

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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MAY 2025

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, THURSDAY, MAY 22nd – 6:00 P.M.

The annual **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** . Lineup is at 5:30 p.m. on Hudson Avenue. Hudson Avenue will be closed to traffic from George Street to Market Street during lineup. There will be a brief ceremony at the WWI monument, Vietnam Memorial, and the American Legion, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Green Island Power Authority puts a lot of effort into assembling the Veteran's float for the parade. We would like to fill the float with our veterans and military men and women. Please contact Janis Scott at 518-273-2201 or janis.scott@villageofgreenisland.com if you would like to ride on the float. Let's honor our veterans and those who made the supreme sacrifice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PERTAINING THE GEESE IN OUR PARKS

The Village has used various tactics to deter the geese from landing and grazing in the Village parks. Geese can carry diseases through their feces that can be harmful to humans. Please refrain from any behavior that may attract geese. Do not feed the geese and **PLEASE** put your garbage in the closed lid receptacles provided.

Message for Pet (Dog) Owners

As we enjoy the warmer weather and outdoor activities, please keep in mind these reminders for responsible pet ownership: keep dogs always leashed in public areas, carry waste bags to clean up after your dog, properly dispose waste, be mindful of noise levels, and respect other people's property and space. Dogs are not allowed in the Village Parks - Paine Street Park, Hudson River Park, Green Island Little League and Veterans Memorial Stadium (Big Field)

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works has asked that we remind all residents that they cannot accept lawn/leaf bags with dirt in them. Please remember to remove all the dirt from the lawn clippings and/or leaves that you are placing in the brown bags. Thank you for your cooperation.

VILLAGE TAX COLLECTION

Village Taxes will be collected at Hudson Valley Credit Union, formerly Catskill Hudson Bank, 148 George Street, the corner of George and Arch Streets, Green Island starting on June 2nd during regular banking hours. All checks should be made payable to: Village of Green Island. Anyone wishing to mail their payment should mail it to Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, 148 George Street, Green Island, NY 12183.

RECREATION NEWS

The Department of Parks & Recreation is planning for the 2025 Summer Program. More information will be provided in the June Newsletter. The Summer Program is scheduled to begin Monday, June 30th .

Park Staff is now actively working at the Paine Street Park. Please be advised that all park rules will be enforced. We kindly ask that you respect both the rules of the park and the staff who are there to maintain a safe and enjoyable space for everyone. Let's work together to have a great spring and summer season!

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Grievance Day is set for **Tuesday, May 27th, 2025** from **4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Grievance proceedings will be held in person at the Municipal Center – 19 George Street, Green Island, NY. More information can be found on the Village website at <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/assessor/> or you can email Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported their recent fundraisers. Your support helps us continue to provide programming for our seniors!

2024 ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The annual Village of Green Island Water Report for 2024 is being processed for approval and will soon be available on the Village website at www.villageofgreenisland.com, scroll to bottom of page and click on Water & Sewer/Stormwater. Please contact Maggie Alix at maggie.alix@villageofgreenisland.com if you have any questions or comments related to the report or Michele Bourgeois at micheleb@villageofgreenisland.com if you would like to obtain a paper copy.

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

The term "swimming pool" means any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing or wading which contains or which is designed to contain water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground pools, hot tubs, spas and fixed in place wading pools. Before you consider putting up any pool, including an inflatable or easy set pool/spa please call the Building Department at 518-273-2201.

NOTICE PERTAINING TO RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

Typically, this time of year residents are interested in projects to improve their exterior property. Projects that include permanent fixtures, mostly fences/planters/flower boxes/trees, porches, retaining walls, etc., are prohibited in the Village owned Right of Way (ROW). While we are very appreciative of our residents taking care of their properties, putting objects in the ROW becomes a liability for both the Village and the property owner. To explain, the ROW is the area between the curb and generally about 13' inward from the curb. The area of the ROW varies street by street with some streets (Albany Avenue is one) having a larger ROW. Sometimes ROW is misunderstood because the Village owns the ROW but the homeowner is responsible for its maintenance (including sidewalks). Please do not put us in a position where we have to mandate that you remove a structure from the ROW. **If you are putting anything in or near the ROW, including replacing existing fixtures/structures, please contact our Building Department at 518-273-2201 and make sure you are complying beforehand.** If you presently have something in the ROW, please call immediately. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

The **GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held on **Friday, June 27, 2025** at Frear Park Golf Course, Frear Park Road, Troy, NY 12180. Tee time is 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$125.00/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 \$60.00 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 by Friday June 13, 2025. 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!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

May 16, 2025

Dear Friends,

Yesterday was not one of my happy days. Our scheduled street cleaning day started out good. I was delighted with the number of residents who parked their vehicles in the old Ford lot, which makes clearing the streets so much easier. As we announced George Street and Hudson Avenue to be cleared, the response was pretty good. Our Police Officers were right behind as we made the announcement to move and ticketed the vehicles that were not moved. The only weak link we had was the sweeper and you can't do street cleaning if the sweeper isn't working – so we had to cancel when we got halfway down George Street. Though the problem was beyond our control, I apologize for the inconvenience it placed on all of you who were so cooperative. I felt especially bad for the mom on George Street who was juggling her two small children while trying to move her two cars to the Ford lot. The only ones who lucked out yesterday were the ones who did not move their cars, and we removed the \$50 tickets after we cancelled the cleanup. We are working on getting a different sweeper and rescheduling, so we will let you know if that works out. Again, I am sorry for the inconvenience, and I truly do appreciate the vast majority of you who cooperated by moving your vehicles ahead of time. And if you have not signed up for the alert system, please do so.

Like I said, yesterday was not one of my happy days. I learned about Orbeez Guns. For those of you who don't know what they are, they are a "toy" gun that shoots gel ammo. The problem is that some youngsters are freezing the ammo and shooting at other kids and properties. This has become a problem on the streets and in our parks. "Toy" guns of any type are prohibited in our parks. If your child brings one into the park, they will be asked to bring it home. If they discharge it in our park, it will be confiscated, and the child will be removed from the park. Our parks are supposed to be a safe place for families to enjoy. Please help us to keep it that way.

OK. Let's get on to some positive stuff.

Our Memorial Day Parade will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm. This year's Grand Marshal is Denise Cesare. I believe she is the first female Grand Marshal that we have ever had. Please come out and join us in honoring all of our veterans.

Our Green Island Senior Citizens is a very active organization that is very important to our community. Their "home" at the Green Island Community Center got a nice face lift out front with new sidewalks through the generosity of the Luizzi Companies. They tore out the old broken sidewalks and replaced them with nice smooth blacktop sidewalks which make it much easier to maneuver walkers, wheelchairs and canes. And they will be much easier to maintain in the winter months. Executive Director Jill Alix also wants to thank everyone who supported their two recent fundraisers, a Chicken Parm Dinner and their Flower Sale. Both were very successful.

Please see the other newsletter for lots more information about what's happening in our little village.

That's it for this month. Hope to see you all out enjoying the nice weather now that the rain has taken a little break. I probably just cursed us by saying that!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan