

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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UPCOMING PLANNED POWER OUTAGE BY NATIONAL GRID

National Grid is working with the Green Island Power Authority and the Village of Green Island to schedule a planned power outage on Tuesday, August 2nd and Friday, August 5th. Please see the Mayor's letter for more information. The Village will use the First Alert system to notify the public once the schedule has been confirmed. Please sign up for the Alert system if you haven't done so already. You can sign up by visiting the Village Office or online at <http://villageofgreenisland.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Alert-notification-form.pdf>

NATIONAL GRID WORKING ON TIBBITS AVENUE

National Grid crews will be working in the area of Tibbits Avenue between Cannon Street and Cohoes Avenue for a period of time. Lane closures and delays should be expected. Please use caution and use a different route when possible. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

RECREATION NEWS

FREE lunches are available for pickup, Monday – Friday, starting at 11:00 a.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 Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. until August 11th. 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, such as “MOVIE NIGHTS” starting in August and more to come.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS

We've recently become aware of solicitors/individuals going door to door asking residents if they are receiving a savings, and ask to see their National Grid bill. At the present time, these solicitors **do not** have a Village permit. Do not open your door to strangers. Please do not provide anyone with any information. If you have concerns or witness door-to-door solicitors call the Police Dept. at 911.

NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Section 140-3 of the Code of the Village of Green Island states that owners or occupants of all tenements and premises are required to keep the sidewalks and streets to the center of the highway opposite their respective occupancies free and clear of all encumbrances of any description. **Property owners and/or tenants are responsible for clearing weeds at the curb in front of their residence. Please do your part in keeping the streets free and clear of weeds this season.**

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 **before** you dig. The Building Department can provide literature about the Dig Safely program if interested.

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

ANNUAL VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE – Saturday, August 6th 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 available at the church, on the day of the sale. Deadline is Monday, August 1st.

GRAND OPENING for "Bud's on the Hudson"

"Bud's on the Hudson", Green Island's new coffee and sandwich shop, will open on Monday, August 8th at 7:00 a.m. Bud's is the newest addition to Starbuck Island's commercial building at 10 Starbuck Island Drive.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

July 21, 2022

Dear Friends,

We had our third GIG Concert last night and I think it would be fair to say it was the hottest weather we ever had in our 19 years of doing the concerts. The temperature grew to over 100 degrees in the afternoon and we fretted over what to do. Do we cancel? Do we go under the bridge? Do we stay in the River Park? Well, we settled on the last one and I am glad we did. The band didn't want to cancel, Rachel had her many pounds of corned beef ready for the night's "special" and the homemade ice cream sandwiches and root beer floats were packed in the freezer --- and it wasn't raining! We ended up with a good crowd and they were a hungry crowd. They cleaned us out! I hope the rain stays away for the next six Wednesday nights, but I wouldn't mind a few clouds to cool it down. We will just have to wait and see what Mother Nature sends our way.

The summer program at the Paine Street Park is going well and the Sprinkler Pad is certainly getting some good use. It is on from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 8 p.m. But it was so hot last night that Maggie had the staff keep it going until 8 p.m. I see Mr. Mullins in there every day with the kids. It is a wonder he isn't waterlogged! It is nice seeing parents with their kids in the park. And they offer free lunch for the kids Monday through Friday. If you are new to Green Island and haven't been to the park, I highly recommend you give it a try. It really has a nice family feel. And you don't have to be a kid to go in and cool off under the sprinklers!

We have another new business on Starbuck Island. "Bud's On The Hudson" will be open to the public on Monday, August 8th at 7:00 a.m. It is a coffee and sandwich shop. Starbuck Island has certainly become an important addition to our community with the openings of a restaurant, beauty shop, liquor store, eye doctor's office, several other offices and now a coffee shop. Stop over and support our newest businesses in Green Island. Another business that opened recently is "Kari's Cakery" on the corner of George and Market Streets. A lot of folks have been raving about her cupcakes and chocolate chip cookies. I can see some waistlines expanding in the near future.

We spoke to you a couple months ago about planned power outages by National Grid in order to make some much needed repairs on their lines that bring power into our substation. The outage was postponed due to circumstances beyond their control, but it has now been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd and Friday, August 5th from 4:00 a.m. until around 7:00 a.m. both days. They have been working with us to try and schedule them for times that would be the least disruptive to everyone's routines. Hopefully most people will be sleeping and never even notice it happened. We will be sending out alerts

to remind everyone and let you know if there is any change in the dates or times due to weather issues. If you haven't signed up for the alerts, PLEASE do so. There are instructions in the other newsletter how to do so. We are well aware that any outage is an inconvenience to everyone, but these repairs and upgrades must be made. Most of the outages we have had in the last few years were due to this line and we are very happy that National Grid is going to fix it. And they were very responsive to all of our concerns about the timing, so please try to be understanding.

OK. I saved my cranky piece until last. Someone took one of the "free lunches" given out at either the school or the park and threw it in my garbage can after the DPW picked up the garbage last week. I didn't know it had been thrown in there when I went to bring in the can until four days later when I went to put a trash bag from my house into it. When I opened the can, hundreds of fruit flies came rushing out and the stench of very sour milk was nauseating. I went and got some bug spray and sprayed the can. It was an inconvenience, but not a big deal. I wish people would bring their garbage and dog poop bags home to their own cans, but I guess I should be happy that at least they picked it up. What really did bother me was that someone took a "free meal" with no intention of eating it when that same meal could have gone to a hungry kid. Please don't abuse the system or waste the food, because those "free meals" really aren't free. Taxpayers pay for them and that is OK when the food is going to feed the people who need it. Nobody wants to see anyone hungry – especially a child! Let's all work to get the food where it needs to be.

Please see the other newsletter for lots of info. And please make note of the paragraph about door to door solicitors. Keep your doors locked at all times and don't open them unless you know who is on the other side. This is especially important for the elderly and children who are at home alone. And NEVER give any personal information to anyone at your door or on the phone. There have been phone scams claiming to be the IRS and scammers claiming to be a relative asking for money. Don't be a victim!

I guess that is enough for this month. I hope to see more Green Islanders at the GIG Concerts. We have great crowds, but they are mostly from out of town and we don't even advertise out of town. I guess they just heard about the great food Rachel and the gang are preparing!

Stay well and stay cool!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan