

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**Village of Green Island**  
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**RECREATION NEWS**

**Basketball Camp** – The Albany County Recreation Bureau is hosting a Youth Basketball Camp at the Paine Street Park, July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm. The camp will be run by the Albany City Rocks. This is a great opportunity to develop your skill set and learn the game of basketball.

**Soccer Camp** – Coach Larry Brown will be having the annual soccer camp August 1st – August 5<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The camp will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades. Thank you to **Bimbo Bakeries** for sponsoring this year's camp. Registration forms are available at the Paine Street Park and the Village Office.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup> & August 19<sup>th</sup>. Movies will be posted at the park and on the Green Island Recreation Facebook page.

**Dance Party** – Join us for a good old fashioned “DANCE PARTY” in the Park, **Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Entertainment provided by DJ LAZZ.

**Summer of Kindness** – The Park Staff is supporting District Attorney David Soares **WORDS** (anti-bullying) campaign. We will be submitting random acts of kindness to the DA's office on a daily basis. The children committing the random acts of kindness will be in the running for some great prizes! We have some exciting traveling camps visiting our park this summer – ACTKO Karate, Albany Barn, CrossFit Beyond, Young Nobel Gentlemen Traveling Music Camp. Your children do not want to miss the opportunity to participate!

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

**LAWN AND LEAF BAGS**  
**CLEARANCE SALE**

We still have “lawn and leaf bags”, so if you would like to stock up, now is the time to do it. We can't compete with the markets and hardware stores when it comes to pricing them. It also has become a storage problem. So we are going to reduce what we have left down to **5 for \$1.00** until they are gone. They are available for purchase at the Village Offices during regular office hours.

### 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 273-2201 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 CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Church of the Good Shepherd is happy to announce that Pastor Marcial Reyes has been appointed to their church as of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join them as they welcome him into the community.

The **Annual Villlage Wide Garage Sale** will be held on **Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **Breakfast** (Farm Fresh Egg Sandwiches), **Lunch** (Hot Dogs and Hamburgers), **Free Maps of Village Sales and Merchandise** will be available at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 89 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, NY. Tables will be available for rent at \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. To be included on the "**Yard Sale Map**", please send your check for \$3.00 made out to the **Church of the Good Shepherd**, P.O. Box 1523, Green Island, NY 12183 by July 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

**Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Community Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** It's "**The Place to Be**" to share a great meal with family, friends and neighbors. So join us this month, all at no charge. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

July 17, 2016

Dear Friends,

I sit here at my desk typing this letter on a Sunday afternoon. The sun is shining and the weather is warm. It should be a “feel good” day, but it is not. I just learned this morning of yet another shooting of police officers in Louisiana. When is this insanity and senseless killing going to end? Why can't we all just learn to respect each other's differences and live in harmony? I have been on a campaign this past year asking folks to look at the job that our men and women in law enforcement do for us every single day and show them the respect that they deserve. Do we have some “bad apples” in law enforcement? Absolutely. But they are a very small percentage and I agree that we need to weed them out and prosecute them when warranted. But we can't punish the good ones for the sins of a few. The next time you see a police officer, please take a minute to thank him or her for keeping us safe. If the tide doesn't change soon, we won't have any “good guys” left. I know how dedicated our Green Island officers are and I thank them every day for what they do. And my parting words to them when I leave the police station are always “*stay safe.*” Please pray for the victims and their families. And please ask God to keep all our members in law enforcement safe and give them courage and patience to get through these trying times.

Our concerts at the GIG have begun and the first two were outstanding. The bands have been great, the crowds have been enthusiastic and the food is always delicious. Sadly, we lost one of our original “Keebler Elves” last Wednesday. Pat Iannone passed away after a brief illness. Pat and Annie Lazzaro were our two original elves who just started baking delicious treats and donating them for us to sell at the concerts. We have picked up a few more elves in the last few years, due to the great example set by Pat and Annie. Pat was also instrumental for years at our Polish Fest. Pat would make galumpkies and Katie Slupski would make perogies. People like Pat and Annie and

Katie make Green Island the special place that it is. Now that Pat is in Heaven, I am going to ask her to make every Wednesday evening in July and August “rain free” so we don’t have to go under the bridge. And while she may be able to pull some strings in Heaven, I would much rather see her, with her great smile and twinkling eyes, sitting on the Iannone Family park bench and enjoying the concerts. Rest in Peace Pat!

Maggie and Mr. Mullins have a great season going in the Paine Street Park. The sprinkler park has been getting a workout with the warm weather and the weekly special programs for the kids, sponsored by our District Attorney David Soares, seem to be going very well. Maggie has more park news in the other newsletter, so please be sure to read it.

The Church of the Good Shepherd has a new Pastor. His name is Pastor Marcial Reyes. I have not had the opportunity to meet him yet, but everything I hear about him is very positive. Welcome Pastor and hope to see you around town. Maybe you might like to enjoy some music at our Wednesday night concerts. If so, I hope you like to dance! I am also looking forward to the church’s Annual Village Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a very popular event each year and a chance to do some cleaning out. Remember, one man’s trash is another man’s treasure. I know my husband would love for me to part with some of my trash/treasures!

That’s it for this month.

Please remember to pray that God will help us to overcome the unrest in our nation and lack of respect for all lives. Amen.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan