

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**Village of Green Island**  
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**JULY 2013**

**RECREATION NEWS**

**Soccer Clinic** – August 5<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The clinic will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. For 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the clinic will be held August 12<sup>th</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thank you to **Bimbo Bakeries** for sponsoring this year's clinic. Registration forms are available at the Village Office, the Paine Street Park, or on the village website.

**Boy's & Girl's Basketball Clinic** – **Free Basketball Clinic** open to all ages. Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Grades K – 4<sup>th</sup> will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and Grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No registration required.

**Movie Night** – Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and watch a movie the whole family can enjoy. Movie Night is FREE. The movies begin at approximately 8 p.m. and will take place on: Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown on the following Friday. Movies will be posted at the park and on the Green Island Recreation Facebook page.

“Like” the Green Island Recreation Department page on Facebook for up to date information on what's happening at the park this summer!

**UPDATE ON ALBANY AVENUE PROJECT**

The Albany Avenue Project construction phase has begun already with the replacement of a National Grid gas line. The bulk of the project will occur from August through November and traffic and parking restrictions will occur during this time. Please look for project updates on our website at [www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com). Please contact the Village Office at 273-2201 or email Sean Ward at [seanw@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:seanw@villageofgreenisland.com) if you have any questions about the project.

**GREEN ISLAND SECTION 8 CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

The Village of Green Island Section 8 Program will no longer be accepting any more Section 8 applications effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The reason for closing the waiting list is that the waiting list is approximately three years long.

For further information, please contact Ted Koniowka, Section 8 Administrator at 518-629-0368.

### 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 any emergency spill or report violators to the Green Island Police Department at 911 immediately. Thank you for your cooperation. Together we can help keep our waterways clean and free from debris.

### DIG SAFELY NEW YORK-CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Homeowners are reminded to call Dig Safely New York every time you dig into the ground, even if it is in your own back yard. This is so that all utilities in the ground can be located before digging. The number is simply 8-1-1. Failure to do so can result in the obvious danger, and can be very expensive, as the utility companies will charge you back for any damages, which could be in the thousands of dollars. We recommend that you call our building department at 629-0367 beforehand if you have any questions. They also have literature about the Dig Safely program for your use.

### SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

The Code Enforcement Office reports that there are many inflatable pools throughout the Village. Please note that any pools with a water depth of over 18 inches must be in compliance with the same code regulations as the larger pools including secure fencing and lot coverage requirements. Electrical inspections by an independent agency may be required as well. To avoid the issue of non-compliance please call Maggie at the Village Office at 273-2201 for further information.

### NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Legnard-Curtin Post American Legion will be hosting the "Commander's Cup" on Sunday, August 11, 2013 at the Frear Park Golf Course in Troy. The time of the event is 12:30 p.m. with a "Shotgun Start" and the cost is \$100 per person. The cost includes: green fees, cart, dinner, draft beer and soda. Dinner only is available for non-golfers at a cost of \$30.00. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Donna Lazzaro at 274-1237 or the Legion Post at 272-1198. The reservation deadline is July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Just a reminder:** The American Legion has placed a "Blue Clothing Box" at the north end of the Legion parking lot for all Green Island residents to use. Please deposit clothing and shoes only. Please do not leave anything on the ground surrounding the clothing box. We thank you for your cooperation.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no free dinner for the month of July.

**Annual Village Wide Tag Sale** will be held on **Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** There is a \$3.00 fee to have your name and location on the map. Those who would like their names and locations on the maps should send their information and \$3.00 to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 1523, Green Island, NY 12183 by July 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the listing on the Map, the cost includes advertisements, posters, signs, etc. Maps are available at the Church of the Good Shepherd on the day of the sale. For more information contact 274-7648.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

July 16, 2013

Dear Friends,

Can you believe this weather? At first I thought it was just me getting old or that my body's "thermostat" had died, but this oppressive weather is even making the young folks take notice. So, our timing on opening our new "sprinkler park" could not have been better. Everyone from the kids, to moms and dads, to grandmas and grandpas are cooling off in the delightful spray. I think zany Mr. Mullins is enjoying it the most. On opening day, July 1<sup>st</sup>, we had the opportunity to thank John and Lynda Kutey and Jim Besha for their very generous donations. Without their generosity, that spray park would not be here. I would also like to thank our DPW, GIPA, Recreation and Water Department crews and Todd Grimm of Grimm Building Materials for their participation in making it a reality. This is a great example of what can be accomplished when we all work together. Thank you all!

In addition to the new spray park, Maggie and the Recreation Department have a great summer program going ---- from sports clinics, to movie night, to arts and crafts --- it goes on and on. Please have your children utilize this great asset.

Now it is a Tuesday morning and we have had two summer concerts to date and BOTH have been under the bridge. The Rymanowski Brothers are playing tomorrow night and they called to ask if they might be able to go under the bridge because of the heat. While that sounds OK to everyone else, it is a tremendous amount of work for our GIG-A-Bite crew to move everything under the bridge, so unless there is lightning or it is raining ---- we are in the Gazebo. I'm dying to be in the park because we just had it landscaped around the Gazebo. We had a landscaper come in 2004 when it was built, but 10 summers can take a toll on it. So, we had a landscaper come back to give us an estimate of sprucing it up, but the cost was prohibitive. I called a former resident, Bob Loya, who is pretty knowledgeable about this kind of stuff and asked him for some advice. He told us what to do and then volunteered to come on the following Saturday, with a work crew from the Albany County Jail, and redo the landscaping. They did a beautiful job and Michael Lazzaro has been watering the new plantings for us. The work crew from the Jail came back the following week and helped our DPW crew cut down the riverbank so we could enjoy the view of the river. All that work --- and we have been under the bridge for every concert so far. That is why we need to get back to the River Park. You won't get this letter until after this Wednesday's concert, so it is kind of a moot point, but I just want you to know about the hard work of our volunteers and why we really want to get back to the park.

The bad storm we had in May destroyed 70 of the 72 American Flags we had on the poles on George, Hudson and Arch. The GIG-A-Bite crew was going to replace them, but then we decided to make it a community effort and invite residents to take part by donating \$35.00 per flag. Even before we formally kicked off the campaign, we had donations coming in. So far we have about 35 flags paid for with a promise of another 20. If it continues at the present pace, we will be able to purchase them for Albany Avenue too so it will look nice after this year's reconstruction project. If you are interested in donating a flag, you can pick up a form at the Village Office, the Veterans Gun Depot or at the concerts. If we fall short of our goal, the GIG-A-Bite crew has pledged to make up the difference. But I don't think we will fall short. Our residents ALWAYS come through when we need them!

WE HAVE A NEW DELI!!!!!! Kate Hebert just opened "Kate's Corner Deli" on the corner of George and Market Streets. She has subs, paninis, cold cuts, salads, coffee and some groceries. She is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mark and I have been in several times for lunch and the food is great. I love roasted red peppers, so I get them on every sandwich I order. The nice thing is that you can build your own creation. Just tell them what you want. It is nice to see a young resident investing in her community and making a commitment. We need more of that, so let's give her our support! Good Luck Kate!

Make sure you see the other newsletter with the details about the American Legion's "Commander's Cup" and the Church of the Good Shepherd's "Annual Village Wide Tag Sale" along with other information on recreation, codes and Section 8.

OK. This has been a nice, positive letter. Now we have to talk about a lot of "poop" (I was going to say "crap" but I didn't want to sound vulgar). I have had NUMEROUS calls and complaints about people letting their animals "poop" on private property and public property. Besides being against the law, this is just downright ignorant! I have watched people do it, given them bags to pick it up, and then they just do it again when they think no one is watching. Please call the police when you see this happen. When the police arrive, please give them as much detail as possible so they can find the violator and give them a ticket. I know some people don't want to call 911 unless they are experiencing a true emergency, but this is the only way to get word to the officers on duty. The dispatch center knows how to separate these kinds of calls so they don't interfere with any emergency situations in progress. And to all animal owners, please don't use someone else's property as your pet's toilet. I have watched people use the lawn at the former St. Joseph's Church for this purpose. I'm not talking about the people who walk their dogs for exercise and the animal "hears nature call." I'm talking about the people who walk their animal a short distance from their residence and target a specific dumping ground. Please use your own back yard. You are the one who owns the animal. Even when an animal urinates on someone else's grass, it leaves brown spots. A lot of residents take great pride in their property and owning a pet does not give you a right to mar or foul their property. I can't believe I have to say things like this, but apparently I do because some people just don't get it. On the subject of animals, we will be holding a public hearing on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center to propose limiting the number of animals per household. We recently had one apartment with 10 dogs. That is unreasonable and they were creating a nuisance in a neighborhood. I know people love their pets, but if you choose to own a pet(s), then you need to be responsible for that pet(s). Enough said.

Sorry I ended my letter on a "crappy" note, but if you come to the concerts and dance with me, I promise to be in a better mood!

Until next month ---- STAY COOL!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan