

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
**20 CLINTON STREET**  
**GREEN ISLAND, NY 12183**  
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**[www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com)**

**JANUARY 2020**

**Green Island Police Department Telephone Numbers**

**EMERGENCY – 911**

**NON EMERGENCY TO DISPATCHER – 518-765-2352**

**ANONYMOUS DRUG TIP LINE – 518-655-7971**

**PHONE TREE LINE TO GIPD OFFICERS – 518-765-2351**

**SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL**

**Just a reminder on snow removal.** The order of street plowing 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.

**UNITED STATES CENSUS INFORMATION**

As you have undoubtedly heard already, every 10 years the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to Green Island and communities across the country to support vital programs – impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. They are also used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state and county legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The 2020 Census is important for you and our community. The results will help you understand how demographics -- including income and education levels -- and population size are changing in our area.

The census is a valuable tool for improving communities across the country. If our community members don't respond, our community may not receive the funding it needs with the result being additional burdens on tax and rent payers. It is important that everyone understands the importance of the census and participates in the process.

The Village and Town of Green Island employees and officials have been working for the last couple of years preparing for the count and putting us in a good position to be sure it is accurate. Please do your part and cooperate so that we can get our fair share. Thank you for your cooperation.

In addition, U.S. Census Bureau job recruiting continues in all areas, and valuable part-time positions still exist. Those interested in learning more about these jobs and completing the one-time application process can do so at [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).

### **RECYCLING PROTECTS OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Although it is now more expensive for the Village to dispose of recyclables, it is still beneficial for our environment to do so.

Curb side Single Stream Recycling is easy. All you have to do is put clean and rinsed non-returnable glass, plastics, tin cans, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, etc. in a plastic bag (preferably clear) **outside of your barrel** on regular pickup day.

Returnable bottles and cans can be removed from the waste stream and taken to a redemption center such as the Bottle and Can Company at 7 James Street in Green Island where they will reimburse you 6 cents per item every day, or even donate them to your favorite local charities that have pre-set accounts there.

Yard waste is also picked up curbside on regular pickup day and does not belong in the garbage barrel. Please place grass and leaves in a biodegradable paper bag and place next your barrel and recyclables. Please don't put dirt, bricks or stones in the bags.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565.

### **RECREATION NEWS**

#### **Food Drive**

Thank you to the many residents who donated toward our annual food drive, with the food that we collected we were able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to forty-five families. We are sure that the families that receive the food baskets are very grateful to those of you that contributed. Donations are accepted all year round and can be dropped off at the Village Office or the Community Center during regular business hours.

Special thanks go out to the following groups that assisted those that needed just a little extra help throughout the holiday season: Lydall Manning employees, Green Island School District employees and retirees, Green Island Senior Citizens, Bimbo Bakeries, Stewarts Shops, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Silhouette, the Punishers, the NYS Department of Tax & Finance ORPTS division, NYS Department of Motor Vehicle, all of our anonymous Santa's Helpers (shoppers and wrappers – you know who you are), all those that took tags from the Giving tree or gave a monetary donation, and any others that may have assisted in any way at all. A big thanks to our volunteers that helped prepare and/or deliver the goods including Chris Karwiel, Ellen McNulty-Ryan, Mark Ryan, Kristin Swinton, Madelon Swinton, Rachel Files, Heather Johnson, Larry Brown, Michele Bourgeois, Tara Bourgeois, Sean Ward, and Michael Commisso. As you can see, we have many people and organizations involved in this program.

### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927**

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 5 – 12 and Free Pasta for children ages 4 and under. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. No Deliveries/Take-out is available. For further information, please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

January 16, 2020

Dear Friends,

The holidays are over and the decorations are put away. It seemed to come quick and pass by in no time. Guess that's a sign of old age! I miss looking out my bedroom window and saying "Goodnight" to the trees in the River Park – but I don't miss all that snow! We have been pretty lucky since then and I hope it continues to be mild. I sure did enjoy those 60 degree days this past weekend!

I can't tell you how grateful I am for the generosity of so many residents during the holiday season. You took every tag from the "Giving Tree" and made a lot of children happy. And to all of you who put in countless hours behind the scenes to make things happen, this program would not exist if it weren't for you. Thank you for all you do. You make it even more special because you don't want to be named. You do what you do for all the right reasons! Thank you for being you!!!

While we have had a break in the weather, we know it won't last. PLEASE continue to cooperate during snow emergencies. We had an unusually high number of tickets and tows during our snow storm in early December. It was a very heavy snow and some people just didn't cooperate. It costs the village about \$2,000 an hour to do curb to curb snow removal. So when we get held up with ticketing and towing – the plows have to sit there and wait. That doesn't make good use of tax dollars. We are having a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 in the Municipal Center to discuss increasing our ticket and tow fees. If you would like to have input, please feel free to attend so your views may be put on the record. The Village Board will vote on the issue after the Public Hearing.

We have also gotten a lot of complaints about folks not clearing their sidewalks. Please know that it is a local law that you must clear your sidewalks. It is also law that you can't throw the snow back into the road or on someone else's property. Please be a good neighbor. And if you know a neighbor is physically unable to clear their sidewalk, lend them a hand. I promise you will feel good for doing a good deed!

I attended an excellent presentation last night given by the Watervliet Police Department and the Albany County District Attorney's Office about Bail Reform and Discovery at Watervliet High School. Attorney David Soares has offered to come and give a presentation in Green Island. I strongly urge everyone to attend and learn more about how this law will affect our community. I will let you know

when the date and time is set. Please make every effort to come and learn more about this. I also strongly urge our legislators to revisit this law and make some important and necessary changes as soon as possible. I do not think our Legislators in NYS realized the impact this legislation would have on public safety. Once you have the FACTS about this new law, I encourage you to contact both Assemblyman John McDonald and Senator Neil Breslin and let them know your opinion.

Please see some instructions in the other newsletter about how to recycle. Although it actually costs us more to get rid of recycles than garbage – it is one of the ways to help save our planet. It takes a little effort, but getting a lot of stuff out of the waste stream really does make a difference. Let's help to leave a cleaner and healthier planet to our kids and grandchildren!

The American Legion is having a Chicken Parm dinner on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Post. Be sure to mark your calendar. This is always a delicious dinner and the price is very reasonable. And you get to support a great Veterans organization. Good deed – full belly – great company! It doesn't get better than that!

I think that's it for this month. Every day now gets us one day closer to Spring! Keep warm and pray the snow goes anywhere – but here!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

PS: Hold the presses!!! Just got this info as the newsletter was going into the copier!!!

Green Island Seniors  
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner  
Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
\$10.00

Eat in or Take Out

Where else can you get a meal like this for \$10 on Valentine's Day???