

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to, Tom Mullins and the entire Park Staff for putting on another successful summer program. Thank you for doing such a tremendous job!

Thank you to Bimbo Bakeries USA for sponsoring our annual Soccer Camp directed by Coach Larry Brown.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Movie Series in the park.

Thank you to the Watervliet School District, NYS Nutrition Consortium and NYS Department of Health for bringing the FREE healthy lunch program to the Paine Street Park. It had an overwhelmingly positive response. We were over 100 free lunches a day!

GREEN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

The Village of Green Island will sponsor the “**GREEN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC**” to be held on **Sunday, September 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Paine Street Park.

Included will be many different food vendors, face painting, balloon animals, dunk tank, bouncy bounce, as well as live entertainment by **BackBeat**.

Anyone interested in a booth, or in need of further information regarding the picnic, should call Maggie Alix at the Village Office, 273-2201.

NEWS FROM ASSESSOR’S OFFICE – SCHOOL TAXES

Just a reminder, Pioneer Bank in Green Island will be collecting school taxes. You can mail your check or money order to Green Island School District, P.O. Box 1541, Green Island, NY 12183 OR pay in person at Pioneer Bank, 148 George Street, Green Island, NY 12183. See your tax bill for more information.

PLEASE DON'T FEED ANIMALS

We have had recent complaints about wild animals and birds causing a nuisance in the Village. This can cause a dangerous situation for our residents and especially children including the possibility of being bitten or contracting a serious illness. PLEASE DO NOT FEED ANY ANIMALS OR BIRDS OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME, INCLUDING YOUR OWN PETS. Wild animals and nuisance birds are attracted by food sources left outside and are attracted closer to homes because of that. An enclosed bird feeder meant only for small birds is okay but please locate them according to instructions so as not to attract those it was not intended for. By not providing a feeding source for these animals and birds we create less of a chance that they will populate in our neighborhoods. Please cooperate for the good of our residents and especially our children.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Green Island will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Saturday, October 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. Please contact Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan at her home telephone of 271-6965 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO KEEP OUR RIVERS CLEAN

The Village of Green Island will be installing educational markers in certain areas as a reminder that it is illegal by law to intentionally place or allow flowing waste into our catch basins. Please help us out and sweep the curb line of dirt, grass clippings and other debris in front of your properties when you can and never throw or allow such debris and/or liquid chemicals and/or petroleum such as dirt, grass, grease, cleaners, gasoline or oil into the catch basin. Please report violators to the Green Island Police Department by calling 911. Thank you for your cooperation. Together we can help keep our waterways clean and free from debris.

NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Come to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 89 Hudson Avenue for a delicious **PULLED PORK and SUMMER SALAD BUFFET** on **Saturday, September 7th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Enjoy the buffet in their family friendly atmosphere. Proceeds will benefit church projects, missions and programs. The event is open to the public with free parking. Take out is available. The cost of the dinner is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children (5-12 years) and children under 5 are FREE. **Upcoming dinner:** Chicken and Biscuit Dinner – October 18th.

Community Dinner – Friday, August 29th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. They will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs for all to enjoy. Come; bring your family and friends, **all at no charge.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

August 16, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is Saturday afternoon and I am sitting here at my computer trying to organize my thoughts (that is getting harder every day as I get older) and I look out the window and see the sun shining and a beautiful light breeze blowing and say to myself: "Where the heck was this nice weather Wednesday night for our concert?" This summer has given us the lousiest weather in 11 seasons – but we still have two more chances to make it to the gazebo this year. Every week as we pack up the truck to bring everything under the bridge, we keep telling ourselves how lucky we are that we have a "rain location" under the bridge. But, there is nothing better than dancing in the River Park, so wish us luck and PLEASE join us. It is going to be a long winter --- so enjoy the nice weather before it is gone!

Maggie has everything ready for our Green Island Family Picnic to be held at the Paine Street Park on Sunday, September 28th from noon until 3 p.m. The band this year will be Cohoes Mayor George Primeau's band, "BackBeat." They played at one of our concerts last year and everyone enjoyed them. We will also have lots of food and activities, so please join us.

I also want to thank Maggie, Tom Mullins and the entire Park Staff for a very successful and safe summer program at the Paine Street Park. The kids, both young and old, enjoyed the "Sprayground" again this year. For a small community, we certainly have one of the best Recreation Departments and best summer programs in the entire Capital District.

We made our first attempt to control the feral cat population with the help of the ladies from "SNIP" and "SCRUFF" last weekend. They captured 15 cats and had them vaccinated and neutered and then returned them to their home locations. The research shows that this is the most effective way to control the population, so we are giving it a shot. The people who run the programs asked that the next time we do this that there be better education and communication, so we will shoot for that. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who made this program work.

We will be hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 18th from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Community Center. We have been doing two drives a year for quite a few years and they have been very successful. Our last one in May was in honor of Jocelyn Kramer who knows all too well how important it is to have blood readily available when you need it. Jocelyn asked me to include this thank you to all who participated: "I'm writing to thank you for being a part of an amazing Blood Drive!!! We were blown away by the tremendous turnout from Green Islanders as well as friends, family and other great folks. We had an incredible turnout and I was truly humbled by such an outpouring of love and of course – BLOOD. You all took time out of your busy day to be there for those of us in need and it won't ever be forgotten. I am indebted to you all. You are my heroes!! Thank you for saving lives." That says it all folks. I will be calling my very faithful donors who show up every time to set up appointments. If you are not on my list and would like to "give a pint" you can call my home at 271-6965 and leave your name and number. As soon as the Red Cross sends me the appointment schedule I will call you back and book a time.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is sponsoring some upcoming yummy events. I don't know if the pulled pork buffet is a new one because I have never had it there, but one of my favorite dinners is their Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. (My other favorite is the ham dinner and I eat like a pig at that one --- which I guess is appropriate because it is a HAM dinner.) The point is that I have never had anything that wasn't homemade and delicious at the Church, so please support them. They have a great bunch of volunteers who work very hard to keep their Church alive and well. Let's help them succeed!

Please read the items in the other newsletter about feeding animals outside your home and tips on how to keep our rivers clean. We all need to take responsibility for keeping our community safe and clean. Let's do it together!

Well, I guess that's it for this month. There is still a lovely breeze coming through my window. In a few short months the window will be closed and locked, it will probably be dark by this time of day, we will be freezing our behinds off and I will be swearing at the snowflakes. Why can't summer be as long as winter????

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I wish all of our kids a great year back in school!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan