

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

NOTE: The **Annual Family Day Picnic** has been postponed until September 2022. Thank you in advance for understanding. We look forward to bringing the event back bigger and better next year.

ALBANY COUNTY ALLIANCE – BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION (BRE) PROGRAM

The Advance Albany County Alliance supports economic development within Albany County. With the support of County Executive Daniel P. McCoy and Albany County Legislature Chairman Andrew Joyce, the Alliance recently launched a new Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Program. The purpose of the program is to understand the needs of Albany County businesses so that they can be supported in a manner that will allow the business to grow and thrive. An important component of the BRE program is an online survey that gathers information from businesses about their needs. In an effort to reach as many Albany County businesses as possible we are asking Village businesses to complete a survey using the following link <https://albanycountyny-1.hubspotpagebuilder.com/aaca-business-engage-survey>. We value businesses here in Green Island, and we are hopeful that the BRE program will provide resources and ideas to help foster development

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 3rd – 9th, 2021. This year's theme is "***Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!***". The Fire Department will promote "***Fire Safety***" throughout the school and community. If you have any questions, please contact the Firehouse at 518-273-1041.

STORM DRAIN MARKERS

Have you noticed the storm drain markers that read "***Don't Dump, Drains to Hudson River***" located near catch basins around Green Island? This marker is a reminder that storm sewers in that area of the Village flow directly to the river and that anything deposited in them will contribute to water pollution that affects swimming, fishing and even drinking water downstream. Please don't dump anything into the catch basins or drains (anywhere) and if you see others doing it contact the Village Office at 518-273-2201 or email to swcoalition@albanycounty.com. Thank you for your assistance.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

Just a reminder that the Senior Center is open Monday – Thursday for lunch at 12:00 p.m., attendees are welcome starting at 11:30 a.m. Masks are required until seated. Take out is available. **Lunch reservations are required**; please call Jill or Gaylen at 518-272-7262.

NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

REMINDER – The blue donation box at the corner of Cohoes Avenue and Tibbits Avenue is for clothing and shoes **ONLY**. The donation box is used as a fundraiser for the American Legion. It's a convenient location for Green Island residents, but several users do not follow the posted rules, nothing should be left outside the box. Please be considerate and limit your drop off items to clothing and shoes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 19, 2021

Dear Friends,

Here we are in September already. Kids are back to school. Really back to school – not virtual. Again, I am going to ask anyone who is NOT vaccinated to PLEASE get the shots! Our kids under 12 can't get it and the only way we can try and protect them is for all of us, 12 and over, get the shots and wear your mask. I know folks are tired of this, but we will continue to be tired of this if we don't do what needs to be done to put an end to it. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING!

Well, our concerts at the GIG are done and in spite of COVID and the crummy weather – WE HAD A GREAT YEAR! Again, my thanks to our generous sponsors and our terrific GIG Crew for all their hard work. Rachel, Rachel, Christa, Kristin, Tod, Maddie, Jill and my Honey, Mark – you did a great job! Thanks to the DPW and GIPA guys for getting BOTH locations ready every week because we never knew where we would be. And thanks to Michele Bourgeois for getting the “Alerts” out for change of venue at the last minute. And thank you to our “faithful attendees” for braving the crazy weather. This was our 18th season and many of the bands have been with us for many of those years! Now that the concerts are over, we will be getting to work on our “Festival of Trees” which will be on Saturday, December 4th this year. More on that in the next couple of months.

I had the pleasure of stopping by the Little League today for their Little League Family Fun Day. They had live music, games for all and great food. My hat is off to all the volunteers who have kept this going the last few years. And as I have noted before, most of them do not have kids in the Little League! They do it because they care about the kids and our community. Thank you for the great example that you set!

Unfortunately, we will not be having our Annual Family Day in the Paine Street Park this year. The arrangements for this have to be scheduled months in advance and a few months ago, it did not look like we would be able to have it due to the pandemic. We have missed this

two years in a row, so let's hope 2022 will be the year that we can bring it back – better than ever!

Our Fire Department will be sponsoring Fire Prevention Week the first week in October. This is a very valuable tool for teaching our children about fire safety. The firemen work closely with the kids at Heatly, so ask your kids what they have learned. You may even learn some valuable lessons from them!

Jill and Gaylen and their volunteers are continuing to do a great job with our Senior lunch program Monday through Thursday each week. They have managed to serve thousands of lunches through this pandemic and they are now able to have “in house” lunches, but the COVID protocol is still in place and you must make a reservation by the day before so they know how much food they will need and at the same time, avoid wasting food. If you have any questions or want to make a reservation, call Jill or Gaylen at 518-272-7262.

Today would have been my Mom's 105th birthday. She died in 1998, but I still think of her every day. I am going to be 70 next month. That makes me feel old – but not as old as having my oldest son turn 50 last month!

That's it for this month.

Stay safe, get your shots and wear a mask. Let's make those numbers go down by next month!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan