

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 24th. The park will re-open on Friday, August 25th, for abbreviated hours, 11:00AM – 3:00PM, until Wednesday, August 30th. 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 Friday, August 18th.

Thank you to County Executive Dan McCoy, Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple and the Albany County Recreation Department for the Saturday morning Basketball Camp.

The Recreation Department will be hosting an event on Thursday, September 7th, 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, balloon twister, 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.

GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

The Green Island Senior Citizens are interested in hiring an individual for a part-time cook's position. The individual will be a Village of Green Island employee. The cook is responsible for preparing and serving the congregate lunch meal program, Monday – Thursday, and one monthly dinner. The position is 18hrs a week, at \$17.50 an hour, with the option to join the NYS Retirement System. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, and resume with references to Maggie Alix at the Village Office, 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, NY 12183 or by email at Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com no later than September 7, 2023.

PLEASE DON'T FEED ANIMALS

Wild animals and birds are a nuisance, and may put residents, especially children, in a situation where they are bitten or contract 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 to food sources. An enclosed bird feeder meant only for small birds is okay but please follow the manufacturer's instructions so that the feeder does not attract other animals. 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

August 16, 2023

Dear Friends,

Boy, this summer went really fast! The Paine Street Park closes out its full time summer program next week, we only have two more concerts after tonight and “back to school” is just around the corner. Enjoy what summer we have left. I wish the winter went by as quick as the summer does!

Many thanks to Mr. Mullins and all the park staff for a great summer program. The spray park got a good workout every day and the evening staff kept it on for the kids on those hot nights. It must take Mr. Mullins weeks to dry out after spending so much time with the kids in the sprinklers!

With school starting up in just a couple of weeks, please obey the traffic rules for parking and dropping off the kids at the school. When everyone obeys the rules, everything goes quickly and smoothly. But when people double park or leave cars unattended in the drop off area, things can get nasty – and dangerous for our children. PLEASE follow the rules. And DO NOT PARK IN THE “FIRE LANE” AT THE RIVER PARK. When people park there, emergency vehicles like the fire trucks cannot get through. Please obey the signs and be aware that the police will be issuing tickets to violators.

Our cook at the Senior lunch program, Gaylen Catellier, will be leaving in September when she moves down South. Gaylen has been with us for several years. We will miss her and we wish her well on her new adventure. That means we will be looking for someone to take her place in this part time job. It is Monday through Thursday, 18 hours a week and \$17.50 per hour. The hours work great for anyone with kids in school because you start after the kids are in school and you are home before they get out. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please see the other newsletter for details on applying. Also, you do not have to be a resident of Green Island for this job.

Our Concerts in the Park have been great this year. The first six concerts were in the River Park and the weather has been very cooperative - up until now. As I sit here typing this letter on a concert day, we are waiting to see if we will have to go under the bridge tonight. While we are very fortunate to have a "rain location," it is a lot of work to transport all the concession stand food and equipment. It is easy to make the decision if it is a washout day all day long. Right now, the sun is shining — but they are predicting rain at the time of the concert. The bands have to set up several hours before so we have to make the decision by 2 pm. Let's hope we make the right decision!

I will leave you on a sad note. Bob Vanderheyden, who was a member of our Green Island Police Department for 30 years, from 1975 until retiring in 2005 as a Sergeant, died on August 11th. Bob was a lifelong resident who proudly served his community. Our sympathy to his wife Barbara, his children, grandchildren, sister and brother. May he rest in peace.

That's it for this month. I usually try to leave you smiling with something funny at the end of my letters, but it's hard to laugh after telling you about losing a good guy like Bob!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan