

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 8th – 14th, 2023. This year's theme is **"Cooking Safety Starts With You! Pay Attention to Fire Prevention."** The Fire Department will promote **"Fire Safety"** throughout the school and community. If you have any questions, please contact the Firehouse at 518-273-1041.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Thank you to everyone that joined us at the Paine Street Park on September 7th to celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year. A special thank you goes out to the sponsors and participants of the event; Green Island Fire Department, Green Island Senior Citizens, Green Island Little League, Heatly School, Albany County Department for Aging, Alkegen, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany Community Action Partnership, Q T Pie Productions, Spatty's Bounce Rental, The Hands of Time, and Kona Ice.

The next recreational event will be the Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating on Tuesday, October 31st. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

*The Green Island Senior Citizens will be closed from
Monday, October 16th – Friday, October 27th, 2023 for a renovation project.
The center will reopen on Monday, October 30th.*

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 18 hours/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

STREET PAVING AND ADA CURB RAMP INSTALLATION PROJECT

The Village will be undergoing a street paving and ADA curb ramp installation project in the next few weeks. The following streets will be milled and filled – Bleecker Street, Paine Street, Lower Paine Street, and Lafayette Park. ADA curb ramps will be installed at each intersection of the cross streets. The Village will use the Alert System and the Village of Green Island Facebook page to notify residents of road closures, delays, and no parking areas. All pedestrians, bicyclist and motorists are asked to follow all posted signs, use alternative routes, and avoid the constructions areas when possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Department of Public Works - BULK PICK-UP

Paid bulk pick-up is done every Thursday, excluding holidays. Residents requesting a bulk pick-up must call the Village Office at 518-273-2201 or email Tara Bourgeois at tarab@villageofgreenisland.com **by Wednesday to schedule a pick-up**. Payment must be received prior to the pick-up and no items should go to the curb before a pick-up has been confirmed. Calls or emails received **after close of business on Wednesday** will be scheduled for the following week.

STORM DRAIN MARKERS

The “Don’t Dump, Drains to Hudson River” storm drain markers located near catch basins around Green Island are a reminder that storm sewers in that area of the Village flow directly to the river. Anything deposited in the catch basins will contribute to water pollution; which may affect swimming, fishing and even drinking water downstream. Please don’t dump anything into the catch basins or drains (anywhere) and if you see others doing it contact the Village Office at 518-273-2201 or email to swcoalition@albanycounty.com. Thank you for your assistance.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER FROM THE TOWN

All dogs are required to be licensed with the Town of Green Island. Albany County Department of Health also requires all dogs, six months of age or older, to be vaccinated for rabies. Proof of rabies vaccine and spay/neuter (if the dog has been spayed or neutered) must be provided when applying for a license. Licenses can be obtained form the Town Clerk’s Office. For more information, call the Town Office at 518-273-0661.

Fine and fees are involved if an unlicensed dog is picked up by Animal Control and/or the Green Island Police Department. Fines and fees must be paid before reclaiming the dog.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 19, 2023

Dear Friends,

How come summer goes so fast and winter goes so slow? I can't believe fall is upon us. But we had a good summer. The Paine Street Park summer program went very well and those sprinklers got a good workout. The "End of Summer-Back to School" event on September 7th was a nice evening. Our Fire Department went above and beyond for the kids – setting up the hose for a giant spray pad and even "Sparky" the mascot came by to greet the kids. A special shout out to "Sparky" because it was very hot that night and it isn't fun to be in the sun when you have a fur coat! The next event for the Recreation Department will be our Halloween Parade with Trick or Treats being handed out by various groups at the end of the parade. We started doing it this way because of COVID, but it turns out it is the safest way for kids to be able to Trick or Treat, so we kept it going. Hope to see you all there!

Our Summer Concerts at the River Park were awesome this year. We had a perfect summer with no concerts under the bridge. That is only the second time in 20 seasons that we have been at the Gazebo for every concert. We had the biggest crowds that we have ever had and boy were they hungry. We sold a lot of hot dogs, burgers, specials and ice cream. We already have some of the bands booked for next year! The next event in the River Park will be the Festival of Trees on Saturday, December 2nd. More to come on that in the next couple months.

The Fire Department will be having their annual Fire Prevention Week activities at the school and in the community from October 8th thru the 14th. This is a great program and the firefighters put a lot of time and effort into teaching the kids (and their parents) how to stay safe. We had a fire that gutted our house when I was five years old and I can still vividly recall it 66 years later, so I know the importance of teaching these kids how to prevent fires, but also what to do if it happens to them. Thank you to all the members of the Green Island Fire Department for keeping us safe!

We will be having some street paving done in the next several weeks. Please see the other newsletter for details and we ask for your cooperation and patience during this construction period. I know it is a pain in the backside when you can't park or get down a street, but the end result is well worth it. Just look at the new roads in the north end of town. They are beautiful, but that project was much longer and the residents were real troopers while it was going on and we appreciate their patience during that project. This one will be much shorter and hopefully less painful. Let's hope for good weather so there aren't any delays.

They used to say hang your Rosary beads on the clothesline for good weather for a wedding. I wonder if that will work for a construction project. Actually, I wonder if anyone still has Rosary beads or clotheslines!!!

We have been having some issues with loose dogs and unlicensed dogs. Please see the other newsletter about this because it can be very costly if your dog is picked up. Also a reminder that we have a local law that prohibits feeding animals (including your own pets) outside your home. I have been getting complaints about feral cats around town. Please obey the law and **DO NOT FEED ANY ANIMALS OUTSIDE YOUR HOME**. I know some folks feel sorry for the cats, but feeding them increases the number of cats and also attracts other wild animals. We had a problem with wild animals and rodents in the north end of town a number of years ago and that was one of the reasons we got the covered garbage cans. The new cans and the local law both helped to alleviate the problem. Let's not go backwards. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Our Community Center at 5 George Street will be closed from October 16th thru the 27th to replace the flooring. It is 3,000 square feet of flooring, so it will take a while and the building is round, so installation will be a challenge. We hope to be back up and running the congregate lunch program on the 30th. The lunch program is a great program and I wish more people would take advantage of it. It runs Monday thru Thursday at noon. Stop in and pick up a menu and give it a try. You must sign up by the day before so the staff knows how much food to cook. The food is great and the company is enjoyable. Many friendships have been cultivated at Seniors and they all watch out for each other. If someone who was expected to be there for lunch doesn't show up, one of the members will give a call and make sure they are OK. So many of our Seniors live alone and this program helps to create a safety net. And Jill Alix, the Executive Director, does a great job of keeping the members entertained, well fed and happy. Keep up the great job Jill!

Well, it looks like I am running out of space, so I better wrap it up. Gee, next month I get to talk about "happy" things – like snow removal! Ugh!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen McNulty-Ryan