

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**Village of Green Island**  
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**RECREATION NEWS**

The Albany County Department of Recreation and the Green Island Recreation Department will sponsor Lacrosse on Saturdays starting on July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Paine Street Park. Equipment will be provided. This program is FREE for all Albany County residents. This is the perfect opportunity to try a new sport. Members of our staff will be present to ensure everyone is having fun! Visit <http://www.albanycounty.com/recreation.aspx> to download a registration form. The Albany County Department of Recreation and the Green Island Recreation Department are also hosting a basketball camp August 5<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ages 6 to 12. GRIND TIME Basketball will be running this “Skills and Drills” camp.

“Like” the Green Island Recreation Department page on Facebook for announcements, our Summer Movie schedule will be released soon!

**LITTLE LIBRARY AT THE PAINE STREET PARK**

The Village of Green Island is starting a “Little Library” program and has recently installed a box in the Paine Street Park. The Little Library is a free public book exchange (take a book, return a book) that aims to inspire reading throughout the community. There will be books for children and adults, we are encouraging reading as a family. Please see more information, including rules and regulations for the program on our website at [www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com). Special thank you to Green Island resident Alisha Hope for the idea and more importantly for volunteering to help start the program and keep it up and running.

**KEEP OUR RIVERS CLEAN**

Please remember 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 any emergency spill or report violators to the Green Island Police Department at 911 immediately. Thank you for your cooperation. Together we can help keep our waterways clean and free from debris.

**DIG SAFELY NEW YORK-CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG**

Homeowners are reminded to call Dig Safely New York every time you dig into the ground, even if it is in your own back yard. This is so that all utilities in the ground can be located before digging. The number is

simply 8-1-1. Failure to do so can result in the obvious danger, and can be very expensive, as the utility companies will charge you back for any damages, which could be in the thousands of dollars. We recommend that you call our building department at 518-273-2201 beforehand if you have any questions. They also have literature about the Dig Safely program for your use.

### **SWIMMING POOL SAFETY**

The Code Enforcement Office reports that there are many inflatable pools/spas throughout the Village. Please note that any pools with a water depth of over 18 inches must be in compliance with the same code regulations as the larger pools including secure fencing and lot coverage requirements. Electrical inspections by an independent agency may be required as well. To avoid the issue of non-compliance please call Maggie at the Village Office at 518-273-2201 for further information.

### **REMINDER – DOGS AND POOPER SCOOPER LAW**

It is illegal to bring any animal, with the exception of a guide or therapy dog, into any **public park**. **This includes all parks, and the Little League and Veteran's Memorial Stadium.** It is also illegal to allow your animal to defecate on any public or private property without picking up the mess, for obvious reasons, including the fact that if it washes into the storm drains it could go directly to the river, which would be a violation of the ***"Clean Water Act"***. If you wish to walk your dog, make sure you are prepared to clean up after him or her. We are also receiving complaints, and the Police have issued tickets to violators who allow or fail to secure their animals (dogs) from running at large. Please make sure dogs are secured in fenced areas or if out for a walk with a responsible owner/handler, make sure the dog is on a leash. Lastly, we have also heard complaints about dogs that are habitually barking. This is a violation of Local Law. Violators are subject to fines and the possibility that the animal will be transported to the Humane Society, which could be costly to the owner.

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

**VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE** – Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sales tables in/outside of the church. **Breakfast** – Fresh Egg Sandwiches, **Lunch** – Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, **Free Maps of Village Sales** – Available at the church, 89 Hudson Avenue. **To be included on the map:** Please send your check for \$3.00 made out to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 1523, Green Island, NY 12183 by July 27<sup>th</sup>. They will have limited lawn spaces available to rent that day. Contact church for more info – 518-273-5531.

### **NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL**

The Heatly School Library will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on Saturdays this summer (7/27, 8/3, 8/17, 8/24 and 8/31). Librarian, Mrs. Smi will be hosting a family story hour from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. (for ages 3-6, with a parent/guardian) and a STEAM hour from 11:00 a.m. to Noon (for ages 7-11, children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult). We are also hosting a Summer Reading Challenge where students can read books to earn prizes. Hope to see you there!

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

July 16, 2019

Dear Friends,

We had our first concert last week and it was great. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, we had a huge crowd and “The Accents” were phenomenal. I was so excited that the weatherman said there was NO chance of rain. I announced that we would have that same weather every Wednesday in July and August. Wrong!! The only day they are predicting anything bad this week is --- you guessed it --- Wednesday. Things may change, but it looks like we will be under the bridge. But at least we have a place to go when it rains. We don't have a refrigerator down there, so we can't bring any of our frozen treats and I just baked chocolate chip cookies this morning for our homemade ice cream sandwiches. Guess they will have to stay in the freezer until next week! No worries. We will have plenty of delicious food to please everyone's appetite! Hope to see you there.

The Paine Street Park Summer Program is in full swing and you can see Mr. Mullins in the sprinkler park with the kids all day long. I don't know why he isn't waterlogged! He and all the park staff do a great job with the kids. And please check out the other newsletter for info on lacrosse and basketball camps.

We are losing a couple of our adult counselors in the evening, so we decided to bring in a Police Officer from 5 to 9 p.m. to cover the park. We have had some issues with a few kids and we are not going to tolerate it. We will be strictly enforcing our “Residents Only” policy in the evening hours and residents will NOT be allowed to bring in guests. We want our park to be a safe place for our residents (both young and not so young) to be able to enjoy themselves and not have to worry about their safety or listening to inappropriate language. Anyone causing any kind of problems at the park will be put out of the park and not allowed to return. Please help us by reporting anything questionable to the officer at the park or one of the park staff. Everything works better when we work together!

Our “Little Library” is open in the Paine Street Park. One of our residents, Alisha Hope, asked us to consider starting this program and our DPW guys made it happen. It is a free public book exchange to encourage reading throughout the community. On that same note, the Heatly Library will be open on several Saturday mornings (see other newsletter for dates) for a family story hour and other reading opportunities. Let's encourage our young people to put down their phones and pick up a book to read. Reading together also encourages conversation, actually speaking to another person, not texting on a phone. I know I

am an old goat, but looking into someone's eyes while you are speaking to them is so much more powerful than texting. Let's not lose our ability to verbally communicate!

The Church of the Good Shepherd is again hosting a Village Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a great opportunity to turn some of your unused items into cash. Like the old saying goes, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." There will be lots of activity on the church grounds and they will be distributing maps to tell you where to go to find the "treasures." The members at the church work very hard to keep their church going. Let's give them some support!

We are having some issues with people bringing their dogs into our parks. Please note that only guide dogs and therapy dogs are allowed in our parks. We are also getting complaints of pet owners allowing their pets to "poop" and not picking it up. Besides being extremely rude and arrogant --- it is illegal! Pick up after your pets or keep them on you own property. If you are caught, the fines can be pretty expensive. Carrying a plastic bag with you is much cheaper --- and much more neighborly! And remember, many residents have cameras on their property and if they catch you on camera and report it – you will be ticketed!

That's it for this month. Hope you are enjoying your summer and we would love to see you at our concerts. And if you can do the "jitterbug" --- I'm all yours!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan