

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

The Paine Street Park and Splash Pad are open to Green Island residents, Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mr. Mullins and the Park Staff are looking forward to a fun summer, come and join them! There are new guidelines in place in response to COVID-19. Please be patient and considerate, our goal is to provide as many recreational activities as possible in a manner that is safe for everyone.

Children, 18 years of age and under are welcome to a FREE lunch and breakfast for the next morning. Visit the park between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, and grab meals for your family.

Thank you to John Heffern for making corn-hole boards for the Paine Street Park. Special thanks to Steve (Mopey) McHargue for donating and laminating the safety signs for the Park.

“Like” the Green Island Recreation Department page on Facebook for announcements.

LITTLE LIBRARY AT THE PAINE STREET PARK

The Little Library at the Paine Street Park is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 situation. We are hoping to have the library box open soon so everyone can enjoy some summer reading.

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.

NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

As summer approaches and residents are outside cleaning around their homes, it is important to remember the maintenance of the exteriors. The New York State Fire and Building Uniform Code has a section called “Property Maintenance” - this section covers all exterior wood surfaces other than decay

resistant wood. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint needs to be corrected by protective coating or painting. Window frames, siding, cornices and balconies on all buildings, houses and garages are all included in "Property Maintenance" Section.

The Village Code has a section of law, which specifies that homeowners **must maintain grass and weed growth on their properties from the curb to the yard**. Failure to do so will result in legal action against that property owner and if the Building Inspector orders the owner to clean the property and the owner refuses then the Village will hold a public hearing and if the owner does not respond, the Village DPW will be directed to clean up the property and a hefty bill will be attached to your property taxes. The Building Inspector will conduct a survey and notify homeowners if they have buildings that are subject to this ruling. Please cooperate by making our community a more attractive place to reside.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

July 16, 2020

Dear Friends,

OK. So our concerts didn't get off to a very good start. But then again, nothing else has gotten off to a very good start this year. Our DPW and GIPA guys had the River Park and under the bridge looking great. The Fire Department even went under the bridge to hose it down for us. Both sites ready for whatever would come along --- except for the drain pipe coming down from the Collar City Bridge! It was not reconnected when the construction guys cleared out and when that storm hit, it flooded the whole area under the bridge. The band, "The Accents" came, but could not hook up their equipment with all the water on the ground. Sooooo -- we had to cancel our very first concert. But the good news is, "The Accents" have agreed to reschedule for Sunday, August 23rd and will play from 2 to 4 p.m. Some bands make you pay if you cancel, so we are lucky! Hope you can join us for all the concerts. Just remember, masks and social distancing are mandatory, so please come prepared.

We had beautiful weather for our concert last night. "Get Up Jack" entertained the crowd of about 150 with their array of Irish tunes. I am very happy to say that the entire crowd followed all the COVID-19 guidelines and it went very well. We are even blocking off the road for concert goers to put their chairs there if they feel more comfortable maintaining more than the six foot distancing. The GIG crew turned out a lot of burgers and dogs and we had homemade ice cream sandwiches and root beer floats. We haven't raised our prices in 17 years. My granddaughter, Maddie, does the announcements with me and she said, "Ya, that means the prices have been the same my whole lifetime!" And she is right. We are able to do that because all of our help is volunteers and some have been doing it since day one. We may start up some "specials" in a few weeks if things go as good as last night. It was our 150th concert since we started 17 seasons ago. That doesn't seem possible.

When COVID-19 hit and we had to suspend lunches at the Senior Center, Jill and Shelby stepped up to the plate (no pun intended) and said lets figure out a way to get lunches to our seniors. They knew they couldn't do it alone. I am happy to say Rachel Files and my husband, Mark, have been there every day to help get the lunches out. And we have had volunteers delivering every day. Last week they passed the 3,000 mark for lunches delivered so far. That is pretty darn impressive. Now I am going to ask you to help them. They are having a Chicken Parm Dinner on Friday, July 24th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. It is TAKE OUT OR DELIVERY ONLY. There can be no indoor dining there yet. We highly

recommend that you preorder your dinners by calling 518-272-7262 and making a reservation time for pick up or delivery. The time blocks will be 4 to 4:30, 4:30 to 5, 5 to 5:30, 5:30 to 6 and 6 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 and it includes chicken parm, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. We would also ask that you have the proper cash at delivery time as the delivery persons will not be carrying any money with them. This is a chance to help our Seniors have a successful fundraiser. And I am happy to tell you that Ann Marie Lazzaro has donated the money to buy food, so whatever they take in is profit. Also please be aware that if you do not preorder, there may not be any dinners when you get there – and you don't want to miss this delicious dinner!!!

There will be no Village Wide Garage Sale this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions. I want to thank the members of the Church of the Good Shepherd for spearheading this event every year for the last umpteen years. Great job!

The Paine Street Park has been open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Saturday and Sunday. I know some people want it open every day, but we can't have it open unless it is staffed and sanitized several times a day. So, this may be our "new normal" for the time being. We weren't sure we would be opening at all this year. The kids are enjoying the spray pad and the playground equipment. We want to be careful because if there is a spike in positive COVID-19 testing, a lot of things will be shut down. The spike in the positive cases appears to be coming from young people who are not following the guidelines. They think they won't get sick – and they may not – but their actions may kill anyone who is immune compromised or elderly. We all need to be responsible and do our part. PLEASE help us get the message across to our youth.

Well, I think that is about it for now. I hope to see many more of you at the concerts and at the Paine Street Park being able to come outside and enjoy the summer weather. Before you know it, the kids will be back in school and the cold winter weather will arrive. So enjoy the warmth while we have it!!! And above all, **STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY AND WEAR YOUR MASK!!!**

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan