

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

FREE lunch and breakfast are available for pickup, Monday – Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Paine Street Park. All persons 18 years of age and younger are eligible. Stop by and grab meals for your family.

The Albany County Recreation Department is bringing **GRIND TIME** basketball to the Paine Street Park on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., July 17th – August 21st. All Albany County residents, ages 6 – 13 are welcome to participate. Please visit www.albanycounty.com/departments/recreation. If you have any questions, call the Village Office at 518-273-2201.

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

THE GREEN ISLAND SENIORS

The Green Island Seniors are holding a *Summer Barrel of Booze* raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Stop in at the Seniors to get your tickets or Venmo@GreenIsland-Seniors (If needed the code is – 1020). The drawing will be held during lunch on August 19, 2021.

WATER/SEWER and GIPA SERVICE

Residents now have the **option** to sign up or disconnect service by applying online. New water/sewer service customers should complete the application for utility service. To cancel service, existing customers should complete the final read, water utility service form. New GIPA customers should complete the application for electric service and existing customers wishing to cancel their electric service should complete the cancel electric service form. All forms can be found on www.villageofgreenisland.com. Customers can continue to sign up or disconnect services by calling the Billing Office at 518-273-2201.

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 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.

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.

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 CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MIDWEEK CHURCH SERVICES – Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Bring a chair or use one of ours. (Check our Facebook page for date changes due to weather: goodshepherdgi.com) They are then posted to Facebook every Sunday.

ANNUAL VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE – Saturday, August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine). A map will be produced with sale locations listed. If you would like your sale on the map, please send an envelope with information and \$4.00 to – Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 1523, Green Island, NY. The maps will be will be available at the church, on the day of the sale. Deadline is Monday, August 2nd.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

July 18, 2021

Dear Friends,

Well, summer has finally arrived and Mother Nature hasn't figured out if she wants to roast us or drown us! We can't seem to find a happy medium. But I can't really complain after seeing what Rensselaer County went through last Wednesday with flooding from the rain. We got let off pretty easy when you see the pictures of what they got. One more good reason to sweep out any dirt and trash you see around the storm sewers if you have one near your house. If the sewers can't take the rainwater, that's when the streets flood. This crazy weather is another sign of climate change, so we all need to do what we can to reduce our carbon footprint.

We had our first two summer concerts and both were under the bridge because of rain, but at least we have a place to go and don't have to cancel the concerts. The first one was our biggest "under the bridge" crowd ever. Our second one was still a good size crowd, but it was raining hard when it started, so some folks were afraid to chance it. But some showed a little later when the rain stopped. Both bands were excellent. This week is our "Irish Night" with the band, Get Up Jack. So if you are coming, wear something green and you may get a prize.

The "Annual Village Wide Yard Sale" is back again this year, thanks to the folks at the Church of the Good Shepherd. We couldn't have it last year because of the pandemic. If you would like to have your address printed on the maps that they hand out, please see the other newsletter for the details on how to sign up. This is a fundraiser for the Church, so PLEASE give them the four bucks to have your address listed. It's the cheapest advertising you could ever get and the money goes to a good cause. Please support them.

Our Green Island Seniors are having a raffle to raise a little money to help their budget. Being shut down for a year and a half has hurt a lot of not for profits, so let's give them our support too.

OK. Now we have to talk about some problems we are having with some young teenagers in our parks, and I ask all parents to PLEASE listen to me. The disruption and disrespect that they are exhibiting is unacceptable. We are instituting a new policy for evicting the violators from the park. When an incident occurs, a park staff member will fill out a form stating the person's name, date of incident, violation committed and length of time the individual will not be allowed to enter the park. A copy will be posted inside the hut at the park so other staff will be aware of the violation and a copy will be sent to the Police Department. It is in the Village Code (Chapter 116) that an individual can be removed from the park for being disruptive or behaving inappropriately. If the offending individuals refuse to leave the park, the Police will be called to remove them. Parents, I implore you to sit your kids down and talk to them. Some of these kids are headed down the wrong path and if they don't get some guidance from home, I fear their lives will not be happy ones. If you are a parent that has gotten a call from the Recreation Department about your child, PLEASE address the issue with your child. The pandemic, the isolation, the remote schooling have been tough on all the kids this last year and a half. And I know it hasn't been easy on their parents either. And we aren't out of the woods yet with COVID. The cases are increasing and I fear we will be back to masks and restrictions if we can't get a vaccine safe for the kids under 12. And if you are over 12 and unvaccinated, PLEASE reconsider and get the vaccine ASAP.

There is a lot of information in the other newsletter that I didn't have room to cover, so please make sure you check it out.

That's it for this month. Hope you all stay dry and cool in this crazy weather. And we'd love to see you at a concert!

Sincerely,



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