

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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RECREATION NEWS

The **Albany County Department of Recreation** is hosting **FLAG FOOTBALL** on Fridays through August 17th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Paine Street Park (6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for ages 5-8, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for ages 9-12 and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. for ages 13-17). The kids that are participating are having a GREAT time, come and join in on the fun!

If your child ever wondered what it's like to play **LACROSSE**, here's the perfect opportunity to have them try it out. Join us on Saturdays through August 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium (the Big Field), ages 7-11. Equipment will be provided.

The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) in Troy will be hosting a **FREE Ice Cream Social** on Thursday, August 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Paine Street Park. Come learn about the EOC and have a tasty treat!

“**Like**” the Green Island Recreation Department page on Facebook for announcements, our Summer Movie schedule will be released soon!

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 518-273-2201 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/spas 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 518-273-2201 for further information.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER – Friday, July 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Bring your family and friends, all at no charge. Everyone is welcome!

VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE – Saturday, August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sales tables in/outside of the church. **Breakfast** – Fresh Egg Sandwiches, **Lunch** – Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, **Free Maps of Village Sales** – Available at the church, 89 Hudson Avenue. **To be included on the 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 27th. They will have limited lawn space available to rent that day, so please contact the church for more information at 518-273-5531.

SCOUTING TO START IN SEPTEMBER - Cub Scouting for boys and girls will start Tuesday, September 11th at the Church of the Good Shepherd. It will start with children entering grades K – 2. For more information, please contact Jim Cramer at cramerjojo@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

July 17, 2018

Dear Friends,

Our first concert of the season was PERFECT – the band, the weather, the food, the crowd!!! It was one of our biggest crowds ever and definitely the most dancers. We were so busy with food at the Gig-A-Bite shed that I didn't get to dance until the last half hour – bummer! But I hope to make up for it this week. If you were there, you know it was a great time. If you didn't make it, you missed a good one. Hope we get the same weather and great crowd again this week. We are looking forward to our 2nd Annual Sock Hop on July 25th and our 1st ever Irish Night on August 15th. Hope you can join us for them all!

The Paine Street Park is off to a great start too. The spray park is certainly getting a good work out with all the steamy weather we've been having. I think Mr. Mullins has as much fun as the kids. We are awaiting the arrival of our new playground equipment. We hope to have it installed within the next several weeks. We will have to fence off a large portion of the park during demolition and installation for safety reasons, so please be patient. It will be worth it in the end. We are very fortunate to have such a nice park and great staff working with our children. Please see the other newsletter for all the activities going on with our Recreation Department.

We received many complaints from residents about the illegal fireworks displays in our Village on the 4th of July. I had to call the police myself for one neighbor who refused to stop even after I made them aware of the debris that was falling on us in our yard and pool. We had our Village Board meeting last night and I addressed the issue with the members. I have already spoken to our Fire Chief and Police Chief, who also received complaints, and we will be strictly enforcing our fireworks laws from this day forward. Any type of fireworks that leaves the ground is NOT legal. If you witness illegal fireworks, please call 911 immediately and report it.

At our board meeting last night, we also passed a resolution to raise our water rates. For those of you who attended our budget presentation in May, we said we knew we were going to have to raise our rates, but we wanted to do an in depth study to accurately set the rates, but we were still waiting on invoices from the many water breaks we had over this winter. On top of that, we actually have a break in a pipe that goes through the river to Center Island and a very expensive stand pipe in the Water Treatment Plant needs to be replaced. The General Fund of the Village has been subsidizing the Water Fund for the last year. While that is perfectly legal, it isn't a good practice. The Water Fund needs to sustain itself. The increase in the rate is going to be 50% starting with the quarter to begin in August. While this was a very hard decision to make, it is very necessary. We haven't had an increase in water rates in 10 years. Fortunately, the sewer rates will remain the same. While the percentage of the raise seems high, it still means that the average water user will be paying about one dollar a day for water service to

their property. If you really think about what it takes to get that clean water to you, a dollar a day doesn't seem too bad. We know the situation with water breaks and sewer collapses is not going to get better until we can replace our very old infrastructure. If you read the newspapers, you will see a story almost every day about surrounding communities in the same boat. We have been applying for grants to start replacing our most troubled areas, but have not had any luck. Last night we approved two resolutions to again apply for funding to replace the water lines on Tibbits Avenue and resurface the road. Hopefully we will get a grant this time around. Say a little prayer that we will be successful!

I spoke to you last month about registering generators so our emergency personnel are aware of them when they respond to a call. If you have a generator that is directly hooked into your electrical system, PLEASE fill out the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Village Office. And if you plan to install a generator, please contact the Building Department BEFORE you install it.

I will close my letter with "happy/sad" news. Maggie Alix, who is our Recreation Director, Village and Town Assessor, Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, Food Pantry Director, etc,etc,etc, will be leaving her full time job(s) with us in August. That's the sad part. The happy part is she has been appointed the Albany County Director of Real Property Tax Services. Maggie has worked very hard in her Assessor's job here and has been recognized throughout the State for her ability. County Executive Dan McCoy also recognized Maggie's professional ability and named her to the position, which was unanimously approved by the Albany County Legislature last week. The other happy part of this is Maggie will be able to work part time here to oversee and advise anyone who will be picking up her present duties. We could not be more proud of Maggie and her success, but we will miss her being part of our team every day. Good Luck Mag!

As I am typing this letter, the rain is pouring down and the thunder is roaring. Sure is a lot better than the snow that seemed to appear every time I did my letter this past winter. At least we don't have to shovel rain!!

Enjoy your summer and hope to have a dance with you at the concerts!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

Generator Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email Address:

Type of Generator:

Size of Generator:

Location of Generator:

Year Generator was installed: