

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 Albany County Recreation Department is hosting a basketball camp every Saturday morning at the Paine Street Park from 9am – 11am. Stop by and talk to a camp counselor about registering your child.

The Summer Program is partnering with the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County for a special summer education project at the Hudson River Park on Friday, July 25th at 12:00PM. Join us to learn more about protecting our waterways and keeping our environment clean and safe! Interested participants should see a Park Staff member to register. Reach out to Maddisyn Mahoney if you have any questions – Maddi.Mahoney@villageofgreenisland.com

The Park Staff is planning an ***Aquatic Adventure: Touch Tanks with Eddie's Aquarium*** on Thursday, July 31st. at the Municipal Center – 19 George Street. More information will be posted on the Village of Green Island Facebook page. Plan to bring the family for a fun-filled day of learning and hands-on activities.

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

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

NEW STOP SIGNS

Soon there will be two new stop signs installed on George Street at the following intersections: George Street & Clinton Street and George Street & Bleecker Street. All residents and visitors are reminded to come to a full stop and use extra caution for oncoming traffic as the community adjusts to the new traffic pattern. The Village will post an update on the Village of Green Island Facebook Page and send a public alert once the new stop signs have been installed.

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 Summer Basket Raffle. There's a variety of baskets to choose from – Summer Fun, Baking, Italian, Wine, and much more! Tickets are 3 for \$2 or 15 for \$5. You can Venmo @GreenIsland-Seniors or stop in at the Center – 5 George Street - for tickets. The drawing will be held Thursday, July 31st.

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 property. 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, 2025

Dear Friends,

Summer is definitely here! We had our second concert last night and my outside thermometer read 97 degrees as I was leaving my house to head to the River Park. The heat definitely hurt our numbers for attendance, but it didn't affect their appetites. The week before at our first concert, we had a record number of attendees to enjoy "The Accents." So far Mother Nature has been good to us by keeping the rain away and I hope she stays in a good mood on Wednesdays for the rest of the season. Hope to see you there and bring your dancing shoes!

The summer program at the Paine Street Park is also off to a great start. The sprinkler pad has certainly been getting a good workout every day. I think we have one of the nicest parks around and I am glad to see it being used by so many families.

You are going to see a new change in the traffic flow on George Street. We passed a new local law earlier this year and we will be installing new STOP signs on George Street at Bleecker Street and at Clinton Street. This will make those two intersections FOUR WAY stops. It seems like every intersection in Green Island is difficult to pull out into because there are so many large cars, vans and trucks parked near the corners. But these two corners were especially difficult. This change should help to slow down speed of vehicles traveling on George Street. But PLEASE use caution when pulling out of these intersections because people are not used to stopping on George, so don't assume they will stop. It will take some time to adjust. I would also like to note that bicycles, electric bikes, electric scooters and any other mode of transportation are required by law to follow the traffic signs when riding on a public roadway. The electric scooters and bikes are becoming a serious and dangerous issue. Please obey the law and stop at corners that have STOP signs or traffic lights. The life you save may be your own!

Please be sure to see the other newsletter for lots of information.

We talk about door to door solicitors and warn people not to open their doors if they don't know who the person is, but some still don't use caution. Anyone going door to door, other than religious groups, MUST have a village permit. And the scams don't stop with the door to door solicitations. I get more scams on my cell phone than I can count. I don't ever open them. I just immediately DELETE them. I have tried listing them as spam or blocking the number, but they keep coming back. I get them saying my Venmo account or my Pay Pal account has had "suspicious activity" and they are right --- because I don't have either of those accounts! The best bet is play it safe and don't open ANYTHING that you aren't sure of.

I can't believe that we even have to talk about this, but we are still having a problem with dog owners letting their pets poop in our parks, on public sidewalks and on people's private property. Please be respectful and responsible and do the right thing.

I think that's all for this month. Be safe, be healthy and have a great rest of the summer. And don't overdo in this heat!

Sincerely,

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

Ellen McNulty-Ryan