

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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VETERAN BANNERS – DEADLINE APPROACHING 8/31/24

The Village is accepting applications for Veteran Banners. A new application package must include a completed Application Form, proof of Military Service (DD214, military ID, etc.), a 5 x 7 high quality photo and a \$200 check (for the banner and hardware). Previous participants must complete an Application Form and include a \$100 check (for the banner). All checks must be made payable to Green Island Hometown Heroes. Please reference “Banner Program” on the check and mail the completed application package to Green Island Hometown Heroes Banner Program, 69 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183. Hand delivered packages will also be accepted at the Village Office, 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, NY 12183. The deadline to submit your application is August 31, 2024. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED OR ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.** If your application is accepted, you will receive a proof to approve before the banner is created. The Village of Green Island will not be responsible for any banner errors that were approved by the applicant. Any application package that is not accepted will be returned to the applicant.

Applications and program guidelines are available on the Village website at www.villageofgreenisland.com and at the Village Office, Town Office and the Community Center. If you have any questions or need a printed application, please contact Kristin Swinton at kristin@greenislandpowerauthority.com.

WATER SERVICE SELF CHECK

Reminder – Please locate the water service line coming into your home, which is typically in the basement and let us know if it’s Copper, Galvanized Steel, Plastic, or Potential Lead. Information, including a photo can be sent to micheleb@villageofgreenisland.com. If you need help determining the type, please contact the Water Department at 518-273-4959.

HEATLY SCHOOL PARKING AND TRAFFIC PROCEDURES

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 around Heatly School. **ARCH STREET** between George Street and Hudson Avenue will be **CLOSED** to eastbound vehicle traffic from **7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** and **2:30 p.m. to 3:30 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 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 – Denise, Lisa, Morgyn & Dale. Thank you **ALL** for doing an amazing job! Thank you to all the families that spent time with us this summer. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

The full summer program will end on Thursday, August 22nd. On Friday, August 23rd, the Park will re-open for abbreviated hours, 10:00AM – 3:00PM, until Wednesday, August 28th. 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 Paine Street Park. The last day for lunches will be Wednesday, August 21st. On Thursday, August 22nd the Park Staff will host the annual hot dog cookout.

Thank you to County Executive Dan McCoy, Albany County Legislature and the Albany County Recreation Department for hosting the Grind Time Basketball Camp. Thank you, Mr. Fowler, for volunteering your time to run the summer Soccer Clinic.

End of Summer/New School Year Celebration - The Recreation Department will be hosting an event on Thursday, September 5th, 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, face painting, farmer's market stand, NYS Police demonstration and several fun yard games will be played. There will be vendors with some good giveaways so please join us in the fun!

Save the Date – The Village in collaboration with Heatly School will host a Community Walk on Saturday, October 5th, 2024, at 10:00AM. This event is part of our efforts to spread awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to collect donations of non-perishable goods for the Green Island Food Pantry. More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

PLEASE DON'T FEED ANIMALS

We have had previous complaints about wild animals and birds causing a nuisance in the Village. This can cause a dangerous situation for our residents and especially children including the possibility of being bitten or contracting 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 by food sources left outside and are attracted closer to homes because of that. An enclosed bird feeder meant only for small birds is okay but please locate them according to instructions so as not to attract those it was not intended for. 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

Dear Friends,

Where did the summer go? We are halfway through August and it seems like summer had just started. I have to say, I don't miss that HOT and humid weather that we had a few weeks ago. I don't mind autumn, but I hate the thoughts of winter coming. I can't complain when you look around the rest of the country having floods, massive fires, hurricanes and tornados. I guess we can handle a little snow.

The summer program at the Paine Street Park went very well. The sprinkler pad got a lot of use, especially during those really hot days. I even saw some parents taking refuge in there with their kids. I am amazed that with all the playground equipment we have in that park, the one that everyone likes the most is the swings. Although we have replaced the seats and chains on the swings a few times, those are the same frames that were there when I was a kid! I wish the other equipment held up like that. Just goes to show you – “They don't make them like they used to.”

The final official day for the park summer program will be Thursday, August 22. As usual, there will be a hot dog lunch at 11:30 for the kids. I want to thank Mr. Mullins and his staff for making the summer program such an enjoyable success. I don't know of another park program in the area that can compete with all they do. Maggie Alix, my Executive Assistant, wears many hats, but the one nearest and dearest to her heart is being our Recreation Director. Thanks Maggie for all you do.

Please see the other newsletter for more information on the Paine Street Park and our annual “End of Summer and Welcome Back to School” event to be held on Thursday, September 5th from 4 to 7pm at the park. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

We just had our sixth concert at the GIG. The first four were under the bridge due to the weather, but we finally got up to the River Park for the last two – and it was delightful! I hope our last two will also be there. As much as I hate going under the bridge, we are very lucky that we have an alternate site, or we would have to cancel. Our crowds have been great and our Gig-A-Bite crew keeps everyone well fed. Thank you to Rachel, Rachel, Tod, Kristin, Jill, Christa and Mark for all your hard work. We make a great team!

Heatly School and the Village are working together to organize a Community Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness which will be held on the morning of Saturday, October 5th. We will have all the details in next month's newsletter and on social media, so please stay tuned and plan on joining us. Let's send the message to all those cancer survivors and those still fighting the battle that they will NEVER walk alone!

School will be back in session in a few short weeks. We have had problems with some parents violating motor vehicle laws and endangering our children and the public in general. Please read the other newsletter about how to properly and safely drop off and pick up your children at the school. Our Police Department will be strictly enforcing the law, including parking in the Fire Lane at the River Park. Please help us to keep everyone safe.

That's it because I am out of space. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I'll be back next month.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan