

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

FREE lunches are available Monday – Friday, starting at 11:00 a.m., at the Paine Street Park. All people 18 years of age and younger are eligible. All lunches are served with fruit, vegetables, milk and a snack. (the menu is subject to change due to availability of items)

Monday – Turkey Sandwich

Wednesday – Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Friday – Cheese Sticks &
Crackers

Tuesday – Italian Mix Sub

Thursday – American Mix Sub

Siena College will host the Court Rehab Dedication & Ice Cream Social on **Monday, July 29th, 5:30PM – 7:00PM** under the Collar City Bridge. Green Island won the court rehab in a recent contest. Come meet the Siena Basketball Teams, enjoy a **FREE** Ice Cream and shoot around with the Saints!

Mr. Fowler has volunteered to keep the Soccer Clinic running on Tuesdays and Thursdays through August. Kids in grades Pre-K – 2nd will go 10:30am – 11:30am and kids in grades 3rd – 6th are welcome 11:30am – 12:30pm. This is a great opportunity for kids to learn the game and have fun!

Our summer concert series has officially started. Join us on Wednesday evenings through August 28th, 6PM-8PM, at Hudson River Park just north of the Heatly school yard.

“**Like**” the Village of Green Island page on Facebook for weekly events & announcements.

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 and/or business. Please do your part in keeping the streets free and clear of weeds this season.**

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS

A solicitors/peddler’s permit is required before individuals can go door to door selling their services or goods. 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.

GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors are holding a “Wheelbarrow of Cheer” Raffle. There’s a tasty treat for everyone included. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. You can Venmo @GreenIsland-Seniors or stop in at the Center – 5 George Street - for tickets. The drawing will be held Thursday, July 25th. The winner gets to keep the wheelbarrow. Thank you to DeLollo’s for the donation!

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. Never throw or allow such debris such as dirt, grass, grease, cleaners, and/or liquid chemicals, petroleum, 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. All utilities in the ground must be located before digging. The number is simply 8-1-1. Failure to do so can result in obvious danger. It can be very expensive, as the utility companies will charge you back for any damage. 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 and assist you with any permitting.

REMINDER – DOGS AND POOPER SCOOPER LAW

It is illegal to bring any animal, except for a guide or therapy dog, into any **public park**. **This includes ALL parks, 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. 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. The Police will issue 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, habitually barking is a violation of Village Local Law. Violators will be subject to fines.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER FROM THE TOWN

All dogs are required to be licensed with the Town of Green Island. The 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 from the Town Clerk’s Office. For more information, call the Town Office at 518-273-0661. Fines 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

July 17, 2024

Dear Friends,

Our summer concerts have begun --- under the bridge! Last week's first concert was moved to our rain location due to impending storms --- which didn't happen. But we have to call it by noon so the band can set up. Fortunately, our faithful patrons all showed up and we had a great crowd! As I look out my window while typing my letter at 7:30 am, the weather looks beautiful. But they are forecasting severe storms for this afternoon, so it looks like we will be under the bridge again tonight. We are fortunate to have a "rain location" that we can move to, otherwise we would have to cancel. So I hope our "faithfuls" show up tonight because we have lots of delicious food and a great band.

As you all know, we had a very bad house fire on lower Paine Street on July 4th. Our Fire Department, along with our Mutual Aid partners from Cohoes, Watervliet, Troy and the Watervliet Arsenal, did an amazing job of containing the fire. And our Police Department, who arrived first on the scene, were able to get everyone out with the help of neighbors. One of the children who lived in the house said he followed what he was taught at school during Fire Prevention Week and quickly got to safety. The house had to be demolished the next day. I can't say enough about what a great job everyone did and the tremendous response from our residents to raise money to help this family get back on their feet. An event that could have easily turned into a tragedy ended up showing us just how blessed we are and how we always stay "Green Island Strong" through it all! Thank you.

The Paine Street Park summer program is going great and the spray pad is getting a lot of use with this unusually warm weather. The resurfacing of the basketball courts is looking great and they should be ready for action in a week. And that "action" will include a Pickleball Court. I have never played Pickleball, or even watched Pickleball, so I am anxious to see what all the excitement is about.

And we have some exciting things happening under the Collar City Bridge on George Street. Green Island won a recent “court rehab” contest from Siena College and they are going to have a dedication on Monday, July 29th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to meet the Siena Teams, shoot a few hoops and enjoy free ice cream with the Saints.

Please see the other newsletter for more info. And please be careful with this extremely hot weather. It is important to stay hydrated, stay cool and don’t overexert in this heat. Dehydration and heat stroke can happen quickly, especially in small children and us “old folks.” So, take care of yourself and the people you love!

That’s it for this month. Enjoy your summer because before you know it, Old Man Winter will be back. I wouldn’t mind it if he would blow a few cool breezes our way right now!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen".

Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan