

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND
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RECREATION NEWS

The Summer Park Program will officially begin on Monday, June 29th. 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 9th. Please bring your bike and bike helmet to the park by 12:30 p.m.

Free Lunch Program – Free lunch will be provided Monday - Friday starting at 11AM, July 6th - August 20th.

The **Summer Concert Series** will begin Wednesday, July 8th, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There are **FREE** concerts every Wednesday through August 26th. 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 29th – Thursday, August 27th. The hours of the summer program are 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Weather permitting the sprinklers will be on the 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 Monday evenings, starting July 6th - August 17th from 6PM-8PM. The camp is **FREE** for all Albany County residents. Participants must register at <https://albanycounty.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Please visit the Village of Green Island Facebook Page for official updates. We will also post special events throughout the summer.

WATER DEPARTMENT – Water Meter Upgrades

The Village will be implementing a community wide upgrade to our water metering system. This project will include the installation of a new water meter and reading device at each property. Participation will be crucial to the success of this project, as installation of the new meter equipment is mandatory. The Village will rely on residents and property owners to schedule an appointment for the installation. Please look for additional information this summer regarding the installation schedule and what to expect during the upgrade process.

NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Residents are reminded that Village Code requires property owners to maintain grass and weed growth on their property, from the curb inward. If a property is found to be in violation, Code Enforcement will notify the property owner and provide an opportunity to correct the issue. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action. If the Village must perform the necessary maintenance the cost of the work, along with any applicable fees, will be assessed against the property.

REMINDER – ALL PET OWNERS

This is a reminder that it is illegal to bring any animal, except for a guide or therapy dog, into any public park. This applies to all Village parks, under the Collar City Bridge, the Green Island Little League, Veteran's Memorial Stadium, and Starbuck Island's greenspace. Cleaning up after your pet is not only the responsible thing to do, but also the law. Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, parks, and private property is not only unpleasant but can also create health and environmental concerns. If you choose to walk your dog, please come prepared with bags and be prepared to clean up after your pet. The Village recently passed a local law to amend Chapter 53-9 of the Village Code, whereas the Code Enforcement Officer may assist in the performance of enforcement duties at the request of the Mayor. Please be a responsible pet owner and help keep our public spaces clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

Dogs must be kept within a secure fenced area or under the control of a responsible owner or handler using a leash when off their property. Excessive and persistent barking is also a violation of Village Code. These actions may result in enforcement action and fines.

RECREATIONAL AND OTHER BACKYARD FIRES

During the summer months, many residents enjoy small backyard fires with family and friends. In most cases, these gatherings are not a problem when fires are kept small, manageable, and in a safe location, and when neighbors are treated with courtesy and respect. However, residents should be aware that the NYS Fire Code places restrictions on outdoor burning. A fire is prohibited if it becomes "offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions" or creates a nuisance for neighboring properties. The Fire Code also requires that recreational fires be conducted at least 25' from any structure or combustible material. Portable outdoor fireplaces must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and may not be used within 15' of a structure of combustible material.

If a complaint is received and Police and/or Fire Department personnel respond, they are required to enforce these regulations. You will be ordered to extinguish the fire and could be subject to a citation. Please be a good neighbor and use common sense to ensure your outdoor fire is handled safely.

HANDICAP PLACARD RENEWALS

Permanent handicap permits will no longer be automatically renewed and mailed upon expiration of the 5-yr permit term. Residents seeking renewal must submit a new application form completed and signed by a licensed medical professional, along with a copy of their valid photo identification. Residents are encouraged to submit renewal paperwork in advance of their permit expiration date to avoid any interruption. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office at 518-273-2201

The Village Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the July 4th holiday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

June 17, 2026

Dear Friends,

It sure has felt like summer the past couple of weeks. And that means the Paine Street Park will be opening for its Summer Program. You may have noticed that some renovations have been going on. We are redoing the boy's and girl's bathrooms inside and out! We also purchased a storage shed for all the park equipment. The park is large, but our storage space has been limited, so the new shed will help us to keep things organized and in good shape.

The Summer Program will begin on June 29th and will be open from 10:00am to 5:00 pm with Mr. Mullins and his crew there Monday to Friday. The free lunch will be served weekdays starting at 11:00am. There will also be a Bike Rodeo on July 9th and a free Basketball Camp for kids ages 6 to 14 on Monday evenings starting on July 6th to August 17th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, sponsored by the Albany County Recreation Department and the Green Island Recreation Department. We hope to see a lot of the kids participating in these programs. And of course the Sprinkler Pad will be open weekdays from 10:00am until 5:00pm and some evenings, depending on the weather.

Our concerts will start in the River Park Gazebo beginning on Wednesday, July 8th and ending on August 26th. The bands will play from 6:00pm until 8:00pm and our Concession Stand will open at 5:30pm. The food is really good and we haven't changed our prices in 23 years, so families can come and have a good meal that won't break the bank. That's pretty good considering the high cost of food these days. But our all-volunteer team makes it happen!

I received a letter from Mayor Jim Rubino from the Village of Colonie asking me to spread the word on a program they are partnering with the Veterans Administration called "Veteran Stand Down." It will be held on Saturday, October 17th at the Village of Colonie Rec Center at 3 Thunder Road in Colonie. The services offered to the Veterans will include medical screenings, employment services, haircuts, legal

assistance, hygiene products, clothing and food. If you know of any Veteran who could benefit from these services, please pass along this information. It sounds like a very good program and I am sure there are a lot of Veterans who could use a helping hand.

OK. I have only given you the good news so far. Now I want to talk about a subject I wish I never had to talk about – pet owners who do NOT pick up their pet's poop. Yesterday I went under the Collar City Bridge on Hudson Avenue to check out our Concert rain location and the area was covered in “you know what” and I was not happy. I don't know how anyone could be so ignorant as to leave their dog's waste all over the brick and lawn!!! Last month we passed a local law to allow our Code Enforcement Officer to perform enforcement duties. We are also going to be viewing camera footage, so if you are caught on camera, you will be fined. PLEASE people, do the decent and responsible thing and PICK IT UP”. Fortunately the Fire Department went down and hosed down some of it, but we still have more work to do. We have signs posted that no dogs (with the exception of guide or therapy dogs) are allowed in ANY of the parks, so if you bring your dog in there, you are already in violation of the local law.

OK. I guess that's it for this month. Please be sure to read the other newsletter for more information.

Hope to see you out enjoying the nice weather.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan