

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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HEATLY SCHOOL PARKING AND TRAFFIC PROCEDURES

To keep our children safe, beginning the first day of school and on all school days, the Green Island Police Department will enforce 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 when 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 & Bill. 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 21st. On Friday, August 22nd, the Park will re-open for abbreviated hours, 10:00AM – 3:00PM, until Thursday, 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 lunch will be Wednesday, August 20th. On Thursday, August 21st at 12:00PM the Park Staff will host the annual hot dog cookout. Luizzi Companies will be providing ice-cream from Mr. Ding-a-Ling starting at 12:30PM

Thank you to County Executive Dan McCoy, Albany County Legislature and the Albany County Recreation Department for hosting the summer Basketball Camp.

End of Summer/New School Year Celebration - The Recreation Department will be hosting an event on Thursday, September 4th, 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, Kona Ice, 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 the 2nd Annual Community Walk on Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 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've received complaints about stray animals and nuisance birds in the Village. Feeding them can create safety risks, especially for children, including the possibility of bites or disease. Please do not feed any animals or birds outside your home, including your own pets. Food left outside attracts animals closer to homes. Small bird feeders are acceptable if used properly, but please follow manufacturer guidelines to avoid attracting unwanted animals. By not providing a food source, we reduce the changes of these animals, becoming a problem.

TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

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. Overall, the response to the new stop signs on George Street has been positive. Continue to use caution and obey the new traffic pattern.

Electric bike and scooter riders – when operating on a public street, you **MUST** follow the rules of the road. This includes stopping at stop signs and traffic lights, yielding at crosswalks, and obeying posted signage. These rules are in place to keep everyone safe. Please contact the Green Island Police Department at 518-765-2352 with any specific concerns.

GREEN ISLAND SENIORS

Farmers Market coupons are still available for eligible residents 60 years of age and older. You may pick them up at the Green Island Community Center – 5 George St. Monday – Thursday, 10:30AM-2:00PM. First come, first served while supplies last.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

August 19, 2025

Dear Friends,

Where did the summer go? It seems like it was just starting – and now it is coming to an end. My mother used to say, “The older you get, the quicker it goes.” Apparently she knew what she was talking about because it seems like time is flying by. Oh wait. Then that must mean I am old!!!

Speaking of the end of summer, the Paine Street Park summer program was another great success. Our new Recreation Director, Madisyn Mahoney and her entire staff, especially Mr. Mullins, did a wonderful job. Thank you to ALL of them for giving the kids a great summer and keeping them safe. I don't know of another park program in the area that does as much as these dedicated individuals do. Thank you again for all your efforts – especially on those really hot days!

Our Summer Concerts at the GIG are also coming to an end. Our last concert on August 27th will be our 200th concert since we started in 2003. We have some special things happening that night so I hope you will join us!

Our “End of the Summer/New School Year Celebration” will take place at the Paine Street Park on Thursday, September 4th from 4 to 7 pm. Check the other newsletter for more details.

Our Second Annual Community Walk will be held on Sunday, October 5th at 10 am. This walk is a combined effort of Heatly School and the Village to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please come and join us. And if you are able, please bring a non-perishable item for the Green Island Food Pantry. Two positive deeds in one morning. Not a bad way to start your day!

Please see the other newsletter about feeding animals outside your home. Not only can it create a nuisance and a possible danger to humans, but what you are feeding wild animals may hurt them.

Well, we finally got our new flashing Stop signs up and running on George Street at Clinton Street and at Bleecker Street. I am very pleased with the cooperation and compliance that drivers have shown in our first couple weeks in operation. This is going to make it much safer for Fire and Police vehicles to get onto George Street when leaving their stations. And I am hoping that parents dropping off and picking up their children at Heatly will have a much easier time accessing George Street at Bleecker Street now that it is also a four way stop. Now if we can just get the electric bikes and electric scooter operators to obey the laws it would be even better. Maybe these operators don't understand that they are, by law, obligated to follow the rules of the road when in a public street. But they will begin to understand if they are ticketed by a Police Officer for not obeying the law.

OK. That's all for me this month. Hope you enjoy the rest of the summer weather. Before you know it, that dirty, four letter word (SNOW) will be here! At least we don't have the floods, wildfires and other horrific events that other parts of the country are having. All we have to do is shovel the white stuff. I guess I will stop complaining and be grateful for our many blessings!

Sincerely,

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

Ellen McNulty-Ryan