

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
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**HEATLY SCHOOL PARKING AND TRAFFIC PROCEDURES**

In an effort to keep our children safe, beginning the first day of school and on all days that school is in session the Green Island Police Department will be enforcing parking and traffic flow procedures in the area of Heatly School.

Vehicle traffic traveling EAST on ARCH STREET between George Street and Hudson Avenue will be CLOSED from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. It will also be closed at any time that school is dismissed early. Traffic will be allowed traveling WEST on ARCH STREET. In addition, the crosswalk pattern at Hudson Avenue and Arch Street has changed. Due to federal regulations, the crosswalk on the south side of Hudson Avenue has been removed. The other two (2) will remain as is.

Those dropping off students in vehicles must look closely at parking signs in front of school. Drivers must not leave their vehicles while parked in the area marked by signs in front of school. Double parking is also not allowed. Please drop off children at the sidewalk and in a timely fashion so as to keep traffic flowing at busy times. Those that must leave their vehicles unattended must park in a legal parking spot down the street or around the corner from school.

We ask that you follow these simple rules and please listen to our Crossing Guard and Police Officers. This will make for a better and safer drop off area for our children. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**GREEN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

The Village of Green Island will sponsor the “GREEN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC” to be held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Paine Street Park.

Included will be food vendors, face painting, balloon animals, bouncy bounce, as well as live entertainment by “Hands of Time”. The Albany County Sheriff will be bringing the Safe Kids RV and the Green Island Police Department will take on the kids in a game of kickball. Classes from Heatly School will be holding fundraisers.

Anyone interested in a booth, or in need of further information regarding the picnic, should call Elijah Legault at the Village Office, 518-273-2201 or [elijah.legault@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:elijah.legault@villageofgreenisland.com).

Check the Department of Parks & Recreation Facebook page for more updates as Family Day gets closer!

**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 Daryl Whited and the Watervliet School District, NYS Nutrition Consortium and NYS Department of Health for bringing the FREE healthy lunch program to the Paine Street Park.

Thank you to the Albany County Recreation Department for bringing Flag Football and Lacrosse to our town.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and cooperation during the playground renovation. Special thanks to Assemblyman John McDonald III for bringing the Legislative Initiative Grant to Green Island!

Thank you to all the families, parents and children, for spending your summer with us. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

### **STOP SIGNS AND OTHER TRAFFIC ISSUES**

We have received previous complaints about vehicles speeding and not stopping and/or rolling through stop signs and with school starting soon there is added concern. The stop sign complaints have been targeted at intersections on both Swan and Bleecker Streets but are not limited to those areas. Please be aware that the Green Island Police Department will be adding traffic enforcement details to those and other areas around the Village to assure the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and other vehicles. When on the details, officers will also be on the lookout for all traffic infractions including speeding, seatbelts and improper use of cellular or other mobile devices. Safety is of the utmost importance and while nobody likes enforcement action, it sometimes becomes necessary. Please abide by law so that we can remain a safe community. Your cooperation is appreciated by all.

### **PLEASE DON'T FEED ANIMALS**

We have had previous 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 **Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6 p.m.** at the Community Center located at 5 George Street. Please contact Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan at her home telephone of 518-271-6965 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

### **NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

THERE WILL **NOT** BE A FREE COMMUNITY DINNER IN AUGUST. They will return on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**SCOUTING PROGRAM** - Cub Scouting 2646 for Boys **and** Girls will begin on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The program will start with those entering Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Eventually, older children will be added to the program. For more information, please contact Joe Cramer (Assistant District Commissioner) at 518-491-0749 or [cramerjojo@gmail.com](mailto:cramerjojo@gmail.com) or you can call the church at 518-273-5531.

### **NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION** **CLOTHING BIN**

Just a reminder that the "Clothing Bin" in the American Legion parking lot is for clothing, shoes, bedding and pocketbooks. They **CAN NOT** accept household items (dishes, pots, pans, glasses, toys, Christmas trees, etc.) Thank you for your cooperation!

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

August 16, 2017

Dear Friends,

All I hear in my head lately is the old song "Ain't no sunshine anymore." First we had weeks of intense heat with no rain --- now we have intense heat with steamy rain every day. I'm not complaining (well, yes, I guess I am) but we could use a little old fashioned summer weather before the snow comes! Our first two concerts were beautiful weather and then we had three in a row under the bridge. At least we have an alternative venue so we don't have to cancel. The concert on the 8<sup>th</sup> had really strange weather where it was raining on the south side of the Collar City Bridge and no rain on the north side. I think Mother Nature was messing with us! But last night, she took pity on us and gave us an evening without rain so that we could have our first ever "Irish Night at the GIG" in the park! We had a great crowd, Rachel cooked really good corned beef for our special, "Corned Beef and Cheese on Rye" and we sold out of our special before 6:30! Some people ask why we don't cook more for our specials, but if the weather is bad and we end up under the bridge, we don't get the crowds and we end up with leftovers. We are a small (but tasty) operation and we can't afford to lose money because whatever we make goes toward paying the bands and making improvements in the park. But our "regulars" know to come early and get their orders in. Our GIG crew is all volunteers and most of them have been doing this all 15 seasons and these concerts would not be possible without their hard work and the generosity of our sponsors. We only have two concerts left and I hope to see you there. And remember to wear your dancing shoes!!!!

The new playground at the Paine Street Park is almost done. By the time you get this letter, we will have had our ribbon cutting ceremony. We had delays getting the equipment shipped and then the rain delayed the installation, but all is looking good now. A big thank you goes to Maggie Alix who worked so hard on this project and Assemblyman John McDonald for securing the funds to do it. Trust me when I say we don't have \$125,000 in our budget for a project like this. So if you see Maggie or John, please say thank you for making it possible. Our kids will be enjoying the new playground for many years to come.

As the Paine Street Park summer season comes to a close, I want to thank Mr. Tom Mullins and his team of park counselors for another great year. I think we have the best summer program in the area and a lot of the credit for that goes to Mr. Mullins' mentoring skills with our counselors and his ability to relate to the kids and just have fun. He is one of the kindest and most caring people I have ever

known and I hope he continues to work with us until he is 100 years old. Just imagine that birthday celebration in the park!!!

Our annual “Green Island Family Picnic” will be held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 3 p.m. at the Paine Street Park. Please see the other newsletter for more details.

Besides having many water breaks this past year, we have recently experienced some sewer blockages. We are working on one now at Bleecker and West. Fortunately it is a storm water sewer so it doesn't affect residential sanitary sewers, but it is a problem with water in the streets. I know you hear me talk about this all the time, but it is worth mentioning again. PLEASE don't throw trash in the gutters or catch basins and PLEASE when you mow your lawn, don't blow the grass and weeds into the street. If it does go into the street, PLEASE sweep it up and dispose of it properly. Our DPW guys are constantly cleaning out the catch basins, but when we get those heavy rains, a lot of stuff along the gutter line can go into the sewer system. PLEASE help us keep the lines running smoothly.

Please save the date of Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6 p.m. for our next American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at the Michael Cocca, Sr. Community Center at 5 George Street. There is a serious shortage of blood and we want to do all we can to help out. If you would like to schedule an appointment, you can call my home at (518) 271-6965 and leave me a message. All my “regulars” will be getting my semiannual phone call. Thanks to everyone who donates their blood or their time to help us run this drive. You never know when you or someone you love may need a transfusion to save a life! I know it saved my husband, Mark, five years ago.

I guess that's it for this month. As always, please make sure you read the other newsletter for more info on what's happening in town. And if you have any “ins” with Mother Nature or “The Big Guy” above, ask them if we could have nice weather for the last two concerts and the Family Picnic. We might not get it – but it doesn't hurt to ask!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan