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE - The Green Island Senior Citizens will be having a **Mother's Day Flower Sale** the week of May 6th. Hanging baskets will be \$25.00 each. For more information, please contact Jill Alix at 518-272-7262.

AARP DRIVING COURSE - will be held on Tuesday, May 14th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Green Island Community Center – 5 George Street. The cost for **AARP** members is \$25.00, non-member is \$30.00. Participants must sign up in advance. For more information, please contact Jill Alix at 518-272-7262.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES BENEFIT

Team "**HARD ROCKIN RELAYERS**" will be hosting a **Mother's Day Vendor Event** on **Sunday, April 28th from 11am to 3pm** at the American Legion Hall, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. They will have vendors from Thirty-One Gifts, Chalk Couture, Tupperware, PartyLite Candles, Pampered Chef, Norwex, Paparazzi Jewelry, Sara Busone's Twisted Designs, Hassel free Crafts, Color Street Nails, M&M Merchandising, M0e Creations, Style Dots, PK VanWie Photos and MORE!!!! For additional information, please contact Jennifer Dorrance at 518-892-8701 or jmad92870@yahoo.com.

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 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.

GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE – OPENING DAY WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

April 17, 2024

Dear Friends,

It feels like Spring might actually be here to stay – at least I hope so. Spring is the time of year when you want to clean up after the snow melts and all you see is the dirt that is left behind. Well, we are getting cleaned up. As I am writing this letter, the construction crews are paving the roads that didn't get finished last year. It will be nice to get rid of the orange barrels and yellow tapes on the corners. We have lots more "clean ups" going on in May such as Street Cleaning on May 16th and Spring Clean-Up at the DPW garage the first three Saturdays in May for residents to bring bulk items they wish to dispose of. All the details are in the other newsletter.

Another area getting a makeover is the Paine Street Park. New fencing and sidewalks are being provided by Albany Engineering as part of a community benefit required by their license to operate the Hydro Facility. The Luizzi Company is making a parking area in the northwest corner of the park which is also a community benefit project. We will restripe the basketball courts and will line one of the basketball courts for two pickle ball courts. The Village is working on plans for a basketball court under the Collar City Bridge being funded by Siena College, which we won in a contest. We have a lot of things going on right now, so please be patient while the work is being done. The best part is that most of the projects are being funded by private businesses through community benefit programs or grants! That sure helped us pass the Village Budget on Monday night with NO increase in Village property taxes!

We told you last month about passing the Residential Occupancy Permit (ROP) Law to our Village Code. This is a good thing for both Landlords and Tenants. It will probably take some time to get every rental unit inspected, but it will be worth it. We had been trying to do this for several years, but we did not have enough staff to make it work. I am happy to say that we are properly staffed now and inspections have started. There is more information and guidelines on the village website.

In addition to the ROP, our Building Inspector and Code Officials will be enforcing violations on ALL properties, not just rentals. This will include trash violations, weed violations, unsafe sidewalks, unsafe buildings, neglected properties, etc. Property owners that do not take proper care of their buildings and grounds hurt neighborhoods and are a nuisance to adjacent residents. Please be a good neighbor and take pride in your property.

Our Memorial Day Parade will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm. We will return to our original parade route this year. The details are in the other newsletter and we hope to see great participation to honor all of our Veterans.

Please see the other newsletter for lots of information about Summer Employment, hydrant flushing, outdoor burn ban, Green Island Seniors flower sale, Relay for Life vendor event, Police and Fire basketball benefit, American Legion Mother's Day breakfast, Green Island Little League opening day and a lot more info on everything that is going on. It's going to be a busy month.

That's it for this month. I hope to see everyone out tidying up their property and taking walks now that the nice weather is here.

And "Happy Mother's Day" to all the Moms out there!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan