

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
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**NOVEMBER 2019**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING & TREE LIGHTING**

The Village of Green Island will hold its annual "Festival of Trees" on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, at the River Park. Tree decorating starts at 2:00 p.m. There will be a community tree for our Veterans. Everyone is welcome to place an ornament on this tree, free of charge. Santa will arrive at 5:00 p.m. to light the trees, sing Christmas Carols and see all the good little children. ***Come and bring your family for this wonderful event!***

**GIVING TREE**

Our "Giving Tree" will be up on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Village Office, please stop in and take a tag. This is a great opportunity to grant a child a "Merry" Christmas. All presents must be returned with the original tag by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SIGNUP AND REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

With winter upon us, anyone who has not already signed up and registered for alert notifications by telephone, text or email and would like to do so, registration forms are available at the Village Office and on our website [www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com). Completed forms may be dropped off at the Village Office. All snow emergencies and other Village information will be sent via "Everbridge Mass Notification". Please contact the Village Office with any questions.

**HOLIDAY PARTY WITH "THE ACCENTS"**

A **Holiday Party** featuring "**The ACCENTS**" will be held on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the American Legion. Tickets are \$20.00 (must be 21 yrs. old) and includes beer, wine, soda and snacks. Call 518-272-7262 for more information. Proceeds to benefit the Green Island Senior Citizens.

If you are looking for a gift for the Special Senior in your life, gift certificates for Lunch are available for \$3.00 each. Stop by or call Jill at 518-272-7262.

**SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL**

**Just a reminder on snow removal.** Last month's newsletter listed the order of street plowing. Please keep that list handy for the coming season and it is also available on our website at [www.villageofgreenisland.com/village/public-works/](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com/village/public-works/). Any questions, **PLEASE CHECK WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF THE SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS, BEFORE YOU PARK YOUR CAR ON ANY STREET YOU THINK HAS BEEN PLOWED.**

The Police Department travels the streets to announce the time that snowplowing operations will begin. If you do not hear the announcement, it will not be considered a legitimate excuse for not moving your vehicle. If you have any questions about snow plowing operations, please call the Police Department at 518-655-7854 or the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES BENEFIT**

Team "**HARD ROCKIN RELAYERS**" will be hosting a **HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR EVENT** on **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. They will have a Chinese Auction Raffle, CHAIR MASSAGES by Nicole plus vendors from Tupperware, Quartz & Pine, Laura's Handmade Jewelry, Partylite Candles, Angelica's Wonderland, Rodan Fields, Thirty-One Gifts, Usborne Books, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Handbag Heaven, Papparazzi Jewelry, Grizz's Wooden Signs, AVON, Arbonne, Princess House, Mystic's Made by Mary, LuLaRoe, Color Street, The Recovery Project Handmade Signs, also Handmade Bottle Openers & Coasters and MORE!!! For additional information, please call Jennifer Dorrance at 518-892-8701.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** - FREE Community Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They do the cooking ... and cleaning. Relax with family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** – FREE “Old Fashion Tree Trimming” – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Make decorations to take home, enjoy lunch and family time with singing, stories and surprises to take home. Open to the community, please RSVP to 518-273-5531.

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** – FREE “LIVING NATIVITY” - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Live production. Stay for free refreshments. A wonderful family event!

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Take-out BAKED ZITI DINNER – 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Benefit for July 2020 Mission Trip. Take-Out Only w/ Free Delivery in Green Island. Call 518-273-5531.

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** – “Blessing of the Animals” at 9:30 a.m./Bring your pets or photos. Stay for refreshments.

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Caroling at local nursing homes – 12 Noon – 3:00 p.m. Great voices not needed. Meet at the church.

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve – 6:00 p.m. A quiet service with candlelight and music.

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day - 9:30 a.m. Informal 30 minute service. Bring your coffee (and PJ's if needed).

**Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** - FREE Community Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They do the cooking ... and cleaning. Relax with family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

### NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Sons of the Green Island American Legion would like to **THANK** everyone who participated in the Steak Roast on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Whether you bought a meal, made a donation, or volunteered, the event was a **HUGE** success and we could not have done it without your help!!

**Christmas Concert** – On **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, the “**SWING DOCS**” will be performing a Christmas Concert from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person and you can pay at the door. For more information, please call 518-272-1198.

**Holiday Breakfast** - On **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the American Legion Auxiliary #927 is having a Holiday Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will consist of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, Coffee, Tea and Juice. The cost is \$8.00 is per person and children Under 5 are Free. You do not need to purchase a breakfast to see Santa. All Green Island children are welcome. For more information call 518-272-1198.

**New Year's Eve Party** – On **Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes: Music by DJ Laz, Food, Hats, Noisemakers, Champagne Toast at Midnight. Must sign up by December 6<sup>th</sup> and pay in full by December 20<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up at the Legion or call 518-272-1198.

### NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2021

On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Heatly Class of 2021 will be hosting a Holiday Shopping Babysitting Service from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parents can enjoy a night out to do some holiday shopping or enjoy a few hours to themselves. It will be held in the Heatly Library and the students will watch holiday movies, do crafts and have a light snack. The cost is \$5.00 per student.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed  
Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in observance of  
Thanksgiving Day Holiday!**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 18, 2019

Dear Friends,

My letter will be short this month so that important information from our Assessor, Brad Canning, can be put on the backside of this letter. Please, all Green Island homeowners, especially senior citizens, read Brad's information and note the deadlines so you don't miss out on any property tax exemptions.

The Hudson Avenue Storm Sewer Project has ended for this year, but will resume in early Spring going south on Hudson. This project has not gone as smoothly as we had hoped and I am well aware of the inconveniences it has caused for the last two months. What we need to keep in mind is that this project is being done at no cost to Green Island taxpayers and it is a project that would have had to eventually be done **at our expense**. Once it is completed in the Spring, we will be installing new handicap ramps on the sidewalk corners and then the entire road will be paved. We had hoped to have it all done this year, but the timeline just didn't work out. Thank you to all who endured the construction this year and I would ask everyone who will be inconvenienced next year to PLEASE have patience.

Now that the cold temperatures of Old Man Winter seem to have arrived, I am guessing he will be sending his snow on to us soon. PLEASE cooperate during snow removal operations. If you aren't familiar with our operations, please call or stop in the Village Office and any one of our delightful ladies working there would be happy to explain the system. Please note that if you don't move your vehicle during snow removal – it will be ticketed and towed. Also note that blowing or shoveling snow into the road is not allowed and a fine will be imposed.

OK - enough of the depressing stuff - let's talk fun!

Our Festival of Trees will be on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will start decorating at 2, Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5 to help us light the trees and then they will stay to visit with all the children – but only after we sing them a Christmas carol or two! All are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities and delicious hot chocolate and cookies!

My very favorite holiday – THANKSGIVING - is next week! I enjoy cooking for our family and my husband, Mark, sets the most beautiful table (it could be in a magazine!) I hope you all have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. When you look around the world at all the misfortunes and tragedies that are happening, you realize how lucky we are. I know God has been good to me and I am one really lucky gal! I give thanks every day!

That's it for this month. Don't forget to see the Assessor's info on the back side of this letter and check out the other newsletter for a lot more news.

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT

Brad Canning, Assessor

**ATTENTION GREEN ISLAND RESIDENTS**

The 2020 Exemption Renewal applications are being mailed the week of December 9-13, 2019. If you are in a program that requires renewal, you must re-apply by March 1, 2020.

If you are currently in the Enhanced STAR Program, NYS Tax and Finance will contact you directly if you do not qualify or if they need further information. **You will have to re-file with our office.** As we do not see your income, if your 2019 gross income is less than \$37,400, you will want to contact our office immediately as you may be eligible for additional benefits. All recipients of the Enhanced STAR must enroll in the Income Verification Program as mandated by the New York State Legislature. If you currently have the Basic STAR and are, or will be, 65 years of age in 2020, and your 2018 adjusted gross income is less than \$88,050, you will want to enroll in the Enhanced STAR program. You will need to file with our office by March 1, 2020. You will be entered into the NYS IVP database and Tax & finance will verify your eligibility going forward.

If you are a new homeowner and have not filed for your STAR exemption, you must register with NYS Tax & Finance at:  
[www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) or (518)457-2036.

Please keep in mind that while we make every effort possible to ensure all eligible property owners receive their exemptions, it is you as the property owner who is responsible to see what is available and apply for your exemptions.

**FILING DEADLINE FOR ALL EXEMPTIONS IS  
MARCH 1, 2020!**