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RECREATION NEWS
Park Program Registration

The **Summer Park Program** for Green Island residents will officially begin on **Wednesday, July 5th**. The parents of any child wishing to use our facilities this summer will be required to fill out a program registration form. This will help our staff in an emergency situation when parents have to be notified. The registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Paine Street Park or the Village Office during operating hours.

Save the dates for the following events happening this summer:

Bike Rodeo – Wednesday, July 12th at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your bike and bike helmet to the park by 12:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball League - 3 games every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. starting on Tuesday, July 11th.

The Albany County Department of Recreation will host **LACROSSE** on Saturdays, July 8th – August 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium (the Big Field). This program is available to all Albany County Youth, ages 7–14. Equipment will be provided. Visit <http://www.albanycounty.com/recreation.aspx> to download a registration form.

In addition to CrossFit and a Traveling Arts Program the **Recreation Department** has so much more in store for this summer. “**LIKE**” the Green Island Recreation Department on Facebook for updates on what’s to come, you won’t want to miss it.

HELMET LAW

Another issue that coincides with nice weather is youths riding on bicycles, scooters and skateboards. The law states that any child 14 years of age and younger must wear a helmet when riding on any of these. We also suggest elbow and kneepads and wrist guards for skateboarders. Our police department will be on the lookout for violators, but more important may even stop those that are wearing helmets to tell them “good job”.

REMINDER – DOGS AND POOPER SCOOPER LAW

It is illegal to bring any animal, with the exception of a guide dog, into any **public park**. **This includes all parks, and the Little League and Veteran's Memorial Stadium.** It is also illegal to allow your animal to defecate on any public or private property without picking up the mess, for obvious reasons, including the fact that if it washes into the storm drains it could go directly to the river, which would be a violation of the “**Clean Water Act**”. If you wish to walk your dog, make sure you are prepared to clean up after him or her. We are also receiving complaints, and the Police have issued tickets to violators who allow or fail to secure their animals (dogs) from running at large. Please make sure dogs are secured in fenced areas or if out for a walk with a responsible owner/handler, make sure the

dog is on a leash. Violators are subject to fines and the possibility that the animal will be transported to the Humane Society, which could be costly to the owner.

RECREATIONAL AND OTHER BACKYARD FIRES

We have recently received a few complaints about backyard fire pits, recreational fires, etc. This is not new around this time of year and usually can be solved by keeping a small manageable fire in a safe area of your property, through communication with neighbors and by being "neighborly" when talking to them. Most of the time that approach works.

If not, and when police and fire personnel are called, the NYS Fire Code and Section 307.1.1 is pretty clear that a fire is prohibited if the burning is "offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions.....". The Code also states in Section 307.4.2 that "Recreational fires shall be not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.....". If our personnel are called they will enforce the law, most likely making you extinguish the fire immediately and depending on the situation cite you as well. Please be a good neighbor and don't allow yourself to be put in to that situation. Thank you for your cooperation. **LANDLORDS PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR TENANTS.**

NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

As summer approaches and residents are outside cleaning around their homes, it is important to remember the maintenance of the exteriors. The New York State Fire and Building Uniform Code has a section called "Property Maintenance" - this section covers all exterior wood surfaces other than decay resistant wood. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint needs to be corrected by protective coating or painting. Window frames, siding, cornices and balconies on all buildings, houses and garages are all included in "Property Maintenance" Section.

The Village Code has a section of law, which specifies that homeowners must maintain grass and weed growth on their properties. Failure to do so will result in legal action against that property owner and if the Building Inspector orders the owner to clean the property and the owner refuses then the Village will hold a public hearing and if the owner does not respond, the Village DPW will be directed to clean up the property and a hefty bill will be attached to your property taxes. The Building Inspector will conduct a survey and notify homeowners if they have buildings that are subject to this ruling. Please cooperate by making our community a more attractive place to reside.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FREE Community Dinner - Friday, June 30th from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. A free delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Bring your family and friends, all at no charge. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Village Wide Yard Sale - Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast (Farm Fresh Egg Sandwiches), Lunch (Hot Dogs & Hamburgers), Free Maps of Village Sales and Merchandise will be available at the Church of Good Shepherd, 89 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, NY. Tables will be available inside and outside of church. To be included on the **MAP FOR THE YARD SALES**, please send your check for \$3 made out to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 1523, Green Island, NY 12183 by July 28th. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

June 17, 2017

Dear Friends,

I have a lot of info for you this month and not a lot of space because the "GIG Schedule" is on the backside of this letter, so with limited space, I will get right to it.

Love to see summer and the nice weather here, but with it comes the same quality of life complaints from residents, so here are some "reminders" of how to be a good neighbor:

- PLEASE DO NOT FEED ANY ANIMALS OUTSIDE – and that includes your own pets. It draws rodents and vermin and we don't need either. I even got a complaint about someone throwing meat and garbage over the riverbank (honest, I can't make these things up).
- LOUD CAR RADIOS AND LOUD MUSIC FROM YOUR HOME – Everyone's windows are open and this can be very annoying, besides the fact that you can be fined and your car stereo confiscated.
- FIRE PITS – This is pretty well addressed in the other newsletter, so please read it. Quite honestly, there are very few homes in Green Island that could legally have a back yard fire because of the close proximity of buildings, but if folks do it responsibly and don't make a lot of smoke, most neighbors won't call and make a complaint. But if we do get a complaint, the Police and Fire Departments will respond and you will be ordered to extinguish the fire. Please be a good neighbor!
- PUTTING YOUR DOG POOP IN PRIVATELY OWNED TRASH CANS – I can't believe I have to write this, but I have received numerous complaints about dog owners dropping their "gift bags" in people's private trash cans. While I am happy that these dog owners are picking up after their pets, they must bring it home and put it in their own barrels. It happens most often on garbage day when the barrels are out front after the pickup and someone tosses their poop bag in someone's barrel and then it "bakes" all week in the 95 degree heat. Then, when the homeowner opens their barrel a few days later to put in their trash, they are hit in the face (or nose) with the horrific odor. Please, if you choose to own a pet, make sure to be responsible about it. Enough said.

By the time you get this, Father's Day will be over, so I will just hope you had a good one.

I am near the end of my page so I have to wrap it up. But before I do so, I just have to say a huge "Thank You" to all of you who sent me cards, called, sent flowers or sent delicious food while I was "incapacitated". I am back to normal, whatever that is for me, and feeling great --- just in time to dance with my partners at the GIG concerts starting on July 5th. Please post the schedule (on back side of this letter) on your refrigerator and join us every Wednesday. Love to see you!!!!



GIG 2017

Schedule

July 5 **The Accents**

July 12 **Soul Session**
Featuring "Soulist" Garland Nelson

July 19 **Swing Docs**

July 26 **Joey Pucci**
and the American Longboards

Aug. 2 **Big Fez**
and the Surfnatics

Aug. 9 **Lustre Kings**

Aug. 16 **The Nellies**

Aug. 23 **Oldies Show**

Aug. 30 **TS Ensemble**

Concerts are held at the River Park Gazebo. In the event of rain, concerts will be held under the Collar City Bridge on Hudson Ave.

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Weekly Specials

- The Accents - July 5th**
Fried Chicken Picnic Basket
Strawberry Shortcake
- Soul Session - July 12th**
Sausage & Peppers
- Swing Docs - July 19th**
Hot Dog Specials
Meat Sauce - Sauerkraut & Kielbasa
Baked Beans
- Joey Pucci - July 26th**
BBQ Chicken Sandwich
Cole Slaw
Apple Pie w/Ice Cream
- Big Fez - August 2nd**
Steak Sandwich w/cheese sauce & onions
Homemade Ice Cream Sandwiches
- Lustre Kings - August 9th**
Pulled Pork Sliders
Cole Slaw
Mac & Cheese
Rice Pudding
- The Nellies - August 16th**
Reg. Chili & Vegetarian Chili
Peach Pie w/Ice Cream
- The Oldies Show - August 23rd**
Hawaiian Chicken
Cole Slaw
Watermelon Slices
- TS Ensemble - August 30th**
Pasta Fagioli
Free Cake