

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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Water Meter Replacement Project

Hydro Utilities is preparing the second notice for Green Island and Maplewood property owners as the Village continues 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.

IMPORTANT: Property owners are responsible for maintaining a working interior water shut-off valve. The valve must be in good working condition so the water can be turned on and off during the meter replacement. The Village is responsible only for the installation of the new water meter.

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.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to Mr. Mullins and the entire Park Staff for putting together 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 who spent time with us this summer. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

The full summer program will conclude on Thursday, August 27th with our annual End of Summer Picnic at 12PM, hosted by the Park Staff. Beginning Friday, August 28th – Thursday, September 3rd, the Park will open for abbreviated hours, 10AM – 3PM, and the sprinkler will operate on the same abbreviated schedule. The Park will continue to be staffed during the evening hours 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. We'd also extend our appreciation to County Executive Dan McCoy, Albany County Legislature and the Albany County Recreation Department for hosting the summer Basketball Camp. A special thank you to Justin Hoyt and the HVCC Volleyball and Football teams for spending time with us this summer. The kids had a blast!

End of Summer/Back to School Celebration - The Recreation Department will be hosting an event on Thursday, September 3rd, 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 3rd Annual Community Walk on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, 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 chances 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.

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

The Green Island Seniors are hosting a Summer Basket Raffle featuring more than a dozen baskets to choose from, including Yankee fanfare, cooking, wine, baking, kids' activities, cookies, wreaths, and more. Stop by the Green Island Seniors at 5 George Street, to purchase your tickets or enter through Venmo: @GreenIsland-Seniors. Tickets are 10 for \$5. Good luck and thank you for supporting the Seniors! The winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, August 26th.

HEATLY SCHOOL PARKING AND TRAFFIC PROCEDURES

To keep our children safe, beginning the first day of school and on all school days, **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. This will make for a better and safer drop-off area for our children. **The Crossing Guard's priority is to help children and pedestrians cross safely; they are not responsible for directing traffic.** Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

August 20, 2026

Dear Friends,

I can't believe Summer is almost over. Where did the time go? We still have a few weeks left, so let's do our best to make the most out of it.

Our Water Meter Replacement Project is going very well. We hit a few snags with water shut offs in people's basements not working, but we are getting there. For the most part, our water meters were many decades old and really needed an update. If you haven't scheduled your appointment yet, please do so. If you are not the homeowner, please ask your landlord to keep you advised about when he/she has scheduled the appointment because you will have a brief interruption in your water service while the meter is being changed out. And homeowners and landlords, PLEASE make sure your inside water shutoff (the shutoff located where the water service comes into the building) is in good working condition BEFORE your scheduled appointment. That is your responsibility and the installers cannot change them out. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

My hat is off to the staff at the Summer Program at the Paine Street Park! Rec Director, Maddisyn Mahoney and Mr. Mullins and all the park counselors did a great job. The last FULL day of staffing will be on Thursday, August 27th. The schedule for the limited staff for the rest of the summer is in the other newsletter, so please check it out.

The Summer Concerts at the GIG are going very well and our last concert will be Wednesday, August 26th. I hope you can join us. I can't thank our sponsors enough for their continued generosity. Our DPW and GIPA guys have done an amazing job in all the parks this summer. They have never looked better. And to our tireless GIG-A-BITE crew (Rachel, Rachel, Kristin, Tod, Christa, Jill and Emma) who work so hard to keep our hungry crowds fed, you are amazing! And last, but certainly not least, my wonderful husband, Mark, who works year round booking the bands, doing all the graphics for our schedules, menus and sandwich

boards, decorating the Gazebo and a hundred other things –“Thanks my Love.” You are one in a million!

I have been getting a lot of concerns and complaints about the Electric bike and scooter riders NOT obeying the traffic lights, stop signs, pedestrian crossings and even speed limits (yes, some of them go faster than the cars). If you are traveling on a public street, you **MUST** obey the traffic laws. Parents, **PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT OBEYING THE TRAFFIC LAWS!** It is for their safety and the safety of those surrounding them. But it isn't just the kids. We all see grown adults constantly breaking the law in this regard. If the Police find you breaking the law, it will be addressed and your vehicle may be confiscated and you will be ticketed. This is very frustrating for us and it feels like nobody cares --- until someone is hurt. Then it is too late. Let's start paying attention and obeying the law before that happens.

We have a lot of things coming up, so I thought it might be a good idea to put a quick calendar of events at the end of each newsletter every month. We will try it this month and let me know if it is helpful. So here goes:

August 26th – Last Concert at the GIG (TS Ensemble)

August 27th - Last full day of staff at the Paine Street Park

September 3rd – End of Summer/Back to School Celebration
at the Paine Street Park 4 to 7 p.m.

October 3rd – Community Walk/Breast Cancer at Paine Street
Park at 10 a.m.

Please make sure to read the other newsletter to get all the details on “What’s happening in Green Island”.

That’s it from me ---- for now.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan