

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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HEATLY SCHOOL PARKING AND TRAFFIC PROCEDURES

In an effort to keep our children safe, beginning the first day of school and on all days that school is in session the Green Island Police Department will be enforcing parking and traffic flow procedures in the area of Heatly School.

ARCH STREET between George Street and Hudson Avenue will be **CLOSED** to eastbound vehicle traffic from **7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.** and **2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.** It will also be closed at any time that school is dismissed early. Traffic will be allowed traveling **WEST** on **ARCH STREET**. As a reminder, please use the designated crosswalks for safe crossing.

Those dropping off students in vehicles must look closely at parking signs in front of school. Drivers must not leave their vehicles while parked in the area marked by signs in front of school. Double parking is also not allowed. Please drop off children at the sidewalk and in a timely fashion so as to keep traffic flowing at busy times. Those that must leave their vehicles unattended must park in a legal parking spot down the street or around the corner from school.

We ask that you follow these simple rules and please listen to our Crossing Guard and Police Officers. This will make for a better and safer drop off area for our children. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to, Mr. Mullins and the Park Staff for putting on another successful summer program. We would also like to give a special thank you to our evening Park Staff. Thank you **ALL** for doing an amazing job! Thank you to all the families, parents and children, for spending your summer with us. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

The full summer program will end on Thursday, August 25th. On Monday, August 29th, we will re-open for abbreviated hours, 11:00AM – 3:00PM, until Thursday, September 1st. The sprinkler will run on the same abbreviated schedule. The park will be staffed in the evening through October 31st.

Thank you to Daryl Whited and the Watervliet School District, NYS Nutrition Consortium and NYS Department of Health for bringing the **FREE** healthy lunch program to the Paine Street Park. The last day for lunches will be Thursday, August 18th.

Thank you to County Executive Dan McCoy, Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple and the Albany County Recreation Department for hosting the Grind Time Basketball Camp. Flag football will be starting Thursday, September 15th. Visit the Recreation Department's Facebook page for more info.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS (Cont'd.)

The Recreation Department will be hosting an event on Thursday, September 8th, from 4:00PM – 7:00PM, to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. The Green Island Little League will be running the grill; hotdogs, hamburgers and other treats will be available for purchase. Musical Entertainment from *Hands of Time*, bounce house, face painting, bingo, and several fun yard games will be played. There will be vendors with some good giveaways so please join us in the fun!

More Information to come on the Recreation Department's Facebook page.

PLEASE DON'T FEED ANIMALS

We have had previous complaints about wild animals and birds causing a nuisance in the Village. This can cause a dangerous situation for our residents and especially children including the possibility of being bitten or contracting a serious illness. **PLEASE DO NOT FEED ANY ANIMALS OR BIRDS OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME, INCLUDING YOUR OWN PETS.** Wild animals and nuisance birds are attracted by food sources left outside and are attracted closer to homes because of that. An enclosed bird feeder meant only for small birds is okay but please locate them according to instructions so as not to attract those it was not intended for. By not providing a feeding source for these animals and birds we create less of a chance that they will populate in our neighborhoods. Please cooperate for the good of our residents and especially our children.

VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT

A reminder to all motorists, the maximum speed limit within the Village of Green Island is 30 mph. Please be courteous of your neighbors and stay within the speed limit for the safety of all pedestrians, pets, and children playing in the area. Please contact the Green Island Police Department at 518-765-2352 with any specific concerns.

NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Meatloaf Dinner – Saturday, September 24th from 4 – 6 p.m. **Reservations Only (Take Out or Delivery)**. Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll, Dessert. \$14.00. Only 120 dinners will be served. To order, call the church at 518-273-5531. There will be October and November dinners. Date TBA. More info: Facebook: @goodshepherdgi.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

2023 Board Member Elections: The Green Island Little League will be holding board member elections on Tuesday, September 20th, from 5:30PM – 6:00PM. at the American Legion, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. Green Island residents 18 years or older may run for a one-year term. In order to keep the league running, the league is stressing the need for parents of players to become board members. You may apply by contacting Marcia Etman at 518-596-0576 or Danielle Boudreau at 518-892-5431. The deadline to express an interest in running is Friday, September 16th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

August 17, 2022

Dear Friends,

The weatherman said the high today would be in the low 70s. After several weeks of high 90s, this feels like fall weather. But I like it! I think the high humidity bothered me more than the heat. It was oppressive. I just wish we could bottle that heat and save it until February!

The end of summer will be here before you know it. That means the kids will be back in school. Please use caution when dropping off and picking up your children at school. If everyone would follow the parking and traffic procedures noted in the other newsletter, things would go much smoother in front of school. Please follow the rules and keep all of our kids safe.

Speaking of traffic, I have been told that we are having some speeding issues on Arch Street. Acting Chief Bill Rice is making arrangements to have an electronic sign that lists your speed put on Arch Street to make people aware of their speed. We will also be doing some extra details in the Police Department to curb the excessive speed on all the streets in the village. We are also having a problem with drivers ignoring stop signs. We have been doing Police details on that too, so I guess we can just double up. So if you get a ticket, don't complain. You have been warned.

The Paine Street Park summer program is winding down. They had great weather to enjoy the spray pad. Mr. Mullins is in there every day with the kids. I think he is kind of like Peter Pan. He will never grow up --- or old! I think we will get another 20 summers out of him. Thank you to all the summer park counselors, especially the evening crew. You all did a great job this summer with very few behavior issues. It is nice to see so many families enjoying the park.

While we are on the subject of parks and recreation, Maggie is changing things up a little with how we do Family Day. We haven't had very good attendance the last few years and we think it is because weekends are a busy time, so she wants to try something new. On Thursday, September 8th from 4 to 7 pm at the Paine Street Park, we will be having an event to celebrate the end of summer and the start of the new school year. All the details about refreshments and activities are in the other newsletter, so make sure you check it out.

Our summer concerts at the River Park Gazebo are going great. We have to go under the bridge tonight because of rain, but this summer Mother Nature was much kinder than last year. The bands have been great and we have never served so many hungry concert goers. Hope you can join us for the next couple Wednesdays and enjoy the music, food and great company.

I think that's it for this month. Hope you enjoy what's left of summer. Before you know it we will be shoveling snow!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan