

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND
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RECREATION NEWS

The Summer Park Program will officially begin on Monday, June 30th. The parents or guardians of any child wishing to use our facilities this summer are strongly encouraged to fill out an emergency contact form. The information provided will help our staff notify a parent or guardian in an emergency. 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 10th. 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 June 30th through August 20th.

The **Summer Concert Series** will begin Wednesday, July 9th, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There are **FREE** concerts every Wednesday through August 27th. 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, June 30th – Thursday, August 28th. 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.

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 12th - August 23rd 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.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department will be working with a contractor, GPR, on a Water Leak Detection Project beginning the week of June 23rd. As part of the project, representative will be throughout the Village inspecting fire hydrants and other water infrastructure to check for potential leaks. All representatives will be properly identified and working in coordination with the Village. If you have any serious concerns, contact the Green Island Police Department at 518-765-2352 or by calling 911.

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

A REMINDER TO ALL PET OWNERS - It is illegal to bring any animal, except for a guide or therapy dog, into any **public park**. **This includes ALL parks, the Green Island Little League and Veteran's Memorial Stadium.** Cleaning up after your animal is not only the right thing to do – it's the LAW. Please be a responsible pet owner and carry a bag when walking your animal. The Village has a Pooper Scooper Law in place requiring all pet owners to clean up after their pets in public and private spaces, including sidewalks, and grassy areas. If fecal matter 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 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 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 within 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 into that situation. Thank you for your cooperation. **LANDLORDS, PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR TENANTS.**

NEWS FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

ANNUAL VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE – **Saturday, August 2nd, 9am-3pm** (Rain or Shine). A map will be produced with sale locations. To have your sale listed, send an envelope with information and \$4.00 to: **Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 1523, Green Island, NY, 12183.** Maps will be available at the church on the day of the sale. The deadline to be included on the map is Monday, July 28th. The church will also have limited vendor spaces available for rent. Call 518-273-5531 for more information.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

June 17, 2025

Dear Friends,

My letter will be short this month because I want to put a copy of our GIG Concert schedule that will include the bands, food specials and sponsors on the back so you can stick it on your fridge and have all the info you need if you care to join us on Wednesdays in the River Park. We have a lot of talent returning and one new band, Grand Central Station, joining us this year. The Gig-A-Bite crew has been working hard on our "specials" and I am happy to say that our food and drink prices have remained the same for 22 years. We are able to do that because our crew is all volunteers and our generous sponsors cover almost all of the fees for the bands. I hope to see you there! And don't forget to bring your appetite and your dancing shoes!

Maggie and her summer staff are gearing up for the Paine Street Park Summer Program, which will begin on June 30th. They have a lot of activities planned and will again be serving free lunches for the kids. This is a wonderful program and is unique from any other programs in the area. I love seeing parents and grandparents bringing the kids to enjoy the activities and the spray park. We are very blessed to have such a nice park and a great staff to supervise it. I can just see Mr. Mullins running around and enjoying time with all the kids. He has been there for a long time and he is also a great mentor to the young summer staff. Keep up the good work Tom!

At our May Village Board Meeting we passed a new local law that will put stop signs on George Street at Clinton Street (Police Station) and Bleecker Street (near the park). We have been talking about this for a long time because we need to slow down the speed on George Street and make it safer to pull out onto George at those corners. It will make it safer for the emergency vehicles pulling out at Clinton and for all the Heatly School traffic at Bleecker in the morning and at dismissal. Because this will be new to everyone, we ordered stop signs that have blinking lights to draw your attention. It will take a little time to get accustomed to this new pattern, but the safety benefits will surely outweigh any inconvenience.

I am running out of space, so please see the other newsletter for a lot more news and don't forget to turn this page over and save the schedule for the GIG Concerts.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

GIG 2025 SCHEDULE

SPONSORS

SPECIALS

July 9
The Accents

PLATINUM
Fining Properties

The Accents

Fried Chicken Basket
Strawberry Shortcake

July 16
Big Fez

GOLD

Big Fez

Foot Long Hot Dogs
Apple Pie with Ice Cream

July 23
NY Players

Luizzi Companies
Machnick Builders, LTD

NY Players

Mac-N-Cheese
Hot Fudge Sundae

July 30
Grand Central Station

SILVER

Grand Central Station

Sausage and Peppers
Banana Split Ambrosia

Aug. 6
Swing Docs

Connelly Construction, Inc.

Swing Docs

Hawaiian Chicken Sandwich
Cookies & Cream Ice Cream

Aug. 13
Get Up Jack

BRONZE

Get Up Jack

Corned Beef Sandwich
Mint Choc. Chip Ice Cream

Aug. 20
Lustre Kings

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Steak Sandwich
Rice Pudding

Aug. 27
TS Ensemble

Ellen McNulty-Ryan & Mark Ryan
Michael & Nancy McNulty and Family
Roberta Hardt
Reliable Brothers, Inc.
Rosemarie & Bob Rizzo
Green Island Seniors Citizens
Green Island Democratic Committee
In Loving Memory of Marilyn Cavanaugh

TS Ensemble

Pasta Fagioli
Banana Split Ambrosia

Concerts are held at the River Park Gazebo from 6-9pm. In the event of rain, concerts will be held under the Colar City Bridge on Hudson Ave. Smoking and Alcohol are not permitted in the park