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Next General Meeting:

March 15th 7:00 P.M.
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Come join in the fun and search for a few!

Easter Egg Hunt



SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
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Great River Community Association News



Thank you to the following families for donating towards the hanging flower baskets on River Rd!!!

- James & Kristy Bruno
- Cliff & Chris Ann Gibbons
- Mary Phelan
- Renganeschi Family
- Ron & Ellen Gibbons
- Chris & Nancy Stein
- James & Lori Tardi
- Frank & Christine Petrelli
- Dan & Rebecca Wallace



Each hanging basket is \$100 and payments can be made via Check to Great River Community Association PO Box 13 or via PayPal on our website "www.grca11739.com"

WE HAVE 3 LEFT!!!

A special thank you to all of our neighbors who donated @ this years Holiday lighting. The giving tree was a great success..

- Jane Wodicka
- Gigi Gibbons
- James & Lori Tardi
- Jim & Denise Tardi
- Brian & Laura Meehan
- Vavricka Family
- Pete Brow
- Frank & Renee Carino
- Joseph Desiderio



..... Our Association is looking for any historical information about Great River. Many residents have contacted us to put together a "History Tour" of Great River. We think this is a fantastic idea but we need YOUR help! If any of you or your neighbors know any history about the town, the home you live in or the surrounding areas, please let us know. We are compiling lists and are planning a tour with a fun twist for our community to enjoy. All information can be mailed to PO Box 13 or submitted electronically at greatriver11739@gmail.com



Several neighbors are expressing concern about the upkeep of Great River Rd south of the Arboretum on both sides of the road. This area has become a "turn-around" for many vehicles and is lacking the landscaping it needs. The GRCA fully supports this and has reached out to try and rectify this. We will keep the community aware of any findings and perhaps a resolution.

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Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00PM
at the Great River Community Association, General Meeting
located at the Great River Firehouse

Long Island has one of the highest utility costs in the country. This, combined with our old housing stock, is resulting in homeowners overspending on bills for homes that are drafty and uncomfortable. Basic efficiency improvements, such as insulation and heating systems, can greatly improve quality of life in the home and reduce utility costs. However, homeowners are unsure who to trust to do the work, how to afford it, and how to begin the process. Utilizing a grant awarded by New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Green Jobs Green New York initiative, the Long Island Progressive Coalition (LIPC) developed an energy efficiency program to combat these issues, PowerUp Communities.



PowerUp Communities educates homeowners about the attainability and affordability of energy efficiency improvements, guiding them through the efficiency process while simultaneously sparking local job and micro-fundraising opportunities. PowerUp contractors abide by a Community Benefits Agreement, agreeing to hire locally when possible and pay family supporting wages with additional money provided for health care.

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Consumer tips & news

Do I really need to drain the gas from my snow blower before I store it?

According to Consumer reports...that depends. If you've added fuel stabilizer to the gas, all you need to do is top off the fuel tank. That leaves no room in the tank for water to condense and helps keep fuel from degrading over time.

But, if you've used gas straight from the pump at the station, which is generally blended with ethanol, you DO want to drain the fuel before storage. Mixed forms of ethanol and condensed water form corrosive acids that can clog the carburetor. CR suggests siphoning the fuel tank to remove most of the gas and then run the engine until its dry.

Make a video to protect your valuables.

If you ever had to replace all your stuff after a fire, flood or other disaster, you'll need to provide a detailed inventory of your belongings. But if the prospect of writing it all down as a precaution seems like too much, take a video. Capture your furnishings, don't forget to open cabinets, drawers, closets and boxes describing what is in them. Electronics, TV's, & artwork are also important to capture. Store the video in a cloud or disc that can be safely stored should you even need it.



Should I reconsider buying a secondhand car seat for my child?

There are several reasons why buying a used car seat might not be a good idea. As a buyer, you usually can't be 100% sure the seat has even been involved in an accident. Even if it looks in good shape, crash forces could have stressed the components. Expiration dates are also important, obeying them helps ensure that the components are still strong and the seat has the LATEST safety features.

Unless you can get a used one from someone you trust, it's generally safer to buy a new one.

RECALLS:

The main processing blade used for cutting, shopping and dicing on about 8 million Cuisinart food processors has been recalled; it can crack and break over time; There have been 69 reports from consumers who found small metal pieces in food. The processors were sold in stores from July 1996 through December 2015.

You can call 877-339-2534 or go to Cuisinart.com to get a free replacement blade. You can still use the processor with its other attachments.

Kiddie is recalling about 3.6 million Nighthawk combination smoke/CO alarms. Once the backup batteries are replaced, the units fail to chirp when they reach their seven-year end of life, which may lead users to think they're still working. That means consumers may have no alert for a fire or CO incident. They were sold online and at home centers from June 2004 through December 2010.

Replace the alarm immediately and contact Kiddie 855-239-0490 or kiddie.com for a free replacement or a discount on a new one.



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Gardening tips



Seed Starting. Start seeds of warm-season vegetables like peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes the first week in April. These will be ready for transplant into the garden in late May. Start seeds of herbs, such as dill, parsley and basil, inside through the end of the month, as well as flowers like zinnias and marigolds.

Save Your Soil. Prepare your garden soil once it has dried out and crumbles easily in your hand. Till in green manure crops that have wintered over.

Seed Savvy. Direct seed into the garden cool season vegetables and flowers including carrots, beets, peas, parsnips, foxgloves, and hollyhocks. Set out hardy seedlings such as onions, cabbage, leafy greens, pansies and snapdragons. Harden them off for a day or two by leaving them out in a protected area.

Potato Preparation. Pre-sprout potatoes two weeks in advance of setting them out in the garden to give them a head start.



Seeding Time. All the makings of borscht can be planted in the garden now: direct seed beets, plant potatoes, and cabbage seedlings. Warm-season vegetables, like the melon for melon soup, cucumbers and squash, need a jump-start inside three weeks before planting out around Memorial Day.

Tender Annuals Tip. Memorial Day is also the safe planting out date for tender annuals, dahlias, and tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants.

Spring Cleaning. Finish the spring cleanup, topdress garden beds with compost, and take bird feeders down.

Projects For Your Garden. Begin garden construction projects like pergolas and retaining walls or erect fencing and trellises.

Reminders of Winter. Assess the deer and frost damage, and replace affected trees and shrubs with hardier stock.

Flower Power. Enjoy spring flowers like peonies and early roses. Lilacs always signal Mother's Day in my garden, and make a fragrant bouquet for Mom.



The GRCA is planning a **SPRING CLEANUP** and will need volunteers. We will be cleaning up the sidewalk on River Rd as well as both entrance areas. Replanting flowers, bushes and revitalizing the signs. A meeting about this clean up will be held soon, look out for the e-blasts!!

River Rd. Clean up...

Many have noticed that River Rd. has been cleaned up by the town. The GRCA is in contact with the DPW and informs them of ANY maintenance issues that are in need of attention. The DPW had said that if it is the homeowners responsibility, they will contact them directly.

Join a GRCA Committee Today!

One of the best ways to get involved, make a difference and meet new people in our community is to join one of our wonderful committees. These committees are responsible for maintaining a close, friendly and beautiful place to live!

- Some of our offered committees:
- Welcoming Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - Social Events Committee
 - Beautification Committee

If you are interested in becoming involved in a specific committee within our town, please contact greatriver11739@gmail.com for more information.

Please note this is a volunteer opportunity and you only need to provide your time when you are able to help.

ABOUT TOWN



Residents on Woodhollow Rd south of Church are concerned when travelling southbound the bend is VERY sharp and several cars have ended up on our neighbors lawn. PLEASE drive carefully. The DPW has been notified and is looking into reflectors and other signage to help.



The GRCA would like to congratulate the newly appointed chiefs to the Great River Fire Department

Chief Robert Sudano

2nd Assistant Chief Michael Viniotis

For more information, please visit the Great River Fire Department website at www.greatriverfire.com or facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/greatriverfire/>

Great River Sewer Proposal

Since our public meeting in December, we have continued our work on the Map and Plan report needed to start the process of forming the proposed sewer district extension. We are in the process of evaluating alternatives to the preliminary sewer system design and updating the overall project costs.

Additionally, the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), has begun the environmental assessment for this project. We have provided them with some preliminary information for their analysis and will continue to do so throughout the project. When we become aware of any meetings regarding that aspect of the project we will inform the community.

Suffolk County has been in contact with the State and Federal agencies involved with the of funding these sewer projects. Suffolk County is working on determining the exact grant versus loan amount for each of the proposed projects. Once that has been determined, we can present the community with a more accurate cost analysis.

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Vidalia Onion Pie

- 2 Cups Ritz Crackers, crushed
- 1 1/2 stick unsalted butter, soft
- 2 cups Vidalia Onions, chopped coarsed
- 1/2 tsp Basil
- 1/2 tsp Thyme
- 1/4 tsp Cilantro
- 3/4 cup Milk
- 2 Eggs
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 8 inch pie plate
- 1 cup Gruyere Cheese, grated

Preheat over 350 degrees. Mix crushed crackers with stick of butter until well blended. Press cracker mixture into pie pan to make crust. Set aside. Melt remaining butter in a skillet over high heat and add onions and spices. Sauté onions until clear. Arrange onions in crust. Sprinkle cheese over top. Bake 40 minutes. Serves 6.

Sopapilla Cheesecake

- 2 cans Pillsbury crescent rolls
- 2(8oz) packages cream cheese-softened
- 1 cup Sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tbsp Cinnamon
- 4 tbsp Sugar

Unroll and spread 1 can crescent rolls on bottom of un-greased 9 x 13 pan, press all seams together. Combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Spread mixture over rolls. Unroll and spread remaining rolls over mixture. Spread melted butter over the top and sprinkle Cinnamon & Sugar. Bake @ 350 for 20-30 minutes.

Recipe Cornet



Have a great idea for an article or an amazing recipe to share?

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