

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**Village of Green Island**  
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**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 sponsoring a **FREE** basketball camp at the Paine Street Park on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. until August 19<sup>th</sup>. All Albany County residents, ages 6 – 13 are welcome to participate. Please visit [www.albanycounty.com/departments/recreation](http://www.albanycounty.com/departments/recreation). If you have any questions, call the Village Office at 518-273-2201.

**“Like” the Village of Green Island page on Facebook for announcements. We’ve got announcements coming up about Pickle Ball, and open runs.**

**DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS**

A solicitors/peddler’s permit is required before individuals can go door to door selling their services or good. In most instances the solicitors **do not** have a Village permit. Do not open your door to strangers. Please do not provide anyone with any personal 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.**

**NEW LOCAL LAW**

Local Law No. 2 of 2023 adds a new Section 151-2 – Parking and storage to the Village Code. It shall be unlawful to park any bus, house coach, school bus, tractor, including a cab or semi-cab of any length, trailer or combination thereof, semi-trailer, stinger-steered automobile transporter, mobile car crusher, boat, boat trailer, one-axle trailer, dump truck, moving van, delivery or work van, either by itself or in combination with a trailer, in excess of 20 feet in length, recreational vehicle in excess of 20 feet in length, tow truck except in front of or alongside a commercial establishment for such towing business and without any motor vehicle located on or attached to said tow truck, on any Village street other than for a temporary period of time related to and necessary to accomplish a specific business purpose.

### **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.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

July 18, 2023

Dear Friends,

We have had a lot of changes in our Fire Department recently. Three of our seven firefighters, Scott McHargue, Matt Lansing and Bryan Welsh, retired in July. Lieutenant Jordan Jones put out the word to some other departments and I am happy to say we had five very qualified candidates come in for interviews. We had put into our budget this year to go to an eight man department and we decided to go with the expanded workforce now. I am happy to say our Village Board appointed four new firefighters at Monday's meeting. They will start training at the end of the month and begin their full time shifts in early August. So if you see some new faces driving around in the trucks, give them a wave to welcome them to our team.

We also passed a new local law at Monday's meeting. It prohibits vehicles in excess of 20 feet from parking on any of our public streets. We had several instances in the last couple years of people parking these large vehicles on the streets for long periods of time. Some not moving for the entire winter. This made it very difficult to do snow plowing and some made visibility very difficult when pulling out from a side street. We all know that parking is a problem and is extremely tight on many blocks, so we listened to people's concerns and did something about it. Please see the other newsletter (New Local Law) for all the details. We will have a grace period until the first of August before giving out tickets. This should give people enough time to make other arrangements for storing their vehicles and trailers. People can still get a dumpster when they are doing renovations or clean outs, but they must first apply for a barricade permit from the Building Inspector to do so and the permits do have a time limit.

One of the jewels that we have here in town is our Senior Citizens congregate lunches from Monday through Thursday at the Community Center at 5 George Street. Lunches are at noon each day and I have to say – they are pretty good! And the suggested contribution is only \$3.00

and that includes dessert, coffee, tea and iced tea. My husband and I go pretty much every day. While the food is very good, the conversation and company of those in attendance is just as enjoyable. Many new friendships have been made there and one of the nice things is if one of the “regulars” don’t show up, someone always checks up on them. They really watch out for each other. Jill Alix, the Executive Director, makes everyone feel welcome and Gaylen Catellier, our cook, serves up some tasty meals (my favorite is her baked chicken). The menu is supervised by Albany County, so the meals are healthy. And you can pick up a listing of the meals for the entire month, so you can determine what you like and what days you would like to come. You must sign up by the day before or you can mark the monthly menu for the days you want to come and they will mark you down. It really is a great program and I wish more people would use it. We have quite a few “out of towners” who come on a regular basis because they like the food and enjoy the company. If you think you would be interested, give Jill a call at (518) 272-7262 and she can answer any questions that you might have. I hope to see you there!

Another place I would love to see you is at our concerts in the River Park every Wednesday from 6 to 8 pm in July and August. We have great bands and we serve up some pretty great food too! And we have a new dance floor this year, so we have more room to “cut a rug”. Only old people like me know that that means “dance”! Sometimes I realize just how old I am when I use an expression like that and the young folks look at me with a very confused look – and then I have to explain. Oh well, I don’t understand half of their vocabulary, so I guess we are even!

That’s it for this month. Hope you are staying cool with all this heat and dry with all this rain. And some people still don’t believe in climate change!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan