

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 4th – 10th, 2026. This year's theme is **"Charge Into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower,"** focusing on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer. 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.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Thank you to everyone that joined us at Paine Street Park on September 3rd 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 Senior Citizens, Green Island Little League, Heatly School, Albany County Department for Aging, Albany County Health Department, NYS Police, Albany Med Pediatric Trauma Prevention, Spatty's Bounce Rental, Hands of Time, Creative Flair and Kona Ice.

COMMUNITY 2-MILE WALK: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd – The Village of Green Island and Heatly School are teaming up in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. There is no registration fee for the walk. The walk will begin at approx. 10:00AM from Paine Street Park. Help us spread awareness by bringing your friends and family and don't forget to wear pink! This year's sponsor – Albany Mechanical, J & J Visionary, and J & J Properties. There will be cotton candy, "dirty" sodas, face painting and a bounce house. Butterballs Burgers & Dogs will be onsite selling breakfast sandwiches, French fries, burgers and hot dogs. You don't have to walk to participate. Come to support the event, enjoy the activities and take part in the raffles. There will be traffic delays and detours around Paine Street Park and Cannon Street during the event.

Save the Date – The Annual Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating event will be held on Saturday, October 31st. 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 **Thursday, October 8th** starting at 11:30am at the Green Island Community Center – 5 George Street. Those interested **MUST** call ahead to sign up - 518-272-7262. 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 **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. Thank you for your assistance.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND AMERICAN LEGION

The Green Island American Legion Auxiliary is hosting Pocketbook BINGO on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**. Doors open at 1pm and games start at 2pm. Cost is \$50/person and includes a BINGO packet (8 games), a dabber, an entry for door prizes and a small snack tray (1 per table). Prizes include Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Fossil and more. Bring a non-perishable donation for the Veteran’s Miracle Center for a chance to win a great prize! For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact Pat Nolet at 518-337-3881 or Diana Stufflebeam at 518-466-6083. Pre-payment is required.

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.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Saturday, October 3rd, the Albany County Department of Health, in cooperation with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, will host a Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets at least **3 months of age**. The clinic will be held at the DPW Garage (50 Cohoes Avenue) from 10am-1pm. Pre-registration is available through October 1, 2026. To register, or for more information, visit the Albany County Dept. of Health website at www.albanycountyny.gov/rabiesclinic. The suggested donation is \$8 per pet. Cash or check only.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

September 16, 2026

Dear Friends,

Well, we are pushing into Autumn and it looks like it is going to be a busy one. The lazy, crazy days of summer are gone and now it is back to work.

We had a nice “End of Summer and Back to School” afternoon in the Paine Street Park on September 3rd. Good weather and great crowd made for a nice afternoon. Thank you to all the folks who donated their time and energy to make it happen.

Another Fall activity is Fire Prevention Week from October 4th to the 10th. The fire department does a great job educating the public, especially our kids, in different aspects of fire safety. This year they are addressing the risks of lithium-ion battery fires. Those are the batteries in electric scooters and electric bikes. If you own a device with these batteries, it would be worth your while to check out how to safely charge and store these batteries. If you have any questions about these batteries, you can call the Firehouse at 518-273-1041.

Heatly School and the Village of Green Island are teaming up for a two mile walk in support of Breast Cancer Awareness and the Green Island Food Pantry on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00am. It will start in the Paine Street Park. There is more info in the other newsletter, so please read it and join us on October 3rd.

Fall also means we need to get ready for the Flu season. The Green Island Seniors are hosting a Flu Clinic on Thursday, October 8th at 11:30am at the Community Center at 5 George Street. They will also have Covid-19 vaccines available, but you must sign up by calling 518-272-7262 to secure your appointment. Thank you to our Assemblyman John McDonald for once again volunteering his time and talents to make this happen and keep us healthy!

Also, mark your calendar that the Seniors will be having a Chicken Parm dinner on Halloween. It will be take out only from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Community Center. More details in next month's letter.

We have been having some trouble lately with vandalism by teenagers. One deliberately jumped up and down on top of a picnic table in the River Park until he destroyed it. This past weekend several of them knocked down the flashing Stop Sign on Hudson Avenue at Clinton Street. That sign cost us several thousand dollars and was up less than one year. What thrill do they get in destroying Village property? Parents need to talk to their children about respecting the property of others. We had another group assault a resident while he was simply taking a walk. I don't know if it is anger issues, aggression issues, lack of respect or just being bullies, but we need to get it under control before something happens that can't be fixed. Parents need to know where their kids are, what they are doing and who they are with. Please do your job. I am in my 24th year of writing these letters to you and I do not look forward to composing them anymore because I have to address issues like this paragraph. I don't want to write about depressing things. I want to write about new projects, good news about getting grants, or celebrating good things that our residents or our staff have accomplished. If we wanted bad news, all we have to do is turn on the TV and watch the news. Please try and do things, big or small, that make our Village and the world a better place to live. Enough on this stuff.

Lots of other info in the Village Newsletter about Bulk pick-up, storm drains, dog licenses, and a Pocketbook BINGO that the American Legion Auxiliary is hosting, so please be sure to check it out.

Thanks for listening --- and maybe next month I will give this another shot!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan