

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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VILLAGE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on **Monday, August 7th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George Street, Green Island for the purpose of awarding bids related to the **Black Bridge Trail Project**.

RECREATION NEWS

Soccer Camp – Coach Larry Brown will be having the annual soccer clinic August 7th – August 10th at the Paine Street Park. The clinic will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for K – 5th Grades. Registration forms are available at the Paine Street Park and the Village Office. Pre-registration is not mandatory but highly recommended

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 dusk, approximately 8 p.m. and will take place on: Friday, August 4th, August 11th & August 18th. Movies will be posted at the park and on the Green Island Recreation Facebook page.

Summer of Kindness – The Park Staff is supporting District Attorney David Soares **WORDS** (anti-bullying) campaign. We have some exciting traveling camps visiting our park this summer – Albany Barn – Word Games and Collages around the theme of “Kindness & Acceptance” on 7/20, 7/25, 8/3, 8/7 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CrossFit Beyond on 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7 from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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!

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 **Annual Village Wide Garage Sale** will be held on **Saturday, August 5th 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 inside and outside of church. To be included on the **MAP FOR YARD SALES**, 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 28th. Thank you for your support.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

July 18, 2017

Dear Friends,

It's Tuesday morning and we just got power back on after our first (and hopefully last) summer power outage. It was a long night for our GIPA guys, even though it wasn't a problem on our lines. It was on National Grid's lines. They had four issues after three lightning hits. One phase (B) was knocked out but two phases (A & C) were still working, which causes what they call a rolling brown outage. I won't get any more technical than that because I don't really understand how it all works. We had to shut our power lines off in order for Grid to fix the problem on their lines. They worked all night and got us back on this morning. While I understand that it was an inconvenience for everyone, there is no way to avoid these things. You can't argue with Mother Nature – she ALWAYS wins. What you can do is work together as a team and that's just what National Grid and GIPA did. I want to thank National Grid for getting right on the repairs for us while they were working on a lot of other outages elsewhere. I want to thank our GIPA guys for staying up all night and keeping an eye on the substation. And most of all I want to thank God that nobody was injured. You can replace a half gallon of melted ice cream – but you can't replace a life.

Now on to happier things. Our summer concert series began on July 5th and I have to say I think it was our best event in the 14 seasons we have hosted the concerts. The weather was perfect, the band was phenomenal (the *Accents* always are) and we had the hungriest crowd we have ever served at the GIG-A-BITE shed. We broke all past records for sales with Rachel's fried chicken dinner and fresh strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits. We were on cloud nine. It was our 19th consecutive concert without rain. Unfortunately, that record ended that night when the following week we were "under the bridge" for *Soul Session*, a new band this season. We still had a pretty good crowd but there is nothing like performances at the Gazebo in the River Park. The *Swing Docs* are this week and they pray for rain because it is easier to get a 17 piece orchestra under the bridge than it is to squeeze them into the Gazebo. But I am still praying for blue skies. While I complain about "under the bridge," we are very lucky to have an alternate location so we don't have to cancel the concert. We have a great time no matter where we go and like I said earlier, you can't argue with Mother Nature! Maybe she would be nicer to us if we were nicer to her Earth. Think about that!

The summer program at the Paine Street Park is going gangbusters. Maggie has all her summer help working and Mr. Mullins is in the spray park every day with the kids. I don't know where he gets his energy. I can't keep up with him and he is older than me – but don't tell him I said that. Maggie has a soccer camp with Coach Larry Brown in August, Movie Night on three Fridays in August and a program with the Albany County District Attorney's office teaching about being kind and not being a bully and a *CrossFit Beyond* program. Please see the other newsletter for more details.

Get ready for the Annual Village Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a great event and Mark and I participate in it every year. It is a chance to gather up “stuff” you don't use anymore and pick up a few bucks for it. It also helps the church with raising funds. With congregations shrinking and expenses growing, they can use a little help. Let's help them stay alive and well.

We had a little presentation last night about the Black Bridge Trail project. The bids have gone out and we hope to award the construction contracts in early August. The project has been delayed due to construction time restrictions because of certain wildlife in the area, but we hope to start in August and be done by the end of October. It will be nice when it is done, but the delays and restrictions have been tough to work around. All's well that ends well --- right?

I think that's it for this month. Hope to see you at the concerts!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan