

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

The Summer Park Program will officially begin on Monday, July 1st. The parents or guardians of any child wishing to use our facilities this summer is strongly encouraged to fill out an emergency contact form. The information provided will help our staff notify a parent or guardian in an emergency situation. A contact 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:** The Village of Green Island does not provide direct childcare services. 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, July 11th. 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 1st through August 16th.

The **Summer Concert Series** will begin Wednesday, July 10th, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There are **FREE** concerts every Wednesday through August 28th. 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, July 1st – Thursday, August 29th. The hours of the summer program are 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Weather permitting the sprinklers will be on some evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We are launching a new **Soccer Clinic** for students in Pre-K – 3rd Grade. If the kids enjoy it, we will add more sessions but to start we will host Pre-K & Kindergarten (10:30am-11:30am), and 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade (11:30am – 12:30pm) on **Tuesday, July 9th and Thursday, July 11th**. Proper footwear is required (i.e., sneakers or cleats). Participants are encouraged to bring shin guards and a bottle of water. Equipment will be provided for those that need it.

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 13th - August 24th from 9am-11am. The camp is **FREE** for all Albany County residents. Please register at <https://albanycounty.com/recreation>

Please visit the Village of Green Island Facebook Page for official updates. We will also post special events throughout the summer.

HELMET LAW

The law states that any child 14 years of age and younger must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. We also suggest helmets, elbow and kneepads and wrist guards when riding scooters and skateboards. 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 homeowner must maintain grass and weed growth on their property, from the curb inward. Failure to do so may result in legal action. 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 will 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, the Green Island 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 with 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. You may also receive a citation. 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 THE AMERICAN LEGION

GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held on **Friday, June 28, 2024** at Briar Creek Golf Course, 2347 Pangburn Road, Duaneburg, NY 12056. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$100.00 per person and includes Greens Fees, Coffee and Donuts at the Course, Hot and Cold Buffet, and three (3) hours of open bar from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. back at the American Legion. Non-Golfer Cost is \$50.00 and includes buffet and open bar only. Make checks payable to "LCP 927". Please submit all teams and money to Donna Lazzaro or Ozzie Cusack. Any questions, please contact Donna Lazzaro at 518-274-1237 or the Legion Post at 518-272-1198. Don't miss out on the fun!!!!

The Village Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of the holiday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

June 19, 2024

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter to you, we are experiencing some of the hottest weather we have ever had. I wish it had waited until July when our summer park staff would be on and the spray pad would be open. But I guess Mother Nature wanted to send us summer a little early. The summer park program will open on July 1st, so we will be ready for whatever comes our way after that. In the meantime, I hope everyone stays cool and hydrated.

If you ride by the Paine Street Park, you will notice some improvements. We have a new fence, courtesy of Albany Engineering and a new parking lot, courtesy of Luizzi Companies. We will also be getting some much needed new sidewalks around three sides of the park. We are hoping it will be done before the park opens, but if it isn't, please use caution during construction because it will be blacktop and that is very hot for hours after its installation. Please caution your children and supervise them to avoid any injuries.

If you have been up in the north end of the island where our Veterans Banners are, you can see that they are deteriorating and need to be replaced. We said when we did this program five years ago that we would not leave them up once their condition did not display proper respect to our veterans. Kristin Swinton and Mark Ryan have once again volunteered to run the program. When we did the program five years ago, it cost \$200.00 to cover the cost of the banner and the hardware (the hardware cost more than the banners). If you purchased a banner back then, you can reorder a new banner for \$100.00. If you did not participate in the first program but would like to order one this time, the price will be \$200.00 for the banner and the hardware. We would like to have the new banners up by Veteran's Day in November. In order to achieve that, the program application date cut off will be August 31. That should give us enough time to get the banners printed and get up any new hardware that is needed. Once the new banners are up, the old banners will be available to the families who sponsored them and can be picked up at the Village Office during regular business hours. Replacement banners will be placed on the same pole that they are on now. New banners will be placed on the north end of Cohoes Avenue and the north end of Cannon Street.

We will be putting the application form and guidelines for the program on our website, or you can pick one up at the Village Office, the Town Office or the Community Center. The Veteran must have lived in Green Island at some time and new applicants must have a copy of the Veteran's DD214 (discharge papers) or

some sort of Military ID and a high quality 5 x 7 photo for the banner. If you were already in the program, you do not need the DD214 or the photo as we already have them on file, but you do need to fill out the application form for the new banner. If you are reading this and you do NOT wish to get a replacement banner, we would appreciate it if you would give us a call and let us know that space is available in case we run out of poles.

If you have any questions or would like to have an application mailed to you, please call Kristin Swinton at (518) 271-9397 or email her at kristin@greenislandpowerauthority.com. Also if you know anyone out of town who might like to sponsor a banner for a Veteran who once lived in Green Island, please feel free to pass along this information to them. Everyone will have ten weeks to respond to the August 31st deadline, but we would appreciate it if you got your request in as soon as possible so we have enough time to get the banners printed and order any new hardware that we will need.

Well, it looks like I used up most of my space with the Veteran's Banner project – but our Veterans are always worth our time and space! Be sure to see the other newsletter about the Summer Park Program and all its special events and free lunch program. Please read all the info about the Bicycle Helmet Law, no dogs in any of the parks, backyard recreational fires and the American Legion Golf Tournament.

I hope to see you at our Concerts at the River Park Gazebo on Wednesday nights in July and August. Bring your appetite because we have delicious food and desserts! And bring your dancing shoes because you are going to love the music!

Until I talk to you next month, stay cool, stay hydrated and stay safe!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan