

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.

The Albany County Recreation Department hosts a basketball camp on Monday evenings from 6PM-8PM.

Our summer concert series has officially started. Join us on Wednesday evenings through August 26th, 6PM-8PM, at the Hudson River Park just north of the Heatly school yard.

Follow the Village of Green Island Facebook page for weekly events & announcements.

WATER DEPARTMENT – WATER METER PROJECT

The first round of letters has been mailed to Green Island and Maplewood property owners as the Village begins its community-wide water meter replacement project. Hydro Utilities, the Village's authorized contractor, will install new water meters and reading devices at **no cost** to property owners. If you receive a letter, please schedule your installation appointment promptly using the instructions provided. The installation requires access to the existing water meter, a brief interruption in water service, and an adult (18+) must be present. Property owners are responsible for notifying tenants and ensuring the interior water shut-off valve is accessible and operational.

Please schedule an appointment to have your new water meter installed either online or by phone.

ONLINE – go to greenislandmeters.com and enter the Work Order # and Service # found in the right-hand corner of the letter.

CALL – Hydro Utilities toll free at 877-884-9376, press option 3, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8AM and 4PM. Provide the Work Order # and Service # found in the right-hand corner of the letter.

All Hydro Utilities technicians will have photo identification displayed and drive clearly marked vehicles. If you have any questions about your appointment, please call Hydro Utilities at 1-508-257-1917

The installation is mandatory, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us complete this project as efficiently as possible.

NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Section 140-3 of the Code of the Village of Green Island requires owners and occupants to keep sidewalks and the street area from their property line to the centerline of the roadway free of obstructions. This includes keeping the public right-of-way clear by removing weeds, grass, and other vegetation growing along the curb. **Please do your part in keeping the streets free and clear of weeds this season.**

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS

Anyone selling goods or services door-to-door is required to have a Village-issued solicitor's or peddler's permit. In many cases, solicitors do not have the required permit. Never open your door to strangers or share personal information with anyone you do not know. If you have concerns about door-to-door solicitors, contact the Green Island Police Department by calling **911**.

KEEP OUR RIVERS CLEAN

Our storm drains flow directly to local waterways. It is illegal to dump or allow dirt, grass clippings, leaves, grease, oil, gasoline, chemicals, or other debris to enter catch basins. Please help protect our environment by keeping the curb line in front of your property clean. If you witness an illegal discharge or environmental spill, report it immediately to the Green Island Police Department by calling 911.

DIG SAFELY NEW YORK-CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Homeowners planning a landscaping or improvement project must call 811 (Dig Safely New York) before digging, even if it is your backyard. Underground utilities must be marked before excavation to prevent injuries, service interruptions, and costly repairs. **Before beginning your project, check with the Village Building Department to determine if a building permit is required.** The Building Department can also answer questions about permitting requirements and provide additional information about the Dig Safely New York program. Call the Building Department at **518-273-2201** for assistance.

REMINDER – DOGS AND POOPER SCOOPER LAW

Dogs are not permitted in Village parks, including the Little League fields and Veterans Memorial Stadium, except service animals. It is also illegal to allow your animal to defecate on any public or private property without picking it up. 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 must be licensed through the Town of Green Island. Dogs six months of age or older are also required to have a current rabies vaccination as required by the Albany County Department of Health. Proof of rabies vaccination and, if applicable, proof of spay/neuter is required when obtaining a license. Licenses are available through the Town Clerk's Office. For more information, call the Town Office at 518-273-0661. Please note that fines and fees may apply if an unlicensed dog is picked up by Animal Control or the Green Island Police Department. Fines and fees must be paid before reclaiming the dog.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

July 16, 2026

Dear Friends,

Summer has finally arrived – and she is HOT! The spray pad in the Paine Street Park is certainly getting a workout. We are so lucky to have that resource to cool down the kids from the high temperatures. Mr. Mullins and the park staff are making good use of it too.

We did a lot of improvements in the park this year. We painted and put new floors in the restrooms and painted the exterior. It looks so nice. We also added a new shed next to the pavilion to store all the equipment and games. We finally have enough room so everything has a place to properly be put away. I hope the kids, their parents and the staff have a safe and wonderful summer!

All property owners should have gotten a letter from our Water Department about the new meters being put in this summer. There is no cost to the water customers, but someone (18 years old or older) must be present for the installation. The letter gives instructions for scheduling an appointment. The property owner must be present or have someone designated to be at the property for the installation. This installation is mandatory and we would appreciate everyone's cooperation. We are always telling you to be very careful opening your door to strangers and this is no different. Every employee from the contracted installer, Hydro Utilities, will have proper credentials to identify themselves, so don't be afraid to ask to see their ID. Always better safe than sorry.

We had The Accents for our first concert of the season on July 8th and I think we may have had the biggest crowd ever. I know they were the hungriest crowd ever because we never stopped serving all night. The night was really very warm, but that didn't keep our fans from coming. We had our second concert at the Gazebo last night and the weather was much cooler than it was supposed to be. The smoke from the wildfires in Canada blocked the sun all day, so the temperature was much more enjoyable. We had a new band, The Protones, and they played oldies all night – just the kind of music we “old folks” like to

listen to. But I think everybody likes the “oldies.” We still have six more concerts this summer, so we hope to see you there.

There is a lot more info in the other newsletter, so please be sure to take a look.

Our lives are so busy we sometimes forget to appreciate the blessings we have been given. I look at the wars that other countries are living with and can't imagine what they are going through. While our country is actively involved in those wars, we aren't experiencing the devastation that they live with every day. We are removed from the reality of what war really is. Imagine if that destruction were to happen here, in our country. We wouldn't be worrying about trivial things. We wouldn't care what anyone was saying on Facebook. It wouldn't matter if your neighbor had different political views than yours. What would matter is keeping your family safe, being able to put food on the table, getting back to a normal way of life. We have those blessings now, but we sometimes take them for granted. Let's not do that. Let's respect other people's right to have beliefs and opinions that are different from ours. I have very dear friends who have political views that are contrary to what I believe, but I respect their right to differ and they respect mine. If you really look at it, wars could be avoided if we just accepted the fact that we are all different and we need to respect that. Lets try to be kinder to each other. Smile at a stranger as they pass by. Do random acts of kindness without looking for recognition. Let a fellow motorist go ahead of you in heavy traffic. Cook or bake something for a neighbor that lives alone or might not be able to go out. Sometimes it is the smallest of things that can make a person's day. And I guarantee you will feel great when you do it and you will make the world just a little bit better!

I am not quite sure how I went from concerts in the park to wars in the world. I guess I just feel so blessed to have such a loving family and wonderful community to live in that I want others to take a good hard look at their lives and appreciate their blessings!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan