

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
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**JUNE 2023**

The Village Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the holiday. PLEASE NOTE: The Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. GARBAGE PICKUP on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will remain as scheduled.

**RECREATION NEWS**

The Summer Park Program will officially begin on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The parents of any child wishing to use our facilities this summer will be required to fill out a program registration form. This will help our staff in an emergency situation when parents have to be notified. A registration form can be picked up and dropped off at the Paine Street Park or the Village Office during operating hours. The form can also be found on the Village website at <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/parks-recreation/>. PLEASE NOTE: that the Summer Park Program is not a registered daycare or structured program.

**Save the dates for the following events happening this summer:**

**Bike Rodeo** –Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your bike and bike helmet to the park by 12:30 p.m.

**Free Lunch Program** – Free lunch will be provided daily at 11:00 a.m. starting July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The **Summer Concert Series** will begin Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There are FREE concerts every Wednesday through August 30<sup>th</sup>. The concerts are held in the Hudson River Park, just north of Heatly School. RAIN LOCATION is the east side of Hudson Avenue, under the bridge.

The **Sprinkler Pad** schedule will coincide with the summer program, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The hours of the summer program are 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Weather permitting the sprinklers will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Albany County Department of Recreation and the Green Island Recreation Department will sponsor a basketball camp for kids ages 6 – 14 at the Paine Street Park. The camp will be held on Saturdays, starting July 8<sup>th</sup> – August 19<sup>th</sup>. The camp is FREE for all Albany County residents. Please register at <https://albanycounty.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

**HELMET LAW**

The law states that any child 14 years of age and younger must wear a helmet when riding bicycles. We also suggest helmets, elbow and kneepads and wrist guards when riding scooters, and skateboarders. Our police department will be on the lookout for violators, but more important they may even stop those that are wearing helmets to tell them "Good Job".

**NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT**

According to the Village Code, a homeowners must maintain grass and weed growth on their property. Failure to do so will result in legal action against that property owner. If the Building Inspector orders the owner to clean the property and the owner refuses, the Village will hold a public hearing. If the owner does not respond, the Village DPW will be directed to clean up the property and a hefty bill will be levied onto the 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.

### **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 them. 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 our Local Law. Violators are subject to fines.

### **RECREATIONAL AND OTHER BACKYARD FIRES**

This time of year, residents like to have small backyard fires. Typically, it isn’t an issue if residents keep a small manageable fire in a safe area of their property, and communicate with neighbors in a respectful manner.

If there is an issue, and when police and fire personnel are called, the NYS Fire Code is pretty clear that a fire is prohibited if the burning is “offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions.....”. The Code also states that “Recreational fires shall be not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.....”, and that “Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and shall not be operated within 15’ of a structure or combustible material.” If our personnel are called, they will enforce the law, most likely making you extinguish the fire immediately and depending on the situation, cite you as well. Please be a good neighbor and don’t allow yourself to be put in to that situation. Thank you for your cooperation. **LANDLORDS, PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR TENANTS.**

### **NEWS FROM TOWN OF GREEN ISLAND**

The Town of Green Island is seeking individuals interested in running for elected office for the position of Town Justice. The Town Justice is an elected position which will be on the ballot in the 2023 General Election. Eligible candidates must be residents and eligible to vote in Green Island. All candidates should be prepared to serve the term of office which is 4-years beginning in January 2024. Town Justice is a part-time position. The position will require an understanding of NYS criminal, civil and vehicle and traffic law, rules and procedure. Candidates with relevant work experience and legal practice in related fields are strongly encouraged to apply. Training for the position is mandatory. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit their resume to Town Supervisor Rachel Perfetti, [rperfetti@townofgreenisland.com](mailto:rperfetti@townofgreenisland.com) by Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

June 16, 2023

Dear Friends,

My letter will be short this month because I want to put the schedule for our Wednesday Concerts in the River Park on the backside of my letter. They start on July 5<sup>th</sup> and we have a great lineup. We also listed the food "specials" for each week, in addition to our usual burgers, dogs, root beer floats, homemade ice cream sandwiches and other treats. Our Gig-A-Bite crew is ready to fill your tummies, so please come hungry. Please also read who our sponsors are and thank them if you see them, because without their generosity, these concerts wouldn't be happening.

Please make sure to read the other newsletter because we have lots of info in it about the summer program at the Paine Street Park. Our evening staff has already started and the daytime staff will be starting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Maggie and Emma have been working to get everything in place and Mr. Mullins can't wait to get in that spray pad with all little friends. I hope our weather improves by the time we open. If anyone has Mother Nature's number, please give her a call!

Please note at the end of the other newsletter there is some info from the Town about a vacancy in one of the Town Justice positions. The requirements are listed there and if you are interested, please get your resume to Supervisor Rachel Perfetti. We also have positions come up occasionally on some of our other boards (Planning, Zoning, Assessment Review, GIPA, Senior Housing, etc.) that aren't elected positions, but rather appointed positions. We would like to develop a list of residents who may have some interest in serving on a board when the positions open up. If you have an interest, please drop off your name and contact info at the Village Office and let us know what you may be interested in. We know there is a lot of talent out there, we just don't know who might be interested. Give it some thought!

Assistant Chief Bill Rice was able to secure a grant for the Police Department and one of the things he got was a speed sign that can be placed in various locations in the village. We had one loaned to us by the Sheriff's Department last year, but they needed it back, so Bill did his magic and got one for us. I thought it did help to slow down traffic last year and I am hoping it will encourage folks to pay more attention to their speed, especially with more kids and bikes on the road with the nice weather coming.

OK. I am out of room, so I am signing off. Stay safe, enjoy the nice weather and I hope to see you out enjoying our summer programs at the parks!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

# 20 YEARS OF GIG MUSIC AT THE GIG In 2023

July 5<sup>th</sup> **The Accents**

July 12<sup>th</sup> **NY PLayers**

July 19<sup>th</sup> **Get Up Jack**  
Irish/American Night at the GIG

July 26<sup>th</sup> **The Oldies Show**  
Sock Hop at the GIG

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Swing Docs**

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> **Capt. Squeeze**  
Direct from New Orleans  
and the Zydamo Moshers

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> **Lustre Kings**  
Celebrating ELVIS  
"The King of Rock 'n' Roll"  
Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> **Big Fez**  
and the Zydamo Surfmatrics

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> **TS Ensemble**

Concerts are held at the River Park Gazebo. In the event of rain, concerts will be held under the Collar City Bridge on Hudson Avenue. Smoking and alcohol are not permitted in the park.

## SPONSORS

### Gold

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Finning Properties

Catskill Hudson Bank

Alkegen

### Silver

Galesi Group

Machnick Builders, LTD

Michael Cocca Jr.

Connelly Construction, Inc.

In Loving Memory of Marilyn Cavanaugh

### Bronze

Ann Marie Lazzaro

Lazzaro's Autobody, Inc.

Tom & Candace Swimm

In Memory of Matty Crudo

In Memory of Teresa Fulgan

Roberta Hardt

Ellen McNulty-Ryan & Mark Ryan

Nancy & Mike McNulty

Reliable Brothers, Inc.

Rosemarie & Bob Rizzo

Green Island Seniors

Green Island Democratic Committee

## SPECIALS

**The Accents** July 5<sup>th</sup>

Fried Chicken Basket

Strawberry Shortcake

**NY PLayers** July 12<sup>th</sup>

Mac & Cheese

Rice Pudding

**Get Up Jack** July 19<sup>th</sup>

Corned Beef Sandwich

Mint Choc Chip Ice Cream

**The Oldies Show** July 26<sup>th</sup>

Pulled Pork Slider

Cookies and Cream Ice Cream

**Swing Docs** Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sausage & Peppers

Fruit Cup

**Capt. Squeeze** Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>

Foot Long Hot Dogs

Mac Salad

Rice Pudding

**Lustre Kings** Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>

Steak Sandwich

Banana Split Ambrosia

**Big Fez** Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Hawaiian Chicken Sandwich

Peach Pie with Ice Cream

**TS Ensemble** Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>

Pasta Fagioli