

July 14, 2011

Dear Friends,

Well, the concerts at the River Park have begun. We were blessed with beautiful weather for our first concert (not so good for the second, but I'll get to that later). Rachel, Rachel, Krista, Kristin, Julie and Scott all worked hard at the Gig-A-Bite shed to make everyone's bellies happy and the "Swing Docs" gave us beautiful music. Sometimes I think the hardest part for them is getting 17 musicians and all their instruments and equipment into that Gazebo - but they do it every year and I want to thank them for donating their services for the afternoon! We also enjoyed a new act at intermission this year. "Into Wishin" is an female four part harmony group that gave us some good old time entertainment and we hope to have them back again next year. Our second concert (last night) was under the bridge. It poured just before the band had to set up their equipment, so we had no choice but to go under the bridge. After they were all set up, the winds came and almost blew us away. Then when the concert started - the sun decided to come out. The weatherman said we were going to have a severe storm at 7 p.m. (never happened). In my next life I want to come back as a weatherman because they make six figures, they are wrong at least half the time - and people still want to know what they think! There is no other profession where you could get away with that. It got so chilly several people were sitting in their chairs with blankets around them. In spite of the bad weather, Peg Delaney's band did a great job for us and I hope they will come back next year and get a shot in the Gazebo. Ernie Williams usually takes the first Wednesday night gig, but he opted to go later in the season this year. At least he still has a chance to make it to the Gazebo this year. Good luck Ernie!!!!

We have several public safety topics to cover. First is a public hearing next month on proposed changes to our local laws concerning parking in front of Heatly School. This has become quite dangerous for our students in the last several years and we think we have a plan to alleviate most of the safety issues. Please read the details in the other newsletter and plan to attend the Public Hearing on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

We have been aggressively addressing the issue of kids wearing their helmets while riding bikes and skateboards. We have been stopping children not wearing helmets and if they don't own one, the Police Department has been supplying free ones. I have also been stopping the kids who ARE wearing their helmets and thanking them for doing the right thing. Parents, please address the helmet law with your children and make them wear them. It is for their safety!

We just installed a new stop sign at the westbound corner of Arch Street at Cohoes Avenue. This is a tough corner and we have had some serious “near misses” so hopefully the new stop all ways will make it safer for everyone. Please be conscious of the new stop, which will be difficult because we are accustomed to just going through the intersection. Like everything new – we will get used to it.

We all know parking is difficult on every street in Green Island. When most of these houses were built, very few people had cars and the ones that did only had one car to a household. My oh my - how times have changed. I have been asked again about legalizing handicap parking for residents. We simply can't do it. Almost every family has someone who could qualify for a handicap permit and if we were to let all those with permits put up a “handicap parking only” sign on their homes, there would be no place for anyone else to park. What I would ask (again) is that if you know you have a severely handicapped neighbor – PLEASE don't park in front of their home. If God has blessed you with the ability to easily walk, thank Him for that blessing by making the life of an elderly or handicapped person a little easier. You never know if you might be the person who will need a little kindness some day!

Please mark your calendar to remind you of the scheduled power outage for Green Island on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 a.m. It is expected to last about five hours. We know this is inconvenient, but it must be done to make our system more reliable in the future.

Have you visited our website yet? I hope you have. I also hope you will give us a call or email if you have any suggestions on how to make it serve you even better. As I have said in the past, I am not a “techy” person, but I think this website will be very valuable to our residents, especially in emergency situations where we can post information for you to log on and get any time of the day or night. Some people who don't get electric bills (because it is paid by their landlord and included in their rent) have asked me how they can get the newsletters we send out every month. Well, now it will be available on the website.

Make sure you check out the other newsletter for all the news of what's going on.

Well, I guess that's it for this month. I hope to see all of you at the concerts in the River Park. I'm having a hard time getting my dancers up to “cut a rug.” I haven't had a good jitterbug yet this year. George Reinoehl -- -- where are you???????

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**Village of Green Island**  
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**Green Island, NY 12183**  
**(518) 273-2201**  
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**GIPA POWER OUTAGE**

Due to a substation expansion project, the power will be interrupted on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00 A.M. for approximately 5 hours. This interruption will affect all Green Island Power Authority customers. GIPA apologizes for any inconvenience. If you have any concerns about this outage, please contact Wyn Braun at 518-274-5125.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-PARKING RESTRICTIONS NEAR HEATLY SCHOOL**

As mentioned last month, Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan and the Village Board will hold a public hearing on a proposed new local law which will restrict parking in front of Heatly School. This law was developed after meetings were held regarding student safety between the Village and School administrations and with parent participation as well. The proposed new law will include but not be limited to:

- No parking in front of Heatly School from 7:15-8:15 a.m. and 2:15-3:15 p.m. when school is in session
- During those times, pickup and discharge of students, etc. will only be allowed at the curb
- Vehicles will only be allowed enough time to pickup or discharge passengers immediately; no standing
- There will be no discharge or pickup of students, etc. allowed from a double parked vehicle
- Drivers must remain in their vehicles at all times; those drivers wishing to walk students in will need to find a legal parking place outside of the restricted parking area to do so.
- This proposed law is being introduced for the safety of our students and will be strictly enforced. Violators would face fines and/or imprisonment.

Please plan on attending the public hearing, which will be held on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street. Your opinion on this matter is very important to us as we develop a safer plan for our children.

**[www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com)**

Yes, you read that right. The new Green Island website is up and running and has lots of information and history about the Village and Town of Green Island, Green Island Power Authority and the Industrial Development Agency. News updates and events will be posted regularly, and you can also access present and previous Village and Mayor Ellen McNulty-Ryan's newsletters on the home page so that all of the information is right at your fingertips. Keep in mind that this is still a work in progress and any ideas or suggestions are welcome. Please browse through and let us know what you think.

## RECREATION NEWS

**Soccer Clinic** – July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The clinic will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Call the Village Office to register! Thank you to **Bimbo Bakeries** for sponsoring this year's clinic. **(SEE VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS.)**

**Boy's & Girl's Basketball Clinic** – **Free Basketball Clinic** open to all ages. Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Grades K – 4<sup>th</sup> will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and Grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will be held from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Movie Night** – Don't forget about our Movie Nights in the Park. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and watch a movie the whole family can enjoy. Movie Night is FREE. The movies begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown the following Friday.

**Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Gnomeo & Juliet**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Camp Out in the Park - Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - Rio**  
**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - Yogi Bear**

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Annual Village Wide Tag Sale** will be held on **Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** A free map of garage sale locations will be given out at the Church of the Good Shepherd on the day of the sale. People in the village who wish to participate can have their names and addresses put on handout maps by sending \$3.00 with their names and addresses to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 1523, Green Island, NY 12183 by August 8<sup>th</sup>. ***Selling of food is NOT permitted unless you have a NYS Health Department Permit.***

## BATTERY RECYCLING NEWS

Please see attached flyer from the Capital Region Recycling Partnership (of which Green Island is a member) that outlines new changes for the proper disposal of batteries. Please read over carefully and follow these simple guidelines which are meant for a better and healthier planet.

## KEEP OUR RIVERS CLEAN

Please remember that it is illegal by law to intentionally place or allow flowing waste into our catch basins. Please help us out and sweep the curb line of dirt, grass clippings and other debris in front of your properties when you can and never throw or allow such debris and/or liquid chemicals and/or petroleum such as dirt, grass, grease, cleaners, gasoline or oil into the catch basin. Please report violators to the Green Island Police Department at 273-2401 immediately. Thank you for your cooperation. Together we can help keep our waterways clean and free from debris.

## NEW STOP SIGN AT COHOES AVENUE AND ARCH STREET

In order to provide for a safer intersection and to protect both motorists and pedestrians, the Village Board recently amended a local law which will provide for another stop sign on Arch Street going westbound at Cohoes Avenue. This intersection will now be a three way stop (or four ways including John Street which is staggered a bit). The new sign has been ordered and will be placed there in the next week or so. Please be aware of this important new change.