

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 7th – 11th, 2024. This year's theme is **"Smoke Detectors, Make Them Work For You."** 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 Paine Street Park on September 5th 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 Police Department, Green Island Senior Citizens, Green Island Little League, Heatly School, Albany County Department for Aging, NYS Police, Alkegen, Spatty's Bounce Rental, The Hands of Time, and Kona Ice.

COMMUNITY 2-MILE WALK: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th – The Village of Green Island and Heatly School are teaming up in support of Breast Cancer Awareness and the Green Island Food Pantry. There is no registration fee. Volunteers will be collecting donations for the Green Island Food Pantry. Please consider donating a (non-expired) non-perishable food item. The walk will begin from Paine Street Park at 10:00AM. There will be a "Metabolic Warm-Up", hosted by Metabolic Fitness at 9:45AM. Help us spread awareness by bringing your friends and family, and wearing pink! There will be traffic delays and detours around Paine Street Park and north of Tibbits Avenue during the event.

Save the Date – The Annual Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating event will be held on Thursday, October 31st. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Green Island Senior Citizens

The Green Island Senior Citizens will be hosting a Flu Clinic on Wednesday, October 2nd from 11:00AM-12:00PM at the Green Island Community Center – 5 George Street. Please call 518-272-7262 to sign up. The Covid-19 Booster will also be available. Please be prepared to show your health insurance card.

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 Janis Scott at Janis.Scott@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 the 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 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 must be paid before reclaiming the dog.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 16, 2024

Dear Friends,

We had a great summer program in the Paine Street Park. That spray pad had a lot of use and the swings were always busy. The refurbished basketball courts look amazing. I thought the people working on them were going to melt in that hot sun, but they never quit til their work was done. We had a nice end of the season party on September 5th and everyone seemed to have a good time. The Farmer's Market, hosted by our Green Island Senior Citizens and the Albany County Department for the Aging, was a new (and healthy) addition to the event. The Little League served up a ton of delicious burgers and dogs. The Fire Department invited the State Police to bring their simulator that shows what can happen if you don't have your seatbelt on in a rollover crash and it really got the message across. Alkegen (formerly Lydall) had a very generous backpack giveaway for all the kids returning to school. And the band had a lot of dancers enjoying their music. I think everyone had a good time and we can thank Maggie Alix and her staff for putting it all together.

Fire Prevention Week will be October 7th thru the 11th. Our Fire Department does a great job every year on this program and the information and lessons they teach the kids at Heatly truly does save lives. One of the children who was in the Fourth of July fire on lower Paine Street told us how he followed the lesson he learned on how to get out of the house quickly and safely. It may have just saved his life!

The Village and Heatly School are partnering to hold a two mile Community Walk on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 am. The purpose of the walk is to support those fighting breast cancer and to support those in our community facing food insecurity. We want those in our community to know that no one walks alone, so please come out to support those fighting breast cancer and to help support our Green Island Food Pantry. All the details are in the other newsletter.

The Green Island Senior Citizens is having a Flu Clinic on Wednesday, October 2nd from 11am to 12pm at the Community Center. Please see more information in the other newsletter.

I had a resident email me recently about our noise ordinance in Green Island. The ordinance covers everything from construction job noise, loud music, loud cars, loud parties, loud (barking) dogs – you get the theme here – LOUD. She was very polite and said some people, especially if they were new to Green Island, might not know about the ordinance and asked if I would do a little “educational” blurb in my newsletter. So here it is. If you experience a loud activity going on, especially if it is between the hours of 9pm and 7am, please call 911 and report the address and type of disturbance to the dispatcher. You do not have to give your name, but sometimes it helps if the Officer answering the call needs more information. But I repeat, you do not have to give your name if you are not comfortable. We all need a good night’s sleep and if a loud party is going on at 1am it is difficult to achieve that.

Please be sure to read the other newsletter. It has a lot of other information that I didn’t go into.

We are getting a nice little warm spell, but I am sure it won’t last. Before long we will be talking about snow removal – and you all know how much I LOVE SNOW!!! Let’s not talk about it – at least for now!

Stay well. Get your Flu shot and COVID booster. And NEVER eat the yellow snow! Sorry, I said I wasn’t going to talk about SNOW!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

PS: Tara Bourgeois is retiring at the end of this month. Tara is kind, smart, funny, caring and has an amazing work ethic. She has been an exceptional employee and friend and we will truly miss her. I had to put this as a PS because Tara proofs my newsletters every month and I didn’t want her to see it before it is printed. I wonder if she would still proof for me every month when she retires???