

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
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**SEPTEMBER 2025**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This year's theme is **"Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."** 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.

The Fire Department is expanding its fire safety program to include our senior citizens. Any senior resident interested in receiving a new smoke/carbon monoxide detector is encouraged to contact Maddisyn Mahoney at the Village Office by phone at 518-273-2201 or by email at [Maddi.Mahoney@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Maddi.Mahoney@villageofgreenisland.com).

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Thank you to everyone that joined us at Paine Street Park on September 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Senior Citizens, Green Island Little League, Heatly School, Albany County Department for Aging, Albany County Health Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, NYS Police, Spatty's Bounce Rental, Hands of Time, Q T Pie Productions and Kona Ice.

**COMMUNITY 2-MILE WALK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>** – 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. Help us spread awareness by bringing your friends and family, and wearing pink! This year's sponsor – TFB Development - Island Plaza, will be providing Kettle Corn and Lemonade to participants. 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 Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 vaccine will also be available in limited quantities. 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 Maddi Mahoney at [maddi.mahoney@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:maddi.mahoney@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 are a reminder that storm sewers in that area 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 [Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com). Thank you for your assistance.

### **HEATLY SCHOOL**

**Save the Date – November 3, 2025 (6:30pm-8:00pm)** – Community Event featuring Stephen Hill, founder of Speak Sobriety. This free, community-wide event will give parents, guardians and community members practical tools, coping skills, and insights to support their children in leading healthy, substance-free lives. For more information, contact Heatly School at 518-273-1422.

### **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 14, 2025

Dear Friends,

Where did summer go??? Seems like it just started and now the kids are back to school, our warm days are on their way out and sunset gets earlier every day. I enjoy the fall season, but we all know what comes next.

We ended our concerts the last Wednesday in August and I think this was our best year ever. It was definitely our largest crowds and more dancers than we have ever had. At the last concert we handed out large glow sticks if you came up to the dance floor with us and the response was great. Not only did they stay dancing for the whole song, they kept dancing until the band called it a night. We also had a face painter "Stacy" who was very creative. And "Junior" Mohamed Ali and his wife, Jennifer, who own J & J Property Evolution, donated 250 bags of Kettle Corn, which they passed out to everyone. What I liked best was all the positive comments we got from the crowd as they went past the GIG shed on the way to their cars. It was good for the GIG crew to hear all the positive comments. It made all their hard work all summer worth their efforts. Thank you Rachel, Kristin, Tod, Jill, Rachel, Christa and Mark for being so faithful. We couldn't have been so successful for the last 22 years if it wasn't for all of you. Looking forward to season 23.

I am elated every time I drive past the new NYSOGS building on Cannon Street. Peter Luizzi and his company did an unbelievable job of transforming the worst eyesore in our village to an absolute showcase property. The ribbon cutting is this Wednesday and I can't wait to thank Mr. Luizzi once again for investing in and believing in Green Island. Now I will tell you what I am not happy about. As I was being given a tour of the building, I looked out a window and saw a woman unleash her dog and let her pet run around on the beautiful landscaping and the dog proceeded to try to pull the sprinkler heads out of the ground. First of all, by local law, dogs are not to be off leash anywhere in the village, except in their own fenced in yard. Second, THIS IS PRIVATE

PROPERTY! It is NOT a public park and even if it was, NO DOGS are allowed in any of our parks, leashed or unleashed. I just thought this pet owner was being very disrespectful to the property of a man who has made such a sizeable investment into Green Island. I understand that pet owners love their animals. All three of my children have dogs that are very much a part of their families. But just as you wouldn't or shouldn't let your children destroy other people's property, the same should go for controlling your pets. A lot of pet owners are not responsible pet owners. I can verify that by the number of dog poops left outside my house. By the same token, I also see many very responsible pet owners that carry their poop bags with them at all times and immediately pick up after their animals.

I am very happy with the compliance we are getting with the new stop signs on George Street. First of all, it makes it much safer pulling through these intersections. It has also slowed down the speeding on George Street. It didn't totally solve the problem, but it is much improved. Thank you to all who obey the laws. And a warning to those who ignore the STOP signs and the speed limit. Our Police Officers are handing out tickets, so do yourself a favor and obey the law.

OK. "Grumpy Ellen" is going to call it a day. Stay well, get your flu shots and hopefully I will be in a better mood next month! 😊

Sincerely,

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

Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan